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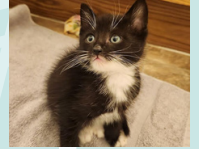
**We call 2023 the Year of the Medical.  
 So many in need.**

Dear Friends,

We spend over \$100,000 every year providing medical care to the animals we have rescued who are so much in need, but this year was one major medical case after another.

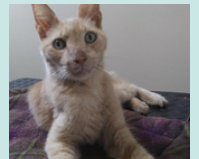
Ember (above) was abandoned when her people moved. She came to us with what we thought was a mild upper respiratory infection, but she turned out to have a challenging autoimmune condition and asthma, and will be a permanent foster now, since her medical issues are too severe for adoption.

Winston, a five-week-old kitten, came into our care completely impacted with clumping cat litter. His stomach and intestines were unable to operate at all, and he ended up at Shores Emergency Vet four times, including two overnight stays, plus multiple vet appointments to get his poor intestines working properly.



Abigail arrived with a huge wound on her back end, damage to her back legs, and a serious upper respiratory problem that prevented her from smelling anything and eating on her own for seven weeks. With endless vet visits, wound care, and finally a total nasal flush under anesthesia, she recovered and is happy in her new home.

Costello came to our attention after lots of publicity on Facebook. A declawed 12-year-old cat, he was emaciated and in dire trouble, so he went to the emergency vet right away. Costello is severely hyperthyroid and has a long road to recovery, but he is in a safe foster home where he will receive all the care this poor senior cat needs.



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.

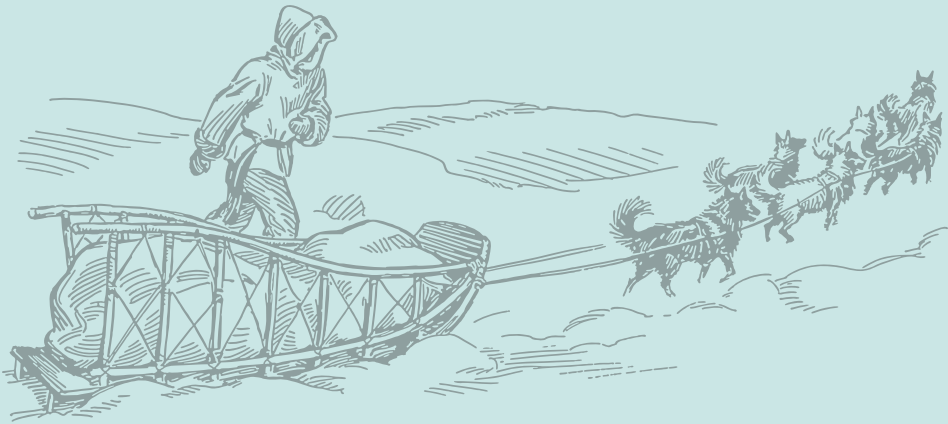
**BECAUSE OF YOU!** Your donation supports medical care, life-saving rescue, rehabilitation, foster and adoption programs, and ensures that our castaways have the life they deserve. Thank you for all you do for our animals!!!



Sincerely,  
*Barb Holmes*  
 Barb Holmes  
 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.*

Your donation provides direct care to needy animals! Thank you for remembering now and throughout the year.



DECEMBER  
2023

# CASTAWAY CRITTERS

THE JAMES A. HUEHOLT  
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION  
FOR ANIMALS

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

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## 2023 STATS

(TOTALS AS OF 11/01/23)

ADOPTIONS: 182

RESCUES: 220



## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 17  
- ExtraGive.org



November 18  
- Petco (Jonestown Rd.) 11-2

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

December 16  
- Petco (Jonestown Rd.) 11-2



## OUR PARTNERS ARE THE BEST!

Throughout the year we mention our partners or show you cats that are located at their locations. But we don't really express how much we appreciate them each and every day. We are fixing that right now.

**Blue Dog Pet Shop** in Lemoyne has been helping us for approximately 15 years. Many of our kitties have started the first phase of their new life in this store. Blue Dog has been instrumental in helping us adopt many more cats and kittens than we could have done by ourselves. They also help us rescue and foster. We are so thankful they chose to support us.

