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Sanctuary: Potter League Helps 39 Felines in Need

Kind-hearted people often start out with the best of intentions. In some cases, things get out of hand. In April, the Potter League took in 29 cats from a person who had hoped to start a cat sanctuary here in Rhode Island. He had a special affinity for black cats who he felt were misunderstood.

But the cost of caring for the animals became an issue - food, litter, boxes, medicine - all added up very quickly. And most of the cats needed to be sterilized. He started out wanting to save lives but became overwhelmed. Fortunately, the Potter League was able to come to the rescue.

Once in our care, our staff began overseeing medical evaluations and behavioral assessments for all the cats. Most suffered from serious ear infections and regiments of medication were necessary. Sterilizations were scheduled. Several cats were a tad on the shy side and needed extra TLC. Arrangements were made to place four nursing mothers with kittens into foster homes.



Yellow Tail is one of the sanctuary cats who is currently up for adoption.

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Fetching Friends



Talk about an Up-Lifting story! On Sunday, March 5th, three animal organizations teamed up to save the lives of 22 puppies and dogs by flying them 800 miles. Cloud Nine Rescue of Williamsport, Pennsylvania flew the 19 canines from Mitchell County Animal Rescue in Spruce Pine, North Carolina to the Newport State Airport where they were then delivered to the Potter League for Animals.



The life saving flight was repeated on April 5th with another 19 dogs earning their wings and on May 19th, Potter League staff and volunteers eagerly awaited the arrival of 18 more dogs and puppies who arrived safely at TF Green Airport.



Cloud Nine Rescue is an all volunteer non-profit that provides life-saving flights for rescued animals. Cloud Nine is unique because of their ability to provide an extremely capable aircraft for long trips. Trips can exceed 700 miles one-way, costing upwards of \$2,000 per flight, typically saving 15-20 pets in the process.

Making the trip in a single aircraft is far less strenuous on the animals being transported, and greatly increases the ability to successfully complete a mission by only having one pilot and aircraft. Other programs involving flight rescue use several different pilots and animals are uploaded to different aircraft on various legs along the journey.

For over six years, the Potter League and Mitchell County Animal Rescue have teamed up as part of our Fetching Friends Program and worked together to adopt out 915 adult dogs and puppies. If you would like to support this life-saving program, please make a donation on our website PotterLeague.org or sent in a donation in the enclosed envelope.

Forever Friends

Preparations are now underway for our annual Forever Friends Party in August. The Potter League's Forever Friends Society is a unique group of Potter League supporters who have created a legacy of hope by making the Potter League a part of their estate plans. This get-together hosted by Jim and Jane Moore at their beautiful ocean-front home allows the staff and Board of Directors to thank those generous and farsighted individuals who help secure the financial strength of our organization. If you have not yet notified us of your intent to make a planned gift to the Potter League and would like to become a member of the Forever Friends Society, please e-mail [Ginny Hanbridge, Director of Development at GinnyH@PotterLeague.org](mailto:GinnyH@PotterLeague.org) or call 401.846.0592 ext. 116.



2010 Forever Friends and guests include Karen Harrington, Pat Galuska, Carolyn Cozad and staff member, Byron Davies.

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The Potter League helped out a second time when another misguided individual became overwhelmed. In May we assisted the Rhode Island SPCA by accepting an additional ten cats which were surrendered as a result of a hoarding case. There had been forty cats living in the household.

Many of the cats from the SPCA hoarding case and the sanctuary relinquishment are still available for adoption. Why not come out for a visit and see if you have a place in your heart and home for one of these special felines?



Employee Spotlight

Anastacia Spang **Humane Educator**

The Potter League is pleased to announce that Anastacia Spang has joined the staff as our Humane Educator. She recently received her Master's in Animals and Public Policy from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, where she focused on companion animal and sheltering issues.

While completing her degree, she worked on projects with the Animal Rescue League of Boston, investigating the adoption decisions of shelter visitors, and for World Society for the Protection of Animals' Eat Humane program. Anastacia discovered her love of teaching both humans and animals while working as an educator and bird curator at Southwick's Zoo, in Mendon, MA and instructing basic obedience and puppy classes at her local Petco. In her free time, she enjoys horseback riding, baking, and playing with her two dogs, Pi and Dot.



Please join us in welcoming Ginny and Anastacia and feel free to stop by the Potter League to meet Ginny and Anastacia and learn more about our development and education programs!



