



Ode to a 'Prairie Dog' Beagle



BY Kevin & Ryan Starr

Lyn's past is a murky one. She'd been hanging around outside a bar in North Carolina for several months and was dubbed "Jamie Sue" for the local liquor of choice. She had acquired a diverse set of useful skills in the year and half she had spent on this Earth, ranging from "begging for food despite having just gotten some" to "being able to channel puppy dog eyes despite being fully grown" to "tossing her food absolutely everywhere and making a total mess." At least we assume she learned them there, as they were fully formed when she came barreling into our hearts and home.



ABOVE: Lyn shows off her "prairie dog" pose from under the cover that was supposed to keep her hair off the sofa.

TOP: Lyn, the first time her guardians met her.

A DNA kit put her at "mostly beagle," but her activities don't lie. Lyn was a born "Prairie Dog," quickly figuring out how to burrow under the sofa cover we had gotten for the express purpose of keeping dog hair off the sofa and using it as a comforter before standing up on her hind legs to poke around at whatever you're doing.

Lyn quickly discovered a hatred for anything wet (other than her food), from rain to damp grass to rivers, a curse considering how much she loves running up and down on the sand.

An adventurer at heart, Lyn spends most of her time outside sniffing anywhere and everywhere, taking in the smells of new areas while also searching to see if she can satisfy her bottomless hunger for

discarded sandwiches and chicken wings. The only thing capable of distracting her from the possibility of treats outside is the appearance of her most hated foe, the Squirrel. Lyn will drop everything she is doing to chase a squirrel if she spots one (rarer than one would think due to her spending most time of a walk with her head to the ground), exhibiting a level of treeing ability often seen in specially trained hounds. She has yet to catch one, but that is more thanks to a 6-foot leash than any lack of trying on her part.

This is not to say that Lyn is some sort of arch-predator, bane to all wildlife. She is a softy when it comes to anyone or anything that is not a squirrel. When Lyn encountered a rat on a walk, her first response was to sniff its butt and play bow at it. She was trying to get the rat to play with her! She was firmly ignored.

In contrast to her adorable exterior, Lyn hides a dark and terrible secret. Despite her houndiness, her nose is entirely decorative. During the early parts of the pandemic, we taught her indoors scent work to keep her entertained during the great dog park closure. Unfortunately, her ability to sniff things out is non-existent. She loves sniffing but is wholly incapable of applying that love. Her memory makes up for what her nose lacks, though. She can remember dozens upon dozens of spots where we have previously hidden her sniffing goal, and she will check every single location until she accidentally bumps into the new spot where we have hidden it. Lyn is a dog

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President's Letter

A Bumpy Road Back

BY *Dana Meeker*

Last year, when I wrote this letter, I thought that 2021 would be the year we all returned to normal. Who could have known that we would end 2021 with more COVID cases, new challenges, and, really, no idea when we will return to normal?

Where We Are

SPCA NOVA has maintained COVID adoption protocols to reduce exposure for our foster parents, volunteers, staff, and adopters. As you will read, we have continued to rescue animals in need. It is possible that beginning in January 2022, we will have regular dog adoption dates again, but with precautions in place to be able to maintain social distancing for our most vulnerable participants. We are now waiting to see what the Omicron variant will bring.

Many feared that GivingTuesday would be a victim of compassion fatigue, but the reverse was true. GivingTuesday 2021 inspired people around the world to give in record numbers. Our story on the facing page describes how SPCA NOVA's wonderful supporters enabled us to

exceed our fundraising goal.

Where the Country Is

Undoubtedly, masking and vaccines will remain part of our national conversation for some time. And while the country has been divided on how to handle the pandemic, communities have still managed to unite to help their neighbors who continue to feel the emotional and economic effects of the pandemic by providing financial and in-kind support to non-profits and food pantries. The pet food pantries at local rescues are being heavily used. I urge you to help them out if you are able. (Some use Amazon wish lists to publicize their needs.)

Challenges

Initially, there was concern that as people went back to work, they would start to return their "pandemic pets." However, a recent National Geographic story described the challenges that shelters all over the country are facing, and a flood of returned animals is not at the top of the list.

Some shelters and rescues proactively set up programs to support adopters as they contem-

plated either a return to the office or a continued loss of income. They stocked pet food pantries and provided training for adopters to help their pets adjust to more time spent alone.

