

# *Paw-Print* PRESS

*Fall 2022*



## *Meet Franklin*

The sweetest boy who  
gets to play another day  
because of you.  
*Story continued inside.*



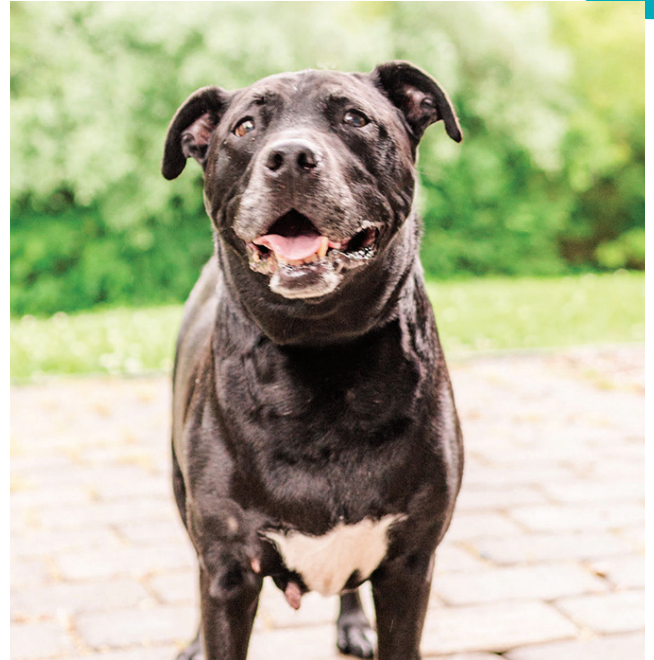
Potter League  
*Enriching Lives*

# Franklin Receives a Second Chance Because of Your Kindness

When Franklin arrived at the Potter League, merely walking caused him so much discomfort. This 12-year-old dog was covered in masses and was suffering from severe arthritis in all four of his limbs causing weakness and pain.

Franklin received full medical evaluations where further diagnostics revealed elevated liver enzyme values. Our Shelter Medicine Team immediately began an innovative treatment plan that would target his source of osteoarthritis pain and inflammation, additional joint supplements, and a supplement to provide liver support and increase antioxidants in the body that assist with liver function. Our team kept a close eye on him to monitor his health and ensured he received the best care possible until he found a loving home. Franklin was soon feeling much better and was walking around with much more ease and his quality of life improved dramatically.

**Your support allows animals suffering from medical conditions to receive the care they need from our Shelter Medicine Team, and we could not be more thankful to have you alongside us as we provide specialized care to those in desperate need.**



## B-Mod Graduate:

**Our Mod Squad 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, Pepper was an official Mod Squad graduate and found her loving home!**



### Pepper

Scared and under-socialized, Pepper had lived her entire four years of life outdoors before arriving at the Potter League. We could see it in her eyes: she was terrified of this unfamiliar environment and exhibited signs of fear, anxiety, and stress. Pepper was wary and untrusting of sudden movements, strangers, objects, and other dogs. We assured her that everything would be alright and committed to keeping her safe and loved. We gave her a warm bed, a bowl full of food, lots of love, and the comfort that a loving home was right around the corner. Pepper spent 12 weeks under behavior modification before she was ready to find a new home. Pepper was adopted in June 2022.



## Yappy Hour 2022 a Success!

The Potter League for Animals is pleased to announce that this year's Yappy Hour broke records for attendance and fundraising for the 20-year event. Guests gathered at 'The Waves' on Ledge Road where they met animals for adoption by the Potter League and supported the organization's work by joining in for a 'Paw Raise' to support The Nuala Pell Animal Care Fund.

The fund ensures that homeless animals receive everything from basic care to treatment for serious medical issues. Thanks to these generous donors orphaned animals will continue to receive veterinary care, surgery, extensive rehabilitation, and life-saving medications often required before animals can be placed in a home.

We are especially grateful to our generous hosts, Marc Lewinstein, Xana O'Neil, and the guest of honor Malouf, who opened their home to fellow animal lovers. Their generosity, love, and kindness for the Potter League and our animals is immensely appreciated.

We would also like to thank our Presenting Sponsor, Randal W. Poirier, ChFC, Financial Planner of Independence Financial Partners, our board of directors, our "Party Animals" committee, in-kind sponsors, and our team of volunteers in making Yappy Hour 2022 a howling success.

# It's Time to Get Social to Save Pets!

Want to help us save animals all year long? By creating a fundraiser in partnership with Potter League for Animals, you will help to save the lives of vulnerable animals. Engaging with your friends, family, and social networks through sharing a Facebook or Instagram fundraiser is a great way to connect people with a mission you care about. Tell them about your shelter pet, why you adopted from, volunteer for, donate to, or support PLFA, and why they should help us to save more animals' lives.