**Cupboard Maker Books** in Enola has been helping us for 11 years. Not only do they allow our cats to take over their bookstore like it's their kingdom, they have also rescued cats and fostered them, too. Because of them, we have been able to adopt over 200 cats from out of their store. We are so grateful to Cupboard Maker for everything they do for us.

**Petco East (Hbg.)** has been helping us for approximately 11 years. They have always been so easy to work with and have shown so much support for us. We can't thank them enough for allowing us to have events there, meet adopters, and for having a habitat so we can showcase some of our cats.

**Petco (Mech.)** has been helping us for approximately 9 years. They have been wonderful in providing us with a habitat to house our cats and allowing us to have some of our adoptions take place there. Because of their support, we have been able to adopt many more cats.

And, we would be remiss if we didn't mention **The Nobody's Cat Foundation** in Camp Hill which is a big supporter of ours and has been such an integral part of our TNR group for many years by spaying/neutering ferals for us. We are so thankful they provide this much-needed service.

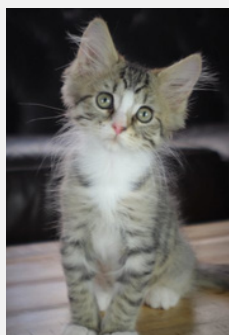
There are no words that can fully express the amount of gratitude and appreciation we feel for this group of people who have such dedication and passion to make animals' lives better.

## HAPPY ENDINGS!

This year it feels like every other story we post on Facebook is about an animal who is very sick or is hurt badly. We have had so many hard cases this year, we want to focus on the happy events that have happened throughout the year. Below are just a few of our critters who found their happy ending.



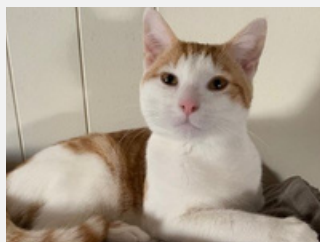
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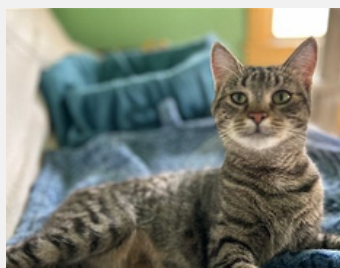
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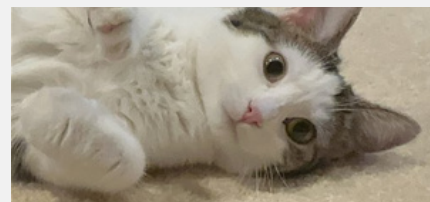
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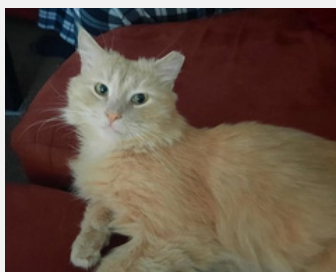
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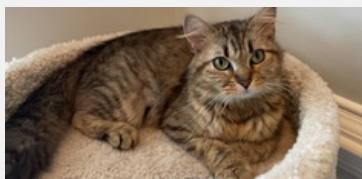
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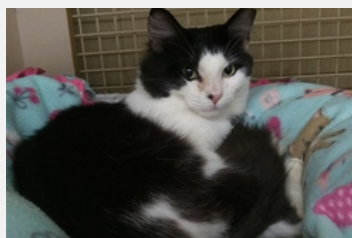
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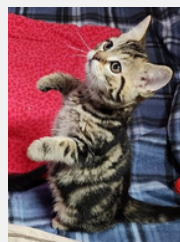
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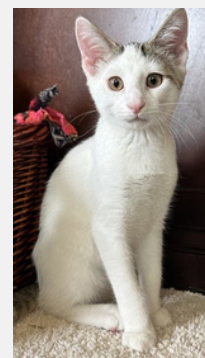
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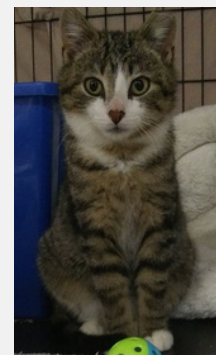
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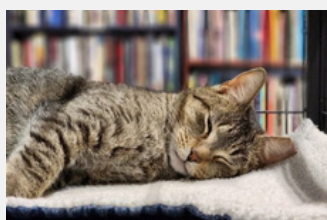
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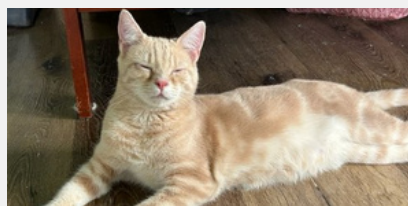
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ELVIS



