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3,214 Days an Underdog's Journey Home! Heath's Story

Heath's first three years of life are a mystery to us. His journey with Pets Alive began in March 2015 when this three-year-old boy was welcomed into the Pets Alive family coming to us from a local Animal Control. Fast forward 170 days and we were thrilled Heath had found a new family! We wished him a happy life and waved goodbye as he drove into the sunset with his new mom.

Despite our best efforts, things sometimes go differently than planned. That is exactly what happened in February of 2019 when we received a phone call from a family who had loved and cared for Heath but wasn't the adopter he had driven off into the sunset with. Much to our surprise, we learned not only had Heath been left behind when his adopter moved out, but the kind and caring landlord loved Heath and gave him a loving home until they moved into a new place that Heath couldn't go to with them. After 1271 days, our loving dog caregiving team again welcomed Heath back with open arms.

But this time was different. Heath was older and afraid to trust people. Who could blame him? He had been failed more than once by the very people who were supposed to love and care for him unconditionally. Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers showered Heath with love and attention, giving him the time and reassurance he needed every step of the way for the next 1,773 days. And when we weren't expecting it, a superhero walked through our doors! Our superhero was looking for an underdog! One that had been passed over time and time again because of age and circumstances. So, just shy of his 11th birthday, Heath's journey home is complete!

Because of your continued and unwavering support of Pets Alive, we were able to care for and support Heath on this last leg of his journey home. Without you being our partners in rescue, we could not make the lifetime commitment we make to the underdogs waiting for their superheroes to walk through those same doors. So, from all the underdogs out there, we say thank you!



A Midnight Waltz: Cinderella's Journey to a second Fairytale Ending



Cinderella's dance began on a sad melody when her loving elderly mom was faced with the heart-wrenching fact that she could no longer care for Cinderella and her three kitty siblings because she could no longer care for herself.

Arriving at Pets Alive in September, our dedicated, loving staff and volunteers did everything they could to help Cinderella adjust to the twists and turns she now faced. They all knew that to put the sparkle back into her paws, a new family was needed to fill her dance card. Thankfully, Cinderella's dance card didn't stay empty for very long.

In November, Miriam decided it was time to adopt again. Seeing pictures of senior pets who were surrendered because their owners could no longer keep them, she knew she wanted to give one of these deserving cats a loving home again. "When I met Cinderella, I could see she was a sweet and loving cat, and I knew I could give her the home she needed," stated Miriam. "It has been a joy watching her personality emerge since I adopted her. She was shy the first several days but was gentle and well-behaved and warmed up to me quickly. Cinderella loves her lap time and I am amazed at how playful she is for a 12-year-old. She chases balls around the house and loves running through her tunnel and attacking the attached ball. She is sweet, funny, easy to live with, and a great companion. She has added so much to my life."

Miriam also encourages anyone who has time and wants a companion to adopt an older pet. Cinderella reminds us how lucky we are to be able to help and support our community, both human and animal. Thanks to your support, Pets Alive provided peace of mind and support to Cinderella's first mom when she needed it most.

A message from our Board President

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support of Pets Alive. Your dedication and generosity have been instrumental in our mission to provide care, shelter, and love to animals in need.

Thanks to your contributions, we have been able to rescue and rehabilitate countless furry friends, finding them loving homes and giving them a second chance at life. Your financial support, time, and effort have made a tangible difference in the lives of these animals and in our community as a whole.

Our work at Pets Alive would not be possible without the invaluable partnerships we have forged with donors like you, sponsors who believe in our cause, and volunteers who selflessly give their time and energy. Together, we are making a meaningful impact and creating a brighter future for animals in need.

Dr. Joseph D'Abbraccio, DVM
Board President and Chairman



A message from our Executive Director



Spring is all about renewal – the air is warmer, flowers are blooming and birds are chirping. It's as if nature has pushed the reset button.

Pets Alive is undergoing a renewal as well. After I stepped into my executive director role earlier this year, Becky Tegze turned her focus to development and fundraising. She has been, and will continue to be, instrumental in raising money for our new Community Resource + Adoption Center.

