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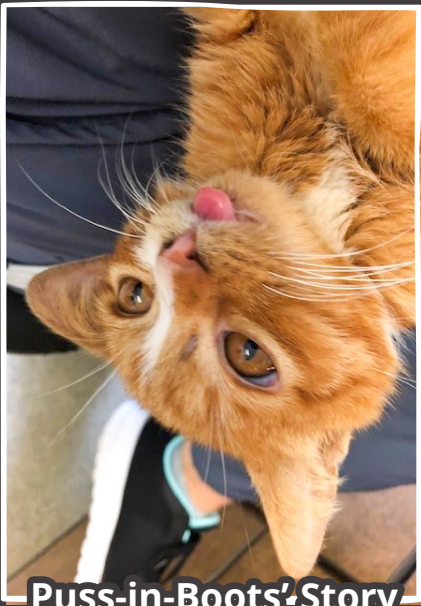
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Meet Puss-in-Boots!

A tiny stray kitten with a lot of life to still live...

Read more about the story of Puss In Boots inside



Puss-in-Boots' Story

When this tiny 2.5 pound, 21-month-old stray kitten was brought into **SPCA Cincinnati** skinny, weak, drooling, and disoriented, we didn't know if he would survive. Diagnostic tests showed that poor Puss-in-Boots was born with a congenital liver disease. His brain was being poisoned because his liver could not filter the natural toxins in his blood. A disease with such a poor prognosis would make him a poor candidate for adoption, but one look into his sweet eyes convinced us to fight for his survival.

After a month of hospitalization, Puss was strong enough to enter our hospice foster program. With a specialized diet, daily medications, periodic vet visits, and a lot of TLC from his dedicated foster family, Puss has become a fun-loving, playful kitty and is thriving. The cost to treat and care for Puss was \$1,500, but well worth it! Amazingly, he has survived more than a year beyond his diagnosis and is loving life, thanks to **donors like you!**

A MESSAGE FROM THE SPCA CINCINNATI'S PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear Friend of Animals,

Our 20th Anniversary of the Fur Ball — Pets In Paris was one for the history books! Thank you to 2022 Fur Ball Chair, Joelle Ragland and Silent Auction Chair, Melissa Schloss, as well as the entire Fur Ball committee for making our April Fur Ball a huge success. The Fur Ball has been our largest fundraiser over the last 20 years and thanks to you, our donors, and sponsors, the monies raised over that time have improved and saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of dogs and cats.

Founded in 1873, the **SPCA Cincinnati** has a long history of service to our community. Originally founded as the Ohio Humane Society, it was the first organization of its kind in Ohio. In 1907, the name was changed to the Hamilton County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and is currently doing business as the **SPCA Cincinnati**. For nearly 150 years, our mission has remained the same — to protect pets from cruelty and neglect and to find them their forever homes.

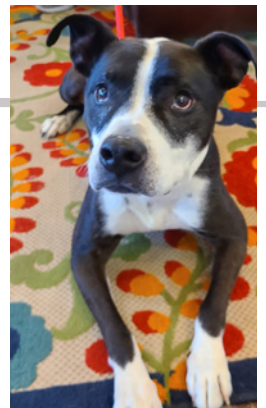
Last year, we formed **Shelter2Shelter**, a regional rescue program aimed at rescuing dogs and cats from shelters with high euthanasia rates. The stories included in this newsletter are just a sampling of the adoptable pets who came to us from our **Shelter2Shelter** program. You will see that there is a cost involved with saving these lives. Every time you donate or volunteer, you are directly impacting the lives of these animals. Enjoy these heart-warming stories that you made possible.

Thank you for choosing to make a difference and for helping the **SPCA Cincinnati** be a voice of the voiceless!



Warm regards,

Mike Retzlaff
President & CEO



Hero of Hurricane Ida

When Hurricane Ida ravaged Louisiana, SPCA Cincinnati jumped into action to help. One of the dogs we saved, Bullet, had heartworms infecting his heart and lungs. Left untreated, heartworms can lead to serious complications such as heart failure, organ damage, embolisms, and even death.

