

A Polar Plunge For SAS

Braving the ocean in winter to help special needs dogs

Weymouth resident and SAS transport and dog volunteer Kellie Forde will do a lot for our pets...including plunging into the icy Atlantic Ocean in February. Kellie, who started volunteering with Scituate Animal Shelter in 2017, did the plunge just before Valentine's Day not just because she loves our animals: she also sought to raise money for our pets, particularly for dogs who come to us with special behavioral needs that make them harder to adopt.

Kellie was inspired by a lovable recent shelter resident named Dudley (who reunited with her at the plunge, left. See his story below). Dudley needed extra help to be a successful

adoption candidate; Kellie's goal was to ensure that SAS always has the funds to give such special needs dogs the extra training or care they need to flourish in new homes. Kellie's plunge and campaign were extremely successful, raising over \$7,000 for SAS pets, including future residents like Dudley. Have an idea for a fundraiser? Contact MaryannRegan@ScituateAnimalShelter.org



Dudley came to SAS at 9 months of age, having already lived in many homes. He was never given the exercise, training and socialization he needed to be a well-adjusted dog and was jumpy, mouthy and mannerless.

We knew without extensive intervention, once adopted, Dudley would likely end up back in a shelter...or worse.

We sent him to a thorough, 30-day positive reinforcement training camp. His new family (shown here with him & his older brother before the plunge) committed to continuing to work with him patiently as well, enabling him to be happily adopted.