

Paw Prints



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“Saving just one dog won’t change the world, but surely the world will change for that one dog.”

Boo’s Story

Imagine what it would be like to be thrown away and abandoned by the person you thought was your best friend. Imagine living in fear on the streets and in the woods, searching desperately for the people you had loved for over 4 years, until you finally gave up hope. Such was the life of Boo, a beautiful 10-year-old Boxer/Mastiff recently rescued by the caring hands of Rescue Ink and Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue.



Boo when he lived in a tent that Donna set up for him in the woods.

Boo’s chase began in 2004 in Patchogue, Long Island. Animal Control Officers tried to rescue him but lost the trail. He wound up about seven miles north in the town of Islip and made his home in the woods behind an industrial area. He found a guardian angel named Donna, who began feeding him and trying to befriend him. But Boo had learned a lesson living on his own...never trust people. And so... he stayed at arm’s length from all humans. Through his years in the woods, he got used to being the target of local bullies who would shoot him with b.b. guns, steal his food bowls and knock over the tent that Donna set up for him as refuge from the inclement weather. As though his abandonment wasn’t terrifying enough...

As the days turned into years, Boo’s joints got stiffer. He slowed down a bit, but he never slowed down enough to be caught and brought to safety until now. With a lot of patience and clever strategizing, rescuers were able to catch Boo, who finally gave up his fight with exasperation and relief. Once he was brought to Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue, he realized that there are some people in this world who won’t hurt, beat and torment him. There are doctors who will heal his stiff joints, his open sores and malnourished body, and there are dedicated rescue individuals who will help mend his broken spirit. When Boo first

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9th Annual Evening For the Love of Animals

2008 FurBall

Thursday, November 13, 2008 - 7 pm - 11 pm
Flowerfield, 199 Mills Pond Road, St. James, NY

Register Online: www.saveapetli.org
Tickets: \$100 per person

Every year, Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue hosts “An Evening for the Love of Animals,” a Dinner Dance and Auction to raise money for our non-profit organization. It is also an opportunity to bring people together who share a common bond - a love for animals.

Evening Includes: **Dancing, Dinner and Dessert, Hors d’oeuvres , Coffee, Open Bar, Silent Auction, Raffles, and Live Music From Shades of Blue.**



Boo's Story

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wagged his tail, it was his way of telling us that a glint of hope had entered his heart.

Boo is now enjoying the gentle touch of human hands, the joy of hearing the words "Good boy" and, most importantly, the feeling that he is wanted. Though we can never give Boo back those lost four years, we can promise him a future filled with love and the safety and security of a good home; one that will always cherish him for the treasure he is.

The Dali Lama says that it is only through compassion and reaching beyond ourselves that human beings will ever know true happiness. Pat and Sean McGuinness know first-hand the true happiness our companion animals bring us. On June 3, Pat and Sean adopted Boo. He is living the life he deserves. They don't know how many years Boo has but they are dedicated to making them the best years of his life.



Boo... A home at last with Sean and Pat

Kids Helping Kritters

There are so many ways the kids in our community help the animals at Save-A-Pet. They do many things such as having supply drives at local supermarkets, lemonade stands on their blocks, homemade dog biscuit sales and some even give up gifts in lieu of checks to Save-A-Pet on their special days. We can't thank the kids enough. The animals are sure lucky to have them on their team.



Pictured Left: Mindy Hentschel and Stephanie Hanrahan spent a successful day at King Kullen in Mount Sinai collecting items for our shelter animals.

Pictured Right: Karina McEvoy raised \$80 at her lemonade stand for Save-A-Pet. Thanks Kids!



Hey kids! Can you draw a picture of why you love your pet? Send us the picture and we will display them at our shelter. Prizes will be announced by 12/20/08. Winners and their artwork will be featured in our next newsletter. Original artwork cannot be returned. Please drop off artwork at Save-A-Pet by December 1st.

Maya's Story

Maya is one of several happy ending stories that did not have a happy beginning. Maya is an adorable 6-month-old kitten that was brought into the VMCLI (Veterinary Medical Center of Long Island) in West Islip after being hit by a car, whose driver left her for dead in the middle of Sunrise Highway. Someone did not take very good care of little Maya but everyone at the animal hospital and Save-A-Pet promised to make up for it.

