

THE SCOOP

*Crestwood Animal Shelter's Monthly Newsletter
April 2020*

Pet of the Month:

Breeze

Breeze is a pretty tuxedo girl who is anxious to spend a night in, bingeing on Netflix's "Tiger King" with you. Meet her by appointment!



April is National Volunteer Month, so it is a perfect opportunity to acknowledge the time and love that our volunteers give to the shelter. Crestwood Animal Shelter is 100% volunteer – no one receives a salary. We depend solely on, and welcome, the generosity of the community, whether it be the gift of time, monetary contributions or donations of goods for our cats and dogs. Volunteering consists of as little as two hours a week to care for our furry friends. We can always use Swiffer Wet Wipes, as well as other cleaning supplies. And, you can contribute monetarily by using Amazon Smile. Just choose "Friends of Animal Control and Rescue" as your beneficiary. You can also sponsor our pets on Petfinder. We are thankful for your generosity!

HOMEMADE COOKIES FOR CATS AND DOGS

- 2 Cups of Wheat Germ**
- 3 jars of strained chicken baby food**
- 1 Tablespoon of Water**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix ingredients together and roll in to 1-inch balls, adding a little more water if needed to ensure that they stick together. Place on a cookie sheet and flatten with a fork. Bake for 20-25 minutes. Store in the refrigerator in a sealed container. This is a great basic treat recipe. Experiment with other flavors and/or add-ins!



LOVE STORIES

An "Unadoptable" Dog Finds His Forever Home with a CAS Volunteer

Armani came to the shelter in May 2019 after his mom passed away. He went to four different foster homes in less than a month and was so confused and upset when he came to CAS. It was heartbreaking. I felt for him. I knew what it was like to have your family one day and then gone the next. As soon as he started to settle in with a family, his world was ripped apart again and he had to leave. I lost so many loved ones in a short amount of time that I really related with him on having his world continuously turned upside and not knowing what was going to happen next. That made it easier for us to bond.

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APRIL 2020 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

April 1

April Fool's Day
National Walking Day

April 11

National Pet Day

April 1

Easter

April 22

Earth Day

April 24

Arbor Day
National Hairball Awareness Day

April 26

National Kids and Pets Day
National Pet Parents Day

April 28

National Superhero Day

April 30

National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

LOVE STORIES *(Continued)*

I wish I could say it was easy for all volunteers to be with him, but it wasn't. Armani was confused and flat out annoyed that he wasn't home. He would not do anything he didn't want to do. Volunteers sometimes had to call other volunteers to help get him back to the shelter or into his kennel. Some spent hours trying get him inside. He would growl and snap at you if you kept trying to make him do something that he didn't want to do. Somehow, I never had as hard a time with him as others did. He would be stubborn, but I always found a way to outsmart him. Maybe I never outsmarted him -- and that was his way of telling me that I was his person.

From May to August, Armani had five failed adoptions, most saying that he was just too stubborn or aggressive for them. Most people just couldn't handle him, and my heart kept breaking for him. More hurt and heartache. His eyes were broken. You could see him starting to give up. That's when I said, "Enough! I will make it work with my dogs."

I always had a connection with Armani, so when he come home, it was no surprise that he immediately was a completely different dog than who he was at the shelter. He listened! I couldn't believe it when he came inside when I called him the first time. He learned his routine very quickly and even became a morning dog without pouting about it. Anything I told him, he did. He is absolutely one of the best dogs I've ever had. He is goofy, quirky, stubborn, super cuddly, and has a personality that goes on for miles! He is so smart. He will figure out how to get through every barrier and blockade I put up to keep him out of a room. He goes over, under, around, and through. He is amazing on all levels.

I never thought I'd ever love a dog the way I love him. There is just something about a rescue and how they love you back that is truly amazing. It is different than a dog that always had a home. Armani was broken and shutting down. Since coming to me he has flourished! His personality has come out and he smiles, he runs, he plays, he wrestles, he rolls over for belly rubs, and gets mad when you stop. He has his problems, but nothing we haven't been overcoming. It's a slow process at times to gain his trust with certain things, but I have and it's the best feeling in the world to have the trust of a dog that wouldn't let anyone in.

I saved Armani, and he has given me more than I could ever ask for. It was stated by a veterinarian that he was "not adoptable" after one of his check ups. He had growled at the vet for touching his feet. When they went to look in his ears, he snapped. He didn't bite, but that was enough for him to be deemed "unadoptable." Thankfully, I was the right person for him and he was spared.

He is an amazing dog! He just needed the right person to give him love and be patient with him. He knows mom is the boss. He doesn't try to challenge me like he does with others. He is my everything. There is nothing I wouldn't do for him, and he is my protector. He makes sure his mom is safe if people are over. He keeps an eye on my guests all times. He will let them pet him if I tell him it's okay. He may not like it, but he looks and me, I look at him and he lowers his head to them know they can pet him. The bond we have is greater than any other bond I've ever had. He knows he is safe and is finally home.