## Steps to Create a Fundraiser on Facebook

- 1 Visit Potter League's Facebook page Fundraisers.
- 2 Click "Raise Money."
- 3 Set a fundraising goal and an end date at least three weeks in the future. This gives your network time to donate and hear more from you about Potter League for Animals.
- 4 Add your story of how you adopted a shelter pet, why you donate personally to PLFA, or highlight your volunteer contributions. You can also add a photo of yourself or your pet!
- 5 Click the "Create" button.
- 6 Share your fundraiser with your Facebook friends by creating a post or sending it directly via Messenger.



**TIP:** Sharing broadly on Facebook is a great way to connect people you may not even know are animal lovers with our mission! We recommend sharing with everyone on your Friends list.



## A Flood of Kittens and Puppies

Kitten season isn't planned, but we can always plan on it. And this year, as the weather warmed, the number of kittens and puppies coming through our doors increased dramatically. The sharp uptick in litters of kittens and puppies – with or without moms – meant a lot more mouths to feed, medical needs to care for, and foster homes to find and fill. While absolutely adorable, the hundreds of kittens and puppies in our care always puts a strain on our staff and supplies.

It's so easy to fall in love with their little toes, wet noses, mews, and yips, but each needs individualized care, socialization, and time to find a new home. Your support is critical as we work to reduce the number of homeless animals in Rhode Island and beyond. **If you find a tiny kitten or a litter of puppies or kittens, please reach out so we can provide guidance and assistance.**

# A Former Stray Cat in Need

Life wasn't too kind to Acorn before he arrived in our care. At 15 years old, he was covered in fleas and dirt, and was very skinny from fighting for resources as a stray. After extensive medical tests, our Shelter Medicine Team determined he was suffering from stage II kidney disease, advanced dental disease, and tested positive for FIV.

Through vigilance and close monitoring of Acorn's symptoms, our expert Shelter Medicine Team implemented a treatment plan for Acorn which included supportive care for his kidney disease and FIV, as there is no cure or treatment.

Despite the fact that Acorn was left to fend for himself for years, he remained the sweetest, most loving cat. This sweetheart would crawl into anyone's lap, purr loudly, and nuzzle for extra petting. **He deserved the most comfortable care possible, and your support enables us to ensure he got exactly what he needed until he found a hospice home to call his own.**



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## Animal Care & Adoption Center

87 Oliphant Lane  
Middletown, RI 02842

401.846.8276 (p)  
401.846.0681 (f)

## Spay & Neuter Clinic

235 Elm Street  
Warwick, RI 02888

401.369.7297 (p)  
401.369.7295 (f)

## Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic

50 Amara Street  
Riverside, RI 02915

401.270.3832 (p)  
401.270.3487 (f)

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## Save the Date

Heart & Sole Walk for Animals – October 16th  
Learn more at: [www.heartandsolewalk.org](http://www.heartandsolewalk.org)

### The Animals are Counting on You!

Five Big Ways You Can Make a Difference in the Heart & Sole Walk for Animals 2022!

- 1 Register to help animals in need.** Register and you'll gain access to the event on October 16, tons of fundraising resources, our dedicated Heart & Sole Walk Support Team, and a community of fellow animal lovers. You can participate in person or virtually. Critical funds you raise help to save animals, provide support for community pets, and find homes for thousands of shelter pets at Potter League for Animals. Plus, you can earn awesome fundraising prizes, including the limited-edition Heart & Sole Walk t-shirt!
- 2 Form a team.** Heart & Sole Walk for Animals is better together! Register with your friends, family, or coworkers and form a fundraising team. You can earn exclusive team fundraising prizes and experiences!
- 3 Become a sponsor or vendor in the Flea-less Marketplace.** Becoming a sponsor or vendor for the Heart & Sole Walk for Animals will provide your company with exposure to passionate pet families in our region and establish your brand as a partner in our lifesaving work.
- 4 Volunteer.** We need our community's help to make this year's Heart & Sole Walk for Animals better than ever! If you're interested in volunteering for the Walk, contact [volunteer@potterleague.org](mailto:volunteer@potterleague.org) for a list of available opportunities.

**Note:** All volunteers must be 18+. If you wish to volunteer at the event on October 16, please note that you will not be able to bring your own dog, and you will be responsible for your own parking/travel expenses (which are tax-deductible!).

- 5 Host a third-party fundraiser.** Gather your friends and family for a fun event and ask them to support your cause. Host a wine tasting night, cooking class, or set up a night with a restaurant or other local business to support you with a portion of the proceeds.