

THE SCOOP

Crestwood Animal Shelter's Monthly Newsletter

DECEMBER 2020

PET OF THE MONTH EMORY



Emory is a sweet six-month-old boy who had a rough go of it with a polyp which caused breathing problems early in his life. The polyp was successfully removed, and he is all better now. He has the zip and pep that every six-month-old cat should have. He is hoping for a forever home for the holidays. If you have room for this handsome tiger in your heart and home, go to our [website](#) to fill out an application and schedule a time to meet him!

OPERATION SANTA PAWS



Operation Santa Paws encourages animal lovers to share the gift of giving at shelters everywhere from December 1st to December 24th. During this holiday season, let's show a little extra love to our furry friends whom we love with all our hearts. The campaign goal of Operation Santa Paws is stocking the shelters with much-needed supplies. Our four-legged friends need to feel loved during the holidays just like we do!

Our pets are significant to us. For many people, they're a member of the family. They are our best friends, our protectors; sometimes, they even serve as therapists to us. The campaign reminds us of the millions of pets in shelters in need of a loving home. Unfortunately, about 7.6 million companion animals (dogs, cats, and other domestic pets) enter shelters around the country yearly. Although many get adopted, the majority spend much of their lives in cages. December is a time to donate a new blanket, toy, or even some treats for a shelter animal to enjoy during the holidays.

HOW TO OBSERVE #OperationSantaPaws

Use #OperationSantaPaws to spread the word on social media! The more we raise awareness, the more people all over the nation will take a little time out of their day to donate. In your post, show others what you gave so they have an idea of what they can go shopping for. Without the support of kindhearted, generous people all over the United States, Operation Santa Paws wouldn't work. If you have donated or plan to donate this year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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OPERATION SANTAPAWS

DECEMBER 1

National Day of Giving

DECEMBER 2

National Mutt Day

DECEMBER 6

St. Nicholas Day

DECEMBER 7

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

DECEMBER 10

Hanukkah Begins

DECEMBER 13

National Day of the Horse

DECEMBER 15

Cat Herders Day

DECEMBER 18

National Underdog Day

DECEMBER 21

First Day of Winter

DECEMBER 23

Festivus

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 29

National Heroes Day

DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve



SUPPORT CRESTWOOD ANIMAL SHELTER BY USING THE BENEFIT APP

Benefit is a relatively new mobile app that lets you contribute to the cause of your choice every time you make a purchase of food, goods or services. When you download the app, you will be walked through the steps of setting up a payment account using your online checking account or debit card. Once your account is set up, go to "Beneficiaries" and in "Non-Profits" search for Crestwood Animal Shelter. Select "General Funds" and then confirm. This will allow all rebates from the very long list of retailers that you patronize to go directly to the shelter. The app is free, easy to use, and there are no extra charges to you.



LOVE STORIES



WHO RESCUED WHO?



For the past year or so our kids (twins, age 13) have been asking us for a pet. My daughter has sensory issues and she cannot tolerate the bark of some dogs, so dogs were not an option -- much to my son's dismay. My husband has never been much of a cat fan (the kids switched to both wanting a cat), but he agreed to "think about it."

When COVID hit, and we were literally home 24/7, the option of getting a pet became more of a conversation for our family. I travel for work, and that has come to a halt, so we decided that if we were going to adopt a pet, now would be the perfect time.

My friend Tara's mom (Kirstie Scheer) volunteers at your shelter, and so we expressed interest to Tara. Tara contacted her mom and then Lisa sent us the link to fill out the questionnaire. A pair of kittens were quickly found, but determined to be too feral, so we waited. Within 24 hours a cute pair of kittens were rescued from Illinois and brought to your shelter. At first the girl was thought to be a boy, because most orange tabby cats are boys, but we were happy to hear we had a BOY and a GIRL (just like my boy/girl twins!).



Kirstie was amazing and agreed to foster these two little kittens for us and invited us to come over and meet them. It was LOVE at first sight. We knew after our first encounter with them that these little twin kittens were meant to be a part of our family. On the way home my daughter decided the girl's name would be Ginger, and my son was deciding between a few names, but landed on Buddy for the boy kitten. We then continued to visit them until we could bring them home. (We were

having construction done in our basement and didn't want to bring them into the house with that going on.)



On October 14th (a day after my son buckle fractured both his wrists at soccer) we brought Buddy and Ginger home. They stuck close to my son for the first two days (I think they knew he needed to be cheered up) and quickly made our house their home. They are the most snuggly kittens I have ever met and every day with them is a new adventure. It is so cute to see them wrestle, snuggle with my kids (and me), play with their toys and sometimes get into a little mischief 😊. We truly believe even though technically we rescued Buddy and Ginger, they in turn rescued our family! I can't imagine what we did without them ... Buddy and Ginger have completed our family! -- Kim C.

Happy holidays from all of us at Crestwood Animal Shelter!

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