



# Paws & Effect



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## Two Are Better Than One

♥ BY Lyda Gould

Jeannie is an equal opportunity animal lover. She grew up surrounded by pets. So when her beloved Bichon of 17 years, Cyrus, passed away, she knew that she wanted another canine companion. That's when her close friend, who had previously adopted from the SPCA of Northern Virginia, recommended that she consider the organization. Her friend's positive experience with SPCA NOVA, and Jeannie's own yearning to adopt one of the many dogs in the United States waiting for a home, encouraged her to keep an eye on the website to search for a fit.

It was not long after Jeannie began her search that she saw Kermit on the SPCA NOVA's website, a one-year-old Maltese who had been with us for some time. When he first came to the SPCA as a transfer from a local shelter, he wasn't much of a looker; in fact, he was in desperate need of a shave, which he promptly received, along with a thorough bath. Unfortunately, Kermit took to rolling in the mud at every opportunity, obligating us to maintain his short hairstyle. He also exhibited some aggression towards strangers, making him difficult to promote at adoption events. Yet, when Jeannie visited him at our event in Fairfax, she was able to walk him, pet him, pick him up, and (very importantly) he reminded her of Cyrus.

After the adoption was finalized and Kermit settled into his new home, Jeannie happily reported that he completely

changed for the better. He became very close to Jeannie's husband, bonding with him while he was at home for the first few weeks. Kermit also outgrew his preoccupation for rolling in the mud and was able to maintain a longer, more suitable haircut. He quickly became a special part of Jeannie's family. In a mixed-family home, Jeannie said, "Kermit was the glue that held all of us together. He really completed us as a family." They learned how to work around his aggression and introduce guests to him slowly. They found that he was really playful, energetic, and goofy. "He's like silly putty, you can carry him any way... [but he's also] very spunky, very mischievous..."

After a couple of years of bonding with the family, it became apparent that with all of Kermit's energy and spunk, he might be in want of a friend. Jeannie also felt the pull to have a dog that would be hers to look after and bond with, since Kermit had unexpectedly taken such a liking to her husband.

For her second search, Jeannie reached out again to SPCA NOVA. With the help of Lisa Reid, owner of Ragged Mountain Dogs and SPCA Kennel Manager, and Barbara Cohen, SPCA Dog Committee Chairperson, Boone was recommended to Jeannie as a potential fit. Boone was a two-year-old Shih Tzu/Yorkie mix picked up by Animal Control after evading their traps for three months. His history is unknown, and though he was homeless for three months, no one ever claimed him. He had been surviving off of scraps left by good Samaritans, and like Kermit, was in desperate



**BEFORE:** Boone (top) and Kermit (middle) needed some TLC when they were found.

**AFTER:** Kermit and Boone (bottom) are best buds now that they have been adopted.

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# All I Want for Christmas

♥ **BY Dana Meeker**

**W**hen I was a child, my parents asked me what I wanted for Christmas, and I'd eagerly page through the Sears Christmas catalog and write a long list of all manner of toys and gadgets that I'd like to see under the tree. These days, it's harder to come up with what I personally want for gifts – my time with friends means so much more now than any gifts. However, as an animal lover and President of SPCA NOVA's Board of Directors, what I want for Christmas is easy: I want a great home for all the animals in our care.

Nearly 200 of our rescued cats, kittens, and dogs will be celebrating the holidays in new homes this year. I'm so excited for the families who may, even now, be out shopping for something special to mark Fluffy or Skipper's first holiday with them.

I'm especially happy for those animals that were in our care for a long time, waiting for that special person to come along. Shadow is one of those lucky fellows. On the next page, you can read how Shadow's youthful exuberance found its way

into the hearts of his new family. Last weekend, I finalized the adoption of Henry and Tommy, two brothers we have cared for since 2012. Any rescue worker will tell you it's harder to find homes for adults, but a bonded pair of adults – one of which has a treatable medical issue – well, let's just say we are feeling a little like our letter to Santa was answered. Karen sent in a "Meet Your Match" request, looking for a pair, and visited several before meeting Henry and Tommy in their foster home. She decided to adopt them, and she's willing to give them all the time they need to adjust to their new home for the holidays.

