



SoHumane



## *Family is not an important thing – it's everything.*

There's nothing more heartwarming than seeing smiles when a senior dog heads home with their new family! We wanted to share an adoption success story, celebrating the special "gotcha day" of not one but two special senior dogs. Shadow and Oreo came to SoHumane in the spring. Shadow had originally been adopted as a young pup. Thirteen years later Shadow's guardian was no longer able to care for him or Oreo and decided to bring them to SoHumane. We quickly realized that they needed to stay together. Finding a suitable home for a bonded pair can be challenging. But Shadow and Oreo were happy dogs – a snuggly pair. We knew they would find a family for their "golden years" with our help.

Both dogs had been loved and cared for. Many senior dogs and cats at SoHumane have age related medical needs so the dogs received senior health evaluations by the veterinary team. Twelve-year-old Oreo had cataracts in both eyes and was essentially blind; He also experienced some difficulty walking. Shadow's exam revealed that he had lenticular sclerosis in both eyes. A normal change associated with aging, the condition is not painful and does not cause blindness though vision may be less accurate. Shadow also had severe dental disease so a dental exam was scheduled. A dental cleaning can make a huge impact on the wellbeing of a dog or cat, improving their quality of life for many years.



Buddy & Peanut aka Shadow & Oreo

A SoHumane volunteer noticed Shadow and Oreo and thought about what it would mean to offer them a home. After some deliberation the decision was made to adopt the duo. When asked how it felt to be a new dog parent she commented, "Sometimes challenging - my first dog(s) ever, and I pick these two! Just having them look at you with adoring eyes is worth it." Now Buddy (Shadow) and Peanut (Oreo) have people who love them and are enjoying some adventures in their new life together. On behalf of all the dogs and cats who are loved and have homes, thank you for making their new beginnings possible. **Your compassion and support provide a safe place to call home until pets like Oreo and Shadow are ready for a forever family.**

## **Donate today and double your gift!**



Originally adopted in 2018, ten-year-old Pierre was returned to SoHumane when his guardian moved. Like many senior pets he suffered from dental disease. Thanks to your generous support, Pierre was treated and then placed in a forever home.

There are many pets like Pierre who need your help. Without you, they will spend their days in overcrowded shelters – disoriented by the strange surroundings and wondering what happened to their family.

Anonymous donors are ready to match your gift, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000 – now through November 30th. Please take up their challenge and donate today in honor of a loved one, a special pet or a favorite SoHumane program. Your gift today will have an even greater impact and save twice as many lives.



*You can't change a pet's past, but you can rewrite their future.*



Ava

Many dogs and cats that come to SoHumane have special challenges and need extensive veterinary care. Young Ava arrived as a Saving Train transfer from an area in Texas notorious for neglected and abandoned pets. A sweet girl, Ava loved everyone she met. Unfortunately, during her veterinary examination she tested positive for heartworm; a disease left untreated that leads to cardiac arrest, organ failure and other life-threatening emergencies. Treating animals for heartworm disease is extremely challenging and even more so in a shelter environment. Not only is it expensive, but physical activity needs to be restricted for five months. That's why we were delighted when an adopter visiting SoHumane fell in love with Ava and agreed to care for her during her treatment. Ava's new family was dedicated to seeing that she was in a loving home while she went through the long process of eliminating heartworms from her body.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, SoHumane was able to provide Ava's needed heartworm treatment and give her the second chance she so richly deserves. **We are grateful for the opportunity to**

**help pets like Ava receive critical veterinary care.** Many of the animals chosen for the Saving Train would not have been considered adoptable in other shelters due to breed or medical conditions. **You have a huge heart for homeless pets, dogs and cats that need an advocate – someone to say “you are safe.” Thank you for rewriting their future.**

Imagine being alone, with a broken leg and a serious infection in the resultant wound. And then finding yourself in a strange place with unusual sounds and smells and surrounded by people you didn't know. A stray adult unneutered male cat, Feyro's friendly personality charmed the vet care team and adoption staff at SoHumane. Despite being in pain, he was able to win the hearts of everyone around him. After being scheduled for surgery, he had his badly damaged leg amputated and was neutered. During his recovery period he further won the hearts of everyone around him. Feyro is now with a purrfect family, enjoying a good life, pain free and loved. **Generous supporters like you have helped countless cats and kittens through SoHumane's foster, adoption and spay/neuter programs. Because of you we never give up. Your gift today makes happy ending stories possible.**



Feyro

*A true friend accepts you as you are.*



Deebo

Meeting people was scary for Deebo. He had a rough start on life and experienced bouts of separation anxiety. His guardian brought him to SoHumane as a one-year-old pup, so that he would have a second chance. **Helping Deebo find a new home was a challenge that staff and volunteers gladly took on.** As young dog, he had a great deal of energy. Walks, outdoor games and romping with his dog friends helped reduce his anxiety. Deebo loves to frolic in water and lay out in the sunshine. He could play endless games of fetch and tug given the opportunity. Over time Deebo was able to form a special bond with several of the SoHumane staff and volunteers. When Deebo gets to know you he wants to be your friend forever.

It took several months to find Deebo a suitable match and a forever home. Deebo's new guardian and best friend shared, “We have changed each other's lives for the better. I think Deebo is finding himself. He is enjoying the serenity of his new surroundings and coming into his own. He's my missing

puzzle piece.” **Thanks to you, Deebo will be enjoying the holidays this year playing games and taking long walks with his forever friend.** With your support SoHumane is able to provide love, time, quality food and shelter, and exceptional veterinary care for all of the dogs and cats who need homes. **By donating today, you create a second chance for a homeless dog or cat.**

*Warm wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving holiday!*

*Karen and the staff at SoHumane*