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Monthly Newsletter for NHA Fosters

Foster of the Month Tiffany Rule and Family!!!!

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From day one, Tiffany Rule has shown us what it means to foster with a kind heart, an open mind, and a true “can-do” attitude. Alongside her daughters, Lilly and Maddie, Tiffany has become part of an unstoppable trio of foster superheroes - and together, they have made an incredible difference in the lives of 31 animals and have foster for 23,223 hours!

From dogs with complex dietary needs who were coming back from the brink of starvation, to tripods, mama dogs and their puppies, and animals working through behavioral challenges, Tiffany, Lilly, and Maddie have never shied away from an animal simply because their needs were unfamiliar. They have always been willing to learn whatever was necessary to give each foster the care they needed. When they welcomed a mama dog who was preparing to give birth, they jumped right in- learning how to care for a pregnant and nursing mom, preparing their home, and making sure they were ready for whatever came next. When behavioral concerns arose, they worked closely with our onsite trainer, Kym, to understand what they were seeing at home and learn how to help their fosters become more confident and adoption-ready. And when they don't know something? They ask questions, do the research, and learn. They have never let inexperience with a particular case stop them from trying to help.

Their teamwork has is a huge part of their success. If one of them can't make an appointment, another steps in to transport. If someone is busy, the others jump in to make sure their foster receives care. They constantly communicate and coordinate to make sure no detail is missed. Their foster dogs truly have an entire team behind them! Because of their willingness to take on challenges, learn along the way, and give each animal the time they need, 31 animals have had the chance to find their forever homes - some after spending months in their care. Tiffany, Lilly, and Maddie have shown that fostering isn't about knowing everything from the start. It's about being willing to learn, ask for help, and keep showing up for an animal who needs you. We are so incredibly grateful for this amazing family and the love, patience, and dedication they pour into every foster who walks through their door. Tiffany, Lilly, and Maddie, thank you for being the kind of foster family every animal deserves. We are so lucky to have you on our team! 🐾❤️

Vmir & pups!!

Webster!!



Foster Wins, Love Begins!!!!

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FEATURE
Bleu!!



Manchego!!



Two Sweet Kittens, One Furever Home 🐾🐾

Sydney N. opened her home to three young kittens - Manchego, Bleu, and Cheddar - when they arrived at NHA at just 5 weeks old and were too young to be adopted. The kittens were dealing with eye infections, so Sydney faithfully gave each kitten eye drops twice a day. They were also experiencing diarrhea, so she added probiotics to their food. When the kittens weren't gaining weight after a few days, we changed their food, and thankfully, they began eating better. With Sydney's care and patience, the kittens began to thrive and slowly came out of their shells. Sydney N. shared, "They're doing great! They took a few days to warm up, as they weren't real comfortable with people, but they're wonderful sweethearts now." Bleu was the most people-oriented of the group, greeting Sydney N. with loud meows whenever she entered the room until she picked him up, followed by lots of purrs. Manchego was the bravest and also loved being held and scratched, while Cheddar was a little more independent, preferring to stay close to Sydney N. rather than being held.

As the kittens became ready for adoption, Sydney N. realized she had fallen in love with Bleu and adopted him as soon as he was ready. The next day, she made another wonderful decision and adopted Manchego! The following day, someone else adopted Cheddar. What started as a temporary foster home became a forever home for two very lucky kittens, all thanks to Sydney N. opening her heart and home when they needed her most.

💙 Sugarbear's Journey from Foster to Forever 💖

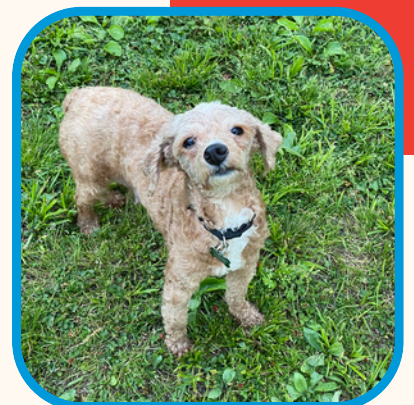
Sugarbear came into our care as part of a hoarding case, heavily pregnant and needing some serious TLC. Shortly after arriving, she gave birth to 5 healthy puppies, and with very little notice, we needed to find a foster home where this new little family could safely grow. While we worked to find the right placement, one of our staff members cared for Sugarbear for several weeks. Then, foster Kayla W. stepped up to give Sugarbear and her puppies a loving, stable home.

