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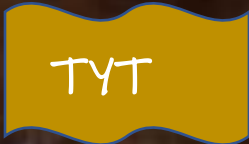
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Fostering Tyt

By Michele Foutch

This is a story about a cute three-year-old Chihuahua mix that came to the shelter as a result of a domestic abuse situation. Tyt, now called Tate, had to get his back leg (femur) repaired. The bone had been broken and required the Vet to put a pin in his leg. The Friends of the Animal Shelter came to Tyt's rescue and paid for the surgery, follow-up visits and required medications.

I volunteered to foster Tyt during his initial recovery. I couldn't believe he was such a happy go lucky fella that acted like nothing had happened to him. He was very loving, liked to play with my dog (Molly), and wanted to stay by my side all the time. He would lay his head on my shoulder while resting on the couch with me.

He was supposed to take it easy with no jumping or excitement. It was a full-time job keeping him from jumping! I had to put

him up on the couch with me and always keep him on a leash when outside in a fenced in area. My fenced in area is only about three foot high and he always wanted to run & jump while only having three good legs. He only had one bad habit and that was chewing all the ears off of the dog toys.

A vet removed the pin in Tyt's leg on June 13, 2022, and he had recovered/healed completely. Tyt was adopted around June 17, 2022, to a very loving family who had another little rescue dog called Dolly. Now, Tyt has a sister named Dolly and from the photo they sent me, it looks like he is very happy and content in his furever home!



Tyt with his new buddy, Dolly and playing with his new toys.

JUST FOR GRINS!



ADOPTION UPDATE

Jelly

Jelly is a 10-year-old female Pitbull who came to the animal shelter as a stray. She was diagnosed with heartworm and began medical treatment for this condition. Jelly spent 153 days at the animal shelter. So many people hoped and prayed for her to find a furever home.

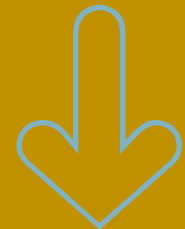
Jelly was frequently highlighted on the Friends of the Animal Shelter Facebook page and on TV several times. She participated in Doggie Day Out and even went into a short term foster once! To say she was a favorite of volunteers and staff is an understatement.

After 5 months of waiting and hoping for a new home, Jelly was adopted!!!! After all this time in the shelter Jelly did not lose her sweetness nor her love for life and squeaky pig toys.



We are so happy to hear that Jelly's forever family feel that she is perfect in every way! They even take her to work with them! Happy tails sweet Jelly. We are so thankful you will live out your golden years being spoiled and loved.

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Courage, a Pups for Parole Puppy.

Courage the Dog

By Kathy Zipp

Courage came to the St Joseph Animal Shelter from another shelter that had too many animals and could not properly care for her. She was malnourished and completely unsocialized after spending her first 6 months of life in less than adequate conditions.

Soon after she was brought to the shelter in St. Joseph, the staff decided she would be a perfect candidate for the Puppies for Parole program. In this program, she was paired with 2 handlers who, quickly learned, this poor baby knew nothing about being a dog. However, they found Courage to be a very smart little girl that loved being with people and getting treats!

After several months and a lot of love and patience, she was ready to be adopted. Courage was adopted by someone who had recently lost a much-loved dog. Her name is now Bella and her new mom couldn't love her more. Thank you to the staff for choosing Courage, to the Puppies for Parole for doing a wonderful job of loving and training her and to her mom for giving her such a wonderful, loving home.

Chloe, My pet companion

By Linda McNeiley

For the past 13 years, Chloe has been my faithful pet companion. I was lucky enough to have adopted her from the St. Joseph Animal Shelter as a little kitten.

When I brought her home, she was an indoor cat; however, after moving into a new home, Chloe became very stressed and preferred to stay outside for part of the day. Chloe loves to watch the birds, squirrels and rabbits that are in my yard.

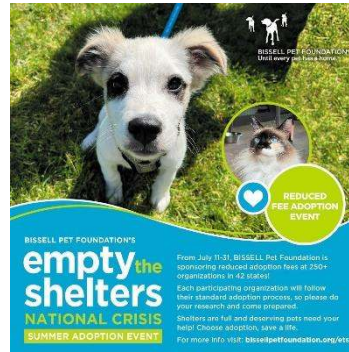
Several years ago, I went through a serious illness. During that time Chloe was my best buddy. She slept on my chest and kept me company until I recovered. Apparently, she sensed that I was ill, and she did her best to take care of me. Chloe is and will forever be my faithful pet companion.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE SHELTER ANIMALS



We want to give a huge shoutout to Delaney Jackson and Allaina Mace from Lafayette HS. These ladies dropped off tons of food and supplies to help the shelter animals as part of their community service project. The doggies are very thankful!



