

DECEMBER
2024

CASTAWAY CRITTERS

THE JAMES A. HUEHOLT
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
FOR ANIMALS

OFFERING HOPE & NEW BEGINNINGS TO THE
FORGOTTEN, THE SICK AND THE ABANDONED.

2024 STATS

(TOTALS AS OF 11/01/24)

ADOPTIONS: 166

RESCUES: 208



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 22
-ExtraGive.org



December 7
- Petco (Jonestown Rd.) 11-2

December 8
-Holiday Breakfast at New Cumberland
Firehouse

December 21
-Petco (Jonestown Rd.) 11-2

KEEPING PETS SAFE DURING A HOLIDAY

Holidays are a time for joy and celebration. But, as they approach, it's important to remember that our furry friends need extra attention and care. With so much excitement and activity, it's easy for pets to become overwhelmed or even injured.

Here are some suggestions to keep your new pet safe during the holidays. This may also help those of you who are expecting a gang of people for the first time since you adopted.

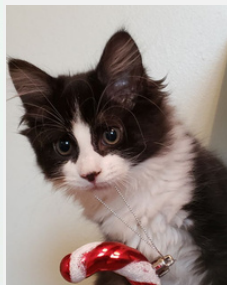
KEEP THEM SEPARATE -- If they are new to the family or just skittish, try to keep them away from the chaos in a nice quiet room. You can even try to have music or a TV on for them to muffle some of the noise. Make sure they have familiar objects with them such as toys and blankets. Maybe even something that smells like you. If your dog or cat is an extrovert and loves, loves, loves people, then by all means let them get all of the extra attention that they want. This could boost their emotional well-being and let you bond even more with them. But always have a safe, quiet place for them to hide in case they get overwhelmed.



WATCH DOORS -- Having people over may mean that there will be people going in and out of the house. This can be overwhelming to your pet and they will try to escape. Remind your guests to watch when coming in or leaving your house. Make sure your pet has an ID tag on and is microchipped.

BE CAREFUL WITH DECORATIONS -- Be mindful of decorations. Especially those that can be looked at as toys as they can be chewed or swallowed. Keep electrical cords out of reach and avoid using toxic materials. Tinsel is very dangerous so just don't use it.

BEFORE GIFTING A LIVE ANIMAL -- We know it seems fun to gift a live animal to someone but please think of the animal first. It may not be so much fun for them. Instead, gift them a stuffed animal with a note promising to bring a new pet into the family after the holidays. This will give everyone time to settle down and your pet will have your full attention. By following these tips, you can keep your pet safe and allow for a stress-free, happy and healthy holiday season for both you and your furry friend.

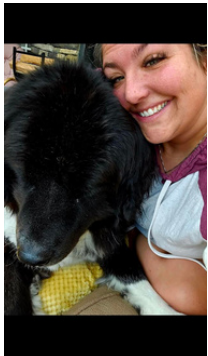


WHAT'S GOING ON IN CASTAWAY CRITTERS



OPERATION CATNIP - In 2007, Castaway Critters began Operation CatNip to pay for spay/neuter surgeries for pet cats living in low-income households in the city of Harrisburg and all city strays in an effort to reduce the city's cat overpopulation. Since then, the program has paid to spay or neuter more than 6,500 city cats, among them, whole colonies of stray cats, several generations of pet cats and kittens living in the same household, and homeless cats who were taken in because they could get fixed for free. The program is funded through grants and private donations, not Castaway Critters' general fund money, and we are

always looking for new funding sources as the program is growing by leaps and bounds -- we are averaging more than 50 cats per month -- thanks to the help of volunteers, local low-cost clinics and the cities cat owners and caretakers who have eagerly embraced the assistance.

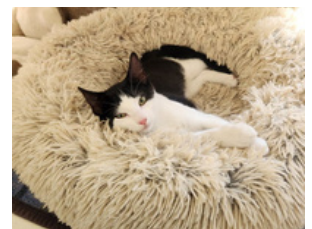
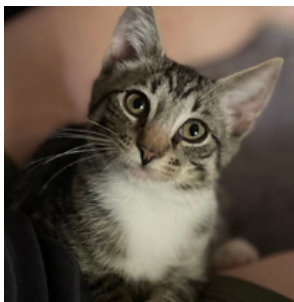
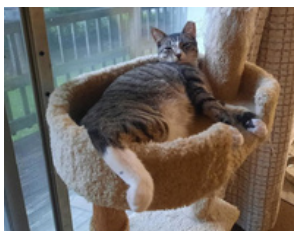


CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT - We welcomed our new Operations Manager/Foster Coordinator Jessica Walton in September. Jessica is a mother of 2, with a background in executive business management with rescue experience. She is also the owner of a pet sitting service. She plans to incorporate new children's programs, community education seminars to inform the public of the homeless animal crisis and eventually bring back the dog program that was once a successful and highly sought after part of the rescue. If you see her at one of our many upcoming events, please be sure to stop and say hello. Welcome Jessica!



