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Meet Star

This mistreated girl deserved
a second chance ... and got it
because of you.

Story continued inside.



Potter League
Enriching Lives

A Bright Future for Star

In a world where compassion and love have the power to transform lives, one dog's story stands as a shining example of resilience and the unwavering dedication of the team behind her. Star, a remarkable dog, endured unimaginable hardships but is now on the path to a brighter future.

Star was kept in a small crate for long periods, causing her immense suffering. Untreated skin and ear infections weighed her down, draining her once-lively spirit. Star was extremely thin and frail, facing a seemingly hopeless situation.

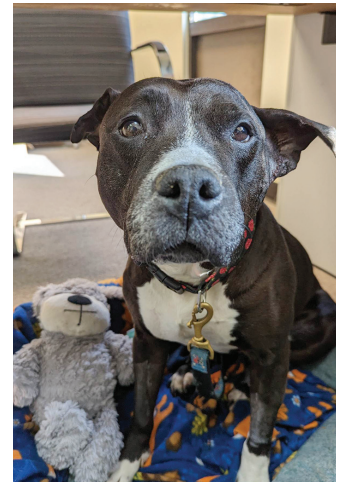
Realizing the urgency, our dedicated team took immediate action. Our veterinarian determined that Star's ear infections had become chronic, requiring a specialized and costly procedure called Total Ear Canal Ablation (TECA). This procedure was vital to relieve her pain and give her a fresh start in life. TECA is a very specialized surgical procedure typically performed by board-certified surgeons because of the extreme danger of serious complications.

Undeterred by the challenges, we rallied our supporters to make the surgery possible for Star. Your unwavering commitment to providing second chances to those who need them most made Star's recovery possible.

But Star's journey was far from over. Following her surgery, she found solace and healing in the arms of a loving foster family. Nurtured with patience and affection, Star slowly but steadily regained her physical health. The spark of life returned to her eyes, igniting a glimmer of hope that had long been dormant within her resilient spirit.

Today, Star stands as a testament to the power of compassion and rehabilitation. Through the collective efforts of the Potter League, her foster family, and you, she has embarked on the road to recovery.

Together, we can ensure that Star and so many like her receive the love, care, and devotion they so genuinely deserve. By opening your heart to this incredible dog, you become an agent of change, a testament to the transformative power of compassion.



B-Mod Grads:

Our Behavior Team supports our animals by ensuring that both our shelter animals and animals in our foster homes receive enrichment and behavior training. By supporting their mental well-being and thanks to generous donors, dozens of dogs and cats "graduated" from the B-Mod program in 2023. Dogs and cats like Cookie Monster & Buster get the expert training they need to blossom and transform.



Buster

Buster, a brave and resilient cat, found himself in a state of fear and confusion when his owner tragically passed away, leaving him without anyone to care for him. Arriving at the Potter League, he displayed his anxiety through his hissing, swatting, and growling at the staff. However, with the dedication and expertise of the shelter's behavior modification program, Buster gradually transformed into a loving and affectionate companion. After just four weeks of patient care and guidance, Buster's newfound trust in humans led him to find a warm and welcoming home where he could finally experience the love and security he deserved.



Cookie Monster

Cookie Monster, a lovable dog with a fitting name, possessed an undeniable sweetness that endeared him to all who met him. However, his exuberance knew no bounds, making him increasingly challenging to handle. He had a habit of playfully mouthing hands, feet, clothes, and even his leash, making interactions with people a boisterous affair. While his love for other dogs helped channel his energy, potential adopters found him a tad overwhelming. Cookie Monster's excitement often got the better of him, but thanks to the unwavering dedication of our behavior team, volunteers, and an incredible foster home, he spent 15 weeks learning appropriate play manners. Finally, the day arrived when Cookie Monster found a loving family to call his own, where his exuberance could be cherished and channeled positively.

Unleashing Fun and Learning: Potter League's Summer Camp Happy Tails

The Potter League's Camp Happy Tails was an incredible success this summer, with all six weeks being sold out well in advance. Child animal enthusiasts eagerly signed up for this highly anticipated summer camp, creating a vibrant and bustling atmosphere at the Potter League Animal Care and Adoption Center.

From the moment campers arrived, they were greeted by a team of enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff and junior counselors, dedicated to providing a fun and educational experience.

Throughout each week, campers had the opportunity to learn about various aspects of animal care and well-being. They participated in interactive sessions on topics such as pet nutrition, grooming, training, and animal behavior. These activities were not only educational but also engaging and hands-on, allowing the campers to actively apply their newfound knowledge.

