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Something for Everyone at the Potter League



Dear Fellow Animal Lovers,

Summer in Newport County is a wonderful time of year, and that enthusiasm for all things fun spills over to the programs, people and animals at the Potter League. There is so much to see and do at the Potter League. For many families we have become a destination to visit and tour when guests arrive. The beach, shopping, The Breakers, Cliff Walk, a sail on Narragansett Bay, dinner on the wharf and a visit to the Potter League. What a great way to entertain guests!

If you visit the shelter you will certainly see dogs and cats of all shapes, colors and sizes and usually a variety of rabbits, hamsters, birds, parrots, turtles, iguanas. Summer is a perfect time to add a new animal companion to your family; come in to adopt or just visit. Happy Tails summer camp will entertain and delight kids. Dog training classes and playgroups are entertaining to watch and even more fun when you and your dog participate.

Dogs and their people were the stars at the Heart & Sole Walk for the Animals on June 3. The updates in this newsletter will hopefully inspire you to join us next year. Best of all, devoted animal lovers at this event raised over \$95,000 to support homeless animals. Next on our summer calendar of events are Tea for Tails on July 8 and the League's annual recognition event for members of our Forever Friends Society on August 16. And look for our Critter Glitter jewelry booth at the Tall Ships Marketplace on Bowens Wharf July 6, 7, 8.

The dog (and cat) days of summer will ensure the Potter League stays busy, ready to help our animal friends, and waiting for you to visit. Remember we don't go on vacation – but welcome everyone on vacation to visit us!

See you soon,
M. Christie Smith, CAWA, Executive Director

Be Kind to Animals Poster Contest Winners

The Potter League for Animals hosted its 5th annual "Be Kind to Animals Week" Poster Contest! The competition was open to grades 2 through 12 as part of Be Kind to Animals Week, May 6 - 12.

An awards ceremony took place at the Potter League's Education Center on Wednesday, May 9. Anastacia Southland, Humane Educator at the Potter League presented awards to the following:

"Make A Friend, Train Your Dog" Theme Winners:

Grades 2-4

1st Place: Emily DeFreitas, St. Philomena's

2nd Place: Colin Klampert, Forest Avenue

3rd Place: Meredith Jenkins, BCA

4th Place: Quincy Raffa, Forest Avenue



Grades 5-8

1st Place: Brennan Cluff, Gaudet

2nd Place: Gabriela Martin, BCA

3rd Place: Taylor Kutsaftis, Gaudet

4th Place: Talia Kutsaftis, Gaudet



"Extinction is Forever" Theme Winners:

Grades 2-4

1st Place: Gabriela Marques, Forest Avenue

2nd Place: Sydney Crotteau, Portsmouth Middle

3rd Place: Shannon Ganser, Forest Avenue

4th Place: RJ White, Aquidneck



Grades 5-8

1st Place: Kieran Turner, Gaudet

Grades 9-12

1st Place: Matty Matteson, Warwick Career Tech

2nd Place: Dayna Krakenbill, Warwick Career Tech

3rd Place: Taylor Desjean, Warwick Career Tech



Camp Happy Tails Begins July 9th



Camp Happy Tails at the Potter League

Camp Happy Tails introduces kids to the wonders and wows of the animal kingdom while learning compassion and respect for the world around them. Our hands-on educational programs allow kids to explore behind the scenes at the Potter League and unleashes a love for making a difference in animals' lives.

Two types of sessions are available. Half Day Sessions are held at the Potter League. All Day Sessions are held in conjunction with the Newport County YMCA with half day at the Potter League. For more information about the extended day options and YMCA camp activities go to newportymca.org (search under Trailblazers camps).

Each session is packed with educational activities, fun animal-themed games and crafts, and of course, the opportunity to meet and interact with some of the animals at our shelter.

Enrollment is \$220 per child for All Day Session and \$120 per child for Half Day Session. Please download and return the Registration Form with payment to reserve a space. Limit 16 campers per session.

