



senior PETS



All they Need is Love

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DISABLED PETS NEED HOMES TOO! MEET SOME OLDER DISABLED PETS, FROM TOP LEFT:
JACK, 10, CORGI MIX, BLIND—www.petswithdisabilities.org email: petswithdisabilities@comcast.net
PENNY, 8, FEMALE BEAGLE, DEAF—<http://www.countryacresanimalshelter.org/> email: info@countryacresanimalshelter.org
IDA, 6, FEMALE BEAGLE, SEIZURES— Sanctuary House, Easton, MD email: sisternw@bwave.com
LOUIS, 6, DISABLED BACK LEG—11TH HR RESCUE www.ehrdogs.org email: mainoffice@ehrdogs.org
APOLLO, 10+, BLIND—BLIND DOG RESCUE www.blinddogrescue.com email: info@blinddogrescue.com
TEE, DECLAWED CAT, DIABETES/ARTHRITIS—www.petfinder.com/shelters/NJ352.html email: squeezycat2005@aol.com

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Mission

To provide a loving and permanent home for dogs that are deemed “un-adoptable” because of age and health, and would otherwise be unnecessarily euthanized.

Vision

That every dog abandoned, or labeled "un-adoptable" and scheduled for expiration because of age, and treatable health issues, will have the love and respect they deserve and the right to live in a permanent home.

Programs

A Home for Every Aging Heart is our *senior-to-senior rescue*: we match elderly people wanting the companionship of dog – with senior dogs needing a home.

Supported by a network of volunteers and funding necessary for pre-adoption medical issues, the program extends continuing home visiting support as needed, on a case-by-case basis, for outdoor exercise, training and care advice, nourishment, transport, and medical visits and treatments.

The Bentley Grant was created to provide *financial medical assistance* to owners of senior dogs, rescue groups, or shelters, in conjunction with their veterinarians, to address serious health-related conditions.

We support those situations where the owner wants to keep their aging dog but cannot afford procedures or medications necessary to allow for a continued quality of life. We also provide financial support to rescue organizations and shelters that have foster homes for the dogs needing the care.

A Home of Their Own

The Sanctuary (to be constructed soon) will set a new standard for care of elder dogs. Top Dog Sanctuary will allow its special permanent guests (typically age ten or older) to live into their mature senior years with love and respect by providing all appropriate care necessary for elderly dogs.

The Sanctuary is designed as a wonderful setting for dogs to live out their golden years. It will be the first facility of its kind, providing an unparalleled indoor facility with both private and companion “family” suites for its residents, featuring orthopedic beds for its arthritic guests, soft music, incandescent lighting, air-conditioning, and air purification systems. A monitoring and security system will run 24 hours a day to ensure the health and safety of the “guests”. Specifically designed indoor and outdoor parks will serve the relaxation and recreation needs of Top Dog Sanctuary’s elder residents.

Staff will play with, care for, or just pet these lucky dogs as their needs dictate, 15 hours a day. There are afternoon naps accompanied by soft piped-in music. On-site physical therapy programs and a health-care clinic will be available.

These dogs "tossed out" will live with us at The Sanctuary until they die of natural causes or until their health issues reduce any reasonable quality of life.

Their transition from this life will be in the arms of someone who loves them.



Meet Ace. This 12 year old yellow lab is just a sweet and loveable old guy. Ace needs a retirement home, preferably without stairs. Can you take this sweet guy in? Neglected by owners, he is nevertheless So deserving of love!



Baby, 14, is a Sweet jack russell terrier. She is an adored and adorable calm dog, not a hyper JRT as many of them are. Maybe you have a home for her?



