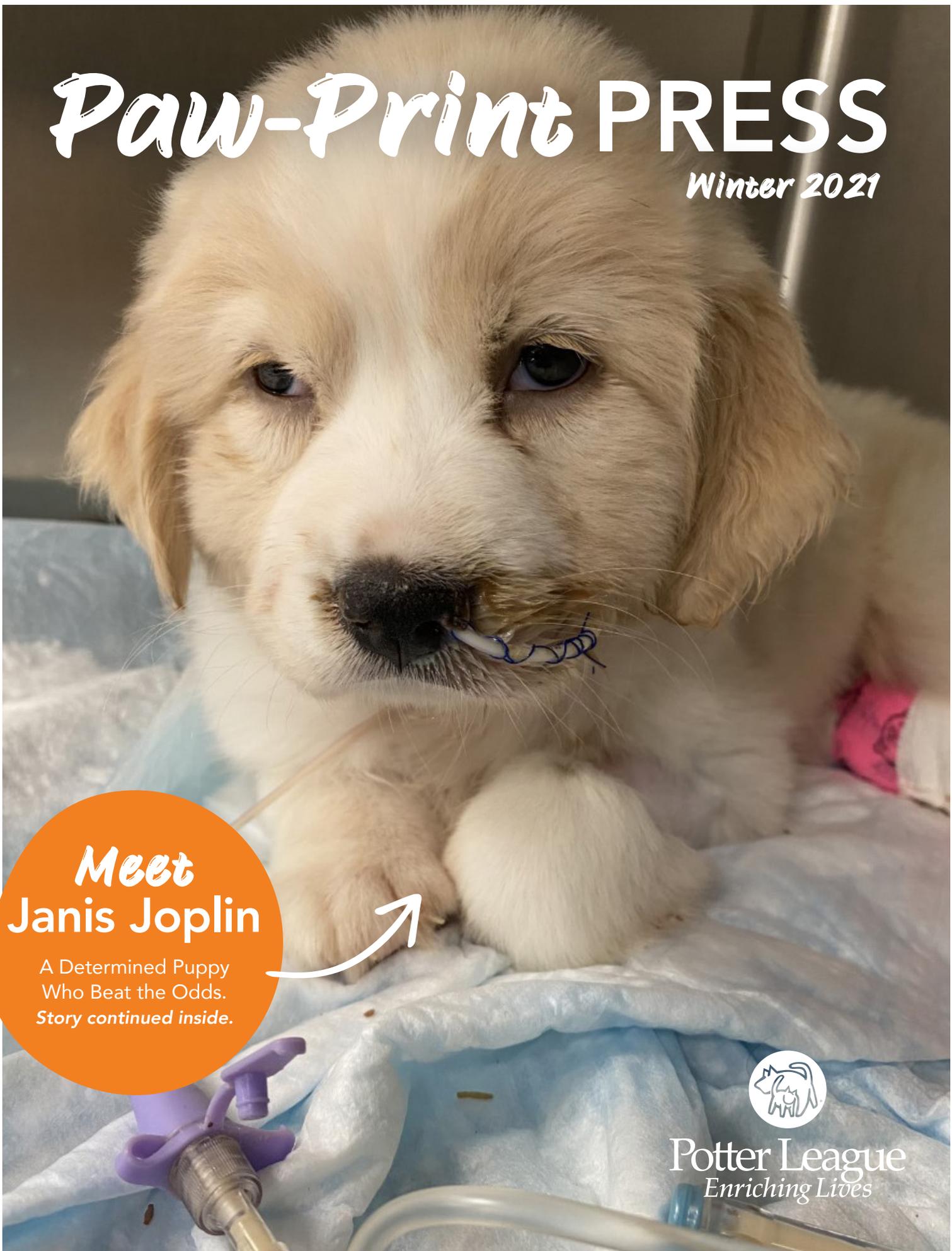


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Meet Janis Joplin

A Determined Puppy
Who Beat the Odds.
Story continued inside.



