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HER LEGACY WILL LIVE ON



We're devastated to share that on August 16th, we lost a caring, kind, and strong friend. Mary Ann Bopp was Pets Alive's treasured Development Director for nearly nine years, and she leaves behind a legacy of kindness and quiet determination. Mary Ann dedicated herself fully to bettering the lives of animals in need, and her devotion to Pets Alive was felt by everyone she knew.

Mary Ann was an active member of the Wallkill Rotary, American Pet Professionals, Mid-Hudson Valley Association of Fundraising Professionals, and Bethel Woods Center of the Arts, and touched countless lives

during her years of volunteer service. She never shied away from a challenge and embraced collaboration across organizations and sectors to help create a better world for all.



Mary Ann's commitment to animals lives on in every Pets Alive staff member, volunteer, adopter, and supporter. Mary Ann was the powerhouse behind the new kennel project, and we're sorry she won't have the chance to celebrate with us. We don't quite have the words to express the depth of this loss, but we know she is watching over us. We will keep working tirelessly to make her proud.

After 3 Years... Nate is Home!

Nate called Pets Alive home and our team of staff and volunteers his family for 3 years, and we're over the moon to share that he is finally home! Nate's size, breed, and adorable face yielded plenty of interested adopters, but his quirks and fear-based reactivity made it tough to find a home where he would thrive. It broke our hearts to read applications for him week after week only to cancel introductions once interested adopters learned about his behavior limitations.

Nate struggled to trust new people and acquired quite a reputation at Pets Alive as a tiny dog with a big personality! Nate kept his circle of friends small, and immediately selected our Dog Adoptions Coordinator, Ryan, as his chosen family. Ryan was Nate's best friend and champion during his 3 years at Pets Alive, and he never stopped believing that there was someone out there for Nate. He never gave up hope that one day, Nate would trust someone else just as much as he trusted him.

On August 12th, everything changed. We got an application for Nate from someone who understood that he was a... special guy with limitations. The great news? He was ready to meet Nate to see if they were the right fit! Kyle drove all the way from Albany three times to spend time with Nate and Ryan at Pets Alive. The three of them spent hours doing supervised introductions, bonding, and taking Nate for walks. Our hearts swelled every time Kyle returned to see Nate, and we still can't quite wrap our minds around the fact that after three long visits, Kyle was ready to permanently open his heart and home to Nate.



On September 12th, Ryan and his partner, Joshua, delivered Nate to his new adventure with Kyle. Nate walked into Kyle's house like he owned the place and has been growing, learning, and snuggling with his new dad ever since. We couldn't be happier for Nate – we've waited years for this moment! We're endlessly grateful that Nate finally found a special person who loves him for all that he is. Thank you, Kyle, for embracing Nate, quirks and all.

We feel lucky we were afforded the privilege to care for this rascal for three long years. **It is because of your support that we are able to offer dogs like Nate a safe place to land. No matter how long it takes to find our adoptable animals the right home, we are here for them. From the bottom of our hearts: thank you for helping to make our work possible.**

Blind, Deaf, and Wandering Alone

When Mistletoebeans was found wandering alone in a field last November, we could not have predicted the journey one little cat would have! Shortly after arriving at Pets Alive, our team discovered that Mistletoebeans is blind, deaf, and FIV+. How she managed to avoid serious injury during her time as a stray continues to mystify us, but we are so glad she found us.

Mistletoebeans' first few days at the shelter were tough. She slept the days away, and we gave her all the freedom and space she needed to recover from what we assumed was a harrowing experience. As she acclimated to the shelter, Mistletoebeans quickly realized that the Pets Alive staff and volunteers were loving caregivers and friends only there to make her days bright and filled with love. We weren't quite sure who would adopt this blind, deaf, and FIV+ girl, but we knew that no matter what, we'd always be there for her. No matter what, she would always have a home with us.



On January 27th, 2022, everything changed for Mistletoebeans. June Lombardi and her daughter, Marina Lombardi, are famous at Pets Alive... for adopting harder to place, medically unique animals to provide them with a loving home. After adopting Missy, a blind kitten with Anophthalmia and Microphthalmia, and Neigh-Belline, an adult cat with lifelong lung abnormalities after severe pneumonia... Mistletoebeans would be in good company, right? So when the Lombardis saw Mistletoebeans, it was all over for them.

We are so grateful to the Lombardis for opening their home and hearts to special needs animals, and we're over the moon for Mistletoebeans. **Thanks to your donations, Mistletoebeans got the medical care she desperately needed and not only survived, but thrived.**

Welcome to the Farm, Freckles

We'd like to introduce you to our newest barn resident, Freckles! Freckles is a miniature donkey who came into our care at the end of 2022. Freckles has Cushing's Disease, an endocrine condition that leads to severe chronic infection, laminitis and broken bones, ligament degeneration, type-2 diabetes, kidney stones, high blood pressure, and more. We don't know how long his condition was left untreated, but we're so glad that Freckles is with us now. Freckles requires daily medications and close monitoring to control his pain and fight the long-term effects of his condition. There's no cure for Cushing's Disease, but with proper medical care and consistency, Freckles will live a comfortable and happy life. Freckles is an incredibly gentle and sweet boy, and we can't wait to share updates with you as he improves. He will be available for adoption once he is feeling better!



