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**Meet
Kit Kat**

This gentle boy went from declining to thriving because of your compassion.
Story continued inside.

95 YEARS OF ENRICHING LIVES
POTTER LEAGUE
for animals

Kit Kat's Sweet Journey to a New Home

Kit Kat's journey took an unexpected turn when his owner transitioned to assisted living due to dementia. With love and concern for Kit Kat's well-being, a family member noticed his significant weight loss and took him to the veterinarian, where he was diagnosed with diabetes.

At eight years old, managing unregulated diabetes can be daunting. It requires constant monitoring of blood glucose levels and precise timing for insulin injections. **However, Kit Kat's story took a hopeful turn when he was placed in a caring foster home, where our team was able to help regulate his condition, ensuring he received the medical care he desperately needed.**

Despite his health challenges, Kit Kat is an incredibly sweet and affectionate cat who loves the company of other felines. His gentle spirit and loving nature quickly captured the hearts of everyone around him. Thanks to the dedication of his foster caregivers and the unwavering support of our community, Kit Kat is now thriving in a home filled with love and warmth.

Your compassion makes these life-changing journeys possible for animals like Kit Kat. **Thank you for being a vital part of our mission to give every pet a second chance at happiness!**



Strengthening Our Community One Class at a Time

At the Potter League Dog Training Center, we believe that training is about more than just tricks; it's about fostering a strong partnership between dogs and their guardians.

Our mission is to create an environment where both can learn to communicate effectively and build a lasting relationship.

We understand the challenges dog owners face, which is why we strive to keep our classes affordable and relatable. Our dedicated trainers focus on cooperative training techniques that prioritize understanding and connection. Whether you have a new puppy or an adult dog, our classes are designed to meet your specific needs and help you navigate everyday challenges together.

One of our key offerings is the free adopter class, available to anyone who adopts a dog from the Potter League. This class provides essential training tools and support to help new guardians create a harmonious home environment right from the start.

When you participate in our training programs, you're not just investing in your dog's future; you're also supporting our mission to help animals and people in the community. The fees from our classes contribute to vital programs like medical care for homeless animals and outreach initiatives that assist those in need.

We invite you to discover how our training center can strengthen the bond between you and your dog. By focusing on communication and understanding, we can make a positive impact on your lives and the wider community.

For more information on our programs, visit our Dog Training Center webpage. Together, let's create a compassionate community where every dog and guardian can thrive. Thank you for supporting the Potter League!



B-MOD Graduates:

Transforming Lives Through Behavior & Training

Buddha

Upon arrival at our Animal Care Center, Buddha was extremely nervous, urinating and defecating in the car during the ride, and he had to be carried inside.

As a cattle dog, Buddha's breed traits made confinement especially challenging for his well-being. On his first day, he huddled in a corner, shaking. **We started building trust with him by using treats, and slowly introducing potty breaks.** Initially, anytime he left his room, he would pancake to the ground and need assistance. After a week, our Behavior Team gradually took him on short walks, respecting his pace. Over time, he progressed to light jogs and even began walking in and out of his room on his own.

At just one year old, Buddha had never been walked on a leash and was severely under-socialized. With the right exposure to environmental stressors and support from staff and volunteers, he began to gain confidence. We provided him with mental and physical stimulation, including a herding ball to engage his natural instincts.

After ten weeks in our care, we successfully matched Buddha with a loving home that has experience with his breed. His journey is a testament to the power of time, patience, and understanding, showcasing the resilience that can lead to a brighter future.

Your support makes these transformations possible, helping animals like Buddha find their way to loving homes where they can continue to grow and flourish. Thank you for being part of their journey!



Our Behavior Team is dedicated to enriching the lives of shelter animals and those in foster care. Thanks to generous donors, many dogs and cats have "graduated" from our B-Mod program, gaining the skills they need for successful adoptions.



Paloma

Paloma arrived at our Animal Care Center curled up and tense, hiding in her safe space. When offered a hand, she cautiously smelled it and allowed gentle forehead pets, although her ears were slightly flattened and her eyes semi-dilated, reflecting her fear. Clearly terrified, she needed a slow and patient approach.

Over the course of seven weeks in our care, staff took the time to respect her cues. **Gradually, Paloma began to trust, softly head-butting the hand offered to her.** She eventually rolled against the hand, rubbing her face and body while purring and kneading. Though she still hesitated to fully come out of hiding, her affectionate nature blossomed with each gentle interaction.

Paloma's journey illustrates the importance of patience and understanding in helping shy animals gain confidence. **We are thrilled to share that she has since found a loving home dedicated to giving her the time and respect she needs to acclimate to her new environment. Thank you for making these transformations possible.**

A Beacon of Hope for Pawtucket Dogs



It wasn't just any ordinary day in April; it was the day that would change the lives of 46 dogs forever. The Potter League for Animals aided Pawtucket Animal Control in the aftermath of a significant hoarding case on Senate Street. Forty-six dogs were found in deplorable conditions, their fur matted, and their bodies ravaged by neglect.

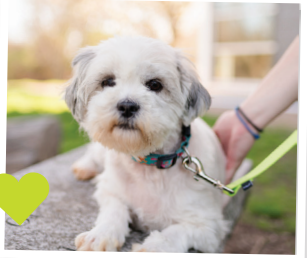
Recognizing the urgent need for intervention, we proactively contacted Pawtucket Animal Control to offer support and additional resources. Pawtucket swiftly transported the first ten dogs to the safety of our Animal Care & Adoption Center for urgent medical examinations and treatment.

The scene was heart-wrenching. All the dogs were so severely matted that they needed complete shaving, revealing open wounds and sores from years of neglect. Our dedicated veterinarians and animal caregivers worked tirelessly to provide them with the lifesaving treatment they desperately needed.



These dogs had endured unimaginable suffering, but with your support, we could give them a second chance at a life filled with love and comfort.

We took in 14 dogs. Sadly, due to inbreeding and poor genetics, we lost three of them to a rare genetic bleeding disorder. Our veterinary team conducted comprehensive genetic blood testing to determine if the rest of the dogs had this disorder. Thankfully, we could proceed with spaying and neutering the remaining dogs.



We are thrilled to share that all the dogs have been adopted into wonderful, loving families. In addition to their other medical issues, they required extensive dental care. We continue to address these needs even as they transition to their new homes. The overwhelming support from our community has been invaluable; we couldn't have provided the

necessary care, medical treatment, and grooming without your generous donations. Your contributions have made a significant difference in their lives. We are profoundly grateful for your continued support and commitment to helping animals in need.

Your generosity and compassion make our work possible. Thank you for standing by us and the animals we serve. Together, we can make miracles happen.



Animal Care & Adoption Center

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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

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Heart & Sole Walk for Animals:
October 20, 2024

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www.potterleague.org/get-involved/events-calendar.



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