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## DOG ROOM MAKEOVER !

Talk about your before and after... The Friends of the Shelter, in tandem with the City of Clifton, the Health Department in particular, has renovated the dog kennels! Gone are the days of dim lighting and well worn cyclone mesh wire fencing that were the basis of our dog kennels; now we have modern state-of-the-art equipment, a **complete makeover!** This improvement ushers in a new age of clear plexiglass doors, where people can see the dogs more as adoptable pets and less as dogs in a cage. This major improvement brings the kennel up to speed with our fantastic cat rooms and makes **the entire facility a source of Clifton Pride. This is big...**a big positive step forward that allows the dogs in our care a more comfortable, less stressful environment that is also more welcoming and attractive to adopters smoothing the way to new beginnings for many years to come! The kennel has individual run dividers and clear front doors, carefully selected to coordinate with the rest of our environment and tie it all into one homogeneous facility. The effort was further complemented by a volunteer crew from Morgan Stanley who painted the kennels and walls as well as the installation of new bright LED overhead lighting. All of this coupled with our calm classical music that is piped throughout the entire building 24/7 and the love and attention of our volunteers soothes our animals while they wait to find their new homes... .

In this hustle bustle world we all live in, take a moment and enjoy the fact that a small group of dedicated volunteers, with the support and partnership of the City of Clifton, have come together to improve the lives of our shelter animals in a permanent way.

## BEFORE



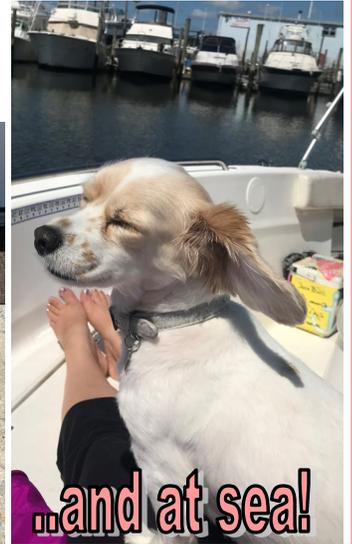
## AFTER



It has been a whole three weeks that Eve has been in our life, but it feels like it was meant to be from day one! Eve is such a sweet, loving, and cuddly girl! She makes everyone fall for her the moment they meet her. She really enjoys car rides because she can relax and sleep, while still being close to her Mommy! She also loves boat rides, looking at the pretty scenery and having the wind blow in her hair! **Matt & I are so thankful for Friends of the Shelter for giving us the perfect girl to make us a family of three! Everyone was so welcoming and I was exceptionally happy with how clean the shelter was. This made our adoption decision an easy one!**

# ALL ABOUT EVE

At home...

