



## Happy Holidays from SoHumane



There's no better time of year to appreciate the people in our lives, as the cherished gifts they are and to feel joy more deeply than ever.



David and Cassius

Adorable Amelie was just a young pup when her guardian surrendered her to SoHumane because she could no longer care for her. A sweet tiny Chihuahua, our staff noted that Amelie looked thin and dehydrated. She received her initial vaccinations and was housed in the veterinary kennels under their care. A few days later, Amelie fainted while walking outdoors. Examinations and tests revealed that Amelie had a serious heart condition that could be improved with a surgical procedure. But without surgery her prognosis was poor. A successful operation would mean Amelie could enjoy a happy and full life. **Amelie desperately needed help.** Lucky for her SoHumane supporters rallied around dear Amelie and responded with donations given from their hearts. Her anticipated

veterinary expenses were covered, and her surgery soon followed.

Amelie's recovery in a loving SoHumane foster home went smoothly, and time passed quickly. In early summer she was ready for her very own forever home and family. Amelie's new parents, David and Roslie, named her Cassius and said, *"She is a precious wonder. Cassius means so much to us, and we are so grateful she is in our lives."* They also expressed how much they appreciated the love and kindness that Cassius received while she was in SoHumane's care. Now Cassius is enjoying a life filled with adventure and travel! **None of this lifesaving work would be possible without you. Please continue your generous support so that we can help more pets in need like Amelie enjoy life and the holidays.**

### *Your kindness touches more lives than you could ever know.*

New beginnings come twice for the dogs and cats at SoHumane – the day they arrive and the day they go home with their new families. And the love and care they receive in between those two days are what make the second one possible. **You can make sure that the dogs and cats receive the expert care and attention they require from the day they arrive until the day they are adopted.**

Overweight, dirty and "old" at nine years, Luka did not have a promising future when his owner moved without him. Loved and fussed over by SoHumane staff and volunteers, Luka soon found his new forever family. Please open your heart and give a gift to help SoHumane care for both young and old precious pets.



When you give to the dogs and cats, your gift will provide both hope and immediate help for these pets who are without homes. Nutritional food, space in a warm clean kennel, vaccinations and veterinary care are just the beginning. We are committed to using your gift in the most efficient and effective way possible. More than 70 percent of every dollar you give is spent on SoHumane programs that transform the lives of the dogs and cats in our care and the volunteers, adopters, and youth that are part of the SoHumane family. **Your support and generosity create a brighter future for both animals and animal lovers.**



## *Having a family is not an important thing, it's everything*

Cropped ears and covered in scars, Rousey had been used for breeding and then discarded. We don't know what her past held, but **SoHumane saw something special** when they met her – a dog with a big goofy grin and a huge heart who needed a second chance. The Saving Train rescued Rousey, and she began her new life. Staff described her as a frisky, friendly, happy, high energy dog. **All Rousey wanted was someone to love and to be loved back.** One day a woman who checked the SoHumane website daily, “Just in case a dog's picture speaks to my soul,” saw Rousey's photo. And Rousey with her enormous smile had found her match. Soon she had a new mom and a new name – Marla.

Marla's family shared, “People say Marla is so lucky to have us, but the truth is we are the lucky ones. She is constantly smiling and begging for affection and attention. Every day she teaches me to let go of the past, to enjoy the simple pleasures in life like a couch, blanket and cuddles, to forgive fiercely and to smile every single day.” Marla's family is helping her gain confidence and feel secure in their love. **Thanks to you, Marla will be home for the holidays.** Your compassion and caring today will help a pet just like Marla in the new year.



### *The greatest gifts are not wrapped in paper, but in love.*

Acadia is a charming kitten with a familiar story. She was part of a large litter brought to SoHumane. Weighing less than a pound, she was quickly placed in a foster home where she received nutritious food and enjoyed all the play and socialization that a young kitten needs. When old enough, Acadia was vaccinated, spayed and made available for adoption. The exceptional care Acadia and all of the kittens receive while at SoHumane costs much more than an adoption fee. Our work is made possible by **generous donors like you** who enable us to care for **more than 1,500 pets each year** and place them into loving forever homes.

**We are especially grateful for you!**

## **Your gift could be doubled!**

Jed & Celia Meese are ready to match all gifts received, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000 – now through December 31st. Accept their challenge and donate today in honor of a loved one, a special pet or a favorite SoHumane program. You create miracles for the dogs and cats during this season of hope. Your generosity will provide vital care and ensure lifesaving second chances for the pets who are homeless. **Thank you for joining with us in this partnership to save lives.**



*Sending you a holiday wish for bright moments,  
happy memories and all the joys of the season.*

*Karen, Barb and the SoHumane family*