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A Little Piece of Our Heart

It's 12:30 in the afternoon and our skilled team of animal care associates, veterinary technicians, shelter veterinarian, and volunteers had been buzzing around our Animal Care & Adoption Center for hours: feeding, cleaning, training, exercising, checking in animals, administering vaccines, prepping for, and performing surgeries, monitoring animals in recovery, and preparing for the arrival of over a dozen dogs from a partner shelter through our Fetching Friends Transport Program. For this team, it's just another day at the Potter League for Animals. For the dozens of animals coming in the transport van, it means their second chance.

When the dogs arrived, our team quickly noticed that something was very wrong with one of the beautiful two-month-old golden, fluffy puppies. Janis Joplin, or JJ as we call her, was extremely lethargic, too weak to walk or hold her head up, and had abrasions on her underbelly.

We rushed her to the emergency veterinary hospital where they determined she was severely anemic, dehydrated, filled with parasites, and most likely septic due to an infection on her belly known as puppy pyoderma.

JJ was fighting for her life. A feeding tube had to be inserted and she was given multiple plasma transfusions to help her fight off the infection. When we thought she was somewhat stable, her red blood cell percentage dropped again, and she needed a blood transfusion.



After a week with around-the-clock care, JJ started to show signs of improvement. With her vitals stabilized and eating small amounts of food on her own, JJ was placed in an experienced foster home and had regular check-ins with our shelter medicine team. Despite all she had been through, JJ remained the sweetest, most playful, and loving pup.

Soon JJ was ready to find a loving home. You, along with many other heroes, helped make a difference in her young life. Thank you for being part of her life-saving journey.

B-Mod Graduates:

Our Behavior Department is a team of specially trained staff and volunteers who work with the most serious behavior challenges facing the animals at the Potter League. After working with this specially trained Potter League for Animals Behavior Team, Monika and Olive were official B-Mod graduates and ready for loving homes. Thanks to generous donors, dozens of dogs and cats have "graduated" from the B-Mod program in 2021. Dogs and cats like Olive and Monika get the expert training they need to blossom and transform.



Monika

Sometimes progress is measured in the smallest of baby steps.

This was especially true for a sensitive soul named Monika.

She came to the Potter League from a shelter in Aiken, South Carolina through the Fetching

Friends Transport Program. When she

arrived after the long journey, she was terrified. While most dogs adjust to their new surroundings after a day or two, Monika struggled. She was extremely conflicted — reactive to unfamiliar sights and sounds, but also extremely fearful. The PLFA Behavior team went to work and created a plan for Monika. Our team noticed that Monika enjoyed being around other dogs and introduced her to a "helper dog" who helped build her confidence. Monika spent eight weeks in the B-Mod program and was adopted into a loving home with the best dog sister.



Olive

Can you really train a cat? This is a common question from people who hear about the Behavior Modification Program for cats. While most cats who come to the Potter League

are able to adjust to shelter life, those who come from challenging

circumstances sometimes need extra help to prepare for life in a new home. Such was the case with Olive. At first, Olive came across as an overly confident cat, meeting you right at the door, rubbing on your legs, head-butting, and soliciting attention. However, she was quick to become over-aroused and would express her discomfort by lashing out. Through reward-based training and interactive play, Olive began to provide solid cues and moved away when she was done soliciting pets and attention. This sassy and loving cat was adopted in October 2021.

They Want to Make a Difference

For Good, For Ever. Our Forever Friends Society.

Today, the Potter League is able to help our animal welfare community thanks, in large part, to our Forever Friends Society members. These thoughtful people have made legacy plans that include a gift to the animals the Potter League cares for. Forever Friends members have created sustainable funding that in turn allows us to provide meaningful resources and vital ongoing support to the animals and the people who love them. For information on becoming a Forever Friends Society member, please call our Director of Development, Erin O’Gara Dollard, at (401) 846-0592 or email ErinD@PotterLeague.org.



Let’s Connect!

