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## Meet Corndog

A sweet senior living out his  
golden years in a loving home  
thanks to your kindness.  
*Story continued inside.*



Potter League  
*Enriching Lives*



# A Senior Dog's Second Chance at Love

Resilience, love, and second chances are woven into the very fabric of the Potter League. Every day, we witness the remarkable resilience of the animals entrusted to our care. Corndog is one of those animals — a 14-year-old dog who found himself back at the Potter League for Animals in search of a loving home to spend his golden years. With a host of health challenges, Corndog's journey is a poignant testament to the enduring spirit and unwavering love of our four-legged friends.

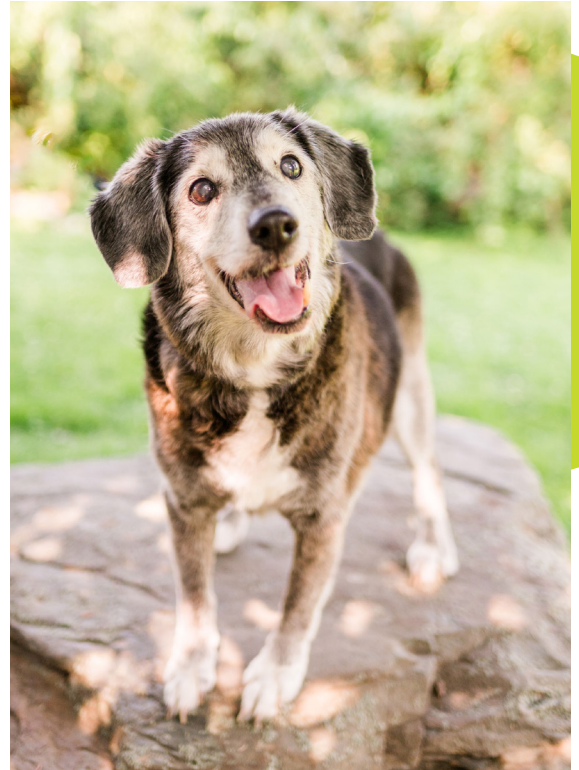
Corndog's life had not always been as uncertain as it was when he returned to our Animal Care & Adoption Center. He experienced the comfort of a home and the love of a family. But life can be unpredictable, and sometimes circumstances change. Sadly, Corndog's previous family could no longer care for him, and that's when he found his way back to the Potter League.

Corndog had accumulated a host of age-related health issues. Arthritis made every step painful, cataracts clouded his vision, and skin masses raised concerns. His dental health was critical with dental disease and only a few teeth left. The road ahead wasn't going to be easy, but Corndog's indomitable spirit shone through despite the odds.

Upon his arrival at the Potter League, Corndog was met by our team of caring professionals who were determined to give him the best possible chance at a comfortable life. The League's medical team swiftly addressed his arthritis, providing relief from the pain that may have plagued him for some time.

What stood out most about Corndog was not his medical conditions, but his loving and sweet nature. Despite his physical discomfort, Corndog remained a gentle soul, eager to shower affection on everyone he met. His wagging tail and joyful disposition touched the hearts of our staff and volunteers, inspiring them to work even harder to find him a loving home where he could live out his golden years in comfort. It wasn't long before a loving family came forward to offer him a home to call his own.

Corndog's journey reminds us that every animal, regardless of age or health challenges, deserves love and care. His story is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of individuals willing to open their hearts and homes to senior pets in need.



As Corndog embarks on the next chapter of his life, we celebrate his resilience and unwavering spirit. His story is a reminder that it's never too late to make a difference in the life of a senior pet, and that the love and companionship they offer in return are truly priceless.

**In the end, Corndog's story isn't just about one senior dog; it's a testament to the power of compassion, community, and the belief that every pet, no matter their age or circumstances, deserves a chance to find love and comfort in a loving home.**

## Finding Comfort in Grief: Our Monthly Pet Loss Support Group



Losing a beloved pet is a profound and emotional experience, made even more challenging during the holiday season when festivities contrast with our personal grief. At the Potter League for Animals, our Pet Loss Support Group is a haven for those grieving the loss of their furry companions. This monthly gathering provides a safe space to openly express feelings, share stories, and connect with others who understand the depth of pet loss. Our experienced facilitators offer guidance and coping strategies, helping individuals find validation, release emotions, and honor their pets' memories. Join us in finding strength, understanding, and compassion during this holiday season and beyond, as we navigate the journey of pet loss together.

**For more information or dates, visit our website at [www.potterleague.org](http://www.potterleague.org)**

# Sadie's Story: From Heartache to Hope

Sadie's owner faced unexpected health challenges that landed him in the hospital, so the Potter League stepped in with our Pet Safe Program to ensure Sadie would be safe and cared for during this difficult time. Little did we know that Sadie's path would be marked by twists and turns.

At 11 years old, Sadie had her share of health challenges, including hypothyroidism and arthritis. However, with the right medications, supplements, and a specialized diet, we were able to enhance her quality of life and ensure her comfort.