NEW SANCTUARY - We are very excited about a project we have been working on. Our new sanctuary! We have been doing a lot of cleaning and sanitizing, providing pictures for the walls, new cat trees and new bedding. We hope to paint and add a cozy chair or two. We want this to feel more like a home. This area will be a safe place for some of our animals who need quiet time to heal from an injury or surgery. Or maybe help a stressed animal have time to learn he is not in danger. We will also provide a quarantine area and maybe give a mama and her kittens some time to adjust. Our sanctuary will have separate pods (think of a small closet with glass doors) which will all have their own clean bedding, a cat tree, their own food/water bowls, litter boxes and toys. There is also a common area for those cats who are friendly and already socialized and will soon be going to their new foster home. And our sanctuary has lots of windows and is mainly surrounded by lawn and trees which gives them a "live" animal planet show. This sanctuary is not open to the public. It is only for some of our animals who need a little bit of time to either heal or to get some socialization and learn what kindness and love is.

MORE EVENTS -- You will start seeing a lot more events that we will be doing. We are working on finding different events for different people. Things like children's programs, wine tasting, bowling parties, tattoo events, soup sales and possibly some holiday-themed events. We were recently at a ponies and pumpkin event where children could paint a pumpkin, ride a pony and make crafts. We are also doing a "Read to the Cats" at the Blue Dog Pet Shop in Lemoyne. And a lot more in 2025 so stay tuned. You won't want to miss them.



Adoptable "Elves"



Winston

*1 1/2 years old

*Winston loves playing with toys, playing with cat buddies and cuddling with his human. He does need meds twice a day but does not mind taking them. Good with other cats and dogs.



Zeke

*7 years old

*Zeke is a sweet and gentle guy who had a rough start in life. He is in the early stages of kidney disease and, if stressed, his stomatitis can act up.



Shay

*4 years old.

*Shay is a very outgoing and friendly cat and is good around other kitties as long as they are not aggressive.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

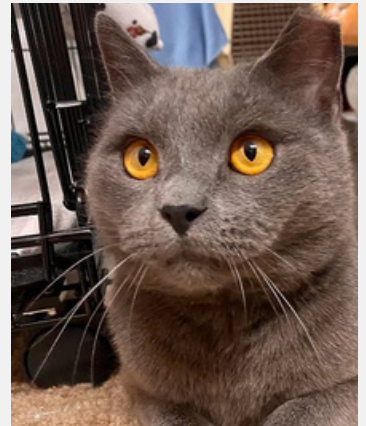
We understand that not everyone can foster or volunteer, but still want to help. We have the perfect solution. Below are some of the ways to help us save lives.

WISH LIST - You can view our wish list on our website where you can also get the links to our Amazon.com and Chewy.com wish lists. You can drop off items at Petco Harrisburg (Jonestown Rd.); Petco Mechanicsburg (Carlisle Pike); Blue Dog Pet Shop (1004 Hummel Ave, Lemoyne); Stauffer's of Kissel Hill (Middletown Road); or at any of our events.

PLANNED GIVING - Leave a legacy of financial support through a bequest or other planned gift arrangement. Including Castaway Critters in your estate planning will mean shelter, food, veterinary care, medication, and loving new homes for homeless animals long after your lifetime.

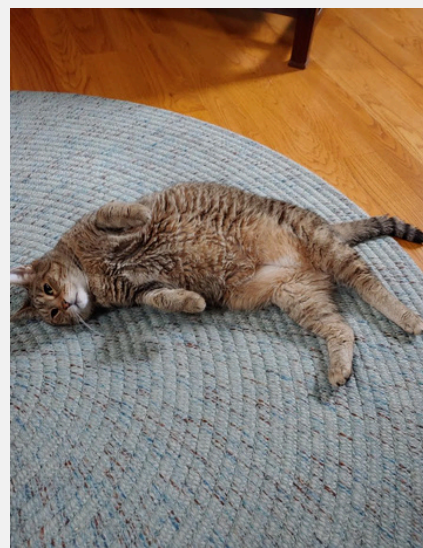
MAKE A MONTHLY DONATION -- By setting up a monthly tax-deductible donation, you are helping Castaway Critters provide medical care, food and rehabilitation to the many homeless, injured and neglected animals that we adopt out and also the unadoptable shelter-in-place dogs and cats that we will keep for life.

