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Potter League
Enriching Lives

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

The Long and Winding Road to Home

There was never any question that Tim was lovable.

After being found as a stray, Tim spent months waiting for a home before making his way to the Potter League. Like many dogs facing an extended stay in a busy shelter, the long-term confinement and limite opportunities to decompress began to take its toll.

Poor Tim was overwhelmed. It was clear he needed additional support, so he was transferred to the Potter League for Animals.

Tim's journey to a loving home wasn't a straight path.

Still, the shelter environment was stressful, making it harder for him to regulate his big feelings. He needed a structured routine and a team committed to helping him succeed.

So, over the next four months, our team got to work.

Tim received behavioral support to help him develop healthier coping skills. Through positive reinforcement, enrichment activities and monitored interactions with people and other dogs, we helped Tim slowly settle into shelter life.

As his confidence gre , so did his goofy personality. Our staff described him as a lovable "bull in china shop" who can turn an ordinary walk into a comedy show. Whether he's tumbling off do beds or bouncing off furnitur , Tim approaches life with joy and curiosity.



You helped Tim (now Beef!) find family who truly understands him.

After months of hard work and training, Tim finall found exactly what he needed: a family willing to embrace him for who he is.

Today, Tim goes by a new name — Beef — and his adopters describe him as "an amazing boy" who adores everyone he meets. He enjoys going on adventures with his family and soaking up every loving moment.

Tim now knows the kind of love every animal deserves ... because of caring people like you who made it possible.



ALSO INSIDE!

Who Saved Who? Red found a loving family when they needed him most.
Against All Odds: These teeny tiny kittens survived, thanks to you.

The Ultimate Fetch List!

Enrichment plays a vital role in the physical and emotional well-being of the animals in our care — and we're always in need of supplies to help make it happen! If you've ever considered dropping off a gift in person, here's a list of our most important enrichment items:

For Dogs

- Bully sticks and long-lasting chews
- Frozen vegetables (green beans, carrots, peas)
- Canned pumpkin (100% pumpkin) or sweet potato
- Spray cheese
- Hot dogs
- Training treats
- Durable toys and puzzle feeders

For Cats

- Churu and other lickable treats
- Cat toys (wands, catnip and silvervine toys, etc.)
- Cardboard scratchers
- Hidey beds and cozy blankets
- Feliway spray

For Rabbits & Small Animals

- Fresh leafy greens and herbs
- Romaine lettuce
- Cilantro, parsley and dill
- Enrichment toys and tunnels
- Untreated willow and applewood chews

Every donated item helps provide comfort and reduce stress for the animals we serve. Thank you for helping us give all our Potter Pets a chance to unwind while they wait for their next exciting chapter to begin!

How You Transform Lives Through Training

Our Behavior Modification (BMOD) program is dedicated to enriching the lives of animals like Cookie and Sapphire who need extra support and understanding before they find loving homes.

Cookie



Cookie needed to feel safe before he was ready to trust.

Cookie Crisp came to the Potter League as part of a hoarding case. He was just one of 97 cats removed from an overcrowded home, where human interaction was limited and competition for resources was constant.

When he first arrived, Cooki was terrified. He hissed whe approached and wanted nothing to do with people.

Our Behavior Team knew trust couldn't be rushed. Through patience, enrichment and positive experiences, Cookie was given the time and support he needed to adjust at his own pace.

Little by little, his walls began to come down. And in two short months, Cookie was ready to choose kindness over fear.

This sweet boy has officially put his past behind him — a went home with a loving family!



Sapphire was scared. But we were ready to help.

Sapphire

Sapphire was surrendered to the Potter League when her owner faced houselessness.

The transition was overwhelming. Sapphire struggled with severe anxiety and stress. She cowered at the back of her kennel, so frightened by new situations that she would urinate from fear.

Our Behavior Team worked to build up her confidenc . Soon, the dog who used to hide from caregivers began seeking them out. Her tail started to wag. Before long, she learned she was safe to lean into affection and roll over for belly rubs.

What emerged was exactly the dog her previous owner described: a playful companion who just wanted love.

One month later, that's exactly what she found. Sapphire is cherished, and deeply loved, in her new home.

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More Than a Draft Pick

This spring, the Potter League was honored to once again partner with the New England Patriots Foundation and the Kraft family for the Pawtriots Dog Adoption & Draft Watch Party at Gillette Stadium. The event resulted in eight adoptions for Potter League dogs — one of which was an adorable pup named Red.

Just a few months old, Red was among dozens of adoptable dogs participating in the event. Shortly after the doors opened, a couple made their way through the room and stopped at his pen. Their connection was instant. Red climbed into the gentleman's lap and seemed perfectly content to stay there. He was making his choice. The couple knew little Red was right where he belonged.

As they completed the adoption, the gentleman quietly shared that their house had felt empty ever since their beloved dog passed away. With tears in his eyes, he spoke about how difficul the loss had been for their family.

That day, Red didn't replace the dog they loved. No dog ever could. But Red brought hope back into a home that had been missing it.

As the first adoption of the event, ed's new family celebrated with a special adoption photo alongside the Kraft family and owners of the New England Patriots. They left Gillette Stadium with more than a keepsake. They left with a new family member!

When you support events like the Pawtriots Dog Adoption & Draft Watch Party, you're creating opportunities for people and pets to find one another .. often when they need it most.



Red made the first touchdown at our awtriots Party — and by touchdown, we mean he won the hearts of his new, loving family!

Your Next Gift Can Help Animals and YOU!



When tax season comes, you'll be glad you were extra generous to animals this year. Beginning with your 2026 tax return, you can claim a charitable deduction for your donations even when you take the standard (non-itemized) deduction.

- Single filers can deduct up to **$1,000** in gifts.
- Married joint filers can deduct up to **$2,000**.

Your support changes lives. For details about your unique tax situation and what is allowable by law, please consult a tax professional.

These Teeny Tiny Kittens Needed Lots of Love





Sometimes, saving a life begins with something as simple as a warm blanket, a bottle and a promise not to give up.

One day, four orphaned kittens arrived in our care … fighting for each breath

At just 3 days old, they were about as big as the palm of a hand. Their eyes were still closed. They couldn't regulate their body temperature, eat on their own or even eliminate without assistance.

Our team rushed to provide emergency care, placing the kittens with one of our most experienced bottle-baby foster families.

Every few hours — day and night — the kittens needed to be fed, monitored, cleaned and comforted. No days o . No sleeping through the night. No guarantees.

But there was hope.

As the days passed, there were encouraging signs. Tiny bodies grew stronger. Eyes opened. Wobbly steps became playful exploration. With around-the-clock care, these incredibly vulnerable kittens were given every opportunity to grow and thrive.

for kittens this young, foster care can make all the differenc . it provides the warmth, nourishment and constant attention they need during the most fragile days of their lives.

today, the kittens who once fit in the palm of a hand hav come so far because people stepped forward when they needed them most.

people like you. **thank you for making this critical work possible.**



Will You Be Their Forever Friend?

The Potter League's shelter and endowment were built through the generosity of animal lovers who chose to create a lasting legacy for animals in need.

By including the Potter League in your will, trust, retirement account or other estate plans, you can help ensure that homeless, neglected and vulnerable animals receive care for generations to come.

When you notify us of your plans, you'll be welcomed into the Forever Friends Society — a special group of supporters whose compassion will continue making a difference long into the futur .

Scan this QR code to learn more about leaving a legacy of hope for animals.

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