

THE SCOOP

Crestwood Animal Shelter's Monthly Newsletter

JANUARY 2021

2020 In Review

We all have felt the struggles of 2020, especially the animal rescue and adoption community.

Throughout the area, many unwanted litters were born, as TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) efforts were reduced and veterinarian clinics closed. Adoption events came to a halt and fundraisers were cancelled. This caused shelters to fill up more with cats and dogs.

Nonetheless, Crestwood Animal Shelter persevered through it all. We found homes for over 100 animals this year, setting a record for the number of adoptions in a single year at our shelter.

Our two main fundraisers that generate much of our funding were cancelled, so we had to get creative and were able to raise money in other ways to keep the shelter afloat, including online raffles, garage sales, and simply asking for donations.

We formed many new relationships with rescue partners this year, which has also contributed to our success. Of course, we couldn't do any of this without our loyal volunteers, donors, and adopters who support us year after year.

We are thankful we are able to continue our mission of helping animals in need and look forward to doing more good work in 2021!

Dog Tales: 2021 Edition

Tails will be wagging again at the Crestwood Animal Shelter. Due to COVID-19, we made the decision to foster all dogs for the remainder of 2020. With no dogs in the kennels, it gave us a unique opportunity to put some tender loving care into the dog room. Careful thought was put into every update including the color scheme. We used colors that researchers suggest are easier for dogs to visually perceive, thus creating a neutral and comforting environment. The space was also reorganized to be functional but includes many textures and stimuli for the dogs to experience. Refurbishing of the kennel hardware was the final touch, and we hope to have dogs enjoying the space by mid-January.

Over the past few months, we have also reached out to the community to help expand our foster program. While some dogs do very well in a shelter environment, other dogs need a place where they can receive more specialized care. In these instances, whether it's medical or behavioral based, fosters are a great way to give these animals the time they need to adjust to their new circumstances. Elderly dogs and expectant mother dogs are also great candidates for foster, and we are so excited to be able to extend our reach and adopt out as many dogs as possible in 2021.

Please continue to look for dog updates on the website as we hope to be ringing in the New Year with the pitter patter of little paws!



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**NATIONAL TRAIN YOUR
DOG MONTH**

JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

JANUARY 2

National Pet Travel Safety Day
Happy Mew Year for Cats Day

JANUARY 5

National Bird Day

JANUARY 14

National Dress Up Your Pet Day



JANUARY 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

JANUARY 21

Squirrel Appreciation Day

JANUARY 22

National Answer Your Cat's
Questions Day

January 24

Change a Pet's Life Day



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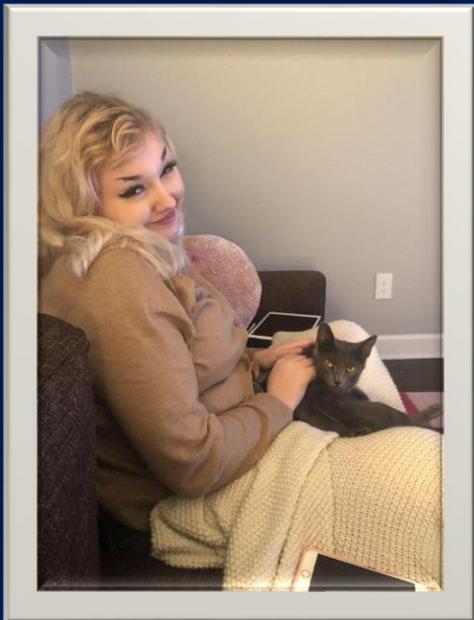
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LOVE STORIES



Perfect Kitty Fills an Empty House with Joy



I just wanted to email you and say that Gracie is so perfect and my mom and I are in love with her. She always wants to be around me and she's so fantastic and sweet. If we cooked up a spell to make the perfect kitty we would've gotten Gracie!

An empty house away from my father and brother has been hard, and she's given me so much companionship and joy just in the weeks we've had her.

I'm so glad and thankful we got to take her to a warm home full of pets and full bellies.

Thank you for helping me find my best friend! -- Lottie

Happy New Year from all of us at Crestwood Animal Shelter!

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