Ginny Hanbridge **Director of Development**

Ginny comes to the Potter League with over fifteen years of development and communications experience with a strong focus in animal welfare. She most recently served at the Cumming School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University as the Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations. Prior to Tufts, Ginny was the Executive Director and Development Director for the Providence Animal Rescue League.

A graduate of the University of New Hampshire in Communications, she has spent a large portion of her career in New Hampshire first as a Director for Fundraising and Communications at the American Cancer Society, then as the Director of Development at the New Hampshire SPCA and the Executive Director for the Lakes Region Humane Society.

Ginny also worked as the Leadership Giving Director for the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), where she gained a great appreciation for the tremendous challenges to improve the health and welfare of animals in communities in the most challenging parts of the world.

Naturally, her home has always been filled with animals. She and her husband currently have 3 dogs and 1 cat and often foster litters of kittens. On weekends you can find Ginny and her husband on their boat in Narragansett Bay accompanied by their 3 dogs - all geared up in their doggie life-jackets. Not surprisingly they often attract a great deal of attention from fellow boaters!

Volunteer Awards

During the month of April, the Potter League held our annual volunteer recognition dinner. Five hundred active volunteers participate in our program and donate 30,000 hours of valuable time annually. Our volunteers perform a variety of tasks including cleaning cat condos and dog rooms, walking dogs, transporting animals to veterinary offices, assisting shelter visitors, answering phones, data input, helping with fundraisers, teaching children kindness, visiting nursing homes with pets, training shelter dogs, and more. Volunteers are vital to our operations.



Carol Chabot receiving the Volunteer of the Year award from Joyce Barton

At the dinner the staff had a chance to thank our volunteers for all they do and recognize those who achieved milestones.



Volunteers reach ten year milestone for service

Two volunteers received special recognition. The Lori Owens Award was awarded to Andrew Panaggio because of the unassuming, gentle and capable manner in which he approaches his duties. As a member of TeamCat, he diligently wipes, scrubs, and scoops cat rooms and condos every Saturday morning. Andrew has volunteered in this capacity since September of 2001 – hardly missing a day.

Carol Chabot was selected as the Potter League's 2011 Volunteer of the Year. Carol began volunteering in February of 1992 and will soon be celebrating her 20th year as a volunteer! She donates over 500 hours each year to the animals.

Carol is a dog walker extraordinaire. In rain, snow, sleet or hail, you will find her decked out in foul weather gear vigorously walking dogs. Carol also has superior dog handling skills and will often take dogs on off-site outings or to public events to promote their adoption.

Her talents play a key role in getting many dogs adopted. Carol is the official shelter dog photographer who quickly uploads her fabulous photos to the website. Adopters often tell us it was the dogs' adorable photos that won their hearts.

Congratulations to Carol and Andrew and thank you to all the volunteers who enrich the lives of so many animals and people in our community.



Andrew Panaggio receiving the Lori Owens Award

Camp Happy Tails now Enrolling

Hurry Sessions are Filling Up

Does your child love animals? Then a week at Camp Happy Tails would be the ideal summer camp experience. This year's sessions include Animal Helpers with visits from service dogs, Dogs, Dogs, Dogs and a Cat's Meow which emphasize the finer qualities of these types of pets, and Behind the Scenes where campers learn about various careers in the animal field. Enrollment in the July 5-8 and July 18-22 camp sessions have just expanded to include children entering first grade.



For more information and registration forms, visit our website PotterLeague.org or call the Humane Education Department at 401.846.0592 ext 120.

What parents of our campers had to say:

"Jack wants to be a veterinarian when he grows up so this program was perfect with his interest in animals."

"My child is shy and usually tentative in the mornings but she was always eager to come to camp."

"Julia had a great week! She can't wait to come back next year."

Summer Time Pet Safety Tips

- Keeps pets indoors during the heat of the day.
- Walk dogs before 10 a.m. or after 5 p.m. during extremely hot weather.
- Bring water along for your dog on your walks.
- Protect your pet and yourself against fleas, ticks and mosquitoes with preventative medications from your veterinarian.
- Always allow your pet access to plenty of fresh water.
- Outdoor animals need a well shaded area.
- Never leave a pet in a parked vehicle in the summer time.
- Secure screens especially if your pet likes to sit in the windowsills.
- Be familiar with the symptoms of dehydration and heat stroke.