DONATION DRIVES/EVENTS - Talk to your company or local store. Ask if they will do a donation drive or hold an event for us. Or you can host a party and suggest that everyone donate an item or money to Castaway Critters. If you're crafty, make dog/cat toys or other items that are animal related.



AND NOW, A WORD FROM ONE OF OUR ADOPTERS...

In December 2019, we met Sophie and her foster mom, Annette. We were told that Sophie was a "shy cat", but we didn't realize how shy until we brought her home. Her first week was spent in the basement until she gained courage to venture upstairs and once this was accomplished, Sophie owned the house and everything in it! Sophie enjoyed birdwatching, chasing and batting balls, opening closet doors and greeting us at



the door. She loved to snuggle. Her nudges and hair pulling in the morning replaced the alarm clock. Sophie enjoyed camping and taught us valuable lessons when traveling with a cat. On her first camping trip she managed to climb inside the RV's dashboard and disappeared in the bed slide-out causing us to begin "kitty" proofing areas. She enjoyed many camping trips with us. Sophie passed away in August after a brief illness this summer. We miss our dear, gentle, sweet Sophie cat. She left her paw prints on our hearts that we will cherish forever.

Castaway Critters depends on your donations to continue to save the lives of homeless pets. We cannot do what we do without you. Thank you for your generosity.

\$60 Disease Testing (Cat)

\$150 Ongoing care for shelter-in-place dogs/cats

\$90 Guardian Angel Sponsorship (1 Cat)

Other \$_____

Donations may also be made via PayPal or credit card on our website. Please make checks & money orders payable to Castaway Critters.

Name: _____

Address: _____

A Special Message from our Family of Volunteers

This holiday season, we give thanks for your help in providing rescue, safety and loving care to innocent animals who don't ask to be born on the streets, tossed out of cars, or suffer attacks from other animals. We appreciate all of you who kindly remember us when you are planning your year-end giving, and your gifts at other times of the year, too! As you snuggle in with your own family - two-legged and four - please remember us with a gift for the castaways. Your donation supports urgent medical care, life-saving rescue, rehabilitation, foster and adoption programs, and ensures that castaways have the life they deserve in loving - and truly forever homes so they are castaways no more.

Wishing you and yours lots of laughter, belly rubs, wet nose kisses, and love this holiday season as well as good health and prosperity this coming new year.

The Official Registration and financial information of Castaway Critters, The James A. Hueholt Memorial Foundation may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling their toll free number, within PA, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



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Winter 2024

2024 has been a busy medical
year for us

Dear Friends,

We spend over \$100,000 every year providing care to the animals we have rescued who are so much in need. This year was no different.

Minnie (above) began her life as a barn cat, but one day something happened - no one knew what - and she broke her back leg in multiple places. The breaks were so bad, Minnie's leg was amputated, and she became a tripod. Happily, she couldn't care less! She can get around and jump up and down on things as well as any four-legged cat. Minnie and her brother Nicki were adopted together on March 27.

Costello is 13 years old and was found one block from his home. He was in deplorable condition. Emaciated, dehydrated, no muscle mass and was 6.3 lbs. and should have been nearly 14 lbs. He was declawed and had only a few teeth left. Along with extreme diarrhea. Costello received the medical attention he needed and was adopted January 11.



Two-week-old Leo had to be rushed to the hospital with life threatening respiratory problems caught from his mom. He couldn't breathe or eat on his own. After an extremely long and scary weekend in the hospital in an oxygen tank and hooked up to an IV of antibiotics and fluids he was able to go back to his foster home. Leo was adopted on August 23.

Tucker was found alongside a road in a box. He only weighed 0.76 lbs. The person who found him took him to an emergency vet and requested he be euthanized as they could not care for him. He had nasty hemorrhoids from a severe case of worms and was covered in fleas. He has come a long way since then and is completely healed.



These animals, and tens of thousands of cats and dogs have been helped over the last couple decades, thanks to your generous support. Meeting the current need is overwhelming; we receive upwards of 30 calls/emails a day to help animals in need. Sadly, it will be a long time before we see fewer homeless animals, but that doesn't deter us from doing all that we can, with your help.

BECAUSE OF YOU! Your donation supports medical care, life-saving rescue, rehabilitation, foster and adoption programs, and ensures that our castaways have the life they deserve. Thank you for all you do for our animals!!!

Sincerely,
Barb Holmes
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Director

P.S. We speak on behalf of those who cannot. Please open your heart and donate to these voiceless animals. When you give, they live.