



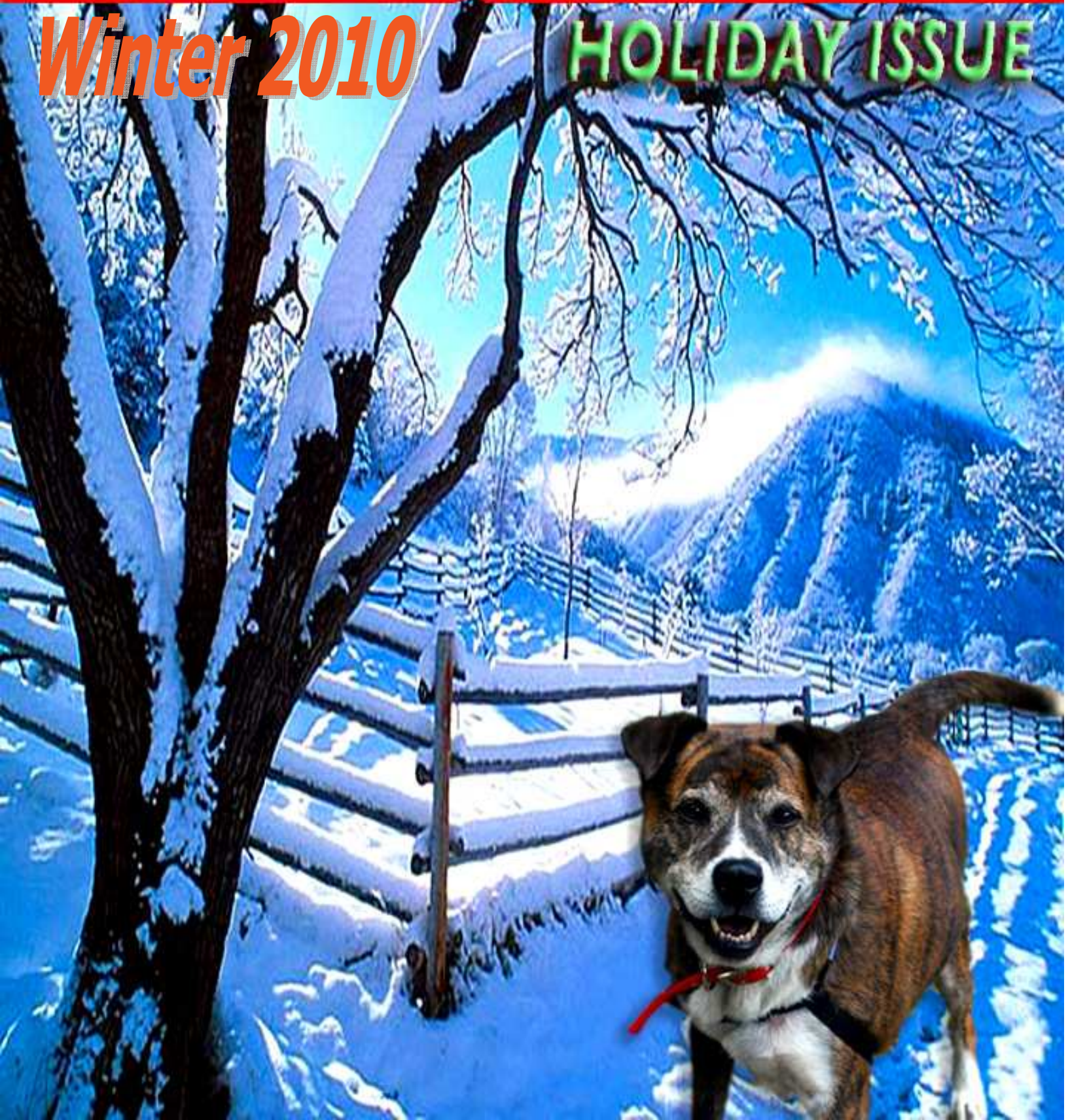
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All they Need is Love

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The Home Advantage—Reasons to foster a pet!

Many rescue groups rely on a network of foster volunteers for their life-saving work. Now many municipal animal control centers and larger humane societies are adding foster programs or expanding existing ones. As a rescue strategy, it really works. Having foster homes solves space constraints, drastically cuts the occurrence of communicable diseases, and prepares dogs for adoption into permanent homes. A foster dog sleeps on a bed in a real home. Baths and cuddles are part of the routine. He is walked on leash every day, and lives as part of a family. Consequently, potential adopters get a much clearer picture of the dog's true personality than they would from the frightened, bored, frustrated, and desperate version of him they'd likely find in a shelter.

For many shelters, a primary obstacle to expanding their foster programs has been finding enough foster homes. The problem rarely comes down to a shortage of devoted dog lovers, but rather a number of commonly held misconceptions; for example that having one or more dogs at home already disqualifies you as a foster home. The opposite is often true. Other resident dogs can help the foster dog settle in much faster. Another oft-quoted objection to fostering is the emotional toll. People imagine that it is too heart-wrenching to take in a dog and have him as your own, only to hand him over to someone else a few weeks or months later.

