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WHAT WOULD ANIMALS SAY IF THEY COULD SPEAK?

All of us who love and have lived with a four-legged friend know that they can talk. "Please take me out", "time to feed me, let's go", "pet me!", "I don't know who did that — don't look at me!" and most importantly, "I Love You" is routinely communicated by our furry friends.

Shelter animals are no different. They look at us with their pleading doe eyes and ask, "Why am I here?", "What did I do?", "Why did my family give me away?" and "Who's going to love me?"

With one voice, our shelter volunteers and supporters answer, "We Are." We are going to keep you safe, fed, warm and loved until we find you a home that will do it forever.

Read the success stories inside these pages and you can imagine what they would say if they could speak. If our shelter animals could tell you themselves...they would say, "thank you".

THANK YOU to:

- the volunteers who give their time regularly to walk, feed, clean and love the shelter residents
- the special people who foster animals in their homes
- those who adopt the homeless
- the many Clifton community members and school groups who collect and deliver donations
- the veterinarians and staff who work with us to make it possible to send these animals out healthy and ready to start a new life.

JFK said "One person can make a difference and every person should try." As a community of people who strive to support these animals until their new lives can begin, we are the people making that difference for animals in need. Hundreds of animals each year - cats, dogs, rabbits, birds - depend on us to listen when they speak and to be their voice.



Together, we speak
for those who cannot.



On their behalf and ours, our deepest thanks and best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

The Hans Days of Summer

We adopted Hans as a five-month-old Doberman puppy from Friends of the Shelter in Clifton, NJ on Independence Day weekend. Hans had been picked up as a stray two weeks earlier. He had many health issues, and due to the dedicated care of the Clifton shelter team and associated vets, Hans' health improved quickly. After he was neutered, we picked him up at the shelter on the first Sunday in July. The team had a big surprise for us ; we were given everything we needed, including a dog bed, a harness, a leash, treats, squeaky toys and a coupon for shopping at the local pet store. Hans weighed about 45 pounds and was a small peanut when he came home to us in Mahwah for the first time.

Hans was a bundle of energy. He zipped around the house, squeezing his bright yellow ball. This energy showed when he met other people and dogs, and we taught him quickly to sit and let the other person or dog approach. Today Hans has perfected that move - when he sees a friend, he lies down on the ground and waits with excitement, wiggling his little nub.

Hans was not housebroken when he first arrived. We put him on a schedule and brought him outside every two hours or so. If he did his business, we took him for a walk; if not, it was back into the crate. As a result, he was housebroken very quickly; the crate was his safe place. Every day, he has to earn the privilege of moving freely in the house.

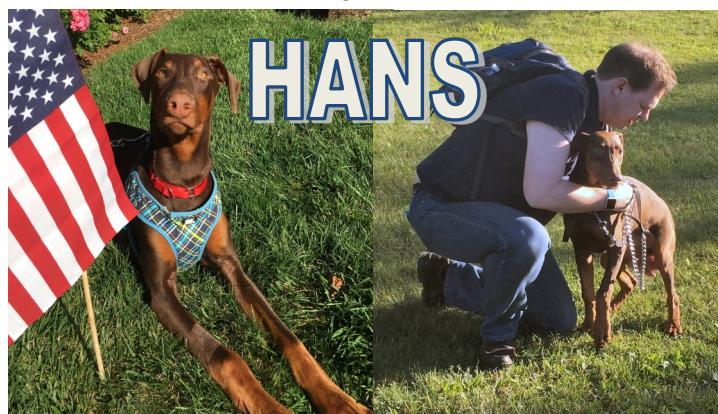
Hans is very easy to train, but the most important thing is consistency. He needs to be reminded often of what he has learned: for example, before going outside, to sit and wait for the door to open. Using positive feedback training, he quickly understood that good behavior is rewarded by being petted or given a treat.

Since Hans came to us, he has gained 20 pounds and grown to double the size of when we adopted him. He is naturally careful around children and elderly people. We are planning to certify him as a Therapy Dog, so he can bring his joy to more people.

Everyone loves Hans and Hans loves everyone.

We are extremely grateful for having had the opportunity of adopting Hans from Friends of the Shelter in Clifton.

Sincerely, Tina and Jan Urbahn



Please Join Us in Celebrating the Holiday Season!

SANTA PET DAY *Sunday, Dec. 3 ONLY*

Santa Paws will pose with your dog, cat, rabbit, ferret, guinea pig or whatever pet shares your home and heart. The cost is \$10 and you will be able to pick up your prints the next day at Foster's and you will have the option to order additional photo cards or enlargements from our professional photographer! You are also welcome to take your own photos at the same time!



