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Holiday 2024

Fostering Saves Lives

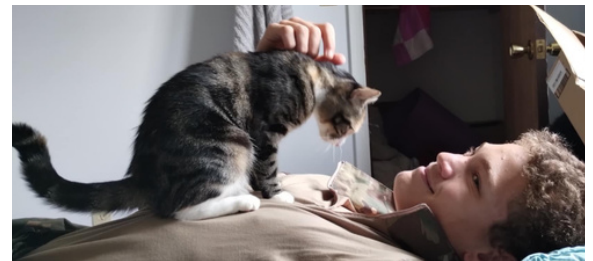
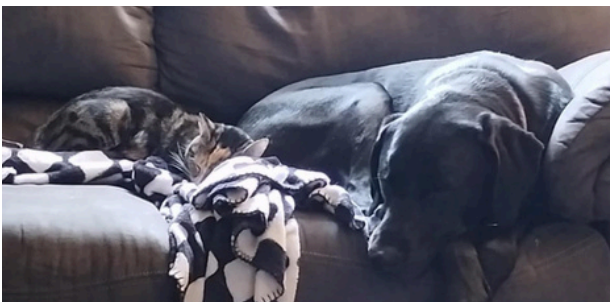
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Back in September, animal lover Pat Jones was driving along a rainy, busy road late at night when she spied a young mother cat and two kittens by the side of the road. When she stopped and opened her car door, they hopped right in! Pat named the momma Marigold and the two kittens Rosebud and Orange Blossom. She took them home, gave them their own space with a banquet of food, and that's when she noticed a severe injury to the littler female kitten, Rosebud.

Barely 8 weeks old, Rosebud had endured trauma to her lower jaw resulting in missing skin, damaged bone, and a life-threatening infection. With help from the OCHS, Pat was able to get her right in to see a vet for help. Despite damage to her jaw, mouth, teeth and tongue, Rosebud has never stopped being a kitten. She's bright, inquisitive, and always hungry! Only one surgical repair was needed, and since then, Rosebud has been officially cleared for adoption.



Marigold had been a very fierce momma to her kittens, but soon enough, it was time to retire from motherhood. After all, she was still a kitten herself—she has loads of time to have a stress-free and playful life. She deserved an exceptional home and found one with Kelly and Angie's family where every day she is getting more comfortable with her new canine roomie, George. Mari and the resident cat, Confetti, continue to experiment with each other's presence, and she's become a favorite among the teenagers.



Turn the page for more good news . . .

... *Because that's not all!*



Orange Blossom, the male kitten, has a serious enthusiasm for living life at top speed. There is such a big personality packed into this handsome and fearless tabby. He has just recently found his forever home too with Michael and Kelly and their goofy Labrador Retriever, Lucca. His name is now Turbo; his new moniker and family fit him very well!

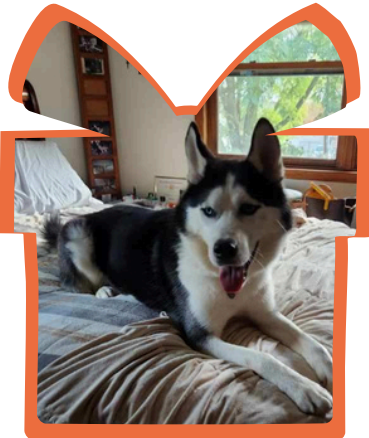
Our friend Pat has been there every step of the way throughout Rosebud and her family's journey to their forever homes. They were lucky to find love and sanctuary with Pat, who is a true advocate for animals in her community. Many stories are just like theirs: full of hardships, healing and love. It's proof of the resiliency of all the animal lovers in our community and their dedication to helping animals in need. We are endlessly grateful to each and every one of them and seeing their values reflected in our organization's own mission. The strength of our community is the strength of our foster program!

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a foster, you can visit our website oswegohumane.org/foster or email our staff at info@oswegohumane.org!



Our friend Bleu came to us late last winter, when there was still snow on the ground. We hoped for him to find his forever home before we saw snowfall again... It took most of this year, and our wish came true!

Bleu found a home with Cathy Pearse of Central Square. Cathy had lost her loving husband earlier this year, followed by the loss of her beloved Husky, Kobe. Cathy was more than devastated and more than a little lonely.



Somehow, Bleu and Cathy found one another (through the magic of social media, no doubt) and they are lonely no more! Cathy's college-age son, Anthony, bought Bleu a cute stuffed duck toy before they ever met because he knew how happy his mom would be to have a Husky again.

*"He is so very 😊!
He made himself at home so quickly!"*



In Cathy's own words:

"Bleu came into our life at such a low time, after losing my husband and Kobe, and he has been such a silly crazy happy boy and has brought so much happiness and laughter back to my life. I am so happy to have him!!

"He is so amazing!! A perfect ball of energy 😊❤️ He is so sweet ❤️ He is just so loving and follows me literally everywhere, and I mean everywhere. He sits next to the bathroom tub with me, he hates when I leave in the morning and I feel so guilty. I would definitely rather be with him all day long. I tell him I'm working for kibbles 😊

"The couch is his favorite spot, and he sleeps right next to me every night. He is so very loving and gentle. We were walking the other day, and he picked up a dead mouse. I told him to 'drop it,' and he did, and I then told him to 'leave it,' and he did super good ❤️ I just love that silly, crazy boy so much!!"

