



PETS ALIVE NEWSLETTER

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A message from our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Spring is a time of renewal, and at Pets Alive, we are celebrating fresh starts and exciting milestones. This month, we have incredible stories to share—stories of resilience, dedication, and progress that would not be possible without your unwavering support.

First, we invite you to meet Nala, a brave and beautiful pup who arrived at Pets Alive in dire condition. Thanks to the dedication of our staff and volunteers, Nala has made a remarkable recovery and is now ready to find her forever home! Her journey is a testament to the love and care that defines Pets Alive’s mission.

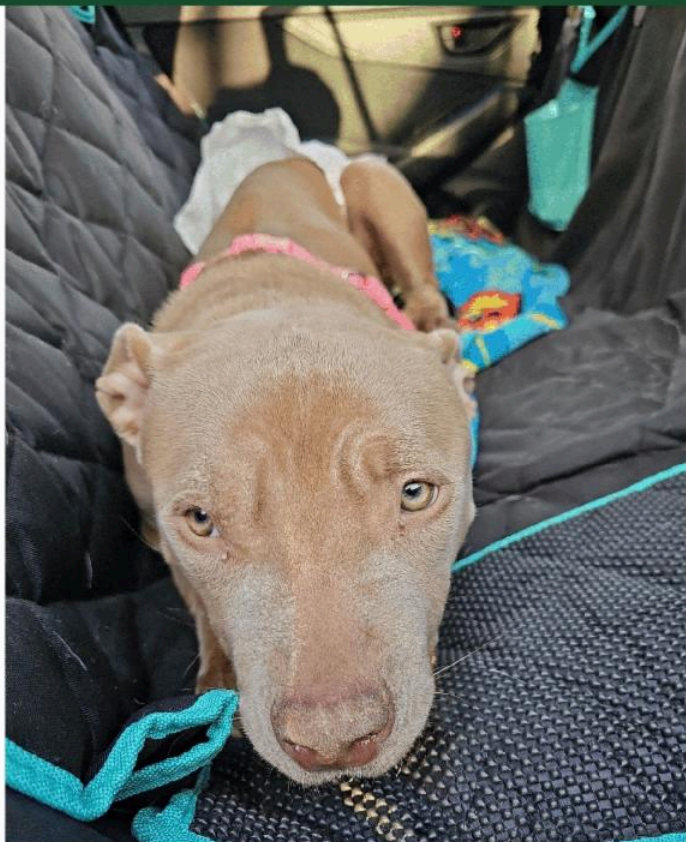
We are excited to introduce you to one of our valued team members, Quentin Long, who is set to graduate from SUNY Cobleskill in May with a degree in Animal Science. Quentin’s hard work and passion for animal welfare inspires us all, and we are thrilled to see his continued growth in this field.

Getting ready for the planting season? Take look at our pet-friendly gardening advice first!

Finally, we have a special sneak peek at something truly exciting—the upcoming Pets Alive Adoption and Community Resource Center! This new space will allow us to expand our services, connect more animals with loving families, and provide essential resources to pet owners in need. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the grand opening! None of this would be possible without you—our incredible supporters, volunteers, and advocates. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to save lives and build a brighter future for animals in need.

Together for the animals,
Lisa Weisbrod
Executive Director

NALA'S NEW BEGINNING: A Story of Survival and Second Chances



New Year's Eve is a day of countdowns and new beginnings. But for Nala, it was a day of desperation and uncertainty. She arrived at Pets Alive not in celebration, but in crisis. A gorgeous young dog with mesmerizing eyes and an affectionate spirit, Nala had already endured more than her fair share of hardship. She was surrendered to us by an owner who had no other options, and the moment we met her, we knew just how urgent her condition was.

Nala was lethargic, underweight, and wearing a diaper. Her body was fighting against a severe and life-threatening infection called pyometra. This painful condition, which occurs in unspayed female dogs and cats, had left her uterus filled with bacteria and pus, causing a constant, bloody discharge. Feverish and weak, she required immediate medical intervention. Without hesitation, we decided to take her straight to Catskill Veterinary Services. But her journey to recovery was anything but smooth.