While our primary goal is always adoption for our animals, we do have some who are permanent fosters. They're too shy, too quirky, or have too many medical issues to move on. That's OK. We have some truly wonderful foster moms and dads who provide loving homes and think their charges are perfect just the way they are.

One of our dogs, Jack, was returned to us with a really serious aversion to being confined, which means he can't be

crated to go to adoption fairs. Lisa Reid at Ragged Mountain Dogs (RMD) has learned how to give him his space and keep his anxiety at bay. And when poor sweet Maggie came to us with her brother, also named Jack, she tottered more than walked. We thought she would improve after knee surgery and dropping some pounds, but she had a more serious disc issue and is now partially paralyzed. For Christmas, we're fitting her with a mobility cart so she can run around the play yard at RMD with her brother. We're hoping for a really special family to adopt Jack and Maggie some day.

We are also caring for dozens of other cats and dogs that we hope will find their forever homes in the New Year. Give your furry friend a hug and spend some quality time together over the holidays. Remember how lucky you are to have each other, and please consider making a generous gift to SPCA NOVA this season to help us provide for all the four-legged friends who depend on us for their daily care.

Wishing you a safe and joyful holiday season and a happy New Year!



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## 2016 Dog Adoption Fairs



### Weber's Pet Supermarket

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Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 385-3766

**Saturdays  
12:30 to 3 p.m.**

**January**  
9 & 23

**February**  
13 & 27

**March**  
12 & 26

**April**  
9 & 23

**May**  
14 & 28

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to change, so please  
check our website for  
updates.*

# Through a Dog's Eyes

♥ **BY Shadow,**  
as told to Joan Hughes

Let me tell you about myself. I have to admit I was a bit apprehensive. What if they didn't like me? There's that two-week trial period that the SPCA of Northern Virginia has to determine if dog and new guardian are compatible. Maybe they would turn me back when that time was up. There's nothing wrong with that. It would mean more time with Lisa Reid, who cares for the SPCA dogs. She is the ultimate "dog person." That's what we dogs – and you humans – call people who are crazy about canines. But that didn't happen. Paul and Jim are also dog people.

They had dogs before I came along, and those dogs were happy until they passed over the Rainbow Bridge. And Jim is home during the day. What dog doesn't appreciate that?

To show my devotion, I lived up to my name. I followed them closely so they couldn't forget I was there. As I became more confident, I stayed on my pillow in the kitchen so I could supervise the cooking – and maybe grab a dropped morsel.

I really try to be a good dog but must confess to turning over some

garbage on Halloween when my guardians were doling out goodies to the neighborhood ghosts and goblins. But my guys were very forgiving.

I'm mostly a quiet fellow, but when the electrician came, I really sounded off. How was I to know he wouldn't plunge us into total darkness? It's my job to keep us all safe.

And squirrels! Don't get me started on squirrels! Cheeky fellows (no pun intended). They stuff their cheeks with nuts, and whatever else squirrels eat, and mock me when I'm going crazy at the window with no ability to get at them.

But going for walks can work off some of



that energy. I love walks. Jim and I go out during the day, and I let Paul walk me at night – don't want him to feel neglected.

I guess they talked it over when I wasn't listening because they decided to finalize my adoption. I'm so happy, and now I feel really wanted and part of society. Maybe it's what you humans would call "social security."

### Need Help Getting Your Pet Spayed or Neutered?

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## Volunteer Spotlight: Tom Till

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### How long have you volunteered with SPCA NOVA and what brought you to us?

I first started volunteering with the SPCA in June 2013, so just over two and a half years. I love dogs – I guess that’s kind of a prerequisite. I just wanted to do something where I’d be outdoors and sharing time with a lot of great animals and trying to find them homes.

