



Happy Holidays!



Love often finds us when we need it most.

Losing a pet is like losing a piece of your heart. Meg was surviving on the streets as a stray when she joined a group of dogs on the Saving Train. At SoHumane, amid the noisy excitement of the kennels, Meg was a calm dog, waiting quietly as if she knew that her person would see her. This gentle pup who had once been discarded was noticed by a kind person who recently lost her beloved dog and was ready to fill the empty place in her home and heart. She knew that Meg would be the perfect addition to her family. Once adopted, Meg began her new life as Ivy. Happy and loved, she filled her family's days with joy.

But soon Ivy began showing alarming neurological symptoms. She was diagnosed with a rare autoimmune condition that limited where she could safely go; Ivy's days of playing at dog parks and going on public outings were over. **As an energetic and social young dog, her family knew that if Ivy couldn't visit friends, she would need a playmate in their home.**

Dobby, a pint-sized pup with an uncanny resemblance to a beloved fictional house elf, had endured unimaginable hardship in his short life. **Abandoned, Dobby was left to fend for himself while living under a house, where he waited, cold and alone, day after day.** When rescuers found him he was despondent, his spirit dimmed by the isolation and fear.

At SoHumane over a month of veterinary care was needed before Dobby could be considered for adoption. He was mentioned by staff as a possible companion for sweet Ivy. And when Ivy and Dobby met, there was an instant connection! Dobby was given a new name – Oliver – when he joined Ivy and her family. Ivy and Oliver are inseparable. They play together, sleep side by side, and bring joy and companionship to each other every day. **Love is a gift, and there is magic in new beginnings, no matter the obstacles.** This holiday season, Ivy and Oliver's shared story shines as a miracle that SoHumane supporters like you make possible.



Oliver and Ivy

Will you give a lifesaving gift this holiday season?

You can create a better future for homeless dogs and cats. There are many animals who need your help. Thanks to a generous donor, your gift will be matched up to \$10,000 – now through December 24th. You can truly make miraculous second chances happen. **Thanks to you, the greatest gifts for the animals are wrapped in love.**



There is no greater gift than a family.

At fourteen-years-old, a cat named Smoke came to SoHumane from a very sad situation. His guardian, a veteran living on a limited income, had opened his home to stray cats, hoping to provide them with a comfortable home. However, as caring for so many cats became overwhelming, he realized he simply couldn't meet their many needs. Worried that one of his beloved feline companions desperately needed more care than he could provide, the gentleman posted on social media, pleading for help. When SoHumane staff saw his message, we acted quickly to bring Smoke into our adoption program.

Smoke was a special case; as a senior black cat with medical needs, finding him a home would be challenging. Although he arrived in rough shape with dental disease, enlarged lymph nodes, ocular and nasal discharge, dirty ears, fleas and matted fur, staff were determined to give him a second chance. **Your generosity not only makes opportunities for veterinary treatments possible but also allows every dog and cat the time they need to find their new families.** After receiving essential veterinary care, Smoke was adopted and is thriving, surrounded by warmth and love in his forever home.



Smoke



We believe in miracles.

At SoHumane we are reminded that small miracles happen every day. This fall staff were contacted about ten abandoned dogs who were living in a car and who were in desperate need of help. The pups were quickly brought to SoHumane and examined by the vet care staff. Unfortunately the five boys and five girls (Diego, Dash, Duke, Duncan, Diesel, Dottie, Duchess, Daisy, Daphne and Diva) were in critical condition; eight of the ten little dogs were suffering from advanced dental disease, causing them unimaginable pain. To complicate matters, six of the dogs were older and three were believed to have heart murmurs. Their situation was dire as they would require extensive dental care to find relief.

The average cost of a complicated dental procedure is an amount that many families simply cannot afford. Untreated dental disease often leads to a heartbreaking fate for animals in shelters, where lifesaving care is frequently unattainable due to limited funds. Thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, SoHumane is able to step in and provide essential veterinary care, ensuring that animals with treatable medical conditions have the chance to live pain-free healthy lives.

The ten rescued dogs are receiving the gift of hope — a chance at a new life and the opportunity to find loving homes and families.

Their miraculous second chances are a testament to the compassionate community that surrounds them. **With needed veterinary care each will be able to leave their past behind and embark on a fresh start, filled with joy, love and comfort.**

This holiday season, as we reflect on the importance of giving, let us celebrate how your contributions help transform lives, offer hope and provide healing to those in need. **Thanks to you, SoHumane can continue to extend a lifeline to pets and people in our community who need it most.**



Daisy, Daphne & Duncan



*The gift of friendship, a warm and loving home,
good health and a happy new year...
Wishing you many blessings.*

Karen and the SoHumane staff