Please email Anastacia Southland, anastacias@potterleague.org, or call her at 401.846.0592 ext.120 for more information.



Sessions fill up fast, so enroll today!
For more information visit our website, www.PotterLeague.org.

WEEK	TIME	THEME
4th - 6th Graders		
July 9 - 13	Half day	Click and Treat
July 16 - 20	Full day	Behind the Scenes
July 30 - August 3	Full day	Click and Treat
August 6 - 10	Half day	Paws for Animals
2nd & 3rd Graders		
July 16 - 20	Full day	Talk Like an Animal
July 23 - 27	Half day	Crazy Critters
July 30 - August 3	Full day	Best Friends
August - 13-17	Half day	Talk Like an Animal

The Potter League Welcomes New Staff Members



Tonia Croce
Volunteer Coordinator

Tonia was born in Boston and loves to speak Italian or French with anyone who is willing. She has had the opportunity to live in many cities throughout the U.S. including St. Louis, Sacramento and Charlestown, to name a few, and has settled back here in Newport. She has worked in the service field due to her love of helping others. Tonia rescued her first pet in 1998, an 80 lb. retired racing male Greyhound named Ace. "He was the first dog I owned and the love of my life." She loves cats as well and has owned cats since she was 8 years old. Last November, she adopted a cat named Lucky from the Potter League and she has been a joy in her life. Tonia has been volunteering at the Potter League prior to taking the Volunteer Coordinator Position. If you haven't met her yet, please stop by and introduce yourself.



Pam Collum
Animal Care Technician

After working in retail for 18 years, Pam decided to make a career change to the animal care field. She had been a valuable and loyal "Team Cat" volunteer at the Potter League for several months prior to being hired as a full time Animal Care Technician. You can find Pam running around the dog area. Pam has had a passion for animals for as long as she can remember, with a special affinity for dachshunds. In addition to her dachshunds, Pam's cats are adopted from the Potter League. She is studying to obtain a Veterinary Assistant Certificate. Pam has two grown sons and loves camping. "We love to camp and try to go to Maine every summer." With Pam's busy schedule, she certainly deserves some rest and relaxation!

2012 Volunteer of the Year: Bernadette Emery

The Volunteer Recognition Dinner was held at the Green Valley Country Club on May 17th. The dinner was held in honor of Potter League volunteers who logged 30 hours or more during the 2011 calendar year.

It is not easy to pick one volunteer for any award, since the Potter League is extremely fortunate to have so many great people donate their time day after day, but we would like to take this opportunity to recognize a truly amazing woman as our volunteer of the year,
Ms. Bernadette Emery

Her passion for the Potter League is evident in all she does. Bernie manages to juggle raising two sons, a demanding full time job and church activities in addition to volunteering over 100 hours last year at the Potter League. Whenever a request goes out for help, one of the first to respond is Bernadette. "No" is not a word in Bernie's vocabulary. Her sense of humor, fun loving and generous personality is infectious. She has truly been an inspiration to all.

For all of you that know her, you would agree that we are proud to present Bernadette Emery with the 2011 Volunteer of the Year Award.



Pat Fairchild receives the Lore Owens Award



The Lore Owens award was established in 2000 in honor of the longtime volunteer, Lore, who died tragically in 1999. Christie Smith presented Pat Fairchild with this special award. Pat has been volunteering at the Potter League for 3 and a half years. During that time, Pat has been a tremendous help logging in more than 1,000 hours! She can be seen giving tours, helping out potential adopters, making copies, and assisting at the front desk. She is efficient, helpful and a pleasure to be around. We are lucky to have her!

Leash Reactive Classes Offered



Summer in Newport, there is nothing like it for people and dogs alike! After dinner strolls downtown for ice cream, a leisurely walk in the neighborhood or to the park.....kids and dogs in tow, a real Normal Rockwell scene. Everyone is having fun until your dog sees another dog....then the scene quickly changes from Rockwell to National Lampoon Vacation,

complete chaos of barking, lunging, growling, pulling, yelling and major stress! One of the primary problems facing dog owners today is dogs behaving badly in a reactive manner when on leash.