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These beloved animals were remembered earlier this year...

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ELVIS
ADOPTED
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2017



Bianca is doing amazingly!! She practically lives at the windows.. all day, all night pretty much. Her and Jax always play together.. she's a little rough sometimes but other than that she loves him. They chase each other around the house at full speed in the morning, I think that's their way of working together to wake us up, lol. She loves her daddy!

It's been so great having her here. We can't picture a life without them. Thank you for giving us this chance.

Jess & Kevin



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Already falling head over heels over her!

Thank you for this new addition to our family, everyone is loving her!

-Suzy

Isabella



From the first time that my boyfriend and I met Clyde I knew that he would be our "furever" friend! As a young kitten, Clyde was playful, active and energetic, but most of all loving.

Almost 5 months later, I cannot imagine my life without my best friend! Clyde is growing to be a curious and fearless kitty, never afraid to explore the unknown. He is independent, but also never hesitates to let us know when he is ready to snuggle. I have the privilege of waking up to my furry friend brushing my hair with his tiny claws and purring next to my ear each morning.

Today, Clyde is still as playful as ever. He enjoys playing with his favorite toy (springs), and loves to chase balls and feathers around the house. He loves looking out of our enclosed porch windows on sunny days, and snuggling closely under the covers on gloomy days. **Clyde is the best companion and friend a girl could ask for!**

Kristine & Marc



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I went to the Clifton Animal Shelter to see a cat named Adam. There was one specific reason that Adam was the only cat I was interested in, and that reason was the fact he didn't have a tail. The reason I loved him, was also the reason he was bypassed by so many others. I went to visit him again the next day and on Friday, October 20th, Adam left the shelter with a new name, Arlo. "My Arlo" went from being a stray, to spending months in a cage, to HIS home. He now has the freedom of sleeping where he chooses, of being downstairs or upstairs, sitting on the window sill or sitting on the couch, laying on the carpet or laying on the hard wood floor, keeping himself occupied with his toy mouse or running up and down the stairs while we play "fetch". At first, he wasn't a fan of being held or sitting on my lap. He wanted attention, but the only attention Arlo wanted was play. As we continue spending more time together and as he continues getting settled in his new home, he's starting to show a different side which I LOVE and haven't yet seen. Just last night, he came up and sat on my lap and laid down next to me, purring, and feeling content and safe. This morning, I picked him up and rather than jumping out of my arms, he allowed me to kiss him. **This is just the beginning of Arlo's story and although I am the one who saved and rescued him, he saved me too.**

- Alison



**Olivia
now
LUNA**

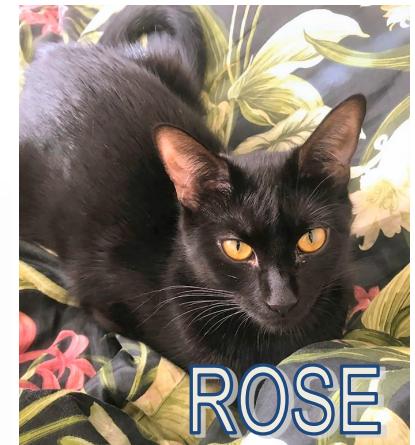


I absolutely love Rose. She's so loving and affectionate. Adopting her was the best choice I ever made! She's my little best friend. :) When I'm not feeling well, she curls up at my feet or comes to give me snuggles. She sleeps next to me at night. She's like my little shadow following me around everywhere. She even has her own bed that I keep on my desk while I'm working! She's so happy and curious. She loves playing with her toys and cardboard boxes. She likes to pounce on her toys and then does a little happy dance when she is done.

She has an amazing temperament, doesn't shed, and even doesn't trigger any reaction in my friends and family members who are allergic to cats!

She's really healthy and full of energy. She eats well and loves to be brushed. And she "talks" all the time in the cutest little voice. I love her so much! You can definitely add us to your newsletter as well as any pictures of her you want. She photographs like a model!

-Alexandra



Hi Liz!

Luna (Olivia) is doing great! She's our 3rd little family member :)

She loves sitting on the bay window (or any open window) to watch the happenings outside, and playing with her toys, preferably her springs or her pink sock --if she wants us to play, she kind of understands the idea of fetch haha. And she loves sitting on the couch with us in the evening.

Luna's very talkative, especially if it's just me and Christian at home, and she's also pretty friendly when visitors come over. No longer that cat in the back of the cage!

I think she's more bonded to me, because she will follow me all over the house, and sometimes run around almost like playing tag.