The Potter League's Animal Care and Adoption Center houses a wide variety of animals, and campers were able to interact with them in meaningful ways. They spent time socializing with cats, walking dogs, and even feeding and cleaning small animals like rabbits and guinea pigs. This hands-on experience helps the campers develop empathy and understanding toward the animals, fostering

a sense of responsibility and compassion.

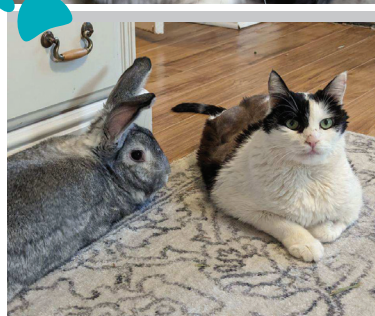
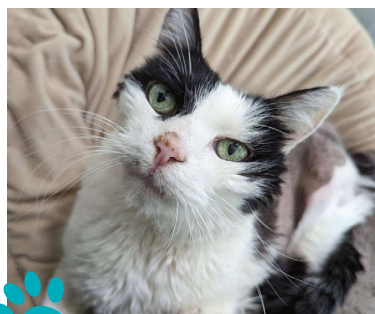
Some of the highlights of Camp Happy Tails were the guest speakers who visited the camp throughout the sessions. Veterinarians, animal trainers, and other animal experts shared their expertise and personal stories, captivating the campers with their knowledge and passion. These inspiring talks not only expanded the campers' understanding of animals but also motivated them to consider careers in the animal care field.

In addition to the educational aspect, the camp organizers ensured that the campers had plenty of opportunities for recreational fun, including outdoor games, arts and crafts sessions, and even gardening, providing a well-rounded experience for all. The campers made new friends, laughed, and created cherished memories that would last a lifetime.

As the camp concluded, the legacy of compassion, responsibility, and joy lived on, ensuring that the spirit of Summer Camp Happy Tails would continue to touch the lives of both campers and animals for years to come.



Kaiser's Remarkable Road to Recovery



Kaiser came into our care matted and shaved all along his back. We don't know how long he had been wandering alone outside, but it looked like it could have been for quite some time. Believed to be at least 12 years old, Kaiser's rapid weight loss raised concerns for our Shelter Medicine Team. After extensive testing, he was diagnosed with diabetes and an incredibly rare case of Cushing's disease. The disease is so rare that Dr. Sarah Crain, a Board-Certified Internal Medicine Specialist who works at our Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic, has seen only one other case of Cushing's in a cat.

United in our mission, our Shelter Medicine & Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic teams collaborated to ensure Kaiser received the highest quality care and attention. Despite the odds being stacked against him, Kaiser's sweet and gentle nature endeared him to everyone he met. With steadfast dedication, our medical teams created a tailored treatment plan, managing his diabetes and navigating the complexities of his rare condition.

Supported by a compassionate community, Kaiser overcame seemingly insurmountable odds, ultimately finding a loving home with his amazing foster family brimming with love and warmth. **You made it possible for Kaiser to receive life-saving care, nourishment, and a second chance at life. Thank you for joining us in making a difference and giving animals like Kaiser a chance to thrive and find the loving homes they deserve.**

Don't Miss Out on the 34th Annual Heart & Sole Walk for Animals This Fall!

The Heart & Sole Walk for Animals is the Potter League and Rhode Island's largest pet-friendly, outdoor fundraiser for the whole family! **Join us on Sunday, October 22 at Fort Adams State Park.** The day of fun includes a walk around Fort Adams along the picturesque Narragansett Bay with unobstructed views, as well as music, vendors and exhibitors, food and beverages, dog games, and more, all to benefit animals in the community who need us most.



Let's Connect!

Interested in learning how the Potter League's corporate business program can help save lives and elevate your business? Businesses that contribute to the Potter League enable us to make a difference in the lives of more than 10,000 animals annually and enrich the lives of the people who love them. We have several opportunities available to help your business become one of our treasured Community Humane Heroes. **For more information, please contact our development team at development@potterleague.org or 401-846-0592.**



Save the Dates

Pawdrain x Potter League's Cars, Coffee, & Dogs

Sunday, September 10
at Fort Adams North Lawn

Stoneacre Dog Show

Saturday, September 30
at Stoneacre Garden

Heart & Sole Walk for Animals

Sunday, October 22
at Fort Adams State Park



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