### Do you have pets of your own?

Yeah, I have an 11-year-old pit bull whom I rescued about 10 and a half years ago. In that respect, it means a lot to me to see a dog get rescued or adopted. My former girlfriend worked at the Town and Country Animal Hospital, which doubles as the animal shelter for the City of Fairfax. The dog was given up or taken away because he was still a puppy. He was badly mistreated, left outside in the winter, starved, so my girlfriend called me and said we need to get him out of there, since pit bulls are the first to get euthanized if they don’t get adopted. He was a captivating little guy, had boatloads of energy, and we were just going to take him tempo-

rarily, just to get him away from being euthanized, but now it’s 10 – almost 11 – years later.

### What do you do in your capacity as a volunteer?

I handle dogs, usually the bigger dogs that are up for adoption. I come to the twice-monthly adoptions and [have helped at] a couple of other volunteer events involving fundraising for the SPCA. I did a county fair adoption event with Dana [Meeker, SPCA NOVA President], last summer where we had a table set up.

### What do you enjoy most about volunteering?

Well, it’s really just a nice group of people, and the dogs are really wonderful to take care of and try to find homes for. The two biggest dogs I handle, [Stanley and Buddy] have been there quite a long time. They’re still happy, and they love to come to the adoption fairs and walk around and be shown off. Stanley enjoys playing to the crowd and plopping down on the floor right by the entrance so he can be petted by everyone walking in.

### Tell us about the dogs you handle when you volunteer.

I usually handle Stanley, sometimes Buddy. Particularly with Stanley, he likes to be all over the store and entrance. People love to see him, and I always tell them he’s up for adoption and that maybe they can get the word out. I handle some of the other bigger dogs [as well]. I handled the Rhodesian Ridgeback, Rhody, who was recently adopted, and some of the smaller ones as well, like Candice. I used to handle the Yemeni dogs a fair amount.

The dogs need to get out and have a change of scenery. They get to walk around the parking lot, be outside for the afternoon. In the winter, they can wear their coats outside or relax on the floor inside. There are plenty of treats and water. Even on the slow days, there are still people who like to come out and see the dogs.

### Have there been any moments that made you really happy to be volunteering with SPCA?

Yeah, I think the happy moments are when you get an application for a dog you’re handling and



you wait two weeks and then the [adopters] come back after their trial period. I’ve had that happen to me a few times and you feel great for the dog. That’s always the happiest moment.

### What would you say to encourage someone else who may be considering volunteering?

I’d say that it’s a great way to spend your time. It’s a nice group of people; everyone’s very welcoming. The first time I volunteered, I showed up and just found that it was something really fun and relaxing to do. It was a nice way to meet other people who love dogs; a nice way to help the community and dogs who are searching for a home.

I just think every little bit helps, whether you want to volunteer or donate – everything goes to the dogs. That’s one of the best parts about it, whether you’re there to handle or help with other stuff, or just donate, you help the organization no matter what.

# New Opportunity to Meet Cats, Kittens

♥ BY *Angel Fischer*

When it comes to adopting a pet, nothing is more powerful than that first face-to-face meeting. Even if you've seen a photo, you're never really sure if an animal's personality will gel with your own until you're in the same space.

This summer, SPCA NOVA began partnering with the new Pet Valu in Falls Church to host some of our cats and kittens for viewing on the weekends. This is the second Pet Valu with which SPCA NOVA has partnered. Three years ago, Pet Valu opened a store in Purcellville, and a few months later, cat volunteer Hillary Haag approached them about hosting cat and kitten adoption fairs.

"During one of the fairs, I asked them about the empty cages they had on display, and if those could be used to showcase kittens for longer than a few hours," said Hillary.

Over time, this relationship has grown from hosting a three-hour adoption fair once a week to keeping kittens

at the store four days a week 24/7. SPCA NOVA Vice President and Cat Chair Kathleen MacKinnon says this partnership has been a tremendous help with adoptions.



"Our cat and kitten adoption numbers have increased significantly as a result of people being able to meet and greet them in Purcellville," said Kathleen.

Pet Valu clearly appreciates this relationship as well, since this time they were the ones who invited SPCA NOVA to establish a similar program in their new Falls Church store.

Now SPCA NOVA has two locations where prospective cat adopters

can get a first glimpse of some of their potential feline companions. One-on-one meetings where you can handle cats and kittens are available when volunteers are present at established times or by appointment. Periodic adoption fairs are also held at each location.