Sadie's owner continued to grapple with his own issues. Our commitment to Sadie's well-being remained steadfast as she found a safe place with us throughout much of 2022. Then, in 2023, another medical emergency arose, and the local Veterans Administration Clinic urgently called upon us to take Sadie into our care.

We placed Sadie in the loving embrace of an exceptional foster home, knowing that this time, Sadie would be with us for an extended period. It was within this nurturing environment that Sadie found the comfort and companionship she so desperately needed, which ended up being a turning point in Sadie's life.

For over two months, Sadie flourished in the care of her foster family, experiencing an abundance of love and warmth. Little did she know that her journey was about to take yet another unexpected twist. Tragically, her owner's health took a downturn, and despite every effort, he lost his battle.

In his final moments, he found solace in knowing that Sadie would be well cared for. It was in the midst of this emotional whirlwind that Sadie's foster mom made a final, selfless act of kindness. She extended an offer that touched the hearts of everyone involved. She decided to provide Sadie with a forever home, ensuring that the bond between

this loyal dog and her late owner would continue to flourish.

It was a poignant reminder that, in times of both joy and sorrow, we can make an immense difference in the lives of those we care for. The foster mom's act of kindness not only gave Sadie a permanent, loving home but also honored the memory of her late owner in the most touching way. This act of kindness and selflessness touched us all.

A testament to resilience, love, and the unwavering bond between humans and their furry companions – Sadie is an absolute gem. And her story is a reminder of the incredible impact we can make when we unite to support those in need.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who played a part in Sadie's incredible journey, from her devoted foster mom to our compassionate team at the Potter League, and everyone in the community who supports our Pet Safe Program that provides temporary housing for pets like Sadie.

As Sadie embarks on this new chapter in her forever home, we anticipate many more years of joy, love, and cherished memories. **Please join us in celebrating Sadie's inspiring tale, a testament to the enduring power of compassion and the incredible bonds that form between pets and their devoted owners.**



## Whiskers and Wags Winter Wishlist



Amazon Wishlist















Chewy Wishlist



Donate

At the Potter League, homeless animals arrive scared, hurting, and alone. Your gift brings them hope, care, and love. With your generosity, we heal them and find them loving homes. Thank you for supporting the Potter League for Animals. Your gift may be tax-deductible; consult your tax advisor.

**Donate items from our Whiskers and Wags Winter Wishlist that will enrich the shelter animals at the Potter League:**

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|  Dog Treats:<br>Pupperoni, Bully<br>Sticks, Tracheas |  Cat Hidey Beds            |  Clorox Wipes                            |
|  Dog Beds/Blankets                                   |  Cat Treats/Churu          |  Rabbit/Small<br>Animal Toys<br>& Treats |
|  Cat Food (wet & dry)                                |  Non-Plush Dog Toys        |  Laundry Detergent                       |
|  Cat Litter  |  Cat Toys                  |   |
|   |  Hot Dogs/String<br>Cheese |   |



# Sooki's Journey: From Recovery to Reunion



Sooki's saga began when she was brought to our Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic after a Good Samaritan found Sooki injured in their driveway. The concerned citizen had noticed Sooki's distress and acted promptly, realizing that this feline needed immediate medical attention. Sooki's right hindlimb was causing her severe pain, and it was evident that she could not bear weight on it.

Further diagnostics were performed, and radiographs revealed the extent of Sooki's injuries: a complete fracture of the fibula bone that had snapped in two and had shifted diagonally and downwards. The situation was dire, as her right hind limb was in a precarious state, and immediate action was required.

Sooki was transferred to the Animal Care & Adoption Center as a stray, where it was determined the best course of treatment was to amputate her leg. Her recovery was not easy. Sooki was in a lot of pain, and her leg was healing slowly. However, our experienced shelter medical team took further steps. They extended the surgery area and used a technique called undermining to make sure there was enough skin for proper closure. They also inserted drains to speed up the healing process and administered pain medication to make her comfortable.

Their determination paid off, and Sooki made a remarkable recovery during her time in foster care. Her spirit shone through as she adapted to life on three legs. Her foster home became a place of healing and comfort.

Sooki's journey from a driveway to a triumphant new beginning would not have been possible without the support of people like you. Your support allows us to provide care, hope, and happy new beginnings to animals in need, just like Sooki. Thank you for being a part of our mission to make a difference in the lives of so many animals in need.

## Year in Review:



Total animals adopted:  
**2,012**



Number of animals fostered:  
**705**



Distributed food pantry poundage:  
**32,375**



Number of dogs in training classes/playgroups:  
**2,627**



Total number of students in Humane Ed programs: **3,273**



Total number of volunteer hours given: **21,628**



Spay/Neuter Surgeries by SN Clinic: **5,689**



Number of animals provided care at the Pets In Need Veterinary Clinic: **4,066**



## Save the Dates

### Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2024  
at Newport Vineyards 5:30-7:30pm

### P.S. I Love You Pet Photo Contest

February 1 — March 4, 2024  
[www.gogophotocontest.com/potterleague](http://www.gogophotocontest.com/potterleague)

### LoveBash for Animals

Friday, April 5, 2024

### Yappy Hour

Sunday, July 21, 2024



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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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