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From Lost to Loved: Spur's Journey to a Forever

Spur's journey began in 2020, in an overcrowded animal shelter in North Carolina. From there, he made his way north to Pets Alive, a place where we all hoped he would find a better life. Little did we know the detours his path would take.

After 28 days with us, Spur's lucky day came when he was adopted. But to everyone's dismay, he got spooked, jumped off the porch of his new family's home, and vanished into thin air. Despite thousands of flyers and numerous search parties, there wasn't a single sighting of Spur for 6 long months.

Then, a miracle happened. Spur was found at a community cat feeding station! His days of running were over, and he was back in our loving arms. However, his time on the streets had left him terrified of human kindness.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers didn't give up. Slowly but surely, they began to crack his shell. His progress was slow, but it was steady and full of hope.

After 1,158 days, another angel entered Spur's life. This remarkable woman fell in love with Spur, undeterred by his mistrust of strangers. She committed herself to winning him over. Weeks of patient visits and gentle persistence paid off. Spur finally got his happy ending—living fear-free with a mom who loves him unconditionally, and whom he trusts and loves in return.

Spur's story is just one of many. It's a testament to the incredible work done by our team and the profound impact of your support. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission, providing second chances to animals like Spur.

Please consider making a year-end gift to Pets Alive. Every dollar makes a difference and brings us closer to a world where every animal knows love and kindness.



Edelweiss: A Journey of Resilience and Hope



As we close out another year at Pets Alive, we want to share a heartwarming story that embodies the resilience and hope that drives our mission. **It's a story of patience, love, and the extraordinary spirit of a special cat named Edelweiss.**

Edelweiss arrived at Pets Alive in December 2021 under heartbreaking circumstances. She had been living in a car, her only shelter from the harsh elements, until her owner abandoned her. A good Samaritan who had been watching out for her finally brought her to Pets Alive, where our team welcomed her with open arms.

Despite her trials, Edelweiss showed remarkable resilience and unwavering hope. For **960 days**, she became a beloved resident at Pets Alive, winning the hearts of volunteers, staff, and visitors alike. Our team worked tirelessly to provide her with the care and love she deserved, always believing her new family was out there.

After nearly three years, Edelweiss's dream came true. A family saw in her what we had seen all along—a beautiful soul deserving of love and a home. Today, Edelweiss is thriving in her new home, a testament to the power of hope and the difference a dedicated community can make. As we reflect on her story, we are reminded of the countless other animals who still await their happy endings. **Your support makes stories like hers possible. Together, we can ensure that every animal at Pets Alive has the chance to find their forever home.**

A message from our Board President

Dear Friends of Pets Alive,

As we reflect on this past year, I am filled with immense gratitude for the incredible support we have received from donors like you. Your unwavering commitment to our mission has enabled us to continue providing love, care, and second chances to countless animals in need.

At Pets Alive, we believe that every life is precious, and thanks to your generosity, we have been able to remain a beacon of hope for animals who have no one else to turn to. Your financial contributions and in-kind donations have allowed us to expand our services, enhance our facilities, and, most importantly, save more lives.



However, our work is far from done. The challenges of running a no-kill shelter are constant, and we rely on your ongoing support to ensure that we can continue this vital work. As we approach the end of the year, I humbly ask you to consider renewing your support. Whether through a financial gift or an in-kind donation, every bit helps us to provide the care, shelter, and love that these animals deserve. Our work continues with the capital campaign to pay for the brand new state-of-the-art Community Resource and Adoption Center. This gorgeous new building will allow us to continue various education program, offer safe housing for our dogs, and more. Our cat facilities are in dire need of rehabilitation, and we are asking for both operations and capital campaign project support for the next phase of our development.

From all of us at Pets Alive, and on behalf of the animals whose lives you have touched, thank you. Your kindness and generosity make all the difference, and we look forward to continuing this journey with you in the year ahead. With heartfelt appreciation,

Dr. Joe D'Abbraccio
President & Chairman of the Board of Directors
Pets Alive

A message from our Executive Director

Fall ushers in cooler weather, colorful foliage, and the enjoyment of sipping a hot beverage by the fire. After a busy Spring and Summer, many people take this opportunity to slow down a bit and reflect on the year they have had, as the holiday season kicks into gear.

