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## Your Love Provides Life-Changing Rescue

**W**hen the Potter League received an urgent call for help with animals who needed immediate and extensive rescue just days before Christmas we answered with a resounding YES. On that day, for two-dozen dogs, life as they knew it would never be the same. Their lives had consisted of being tethered to makeshift wooden doghouses or imprisoned in a raised hutch, outside twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week regardless of weather conditions. When authorities arrived on this heartbreaking scene they documented the lack of adequate shelter, food or water. The Potter League arrived the same day transporting eight of these survivors to our shelter. Changing their lives forever.

Olympic, Glacier, Brenton, Colt, Acadia, Denali, Ranier, Samoa, and Walden a mixture of Brittany Spaniels and Beagles arrived petrified, dirty, and overwhelmed. However, they soon seemed to understand that they were in a safe place. They realized fresh food and water was coming daily, that they never again had to live out doors in the harsh New England weather, and we believe they began to sleep soundly on their new soft bedding for the first time in their lives. As they settled in, they received baths, much-needed haircuts and as you could imagine overdue and critical veterinary care.

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TO BENEFIT HOMELESS ANIMALS

**Save the Date! Sunday, July 15th at  
Rock Cliff, 670 Bellevue Avenue, Newport**

Our July fundraising event has grown to be a must-attend event for many of Newport's summer and year round residents. This event is typically held at an estate of intrigue on Aquidneck Island. Our guests mingle, sip cocktails, and dine on delectable hors d'oeuvres and sweets in a spectacular setting. Guest speakers and surprise four-legged guests engage the crowd in a spirited Fund-A-Need auction in support of the Potter League's Nuala Pell Animal Care Fund. **More details to come!**



Kody

## Adoption Tails Corner

### Forever Young

Kody, once known as Rhodie, was adopted from Potter League in 2004 and is still living the best life thanks to his adoptive mom, Jackie. Yes, you read that correctly. Kody is now 17 years old and we had the distinct honor of having him pay us a visit recently.

Kody has walked in peace walks and parades, visited many dog parks, been on a few vacations, and still walks every day, rain, shine or especially snow! Even as he has slowed down, Kody and Jackie still walk every day. When asked the secret to Kody's health, Jackie doesn't think the secret is really one at all, rather she said, "It's something we all want; to be spoiled and loved unconditionally." Kody never goes anywhere without someone asking to pet him or say hello remarking at how beautiful and how sweet he is. Jackie believes that the kindness and love he receives from everyone he meets has helped him stay young at heart.

Jackie's twin sister lives with cerebral palsy. Prior to Kody's adoption, her sister was not a dog person, however once she saw that he didn't bark but instead softly howled the two became instant friends and developed an unbreakable bond. Kody somehow knew she needed assistance getting around and would go to her side to aide her in balancing and transferring around the house. He lays on her feet to help with her muscle tone after a long day and he stays by her side when she is out in the community in her wheelchair, all without any training, he just knows.

Kody is truly a special dog to so many people. For the past 14 years Kody has been by Jackie's side through good times and bad, but all with his trademark husky smile. Their love is irreplaceable.

### Arthur's Ever After

At nine years old, Arthur came into the Potter League due to changes in the household dynamics that added environmental stressors in which he began eliminating in inappropriate places. After ruling out medical concerns, we placed Arthur on a behavioral plan for litter box issues hoping to determine the underlying causes of this problem. After working with Arthur, we were able to determine the triggers and the best adoption criteria for his new home. Sadly Arthur, a very sweet, affectionate cat and a favorite among staff sat at the shelter for months and months. He even became the confidant for Joy, a young scared kitty who came from a hoarding situation. And then Arthur's day finally came! He met his loving family and they cannot imagine their lives without him. Arthur, now named Theo is described as the light of his mom's life and was a part of her she never knew was missing.

**ADOPTION  
IS  
love**



Arthur

### Buddy's Christmas Cheer

"Oh my gosh, we love Buddy SO much!" says Buddy's adoptive mom, Lisa.

Buddy found himself at the Potter League at 14 years old. Sadly, Buddy's former owner was hospitalized and could no longer care for him, heartbroken she agreed to let us find him a new home for him where he could be properly loved and cared for.