Our thanks to the Bissell Corporation for sponsoring reduced adoption fees at 250 shelters and rescues across 42 states! This event was focused on clearing or reducing the number of animals in the shelter.

Fund Raising Events



Wine Bar Bingo

A great time was had at Prestyn's Wine Bar. They hosted a wine bar bingo event to help raise funds for the new animal shelter. Thank you!



Mustang's Bark in the Park

Thanks to the Mustang Organization for hosting a pet preview and providing a 50/50 raffle for the Friends of the Animal Shelter.



Music Bingo

Thanks to River Bluff Brewery for sponsoring Music Bingo to raise money for the Friends of the Animal Shelter. Thanks to all who participated and donated.

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President's Update

By Ed Vanover

It has been a busy spring and summer season. The animal shelter was able to participate in two "Clear the Shelter" events, sponsored by grants from The Bissell Foundation. On Saturday, August 27th, in conjunction with PetSmart, the animal shelter had an onsite adoption event. Over 100 cats, dogs, kittens and puppies were available for adoption that day. 96 animals were adopted that day. What a smashing success! This adoption event was very much needed, as the shelter has been running extremely full.

We are still fundraising for the new shelter, due to increased construction costs. However, we are happy to report, that we have now moved to the "design" phase of the project. The Friends of the Animal Shelter, the shelter staff and city representatives are working to iron out the details for this part of the campaign. Hopefully, these requirements will be ironed out soon, so that we can enter the "demolition" phase of the project.

Multiple fundraisers for our "Wags to Wishes Campaign" have happened in the last 6 months. These included the Ruff on the Bluff (\$450), Panhandling for Paws (\$1,680), Puttin' for Mutts (\$4,500), the annual 5k run/walk (\$10,000), Music Bingo at Preston's Wine Bar (\$400+), Music Bingo at River Bluff Brewing (\$600+), UPCO's 70th anniversary, St. Petrick's shopping event (\$1,432), Flower Power (\$650) and Cause for the Paws at the Rec Center (\$1756).

As a reminder, here are a few ways you can continue to help us with our new animal shelter

- Donate
 - Online at www.petforu.com/donate (indicate "new shelter" in comments box)
 - Mail a check (payable to "Friends of the Shelter") to - 701 Lower Lake Rd., St. Joseph, MO 64504
- Organize your own fundraiser for our Wags to Wishes campaign
- Volunteer your time and expertise to help us fundraise!
- Share the cause with friends, family and co-workers!
- Attend one of our fundraisers
- Encourage your organization, or place of business, to sponsor a room in the new shelter with their name on it!
- Contact us to speak at an event with your organization or place of business

Please contact Ed Vanover: ed.vanover@petforu.com if you would like to get involved with our Wags to Wishes Campaign for a New Animal Shelter! Thank you for all your support – we cannot be successful without the help from our wonderful donors, fosters and adopters!

Animal Shelter Success Stories



Meet Lily

Lily came to the shelter as a stray when she was a young pup. Usually, puppies get adopted quickly since they are not very common at the shelter, but Lily is not your average puppy. Lily is deaf. The staff knew that Lily's best chance at having the best life was getting her into a foster home where she could learn basic sign language training and where she could be safe and loved until she found the perfect family who could give her the support and training she needed to be the best girl.

Our rescue partners "[Is Today My Day Rescue](#)" were able to find a foster for Lily, where she spent several weeks in foster care preparing her for her forever home. Her foster family taught her sign language basics, how to interact appropriately with other dogs, and how to perfect her puppy dog eyes and wrap just about everyone she met around her little paw.

After a few weeks of searching for her forever home, the perfect family put in an application. Her soon to be mom was fluent in sign language and was graduating with a degree in deaf studies! We couldn't have asked for a better outcome for sweet Lily and are so happy to see her thriving in a new home.

Baby Kittens!



One morning a crate containing 7 kittens was dumped at the front door of the animal shelter. Inside the crate were 7 kittens crammed inside. They ranged in age from newborn to 3 months old. All the kittens were infested with fleas and at high risk for anemia.

