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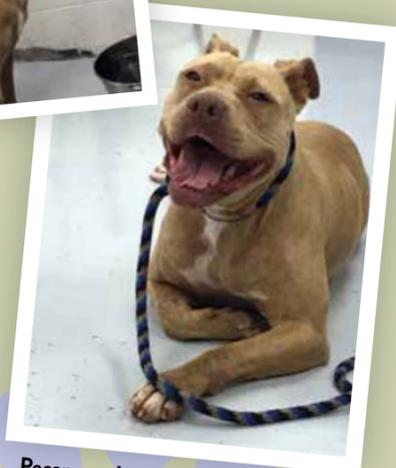
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE.
Saturday, November 9th, 2019
at the Bedens Brook Club

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Saturday, May 2, 2020
at the Princeton Airport

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First days at the shelter



Pecan now!

PECAN - The Little Pittie that Could

Jill Van Tuyl, Director of Operations

She was found by two kind and caring individuals. Discarded like a piece of trash and left to fend for herself. Her bed was an abandoned mattress. The trees were her only shelter from the harsh summer sun. It took hours for these patient women to finally, and safely, capture her. And she was brought to SAVE.

We saw her the next morning; she was crouched low to the ground in the back of her kennel, growling and trembling. Her eyes were shifting back and forth -untrusting. When she finally approached the front of her kennel, we could see it. A derogatory term was carved into her side. She had obviously been used for breeding and then discarded when her owner no longer needed her.

There was something about her that gave us hope for her future. She wasn't broken, just badly bruised. We could rehabilitate her and

get her to trust again. One of the guardian angels who found her visited her. We gave her a fluffy comforter and some toys. We fed her good food. We talked softly to her. And we gave her a name. Pecan.

Pecan stopped growling. She came to the front of her kennel. We earned her trust and she ours. Our staff took her out of her kennel for some play time in the yard. And she loved it, joyfully running around the yard, her spirit alive again.

Pecan is not the word that was carved into her side. She is not trash to be discarded. She is a loving and lovable creature that has an amazing capacity to forgive. Whatever her history, it doesn't matter. She has risen above it. Pecan's story will have a happy ending. It already does.

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FALL 2019

EVERY 6 MONTHS, I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING OUR UPDATE WITH ALL OF YOU. Trying to consolidate 6 months of excitement into a selection of highlights is not easy! So many wonderful and heartwarming 'tails' to share. At SAVE, our cats and dogs are not just a name, we get to know each one individually, and they are loved. Each has their own story and we wish we could share them all!

This year, we are already 145 adoptions ahead of this same time in 2018. We've had great success finding homes for 5 pairs of bonded dogs. Olive & Martini, Fatz & Gerbil, Babe & Ruth, Mink & Gabby and Pete & Repete all found their forever homes together. All three of the Parsons Jack Russell terriers rescued from the hoarding situation in Hunterdon Co. found homes. Ross, Joey, and Chandler proved that dogs who've spent 5-6 years in crates with little human contact and having never set foot on grass or worn a collar and leash can learn to trust and importantly, to love and enjoy life.

The stories of Pecan, Podrick, and Grace are those that moved us in unexplainable and profound ways.

They are each an inspiration in and of themselves. We not only need to do more - we must do more! These cats and dogs need our help. Some pets have their happy endings, and others are on their way. We know some do not get that happy ending. That is the reality and the plight of homeless pets. We have to focus on what we can do and not what we cannot do.

When you contribute to SAVE, you are making a lifesaving and life changing difference. Together, we can make happiness happen!



Heather Achenbach
Executive Director of SAVE,
A Friend to Homeless Animals.