In Purcellville, cats can be viewed Fridays through Mondays, while in Falls Church it's Saturdays and Sundays. Of course, these meetings and adoption fairs wouldn't be possible without the help of our volunteers.

Thank you to our Purcellville crew: Hillary, Karen, Nancy, Tracy, Jen, and Becky; and to our Falls Church team: Kathleen, Debbie, Betsy, Penny, Jenn, Lori, Jody, Lynn, and Alexa.

## No Shrinking Violet

Violet came into SPCA NOVA's care earlier this year as a tiny, 12-ounce, fluffy grey kitten from a local shelter. She was at the Purcellville Pet Valu waiting to be adopted when it was discovered this fall that she has a large polyp growing in her ear.

She's been placed in our Guardian Angels program (read more about this program on page 6), and a fundraiser was held at Pet Valu in November to pay for her surgery. Once she has recovered, you'll probably see her back at Pet Valu, waiting for her forever home.



## Guardian Angels Needed for Cats & Dogs

Want to help a homeless animal but can't adopt one? Join our **Guardian Angel Program** for as little as \$30. Your support will help provide for a cat or dog until he or she can be placed into a loving home. In return, you'll get photos and updates on your chosen animal.

Apply Online: [www.spcanova.org/help/ga.php](http://www.spcanova.org/help/ga.php)

# Angels and Miracles

## *Saving Lives One Cat at a Time!*

♥ **BY** *Katie McHenry and Kathleen MacKinnon*

**T**he holiday season is known as a season of miracles – what better way to celebrate than to give thanks to SPCA NOVA’s Cat Guardian Angels who have helped us make miracles happen for so many cats and kittens in our care?

### **What the Cat Guardian Angels Program Does**

The Cat Guardian Angels program allows donors to contribute as little as \$30 to help us provide medical care for specific cats and kittens who need special care. Many of the cats and kittens who get sponsored come from local shelters

where they would have been euthanized because those shelters don’t have the funds or appropriate space to care for cats with special needs.

While in the Guardian Angels program, cats typically live with foster parents who are able to care for their special needs. Most of these special needs cats and kittens are available for adoption once they are healthy. However, a few – mostly older cats – remain permanently in foster homes if their condition requires extensive ongoing care. Once their medical needs are taken care of, they may “graduate” from the program and no longer need sponsorship.

We have literally been able to save the lives of dozens and dozens of cats and kittens over the years with the help of Guardian Angels. Here are just a few of their stories with photos from when they were found or started their treatment and how they look now.

### **Gatita**

Gatita came into our care from a local vet office. She was found

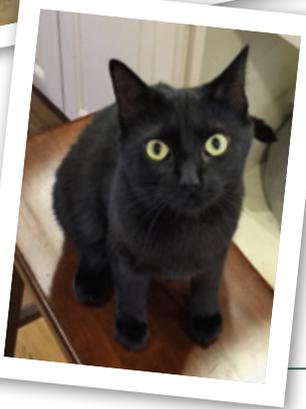
outdoors by a good Samaritan after being hit by a car. The vet office asked for our help so they wouldn’t have to turn her over to a local shelter that would not have had the resources to help her. We took Gatita into our care knowing we could help raise money through our Guardian Angels. Following surgery to repair her broken leg and pelvis, Gatita was on the road to recovery – until a vet discovered a large mass in her bladder after antibiotics didn’t help her recurring urinary infections. The mass turned out to be scar tissue from being hit by the car, and removing it required another surgery. With the help of a skilled surgeon, Gatita has recovered fully and was adopted by a friend of her foster parent, Hillary.