Sugarbear was incredibly lucky to land with Kayla W. As one of our more experienced fosters, she has cared for everything from entire litters to animals with medical and behavioral needs. She is endlessly dedicated to her fosters, advocating for them every step of the way and helping them get back on their feet and ready for their forever families. She was the perfect match for Sugarbear and her puppies.

When the puppies were old enough to be weaned and go their separate ways, Kayla W. decided to keep Sugarbear. They had formed a special bond, and it was impossible to miss. Every time Kayla W. brought Sugarbear for an appointment, Sugarbear would light up: full-body wiggles, bouncing around, and pure excitement at seeing her person.

Soon, Kayla realized what everyone else could see: Sugarbear had found her home. 💖 What started as an emergency foster placement became something so much more - a safe place to raise her babies, a second chance, and finally, a forever family. We are so grateful to Kayla W. for opening her home and her heart to Sugarbear when she needed it most. Sometimes, the best foster stories are the ones where foster becomes forever.

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Sugar Bear!!





Arnold's Journey: From Cancer to Comeback

FOSTER
FEATURE
Arnold!!



Many animals arrive at NHA needing medical care before they are ready for adoption, and for some of the most vulnerable animals, that care can include everything from treating serious injuries and infections to providing lifesaving surgeries that relieve pain and restore their quality of life. Devastating injuries caused by accidents, abuse, animal attacks, neglect, severe infections, or untreated wounds may be so severe that an amputation is necessary to relieve suffering. In some cases, a broken or damaged limb cannot be repaired. In others, advanced infection, cancer, severe nerve damage, or even extreme matting that has cut off circulation makes amputation the safest and most humane option. Amputation isn't giving up; it's giving chances to heal, move freely, live without chronic pain, and find loving homes.

When Arnold arrived at NHA, we quickly learned what a wonderful dog he is. He was friendly with people and other dogs, potty trained, and walked beautifully on a leash. But during this time, we noticed a growth on Arnold's right rear leg. Sadly, the mass was cancerous, and amputation was his only treatment option.

Before Arnold had his amputation, he stayed in a couple of foster homes where they discovered his wonderful personality. His first foster, Katie O., described him as "a love bug who wants to be close at all times!" Arnold was a well-mannered houseguest who happily sat for treats and learned to sleep in his crate overnight. He enjoyed following Katie O. around like a shadow and relaxing on the couch. He did experience some anxiety during the first few days when left alone, but he would settle down quickly.

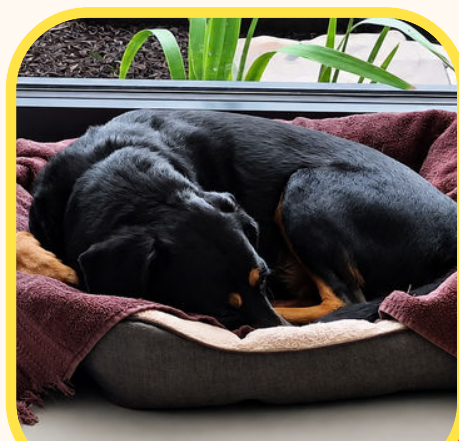


They worked on leash walking and his excitement around new people, and Katie O. described him as a good, easy dog. Arnold's second foster, Kristal S., also saw how sweet and resilient he is. She shared, "He's doing good! He's been eating his medication and going on walks! He loves to play and is very cuddly."

Arnold's time in foster care gave him safe, comfortable places to rest while waiting for his amputation. He showed everyone that a cancer diagnosis and upcoming major surgery didn't slow him down. He continued to enjoy his walks, playtime, and, of course, plenty of cuddles. Through it all, Arnold remained the happy, loving, and resilient dog his foster families had come to know and adore.

After returning to the shelter, Arnold had his leg amputation. By the next morning, he was bright, alert, and enjoying some of his favorite foods: cheese and chicken. Soon after surgery, he began taking chemotherapy pills to fight his cancer. Arnold will continue treatment for several months as he works toward beating cancer.

Arnold is looking for his next foster home as he continues his cancer recovery. Because he is undergoing chemotherapy, his immune system is compromised and he needs a foster who will provide a safe, quiet home. His foster will need to wear gloves when giving his chemotherapy pills and when cleaning up after him. For everyone's safety, Arnold's foster home cannot have immunocompromised individuals, including young children, elderly people, or pregnant women. In return, Arnold will give plenty of love, cuddles, and gratitude to his foster. He has already shown just how resilient he is, and with the right foster home, he will continue healing and enjoying life while he recovers and gets ready for adoption!





From the Month of July