To help with this common problem, the Potter League offers a specialized class to help dog owners teach their dogs to react more appropriately when he sees another dog. Our 4 week Leash Reactive class teaches calming techniques and ways to manage your on-leash dog when other dogs are around. The goal of this class is to have dogs be able to calmly see and pass each other from a short distance. Summer strolls can be relaxed and leisurely again with a little help from the Potter League Training Center.

For more information on this class and other training classes, log on to our website www.PotterLeague.org. Check out a complete listing of the classes descriptions and schedules.

Save the Date

DOG DAY OF SUMMER

Saturday, August 11

at the Potter League

CANINE COUTURE

September 13, 5:00-7:30 pm

Rough Point, Newport

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 29

at the Potter League

Pet Challenged? Contact our Free Behavior Helpline!

One of the most common reasons people give up their animals is because they are experiencing a behavior problem with their pet. Sound familiar? The Potter League can help. Our Behavior Helpline helps dog and cat owners to work through a variety of behaviors with their pet from house soiling to food aggression. We have answered numerous questions from pet owners who needed help. In many cases, problems were easily solved by implementing simple changes to a daily routine or through additional training. Call our Behavior Helpline at 401.846.8276 ext. 119 or email helpline@PotterLeague.org.

Success Story - Andie , Potter League Alum



Our family adopted Andie on October 1, 2011. As you can see from the picture, she is a truly beautiful girl. She gets a lot of attention when we are out with her. Andie has something special that does not go unnoticed. She has been a huge value added to our lives! She is very social, curious, and energetic. We have attended two levels of pet training at the Potter League. Andie is so alert and quick to learn. Although she is also quite feisty and independent, she is amazing and we love her dearly. When we came to the Potter League she was the first and only dog we considered. We just knew she was the one for us. Thank you for helping us complete our family.

*The Harrington Family
Johnston, RI*

The Forever Friends Society



The Forever Friends Society is a unique group of investors in the Potter League for Animals. These generous and farsighted individuals

have created a legacy of hope by making the Potter League a part of their estate plans. By doing so, they have guaranteed the League's long-term financial security and have satisfied their own dreams and dedication to help animals.

Gifts conveyed to the League under one's will are used to insure our future, provide unwanted animals with the best housing and care possible, and continue to make a humane impact in our community. Bequests enable the Potter League to forever make a difference in the lives of animals and the people who love them.

Every summer we host a special social gathering which recognizes these treasured supporters and provides a unique opportunity to share important updates about the Potter League and our critical work in animal welfare.

For more information about the Forever Friends Society or estate planning to benefit the Potter League for Animals, please contact Christie Smith, Executive Director by e-mailing christies@potterleague.org or calling 401-846-0592.

Tea for Tails To Honor Longtime Supporters Suzie and Jay Schochet

Celebrating our fifth year, Tea for Tails has grown to be a "must-attend" event for many of Newport's summer and year round residents. This year's festive and relaxing summer tea will be hosted by Jane and Jim Moore, Linda and Jack Purdy and Charlene and Robert Karns., and will take place on Sunday, July 8th under a tent at Ocean Lawn in Newport. A fun, yet important event, Tea for Tails helps the Potter League provide quality care to thousands of animals



entrusted to us while we work to find them new permanent loving homes. More than 250 people joined us last year and we had a fabulous day!

The Potter League for Animals has chosen this event to honor Suzie and Jay Schochet, lifelong friends of the animals and dedicated supporters of the Potter League. "The Schochets have done so much to help the Potter League and the animals we care for. Honoring them at the Tea is a wonderful way to celebrate the generosity and kindness of our treasured friends," said Christie Smith, Executive Director.



For more information about Tea for Tails please contact Susan Ryan via e-mail susanr@potterleague.org or by phone 401-846-0592.

