



Potter League
Enriching Lives

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STORIES OF LIVES SAVED THROUGH **YOUR** HEARTFELT SUPPORT

Because of You, Oslo Still Has Someone to Lean On

Meet Oslo: a gentle dog who — if you let him — would lovingly stick to you like Velcro.

At 10 years old, he was as handsome and loyal as ever, but his guardian faced serious health concerns. Coping with mobility issues and falling risks, they searched their heart ... and realized they needed to find a new home for Oslo.

It must have been a heartbreaking decision, but thanks to you, the Potter League for Animals was there with open arms. We were ready to help Oslo — and ensure his guardian didn't have to carry the weight of worry.

When the right person showed up, your compassion brought them together.

Right away, we saw that Oslo is easy to love. He likes dogs, cats, children, cozy laps and quiet walks. But like many senior animals, he came with complex needs: anxiety, kidney disease, past hip surgery, dental disease and skin masses. He needs daily medication, a dedicated vet and extra attention.

Because you give so generously, we could give Oslo expert veterinary care, patient and positive training and a safe space to heal. And when the right person showed up — a kind soul ready to embrace Oslo's golden years — your compassion brought them together.

This is what your donations do: They give pets and people a second chance to love, to comfort and to change each other's lives forever.

Thank you. 🐾



Thank you for helping an old soul find a brand-new beginning.



**ALSO
INSIDE!**

You Saw the Spark in Ash: When a cat was critically sick, you didn't give up.
Downward Dog: See what happens when shelter care meets self-care!



These Stories Are All About YOU and Your Impact

Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoy the enclosed stories. And I hope they remind you why you donate to the Potter League for Animals.

You help animals like Oslo, the loyal dog whose owner came to us when they both needed help.

And Ash and George, who needed extra love and care. Your selfless generosity provides for our most fragile residents.

It also helps people and pets stay together through hard times and gives vulnerable animals in Rhode Island healing, comfort and hope. That's the power of your compassion. And I hope you feel proud of every life you've saved.

If you're able, I hope you'll consider making another gift today. Still more animals need your compassion. Your support today and in the days to come will save their lives.

From all of us at the Potter League for Animals, thank you for being part of this work. We simply couldn't do it without you.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Brad Shear, CAWA
Chief Executive Officer

B-MOD Graduates

Transforming Lives Through Behavior & Training

Darby



You gave Darby a whole new "leash" on life! Thank you for providing her with the support she needed to thrive.

Darby arrived at the Potter League after she was rescued from a case of severe neglect and unsanitary living conditions. She never knew the affectionate touch of a loving person ... or even what it meant to be a dog.

For days, her body seemed to shake without pause. She whimpered and hid at the back of her kennel when a new face approached. Maybe she thought we'd break her heart, too. But we were prepared to help Darby no matter the resources or time it

would take. She worked one-on-one with our Behavior Team staff, slowly getting more accustomed to walking on leash and exploring her surroundings. She also benefited from several high-energy playdates with her doggie friend, Reckless, which helped ease her anxiety when meeting new people and trying new things. Over time, we noticed her personality really start to blossom when she began opening up to our volunteers — even jumping into their laps for snuggles and kisses! Your compassion changed her life for the better. If Darby could, she'd say "thank you!"

Sunny

By the time Sunny arrived at the Potter League, he had completely shut down. He spent his entire life in foster care before coming to our shelter. Now, in this unfamiliar place, full of loud noises and bustling activity, he became anxious and overwhelmed.

But you didn't give up — and neither did we. Our team worked diligently with the bright-eyed cat, focusing on slow, low-pressure interactions, encouraging exploration and reinforcing trust with gentle voice, distance and food rewards. With consistent time and patience, Sunny learned it's okay to let his guard down — and to let love in. After making several meaningful breakthroughs, we celebrated Sunny's adoption just one month later! Your support makes lifesaving transformations like Sunny's possible.



Sunny needed extra-special love and care to find his confidence again.

You Saw the Spark in Ash. Now He Shines Bright!

When Ash arrived on the scene in early February, we loved him immediately. The young cat was healthy, bright-eyed and full of charm. After his neuter surgery, he was all set for adoption.

But just days later, everything changed. Ash stopped eating and became weak and lethargic. He rapidly declined, losing a third of his body weight. A severe upper respiratory infection and mycoplasma had taken hold, likely transmitted through fleas before he arrived.

Because of you, Ash wasn't alone in his fight. Through your support, you gave him round-the-clock care: IV fluids, syringe feedings, medications and even a humidifier to help him breathe.

Staff held him like a baby (which he clearly loved), whispering words of comfort. Through it all, Ash purred softly. He trusted us.

Slowly, he began to recover. He gained weight, started eating on his own and returned to his happy, snuggly self.

By early March, he was healthy and ready to go home with an adopter.

You gave Ash the love and care he needed to survive and the joyful life he deserves. On behalf of Ash, thank you! 🐾



*Ash had to fight for his life.
You stayed in his corner!*

Thank You for Nursing George's Fragile Heart

George the Pomeranian needed help. Frightened and struggling to breathe, the weary 12-year-old was surrendered with two other dogs in crisis. His tiny body trembled with stress, his anxiety evident in every panicked breath.

But thanks to you, George wouldn't spend his final days in a kennel. Instead, he's wrapped in love.

Veterinary exams revealed serious health issues: a heart condition, arthritis, a collapsed trachea, dental disease and more. It was clear George needed comfort and compassion, but that wasn't all. He needed hospice care.

Your generosity made that possible. Thanks to you, George received the medications, monitoring and gentle handling he needed. Staff gave him time, treats and affection, at his pace. They found him to be deeply loving once he had the chance to bond with someone.

And when the right person came along, someone willing to open their heart and home, your support gave George the gift of a soft place to land.

You made sure George's final chapter is one of love, dignity and peace. Thank you for helping the most vulnerable animals. 🐾



Thank you for giving George a peaceful place to rest his paws.

Save the Date

Heart & Sole Walk for Animals — October 18 — Newport, RI





Namastay right here with this puppy! Thank you for making powerful programs possible.

Stretch, Snuggle, Support: The Magic of Puppy & Kitten Yoga

Once a month at the Potter League for Animals, yoga mats roll out and magic rolls in. Puppy & Kitten Yoga isn't just about deep breaths and downward dogs. It's about awareness, connection and compassion with a purpose.

This beloved program brings adoptable animals and animal lovers together for a moment of peace. Gentle yoga flows alongside joyful chaos, as puppies tumble across mats and kittens curl up for savasana in your lap. The result? A class that leaves people lighter in spirit — and animals one step closer to home.

For young or shy animals, these sessions build confidence and social skills in a low-pressure setting. For people, it's often their first encounter with the Potter League's mission. Many leave wanting to do more: foster, adopt, volunteer or give.

Each yoga class raises vital funds and creates lifelong connections. Some leave ready to adopt. Others, with a full heart.

Thank you for helping us bring people and pets together, blending shelter care with self-care to make life-changing connections. 🐾



Thank You, Faithful Friends

We are deeply grateful for every Faithful Friend who stands by our side each month. You are the heart of our work and the reason we can keep enriching lives and build a more humane community every single day.

Not a Faithful Friend yet?

Monthly giving is one of the easiest and most impactful ways to help animals in need. Join this dedicated community of supporters and help create a future where every animal has the care, comfort and compassion they deserve. Use the enclosed form or join online now at potterleague.org/donate.



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Rhode Island animals still need your help. Scan the QR code or visit potterleague.org/newsletter26 to make another lifesaving gift today.