Complications arose. Her infection was severe. The treatments were extensive and the cost was staggering. And still, we never hesitated. Because we knew that thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we could say yes. Yes to the procedures, yes to the medications, yes to giving Nala every every possible chance to live. She got all the medical care she needed. YOU gave her a fighting chance. **But we still need your help! Our medical funds are dangerously low!** We are asking 3,000 of our most ardent supporters to donate at least \$10 to replenish our medical fund. **Please find it in your heart to give now!**

Now, Nala is fully recovered, strong, playful, and ready. Her story is no longer one of survival—it is one of new beginnings. She is searching for a family, a home where she will never again know pain or wonder if she will see another tomorrow. And this future exists because of you—because of you. We are continuously filled with so much gratitude for you and cannot thank you enough. **Please give now to help us continue to help animals in need!**

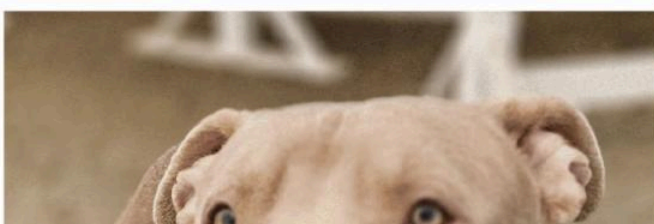
And fight she did. On January 25th, Nala returned to us a survivor. Cone on her head, body still healing, but spirit unbroken. Despite everything she had been through, she never lost her loving nature. She never stopped seeking affection, never stopped wagging her tail. She never let her past define her, nor let her pain change her.



So, to every single person who has donated to Pets Alive—who has ever wondered if their contribution truly makes a difference—let Nala be your answer. She is here, today, because of you. And if you ever need proof that your generosity saves lives, just look into her eyes.

From the bottom of our hearts, from all of us at Pets Alive, and from Nala herself—thank you. Thank you forever.

Nala is ready to meet her forever family. Could





Nala is ready to meet her forever family. Could that be you, or perhaps someone you know? Spread the word and let's find this wonderful, resilient girl a forever home!

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DONATE TO OUR MEDICAL FUND

Prefer to donate by check? Mail it to: Pets Alive, 363 Derby Road, Middletown, NY 10940.

PETS ALIVE'S NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND ADOPTION CENTER!



Pets Alive's New Community Resource and Adoption Center!



Exciting things are on the horizon for Pets Alive! We are thrilled to announce that in June 2025, we will open the doors to our brand-new **Adoption and Community Resource Center**—a space designed to better serve our animals and community.

This state-of-the-art facility will not only help more pets find loving homes but will also serve as a hub for education, outreach, and engagement. Our goal is to create a space where pet lovers, families, and future animal advocates can come together to learn, connect, and make a difference.

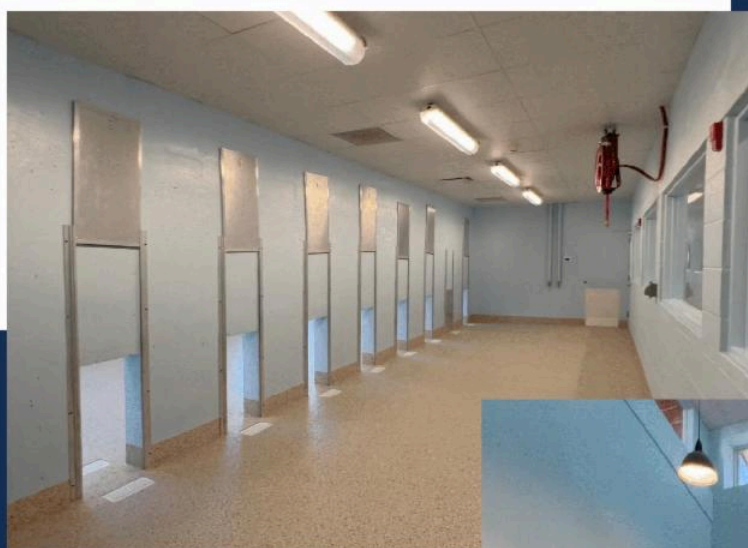
What to Expect at the New Center

The Adoption and Community Resource Center will offer a variety of programs including:

- **Animal First Aid & CPR Classes**
Learn essential skills to help your pets in emergency situations.



- **Youth Engagement Programs**
We will host scout troops, 4-H groups, and other youth organizations, inspiring the next generation of animal advocates.



- **Community Education Workshops**
Covering topics like responsible pet ownership, training tips, and fostering opportunities.

- **Expanded Adoption Services**
With a more



welcoming, family-friendly environment, we can match even more animals with their perfect forever homes.



This center will be a game-changer for our ability to provide resources, build community partnerships, and strengthen our mission of saving lives.

Stay tuned for updates as we prepare for this exciting new chapter. We can't wait to welcome you all to this incredible space!

