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Who Rescued Who?

n so-called normal times, we all know how important our pets are to us every single day. This past year has been far from normal in many ways, and for pet people one thing stayed true—the love of our pets. During these months of pandemic, many of us have found our pets to be our bedrock, our comfort, our rescue. So, we decided to fill our Spring Newsletter with stories that remind us to ask the all-important question: Who rescued who? Enjoy!

Super excited to visit the ocean with his adopters, Bay knows who rescued who!



Morgan reports: "Cleopatra (Cleo), adopted from CVHS in early December 2014, has helped her human and made a huge difference in my life well prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, however even more so over the course of the last twelve or more months. Cleo takes good care of me, including comforting me when I feel poorly and massaging my achy shoulder when laying in bed. Cleo and I take daily escorted walks together, whether indoors or, weather permitting, outdoors. Her human often says that Cleo is worth three or more prescriptions for certain medical ailments or conditions that he otherwise would have to take and would rather not."





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The Leahy Press has donated the printing of this newsletter. They tell us, "We are so fortunate to have dedicated people who helped us survive COVID-19. Giving back to the community is our way of saying thank you." CVHS appreciates their generosity and good work.



"Beckley under today's rainbow. He certainly is our pot of gold!!"

Join Our Revamped Faithful Friends Monthly Donation Program!

ur Faithful Friends are a core group of loyal supporters who provide a vital stream of funding we can depend on every single month. In order to reflect just how important they are to CVHS and the animals, we have slightly revamped our Faithful Friends monthly donor program.

Benefits of being a Faithful Friend:

- You will receive one thank you letter at the end of the year that details your gifts for that year, including amounts, date of gift, and whether it was a check, cash or an online donation.
- Four times a year we will email (or letter if you prefer) you a set of heartwarming stories of pets you have helped rescue.
- We will send you a CVHS sticker to put on your car, laptop, coffee mug, anywhere, to let people know you support the animals!

It's easy to set up an automatic monthly donation using your credit card via our website: https://centralvermonthumane.org/give-monthly/.

Or you can set up direct payment from your bank account to avoid credit card fees so that 100% of your gift goes to CVHS. We're happy to help you get started — contact Linnea@centralvermonthumane.org.

Greater impact through steady support — Know that you are helping animals every day. Thank you!





Mariah. Charlie and Pam

Pam tells us: "The folks at the US census might say that I live alone, but they couldn't be more wrong. I share my life with Charlie and Mariah, nine-year old feline "twins," who came to me as kittens via CVHS. And while I may have saved their lives by adopting them, their companionship kept me going through the most dismal months of COVID. As I reread favorite feel-good novels there was always at least one of them cuddled up with me. Charlie seemed to sense that I needed purpose and became especially demanding of my time. He would seek me out, lead me to one of the three rooms where we keep a grooming brush handy, and demand his due. MANY times a day. I would often be rewarded as he rolled over, stretched out and offered me his belly. Always one who prefers to keep his "four on the floor," there are now occasional mellow moments when he's receptive to being picked up and cuddled. Mariah continues to exude energy and enthusiasm even when mine is in short supply. She, too, loves to be brushed and when she knows it's "time" she rushes to the scratching post and tears it up in a frenzy of excitement before hopping up onto the table for grooming! I am so grateful for their presence in my life and to CVHS for bringing them to me."



Sadie and Karissa



Karissa sent us an email telling us Sadie (previously known as Cher) is doing great! "It took her a little while to get comfortable, but we get to see more of her goofy and loving personality every day! She loves cuddles and can never get enough attention. She's still working on containing her excitement when she sees new people, but she's definitely getting better.

She's always ready and eager to learn. We have learned new tricks, such as "high five" and "roll over." If you don't know where she is, she's most likely looking out the window, which she absolutely loves. She's brought so much light and happiness into my life. I'm so glad that you guys were able to lead me to

her. Thanks for everything!"



New this year! Join us for DRIVE, not Walk, for Animals, June 5

This year we are having car parade instead of a Walk to keep everyone safe! Roll with us to save lives. Don't miss the most fun event of the year to raise money for animals in need. For more event info and to get started with your fundraising, visit www.centralvermonthumane.org

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Val loves her leaf piles!

Scooter and Amy





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