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Meet Gravy

She and her sister Turkey
needed a hero and you
were there to help.
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Potter League
Enriching Lives

Renewed Hope for Snorkel



When Snorkel arrived at the Potter League from another local shelter, it was evident from her deformed ear that she had suffered from chronic ear pain for a long time. She had been treated with antibiotics, and her ear had been surgically repaired multiple times. Still, the trauma to Snorkel's ear had caused a painful hematoma, and she would need surgery performed by a specialist.

We welcomed the sweet and sassy Snorkel into our care and immediately went to work to get her on the road to recovery. Snorkel had total ear canal ablation and bulla osteotomy surgery. While she was facing an uphill battle, with the help of our shelter medicine team, Snorkel received all the TLC she needed. Slowly but surely, Snorkel began to heal. We gave this girl all our love until she was ready to find a family of her own to love her.

Thanks to you, orphaned animals can receive the complex and advanced veterinary care they need and deserve to find new homes.

B-Mod Graduates:

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



Spatch

Spatch was the victim of a subtle form of neglect — ignored, unloved, and under socialized. Spatch arrived at another New England shelter with three littermates who feared new people and other dogs. However, Spatch was the most fearful. Knowing we have had success with extremely fearful dogs, the other shelter asked if we could help. Our behavior team worked quickly by providing Spatch with comfort, building her confidence, and reassuring her she was safe. **Spatch spent two weeks with our behavior team before she was ready to find a new home, and was adopted in September 2021.**

Mama Mia

Nearly a kitten herself, Mama Mia was found outside and gave birth to three kittens the night she was trapped. She was scared at first, so she spent some time in a foster home while taking care of her kittens. Within two days of being in her foster home, she let her foster mom pet her cautiously. Mama Mia came to her foster mom for pets within a week, rubbed against her hand, and became comfortable with human contact. She was a great mother to her kittens who found homes of their own after they were weaned. Now it was Mia's turn. This shy and fearful girl required patience and time to adjust to new environments. Our behavior team gave Mia the time and space to adjust, going slow with interactions and letting her know she was safe. After two months, **Mama Mia went from a fearful cat to a curious, bright-eyed, beautiful, and much-loved companion when she was adopted in November 2021.**



A Community Comes Together for Gravy and Turkey

Gravy and her sister Turkey were huddled into a tight ball together, shivering on the side of a road Thanksgiving morning. It was unclear how long they had been there, but it was evident they had been mistreated for a long time.

The dogs were found by good Samaritans walking their dogs in the area and were soon scooped up by a kind Portsmouth police officer. They were painfully thin, dirty, and after realizing they needed immediate help, the officer brought them to an emergency veterinary hospital. The veterinarians found both Gravy and Turkey were extraordinarily lethargic and emaciated. Diagnostic tests showed Turkey was suffering from liver failure. After she suffered a hypoglycemic seizure, Turkey's body went into shock, and she could not recover. Sadly, she was humanely euthanized.

Once stable, Gravy arrived at the Potter League, where our staff welcomed her with love and tenderness. She received a complete medical evaluation and a treatment plan to nurse her safely back to a healthy weight. Our team kept a close eye on her to monitor her health and ensured she received the best care possible until she was ready to find a loving home.

Gravy and Turkey were the victims of severe neglect and suffered immensely, yet they remained full of love and trust. In just days, we saw hope return to Gravy's eyes. She finally knew what it was like to be loved and would crawl into anyone's lap, nuzzling for extra pets.

We are thankful to the Portsmouth Police and our entire community for their support for Turkey and Gravy. The whole community came together to give Gravy a better life, but it is one of the kind women who found her on the side of the road who has given Gravy her new home.



We are forever grateful you were there to make sure Gravy would recover and find a home.

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Your 2021 Impact



1,185
Animals Adopted



1,589

Days We Housed
70 Pets for
Families
Experiencing
a Crisis



3,793
Cats & Dogs
Spayed/Neutered at
the Spay & Neuter Clinic



9,471
Animals Received
Veterinary Care



40,240
Pounds of Pet
Food Distributed
Throughout the State

237 Animals Fostered

404 Shelter Animals Spayed
& Neutered

\$23,800 to Pay for Veterinary Care for
59 Community Animals

238 Community Animals Vaccinated

229 Volunteers Donated **19,340** Hours

1,854 Dogs Attended Training Classes

698 Behavior Helpline Calls & Emails

1,188 Shelter Animals Vaccinated

\$37,500 in Financial Assistance
Subsidies Provided to Spay &
Neuter Clients

5,781 Veterinary Appointments at
Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic (PIN)

1,703 Animals Provided Vet Care at
Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic

202 Surgeries Performed at PIN

2,403 Vaccinations Were Given at PIN

17,319 Total Services Provided



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Middletown, RI 02842

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Spay & Neuter Clinic

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Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic

50 Amaral Street
Riverside, RI 02915

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