### **Poppy and Her Kittens**

Guardian Angels also saved the lives of Poppy and her kittens, who would have been eutha-

nized at a local shelter after being diagnosed with severe upper respiratory infections (URIs). Poppy and all of her kittens were malnourished, and her kittens had varying degrees of ulcers in their eyes and mouths. The kittens initially had to be tube fed while their mom recovered and the ulcers in their mouths healed. Five of her six kittens survived, and most of them also needed special treatment by an ophthalmologist for their eye ulcers. Not only were they saved by the Guardian Angels who helped pay for their vet care, but also by their foster mom, Dr. Gregiore, a vet who was able to provide extraordinary

care, along with lots of TLC. Poppy and



her kittens are now doing very well and will be available for adoption once they have fully recovered.

his Guardian Angels. He receives ongoing care for a heart condition, allergies, and asthma. He had been stable for quite a while until he developed a urinary blockage from crystals in his urine – a condition that would have been fatal if Haven hadn't caught it in time for him to receive the

proper intensive care. Max needed to be hospitalized longer than expected (about 10 days), and we were prepared to do surgery if needed. However, with good vet care and careful monitoring, his blockage

was cleared, and he is on special food to prevent crystals in the future. While he has now developed a urinary infection that is resistant to many antibiotics, we are confident that, with careful monitoring, Max will do well. Haven has adopted him, and SPCA NOVA provides ongoing support for his medical needs.

Qian has been in our care for about three years, thanks to her loving foster parents (first Katie [though not the co-author of this story] and now Jess) and Guardian Angels. Once in our care, Qian began

rapidly losing weight and showing signs of issues with her intestines. After tests were completed, we discovered she has both inflammatory bowel disease and hyperthyroidism. Left untreated, Qian's hyperthyroidism would have led to organ failure. It has taken a lot of trial and error with various tests, medications, and special food. And, once it was clear that Qian's hyperthyroidism couldn't be controlled with medication, she received Radiocat® – an injection of radioactive iodine to shrink the tumor on her thyroid. Qian no longer suffers from hyperthyroidism, and her inflammatory bowel disease is under control with special food and just one medication. This is an amazing outcome for this sweet girl who will finally be available for adoption very soon.

### Become a Cat Guardian Angel

Sponsoring a cat through our Guardian Angels program is a

convenient way for cat lovers to provide

assistance to cats and kittens with special needs. And, in the spirit of the holiday season, the program can be a wonderful gift for a cat-loving friend or family member.

We provide a Cat Guardian Angels newsletter to keep our Guardian Angels informed about the progress of our cats and kittens with special needs.

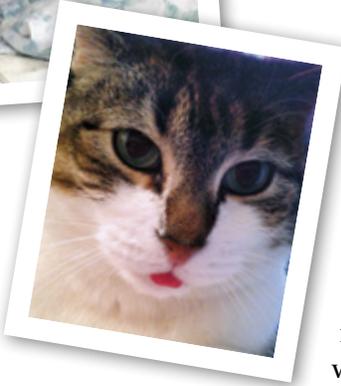
You can learn more about the program on our website at: [www.spcanova.org/help/guardianangels\\_cats2.php](http://www.spcanova.org/help/guardianangels_cats2.php)

Check out our current cats in need of Guardian Angels at: [www.spcanova.org/help/guardianangels\\_cats.php](http://www.spcanova.org/help/guardianangels_cats.php)

You can also read about our cats who have "graduated" from the program at: [www.spcanova.org/help/guardianangels\\_cats3.php](http://www.spcanova.org/help/guardianangels_cats3.php)

### Special Thanks

There are so many Guardian Angels to thank – too many to name them all – but a special thanks to those who have supported Gatita, Poppy and her kittens, Max, and Qian: Janice and Cliff, Debbie, Lindsey, Jennifer, Sara, Samantha, Kanett, Ragon, Haven, Kate, Penny, Kathy, Janet, Byron and Linda, Heather, Petra, and Douglas. And let's not forget all of the foster parents who put their hearts and souls into caring for our kitties with special needs.



### Max and Qian

Max and Qian were both stray cats who came into SPCA NOVA's care after being found outdoors by good Samaritans. Many rescue groups don't take in stray cats, but we actually specialize in helping these cats because they often have the greatest need for help. In both cases, Max and Qian were being fed by their good Samaritans, but they didn't have adequate shelter or a home to call their own. When taking in stray cats, we never know what their health issues may be. Both Max and Qian appeared to be relatively healthy, although once in our care, we eventually discovered they had ongoing special needs.