It turns out that supply chain issues and a national staffing shortage are bigger challenges, making it difficult for shelters to provide care for as many animals and delaying adoptions because animals cannot be neutered due to the shortage of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and clinic staffers.

Encouragement

Oddly, I found this National Geographic story comforting. I was heartened to read that animal welfare's most important asset, its people – adopters, volunteers, and staff – are staying strong and committed to getting animals into homes and keeping them with their families. I am gladdened by and grateful for all our people – every volunteer, donor, adopter, staff member, and advocate – for believing in SPCA NOVA and making it possible for us to continue to provide comfort, care, and homes for stray, sick, injured, abused, and abandoned animals.

#GIVINGTUESDAY Raises Money to Help Animals

On Tuesday, November 30, SPCA NOVA joined individuals and other organizations around the world to celebrate generosity for GivingTuesday. We set a goal to raise \$15,000 in 24 hours, and we're pleased to announce we exceeded this goal by raising \$17,290 to help rescue animals. We want to thank everyone who supported us in this campaign.

These funds help SPCA NOVA rescue cats and dogs that have no one else to save them. For this year's GivingTuesday event, we highlighted a kitten who was thrown out of a moving vehicle and two dogs who were evacuated from Louisiana when Hurricane Ida came through.

Baby Princess

When Baby Princess was just three weeks old, someone witnessed her being thrown out of the window of a moving vehicle. Thankfully, that person stopped to pick

her up and took her to a local shelter.

Since she was so tiny at the time, it was hard to fully assess Baby Princess' injuries. She didn't appear to have any broken bones, but it was unclear if she had suffered any brain damage, especially since 3-week-old kittens are already very wobbly just learning to walk. It appeared that she may have tremors but only time would tell.

While recovering at the shelter, Baby Princess developed an upper respiratory infection. This can be especially serious for such a tiny kitten who doesn't yet have a strong immune system and can't even eat on her own. She needed to be bottle fed, a serious resource commitment for a community shelter.

Sadly, many rural shelters have limited resources to help the many lost, abandoned or abused cats that are in need of help, especially a tiny kitten too young to eat on her own and suffering from apparent head trauma.

When we learned about Baby Princess, she was 4 months old. We were happy to help her, hearing of the early trauma she had endured. We weren't prepared for what we found when she was transferred to us. At her age, she should

have weighed close to 4 lbs. Instead, she weighed only 2 lbs. and was skin and bones. She also had a horrible upper respiratory infection and diarrhea.

But this girl also had a huge personality and, despite her condition, she was eating and full of energy. Baby Princess even showed us how much she loved climbing up on your shoulder to get close to your face and look around.

We took Baby Princess to the vet a day later and were surprised again to see that she had a dangerously high temperature of 106 degrees, that could have led to seizures if not treated right away. (A kitten's normal temperature should be 100-101 degrees.) She was immediately hospitalized, given IV fluids, antibiotics, and other medications to bring down her fever, treat her upper respiratory infection and address her diarrhea.

After 24 hours at the vet, Baby Princess had made a quick turnaround. They got her fever under control, made sure she was able to eat and keep food down, and then was released to an experienced foster parent. After one week of good food, medication, and TLC, she had gained a full pound.

Six weeks later, she was still struggling but improving. She had gained another pound,

bringing her up to 4 pounds, but she had a hard time fully recovering from her upper respiratory infection. She still needs more time to recover, but she's making strides by the day.

Despite her struggles, she is quite the *princess*. This girl is so sassy and full of life and energy, which is probably why she survived against all odds.

Beanie, Maggie Mae

When natural disasters happen, it truly "takes a village" to get people and animals out of harm's way. Even before Hurricane Ida hit Louisiana on August 29, the Humane Society of Louisiana had already evacuated the animals in their shelter to a safe location. But that was just the beginning of the journey those animals would make. Our rescue partner from southwestern Virginia drove to Mississippi to help and brought back some of the evacuated animals. Perhaps the saddest sight was seeing people with their pets in a gas station parking lot, asking strangers if they would take their pets, as they no longer had homes to go back to.

One of our partners reached out to us to help place some of the Louisiana dogs. We accepted



Baby Princess loves to jump on people's shoulders to be close to their face.

Against All Odds

How a Foster Family, Tiny Mom Cat Saved So Many Kittens

BY Katie McHenry

Most people know that caring for a pair of tiny kittens can be challenging. Three or four kittens? Even more so. Now imagine caring for eight nursing-age kittens of varying ages and sizes, from four different litters, with a range of ailments, all nursing on a tiny mother cat able to nurse no more than six at a time. That's exactly what Carolyn

Elmore and her two daughters, Avery and Ashley, signed up for!

