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## The 12 "Strays" Of Christmas...

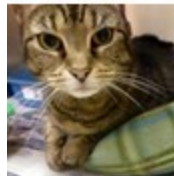
**Happy Holidays to all the Friends of the Shelter!** We would like to share a little about 12 animals whose stories touched us this year:

**WINNIE** – A one-eyed cat who was rescued, with others, by volunteers from an abandoned trailer. After 16 weeks, she found her forever home and is living the life she deserves.



**MARSH** – A Pit Mix found tied to our door on a hot summer day – he waited patiently until the perfect family saw all he had to offer.

**PETUNIA** – A senior cat given up when her owner moved, she struggled to adjust for months...but we believed in her and helped her cope. Now, she has blossomed in her new home and has become the cat we knew she could be.



**DASH** – A very senior Italian Greyhound no bigger than a cat with dental/medical issues, as sweet and gentle as could be...we watched as a breed rescue scooped her up and put her straight into a permanent home, a reminder there is always another way...



**JADE & JASPER** – A stray mother and son being fed by factory workers, brought to the shelter for safety. Both adopted now and enjoying the rags to riches fairytale come true.



**BENNY & MICKEY** – Bonded male Yorkies surrendered to us first in 2012, placed as a pair then and sadly, due to family circumstances, back again this summer. As difficult as it can be to find a home to take two adults, we are happy to report they were adopted together again!



**HANNAH & SULLY** – Sisters raised together since kittens, surrendered due to the owners illness... adopted together after waiting almost 6 months!  
**ANTHONY & CLEOPATRA** – Possibly related Black Labs (Father and Daughter) found trailing with a man's belt in place of a collar and leash. A rough start, both dogs were quickly placed in loving homes and those days are behind them.



While these animals are only a fraction of those helped this year, they represent the difference we can make together. **THANK YOU** for your continued support, we could not do it without **you!**

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## Adopting an Older Cat...

Four months ago, I never thought I would have adopted another cat, let alone an older cat. My 14 year old Savannah passed in mid-June and I was devastated. I didn't think I would ever bring another cat into my household as I still had my 15 year old Salem. Within days of losing Savannah, I realized Salem was as sad as I was, she wasn't eating and she was wandering the apartment crying in search of her friend. I knew then I was definitely going to need to find her a new companion.

I started my search on Petfinder, due to Salem's age, I ruled out kittens and any cats that weren't declawed. After some searching, I found Petunia's listing: 10-12 years, declawed, spayed. I immediately fell in love with her photo and sympathized with her story. I could not imagine moving out of the country and leaving my cat behind! I had a vacation planned for early July and thought it was unfair and unrealistic to bring home a new pet to then have her cared for once a day by my cat-sitter niece. I promised myself and Salem if Petunia was still in the shelter upon my return that she was joining our family.

Upon returning home I was unable to find Petunia's listing. While I was happy in the thought that she had found a new home, I was unable to connect with any of the other kitties on the screen and put off my search. Upon returning to Petfinder days later, there she was, still at the shelter, still waiting for her forever home. I knew I had to meet her. After contacting the shelter and communicating with Liz by email and phone, we set a day and time, when Petunia could have free run at the shelter to interact with me. While it was obvious she was scared, mad and hated being in a cage, she was happy to be temporarily set free and immediately played with the toy I brought her. She was hesitant to be petted. She did also hiss and swat at my mother who accompanied me on my visit. I wasn't deterred. This girl was getting a loving home and I brought her home that very day.

She was tough at first. She didn't trust me and she didn't want to be touched. She didn't seem to know her name or the simplest commands. But in a matter of days, little head pats became lengthy scratches behind the ears. She began acknowledging her name and simple phrases. While she chooses not to sleep in my bed, a simple "night-night" sends her off in the direction of her own little bed. The day she let me brush her, I knew I was winning her over. She soon began following me everywhere!

