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Morgan - Home At Last

It takes a village to find a missing pet and Morgan's the proof. This 8 year old black and white lab mix spent ten days wandering through New York City before he returned safely home to Save-A-Pet. His journey began when a Manhattan woman adopted him. Morgan jumped a fence in Riverside Park and disappeared. Another woman found him wandering the streets and took him home. When her three miniature terriers protested, she returned him to the park. A boy from Hell's Kitchen took him home for two nights till Mom ordered him to give him up. Heartbroken, he tied Morgan to a utility pole where a homeless woman took him with her to a nearby park to spend the night. The next day, she brought Morgan to an animal hospital which found him a temporary home.



Having learned of his disappearance, volunteers from Save-A-Pet had been searching for him on the streets of New York. Carrying Morgan's favorite hot dogs in their hands, they passed out fliers, made phone calls, sent e-mails, even contacted a pet psychic. Finally, their efforts paid off. An employee of the animal hospital contacted Dori Scofield, co-director of Save-A-Pet, and identified Morgan as the dog she'd placed in the Bronx. It took the intervention of strangers as well as the efforts of friends to bring Morgan safely home. Although he traveled from the Upper West Side of Manhattan to Hell's Kitchen and the Bronx, he returned no worse for wear. Clearly, Morgan's guardian angels were looking after him, along with the volunteers at Save-A-Pet who loved him.

When Morgan returned, Dori assumed that Save-A-Pet would be his forever home. The separation anxiety that Morgan experienced was too great to risk sending him out into the world again. Then Carmine arrived, a man still grieving over the dog he'd lost. One look, and he knew that Morgan could fill the hole in his heart. It was a perfect fit. Every day, Morgan is able to accompany Carmine on his rounds as a hospital courier. In fact, Carmine bought a new car because Morgan looks good in red. Morgan has his forever home, and Carmine has a new best friend. They're two lucky guys.

Mission Statement

Save-A-Pet is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Donations are tax deductible. Our mission is to protect and improve the lives of abused, abandoned and homeless animals. Our goal is to place them in loving, permanent homes.

2nd Annual Hounds On The Sound

A Howling Success!

On a beautiful Saturday in June, dogs and their owners, as well as Brookhaven Town Supervisor John LaValle and Port Jeff Mayor Garant, turned up for a day of walking and family fun. The 3K walk around Port Jefferson Harbor was sponsored by Gentle Dental. This fundraiser with 100% of the proceeds going directly to aiding the animals at our shelter, also provided an opportunity for proud owners to show off their four-legged friends. With music, contests, prizes and food for all, everyone agreed it was a great day and a great way to support Save-A-Pet.



Daisy

A Mother's Tale

It's said there's no tougher job than being a good mother. Daisy may be just an ordinary beagle, but she's no ordinary mom. Left at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter with a belly full of oversized puppies, Daisy was a homeless mother to be. When Save-A-Pet heard of her plight, they rushed in to find her a foster home where she could await the birth of her litter. When the first puppy was stillborn, it was apparent that Daisy was in trouble.

Save-A-Pet mobilized the staff of the Jefferson Animal Hospital to perform an emergency c-section on Daisy. Daisy, who weighed only 16 pounds, gave birth to seven puppies. Although only two survived, it was indeed a happy ending. Without the surgery, Daisy would have never survived the difficult labor. Her story touched the hearts of everyone who knew her. Her foster home became "Daisy Headquarters" where neighbors and area school bus drivers would stop by to get updates on the young family's condition. Thanks to the love and concern of Save-A-Pet staff and volunteers, Daisy and her puppies have beaten the odds. Daisy is such a good mother, she adopted and nursed a kitten just as one of her own. Today, Daisy has found a forever home and so have her puppies.



Who Are We?

Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue was founded in 1994 by Gerda Silver and Dori Scofield. Their concern for the devastatingly large surplus population of domestic animals brought them together, along with many dedicated volunteers and veterinarians. Today our rescue and adoption agency is located in Port Jefferson Station, L.I., New York. As a no-kill facility, we care for dogs and cats until they find new homes, no matter how long it takes. All of our animals are spayed and neutered, vaccinated and tested for diseases. Prospective adopters are screened and matched with the pet most suitable for them and their families.

Misty

A Second Chance

Sometimes we adopt our pets; sometimes they adopt us. Misty was one of many strays who found their way to Bill's home on the Nissequogue River. Bill was blind and never married. His family was his mother Adelaide, and then, of course, Misty. She became Bill's formidable guard cat, standing watch whenever anyone came to call. Bill called her his "river ranger" and imagined improbable heroic escapades for his 17 pound companion. When Adelaide died, it was just Bill and Misty. When Bill died, she was heartbroken. A relative took her to Save-A-Pet, believing the six year old tabby would spend the rest of her days there. Instead, Misty beat the odds. Reaching out her paw between the bars of her cage, her loving touch won the heart of a woman who'd just lost her own special cat. Once again, Misty made the right choice-she'd found herself a forever home.



Top Ten Reasons to Adopt An Adult Cat

- **10.** Adult cats already know who they are, so you will too.
- **9.** Adult cats have already established their wardrobe and appearance.
- **8.** Adult cats make fewer demands than kittens or teenagers.
- **7.** Adult cats have already been graded on their ability to work and play well with others.
- **6.** Adult cats are less likely to throw wild parties when you are away.
- **5.** Adult cats adapt better better to curious children.
- **4.** Adult cats do better as "only cats".
- **3.** Adult cats are more likely to sleep during the day than climb your new leather sofa.
- **2.** Adult cats are more likely to spend the night curling up at the foot of your bed.
- **1.** Adult cats make your heart feel good because you know you've saved a life.