Businesses Support Animals in Unique Ways

Sequin Bedazzles Potter Supporters Again!

Sequin of Bellevue Avenue and Thames Street in Newport donated hundreds of pieces of jewelry for our May Critter Glitter Sale which raised \$11,284. Because of Sequin's generosity, all the proceeds raised through four years of Critter Glitter jewelry sales benefit the Potter League. The 2011 May sale brings the total revenue raised to over \$450,000. The majority of the proceeds funded Honoring Their Trust, the capital campaign for our building.

Partners for Paws Program at Clements' Marketplace

During the months of May and June, Clements' Marketplace provided much needed support for the homeless animals at Newport County's animal shelter through the Partners for Paws Program. Clements' donated a portion of the sales from specially marked products to the Potter League. The program was so successful that Clements is planning on repeating it this fall. Clements' Marketplace is a community-minded, family-owned business located at 2575 East Main Road in Portsmouth.

Bow Wow Wow for the Barking Crab

The Barking Crab Restaurant at Brick Market Place in Newport selected the Potter League as the recipient of their Roundup for Charity Program! Restaurant guests can round up their checks with the extra proceeds going to homeless animals! Thanks to the staff and all the diners at the Barking Crab! This generous program runs through August.

Their First Anniversary and The Animals Get the Presents

J. McLaughlin held a one year anniversary party in May for their Bellevue Avenue store and donated 15% of the proceeds raised to the Potter League.

Tickets Bar & Grille Keeps on Trucking

In the month of March of 2010, we asked Tickets to participate in a special "Buy a Bone" fundraising effort for our capital campaign. 14 months after the program ended, Tickets keeps selling "\$1, \$5 and \$10 bones" to their customers.

If your business has a creative idea for supporting homeless animals, please contact Assistant Director of Development Susan Ryan at 401.846.0592 ext. 125.



Kid love to help animals, too! Thank you to this birthday girl who asked her guests to bring donations to the Potter League in lieu of birthday gifts.

Understanding your Dog's Behavior: *The Key to a Good Relationship*



A Lecture by Brian Kilcommons, Author *Good Owners, Great Dogs & My Smart Puppy*

World famous author and master dog trainer Brian Kilcommons will demonstrate practical hands-on methods for training the family dog. Mr. Kilcommons' engaging stage presence, excellent communication skills and sheer exuberance about all things dog will surely delight the audience.

Monday, August 15th 7 – 9pm
Potter League for Animals
87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown RI

Event sponsored by Moriarty's Fence Company
All proceeds benefit the Potter League for Animals

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in advance at the Potter League or by calling 401.846.8276 ext. 118
Limited seating available, advance ticket purchase recommended



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Heart & Sole Wrap Up

Presented by Hill's Science Diet

More than 500 people and 200 dogs enjoyed a spectacular day at the 22nd annual Heart & Sole Walk for the Animals in Portsmouth's Glen Park. Funds raised at the event will help homeless dogs, cats and small mammals, as well as benefit other programs and services for pets and people of Newport County and beyond.

The Potter League shares our success gratefully with the fantastic efforts of more than 200 pledge-raisers and 43 teams who collected pledges both online and offline, generous donors, supportive sponsors, in-kind donors of goods and services, and our walkers and their canine friends. If you missed the walk and would like to make a donation or view photos from the event, visit PotterLeague.org.



Congratulations to our Top Fundraisers:

Adult Individuals

1st Place	Lisa Neitzey	raised	\$4,000.00
2nd Place	Roe O'Brien	raised	\$2,380.78
3rd Place	Lori LeVasseur	raised	\$1,157.30

Youth Individuals

1st Place	Mary Spigel	raised	\$1,157.34
2nd Place	Annie Marshall	raised	\$1,155.00



Adult Teams

1st Place	VIP (Volunteers Impact Pets)	raised	\$8,000.00
2nd Place	The Board	raised	\$4,471.02
3rd Place	Potter Paws	raised	\$2,240.00

Special thanks to VIP Team Captain Howie Naugle

Youth Teams

Critter Crew	raised	\$1051.77
LSA Rams	raised	\$554.00

Special acknowledgement goes to Get In Shape for Women, winners of the Fitness Challenge and Portsmouth High School, winners of the High School Challenge. Lu Anne Botelho won the Pampered Pets Biscuit Guess and took home the big prize – 423 biscuits.

Thank you to our sponsors:

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