



Thank you for being there for the animals!

363 Derby Road, Middletown, NY 10940
(845) 386-9738 / www.petsalive.org
info@petsalive.org

Miss Snoopy's Journey: A reminder there is light in the darkness

Miss Snoopy was surrendered to Pets Alive in September after her mom was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Miss Snoopy's mom rescued her from a horrifying backyard breeding operation and wanted to ensure that her best friend had a soft place to land while she was still here to see it. We're so glad we had the resources to welcome Miss Snoopy into our care.

Miss Snoopy is a "Micro Bully," bred to be a smaller, more muscular version of a Bulldog. Micro Bullies are compact with oversized features, popular due to appearance and portability. Achievement of unnatural physical traits demands breeding to extreme proportions that prioritizes looks over wellbeing and health, putting dogs like Miss Snoopy behind the eight ball from before they are born.

Like the many litters of puppies she had before being rescued, Miss Snoopy was overbred. Micro Bullies suffer from severe health issues that require specialized care, like extreme breathing problems and allergies, joint pain, and digestive problems. Miss Snoopy is only four years old and already requires specialized care to live. It takes a special person to adopt a dog who inevitably requires a higher level of medical care from a young age... and on top of that, Miss Snoopy's checkered past made it impossible for her to live in a home with other animals. So who was coming for her? Enter: The Solans.

These days, Miss Snoopy is a girl of simple pleasures: short walks followed by long snuggles, sunbathing on the deck, and snacking on her favorite treat: sweet potatoes! Miss Snoopy has seamlessly acclimated to her new home with two human siblings. After grieving the loss of two dogs just eighteen months apart, the stars aligned for the Solans when they met Miss Snoopy! They describe her as always sweet, sometimes stubborn, and a true blessing. The Solans are honored to carry the torch of her first mama, and are committed to keeping Miss Snoopy healthy for the rest of her life.



Miss Snoopy reminds us how lucky we are. The privilege to support our neighbors, both human and animal, is not lost on us. Thanks to your support, Pets Alive was able to provide comfort and peace to Miss Snoopy and her first mama. Miss Snoopy is safe, loved, and home with The Solans today because of you.

From injured and homeless to spoiled rotten: Benny's Happy Ending

When a beloved stray cat went missing from his neighborhood after five years, the neighbors got worried. He finally showed back up after several months... but he was in terrible shape.



When we welcomed Benny into our care, he had one of the worst embedded collars our team has ever seen. We rushed Benny to Catskill Veterinary Services where he underwent emergency surgery. Benny's skin was dangerously infected and we didn't know how long and complicated his recovery would be, but we knew we'd be there for him no matter what.

Benny spent almost three months living at the vet full-time due to the severity of his condition. When he finally returned to the shelter, our team had the joy of seeing Benny's transformation from the fearful and injured cat we first met into a friendly goofball. Thanks to exceptional medical care and consistent love, Benny revealed the social, sweet, and silly guy we've come to know and love.

After months of around the clock medical care, Benny was out of the woods... but the severity of his wounds cannot be understated. Benny's medical needs were ongoing, so he still spent long weekends up at Catskill Veterinary Services every month or so. The staff grew quite attached to Benny during the initial three months he lived in their offices and his adorable nature continued to leave a big impression. After nine months of caring for him, Vanessa, an LVT at Catskill Veterinary Services, adopted Benny.

Thank you to Catskill Veterinary Services for taking such good care of our guy, Vanessa for finding room in her heart to bring Benny home, and all of you for making it possible for us to give Benny everything he needed to live a full and happy life. Pets Alive was able to provide Benny with extraordinary medical care and give him the time and attention he needed not only to survive, but thrive, thanks to your contributions.

After 293 Days... Freckles is home!

Freckles was rescued from neglect in September 2022. We quickly discovered that he has Cushing's Disease, an endocrine condition that leads to chronic infection, broken bones, ligament degeneration, type-2 diabetes, kidney stones, and more. We don't know how long he was left untreated, but are grateful that daily medication controls his pain and fights the diseases' long-term effects. There's no cure for Cushing's, but we knew that with proper care and consistent monitoring, Freckles would live a happy life! We just weren't quite sure with who.



Finding adoptive homes for animals with pre-existing medical conditions is inherently more challenging since not all adopters are equipped to care for an animal with medical needs. It takes a special person to welcome them into their heart and home, and after 293 days, Freckles struck gold. He was adopted by Pets Alive's amazing farrier and overall wonderful person, Cheyenne, and is thriving in her care. He has lots of new animal friends, including an alpaca named Sparkles and a crew of miniature horses.

Your donations to our Medical Fund make long-term care for animals like Freckles possible. We couldn't do this work without your support, and Freckles is home today thanks to you. Thank you for helping us give him the happy ending he deserved!

A message from our Executive Director: We are grateful for all of you!

Pets Alive is where it is today because of its community of volunteers, adopters, donors, and partners.



To our dedicated volunteers: your tireless efforts and selflessness are the backbone of Pets Alive. Your countless hours of hard work and commitment touch hundreds of animals every year, and we are in awe of your generous hearts.

To our incredible donors: your support is instrumental. It allows us to continue our lifesaving work, expand our reach, and grow as a community organization. Your belief in our mission and willingness to stand by us during rewarding *and* challenging times profoundly impacts the animals we serve and all of us at Pets Alive. Because of you, our state-of-the-art facility is on track to open in 2024! We can't wait to welcome you to Pets Alive's future in person.

To our loving adopters: thank you for choosing to adopt! Adoption changes the life of the furry friend you bring home while enriching your own, and we wish you and your new family a lifetime filled with happiness.