This year has been busy for Pets Alive. We made significant progress on our Community Resource and Adoption Center <https://petsalive.org/community-resource-and-adoption-center-transformation-project/>; signed a new TNR contract with the City of Middletown to help combat the feral cat problem; hosted the annual Kitten Shower; shared our mission at several local events; welcomed dozens of new volunteers; created enrichment programs for our long-term residents; conducted many fundraisers to support our vital work; donated food to ensure pets could stay with the people who love them; and assembled a hard-working and dedicated team to continue our lifesaving work into 2025 and beyond.



We also said good-bye to a Pets Alive fixture. Becky Tegze was involved with this organization for many years, first as a volunteer and then in various staff roles up to Executive Director. She ably navigated through the pandemic and took on even more responsibility after the untimely death of long-time staff member Mary Ann Bopp in late 2022. Becky will be greatly missed by the people who worked alongside her and the animals she cared for.

Pets Alive has been through a lot of changes over the years, but our purpose has never wavered. As we have done since 1988, we will continue to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome pets in need. Whether they come to us with a medical issue, or they've been abandoned, or they are simply too young to survive on their own, Pets Alive will say YES. It is only because of our loyal donors and compassionate community that we are able to say yes when others say no.

I hope you will join us in our new efforts to carry on the work that began so many years ago. With your support, Pets Alive will remain a beacon of hope for the animals and people we serve.

Sarah Wees
Executive Director

Exciting Progress and Key Milestones Achieved!



Our much-anticipated **Community Resource and Adoption Center** project is truly transforming before our eyes! With walls going up, we can finally see the human and dog spaces taking shape! The excitement is palpable as we **rapidly approach the finish line**, eager to see what happens next. Thank you for being a part of this journey and for believing in our mission!

Every milestone achieved in the past six years is a testament to the unwavering support and tireless efforts poured into Pets Alive's Community Resource and Adoption Center. The commitment to making a difference is evident in every detail. Witnessing the incredible progress, from the meticulous work on the nine individual kennel sections equipped with HVAC systems to the freshly painted walls and modern light fixtures, **each step taken was made with love and powered by love. Together, we have made it possible.**

With your support, Pets Alive will be able to enhance the comfort and well-being of animals in our care while also creating a more welcoming space for potential adopters and community members. The new Community Resource and Adoption Center will serve not only as a haven for homeless pets but also as a hub for education, outreach, and community engagement.



As the construction of the Community Resource and Adoption Center moves along splendidly, with significant progress made in recent months, **we continue to rely on your support. Every donation brings us closer to our goal of opening a state-of-the-art facility that reflects our dedication to providing a safe and nurturing environment for all.** The installation of big bay doors, modern light fixtures, and new plumbing systems are just a few examples of how every contribution makes a difference. **Join us in leaving an indelible mark** on this transformative endeavor. Donate today to our Capital Campaign, and help us make this vision a reality. **Together, we can do it!** For more information on how you can support this project please contact: Robert Lane, Capital Campaign Manager 845-558-6467

To learn more about our Community Resource and Adoption Center, scan the QR code. You'll find detailed information about the project's journey, recent updates, and ways to get involved, including joining our Paw Print Club!



170 Animals Still Need Your Help



We are big believers in helping those who need us the most. Over Memorial Day weekend, while many of you enjoyed barbecues and parades, the team at Pets Alive was urgently helping Prince Fabien, a 2-year-old stray suffering from severe neglect. Found without a collar or microchip, his nails were overgrown, his skin raw and inflamed, causing hair loss, and he had two painful cherry eyes. Thanks to immediate intervention and a comprehensive treatment plan from Catskill Veterinary Service, Prince Fabien began his journey to recovery.

Another heart-wrenching case this year was Little Baby Charlie, a 4-week-old kitten found in a dire state by a good Samaritan and brought to us. Severely emaciated, weighing less than a pound—half of what she should weigh—and fighting a severe upper respiratory infection, Charlie had one ruptured eye and the other on the brink of rupture. She was rushed to Catskill Veterinary Service, where she received life-saving care.



These stories highlight why community support is so crucial for animals in need. Your donations enable us to provide urgent care, rehabilitation, and a second chance for vulnerable animals like Prince Fabien and Baby Charlie. Please consider donating to help us continue this vital work in the coming year.

Be a HERO to Those Who Need You the Most!

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!

Become a **Monthly Hero!**

Make a **one-time donation!**



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