Steve Rogers before surgery

Steve Rogers - The Peak of Kitty Perfection

This handsome 5-week-old kitten with a broken jaw was found on the side of the road in Lawrence Twp. by Chris Buck, the Animal Control Officer. It was clear that he was injured and probably in pain, but full of life and enjoyed being held. She knew that the first step in care was to get the kitten to the vet. Happily, the veterinarian

said that a simple surgery could repair the damage to his jaw and allow him to lead a normal, healthy life. Together, SAVE and Lawrence Twp. agreed that this brave and loving little guy was a life to save! The surgery was successful. He is named Steve Rogers - aka Captain America. Our little hero is doing great. He also captured the heart of the Lawrence Twp. Dispatcher, Nathan Peirano, who adopted him!



Soft cone while healing



Nathan taking Steve home!

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"Make Happiness Happen...Change the future of homeless cats & dogs"



SHELTER VETERINARY CARE EVERY DAY at SAVE

Did you know that an animal shelter cannot operate without a licensed veterinarian of record? Every cat and dog who arrives at SAVE receives veterinary care from our shelter veterinarian and veterinary technicians. At a minimum, this includes a full medical exam, deworming, heartworm testing (dogs), leukemia and FIV testing (cats), vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip. When cats and dogs arrive relatively healthy, the regimen is simple. But this is not always the case. Many of the animals who come into our care require treatment for short-term illnesses, while others require expensive life-saving treatment for heartworm, visits for specialty care, minor surgeries, and several animals each year will require a major surgery. The cost of animal care is one of our largest expenses that cannot be recouped from adoption fees, which cover only the bare minimum. Why don't animal shelters raise the fee for adoption? Because we are encouraging people to adopt!

SAVE does not receive funding at the local, state, or federal level. This is why SAVE relies on YOU.

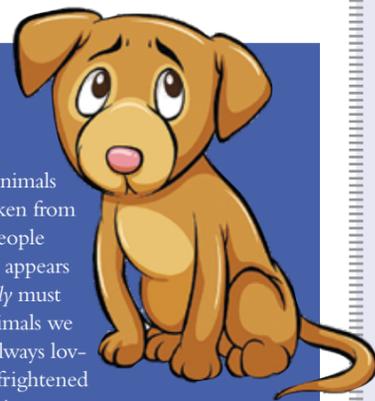
Dispelling the Myth of Broken Shelter Pets

There's been a long-standing misconception that the only animals you can adopt from an animal shelter are those that are broken from a cruel past, or have behavior and/or health issues. Many people believe, or have heard, that every dog or cat in a shelter that appears shy or covers slightly from the touch of a human hand *surely* must have been beaten or abused. *The truth is* that most of the animals we encounter at shelters have come from homes, perhaps not always loving, but at least, decent homes. These animals are often just frightened and don't present their true selves in this stressful, sterile environment.

Every morning staff comes in and the lights go on. Breakfast is served and medication is dispensed as needed. The cleaning regimen commences for both cat cages and dog kennels. Wonderful volunteers come and spend some time walking and playing with the animals. The day comes to an end. Evening meals are served, water bowls are filled, and the lights are turned down. Tomorrow, it will start all over again. Try as we may to make it as comfortable as possible, shelters are never an adequate replacement for a forever home where an animal can thrive and be part of a loving family.

When a potential adopter arrives to view the animals through metal bars looking for a perfect pet, the frisky, overtly friendly ones often get the most attention. But please, take a moment to see the quiet, shy ones. Spend a little time with a cat or dog in our bonding room away from the noise – you might be surprised at who you find – not a “broken” animal – but perhaps your next best friend.

Adopt, don't shop. Your furry companion is waiting for you.



Understanding “Feral Cats” – GRACE THE BARN CAT

A feral cat is an un-owned domestic cat that lives outdoors and avoids human contact. It does not allow him/herself to be handled or touched, and usually remains hidden from humans. Wild or feral cats are usually classified as a pest species due to their habits of occupying public places in high numbers, fighting and spraying.

