



You Are The Oswego County Humane Society

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Heartfelt Connections Matter

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Right before Thanksgiving, we held our annual Home for the Holidays celebration at the Oswego Elks Lodge. Among the 20+ vendors, kids crafts, adorable kittens and photos with Santa, supporters and animal lovers alike took the opportunity to get a head start on holiday shopping, mingle with friends, and spend a wonderful day helping us raise over \$4,000!

Two excited families popped by to finalize adoptions: one for our bubbly kitten, Raven, and the other for a guinea pig named Ulysses. In the middle of it all, a litter of 5 kittens were ready to socialize and play with new faces, bringing happiness to all in the room. We love hosting events with many components such as showcasing available animals, supporting others, all while fundraising! It's the perfect mix.

Our strong community is what makes it possible to do what we do, and **it's all because of people like you!** We are already piecing together our 2026 fundraising and event calendar, and we always appreciate feedback on how to further connect with the public, make things fun, and of course maximize our success to be able to help more pets and people in need. If you have an idea, give us a call, we are eager to chat.

But before we get too ahead of ourselves, we want to send the warmest wishes to everyone who has supported us throughout the years. Your generosity and kindness are the heartbeats of our mission, and we couldn't do it without you. Whether you've adopted a pet, volunteered your time or made a donation, you've made a significant impact on the lives of countless animals and the community as a whole.

As we move into the new year, we look forward to continuing this journey together. Let's make 2026 a year full of love, laughter and lifesaving moments. From our family to yours,

we hope you have a wonderful holiday... and a joyful New Year!



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Grand plans, but a lengthy wait ahead . . .

We want to let you know that we are in the throes of finalizing plans and hiring contractors for the renovation of our new space on Mitchell Street. Our goal is to create a state-of-the-art animal welfare facility where all of our programs can thrive and better serve the animals and animal lovers of Oswego County.

This whole process is harder and more time-consuming than you might think. We have to figure out how every door opens and from what direction, the proper slope for drainage for every animal space, what materials need which cleaning methods; all of these and other details are seemingly minor but important to keep animals and people safe and to increase public accessibility to every program.

What this means is that, for at least part of the upcoming year, our building will be unusable for our programs and staff to use. We will make do as best we can, working from home and in whatever temporary space we can find, but in the meantime, we are projecting that our revenue from adoptions and the spay/neuter clinic will be drastically reduced. We have to ask for your trust and patience and continued support throughout this upcoming year. We are so looking forward to celebrating our newly transformed home with you!



Jolly Good Updates

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Priscilla out on the town (in our fenced-in yard). Look at that fluffy tail!



"Bear and I are wishing you a Merry Christmas and Holiday time. He makes things amazing. He has been wonderful and loves to roll in the snow but walks

slow on all that ice!"

--Monica



Dear OCHS,

We have been meaning to send an update about Priscilla and Edith (previously Marguerite and Gwinyvere) for a while. They are both doing very well! They have gained weight and their fur has filled out. We love them so much (!!!), and they have integrated well with our other cat Muffin, and our dog Cora. These two are still best buds. We can't tell you how glad we are that they both came to live with us!

Edith in her preferred orientation, giving her many toes a good stretch!



"Shelby is growing like a weed and doing awesome! She's getting along great with Lucy. She definitely has a mind of her own. We absolutely adore her. ❤️"

--John & Sheila

All the best,
Em and Katherine

A Holiday Rescue: Weeks in the Making



Mimsy was born outdoors near a kind family who befriended her and her littermates. The kittens became quite comfortable with being handled, and soon the family was able to find homes for Mimsy and her siblings when they were about 3 months old.

Mimsy found a home with someone of good intentions, who wanted a companion but lacked the resources to take care of themselves, let alone a gentle, social creature like a cat. As conditions in the home declined, she covered more every day. She came out of hiding to eat and drink but only at night.



With no family or neighbors to help, her caretaker called the Oswego Humane. Our team stepped up: our goal was to capture the little kitty and bring her into the care of a loving foster home. It took 24 days to gain her trust. That's almost 4 weeks of coming to the house, twice a day, to leave food for her, to train her to walk into a trap, without ever once seeing her sweet face. This girl was fearful and stubborn beyond belief, but desperate for us to help. She was underweight, infested with fleas and covered with itchy scabs. The situation necessitated a stupendous amount of patience and we were determined to meet the challenge.

We prevailed: after 24 days, Mimsy walked into a trap and was brought into our care. In the safety of a calm foster home, Mimsy was never without food or company, but patience was again essential. Mimsy was a stranger to us, terrified of everything and not knowing whom to trust. She needed to be shown human love and affection. Mimsy showed us what she needed too. She wanted to be held close and slept in the foster's bed from the very start. She learned that she doesn't want to hide from love when it's constant and unconditional. Foster care showed her that love conquers fear.

In a few short weeks, she became the Mimsy she was always meant to be! She is an absolute doll and we are so in love with her. She's eating well and her scabby skin is healing. Mimsy is a sweetheart and a winner, and such a love. She is endlessly affectionate and a very dedicated snuggler. She is generous with her impressive, baritone purr and is always in the mood to chase a toy or two. She is quite the character: she's a night owl and runs zoomies around 2-4am. Mimsy plays well with other kitties and has befriended the resident dog. Now she is spayed, vaccinated and ready for her forever family.



Fostering is such a huge part of what we do for our community.

It is how we can change the lives of pets and people for the better.

Our Pantry is here to help

Winter months can be especially challenging for families, and we want you to know that we are here to help. This pantry is 100% donation based and we encourage families that need a little extra food for their pets to reach out! While we do have basic requirements, we are here to work with you, provide information for resources and share advice with our community.

Would you like to support this program? Here are some important items that you can donate to help others:

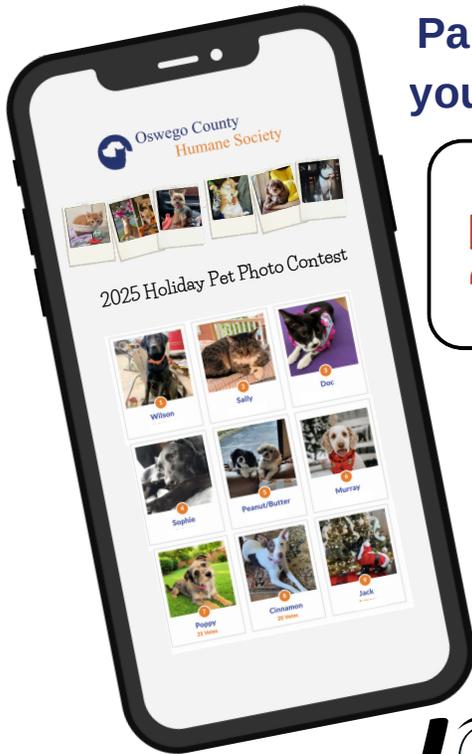
- Wet & Dry Cat Food
- Wet & Dry Dog Food
- Cat Litter
- Treats
- Puppy Pads
- Gift Cards (Amazon, Walmart, Tractor Supply, Country Max)



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it's not over yet!

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