From the bottom of our hearts: thank you for being the driving force behind Pets Alive. Every one of you played a part in helping the 700+ animals served by Pets Alive in 2023. Your belief in our work fuels our determination and your kindness keeps our spirits high. **We look forward to many more achievements and milestones in 2024, made possible by your unwavering support.**



Becky Tegze
Executive Director



Welcome to the Future of Pets Alive!

We have some big updates to share... 12,000 square feet big! Five years in the making, alongside KLM Architect and Martell Builders, Pets Alive broke ground on its new Community Resource and Adoption Center in November 2022.

Pets Alive's 50-year-old kennel building served us incredibly well, but a leaking roof, inadequate space, crumbling mason work, and other structural issues are just a few of the reasons that we hired Shelter Planners of America to help us figure out how to improve our kennels and in turn, improve the lives of the animals in our care. The new building will feature heated floors, an expanded adoption area, more intake, quarantine, and medical evaluation space, a community room, 51 dog kennel enclosures, and large garage doors in the kennel area to provide sunlight and fresh air for the dogs.



The construction team has made immense progress during the first twelve months of work. The day the walls went up was exhilarating, to say the least! We watched in wonder as the steel framework went up, the outline of each kennel door took shape, plumbing and drainage systems were installed, and spaces we recognized materialized. It has been amazing to watch the kennel take shape and we can't help but envision the building in its completion.

The new building will provide larger, healthier, and safer environments for the dogs in our care as well as our staff, visitors, and volunteers and open up avenues to expand our community programs that support our neighbors. Simply put, Pets Alive would not be where it is today without the ongoing support of our donors, volunteers, and local community. The sense of camaraderie during this time of change sustains us, and we are grateful to everyone who has supported us over the years.

We're thrilled to share that \$1.8 million has been contributed by Pets Alive donors and a grant from New York State. The total cost of the building and site-work is projected to land between \$5-6 million, and your support helped us raise nearly 30% of the total cost of the project already. **As a nonprofit organization, Pets Alive is funded 100% by donations from each and every one of you.** We have launched a special fundraising campaign that invites individuals who would like to contribute toward the project with naming opportunities that recognize a wide range of gift levels. Naming opportunities begin at \$1,000 and provide an opportunity to support our efforts while recognizing a loved one or companion animal. For more information about our capital fundraising campaign, please contact Becky Tegze at becky@petsalive.org.

251 Animals Still Need Your Help

When a baby goat was spotted wandering around Sullivan County all alone in September, we knew we had to help. We can't be certain what chain of events led a helpless baby to fight for survival, but his ear tag indicates he came from a farm – and likely saved his own life by escaping. We have since named this brave little goat George, and we love him so much already.

George has been through a lot, so we are taking our time getting to know him. He is still learning that humans are kind, so our team is going slow by spending a few minutes reading to him, sharing fresh vegetables and fruits with him, and just quietly coexisting. The opportunity to see him start trust brings us so much joy, and we will be here for him every step of the way. **Thanks to your donations, George has a safe and loving place not just to live, but to blossom.**



We welcomed Magwa and Sluggo last January from a condemned house with over a dozen animals still inside. There was no running water, septic system, electricity, or heat for almost a year, and the animals who were left behind had nowhere to go. All 12 of the surviving animals were in rough shape — emaciated, dehydrated, and injured — and went without medical attention for years. On top of that, Magwa and Sluggo are twelve-years-old and experience age-related health issues. **We couldn't do it without you: your donations allow us to provide long-term medical care for animals like Magwa and Sluggo possible.** We are hopeful these bonded brothers will find a home outside of the shelter, but thanks to you, they are home with us no matter what.

Midnight experienced a great loss when her owner passed away and no family members were able to help. Midnight has always been shy with new people, so she tends to get overlooked in favor of cats who are more bubbly than she is. Midnight is patiently waiting for her family to scoop her up and is hopeful someone will give her the chance to show how sweet she is once she is comfortable. **Because of your support, Pets Alive is able to say "yes!" to cases like this when everyone else says no.**



You can make a difference today by sponsoring George, Magwa, Sluggo, and Midnight. Sponsorships make it possible for us to welcome more animals in need because we know that we have your support behind them. **Make a one-time donation today to help us meet the immediate needs of the Pets Alive animals or become a monthly donor to help save lives year-round!**

There are several ways to donate to help all the animals that come through our doors:

- Make a donation **NOW** using the enclosed Reply Card and envelope to mail your gift or charge it. Your contribution goes to work immediately!
- Become a **Monthly Sponsor** for any amount! Your recurring gifts help provide unconditional love month in and month out. You can use the enclosed Reply Card to set up a monthly contribution with a credit or debit card. Remember to check "Recurring Monthly Sponsorship."
- Donate via **PayPal**. Reference our website to set up payment: <https://petsalive.org/sponsor-a-pet>.

Here are some examples of the impact of your gift:

- \$5 buys a squeaky toy for a dog or a catnip toy for a cat
- \$25 provides a comfortable bed and cozy blankets
- \$50 covers a round of vaccines for a pet who just arrived
- \$100 pays for one spay or neuter before a pet is adopted
- \$250 subsidizes the cost of hay for barn animals for 2 weeks
- \$500 underwrites the cost of one pet's vet care
- \$1,000 covers the cost of food for 25 pets for an entire month

Check out our pets available for adoption at: <https://petsalive.org>. For questions, email us at info@petsalive.org.

Upon request, you can obtain a copy of the latest Pets Alive annual report by writing at Pets Alive, 363 Derby Road, Middletown, NY 10940, or from the New York State Attorney General's Charity Bureau by writing the Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10271. Our tax-exempt number is 11-2975276.