At SAVE, we don't consider feral cats pests. One such stray recently earned our respect and gratitude. She was trapped and brought to SAVE and soon after had a litter of kittens. We were able to watch her care for her babies and she was quite protective of them. SAVE provided her with food and shelter while she cared for her kittens, and once they were old enough to be separated from their mother, the kittens were given medical checkups, vaccines and were eventually spayed/neutered and adopted!

Just as her kittens were weaned, a motherless litter of three kittens was brought to SAVE. We introduced them to our ‘feral’ cat who promptly began nursing the kittens and caring for them as her own! She saved their lives! So, a second litter of kittens are ready for forever homes! The SAVE vet, Dr. Alfieri, named this surrogate mother **Grace** in honor of her dignity and generous spirit. Grace was given a medical exam, vaccines, microchip and spayed.

Grace is now living her best life in an environment she is most comfortable with – being an independent outdoor cat.



GRACE



Grace's foster kittens – DONALD, JOSE & PANCHITO

SAVE has placed many feral cats – in a barn, a warehouse, or other environment that allows them to live the life they are used to and best suited for, as healthy adult feral cats. If you can provide food, shelter, water and freedom for an independent cat – please call SAVE.

PODRICK- The Tail of a Happy Ending.

This quiet and brave little ‘squire’ was found dumped on the side of the road. Podrick was the victim of abuse- it was likely that he was repeatedly kicked and his leg severely broken. Obviously in pain from his broken leg, Podrick also had blunt trauma to the right eye. He was found outside by a Good Samaritan who called Animal Control, the appropriate first step on the path to saving Podrick's life.

Animal Control brought this sweet little pup to SAVE. From the moment Podrick arrived at the shelter, he won the hearts of everyone with his hopeful little face and trusting nature. He bravely dragged his leg around looking into everyone's face, almost as if to say “Will you love me? Will you help me?” Yes! Who wouldn't want to help and heal this sweet dog who clearly just wants to love and be loved?

Step two was getting Podrick specialty veterinary care. The surgeon hoped Podrick's leg could be repaired with plates and screws. But,

despite the surgeons best effort, the damage was too extensive and his leg was amputated. His traumatized eye also had to be removed. Podrick is such a brave little boy! The day after his surgery, he was up and walking with his 3 legs – doing his business. And he is so happy and trusting- greeting people with a wink!

Podrick healed well in his foster home and won the hearts of his adopters who report he is “living his best life” – now known as Patrick!



Save Alumni in Their Forever Homes

So many wonderful people have adopted a cat or dog this year and we love hearing from SAVE families with updates and images of happy tails! When you adopt a pet from a shelter, you are not saving one life but two: the pet you take home and the pet who takes their place.



Chicken Sprout & Mushmellow cozy together and doing very well. Adopted by Alex and Shaun Morrell



Shelley Webster is the proud mom with Cooper; he earned his PACH (Preferred Agility Championship) title.



Sam loves playing in the shower. Adopted by Rebecka Cirkus



Dill is sending his mrrrs and meows! Adopted by Marija & Dan Stankovic

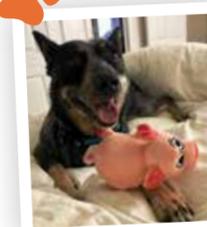
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Leche is cozy in her new home. Adopted by Frances Juhasz



Lola enjoying the beautiful weather in her new yard. Adopted by Katie and Jeff Barillas



Kota is an absolute goofball and makes everyone smile! Adopted by Zoe Thompson



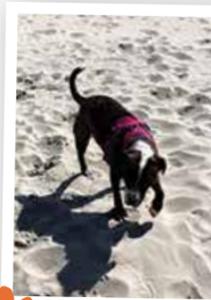
Willow found her ‘sunny spot’ Adopted by Albert Lang and Sally Ecroyd



Tony is little but a big sweet cuddle bug! Adopted by Diana Martin



Malon helping out with a home project! Adopted by Eric and Elaine Pusey



Honey loves the beach and her new family! Adopted by the McCanns



Ernie lounging with sister Ellie. Adopted by Randy & Rosemary Craft