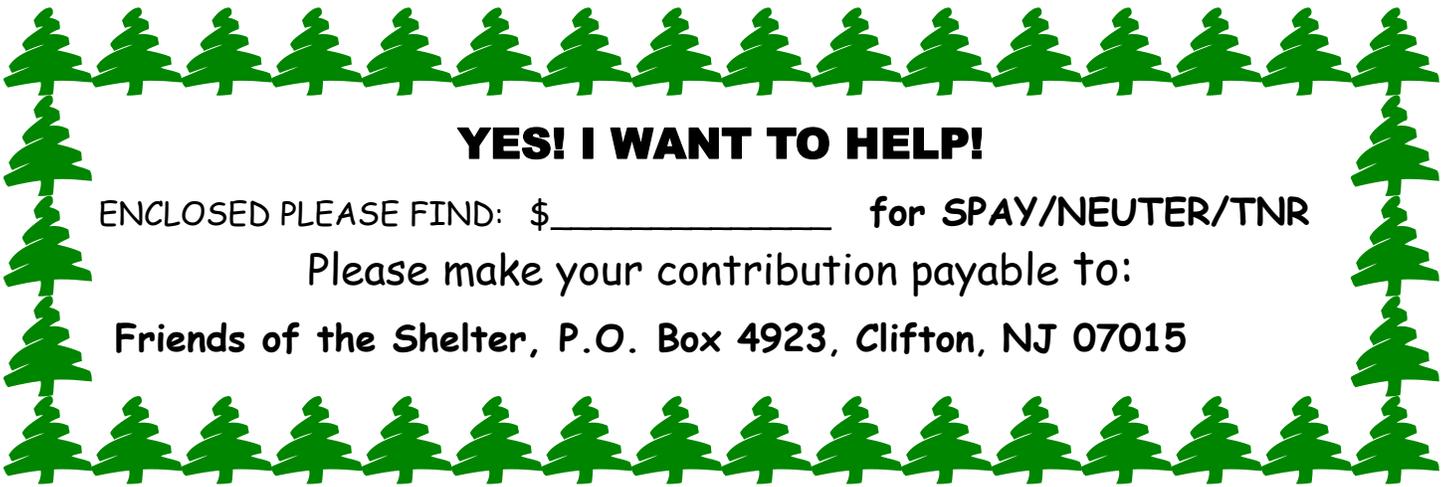


...and at sea!

**Blessings to all the families, pets, staff, and support this animal shelter has.**

Thank you all

- Allison, Matt, & Eve



## YES! I WANT TO HELP!

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Please Join Us in Celebrating the Holiday Season!

# SANTA PET DAY Sunday, Dec. 8

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



**To Be Held At:  
Foster Animal Hospital  
1347 Broad St. in Clifton**

**Sunday, December 8  
~ONLY~**

**12:00 pm-4:30 pm**



After my husband and I got married we thought about starting a family...so we went out and adopted a cat, who we named Rocky! Then earlier this year we realized that we, (Rocky included) needed a friend so we adopted a kitten from another shelter. We took this kitten home, fell in love with her instantly, and Rocky got his friend. After getting her home, we realized that she was a very sick kitty. After two weeks of multiple vet visits, antibiotics, constant care, and many tears, we realized her condition was not going to get better and sadly had to put this kitten down. Our hearts were broken.

Several months passed and we were considering adopting again. To say I was nervous and hesitant was an understatement. This is when we went to the Clifton Animal Shelter, met Liz and their wonderful staff, and met all of their furry friends. Samoa was the first kitten that we sat with in the play room, and we had an immediate connection. It took all of a second for us to realize that we needed her to come home with us. After we left the shelter that night, Samoa was all I could think about. I had expressed my concerns and the unfortunate events of our last adoption process, and the Clifton Animal Shelter was so reassuring. You can tell they really care for all of their animals.

Less than a week later, we brought our new little kitten home. We renamed her Phoebe because of her quirky personality and coloring. She has brought so much joy to our lives and to Rocky's life. Rocky and Phoebe have become the best of friends and it truly melts my heart to watch how much they love each other. Phoebe loves to be cuddled and is a true lap cat. She will lay on your neck and shoulder and purr so loudly that it's difficult to hear anything else! Then she will go and lay with her brother Rocky and they will lick and snuggle each other for hours!

**People say when you adopt, you are giving an animal a second chance at a "forever home," but the reality is that our home would not be the same without them.**

-Michelle & Patrick

**Thank you to the Clifton Animal Shelter for making our experience so wonderful and for bringing Phoebe into our lives.**



**Samoa**



**BAILEY**



Bailey is adjusting nicely, enjoying her new home, meeting her cousins and exploring the new neighborhood on her daily walks! She is an absolute love. She likes to look for hidden cookies, lay in the sunshine, sit out on the front porch pedestal and most of all be pet, just a roll over, rub my belly kind of girl!!

**We are enjoying her immensely, thank you.**

With Regards,  
Jane McCann, RN BSN



**CAPONE**



Hi Evelyn!

Thought you might like to know Capone is doing great! I am cooking his breakfast (burgers) and he is still sleeping (LOL). He is affectionate, playful, and happy. He was having some stomach issues in the beginning but we think we solved it with sirloin hamburgers. He loves to watch Animal Planet and barks when the dogs are on TV. We love him and he has a good home so just wanted you to know that all your efforts and sacrifices to take care of these beautiful creatures and to find them homes probably works out most of the time. He helped us to deal with the loss of our beloved dog of 12 years and eased our depression. If you are ever in the area and want to visit Capone, you are always welcome! God Bless you and the entire Clifton Animal Shelter Staff.