Our Own Animal Precinct

"Collectors" are people who supposedly love animals, but good intentions are not enough. They love them so much they keep on taking them in. Sometimes they can't afford to spay and neuter them, so the ones they have start having babies. Then they have even more. Sometimes the people get so overwhelmed, they just move out, leaving their pets behind.

Recently Save-A-Pet was alerted to such a situation. A tenant had moved out of a local home, leaving 30 cats behind. Most were nursing mothers and their kittens. They were all on their own.

Save-A-Pet contacted the authorities. When no one came to help, We knew we'd have to do something. Volunteers went into the house and caught as many as they could. They brought them back to the shelter and started treating the kittens, many of whom were ill.

Eventually the other cats were trapped and brought back to Save-A-Pet, too. Today, these cats are fed and cared for, awaiting forever homes where they'll never be abandoned again.



Wish List

- ✓ A Computer
- ✓ Fax Machine
- ✓ Color Cartridges for Epson Stylus Printer 740
- ✓ Gas Back Pack Leaf Blower
- ✓ Power Washer
- ✓ Hedge Trimmer
- ✓ Digital Camera
- ✓ Full Service Collating Copier

Contact Anita at 631.473.6333 if you have an item to donate.

*All items should be new or gently used

Make a Difference In The Life of A Homeless Animal

If you're over 16, we could use your help in training and socializing our dogs, cleaning and playing with our cats, showcasing our animals at festivals and shopping malls, and educating children in our school programs. If you're under 16, we have a junior program as well!

Upcoming Events

5th Annual Fur Ball

November 18, 2004

7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

to be held at the

Watermill Restaurant

Located 711 Smithtown By-pass, Smithtown, NY

Call 631.473.6333 for more information

Top Ten Ways You Can Help Homeless Pets

- 10. You can sponsor a dog or cat until he/she is adopted.
- 9. You can sponsor a safe, comfortable cage or crate for one year.
- 8. You can purchase a brick in our memorial walk way.
- 7. You can contribute to our emergency medical fund.
- 6. You can volunteer to work with dogs and cats at the shelter.
- 5. You can provide a foster home for a homeless mother cat and her kittens.
- 4. You can foster orphaned kittens.
- 3. You can provide transportation for pets on their way to vet appointments.
- 2. You can help showcase animals for adoption at malls and festivals.
- 1. You can make Save-A-Pet a beneficiary of your will.

Volunteer Service Award

Noel Buckley and owner Debbie Siffert of LaCombe Salon in Rocky Point are pictured here with the Save-A-Pet Volunteer Service Award. Noel collected over \$600 in pledges for the Second annual Hounds on the Sound 3K Dog Walk. Debbie kindly matched his donation. True community effort is what enables Save-A-Pet to continue saving lives.



We Love A Parade!

On July 4th, we celebrated our country's independence as well as our continuing rescue work. Proud owners of Save-A-Pet dogs walked side by side with volunteers who showed off other great dogs who still need homes. We even had a DJ on a float. Everyone boogied to the music and cheered for Katie, our three legged mascot, who enjoys a good parade as much as anyone.

Happy Endings



SUGAR lived all her life in a crate in a closet. Then a nice neighbor talked her owner into giving her to Save-A-Pet. At first, the little Pomeranian was afraid to come out of her carrier. Then a shelter volunteer fell in love with "Sugar" and took her home to live with older brother Percy and Fiona, the cat. Now Sugar loves to get out and about. She loves the wind in her fur. And she especially loves to be carried like a purse everywhere her mommy goes.

FREEWAY was left on the highway by a hit and run driver. A nice couple picked Freeway up and took him to the animal hospital which provided treatment for him. Freeway then came to live at Save-A-Pet. At first he was frightened, not used to people trying to help him. Then Norse Tree Service adopted him and he became their "shop cat". Now, Freeway is meeting and greeting and his days on the road are just a distant memory.



KATIE was left at the Brookhaven Shelter by her family. We fell in love with her friendly personality. They brought her back to our shelter, even though they feared that the suspicious lump in her right front leg was cancerous. It was. Should they let Katie live a short life with four legs or give her a long life with three legs? Well, Katie's still standing. She's cancer free and loves to sit on her hind legs and give you her only paw. Today, she has been adopted and in a happy loving home.

If you have a Happy Ending to share, call Kerri Glynn at 631.751.4676



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How Your Donations Can Help

\$30 will sponsor a dog or a cat for a month.

\$50 will help spay or neuter a dog or cat.

\$100 will buy a brick in our memorial walkway.

\$225 will sponsor a cage or crate for one year.

\$500 will provide surgery for a seriously ill or injured animal.

Thanks to you, every animal who comes into the care of Save-A-Pet is given a wonderful new. Your donation ensures that Save-A-Pet can continue its life-saving work. Your donation of any amount, large or small, helps these animals and gives them the "happy ever after" love they deserve. Please become a member of our Save-A-Pet family.

I've enclosed a donation of \$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____ to help the animals.

For credit card payment: Visa MasterCard American Express Account # _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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THANK YOU!

5th Annual Fur Ball, November 18, 2004, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. to be held at the Watermill Restaurant Located 711 Smithtown By-pass, Smithtown, NY. Call 631.473.6333 for more information



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