Petunia has been with me almost 12 weeks now; I update Liz continually on her silly little milestones. Petunia talks to me constantly and carries her toys around conversing with them too. If she's sitting next to a mouse, she's waiting for it to be thrown. This old girl loves to play. The first day she sat on my lap instead of walking around me to another destination, I joked that I broke her. This standoffish hard headed scared kitty has become a purring lap cat. The other evening she chose to nap on me while I was watching tv from the couch and it felt like a giant victory. I can now pick her up and pet her anywhere. She loves affection and will head-butt you if she doesn't receive it when she wants it. Just don't say the word bath in her presence or she'll run in the opposite direction!

If you're looking for a faithful companion, don't pass by the adults or seniors...they have a lot of love to give, they just need a chance.

**Petunia-  
Home  
Sweet  
Home**



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## SPRING HOLIDAY TREE

These beloved animals were remembered over the spring holidays...

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 Misty, Chloe, Penny, & Baxter Bionci  
 Cookie & Muppet Bonfante  
 Ein & Spike Bordino  
 Heidi, Klause, & Nicky Bremer  
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 Puddin Chambers  
 Taffy, Sabrina, & Lacey Chiarella  
 Kelly, Lily, & Miss Molly Chipura  
 Boots & Myron Czaplicki  
 Sunshine, Ginger, & Midnight Dandy  
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 Tabithia DeVries  
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 Buddy, Morris, & Chopper Doyle  
 Greyson Dubin  
 Belle & Scruffy Dymek  
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 Sedona Friess  
 Cody, Sophie, Casey, Casper, & Cash Friess  
 Tuck, Tony, & Teddy Gallo  
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 Binky Gregg  
 Max Gregg  
 Moose, Simon, Harley, Boots, & Belmont Gruno  
 Lucky, Buddy, Harley, Dune, Chase, & Aries, Gruno  
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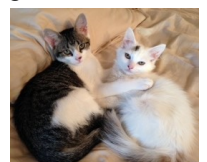
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 Bud, Weizer, Palamina, & Sweetie Pinke  
 Calico, Princess, Target, Montague, & Mooch Pirozzi  
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 Rascal, Gypsy, Mischief, & Squeeks Popek  
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 Maisie Remer  
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 Smokey & Chopin Robinson  
 Maggie, Penny, & Annie Sadowski  
 Yogi, Princess, & Dude Sample  
 Mitzi & Sandy Sarkozi  
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 Lucky Woehrle  
 Jesse, Maya, Willow, & LB Yarenko  
 Bailey, Holly, Shana, Patina, & Pumpkin Zecker

### When it Comes to Kittens, 2 Truly are Better Than 1!

- Two kittens are easier to handle than one!
  - They will keep each other company and out of trouble.
  - You will be saving not one, but two lives!
  - They will be friends for life and you'll get the joy in watching them play, cuddle, chase and groom each other.
- It just doesn't get better than that!*



**Double  
the love...**





When we stumbled on Chewie at the Clifton Animal Shelter, we fell in love instantly. We learned from the staff that although he was very sweet, he intimidated many people and it had prevented him from being adopted. At the point that we found him, he had been well taken care of by the shelter for around eight weeks. It was obvious to us that he was well behaved but ready for a home.

The Friends of the Shelter were extremely patient with us as we introduced Chewie to Nana, our other family member. We are happy to report they have become fast friends. Chewie has now become a very important part of all of our lives. He adores tug-of-war and cuddling, which fits us perfectly.

He's doing well in obedience training and has become a shining example of the importance of the Clifton Animal Shelter and the Friends of the Shelter. Our lives are forever enriched because of their care and belief that Chewie would find a forever home.



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## MACKENZIE : A LOVE STORY

You think you're going to a shelter to rescue a dog; that what you are doing is a selfless, noble task that will help take one more dog off the streets and into a warm, loving home. You think that you are offering a dog or cat a second chance at life - a new perspective on what a human can bring into their lives. And yes, these are all absolutely true statements, but it is not until that first night on the car ride home with that dog or cat looking at you in your rear view mirror on the way home together that you realize that they are about to change your life just as much. It is not until you get that first wet nose kiss in the morning that you begin to find that your dog is helping you start your day off in the best possible way. It is not until those nights when everything in your life is going wrong and your new pet curls up on your lap to tell you that you are not alone that you begin to realize that the bumper stickers aren't wrong, it wasn't you who rescued the dog, it's was the dog that rescued you.