I just started following Cliftoncats on Instagram! We can't thank you enough for everything!

Best, Katie

~HAPPILY EVER AFTER~

Hi Liz!

Ferris is doing wonderful! He has brought so much joy and laughter to the apartment and Marc and I adore him just as much as the first day we met him...well actually, we love him more and more every day!

FERRIS



He still loves to lounge, but he has definitely come out of his shell and shown his playful side to us. He runs up and down the halls of the apartment, loves to play fetch, and goes crazy for all wand toys.

He's found his favorite spot to nap on our window sill in the living room and we also got him a scratching post which he really loves!

Ferris is also very curious! In one photo, you will see he learned to open the cabinet and go shopping for food! This was because I put a treat bag in there, which is normally in an air tight container...so he was trying to see if he could get it! He hasn't really done it since and shows no interest in the people food in there.

He's quite the little purr machine too! Ferris is the ultimate cuddle bug and follows us wherever we are in the apartment. He doesn't like missing out on the party! He is also so great with guests. We also had two friends over for dinner and he was in heaven. He would roll on his back and purr like crazy, getting pet almost every second of the night!

He's never been scared and always goes right up to brush guest's legs and make them feel welcome. And I've already followed Clifton Cats on twitter!

Great to hear from you! Hope everyone and all the cats are well! Thank you again for everything!

Best, Rachel

BUBBA

Towards the end of June 2017, we saw Bubba on Petfinder. I showed him to my wife and we both immediately felt we needed to meet him. Something about his demeanor on the video and his story of neglect spoke to us. So the next day we visited him at the shelter and fell in love. Despite all of the neglect he had suffered, we saw a dog who still had a ton of love to give and receive.

We went home that evening, discussing an idea we never thought we'd have. The idea of a having a two dog home. We have a senior beagle, named Chase, who has never been a very sociable dog and, given his age we were concerned that he may not be accepting of another dog in the house. Bubba's medical needs were never a concern for us. But Chase's ability to accept another dog in "his" home was a major obstacle to us.

Thankfully, Chase's wonderful adaptability shone and he slowly but surely allowed Bubba to join "his" family. They are now fur brothers.

Bubba also has an amazing ability to adapt. He settled into our home immediately. After being shown where his bed was on the first night, on the second night when he was told to go to bed, he went straight to it. He is remarkably intelligent. He is so completely at home with us and is wonderfully protective of our home - his home.

Bubba is profoundly affectionate. He loves nothing more than to snuggle up to one of us (as only an 80 lb. lug of a dog can do) and receive constant petting. If you stop petting him, up comes one of his big paws, to let you know your job is not over and the petting must continue! He also loves to go for long walks. Long walks were not something we thought he'd enjoy since, when we met him, he could barely walk a few feet without needing to "sploot" on the ground. Now he runs up and down our stairs, up and down our hill in our backyard, and runs after any squirrel or rabbit he sees. He also loves to roll in the grass, sometimes in the middle of a walk.

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Bubba is a very large Staffordshire Terrier - referred to by many as a "Pit Bull." Pit Bulls scare some people - usually people who don't really know the breeds that fall under that umbrella - and Bubba's size can often put some people off at first glance. When walking him in the park or a public space, some people will look at Bubba and pull away, or pull their dogs away from him. Some even go so far as to present commentary - often disdainfully - about Bubba's size. But most folks see him as what he really is - a big, loveable goof who just wants to say "Hello" and greet everyone as a friend. He sometimes will just approach a stranger, tail wagging, give a quick sniff, and move on his way. So if you see Bubba at the park, or on the street, go ahead and say "Hi" and give him a rub under the chin. He'll love it! **He is so well behaved, so attentive and protective, and so loveable.** The staff of the Clifton Animal Shelter referred to Bubba as a "rock star" and he truly is!

Bubba "talks". He will tell us when he wants attention, when he wants to go out, and when he wants us to give him food. He doesn't bark much but, when he perceives a threat to the house, he has a deep throaty bark that serves as a good warning that there's a big boy keeping watch!

Bubba loves to give kisses with a huge tongue that feels like a wet paint brush! The bottom line is Bubba just loves. He loves people, other dogs, and life in general. He is a huge bundle of love and we are so lucky to have him to love until the end of his days.

We would like to give our profound thanks to the staff of the Clifton Animal Shelter, especially Evelyn, who took such wonderful care of Bubba and who gave us so many treats, supplies, a huge bed (that both dogs love to snuggle in), and veterinary care. Bubba was the best gift you could have given us and we will always be grateful for him.

~ The Waumans Family



**BUBBA
& Chase**



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