The shelter staff jumped into action and started to care for these babies. However, the staff knew that saving the two flea infested newborns kittens, without a mother cat was a long shot.

Newborn kittens are too delicate for any type of flea medication, and they cannot be bathed either due to the inability to regulate their body temperature. The staff worked quickly to comb as many fleas off these fragile infants as possible.

The staff also knew the newborn kittens' chances of survival without being nursed by a mother cat was slim to none; newborn kittens NEED the antibodies and nutrients of a mother's milk. The staff decided to place the kittens in with another mother cat (Dottie) already at the shelter with hopes that the mother cat would not reject them. Dottie gave the new kittens a good sniff and then she went right to nursing these 2 kittens along with her litter of kittens. Great outcomes for all the kittens.



The Story of Richy



Richy was found wandering the streets of St. Joseph in late June and was brought to St. Joseph Animal Control & Rescue. He was emaciated and only weighed 30 pounds. He was full of worms and suffering from a horrible skin condition causing hair loss, swelling, pain, itching, and open wounds. Richy had been left to deteriorate and without immediate care he would not have survived.

Richy was taken to the veterinarian, who confirmed that Richy had Demodex Mange. He was immediately started on medicine to treat this condition and within a week Richy was bouncing and playing like a happy dog!

Despite his health condition, Richy never lost his sweet disposition. He was so kind to everyone who came into contact with him. After several weeks, Richy gained 15 pounds and his fur began to return. He is handsome and happy pup! He loves to participate in play groups with other dogs. He loves people. He loves toys and learning new things. He simply loves life!



Pet Adoption Event – By Susan Punzo

For some time, the St. Joseph Animal Shelter has seen a tremendous increase of animals coming through its doors. Periodic adoption specials have been held to reduce the influx of animals and to prevent the euthanizing of adoptable animals.

On August 27th, the largest and most successful adoption event was held in the PetSmart parking lot. At this event, 99 animals found furever homes thanks to the special adoption rates. The event was scheduled from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and at 8:00 AM a long line had already started to form. The adoption rates included:

1. There was no charge for adult cats over 6 months - all 15 adult cats were adopted.
2. Kittens were \$10 – 53 kittens were adopted.
3. Puppies were \$25 – 19 puppies were adopted.
4. Dogs were \$25 – 12 dogs were adopted.

The fees include spaying/neutering, vaccinations, fecal exam, deworming, micro chipping, and city license. The shelter was able to provide all these services at a reduced or free rate because the Friends of the Animal Shelter covered to remained for the costs.



Before this event, all cat cages and foster homes were full. After this adoption event, shelter space has been opened for animals that may be brought to the shelter in the future. Without the wonderful support from the St. Joseph community, the Friends of the Animal Shelter would not be able to finance these adoption specials; events that allow so many animals to find furever homes.



Partners in Paws

Please consider becoming a **PARTNERS IN PAWS** by joining our monthly giving program! As a Partner in Paws, you are a consistent stream of support for our local animals in need. Monthly giving is an easy way to help the Friends of the Animal Shelter do even more to save the lives of animals all year! It's easy- just specify a donation amount and your credit card will be billed monthly (a minimum \$5 donation is required to participate in this life-saving program).

Your recurring monthly donation helps support the following

In appreciation for your generous monthly donation to the Friends of the Animal Shelter, you will receive the following:

\$5/month – Fur Friend Level

- Refrigerator Magnet

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Fur Friend Level
 Provides food for cats or dogs

\$10/month
Rescuer Level
 Provides medicine for puppies for parvovirus or cats for feline leukemia

\$10/month – Rescuer Level

- Pen with Partners in Paws Logo

\$25/month – Guardian Level

- Pen with Partners in Paws Logo
- Emergency Pet sticker for home

\$25/month
Guardian Level
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\$50/month
Life Saver Level
 Covers veterinary care for routine and emergency needs of cats and dogs

\$100/month
Top Paw Level
 Pays for preventative care (vaccines, dewormer, heart worm medicine, spaying & neutering).

\$50/month – Life Saver Level

- Pen with Partners in Paws Logo
- Emergency Pet sticker for home
- One free registration for the Walk for Paws 5K event

\$100/month – Top Paw Level

- Pen with Partners in Paws Logo
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- One free admission to either the My Furry Valentine Dinner or the Fall Quarter Auction Dinner

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