It has been three months since we first walked into the Clifton Shelter, walked through the kennel doors and immediately set eyes on our beautiful Mackenzie. Her eyes locked ours immediately and we saw the pain and heartache she had already been through. Her body's condition told even more - cuts on her paws and legs, under weight, and scars throughout her body. But remarkably, as we entered her kennel, she crawled nearly 5 feet to us, before resting her head on our laps and made the most unusual purring sound as she seemed to finally find peace.

Over the last three months, we have worked hard with the support of the Clifton Shelter, to bring Mackenzie back to health again. She has put on nearly 15 pounds, no longer has a hard time walking and enjoys long hikes, peanut butter and belly rubs. While we have been able to give her this second shot at life, she has equally helped us as well. She has taught us the importance of slowing things down and resting once in a while. She has reminded us, quite literally, to stop and smell the roses. She has kept us active as well with her love for the outdoors.

What I am trying to get at is that getting a new dog or pet is much about adding a new member to your family. It is a truly life changing experience that will benefit you just as much as it will the animal. There are thousands of dogs that need to be given this second chance, and with the hard work of places like the Clifton Animal Shelter, the process is an amazing one. We could not be anymore grateful for the hard work and support that Evelyn and her staff have given us and continue to give.

So go out, visit the Clifton Animal Shelter and your new best friend may already be waiting for you!



**MACKENZIE**

## Notes and Letters

Clarence Lemons and Sargent Pepper Shriver gleefully announce the arrival of their new sister, Baby Ruth Ginsburg.

Baby Ruth joins us from the Clifton Animal Shelter where she was turned in as a stray. She grabbed Matthew through the cage bars, while we were there to see another cat. It didn't take long before he was smitten.

Baby Ruth is tiny and very sweet. She has a loud purr and loves getting her belly rubbed. She loves chasing the cat dancer toy and snuggling in laps. She has been excited to meet and play with her brothers and they have been exceptional at showing her the ropes.

We adopted Baby Ruth Ginsburg as a way to honor the spot left vacant by our magnificent cat, Cole Slaw Porter who passed away in December (and was also from the Clifton Animal Shelter). Her name also honors another of our former cats Marz(ipan) Harry Blackmun.

Baby Ruth Ginsburg certainly has some big paws to fill, but since she is polydactyl on all 4 feet, I am sure she will come close.

The memories of those we have lost inspire us to create a home for those who have none.

Welcome Baby Ruth Ginsburg!  
Nancy and Matthew



Hey Liz!

Kingston is doing so great! He settled in really quickly and has been giving us lots of affection, he's very active! He spent the first hour running between the two of us giving us head butts and kisses so we think he's happy!

Here's a picture!

Cheryl

KINGSTON



Wanted to give you all an update on this little pup since he's been with us a few weeks now. His new name is Walter and he learned it in the first day! The first weekend was a lot for him to take in, but it's only gotten better every day and he seems to finally be

at home. He still gets sad in the crate sometimes, but at night he only cries in there for less than a minute and then sleeps through the night. He loves to take long walks and even runs with his new Dad sometimes at night- he can go 2 miles and not even be winded!

He has a lot of different moods and we are learning what works best for him in each of them... He's a lot like us humans in that aspect!!

Best wishes and thank you for putting us in touch with this little guy- he makes us really happy!!

-Marne, Dave and Walter



Evelyn,  
Sophie (Ariana) has been with us for already one year now. She is twice as big and VERY exciting & playful!

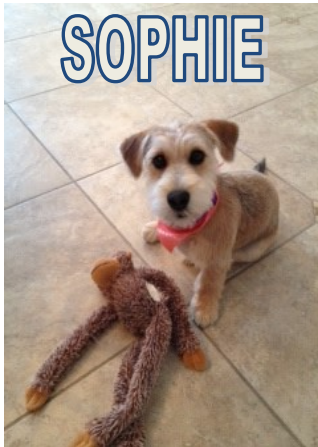
We want to thank you again for allowing us to have her after her terrible ordeal last year being chucked away by the past owners. Sophie is very healthy and fun!!