In addition to this state-of-the-art building, we are growing our volunteer program, increasing kitten foster homes and saving more animals in need. Our ultimate goal is to serve as the community resource for keeping pets and people together. Until that dream is realized, our ongoing effort to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals continues.

We hope that you, our loyal supporters, will remain on this exciting journey with Pets Alive. It is only because of you that we are able to sustain this important work and make a difference in so many lives.

On a personal note, many thanks to the individuals who have welcomed me to the Pets Alive family. I understand that change can be scary, and I recognize that this organization has a great deal of history. I look forward to stewarding our pets and people through the next chapter in the Pets Alive story.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me: sarah.wees@petsalive.org



Sarah Wees
Executive Director



Support Our Future!

As the interior walls of our **Community Resource and Adoption Center** rise, each panel tells a story of hope, compassion, and unwavering commitment to our furry friends. Step by step. Brick by brick. We're building more than just a structure — we're constructing a haven where love and care will flourish for years to come!

What once existed only in blueprints and imaginations now stands a tall, tangible manifestation of our vision. Every nail-driven and every wall erected brings us one step closer to realizing our goal of a vibrant, welcoming space where compassion and care will thrive. This bustling site is not just a construction project. It's a symphony of hard work and determination, harmonizing to create a sanctuary for those in need.



After over five years of unwavering dedication and tireless effort, we stand on the cusp of a remarkable milestone: the anticipated opening of our Community Resource and Adoption Center in Fall 2024. This journey, marked by perseverance and passion, has been a testament to the power of community and the boundless potential of collective action. As we eagerly await the unveiling of our long-awaited facility, we invite you to join us in leaving an indelible mark on this transformative endeavor. By becoming a part of our Paw Print Club, you not only support our mission but also gain the opportunity to stitch your name into the fabric of our center. With naming opportunities starting at \$1,000, you can ensure that your legacy is intertwined with the compassionate work we do. Join us as we embark on this journey together, shaping a brighter future for all creatures great and small. To learn more, please email Becky at becky@petsalive.org or call 845-386-9738 ext 403.

164 Animals Still Need Your Help

We are big believers in helping those who need us the most. When the call came from our local Animal Control Officer in Otisville that a tiny, frightened, badly matted dog had been found wandering outside in below-freezing temperatures, there was only one answer: **"Yes, we can help!"**

Oscar is no longer matted and is surrounded by love and compassion. He has gone from a scared, terrified little boy to a sweet...sometimes sassy, little guy. **Thanks to your donations, Oscar was given the opportunity not only to heal but also to blossom.**



OSCAR THEN

OSCAR NOW



Kiera and her hero!

Found by a little boy playing outside, two little kittens were just a week old and alone underneath a tree. Sadly, Mom was never coming back as she had been hit and killed by a car. Tragically, this is an all too common occurrence in the world of rescue. Our little hero and his mom did everything they could for Kiera and Simba, bottle feeding around the clock and keeping them warm and safe, but then the kittens started to fade, and our everyday heroes knew they needed help. Once the call came into Pets Alive our team jumped into action, arranging immediate veterinary care. Hospitalized for around-the-clock care and support, woefully, Simba didn't survive. But Kiera thrived under the care of our little hero and his mom! **Because of your support, Pets Alive was able to say "yes!" to over 400 cats and kittens since our little hero stepped up to save Kiera and Simba.**

Calling All HEROES!

As we strive to make a positive impact in our community and beyond, we rely on the support of individuals like **you** who share our mission for a loving, supportive, humane community. Become a monthly **HERO** and be part of the positive change we aim to achieve. Your support empowers us to implement solutions, foster education, and provide assistance where it is needed most.

What does being a monthly **HERO** mean to Pets Alive and our animal-loving community? **Consistent Impact:** Monthly donations provide a stable and predictable source of funding, allowing us to plan and execute long-term change.

Sustainability: By becoming a monthly donor, you contribute to the sustainability of our programs. This ongoing support enables us to tackle challenges with a continuous and unwavering commitment. **Maximize Your Impact:** Even a modest monthly donation accumulates into a substantial contribution over time. Your commitment ensures that we can allocate resources efficiently and maximize the impact of every dollar.

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's 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

Upon request, you can obtain a copy of the latest Pets Alive annual report by writing to 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.