In May 2021, SPCA NOVA brought a tiny mother cat – Roxanne – and eight kittens (three of her own and five orphans) into our care from a rural Virginia shelter. We wouldn't have been able to help them without the heroic efforts of Carolyn, Avery, and Ashley, who worked in shifts around the clock to supplement the milk the kittens were receiving from Roxanne and to administer a wide range of medications. Roxanne and the kittens arrived in the Elmore

home shortly before Memorial Day weekend.

Kitten Whisperers

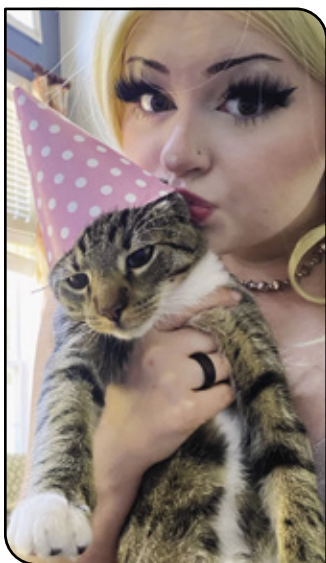
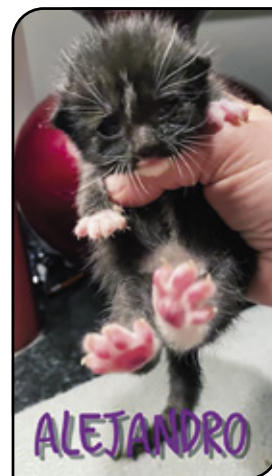
The Elmore family initially began fostering more than two years ago when Avery wanted to learn more about the topic for her Girl Scouts project. But their gift for fostering cats – kittens in particular – grew to the point where they became known as the “kitten whisperers,” which made them a logical choice to foster Roxanne and her “band of kittens.” The Elmores

already had three cats of their own: Katniss, as well as two SPCA NOVA-adopted cats, Primrose and Orion (a special needs foster they adopted who has a rare neurological condition).

The Mom Cat

Not only was Roxanne naturally a small cat, estimated to be one to two years of age, but she was also underweight at only 5.5 pounds when she arrived at a shelter with her

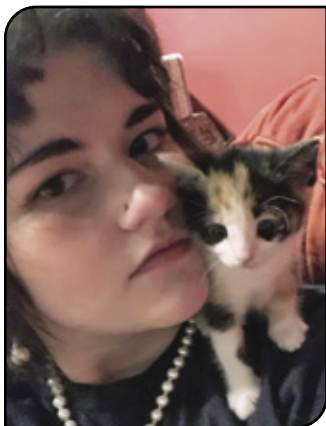
three kittens, only three weeks old. In addition to Roxanne's own kittens, the shelter put five orphaned kittens (all found outdoors) from three other litters with Roxanne, including Lola and Fernando who were a week old and weighed



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Avery cuddles with Julio.

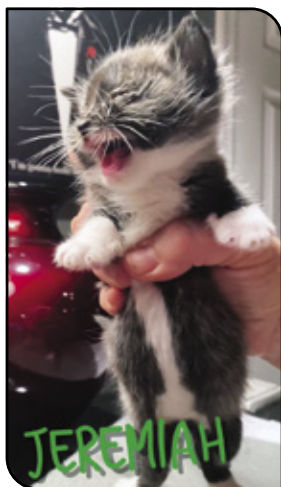
Carolyn lets Delilah snuggle into her shoulder.

Ashley also gets shoulder time with Delilah.





Roxanne and her band of kittens
– all so tiny in the beginning.



only about 3 ounces each! Thus, Roxanne became the mother of eight kittens in total, all ranging from one to three weeks of age at the time.

Roxanne's milk by syringe feeding all eight kittens with kitten milk purchased at a pet store to ensure they were receiving enough nutrition. They

also weighed the kittens daily to ensure each kitten was adding grams to their weight each day.

"She was trying her best," Carolyn says, noting Roxanne was hardly larger than a kitten, herself. "She cared for them, she groomed them, she helped them potty... We worked on feeding Roxanne to help her gain weight and then supplementing her milk."