Thank you for everything!! Bob & Joyce





## ~HAPPILY EVER AFTER~



Hi Evelyn!

Just wanted to thank you for arranging for us to adopt Sophie - one of those 3 puppies back in March. She has brought so much happiness back into our home and makes us laugh constantly. She is a feisty little thing, and we love her to pieces. Here's a picture of our beautiful little girl.

Cathy Carlino

Hi Liz!

Just wanted to send you a updated pic of Felix a.k.a. Cargo. Since he was 4 months old when I adopted him, I decided to celebrate his 1-year birthday on Sept. 4th. He goes to the shore house with me on the weekends and absolutely loves it! He's become such a great buddy and cat! Thanks so much, Danielle



FELIX

Hello Everybody at Clifton Animal Shelter!

Three weeks ago we picked up Lula and Dante from the shelter. We are pleased to report that they are the best cats EVER! We love them and they are so happy in our home. They are really helping us recover from the loss of our sweet Bella in May. You all took such great care of them, preparing them for their forever home. We all thank you so much for that. We will always remember you and support your fantastic efforts. With gratitude for all you do, Emily and Ed Altman.

**Editor's Note:** These 2 black siblings were adopted previously and when the owner became ill had to sadly give them up. It is a well known fact that black cats have a harder time getting adopted and are often overlooked. We are so thankful that Lulu and Dante got a chance to remain together and did not have to wait long term for their new forever home.

LULU



DANTE



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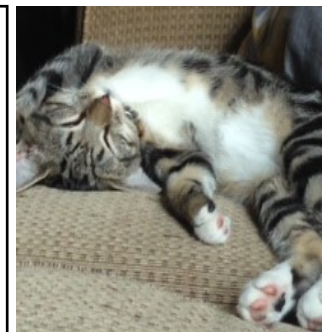
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Hi! - We recently adopted Stevie and wanted to give you an update on him! He is just so so awesome. He has blended right into our family and we all love him to pieces. We renamed him "Rupert" because we wanted a name that fit his handsome and charming personality. Here is a picture!



All the best!  
The Spikereits



RUPERT

## Happy Tails \* Happy Tails \* Happy Tails\* Happy Tails \* Happy Tails \* Happy Tails Happy Tails

I adopted one of your "Casino Kittens" last fall/winter (Bally, renamed Stitch) and I just wanted to say thank you so much for everything you guys do and have done! He is basically the love of my life and we are completely inseparable - I appreciate all the effort you put into making sure he (and all your other animals, too!) get a great home. I can't say thank you enough!

-Mackenzie

STITCH



Fudge the Guinea Pig was adopted by a home with another guinea pig named Oreo— a sweet combination!

*Editor's Note: A couple came into the shelter to surrender two cats they had adopted on Craig's List. The wife was pregnant and the husband was not thrilled with cat hair and cleaning litterboxes. We gave them a tour of the shelter and explained how many cats/kittens we had waiting for homes already. It seems our talk worked and we received this email shortly after their visit:*

Hey after speaking with you and seeing the shelter we decided they already have loving homes and loving owners. I'll make the sacrifice and deep clean the house every other day. We couldn't imagine leaving them in a small cage for months until someone fell in love with them when they are already loved by us.

Thanks for all your help. You made the difference. Every other shelter I went before you had staff who had nothing good to do other than judge us or look down at us. They generally looked like they didn't even want to work there and their admittance fees were extremely unattainable. God bless you and your staff for wanting to do the right thing. You guys seem like great people.

Get in the holiday spirit by honoring a pet who holds a special place in your heart! A \$5 donation purchases a light on our TREE OF LOVE outside and an ornament with your animal's name that will be displayed at the shelter. The TREE OF LOVE tradition is observed NOVEMBER 24 - JANUARY 9, 2015. All proceeds will benefit the homeless animals in our care. Celebrate the life of a beloved pet while helping other animals trying to find new homes for the holidays!



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