Love,

Natalie & Kevin Rainone - Howard Beach NY

## SPRING TREE OF LOVE

These beloved animals were remembered this past holiday season...

Binx Arroyo  
 Misty, Chloe, Penny, & Baxter Bionci  
 Shadow, Kirby, Archie, George, & Florence Bove  
 Charlie Calabrese  
 Rigel, Smudge, Flash, Tex, Sweetie, & Kit Campo  
 Tammy Carafello  
 Chelsea & Crystal Caruso  
 Taffy, Sabrina, & Lacey Chiarella  
 Kelly, Lily, & Miss Molly Chipura  
 Sean, Brett, & Casey Connor  
 Hershey, Tanner, Mocha, Jazz, & Ana Daisley  
 Princess Dec  
 Big Daddy, Tweety, Godzookie, TinkerBelle, & Penny DeLuca  
 Tabithia DeVries  
 Buddy, Morris, & Chopper Doyle  
 Belle & Scruffy Dymek  
 Punkin, Duffy, Snuffy, Cassie, & Coco Ferro  
 Sundance, Puddin, Ashley, & Getty Fisher  
 Kelly, Sedona, Cody, Casey, Sophie, Casper, Cash, & Shayla Friess  
 Kiwi, Tia, Cocoa Bear, & Brandi Frim  
 Teddy Gallo  
 Mikey, Penny, Abbie, Gabby, & Kimmy Gelman  
 Barci Goodrich  
 Duchess, Boots, Belmont, Moose, Simon, Mittens, Lucky, Chase, Buddy, Harley, Dune, & Aries Gruno  
 Baby, Heidi, Isabel, Layla, Max, & Theo Hagen  
 Shadow, Keiko, Tu-Tone, Bandit, Jessie, Thunder, Willow, Sammie, Pepper, & Smokey Hensgen  
 Annie, Preston, Spike, Halo, & Joy Higdon  
 Corki Huber  
 Bandit, Baby, Perry, Mama, Salem T., & Shadow Hughes  
 Pepper Josephson  
 Sammy Jones  
 Midnight Juengling  
 Homer, Mr. Dinkins, & Rusty Kaminski  
 Tousie, Mittsie & Keshmesh King  
 Penny & Midnight Krajewski  
 Jimmy Marotta  
 Precious, Muffin, & Tammie Marren  
 Teddy Nicosia  
 Duchess, Bailey, Princess, Salt, & Pepper Nycz  
 Rocky, Felix, & Kibbles Omelczuk  
 Maxwell, Sugar, & Spice Papay  
 Remi Pesoli  
 Trouble & Romeo Pinchak  
 Spotty Plokhooy  
 Salem, Savannah, & Petunia Regetz  
 Bonnie, Prissy, Spike, Missy Grey, & Missy Blackie Roback  
 Emmy-Renee Romanowski  
 Simba & Alfalfa Russell  
 Maggie, Gigi, Toby, Penny, & Annie Sadowski  
 Katie & Kurt Madsen Sample  
 Mitzi & Sandy Sarkozi  
 Missy Scangarello  
 Finn, Oliver, & Edmond Seasock  
 Leo Sheahan  
 Lady Sisco-Rusnak  
 Adam Sisco  
 Smokey, Dukie, Tawny, Missey, Tiffany, Vivi, Suko, & Buttercup Smolensky

Carrie & Cujo Sprock  
 Joey Stabile  
 Rita Thorn  
 Clemmy & Ranger Tlusty  
 Jack, Katie Bell, & Lily Trupp  
 Toby & Lady Valos  
 Blackie & Floures Vanore  
 Molly-Girl Waldron  
 Sox, Ashes, Tippy, Cali, Amberly, & Trax Wasnesky  
 Coconut, D.C., Traxie, Moushe, Kiddo, & Katie Weber  
 Lucky Woehrle  
 Cookie Young  
 Beau, Andie, Harley, & Tony Zisa

Hello everyone,

We are settled into our suite with private bath, toilet and room service. It's pretty cool. There is lots to do here and plenty of places to get comfy or play hide and seek. We really really love to wrestle but then we turn to mush and cuddle and purr with our new mommy and daddy. Oh, by the way we have new names: Butch and Sundance. Can you guess who is who? We haven't met Arthur yet, but she sounds nice. We'll be coming to visit soon for our appointment so we can say Hi. There is lots of love here, so we are going to be just fine in our furever home. XOXO, Butch & Sundance