Poor Maya had to have her left front leg amputated due to her injuries. Thankfully, she came through surgery with flying colors and went off to a foster home. Since then, Maya has been spayed and is ready to go to her forever family.

Maya gets around great and loves to watch TV. Her favorite show is "Lipstick Jungle"! She loves to sit on her foster mom's lap and watch the show.

If you are interested in adopting Maya or fostering an orphaned pet, please contact Save-A-Pet. Just ask Maya and she'll say it was the purrrrrfect solution for her!



Santa Claws is Coming to Save-A-Pet!

Help us raise money for Holiday treats and beds for our shelter animals. Get your pet's picture taken or stop by for some hot cider or cocoa!

No appointment is necessary and pictures will go home with you that day!



Dates:

November 30th: 11 am - 3 pm

December 6th: 11 am - 3 pm

Let's Keep Them Feral and Sterile!

TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) is one of the priorities at Save-A-Pet. We are extremely active in our community when it comes to feral cats. We even went so far as to open a clinic just for them named after the late great Dr. Cliff Conarck.

C.L.I.F.F.S Clinic (Creating Long Island's Feral Feline Solution) is where feral cats come to get spayed/neutered, vaccinated, tested for diseases and, of course, get their wounds and broken bones healed. They recuperate at our shelter before being released back to their familiar territory.

This year alone, we have spayed/neutered over 400 feral cats! Wow! Think of all the kittens that won't be born and suffer in this overcrowded world. There are so many maintained groups of feral cats that volunteers all over Long Island care for. However, some of them are just too fragile to go back to their familiar settings.

Sandy's is one story of a feral cat that we knew could not be released back.



Sandy's Story

In our efforts to help the feral cats of Long Island, we came across a very special cat. Sandy was living behind a strip mall in the town of Selden, New York. She was among approximately one dozen ferals we trapped, neutered and returned to local caretakers.

But Sandy only had one eye. And she was not as feral as the others. We knew that Sandy could not go back to that location. It would be too dangerous for a one-eyed cat to survive. Sandy is now up for adoption in our cat room. She has become a sweet, gentle and loving cat.

With her personality, we figured she was once someone's pet that was discarded, and in her efforts to seek out food, she hooked up with this colony of feral cats. Now Sandy is waiting for her new home. Do you have room in your heart and home for little Sandy?

Update: Sandy, once living with a feral colony, has found her forever home. Pictured here with her new friend Chico. Looks like Sandy is living happily ever after!



Old Dogs, Young at Heart

Bryant and Shadow's Stories

Two of our seniors for adoption are Bryant and Shadow. Bryant's owner was put into a nursing home and all 5 of her dogs were evicted from her New York City apartment the day she left. They were put to the curb and waited patiently for officers to get there and transport them to the local shelter. Shadow's owners decided to move to Florida and he was not part of the plan. At 11 years old, he was brought to Save-A-Pet. Both dogs are perfectly wonderful and loyal. Please consider an older dog. They deserve to live out their lives in a loving home.

Like Bryant and Shadow, many of these beautiful senior dogs and cats have lived long lives somewhere... but where? Where were they before they came through the door at Save-A-Pet? Who once loved them? Or were they ever really loved?

Most can't tell us where they have been all these years. But they all tell us what wonderful, sweet gentle and loyal companions they are. It has been said that the eyes are the windows to the soul. In the case of a senior pet, they most certainly are. Sadly, we often hear, "I can't take that older dog. I can't bear the thought of losing another pet." The truth is, you may be losing a chance at the ever so rare opportunity to experience unconditional love.

Giving a senior pet a new beginning is an opportunity not to be passed up. They are already house trained, obedient, gentle and calm. They ask for so little, yet give so much.

They are wise; they understand. When you open up your heart and home to one of these special animals, you will be given a gift to cherish forever. We never know how long our pets will live, but the time we have together is a precious blessing. They teach us not to take anything for granted. They teach us that life does not need to be complicated, just to take it one day at a time. Each day is a new beginning; a new day to love and be loved. Who would want to pass that up? Old dogs are the treasure at the other end of the rainbow.

