



SoHumane



Wishing you a holiday season filled with magic and memories.

Family is a treasured gift.

Samson and Leo lived together with their family since they were eight weeks old. When they reached their golden years something drastically changed, and they found themselves alone in their back yard each day. **Samson and Leo didn't understand where their family had gone.** They started to dig out of their yard to see if they could find them. Frustrated by their digging, the family decided they did not have time to care for Samson and Leo. They surrendered the two senior dogs to a rescue organization.



Samson and Leo

This was a frightening change for the bonded, ten-year-old dogs. After all, life with their family was all they had ever known. **Thanks to supporters like you, Samson and Leo got a ride on the Saving Train to SoHumane.** When we saw their gray muzzles our hearts were absolutely broken. Even though it would be a challenge, we decided they had to stay together. An extra special home and family willing to adopt two senior Mastiff mixes was needed. Finding a home for one large breed senior is challenging enough, but a home for two would be even more difficult. But these big boys were adored by our staff and volunteers and belonged together.

Just as they began to settle in at SoHumane, their lives changed again. **Fires burning near SoHumane forced us to evacuate these sweet boys not once but twice!** It was devastating watching them trying to adapt to their new lives, but their luck was about to change. One of our biggest supporters had an idea. A family had recently lost a large breed senior dog, and she thought they might provide the perfect home for Samson and Leo. The next day the family came to our Adoption Center to meet the two gentle giants. It was love at first sight. Samson and Leo now have a warm, loving home for the Holidays! SoHumane supporters were thrilled with the news. *“So, so happy for Leo and Samson to be able to stay together!!” “My heart is so happy Leo and Samson are going home!” “Leo and Samson going home together is absolutely the best news of the day!”* **Your unwavering support makes happy endings possible** for senior pets like Samson and Leo that find themselves homeless through no fault of their own.

They have a place in your heart.

A group of small dogs – young and old – were surrendered to SoHumane when their guardian could no longer care for them. Sweet dogs, they suffered from a variety of ailments. They had ear mites and yeast infections. Some had periodontal disease and were in desperate need of dental cleanings and extractions. One little female had recently given birth to puppies. Several were obese, and many had not been spayed or neutered. SoHumane foster families opened their homes to care for the dogs not deemed ready for adoption. The SoHumane vet care team gave medications and parasite preventatives, updated vaccinations, planned spay/neuter surgeries and scheduled consultations with veterinary specialists for a few of the dogs. When their various treatments were finished, each became available for adoption. The SoHumane staff, volunteers and foster families had grown very fond of these special dogs and were happy to see them welcomed into new homes. *“We’re going to miss seeing that silly pup in our front office every day, but boy are we happy for him and his new family!”* Each dog had been given time to heal and become confident and ready for their new beginning. Your gifts ensure that the dogs and cats at SoHumane receive the expert care and attention they deserve from the day they arrive until the day they are adopted. When there is a special need, SoHumane supporters respond with donations given straight from their hearts. These dogs have received lifesaving care, and the best miracle of all... love from their new families. Thank you for being a part of the magic. **Your generosity is why there are happily-ever-after’s for the dogs and cats at SoHumane.**



You are part of their story.



Mike

Mike was rescued as a tiny kitten. When he arrived at SoHumane he appeared to have a deformity in the wrists of both his front legs. His SoHumane foster mom included physical therapy with his regular kitten care. He grew from 11 ounces to almost four pounds in three months. Mike was a happy cat in his foster home and managed to get around just fine despite his physical challenges, so when he was big enough his neuter surgery was scheduled. Having endeared himself to his foster family, they promptly adopted Mike and welcomed him to his forever home.

“Fostering for our family has been beyond rewarding on so many different levels. To play such a huge part in giving these innocent fur-babies a chance at the wonderful life they deserve, is nothing short of amazing! Each foster has a story of its own, some just need a safe place to hang out until they can go into their forever homes. Some have come from situations where they don’t trust humans and don’t know what love is. Watching them start to love, trust and enjoy life is the best feeling in the world. We are so grateful that we get to be part of their story and they are part of ours.”

Being adopted means being surrounded by the wonderful feeling of

having a family and knowing how much you are loved. When you give to the dogs and cats at SoHumane, your gift will provide both hope and help for pets who are without homes. Nutritional food, space in a warm clean kennel, and veterinary care are just the beginning.

We are committed to using your gift wisely. Your donation supports SoHumane programs that transform the lives of the dogs and cats and the volunteers, youth and adopters that are part of the SoHumane family. *“Sweet little Sophie, one of our young mommas, is going home with a loving and attentive new family. She’ll be showered with affection and have a warm spot in the sun to spend her days.”* **Your generosity creates a brighter future for animals and animal lovers. Thank you for your support and for being “part of their story.”**



Sophie



Your gift could be doubled!

You can create miracles for dogs and cats during this season of hope. Two anonymous donors are ready to match all gifts received, dollar for dollar, up to \$12,000 – now through December 31st. Take up their challenge and donate today in honor of a loved one, a special pet or a favorite SoHumane program. Your generosity will provide vital care and ensure lifesaving second chances for pets who are homeless. **The greatest gifts are wrapped in love.**



*We hope your holidays are merry
and your memories are bright.*



Karen, Barb and the SoHumane family