Save the Date

SEPTEMBER 13
5 - 7:30



Fashion Show of Canine Couture

\$10 PER PERSON - 401.846.4152

ROUGH POINT, NEWPORT, RI

www.newportrestoration.org

Sponsored by: Wag Nation

Proceeds Benefit the Potter League and the Newport Restoration Foundation

Tea for Tails – 5 years of Friends, Fun and Festive Hats!

If you plan to join us at the Tea this year make sure to bring your favorite chapeau to go with your fabulous outfit! And guys, hats are extremely stylish and very "in" for men! Just ask our last year's host David Ford!



The Community Gets Moving to Save Lives

at the Heart & Sole Walk for the Animals



More than 400 two- and four-legged friends took part in the 23rd annual Heart & Sole Walk for the Animals, raising over \$95,800 for homeless animals. Fundraising for the Heart & Sole Walk continues through August 1.

The Heart & Sole Walk drew a huge crowd of animal lovers and their dogs, along with many sponsors and pet professionals. In addition to the walk, pet lovers had the opportunity to participate in pet contests and demos, shop for pet-friendly goods and services at the Healthy Pet Healthy You Marketplace and enjoy a delightful lunch.

“The Heart & Sole Walk is not only a big celebration of the love people share with their pets; it increases awareness about homeless animals by raising funds to help them,” said Susan Ryan, Potter League Development Manager. “A huge thanks to the community for all of its support in helping us continue our mission.”

“We would like to thank all of the participants, donors, sponsors, vendors and volunteers who helped make the 2012 Heart & Sole Walk such a success,” said Ryan. Through their enthusiastic support and generosity, we can continue to save lives and give homeless animals the second chance they deserve.

Congratulations to the Top Ten Fundraisers and Top Adult and Youth Teams

Lisa Martland-Neitzey	\$3,500
Jane Moore	\$2,630
Roe O'Brien Moldow	\$1,700
Bentley Enstone	\$1,625
Harry Violet	\$1,622
Debbie Elliott	\$1,550
Howie Naugle	\$1,530
Christine Tellefsen	\$1,454

Youths (17 and under)

Annie Marshall	\$1,000
Mary Spigel	\$760
Nikki Merrill	\$694
Allie Levine	\$440

Top Teams

Volunteers Impact Pets	\$7,749
The Pussy Footers	\$3,032
People's Pooch Patrol	\$2,552

Top Youth Team

Be Paws We Care	\$1,200
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The 2012 Heart & Sole Walk was presented by Hill's Science Diet, Heartgard Plus, Frontline Plus, Petco Foundation, People's Credit Union, Moriarty's Fence Co., Ocean State Veterinary Specialists, The Landings Apartment Community, WPRI 12, FOX Providence and The Newport Daily News.



photos by Laurie Warner

Leaving a Legacy of Hope, Compassion and Care

When you include the Potter League in your estate planning, you are building a foundation for a better world and a more humane future for the animals.

When Virginia Potter, one of the original founders of the League, made the very first bequest in 1958, she left a legacy that continues to have a positive influence on the lives of so many animals and people in our community. Her visionary gift and the bequests that have followed over the decades have helped the Potter League grow into the community resource center for animals and the people that we are today.



We are very fortunate at the Potter League to be entrusted with fulfilling the wishes of such kind and generous individuals. Every person and each bequest touches us in a way that is

unique and very special. These thoughtful people have come from all walks of life and their gifts come in all different amounts. Some have been designated for a specific program or for the care of certain types of animals but the majority of gifts are given for the general care and welfare of all the animals where it is needed most.

With every gift there is a common thread and the reasons behind this generosity always seem to be the same - a special animal touched these individuals so deeply and made their life whole. They had been given the wonderful gift of companionship, unconditional love and the type of joy that only animals can bring to our lives, and the way to repay that gift was to help other animals in need.