Most foster volunteers confirm that good-byes can be tearful. And countless rescue dogs have gone into homes as fosters but emerged as card-carrying (or rather, tag-carrying) family members because parting with them was just too hard. But other foster volunteers cite the undeniable greater good and swear that, even at a personal level, the rewards outweigh the costs. Many stay in touch with the adopters through email or social networking, getting photo updates and little notes about their former charges' new lives. At the end of the day, more lives—of perfectly lovable dogs—are saved. Surely that is worth a dip into a box of Kleenex every now and again?

FEATURED DOGS:



Coco, 11 year old female shepherd mix, desperately wants a family to love and cherish her! Please visit: Pets Alive—Westchester at <http://petsalivewest.org>



Shea, 9-10, is a beagle/lab mix. Still looking for her forever home. Very nice dog, can't do steps. Good with dogs. Picasso Veterinary Fund—NYC



Coco, 10, female staffie, was used her entire life as a breeder dog. Now she is safe and spayed and ready for a real home! She will need to be an only pet. Email: pvfadotion@AnimalAllianceNYC.org

Rescue Group Profile



PETS ALIVE



Pets Alive Westchester - Elmsford Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 131, 100 Warehouse Lane South, Elmsford, NY, 10523

tel: (914) 592-7334, fax: (914) 347-8819, info@petsalivewest.org

Hours: We are open daily from 11 am to 4 pm
Please schedule an appointment to meet our animals

Our Mission:

We pledge to always provide a comfortable, safe haven to all those creatures who find their way to us through abandonment, injury or mistreatment. No matter the health or age, for all these lost, confused, and frightened souls, we pledge to always provide loving care and sustenance, to acquaint those who have only known misfortune with the joys of cultivating new relationships. We believe in the right of all creatures to live secure, healthy lives and work tirelessly in our attempts to make this so.

About Us:

The Elmsford Animal Shelter houses some 275 dogs, from the very young to seniors, both mixed and purebred. As well, our shelter is home to approximately 400 cats and kittens. We also have several rabbits. In the past we've been visited by guinea pigs, hamsters, parakeets, iguanas, snakes, prairie dogs and ducks. Each day presents a new challenge or a new beginning. EVERY SINGLE ANIMAL is now cage free!! This past week three SENIOR dogs went to new homes. One had been here 7 years, one 6, and one, 10! Elderly cats too have been finding their way into home after home after home. We have had to hire a full time adoption counselor. There are 90 senior dogs here—PLEASE come out and meet some of them!!

Donate—Donations to our shelter may be made either in person, through the mail or via PayPal with your credit card! To donate in person, please visit us any day between 11am and 5pm. To donate via mail, please send donations to: P.O. Box 131—100 Warehouse Lane—Elmsford, NY 10523

Meet some of our current seniors!



Bear Cub, 10, poodle-Tibetan Terrier, needs an experienced owner as he can get a bit feisty!



Cinderella, 10, is a deaf female shepherd who is just a really sweet dog.



Elmer, 12, lab mix, is a very sad dog who has lived a long time in the shelter. Can you offer him his long over due home?



Jazz, 13, a female Labrador mix lives for treats. Good natured, easy to please, a quiet home would be great fit!



Angelique, Siamese oriental is more of a people cat than a cats cat—give her a home!



Dee Dee is a sweet senior who loves attention and affection. Give her some love back!



Mickey Mouse loves head rubs and likes to keep to himself. But he would love a home of his own!



- "Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well."- **Bonnie Wilcox** 'Old Dogs, Old Friends'

SENIOR DOGS FOR ADOPTION



Cody Sr. is a border collie rescued from a high kill shelter. He is a sweet dog, good manners who just needs a retirement home now and arthritis meds. Contact: elev-enthhrrescue@aol.com or 973-664-0865



Darwin, male beagle, 10, is a lovely and sweet senior beagle, perfect for someone older. Please call Laurie at 917-754-3537 or email info@BrooklynAnimalFosterNetwork.org



Gordon, 10, pit bull terrier became homeless when his owner died. He likes belly rubs and warm weather. Give this guy a new home! Contact: elev-enthhrrescue@aol.com or 973-664-0865



Vie, female Cavalier Spaniel/Poodle mix, 9, is very active and loves to go for walks. Email dogs@zanisfurryfriends.org for adoption information about me!



Lucky, Picardy Shepherd mix, age 11, recently lost her home. She is good with kids and other dogs. She is very friendly and outgoing. Please email angelsamongusrs@live.com or visit our site at <http://www.petfinder.com/>



Linus, 11, male cocker spaniel, is a sweet and loving gentle dog. He is good with dogs too. If you would like to adopt, please call 201-943-4019 #4 or email- info@focusnews.org



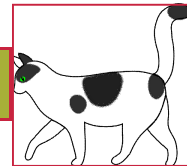
Joker, male shepherd mix, age 8-9, is a sweet boy who likes his walks and is happy to take a nice nap! Please email angelsamongusrs@live.com or visit our site at <http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/17814739>



Jock, male collie, needs a new home as his owner is terminally ill. This big beautiful dog is a little arthritic but still likes his walks. He is good with dogs and cats and likes his naps. Email thehahns@optonline.net or all5castle@aol.com for adoption information on this sweet guy.