This went on for weeks, with Carolyn, Avery, and Ashley setting alarms and taking shifts to feed the kittens at all hours of the day and night – usually every four to six hours. The family would often stay up late and wake up early to feed the kittens.

"It was like we had eight infants for a while and a mom who was exhausted – she was such a good mommy," Carolyn says. (Although Roxanne certainly wasn't the only mom who was exhausted!)

Carolyn says one of the most surprising things she learned by fostering Roxanne is how many nipples cats can have. They vary by cat, with some only having six while others have eight.

Another surprise down the line was when Lola turned out to be a boy! In addition to Lola, Maggie May turned out to be a boy as well. But as Carolyn says, "Gender didn't matter – we were just trying to feed them." Lola didn't like being syringe fed and would

only accept one milliliter every hour.

The Kittens

All eight kittens were friendly, in part because they had all been handled from an early age. But perhaps the friendliest was Delilah, who slept on Carolyn most of the time.

"She was my little barnacle," Carolyn says. "I woke up in the morning unable to breathe!"

All of the kittens had various health issues that needed veterinary care and medications in addition to the round-the-clock feedings. These issues included upper respiratory infections, conjunctivitis (some of the kittens had their eyes crusted shut), ear mites, ear infections – and one kitten (Jeremiah) had a mild case of swimmer's syndrome, which caused his back legs/paws to splay outward. His foster family began physical therapy which strengthened the back legs until they corrected themselves.

Additionally, Julio needed two dental surgeries from an oral surgeon to remove his lower canine baby teeth, then his adult canines at 12 weeks and six months of age. Julio had a severe underbite, causing his lower canines to poke holes in the roof of his mouth and preventing his jaw from growing. The surgeries followed a trip to the cardiologist to evaluate a heart murmur,

which thankfully turned out to be benign.

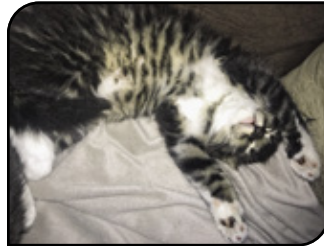
One of the two smallest kittens, Fernando, was struggling to survive, not eating well or gaining enough weight. He was transferred to a wonderful vet, the owner of Harmony Hill Animal Hospital in Sterling, Va., who agreed to provide round-the-clock medical care at no charge to SPCA NOVA. Sadly, he didn't survive due to what the vet believed was a congenital condition affecting his liver.

The Elmore family was devastated to lose Fernando, but Carolyn says, "We didn't have long to mourn because we still had seven kittens in need."

Of the seven surviving kittens, the three oldest ones (Roxanne's biological kittens) went to a separate foster home when they were five to six weeks old, leaving Roxanne with four adopted kittens who were younger, smaller and in need of more intensive care. These four kittens were eventually adopted in pairs.

Roxanne herself was adopted into a loving home – giving the exhausted mother cat "a chance to just be a cat," says Carolyn.

It took six months to get all surviving kittens and Roxanne healthy and adopted into the right homes that were a good match to suit their personalities and needs.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Lola and Delilah share a special friendship. They bonded when they were young and were adopted together.

Roxanne gets some much-needed alone time away from the demands of the kittens.

Alejandro (top) and Julio are more grown up, but this is still before Julio's first surgery at 12 weeks.

Ophelia cuddles with PomPom, a single kitten fostered with these kittens and adopted out with Jeremiah, who is sleeping nearby.

Maggie May, later named Mick, is the biggest of the kittens and loves to stretch out when he sleeps.

"It was hard having them leave, but they're all in great places," Carolyn says.

Where Are They Now?

- Julio and Alejandro were adopted as a pair.
- Maggie May (who became Mick when he was discovered to be a boy) was adopted into a home with another rambunctious cat.
- Delilah and Lola (who stayed Lola despite being a boy because we were so used to calling him Lola!) were adopted as a pair.

- Jeremiah was paired with another kitten named PomPom.
- Ophelia was adopted into a home with another calm cat.
- Mom Roxanne was adopted into a home with another SPCA NOVA alumni cat.

These happy endings are thanks to the hard work and dedication of Carolyn, Avery, and Ashley, who juggled not only work and school but also round-the-clock feedings, medication delivery,

physical therapy and numerous trips back and forth to the vet. On behalf of Julio, Alejandro, Maggie May/Mick, Delilah, Lola, Jeremiah, Ophelia, Roxanne, and SPCA NOVA, we thank these women for helping this little family and proving that fostering saves lives.