Max has been in our care for about five years, thanks to his loving foster mom Haven and



# Gift Giving for our Furry Friends

**Y**ou're making a list; you're checking it twice. You know full well who has been naughty and who has been nice. This holiday season, don't forget to include your pets on your shopping list – even if they're sometimes on the naughty list! Fortunately, there are many wonderful gifts from which to choose for your furry companions, both canine and feline.

## Toys and Furniture

The most popular option is to buy new toys to keep your fur-kids occupied and active. Many pet stores offer Christmas stockings filled with cat or dog toys that can be hung by the fire with the rest of the family's stockings. Online and catalog retailer Frontgate also offers a Hanukkah dog toy set, featuring squeaky toys in the shapes of a menorah and dreidel.

For active dogs, consider rope toys, balls, and stuffed animals that they can chase and chew on.

For curious cats, add a new climbing structure or crinkle tunnel. And don't forget about scratching pads, many of which can be found in unique shapes, like a turntable for your kitty to play DJ.

A gift that keeps on giving is a monthly subscription service that delivers a box of toys and treats for your dog or cat. Each month, it's a delight to open a box of goodies that will get tails wagging and purrs rolling. Most services have a variety of frequency options and box sizes to fit almost any budget. Two of the most popular services are BarkBox for dogs and meowbox for cats.

The holidays are also a good time to reward a pampered pet with a cozy new bed. Options range from traditional to modern, plain to personalized, in styles to suit every décor.

## Tech

Technology has provided a variety of new

ways that humans can interact with their companions. You can get a dog treat launcher that keeps your canine active chasing down tasty treats. Several retailers offer pet's-eye-view cameras that attach to your dog or cat's collar and lets you view the world through their eyes. And GoPro owners can even buy a harness for their pooch to create some truly wonderful video captures of their pet's experiences.

## Novelties

If you're looking for something less ordinary, consider a novelty item, such as an inflatable unicorn horn for your cat, reindeer antlers for your cat or dog, or ugly Christmas sweaters or other holiday costumes. And for geeky pet owners and pets, Mental Floss has put together a guide to geeky toys for cats ([www.tinyurl.com/cat-geek-gear](http://www.tinyurl.com/cat-geek-gear)), while Mashable has compiled a list of five tech toys for your geeky dog ([www.tinyurl.com/dog-tech](http://www.tinyurl.com/dog-tech)).

## Pet Parents

You also shouldn't skimp when it comes to pet parents on the list. A number of personalized holiday gifts are available, such as paw print



ornament kits, personalized and custom pet ornaments, pet portraits, and even plush versions of your faithful companions.

## Donations

Finally, you can consider honoring your pet this holiday season by making a donation in his or her name to a great organization that may have brought you together and helps thousands of dogs and cats in need – SPCA NOVA. When you make a gift in memory or honor of your pet, you'll get to see their name in the Gifts in Remembrance section of our newsletter (see the next page). To make a fast and easy online donation, visit <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/spcanova>.

## Shopping Can Save Lives!

Finish your last-minute holiday shopping online and help SPCA NOVA at the same time. Shop at the iGive Mall, Best Bully's, or Big Dog Cares through the links at the bottom of our home page, and a portion of your purchase will be donated to SPCA NOVA!

Start your shopping at [www.spcanova.org](http://www.spcanova.org)





# Gifts in Remembrance

SPCA NOVA welcomes donations made in memory or honor of someone special in your life. Please include the name and address of the person you would like notified of your donation, along with the name of the person or pet being remembered or honored.