Treatment for heartworms involves several months of costly treatment with a veterinarian. Medical costs for Bullet were over \$700.

Thankfully, with donations from supporters like you, we can save dogs like Bullet. Last year, **SPCA Cincinnati** rescued over 1,100 animals from natural disasters or overburdened shelters through our **Shelter2Shelter** program. Bullet was just one of 45 dogs to receive heartworm treatments at our facility in 2021. We are so happy to have Bullet heartworm-free when he goes to his forever home!

4,000+ *animals* enter SPCA Cincinnati each year.



SPCA Cincinnati spends

\$750,000

to prepare adoptable pets

for their FURever homes.



Specialized Medical Cases

cost between **\$500** to **\$5,000**.



Continuum of Care

cost **\$175**.

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**Tails
on the Trail**

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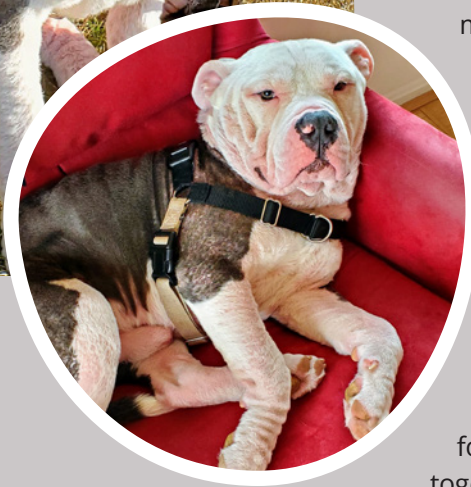
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Three Strikes You're Out... *Not A Chance!*



Strike was a stray dog brought into the Cincinnati Dog warden facility in really rough shape. Because of the overcrowding at their facility and his extreme medical needs, it would be difficult for them to give Strike all of the care he needed, so they reached out to us at SPCA Cincinnati to see if we could take him once his 5-day stray hold was over. We were happy to take on sweet Strike to see what we could do to fix him up.

When Strike arrived, I saw that he was severely emaciated. His eyes were infected and so painful that he could barely open them. He had severe bacterial and yeast skin and ear infections, to the point where he had lost most of his hair and every inch of his body was an itchy, miserable mess. Over the next several weeks, Strike was put on an extensive medical regimen — with him getting medication in his eyes and ears and multiple oral medications, nutritional support, and medicated baths twice a week.

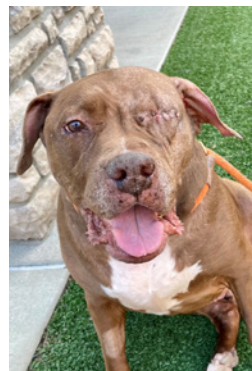
Soon he was feeling a little less miserable, We got to see him gain weight and grow hair. He was the sweetest boy for all of his treatments, and we quickly fell in love with him. After 53 days in our care, a couple came into SPCA and the now very handsome Strike caught their eye. They instantly fell in love with his goofy, snuggly personality and took him home that day.

Strike is a shining example of how SPCA Cincinnati's Shelter2Shelter program helps to improve the lives for sick and injured animals. It allows the SPCA to work together with shelters near and far, to create better outcomes for adoptable animals in our community.

Denver's *Journey*

Denver was surrendered to SPCA Cincinnati because his owners could not afford his medical care. Years of untreated dry eye and severe ear infections had made his left eye and ear so damaged and scarred, that they could not be treated medically. He was such a sweet boy, but he hated being touched around that painful side of his head.

With the generosity of donors like you, we were able to bring in a mobile surgeon to perform the specialized surgery needed to remove Denver's diseased ear tissue and eye, costing more than \$2,500. We saw a huge change in Denver immediately after his surgery! After years of suffering, he is now pain-free and loves having his head petted. His adoption is scheduled, and he will happily go to his new home without needing ongoing costly care.



*Denver before above,
and with his new
owner to the right.*