Buddy was found to have mild liver disease and severe dental disease. We treated him for both and soon he was ready to find a new family that would love him endlessly. And what he found was even better than we could have imagined! A wonderful family adopted buddy just before the holidays this past December and it was his "Christmas Sweater" photos that hooked them in. Buddy's new mom is a huge fan of Christmas sweaters and as soon as she saw him, she knew it was meant to be.

Buddy now spends his days snuggling under the covers on the couch and his king size bed, going for brief walks and helping his human brother finish his dinners by licking the bowls clean. Buddy's family stated that adopting an older pet has been so rewarding and we have never regretted it, knowing that they wanted to give him a cozy home and all the love they could.



**Buddy**

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Additionally, we knew behaviorally there might be some challenges as they transitioned into a home setting, as they had never lived inside before. We explained to interested adopters that they would likely find them climbing onto their kitchen table or chewing on their TV remotes because they had never been introduced to these things before. They likely were not housebroken, never having to "hold it" before, as this was a new concept to them and that they may be anxious to be inside. He or she may pace, whine or have trouble settling down, and that something simple as giving them attention and being touched may overexcite them.

Even with all of this stacked against them, the caring Potter League community rallied around them and they have all found new loving families. Their adopters welcomed them into their hearts and homes and have kept us updated that although at times slow, the transition into homes is going well.

These eight dogs have gone from a life of unimaginable neglect to being treasured family members. It is only with your support that we are able to respond immediately with a life-changing yes for animals like this. Thank you for helping us help them.

## Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Congratulations and thank you to these exceptional volunteers who exemplify dedication and a tireless commitment to the Potter League year after year. You truly are the heartbeat of the Potter League for Animals.

**LISA HASSETT**

*2017 Volunteer of the Year*

**BRENDA CARDULLO**

*2017 Lore Owens Award*

**CHINA DUFF**

*2017 Junior Volunteer of the Year*

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*25 Years of Volunteer Service*



## P.S. It's all about Love!

The community showed its overwhelming support of the Potter League with over 300 animal lovers attending the 2nd Annual LoveBash for Animals at the Atlantic Resort on March 23. The festivities kicked off with a silent auction where guests bid on an array of fantastic auction items while enjoying cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live music. The evening continued with a lovely dinner, presentations by Executive Director Brad Shear and Board President Joan Johnson-Freese, followed by an inspiring video and an engaging Live and Paws Up auction led by our enthusiastic auctioneer JJ Silvia. A surprise guest appearance was made by Penelope, a beloved Potter alumnus, and her new family. The event broke all records raising the most money ever for the Potter League and we have the community to thank!

The Board of Directors, staff and animals at the Potter League express our sincere gratitude to the hundreds of local businesses who donated auction items and to all of our generous donors, sponsors and devoted volunteers who helped throughout the month and evening of the event to ensure our success.

Special thanks to the Atlantic Resort Newport, Exquisite Events and all of our sponsors including: Bayer, Hill's Science Diet, BankRI, People's Credit Union, BankNewport, Portsmouth Veterinary Clinic, Moriarty's Fence Company, Independence Financial Partners, Aspects, Inc., Lucky Dog Resort, Rich and Sheila Desrochers, Karns Law Group, WPRI12/Fox Providence/MyRITV.

We also wish to congratulate the winners of our 2nd Annual P.S. I Love You Photo Contest. Grand Prize Winner Roja, first Place Brody, second Place Pudge and third Place Hamlet. Thank you to everyone who participated!

## SAVE THE DATE

### Yappy Hour

Sunday, July 15th at Rock Cliff  
670 Bellevue Avenue, Newport

### Heart & Sole Walk for the Animals

Sunday, October 14, 2018

### Potter Pet University

Wednesday, May 9

Service Dogs vs. Therapy Dogs  
Presented by Peter Manning, Dog Trainer & Therapy Dog Evaluator, Pet Connection LLC

Wednesday, June 13

Shy & Fearful Dogs  
Presented by Kim Cipolla, Dog Trainer, Potter League for Animals

### Microchip Clinics:

Thursday, May 17 at 5:00 pm

### Cat Yoga

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

from 5:30 - 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

from 5:30 - 6:30pm

*\*All dates subject to change. Please check our website for more information.*