CINNAMON



GRAHAM



BABA

## Adoptable "Elves"

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

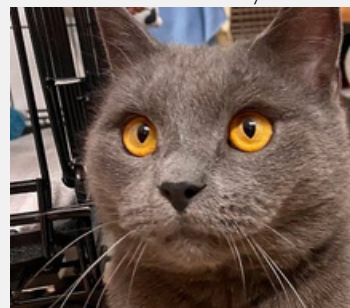
We understand that not everyone can foster or volunteer, but still want to help. We have the perfect solution. Below are some of the ways to help us save lives.

**WISH LIST** - You can view our wish list on our Website, at Amazon.com and Chewy.com. You can drop off items at Petco Harrisburg (Jonestown Rd.); Petco Mechanicsburg (Carlisle Pike); Blue Dog Pet Shop (1004 Hummel Ave, Lemoyne); Stauffers of Kissel Hill (Middletown Road); Cupboard Maker Books (157 N. Enola Rd. (Rtes. 11/15) Enola); or at any of our Meet & Greet 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, rehabilitation, and behavioral enrichment for the many homeless, injured and neglected animals that we adopt out and also our 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.



**Zoe**  
\*2 1/2 years old

*\*Zoe is not a lap cat but she does like to cuddle beside you. She loves to play with her toys and watch squirrels and chipmunks out of the window. She doesn't like to be picked up but she does like pets.*



**Everly**  
\*1 1/2 years old

*\*Everly loves to wrestle and play with his foster brothers. He doesn't like to be picked up but does like to be petted. He meows for his dinner and when he wants the attention of his playmates.*



**Flash**  
\*2 years old.

*\*Flash enjoys laser tag, toys and cuddling/playing with other cats. She is also comfortable around small dogs.*



Chico came into my life 2 years after the biggest loss of my life - Timmy, my first dog away from home and my best friend, had passed in 2020. My wife and I adopted one year old Hunter a week after Timmy died, and he is an absolutely loved part of our family now. Since I was always partial to senior dogs, when my wife sent me a picture of Chico, I knew we wanted him. Chico became as attached to me as Timmy was. He would constantly follow my wife and me around, even when we were just getting up for a second. Although he had really smelly breath, an enlarged heart and a limp, he was perfect. He moved so quickly, despite the limp and just loved life. I loved spending time with him, and he always laid next to me on the couch. I would see him do some things that Timmy used to do, and I would always smile at the thought that Timmy was in Chico, and still with me. I felt that Chico was meant for me as a gift from Timmy. While Timmy was and is irreplaceable, Chico did a great job of filling the hole Timmy left. Unfortunately in mid-2023 Chico became very sick and stopped eating. We took him to the vet where he was ultimately diagnosed with kidney failure. After no improvement during a short stay at the emergency room, we decided to let him go. The hardest part of all of this was we had him for only 15 months before he passed. However, we did so much together in that short time. I miss him and Timmy deeply, and it took me days to read any of the cards sent from friends about Chico. Both Timmy and Chico as well as another family dog from back home are laid out on our fireplace mantle, seen as we walk through the door each day. They deserve to be the center of attention even now, and Chico will always have a big place in my heart for the love he provided when I still missed Timmy. He will never be forgotten.

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

### Need a Stocking Stuffer?



Our 2024' Rescue Calendar is perfect! Only \$12 and proceeds help the critters! Order from our website or come to one of our events to buy one or many!

**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.**

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

\$50 Disease Testing (Cat)

\$125 Ongoing care for shelter-in-place dogs/cats in our care

\$80 Guardian Angel Sponsorship (1 Cat)

Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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. Huehlt 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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