Interested in learning how the Potter League’s corporate business program can help save lives and elevate your business? Contact our Development Team at 401-846-0592 or development@potterleague.org.

Always There to Answer the Call

From hurricanes to wildfires, natural disasters have been affecting many regions of the country, and that means pets are also at-risk.

As Hurricane Ida bore down on the Louisiana coast, projected to arrive as a “life-altering” category 4 storm, thousands evacuated from New Orleans and other communities in Ida’s path, including hundreds of animals who were current residents of animal shelters in the area.

Shortly before the storm strengthened to category 2 status, the Louisiana SPCA led an effort to move animals from the region out of the storm’s path. The Potter League worked with the ASPCA, Northeast Animal Shelter, and MSPCA to move animals out of harm’s way before the dangerous impacts from Hurricane Ida made landfall.

The Potter League assisted with the preparation for Hurricane Ida by receiving 10 dogs from Louisiana shelters. Moving shelter pets out of the region opens space and resources to help people and pets directly affected by the hurricane.

During the recovery from the storm, Potter League Chief Mission Officer, Todd Cramer, coordinated a nationwide effort to bring resources to Southern Louisiana. Todd became the contact point for all animal welfare agencies across the country who were able to send animal rescue and shelter personnel to the affected area. His work ensured that only appropriately trained personnel were dispatched. But most importantly, it freed Louisiana leadership from having to receive hundreds of phone calls and emails from those needing help and those willing to provide it.

Because of your continued support, the Potter League will continue to be here for the animals and pet owners in their time of need whether they are in Rhode Island, or those in crisis in other parts of the country. Your support allows us to provide comprehensive disaster relief to animals and pet owners, including food, shelter, and medical services.





Home for the Holidays

You provide care for animals — you love them and heal them. You can give them the best gift of all: hope.

Special treats, toys, and gifts make waiting for a loving home easier, especially around the holidays. The Potter League for Animals put together a list of their favorite things, hoping to receive some of them as gifts. **Donate items from our Home for the Holidays Wishlist that will enrich the shelter animals at the Potter League:**

- Dog Martingale Collars (1"+, no chains please)
- 6-Foot Dog Leashes (no lobsterclasps please)
- Dog Treats
- Dog Beds/Blankets
- Cat Hidey Beds
- Cat Treats
- Dog Toys
- Cat Toys
- Hot Dogs
- Clorox Wipes
- Rabbit/Small Mammal Toys/Enrichment Items
- Rabbit/Small Mammal Treats
- Laundry Detergent
- Peanut Butter
- Spray Cheese



2021 Gift Guide

Need some great gift ideas this holiday season? Keep things simple and choose one of our gifts that give

back! You can delight your loved ones and make a lifesaving difference for animals in need, all from the comfort of your home.

On behalf of the thousands of animals whose futures will be brightened by your support, Thank you!

1. Donate to Help Animals

Give back to animals in need this holiday season with a donation to the Potter League. Your gift will help provide the resources needed for homeless pets to find homes for the holidays.

2. Gift Awesome Potter League Merch

Surprise your loved ones with cool Potter League merchandise! You can purchase awesome apparel, accessories, and more all while supporting the animals and showing off your Potter League pride! Shop now at: potterleague.threadless.com.

3. 2022 Potter League for Animals Calendar

Send our 2022 wall calendar to all the animal lovers on your list to spread joy all year long! Available for purchase at our Animal Care & Adoption Center or on our website.

4. Give a Gift Certificate

Send a friend or loved one a gift certificate! They can be loaded with any amount and make the perfect gift for the animal lover in your life. These gift cards can be used towards the adoption fee of an animal, training classes, or our in-shelter Bloomingtails retail items. Available for purchase at our Animal Care & Adoption Center!

5. A Gift of Legacy

Reserve a personalized tile or paver to honor a special person, pet, moment, or memory. Each tile or paver represents your generous support of the Potter League, leaving a legacy for years to come. For more information, please contact ErinD@PotterLeague.org or call the Development Office at 401-846-0592.

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