This year we had the opportunity to learn about the background of one such donor, Mrs. Edna Wood, a world-renowned pianist that had a passion for teaching children to play piano. Her other passion, that she shared with her devoted husband, was for the many dogs in their lives whom they considered family and who were their constant companions even when they

traveled. Edna and Herbert's love for their dogs will now help so many animals for generations to come.

Including the Potter League in your estate plans is a way that you can celebrate the special bond you share with your pet and leave a legacy of hope, compassion and care for the animals that need our help today, tomorrow and long into the future.



There are many options for planned giving that allow you to take advantage of special tax deductions and incentives that will in turn also benefit your loved ones and the animals. Please contact your attorney or financial planner to learn more about the wide variety of ways you can support the Potter League for Animals through estate planning.

Helpful Information

The Potter League's Federal Identification Number is 05-0301553

Legal Name and Address:

Robert Potter League for Animals, Inc.
87 Oliphant Lane
Middletown, RI 02840

An advertisement for "Tile & Paver Legacy" featuring a dog logo and three tile options. The text includes: "Touch an animal's life by leaving your mark.....", "Reserve a tile or paver and honor or memorialize a beloved pet or loved one.", and three pricing options: \$500 outdoor 6" x 9" Paver, \$1,000 indoor 4" x 4" Black Marble Wall Tile, and \$2,500 indoor 8 1/2" x 11" Black Marble Wall Tile. It also mentions "In Loving Memory of MacDowell The Best Dog Ever". At the bottom, it says "Potter League Enriching Lives" and provides contact information for the Development Department at 877.844.0792 and the website www.PotterLeague.org.

Potter League Introduces Kennel Enrichment Program

Animals in a shelter environment may show inappropriate behavior such as barking, chewing and jumping. More often than not, these behaviors are a result of stress and boredom. Enrichment programs can help reduce stress and even eliminate poor behavior.

Enrichment is a process for improving the environment and behavioral care of confined animals. Providing physical and mental stimulation, encouraging species-typical behaviors as well as allowing animals more control over their environment are some of the benefits of the program.

There are several core components to an enrichment program which include regular social contact, mental stimulation and physical activity.

For most cats to be happy and more confident, they need to keep in touch with their natural feline instincts of hunting. Interactive play is a key component of the enrichment program. Hiding snacks in several empty cereal boxes create a feeder toy, and when batted around food is dispensed. These toys are well liked by many cats, as these toys simulate their foraging behavior.



Dogs are social animals. Social interaction is extremely important to dogs, especially dogs who are confined to a kennel. Dogs need an opportunity to chew, to be challenged mentally and physically. The experience of chewing and licking can help to calm an uptight pup. Sensor stimulation from a variety of sounds, smells and textures with the use of peanut butter filled kongs or puzzle toys can be extremely beneficial.

Much like dogs, bunnies, guinea pigs and birds love to de-stress with their natural behavior of chewing. Empty toilet paper rolls make great chew toys for small mammals.



The Potter League Staff help out with making enrichment items for the dogs and cats that are currently at the shelter

Enrichment can be quite inexpensive. We use recyclable household items such as milk containers, egg cartons, toilet paper rolls, pizza boxes and water bottles -- the possibilities are endless for turning trash into a dog's treasure.

Enrichment programs are not just for animals staying in the shelter. You can do these easy activities at home for your family pet. Just keep in mind that enrichment materials must be able to safely pass through the animal's digestive tract. Be sure that the objects you use will not physically harm your pet on sharp edges or hard objects that can damage teeth. The Potter League carries a number of enrichment items in our BloomingTails store.

Variety is a key element to the success of the enrichment program. Change activities daily. If you find that your pet is not interested in what you have given to them, try something else. Even the most finicky feline will find something that peaks their interest.

Volunteers are needed to help make enrichment items for our homeless animals. If you are interested in becoming involved with the PotterLeague's Enrichment Program, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Tonia Croce at 401.846.8276 ext.106, toniac@potterleague.org for more information.