Do you own or work for a small business?



Do you have about 5 inches of space on your counter?

Every bit of money contributes to saving animals' lives and enhancing their quality of life through access to medical care and food.

Canisters can be placed to collect spare change that might otherwise be forgotten at the bottom of your washer or in your couch cushions. Together, we can create a brighter future for homeless animals, one coin at a time. Please consider joining our compassionate community. Our staff or volunteers are always available to empty the canister for you. For more details, please reach out to the office.

Look who's home

before the holidays . . .



Rosie was temporarily being cared for by Pat Jones (see page 1) and was in need of a fresh start. She found it with Randy and the pair have been absolutely inseparable since! They spend their days going for walks in between naps on the couch together.



We all love seeing a senior kitty find a loving home. Lucy's endless curiosity about outdoor birds and squirrels would have you second guessing her true age. She has easily settled in with her new family and claimed the bed on the first night!

We adopt out more than just cats and dogs! Just this fall, a Syrian hamster named Hammah Montana quickly found a loving home with a family of hamster enthusiasts who already had a multi-tunneled habitat set up and even brought a creative hamster-sized school bus to travel home in style!



Adopting a homeless animal has many benefits, such as supporting your local community by reducing overpopulation issues. At OCHS, we aren't against adopting pets around the holidays, as long as every family is making a thoughtful and careful decision together. Adoption can be budget-friendly: in exchange for an adoption fee, a healthy companion gets a second chance to live a long, happy life.

For more information about adopting a new furry family member, visit our website oswegohumane.org/adopt-a-pet

Understanding Non-profit Operations & FAQs about giving

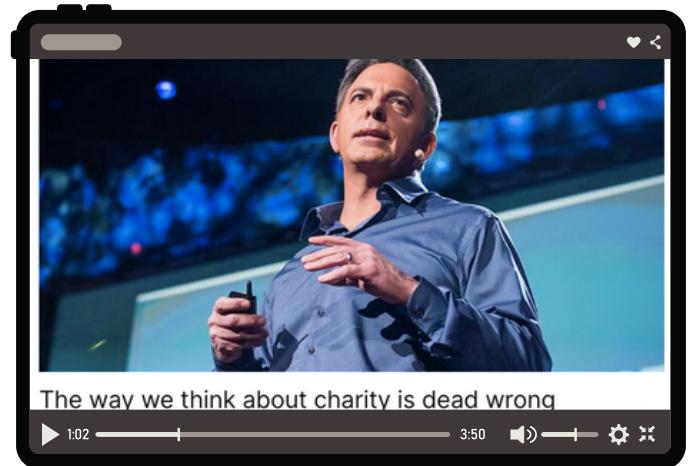
Questions you may not have known you wanted to ask . . .

I give to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). You are an affiliate, so why should I give to OCHS too?

HSUS does great work on a national level and we are delighted that you support their important work. But local humane societies like OCHS are not affiliates and have no connection to HSUS, except to admire their work. We depend on local support from people and businesses like you to continue the work we do in our community.

How much do you spend on "overhead?" I want my donation to only be used "for the animals."

We keep our purely administrative and fundraising costs at around 20% of expenses, which aligns with standard non-profit guidelines. But remember that these fundraising and administrative costs are the backbone of our existence as an organization that is able to consistently help both animals and the people who love them in Oswego County. So, in that sense, every penny is spent "for the animals." Take a look at the YouTube TED talk by Dan Pallotta called "The way we think about charity is dead wrong." It makes you think.



Winter Care Tips for Pets

❄️ **Are you planning to make a warm hut for outdoor animals? Use straw!** Hay will rot and bedding retains moisture.

❄️ **Consider pet-safe salt formulas to melt snow and ice.** These products can cause irritation, so be sure to wipe paws clean after time outside.

❄️ **Pet coats and booties can be a great way to stay warm and protect paws.** It is important to make sure booties are snug, but not too tight to avoid risk of poor circulation and frostbite.

❄️ **Check your engine and around your car before you hop in.** A warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for feral cats and other critters, but it's deadly. Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to make sure there isn't a stow-away who has taken refuge around your engine block.

❄️ **Be prepared, consider your pet's needs when planning for emergencies and travel.** Have enough food, water and medicine (including any prescription medications as well as heart-worm and flea preventives) on hand to get through at least five days. Pay attention to weather warnings!



SCAN ME
TO SIGN UP

1ST ANNUAL REINDEER RUN

REGISTRATION @ 9AM
KIDS' DASHER DASH @ 10AM
5K @ 10:30AM

DECEMBER 7TH

SOUTH PARK PAVILION & FIRE HALL PULASKI NY 13142

PROCEEDS GO TO LURA M. SHARP PARENT TEACHER GROUP AND OSWEGO COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

RAFFLE BASKETS ➤ 50/50 RAFFLE ➤ MEET THE GRINCH ➤ REFRESHMENTS

A large red bow graphic is positioned at the top center of the contest advertisement.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER!

A row of five Polaroid-style photos showing various pets: a dog's face, a cat, a dog, a dog, and a dog.

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2024 Holiday Pet Photo Contest

Enter for your chance
TO WIN!

Our annual online photo contest is live, submit your favorite pet and encourage your friends and family to vote and enter their own pets!

There is more than one way to win, and you can support animals in need in our county!

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ANYTHING for PETS
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