## In Memory of

- ♥ **"Abigail"**  
~ Kelly Silverman
- ♥ **"Bandit" Backstrom**  
~ Kaileen Leonard & Glen Cullen
- ♥ **"Biscuit"**  
~ Eve Malley
- ♥ **"Brandy" Bowers**  
~ Nanci Bowers
- ♥ **"Chloe"**  
~ Louise A & Harry Ravert
- ♥ **"Colby"**  
~ Michael & Donna Bruggeman
- ♥ **"Daisy" Munn**  
~ John Munn & Family
- ♥ **"Emma"**  
~ Carol Beaver
- ♥ **"Gracie Lu" McCurry**  
~ Chris Wyatt
- ♥ **"Kitty" Holland-Ketcham**  
~ Ann Zetah & the WG DC office
- ♥ **"Leroy"**  
~ Joan Sullivan
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~ Susan Silver
- ♥ **"Shana" Shiflet**  
~ Bill & Cheryl Shiflet  
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~ Dana Meeker
- ♥ **"Teddy" Garland-Vaughn**  
~ Dana Meeker
- ♥ **"Topaz" & "Butterscotch"**  
~ Petra & Doug Raymond
- ♥ **"Zeus" Wernick**  
~ Robert Cox
- ♥ **Ann Willson**  
~ Robert & Margaret Fano
- ♥ **Anne Johnson**  
~ Emily Silva
- ♥ **Darlene Thompson**  
~ Dennis & Nancy Husch
- ♥ **Don Rose Adams, an animal lover**  
~ Sandra & John Riddoch
- ♥ **Donald Klinger**  
~ Wendy Goodness
- ♥ **Earlene Smith, she absolutely loved animals**  
~ Anonymous
- ♥ **Elin Margrethe Halverson Morath**  
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- ♥ **Greer Gilka**  
~ James Schwarz
- ♥ **Jackie**  
~ Alice Katz
- ♥ **Jake Ries**  
~ Allison Mallon
- ♥ **James E Morris**  
~ Ron & Norma McGihon
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~ Carolyn Schapper
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- ♥ **Matthew Nourse Miller**  
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- ♥ **Michael**  
~ Richard & Joanne Mueller
- ♥ **Patrick Gallagher**  
~ Frances Regan
- ♥ **Peggy Fairweather**  
~ Lynda Prior
- ♥ **Ronald L Keaton, Sr**  
~ Hazel Roberts
- ♥ **Vincent Arcuri**  
~ Nancy Shute

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- ♥ **"Buddy"**  
~ Marvin Lautzenheiser
- ♥ **"Buddy"**  
~ Orion Vinson
- ♥ **"Empress Maggie May" Wassel**  
~ Andrew Wassel
- ♥ **"Honey" Arcuri**  
~ Nancy Shute
- ♥ **"Hurricane" & "Typhoon"**  
~ John Long
- ♥ **"Jethro" & "Ellie Mae"**  
~ Audrey Elmes
- ♥ **Alex Cutler-McKenna Freese wedding**  
~ Tamar Roomian
- ♥ **Annette Beadle, a wonderful mentor retiring after 30 years serving her country**  
~ Jason Layton
- ♥ **Annie**  
~ Virginia & Carl Ferdensi
- ♥ **Barbara Staubs' service at King Elementary from Laura, Rebecca, & Stacey**  
~ Laura Yeager
- ♥ **Elijah Berry's birthday**  
~ Katrina Zacharewski
- ♥ **J T Bock's birthday**  
~ Chris Prochaska
- ♥ **Jessica Coulston's birthday**  
~ Theresa Vitolo
- ♥ **John and Melina Fraser, in honor of and in thanks for their hospitality**  
~ Mark and Ann Sellers
- ♥ **Lebowski LaBonte**  
~ Evelyn Zornoza
- ♥ **Lucas Reeves**  
~ Allison Fisher
- ♥ **Oreo & Dot, kittens who were rescued by SPCA NOVA; Hillary is caring for them. Thank you, Hillary!**  
~ Nina Galcius
- ♥ **Patricia Sitnik**  
~ Terry Jefferson
- ♥ **Robert Hawkins**  
~ Carrie StegelMeyer
- ♥ **Sheryl Asen's Birthday**  
~ Kenneth Black
- ♥ **The guests at the wedding of Kevin Ryan & Suzanne Plant**  
~ Richard Plant & Kathleen A Keber
- ♥ **The Marriage of Avanthi & John**  
~ Laurie Lemons
- ♥ **The Marriage of Jose Miranda & Libby Trinidad**  
~ Dennis Bernardo  
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- ♥ **The Marriage of Edward & Sarah MacDonald**  
~ Edward & Evelyn MacDonald

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**A VERY SPECIAL** thank you to our adoption partner, Pet Valu, who donated \$2,315 through their amazing generous customers.