So do the Elmores have any plans to foster over the holidays?

"We're exhausted," Carolyn says. "We're taking a break – this is the first break we've had in over two years."

Beagle *from page 1*

version of an idiot savant. Her memory works over-time to make up for her nose.

She's a delight with other dogs and insists on spending some time socializing each week, often at the dog park. With a competitive streak a mile long, she adores playing tag and has figured out that she only needs to either out-speed or out-turn other dogs to win, pulling off maneuvers that would not be out of place in a Mad Max film. This has occasionally backfired, as when this 24-lb dog attempted to



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Lyn is a vicious predator... with a ball.

And she's a talented didgeridoo player!

But most of all, she's a cuddle hound.

shoulder check a bulldog several times her weight, leading to her rebounding much like a rubber ball on a brick wall. Teaching her to fetch was a much harder task, but after several months of training and many, many treats we have gotten her to the point where she will bring the ball back... if paid for her efforts.

Her playful nature shows in other places, such as the vet's office where she has been

officially diagnosed as a drama queen who is deathly afraid of the scale. (She doesn't get treated for standing on it, the horror!) Or that her preferred way of greeting someone when they come home is to run at them full speed before doing donuts around them. This unfortunately comes hand-in-hand with a distressing amount of separation anxiety, but much of that is just because she loves people



too much and wishes to cuddle all day when she's not playing.

Lyn has a vibrant personality and is a delight to live with – from when we originally met her in May 2019 to now until hopefully long into the future. She is an ever-shining beacon of excitement, curiosity, and love.



Lyn recovers after finding out that snow is wet.

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- ♥ **"Lyn" (aka Jamie Sue), in honor of her second year adoption anniversary!**
~ Kevin & Ryan Starr
- ♥ **"Mango" & "Dash"**
~ Angel & David Fischer
- ♥ **"Mason" & "Katherine," SPCA NOVA alums, best cats in the world**
~ Lori Roth
- ♥ **"Max" & "Roxi"**
~ Arman Ravery
- ♥ **"Molly"**
~ Heather & Stephen Walrath
- ♥ **"Sammy"**
~ Bonaventure Property Management
- ♥ **"Tiramisu"**
~ Lisa A Pfeiffer
- ♥ **Addie, my daughter (age 6), who donated the money she raised through a neighborhood bake sale**
~ Kristina Celentano
- ♥ **All our great SPCA Volunteers**
~ Dana Meeker
- ♥ **Andrew & Emilie's wedding**
~ Dana Meeker
- ♥ **Barbara E. Brown**
~ Liliana Ramirez
- ♥ **Bob, Marian & Miley Lay**
~ Tim & Polly Terriberly
- ♥ **Charles L. Gholz**
~ Eugene Gholz
- ♥ **Chris Yau**
~ Paul Kim
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~ Michelle Cates
- ♥ **Cindy Liggett, for saving so many cats & dogs**
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- ♥ **Evangeline Sullivan**
~ Michael Sullivan
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~ Pamela Waber
- ♥ **Christine Ryan & Pat Kelly, in celebration of their marriage**
~ Matt Bachmann
~ Nancy Fogwell
~ Lan Riggan
~ Elizabeth Ross
~ Michelle Scott
~ Daniella Apfel
- ♥ **J.T. Bock**
~ Chris Prochaska
- ♥ **Janice Mengel**
~ Steve Haff
- ♥ **Jubilee, with thanks for my girl**
~ Margaret Wiegenstein
- ♥ **Judy Zoll, on her birthday**
~ Margery Mazoh
- ♥ **Lauren Gaffney Atkins**
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- ♥ **Tim, Diane & Fur Babies**
~ Tim & Polly Terriberly

Donations in 2020 (after Nov. 23)

- ♥ **"Baxter's" 11th birthday (SPCA Alumnus)**
~ Elizabeth Bartky
- ♥ **"Cindi" (Cinnamon), adopted from SPCA NOVA in 2010**
~ Kitty & Tad McCall
- ♥ **"Harold Hill" Haeder, adopted from SPCA NOVA**
~ Valerie & Constance Haeder
- ♥ **"Jenny" & "Lucy," my two SPCA NOVA/Ragged Mountain Rescue babies that bring me joy every day!**
~ Janet S Petri & David Jacobi
- ♥ **"Kelsey," adopted in 2010**
~ Paula Slan
- ♥ **"Mango" & "Dash"**
~ Angel & David Fischer
- ♥ **"Murphy" the cat**
~ Clinton M Stauffer

