

## Heavenly Pet Sanctuary, 2020 Winter, Newsletter

It's been a busy year for our shelter's rescue activities. We've taken in more homeless pets this year than ever before and adopted more of them out. Although it was a hard and painful year for so many and we lost some very close friends, adoptions went way up. Many people who had waited to adopt a pet found themselves at home with time on their hands—and what was perhaps a limitation, became a ticket to a forever home for shelter animals. Our shelter remained open to visitors for the whole year and this helped our adoptions as people wanted to choose their pet in person, not just from photos.



### Here are some of the highlights of our year

This is Katniss one of our special needs cats who needed a lot of care to bring her back to health.

We admitted Twiggy, she was running in the woods like a wild dog, she's actually very sweet and submissive now and hopefully will find a home soon.



Our little Sigie who was born in 2018 and the last to be adopted from her litter went home with Ali Barr. Sigie was shy and needed a lot of patience and TLC.



These two little dogs had been left in a barn when their owner moved, they were dirty and frightened, but after some grooming and a nice clean place to run around and recuperate they were super adorable and adoptable.

Jeanine Minshall adopted Obie one of the dogs mentioned (left--look at the difference)! ...



Michelle & Tyler here with Coco who joined their family.

Sacchi & Snuggles (left) were two bottle babies who lost their mother, we raised them and they were both adopted together as a bonded pair. It doesn't get much better than that!







Our beautiful Tippie, a long haired, Maine coon was from a litter of five homeless kittens and adopted to a family in Iowa City.

Kendrick was a stray dog who found shelter here and is pictured with one of our staff. (rt) Kendrick eventually found a wonderful home and goes on camping trips regularly.



Polly was an outside stray cat begging for food, she was such a lovely, refined cat, it was hard to imagine her being homeless out in the cold. She was later adopted to Nicole Shutten.



Another litter of sweet kittens rescued, all were adopted into forever homes.



Janice (left) pictured here with Finan one of the three.



And Waffles with Lily (right.)

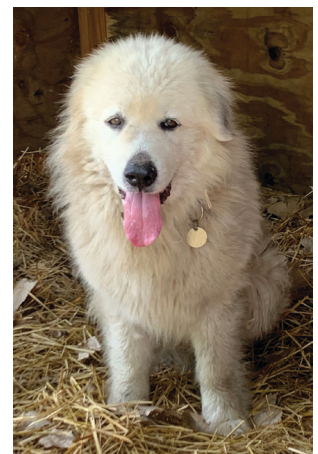


Shannon & Paul Sailor adopted Fritter (now Saturn) and he is the most spoiled cat ever!

This Pyrenees was lost and fortunately we found his owner; we refunded his rescue donation back so that the dog could get a summer cut!



Lester with two bandaged back legs from bite wounds, took a long time to recover but ended up staying with us a year before his rescuer, Colette decided to take him home.



A group of blind students visited the shelter during the summer.



Bailey with Molly, both very adoptable, Molly found a great home with Ann Clifford and Bailey is going to be available next year.







These two very small and cute Chihuahuas were surrendered to the shelter, they were quickly adopted by Terri Lynne and have enjoyed a blessed life together.

Sophie our little calico baby that we bottle fed for weeks, was adopted by Barbara Campbell; her son is pictured here.



Brittany Howe adopted Sitka, a Yellow Lab as a companion for her own special needs dog Sunny and now has a large fenced yard in the country for the dogs to romp in.



Jane Fishel adopted Mango who had been at the shelter for many years, she joined Jane's Dachsund and they all get along famously!



This is Smudge, he came to us as a little injured, sick kitten, he grew up to be this handsome boy pictured far left.

Smudge was adopted once but through no fault of his own, came back to the shelter. He's still waiting for his forever home.



This is Pippin (right) another rescue kitten, he had a broken jaw and couldn't eat, after some weeks of veterinary care and patient feeding, he was finally able to eat on his own and made a full recovery. He was eventually adopted.



These babes were born to a feral cat mother who was brought to the shelter pregnant. When she had the kittens she left them on the floor, some still encased in the sac. We found them and were able to save three (pictured here.) All of them were eventually adopted.

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**There are many more rescues and adoptions, many heartwarming stories and some sorrowful ones. In the end, we work very hard to take care of the pets that come to us, and most of them need a great deal of time and often veterinary care. All of this requires a lot of funding and we hope that you will be inspired to join us in our mission and support the shelter.**

**We'd like to thank the following people for their outstanding contributions:**

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This year we received a large amount of donated cat litter which was the result of the Litter-for-Good campaign which so many of you nominated us for. We qualified for a whole truckload of cat litter and although we still had to provide the freight it was a very large and valuable asset. Storage was the only issue and with many people's help we purchased and erected a small steel garage type building. Special thanks to Dale Carstensen for being the lead contractor for the project and to Jim Krier for site preparation.



**Each year we need new nominations to qualify** for more donated cat litter. Please take a minute to go online and vote for us—it's a super simple way to help us get more donations.

(Instructions below)

We have a Wish List for the shelter on Chewy.com and by rating us on Google more people will find us, adopt and volunteer. These are all very easy ways to help our shelter pets.

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1. Go to [catspride.com](http://catspride.com) and sign up for the free Cat's Pride® Club.
2. Click on the "Nominate" button to help us receive litter. The more nominations, the more litter donated to us.
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