Sure, perhaps a senior pet might not be able to run in the park with you. Maybe he'll need some medication to keep him strong. Maybe you'll need to give him a nudge to get him into bed with you... but as the adage says, "Old friends are the best mirrors." One day we will need such unconditional care. There is no kindness greater than that.

I hope you take Bryant and Shadow's advice. Look beyond the years and you will find a most loving, loyal companion.



Save-A-Pet Teams Up with the "Ruff" Guys From Rescue Ink

Meet the tattooed defenders of animals. Just like the girls from Save-A-Pet, these guys won't put up with animal abuse! But they sure look a lot tougher than us! That helps us get the job done. Meet Mike Tattoo, George, Johnny O, Big Ant, Angel and Batso. Big guys with big hearts. Together we have rescued over 100 additional animals since March. Our guys help spread the word that abusers are losers. These guys are true lovers of animals and teaming up with them has been great for all the animals at Save-A-Pet.



Jack's Story

They say there are some fates worse than death. Quite possibly life on a chain is one. Being tethered to a ramshackle doghouse combined with social starvation was the only life Jack knew. Each day of his 2 years was not a life but an existence. We're sure at one time Jack was the cutest little pup his family had ever seen... happy-go-lucky with hope in his eyes. The day he arrived at a municipal shelter, that hope turned to fear and despair. How sad that, as Jack grew bigger, his family's hearts grew smaller.

Each passing day, Jack waited patiently while existing in a small, dark kennel overlooked daily by adopters because he was a full grown Pit Bull mix. Jack waited until the days turned into weeks, the weeks turned into months, until finally those months turned into a year. He had escaped the euthanasia list far too long.

Jack was to be put to sleep without ever knowing a loving, warm home. But a tip to Save-A-Pet was his saving grace. And you can believe that his fear and despair turned back into hope. Now his hope needs to turn into reality.

Jack is now at Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue and has the spark back in his eyes. His favorite pastime is going for long walks with the volunteers, most likely for the first time in his life. He is becoming very social and loving. Jack still has many years left. He deserves to live them as a dog should... in comfort and love. To inquire about adopting Jack, please visit www.saveapetli.org.



Annabelle's Story

My name is Annabelle. My story is sad and disturbing. I was extremely abused and neglected. When I arrived at a shelter in Brooklyn, I weighed only 15 pounds. This picture of me was taken 3 weeks after my rescue. My so-called owners used me as bait in a pit bull fighting ring. When I was not being tortured as bait, I was used as a breeder dog. They would not use me as a fighter, as I am deemed "too puny". I lived a lonely, frightened life.

I hold no grudges toward people and thrive on any human contact and attention. In my short 3 years of life, I have witnessed death, cruelty and abandonment. I hope through Rescue Ink and Save-A-Pet, I will finally witness love, compassion and joy. I am desperate for a forever home.

Is there someone out there reading this that will take pity on this little Pitty? Please don't assume that someone else will. My broken body and spirit along with my future is in your hands. Please call today. Although I know I am safe now, I don't want to wait in a shelter any longer.



Events



Kim and Tyler (a Save-A-Pet Rescue) enjoy the day.

Our **3rd Annual Ruff Riders Rally** (pictured right) was a huge success. On July 20th, over 200 tough guys/girls showed up with their motorcycles to show their softer sides. Kudos to all the animal-loving bikers who supported Save-A-Pet! Special thanks to Bagels and a Whole Lot More of Port Jefferson Station for donating breakfast and Mike Dunne at Mulcahy's Pub in Centereach for donating the restaurant. The place was rocking with the sounds of The Fuse and Big Daddy and The Bulldogs, who also donated their talents. It was a really great day for a great cause.



Our Goal

Save-A-Pet is bursting at the seams. Our low-cost clinic is becoming very successful, along with our adoption and humane education programs. It is time to expand. We are presently seeking a donation of land to build a much larger shelter and veterinary clinic. We are seeking a large amount of land so that we can incorporate a sanctuary for animals that are staying long term. The animals depend on us!

If you have any ideas, please give us a call at 631-473-6333.



Sample of shelter design Save-A-Pet hopes to build.



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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 provide needed surgeries.

\$360 will sponsor a dog or cat 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 life. 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 “happily ever after” love they deserve. Please become a member of our Save-A-Pet family.

I've enclosed a donation of: \$30 \$50 \$100 Other _____ to help the animals.

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