**DULIN UNITED METHODIST** Church of Falls Church hosted their annual Blessing of the Animals on October 4 and took up an offering for the SPCA of Northern Virginia to help us with our mission.

**DANIELLE WEBER, VIRGINIA** Reid, and Tabitha Hayes organized a yard sale and included a lemonade stand to raise money for the SPCA. Thirsty neighbors and buyers raised a tidy sum to help the animals.

**LIBBY TRINIDAD AND** Jose Miranda requested that their wedding guests make the world a better place by making a donation to charity, recommending our Spay Inc. program as one of the recipients. Their donations will make it possible for families with reduced means to have their pets spayed or neutered.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL** for the following bequests:

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**GOLDKLANG GROUP CPAs, P.C.**, a firm that handles audit and tax issues facing homeowners associations, condominiums, and housing cooperatives, is also committed to working with communities. About once a quarter, the firm does fundraising for a not-for-profit. Volunteer Brittany Mason submitted our name for consideration, and we were accepted. Thanks Brittany! We were the

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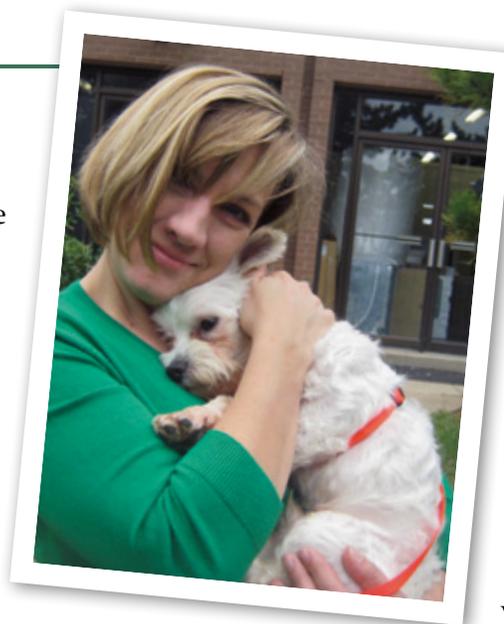
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need of a shave, as his coat was in poor condition and badly matted. SPCA NOVA took him in, gave him a full grooming, cut and wash, provided regular meals and prepared him for his adoption debut.

When Jeannie brought Kermit back to the SPCA adoption event for a meet and greet between the two dogs, it was largely uneventful. "They checked each other out and they weren't aggressive with each other, so I took that as a good sign," Jeannie said.

Today, "they are best friends; they are the best of buds!" Jeannie exclaims. "They chase each other around the house; they're perfect for each other. Kermit can flatten himself out to get under the bed - that's where he stores his toys and takes things from Boone because Boone's head is too big! We love throwing toys and watching them chase each other... they wrestle for 30 minutes and make



Jeannie finds an instant connection with Kermit at the dog adoption fair.

the weirdest noises. It's better than watching cable!"

Since Kermit and Boone came into the care of SPCA NOVA, they

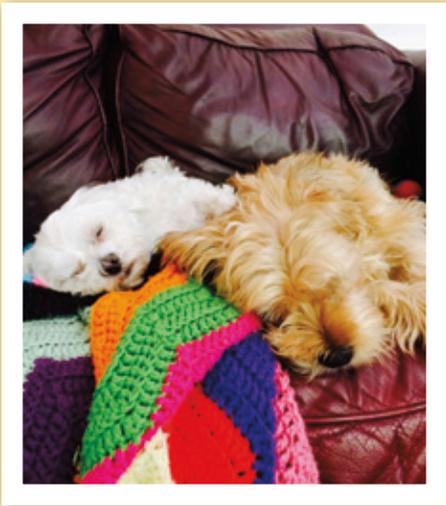
have truly experienced multiple transformations: from their first arrival, disheveled and homeless; to clean, healthy, and adoptable; to wonderful handsome family pets. If you are ready to adopt a companion or two, or know of someone considering getting a pet, please direct them to our website and Facebook page. We want Jeannie's story to be your story.



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