Declawed

FEATURED CAT: DYNASTY



Dynasty is one of the lowest maintenance cats I've ever had the pleasure to live with. Give her a window and she is happy for hours upon hours. When she is hungry, she lets you know by standing on her hind legs and tapping you ever so gently with her front paw and meowing so quietly you have to really listen for it. She is a good girl. She has used the litter box from the first day she arrived here, and since she was declawed by her previous owner (front paws), scratching posts are not an issue. She is not a cuddle cat or a lap cat, but she very much appreciates a lot of petting and telling her how beautiful she is. She responds by purring and kneading. Look in the dictionary under the word "Love" and you will see Dynasty's picture next to it. Dynasty was born around 3/22/03 and was an owner surrender due to allergies. CONTACT: adopt@anjelliccats.com OR call 646.457.2130

FEATURED DOG: BLANCH



Blanch is an 11 yr old Female Labrador Retriever. She was tied around the corner of the shelter in Brooklyn after being told there was no space for big dogs. She was being dumped because her former owner just moved into a new home and didn't want her. She was limping on her left leg because she had Lyme disease. She is being treated for it now. Blanch is really sweet and reacts with love to anyone that says hello to her. Please give this older girl a chance at love and a forever home! Email info@barcshelter.org or visit www.barcshelter.org for adoption information.

Success Story—Jake. This 6 year old plotthound finally found a home! From a "failed" hunting dog, to sitting in LBL Rescue in the south for over two years not getting adopted, to his foster home in Westchester—to his final stop—his new parents in CT! Way to go Jake. Thanks Joan and Keith for being the best foster home, and thank you Mike and Lorrie for adopting this amazing dog. Jake is a testament to a dog's resilience and a reminder to all rescuers to never give up when trying to get a dog adopted!



Pumpkin— it's not just for thanksgiving!



What do you do when your dog has an upset tummy? One of the best fixes is plain pumpkin from a can. A teaspoon or tablespoon can calm down an upset stomach. Another good fix—cottage cheese. Helps get your dog back on track. Rice works too but it does not work as well as these other two foods - often within 24 hrs your dog is as good as new! As always consult your vet if you are not sure what to do!



"To err is human, to forgive, canine."

SENIOR DOGS FOR ADOPTION

Special Needs



Princess, 8, female minpin, is a sweet and loving dog. She only has three legs but she gets around just fine. She is good with other pets and kids too! Contact: barbara@animalallianceny.org or call 917-579-1955



Toby, 9, 100 lb Doberman was given up because his owners could no longer care for him. He needs a home with a stable routine and balanced lifestyle. Shy at first, once he knows you he shines. To adopt this great big guy please contact SSchulz@co.bergen.nj.us Bergen Co. Animal Shelter 201-229-4600



Ava, female Belgian malinois mix, is a large and mellow dog that likes to hang out with her person. She likes her walks and has amazing manners. Contact Barbara@animalallianceny.org or call 917-579-1955



Old Yeller, male senior cocker spaniel has experienced a lifetime of neglect. A new foster home or adoptive home will bring him back to life! Email rescue@nyabandonedangels.com for adoption or foster information. NY Abandoned Angels



Shiloh, 10, male beagle is a sweet guy. A bit shy, he would love a quiet home he can relax in and cuddle with his person. Good with dogs/kids. Please email waggyadopt@gmail.com Waggy Tail Rescue



Lady, 10+, female beagle, was left at our shelter and had to have emergency surgery. She could barely stand up. She is so sweet and needs a foster or adopter—email adopt@bobbicare.org or call 516-378-4340 Bobbi and the Strays



Teddy, 12, 94 lbs, rottie/pit mix, was given up because he GOT OLD. He has been nothing but a perfect gentlemen in his foster home but needs a permanent retirement home. Contact: pibblesrus33@gmail.com



Coco, 9, Labrador/shepherd mix lost her home when her owner died. She lived with dogs and cats, loves her walks and is gentle and loving. Contact info@jaonline.org or 973-763-7322 Jersey Animal Coalition





• As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat. - Ellen Perry Berkeley



SENIOR CATS FOR ADOPTION



Rudolph, 8, male orange tabby, is really a great cat. Found wandering outside, we suspect he once had a home. If you are looking for a big and sweet companion cat, Rudolph is your man. Email: info@ccasnj.org or visit us at www.ccasnj.org where you can get an adoption application for Rudolph.



Kitty Perry, 9, female tabby is looking for a new home. Her brother got adopted and she is alone without him. Please open your home and heart to this fab feline! Email: bunny.hofberg@gmail.com Frankie's Feline Fund



Beth, 10, is a female black/white DSH who is just too sweet. She would love a new home where she can keep you company. She is very friendly! Email info@ccasnj.org or www.ccasnj.org For more info.