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PETS ALIVE SPRING BULB *fundraiser*

How to Plant a Pet-Friendly Garden

As the weather warms up, many of us are eager to get outside and start gardening. But if you share your home with pets, it's important to be sure your garden is a safe and enjoyable space for them too! Some common plants can be toxic to animals, while others can provide enrichment, shade, and even some health benefits. Here are some tips on how to create a beautiful, pet-friendly garden that both you and your furry friends can enjoy.



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Generally safe to plant:

- **Herbs**
Basil, rosemary, thyme, and parsley are all safe for pets.
- **Flowers**
Pet-friendly choices include marigolds, snapdragons, sunflowers, zinnias, and roses.
- **Foliage & Ground Cover**
Boston fern, spider plants, and areca palms are safe choices for greenery.
- **Edibles**
Strawberries, blueberries, cucumbers, and carrots are all pet-friendly and can provide a tasty treat!

Plants to avoid:

- **Lilies**
Highly toxic to cats, even small amounts can cause kidney failure.
- **Azaleas & Rhododendrons**
Can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and even heart problems in pets.
- **Tulips & Daffodils**
The bulbs contain toxins that can cause severe digestive upset.
- **Oleander**
Extremely poisonous to both dogs and cats, affecting the heart.
- **Foxglove**
Beautiful but dangerous, as it contains compounds that can affect heart function.
- **Tomato Plants**
While ripe tomatoes are generally safe, the leaves and stems are toxic to pets. Be sure to plant your tomatoes where your furry friends can't get to them.



Pet-Friendly Gardening Tips

- **Use Natural Pest Control** – Avoid chemical pesticides and fertilizers, as many are toxic to animals. Choose pet-safe alternatives like diatomaceous earth or neem oil.
- **Create a Digging Zone** – If your dog loves to dig, designate an area with loose soil or sand where they can dig freely without destroying your garden beds.
- **Provide Shade & Water** – Plant bushes or install a small shaded area where your pet can rest while spending time outside. Always have fresh water available.
- **Secure Toxic Plants** – If you do plant something that can be toxic to your furry friends be sure to keep it in a raised bed, hanging basket, or fenced-off area that your pet cannot access.

By choosing the right plants and making small adjustments, you and your four-legged family members can both be happy!

SHOP OUR SPRING BULB SALE

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Quentin Long – A Passionate Caregiver with a Bright Future



At Pets Alive, we're lucky to have many dedicated and compassionate team members,

but today, we're shining the spotlight on someone who has truly made an impact—Quentin. With a deep-rooted passion for animals and a wealth of hands-on experience, Quentin embodies the kind of dedication that makes a real difference in the lives of the animals we care for.

Quentin's journey in animal care began long before he joined our team. Growing up with an innate love for animals, he pursued his passion with dedication. During his time going to Minisink Valley High School, he was enrolled in the BOCES Career and Technical Education Center for Animal Science, where he gained valuable experience working with a variety of companion animals—from dogs and reptiles to small mammals.

This program not only provided him with an early foundation in animal care but also allowed him to earn his CPR certification and Veterinary Assistant certificate, giving him a head start in the field.

Determined to expand his knowledge, Quentin continued his education at SUNY Cobleskill, where he pursued a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. There, he worked with livestock, gaining confidence in handling larger animals while studying animal nutrition, genetics, and reproduction. His time at Cobleskill reinforced his hands-on approach and deepened his understanding of what it means to provide comprehensive care to animals of all sizes.

As part of his graduation requirements, Quentin needed to complete an internship in his field of study—and that's how he found his way to Pets Alive in November of last year. From the very beginning, he stood out as a knowledgeable, hardworking, and dedicated individual. His prior experience quickly became evident, and his natural ability to work with animals made him an integral part of our team. Whether it's lending a hand in daily care and adoptions, or applying his expertise in handling both dogs and farm animals, Quentin has proven himself to be an invaluable asset.

This May, he will officially graduate from college, and when asked about his future plans, his answer reflects his open-minded and adaptable nature. While his long-term dream is to work with exotic animals and wildlife—ideally in a zoo or wildlife center—for now, he's choosing to stay with us a little longer. Just like the rest of our team, he's excited about our new building and looks forward to continuing his work at Pets Alive before taking his next big step.

Quentin's laid-back and thoughtful

He is a firm believer in going with the flow. It's a mindset that not only makes him awesome to work with but also ensures that, wherever life takes him, he'll continue to make a profound impact on the world of animal care.

For now, we're just grateful to have him as part of our team. Thank you, Quentin, for your hard work, dedication, and the care you bring to every animal you meet. We can't wait

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to see where your journey takes you next!



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