



# Happy Holidays



## Friendship... One of the Greatest Gifts in Life

Twelve-year-old Cupcake was adopted from SoHumane in 2012 as a young pup. This past summer Cupcake's guardian moved and decided not to take her. **Cupcake was frightened and confused. She had lost the only home she had ever known.** Sadly, we quickly discovered she was in desperate need of veterinary care. Our team removed foxtails and burrs and determined that she had ear and skin infections. Cupcake also had horrible teeth and would need dental care. After Cupcake's health stabilized, she had her remaining eleven teeth extracted during surgery. She then started treatment for her ears and skin and went to recover in a loving foster home.

Cupcake's foster mom wrote a note to her future adopters, "I can't say enough good things about this sweet, happy little girl. My family fell in love with her. She has a little piece of my heart, and she deserves to go to a home where she will be loved and spoiled!"

When Cupcake was ready to be adopted, we learned that Delores, a long time SoHumane supporter, had lost her dear poodle and had been crying every day until she saw Cupcake on our website. Delores was overjoyed to meet Cupcake and immediately made plans to adopt her. After Cupcake was settled in her home Dolores wrote to staff, "We are all doing fine. She has gained five pounds, runs through the house and is well behaved. We all love her so much. Thank you, thank you for Cupcake."



**Because of your generosity and love for the animals, SoHumane has the resources to provide exceptional care for pets like Cupcake who are older and making the transition to a new home and family.**

## Love at first sight



When SoHumane staff first met Wesley, he was a tiny four-week-old kitten with an infection in his left eye. He was given antibiotics and placed in a caring foster home. Later his foster parent reported that he was wheezing, had watery eyes and was losing weight. With his health deteriorating, a breathing treatment was begun. A further exam determined that Wesley had a badly ulcerated eye. After more than two months of intensive foster care, Wesley's general health and eyes had improved, and he was made available for adoption.



Little Wesley had an engaging personality. After adopting, his new mom wrote a love note, "I feel that Wesley chose me. Each day when I would clean his kennel and give him snuggles (all animals at SoHumane are treated like family and get so much love), this little guy would literally jump out onto my shoulders and not want me to go. I kept saying; if he's not adopted tomorrow I'm bringing him home. Two weeks of me saying the same thing, and we made it official. Working with animals is amazing, rewarding, and so important. We love you, Mr. Wesley." Foster families save lives because of your kindness and compassion. **With your help we can reach out to hundreds of dogs and cats with special needs.**



## Your gift could be doubled!



You have a special place in your heart for dogs and cats who need homes. **Act today to have your gift matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$30,000 now through December 31st.** Please accept this challenge by a generous supporter who shares your compassion for animals. You can give the gift of food, shelter, veterinary care and love when you donate today. Your gift **will save lives.**

## *We believe in miracles.*

**Sometimes the rescue of one dog means six lives are saved.** When Candy arrived at SoHumane, staff knew she was expecting puppies and discovered she was not in good health. Candy was dehydrated, congested and sneezing. Luckily a wonderful foster home was found for her. During her veterinary exam, x-rays suggested that she might have five or six puppies in a few weeks. Candy's pregnancy progressed, and she was well carried for by her foster family. She was given nutritious food and lots of affection. But then her health took a turn for the worse. While giving birth, one of her puppies got stuck, and Candy required an emergency cesarean section. She and her puppies were in danger. Your gifts for the special veterinary needs of dogs and cats at SoHumane meant that Candy and her tiny puppies received lifesaving care that eventful day. Candy and her five newborn puppies returned to foster care where they thrived and grew strong.



Candy has a home.

The work at SoHumane has many ups and downs, running the gamut from finding homes for cats and dogs, to providing care for sick or injured animals prior to adoption. Candy and her sweet puppies - Mountain, River, Brooke, Ocean and Finnley - all found their forever homes through adoption. Thank you for being part of Candy's story. Because of you, Candy received lifesaving treatments and the best miracle of all...love from a new family to call her own.

## *Family is a gift that lasts forever.*



Susie came to SoHumane on the Saving Train last spring. Unfortunately, **Susie had not been well cared for and was likely in terrible pain.** During her veterinary exam, the vet care staff noted that Susie had severe tartar formation and gum recession on all of her canines and incisors. She was also missing ten teeth.

Over 80% of dogs over the age of three have active dental disease. Good dental health is critically important to a dog's overall well-being. Sadly, many dogs never receive dental care, which can lead to severe health problems, make eating painful, or even shorten their lifespan. Because Susie's health was at risk from the severity of her dental disease, staff scheduled her for surgery. Her dental surgery included eleven extractions plus cleaning and polishing. After a period of recovery, Susie was quickly adopted by a wonderful family.

A few weeks after she was adopted, we learned that not only did Susie find the perfect home she also found the perfect job! That's right, Susie goes to work every day with her mom at Abbett and Associates. Susie welcomes patients as they arrive and visits with them in the lobby while they wait for their dental procedures. Susie's mom shared "She is absolutely the sweetest snuggle bug in the entire world! We are all so in love with her. What a true blessing she has been! Thank you SoHumane for the amazing opportunity to have Susie in our lives."



*May your Holidays be filled with  
the magic of the season.  
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.*

*Karen and the SoHumane family*