Zoe is great! She fits right in with us and seems to be right at home. I think she's loving all the space she has, she's very playful. And she is so sweet and loves attention. This is only our second adoption experience but by far it's been the best we've had. We are so happy to have Zoe in our lives, you and your team have been amazing from start to finish. We feel so lucky to have this little girl! - Lenin & Joell



# ~HAPPILY EVER AFTER~

Hi Liz- Just wanted to give you an update on Freddy (previously Casanova). It's been seven months since I adopted him and he's been wonderful. His favorite activities in no particular order are eating, playing, watching TV (he loves YouTube videos of squirrels and birds but is partial to NJ Housewives).

His absolute favorite activity though is snuggling with his Mama at night. He has done this since day one and it's adorable minus the snoring LOL. **When I walked into the shelter that day I had no idea I would adopt Freddy but he came and sat right on my lap and it was over. They say some animals are blessed to have their forever home but I feel blessed to have him. He is truly a wonderful cat.**  
-Deana



## Casanova

Lily & Ziggy (formerly Faith & Ash) did not get off to a great start but after two weeks of hissing and growling by our little diva, they quickly became friends. Ziggy has taught Lily to jump on the kitchen counters and Lily in return taught Ziggy that the cat tower belongs to her. **We absolutely cannot imagine our lives without these two loving cats who bring us so much joy** (not so much peace... after all, they are still kittens)! Liz, you were so helpful and supportive when we adopted Lily that we had to come back and adopt a second kitten. We appreciate your commitment, dedication, and willingness to help.

**Thank you  
Friends of the  
Shelter & all the  
volunteers for your  
amazing work!**

Love,  
Allen & Gal



## FAITH & ASH

**Hey Liz and the gang!** Joey (formerly Rollin) wanted to let everyone know he's doing great and is living his best, cushy life!

Joey has been with us for six months and has been loving his new life - he LOVES to play, snuggle, watch birds and squirrels out the window and eat Churu snacks! **We're so happy with him!**

-Lori and Jeff D. (and Joey)



## Rollin



# JAGGER

Love for animals is one of the most powerful weapons a human being can possess, especially when this affection is reciprocated. All those who have a pet understand the magnitude of such a relationship, as well as the important role that a pet plays in the family.

When Jagger was picked up from the street he was frightened of humans, extremely skinny, dirty and his teeth were rotted. He did not imagine the pleasant surprise that fate had in store for him. He was taken to the Clifton Animal Shelter, where he got the care and love that he so desperately needed.

Jagger was treated by Dr. Aziz at Foster Animal Hospital. He was given a much needed bath, vaccines and he had many of his teeth removed. The first day we picked him up, he was still sleepy from the big surgery. Poor thing was in pain and spent all night in my arms. Evelyn from the Clifton Animal Shelter, guided me as to how to make Jagger feel more comfortable. I texted her very late with my concerns and she was there to help.

After a few days of TLC he was finally able to eat homemade food, specially made for him. Now he looks healthy and handsome!

It seems incredible that these two photographs belong to the same little baby, but it is. Jagger enjoys long walks at the park and hiking. He is finally playing with toys and loves jumping like a bunny on and off the couch. He is now a good eater and sleeps peacefully at night. His days roaming the streets are only a bad memory, he lives with a family who loves and takes care of him as he deserves.

- Maria & the Franco Family

# From RAGS TO RICHES

Yes, it is the SAME DOG in the pictures below...this sweet little cocker mix was found as a stray and in TERRIBLE condition...but Animal Control took her immediately for medical attention and that awful matted hair was shaved off and revealed the little love you see on the right. Read her new mother's letter below.

## DIXIE BEFORE



## and AFTER!

Hi, just wanted to share a couple of pictures of Dixie and to let you know how **she has really found a loving home!** The first evening she came into my house was spent exploring every inch. She apparently found everything to her satisfaction and has become a very secure and happy little dog. Dixie is a really great companion; she even shares my television viewing preferences especially when the show is about dogs!

