



Love Is Worth Waiting For...

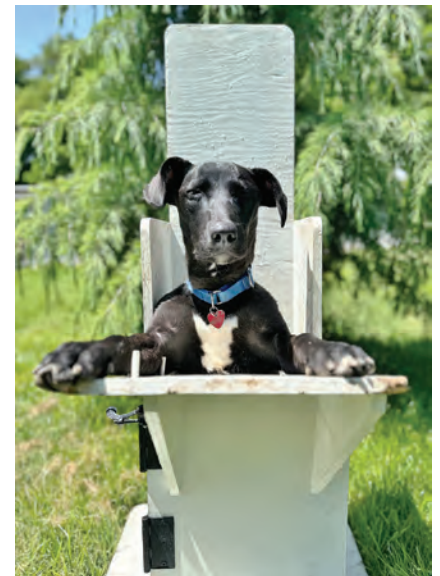
February is a perfect time to share how much we appreciate your compassion for the dogs and cats at SoHumane. Sometimes an animal in our care is suffering from a condition which affects their quality of life and creates a barrier to their adoption. In situations like these, your help is needed so that all of the dogs and cats receive the highest quality care available.

Great love stories often have unexpected beginnings. Abandoned at SoHumane when she was just ten weeks old, Wednesday was a sweet, adorable puppy but it became obvious that she couldn't keep food down. It was heartbreaking to watch Wednesday struggle after every meal. Each time she ate, there was distress in her eyes as her tiny body worked overtime trying to swallow, only for the food to come back up. A simple act was an enormous challenge for her. Without nutritious food, this young pup's health was in danger.

After a thorough physical examination and tests, Wednesday was diagnosed with an esophageal motility disorder, a condition where the muscles in the tube that connects the mouth to the stomach do not function properly, making swallowing difficult. She also had a hiatal hernia. With this diagnosis Wednesday's care plan included a custom-made Bailey chair to help her eat while in an upright position, thus allowing gravity to work its magic. She underwent surgery to repair the hernia, and a gastropexy was performed to tack her stomach to her abdominal wall. The results were nothing short of life-changing. Wednesday's condition was finally under control.

Wednesday wasn't concerned about her challenges — she was too busy enjoying life. Whether she was playing with other dogs or seeking affection from the people who cared for her, Wednesday's joyful spirit was contagious.

Now Wednesday is living her best life with her new dad and fur brother in a home filled with love. She had a rough time as a puppy, but today Wednesday is thriving and full of youthful energy. Wednesday's journey reminds us that love is the greatest gift to give and to receive. Love has the power to change a life — even that of a tiny pup. **Generous donors like you played a crucial role in ensuring that Wednesday has a bright future.**



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Love Brings Joy...

A stray cat was brought to SoHumane by a compassionate member of the community. The cat spent ten days in stray hold while staff waited to see if anyone would claim him, but unfortunately an owner did not show up. The veterinary team named the kitty Leroy and discovered that he had been living in discomfort for quite some time. He had a concerning heart murmur and severe dental disease with missing teeth and other teeth that were in urgent need of attention. It was clear that Leroy was in extreme pain, but despite a rough life, he had a loving nature.

After performing an echocardiogram to ensure it was safe to proceed with anesthesia, Leroy underwent an extensive dental procedure. Eleven of his teeth were already gone, and nine additional teeth had to be extracted to bring him the relief he so desperately needed. It was a big surgery, but afterwards Leroy was finally free from the pain that had shadowed his life for so long. He was given time to rest and heal in a SoHumane foster home.

And then something truly special happened — Leroy found his perfect match. One of the care team members decided that this sweet cat was meant to be a part of her family. She opened her heart and made Leroy a permanent member of her home.

Now known as Cosmo, this handsome kitty is thriving in a home filled with love and happiness. He's formed a strong bond with his new family which includes dogs and cats who were also adopted from SoHumane.

Love can find you even after the hardest of times. No matter where you start, love has the power to heal and bring joy. Cosmo is proof of that.

Thanks to you, SoHumane is able to find homes for over 1,000 animals each year. The need for specialized care continues to outweigh the resources available. Every month we face new challenges.

Will you join with us today by making a gift of \$35, \$50, or \$100 for vulnerable animals in our care? Your support is so critical. Your gift will have a direct positive impact on the cats and dogs at SoHumane. Your kindness equals their second chances.

We look forward to sharing more happy stories of cats and dogs with you this year.

Karen and the staff at SoHumane.

P.S. We know how much you care about the dogs and cats. **You can rush life-saving care to help animals like Wednesday and Leroy by making your most generous gift today.**



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