Lala, 11, female calico, is a very sweet girl. She recently had a non-cancerous mass removed from her thigh and would love a foster home to recover in! email frankiesfelinefund@gmail.com or call 917-514-0228 to foster or adopt Lala.



Jasmine, 10, dilute tortie, is the victim of a husband who did not like cats. She is good with dogs and a great housepet. Please email: adoptions@pcspa.org Jasmine would like a home again!



Oscar, male medium fur senior cat lost his home due to eviction. This sweet and gentle boy could use a new home! Email: adopt@anjelliccats.com or call 646-457-2130



Baxter, senior male tabby gets along with the other cats in the shelter. He loves to be petted and brushed. Get to know him and he will be your companion. Email: info@salemcountyhumane.org



Miles, 11 year old longhaired male, is friendly and outgoing and likes cats but not dogs. He will need regular visits to a groomer. He does not like being picked up! Please visit www.pawset.org for adoption information.



Boogie's Tales



A tale of two kitties—one abandoned at a boarding kennel when he was 2 and the other found on the street at 4 weeks old. My brother Bailey and my sister Annie. They seem an unlikely pair. Annie now 3, and Bailey, almost 10. But photos don't lie and Bailey, unlike me, liked her from the start when she was just a tiny little thing. Now, try to keep them apart—you can't! Constantly grooming one another or sleeping together, this duo are pretty much in sync. Sometimes people ask if you can adopt a kitten if you have a senior cat. Well, my answer is always—it just depends on the cat! It took me 3 years to accept Annie, but Bailey accepted her from day one. Understanding this is impossible—it is what it is. Now that I am 18, I am taking it easy and seeing things in a more philosophical way. I sometimes forget to use my litter box, but other than that, I am still and always remain, Boogie. Have a great Thanksgiving!!



Bailey, top, and Annie.

FIDO THANKSGIVING FEAST

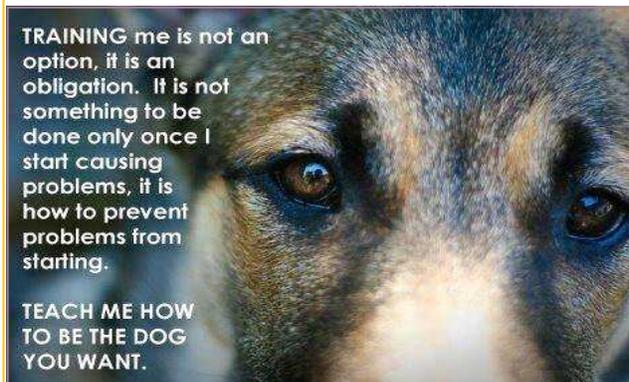
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup mashed potatoes
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup diced cooked turkey meat
- 1/2 cup chopped broccoli
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese

1. Warm the olive oil in medium-sized pan over medium heat.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together the mashed potatoes and egg.
3. Pour the potato and egg mix into the pan. Add the turkey and broccoli.
4. Cover the pan, reduce the heat to low, and simmer under the egg is cooked.
5. Top with the grated cheese and let it cook for a few minutes longer to allow the cheese to melt.

"GO FETCH" BY BODIE



Here I am at the Beagles Meetup Group. Doing one of my favorite activities—chilling! In fact everyone who meets me says pretty much the same thing—boy your dog is so calm. Well, as Lady Gaga says, I was born this way! (Probably not.) My puppyhood and in fact the first four years of my life will always remain a mystery. But not knowing where your pet came from is no reason to forgo a rescue or shelter dog. Many of us came from homes to begin with and then were brought to a shelter or rescue. Mom tells everyone about Molly, and me, and how adopting an older dog is such a great thing to do. Already housetrained, calm enough to live with cats, quiet and more or less well behaved. And calm enough to be a therapy dog too. People tell mom that I look really happy. Well I am! I have everything I need. So thanks to everyone who has adopted a rescue pet! This is Bodie saying "there is no such thing as a bad treat!"



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