Did you know that Pets Alive is one of the few rescue organizations in the Hudson Valley that can react quickly to emergency situations of neglect and cruelty cases involving large farm animals? Over the years, we have been called to help with cows, emus, llamas, horses, donkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats to name just a few! **Caring for our barn buddies is no small undertaking! It costs \$1,500 a month to get straw, hay, and feed alone! That doesn't include the cost of their Ferrier appointments or ongoing medical attention they usually require.**

A message from our Executive Director: They Need Us Now More Than Ever



Homeless animals and families in our community need us more than ever. Nationally, there are 7.3% more animals entering the shelter system than are leaving, the highest levels shelters have experienced since 2019. Here at Pets Alive, our local stray intakes are up close to 50%. **In 2021, we opened our hearts and arms to 95 local stray pets. In 2022, we've already welcomed 183!**

Many required immediate medical attention, including Little Miss, who came in with severely ruptured mammary masses. Granola arrived at Pets Alive flea infested, dehydrated, severely underweight, and unable to open his eyes. In 2022 we also had a stray goat and stray geese!



More families than ever are reaching out to us for assistance with pet food, supplies, and rehoming help... all at a time when adoptions are down by more than 25%. Homeless pets stay with us longer, making it that much harder for us to help the increasing number of pets and families in need.

We can't do what we do best - helping, saving, and rescuing - without you. Homeless pets need all of us. Our supporters, adopters, volunteers, and fellow animal warriors will need to reach deep and fight even harder as our shelter system remains in crisis.

Five years in the making, I'm thrilled to announce construction has started on our new state-of-the-art Community Resource and Adoption Center. Tears rolled down my face as the first piece of construction equipment was delivered, because I know that with your support and your belief in the mission of Pets Alive, thousands of lives will be changed for the better. Without you, our animal loving community of adopters, volunteers, and supporters, we would not be where we are today. So, from all of us here at Pets Alive: **THANK YOU!**



Adoption Room



Construction Equipment Arriving on Site

For all the latest updates on construction please visit <https://petsalive.org/the-dog-kennel-transformation-project/>

Becky Tegze
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Executive Director



Becky with Little Miss a local stray

263 Animals Need Your Help.

Animals like Gump

Some dogs who come to Pets Alive only stay here for a few weeks before finding their forever homes, but some dogs like Gump need more time to adjust. Gump arrived at Pets Alive in March 2022 after months of being spotted on the run. Gump is classified as semi-feral: his contact with humans is obviously limited, but not completely foreign. We can all see his desire to trust us despite his fear of the unknown and his bravery with every touch he allows despite his apprehension of what he doesn't understand. **Thanks to your donations, Gump had the opportunity to blossom over the last 10 months.** It is because of your support that we can give him the support he needs to thrive, and we are so grateful.



Sylvester Stallion

Sylvester lived the first few years of his life on a horse farm, but quickly adjusted to all of the luxuries of house cat life. Potential adopters fall in love with Sylvester when they meet him, but his medical condition causes him to keep getting overlooked. **Because of your contributions, we are able to provide Sylvester with the medication and care that he needs as we patiently search for his family.**

Jessica Albaaah

Jessica Albaaah is one of 28 goats who came to Pets Alive in July 2020 from an abusive situation. All of the goats at Pets Alive suffer from CAE (caprine arthritis encephalitis). CAE is one of the most prominent diseases that affects goats and causes moderate to severe inflammation and arthritis that results in extreme



swelling of joints. Some goats with CAE show little to no symptoms, but others, like Jessica, struggle to get around gracefully. If you come visit us at Pets Alive, you'll often see Jessica resting on her knees to munch on grass. She does that to relieve pressure from her joints and rest up in between playtimes!

We have cared for and loved Jessica for two and a half years but have not yet been awarded custody. There are 11 farm animals in our care indefinitely as we provide a safe haven for them during their ongoing legal cases, and we cover the cost of all of their medical care and food during their stay with us no matter how long they are with us. **We couldn't do it without you: your donations make longterm care for animals like Jessica possible.**

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 by spreading your gift over the year through recurring payments; you will provide unconditional love month in and month out. You can use the enclosed reply card to set this up with a credit or debit card. Remember to check "Recurring Monthly Sponsorship."

-**Pay via PayPal.** Reference our website to set up your payment via PayPal:

<https://petsalive.org/sponsor-a-pet/>.

Check out our pets available for adoption at:

<https://petsalive.org/>. For questions, email us at info@petsalive.org.

Here's examples of the impact of your gift:

- \$5 buys a squeaky dog toy or a catnip toy
- \$25 provides a comfortable bed and cozy blankets
- \$50 covers vaccinations for a pet at our shelter
- \$100 pays for one spay or neuter before a pet is adopted
- \$250 pays for the barn animal's hay for two weeks
- \$500 underwrites the cost of a healthy pet's vet care
- \$1,000 covers the cost of food for 25 pets for a month

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