Thank you, FOS, for my new friend.—DC



AND they lived **HAPPILY** ever after...

*\*\*Skylar was a young cat found abandoned in a carrier on Memorial Day weekend in a restaurant parking lot. We taught her to trust again-*

Hi Liz - Thx for checking in on me 🐱 **I'm doing great and love my new home...** The big news is that I have a new name, DOLLY 🐱 There's a big window in my living room that I can sit in to get fresh air & keep an eye on all the birds that live in the big tree outside 🐱 Just this week I discovered my new Mom's lap is a perfect place to napzzz I'm still wary of strangers but I'm sure I'll learn to trust them too. Thank you Mama Liz for finding my person & my new home 🐾  
Xoxo xoxo Dolly 🐾 aka:Skylar



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**My Ruby love is doing so so well, she's filled in some weight, eats regularly and loves to play and she's even grown more affectionate with me and loves when visitors come as she goes right up to them for affection too, everyone loves her!** Ruby is wonderful and getting closer to me every day and last night I was happy to see she came to sleep right beside me as she usually sleeps at the end of the bed. She loves to play and watch TV- LOL. She tries to jump into the screen when any bird is on there- cracks me up . **Love her more each day!**  
-Veronika



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This is Zoe! We adopted her in May of 2019 and she has become a wonderful part of our family. She's an independent, full of life little cat. She loves to spend her days lounging on the window sill, or chasing her spring toys. **We are so grateful to the Clifton Animal Shelter for working with us, and helping us to allow Zoe and our dog, Ruffian to meet multiple times before we brought Zoe home.** Jessica & Elizabeth



Zoe



**Hi - just an update on our Princess LuLu..**

She is a wonderful addition to our family!  
She is affectionate, loyal and healthy...

**I'm so happy that we took a chance on an older cat.**

Thank you,  
Jen and Brielle

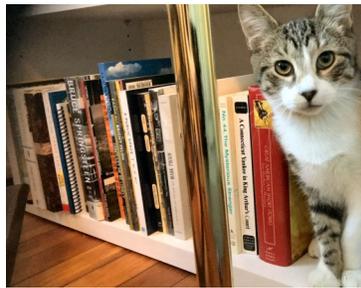
**LuLu**



We've decided to call Dior, Gatsby! He loves to take naps behind my books and he has such a shy/loving soul. He's been cuddling up to me and Justin all weekend and he is doing so well! He loves all the new space and he's always running around and chasing his toys. Thanks again for giving us the best kitty ever!! He is so spoiled here :)

-Heather

**Dior**



**THANK YOU...**

...TO ALL THE KIDS WHO DONATE IN LIEU OF BIRTHDAY GIFTS, SCHOOL GROUPS, GIRL SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, KEY CLUBS, MASONIC LODGES, CONDO ASSOCIATION GROUPS AND ALL THE OTHER LOYAL AND FAITHFUL DONORS THAT BRING MUCH NEEDED ITEMS TO THE SHELTER WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT ALL YEAR LONG!



What better way to celebrate life than to help those less fortunate? A **\$5 donation purchases an ornament on our HOLIDAY TREE OF LOVE** with your animal's name on it that will be hung inside the Shelter. The HOLIDAY TREE OF LOVE tradition is observed **November 24, 2019—January 12, 2020.**

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!

**We will list participants in the next newsletter!**

**HOLIDAY TREE OF LOVE ORNAMENT COUPON**

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November 24, 2019- Jan. 12, 2020

### SANTA PET DAY 2019

Sunday, December 8, 12pm- 4:30pm  
At FOSTER ANIMAL HOSPITAL  
1347 Broad Street, Clifton

### 16th ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK & TRICKY TRAY

At the Boys & Girls Club in Clifton  
Friday, MAY 1, 2020 6:30 PM

For more information,  
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ITEMS IN **BOLD** NEEDED MOST :

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- COMPLETE FORMULA Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
- Friskies & Fancy Feast Canned Cat Food
- \*KMR Kitten Formula Powder
- Small & Medium Plastic Litter Boxes

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- Dog Crates, Rabbit Cages
- Clean Dog & Cat Beds
- Bath Towels & Dish Towels



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