• There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats." - **Albert Schweitzer**



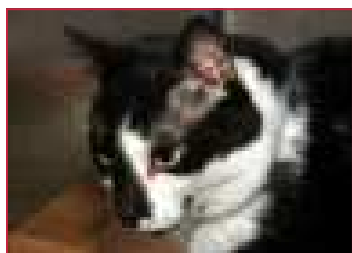
SENIOR CATS FOR ADOPTION



Cupcake, 11, was abandoned not once but twice. Please give this girl a forever home that will last! Liberty Humane Society—email lhs@libertyhumane.org



Lizzy, female DSH senior has lived a long life and wants to curl up on a soft bed and cat nap. She is on a special diet but otherwise healthy. Email adopt@emptycagescollective.org or 1-800-880-2684



Fiona, 15, DSH, is a sweet cat who just needs her last forever home. Please contact adopt@anjellicecats.com or call 646-457-2130 for adoption information.



Mr. Nice Guy, orange tabby senior, is just a really sweet cat! How can you go wrong with that name? Email petaadopt@verizon.net or call 914-632-2925—New Rochelle Humane



Aggie, 10-12 female tortie lost her home when her owner passed away and no family members were able to take her. She would do best as the only pet. Email Sio-bhan@animalallianceincnyc.org



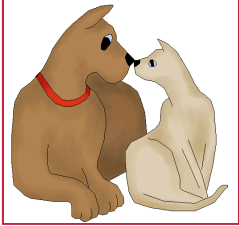
Duffy, orange tabby male senior, is a sweet cat that has waited a while for his new home. He has diabetes and needs shots 2X a day. He gets along with other cats. Email adoptlove@rbari.org or 201-337-5180



Ghengis Khan, 12, male tabby, is social and affectionate and came to rescue when his owner passed away. He would love to be adopted with his companion cat. (Pictured to the right)—Kitty Kind—email kittykind5@yahoo.com



Clytemnestra, 13, is a tortie with a beautiful coat. Her owner passed away. She likes to follow her foster parents around. Contact Kitty Kind at emily10012@aol.com or 212-726-2652



I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult. It's not. Mine had me trained in two days! - Bill Dana.



Boogie's Tales

How many pets are too many? Well, it depends on who is asking! Some people are content with one cat or dog. Others feel that animals need company while the owner is working so they will get the resident dog or cat a companion. I was adopted at 13 and now I am 17. When I arrived, there were other cats but no dogs. I am a real senior pet success story! To meet me is to love me, really. I may not like Annie the kitten, who is now a year old but such a tiny runt that I still treat her like the kitten she is. I have tried and failed to accept her! We can't always get along with everyone we live with. I know Bailey was here first but he tries to beat me up even though I am bigger I am slower now. I like Scooter who is 14, but we always seem to fight. My mom hates it. Little terrier Ruby likes me a lot but I tolerate her. She likes to lay next to me so I bop her on the head. Take that, dog.! Get a home already! I don't know why she likes me, I am not that nice to her. And then there is Molly the beagle. Well, Molly is special even to me. I am not really mean to her as I know my mom just loves her to pieces. Oh well! So here we are, 6 of us, and mom, we have so outnumbered her, sometimes she looks at us in a moment of frustration, and says, I am moving, you guys pay the rent from now on! But mom would never leave us. So, how many pets are too many? It just depends. Money aside, it is nice to have company and we cats sleep most of the day away anyway! This is Boogie wishing everyone a very happy holiday and a happy and healthy new year! Big kisses to mom and small kisses to the rest of the pet gang! Don't forget to pet your pets every day. I remain, **Boogie!**



Beagle Bites by Molly

Who thought that a senior dog like me would become a therapy dog? I officially became a Delta Society therapy dog in



September! I have to say it is a lot of work! We are visiting a rehab hospital and also a group home. Everyone seems to really like me and I get treats from all the people who want to pet me and say hi. When mom brings me home, I sleep on the couch for hours. But I know that I did a good job because I made SO many people smile! There were two other senior dogs in my pet therapy class so maybe YOUR senior dog can also become a therapy dog!

— "Every senior dog has a purpose." - Molly says—"eat good treats!"

Success Story—8 year old Molly the beagle finds a new home!



After living with the same owner for 8 years, Molly needed a new home due to allergies. Senior Pets NYC found a great couple looking for an older dog. After bringing Molly home, they could not be happier. Thank you Paul and Karen so much for taking an older dog into your home and hearts!

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On The Cover: Aponte, an 8 year old akita mix.

Happy Holidays!