In Honor of

- ♥ **"Oliver"**
~ Bianca Spinosa
- ♥ **"Sierra"**
~ Manuela Moeller
- ♥ **"Woody," my sweet SPCA hound**
~ Jill Welsh
- ♥ **Amy & Adam Weissbarth**
~ Alyssa Harry
- ♥ **Christopher Johnson**
~ Shawn Johnson
- ♥ **Combay**
~ Steven McGunegle
- ♥ **Donna Lally**
~ Matthew Keener
- ♥ **Eileen Hanrahan**
~ Joanne Hanrahan
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~ Michele Beich
- ♥ **George & Mary Niebuhr**
~ Martin Breen
- ♥ **Golby Jalali**
~ Tierra Butler
- ♥ **Janice Mengel**
~ Steve Haff
- ♥ **Jeanne & Skip McCarroll**
~ Catherine Lester
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~ Daniel Wentworth
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~ Toni Burger
- ♥ **Linda Wang**
~ Elissa Trieu
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~ George Shipp
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~ Karin Ferriter
~ Mary Critharis
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~ Christopher Neumann
- ♥ **Tara Edmonds**
~ Pamela Taylor
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~ Alyssa Harry
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THANKS TO CHERYL Rounds and McLean Quilters Unlimited for making and donating their homemade cat beds.

TAIL WAGS TO animal lover Addie Celen-tano (Age 6) who held a neighborhood bake sale and donated the money raised to the SPCA of Northern Virginia.

A "BARK OUT" to 4th graders Hannah and Maggie who slaked the thirst of their neighbors with a lemonade stand to raise money for the animals of the SPCA of Northern Virginia.

WE ARE GRATEFUL for the following bequests:

- The Gail Davidson and Barbara Stewart Trust
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THIS PAST SPRING, the 6th grade home room class at the Langley School collected dog and cat supplies for their service project. They presented the SPCA of Northern Virginia with a large box of toys, snacks, food, bowls, and leashes, resulting in many, many happy dogs and cats.

**Dog
Adoptions**

**Cat
& Kitten
Adoptions**

Adoption fairs are still suspended, but we hope to resume Dog Fairs soon.
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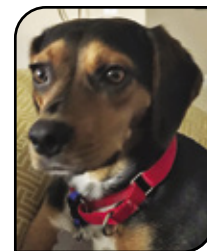
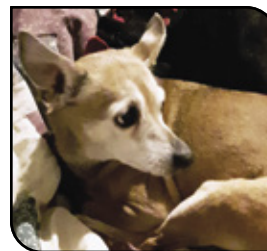
Beanie, a 2-year-old beagle, and Maggie Mae, an 11-year-old miniature pinscher mix.

Once we saw Beanie and Maggie Mae, it became clear to us that they had had only very basic vet care, if any, while in the shelter. As quickly as we could, we got them in to see our favorite vet.

Unfortunately, heartworm infections are pretty common in dogs from the deep South, so we were not surprised when Beanie tested positive. The poor little guy was immediately put on a low exercise regime – leash

walks only and no play groups for him until he is heartworm negative. He is in a foster-to-adopt home now and has received his first heartworm treatment, which he came through with no ill effects. A month later, he will receive the last two treatments and then we wait for a retest to show if the heartworms are gone.

Meanwhile, the vet confirmed Maggie Mae's advanced years. She was coughing a bit so the vet x-rayed her chest. Her heart is a little enlarged and she has a slight heart murmur. Maggie Mae



Maggie Mae (far left) and Beanie (near left) are doing well after being evacuated out of the path of Hurricane Ida.

probably never received any treatment for her heart condition before. She is now on a couple of medications so her heart doesn't have to work so hard. Soon after, she had stopped coughing and was energetic and happy.

How Can You Help?

We hope that Baby Princess' story inspires you. She would not be alive today if a good Samaritan had not

stopped their car and rescued her. If you see abuse, please help.

And we hope that you are inspired in a different way by Beanie and Maggie Mae's stories. We have seen too many disasters, like wildfires and hurricanes, where there was no time to plan. So now is the time to make your disaster preparedness plan and make sure that you have taken your pets into account.



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**Sweet tribute written by the
guardians who adopted him**

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**GivingTuesday event raises
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Family Saves Cat with Eight Kittens

**Mom, daughters take in
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