

DEC 2020 WINTER EDITION

ANIMAL SHELTER INC.

YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
ON ALL THINGS
SHELTER

WHAT'S INSIDE?

**OPERATIONS UPDATES, LETTER
FROM THE DIRECTOR (2)**

FUNDRAISER HIGHLIGHTS (3, 4)

WHAT'S NEXT (5)

STAY TUNED (6)

SHOP SMART (7)

HAPPY TAILS (8, 9)

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

FEATURING LEIGH GRADY

We are so grateful to the numerous adopters who have welcomed new pets into their homes while stuck in social distancing limbo! This outpouring of available homes, combined with current domestic travel restrictions have curtailed pet transports from our shelter/rescue partners across the U.S..

That means that at this time, there are fewer pets available for adoption than usual. This also means that there are lots of wonderful potential adopters searching for a new family member, and pets are hard to come by (trust us we've been doing this a long time)!



ON STAYING AFLOAT FINANCIALLY DURING A PANDEMIC....

Many people are shocked to hear that our shelter and clinic are NOT financially supported by the city/state or government, and that we run 100% of the shelter and clinic through our adoption / surrender / clinic fees, and any donations or grants we are lucky enough to receive.

It's a LOT of work applying for a small number of grants open to animal shelters – and there are a LOT of shelters that we have to compete against, so sadly grants aren't anything to rely on.



So if you've adopted a pet from our shelter, used our on-site vet clinic for low cost services, or we've helped someone you know, we thank you! Maybe you just love pets and want to support a LOCAL non-profit who REALLY uses 100% of the money helping these pets get to our shelter and find the best families ever – we need you too!

Of all the times we've needed help...this is that time. We hope we can count on your continued support.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT
THING ABOUT ADOPTING
A PET IS SPREADING THE
LOVE**





Current Fundraisers

THEY'RE HERE!!!

STERLING SHELTER SUPPORTER CALENDARS 2021

We asked and you delivered! A generous artist supporter of ours has hand selected entries for our very own Sterling Shelter calendar. The calendar is a (standard) wall size, 12 month work of art, featuring hand drawn and water color painted portraits of some of our favorite former pets!

The calendars are available for purchase at our Adoption Center, or through contact-free, mail delivery. One calendar runs \$20.00 (please add three dollars for shipping and handling if you are selecting mail delivery).



To purchase online, visit:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/justbewatercolor>

www.venmo.com/Carmen-Tellier

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/JustBeWatercolorArt>

OR

Email staff@sterlingshelter.org for an appointment to come purchase in person!



GIVING TUESDAY

A global day of giving.

**This year,
Giving Tuesday falls on December 1st.**

On this day, look for a Facebook post from us on what it means for us to give back to our community, and click the donate button on the post to contribute to your favorite local animal shelter.

We hope that if you're not able to donate, you might be willing to give us a different gift- a story of your pet, and how adopting from us changed your family. Adoptions are the real reason we do this job, and it helps remind us WHY we come back day in and day out to hear that these babies we love have gone on to be loved by another.

To sign up for recurring giving, visit <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/sterlingshelter>
To donate digitally, visit <https://www.sterlingshelter.org/animal-shelter/bitcoin-and-cryptocurrency-donations/>

Together
we give.



UNLEASH GENEROSITY

Generosity gives everyone the power to make a positive change in the lives of others and is a fundamental value anyone can act on.

December 1, 2020

Sniffing for Other Ways To Help?



PENNIES FOR PUPS

In the month of December, we'll be relaunching our donation canister drive.

These canisters used to be scattered throughout Sterling, but with the onset of COVID, haven't been maintained.

It's time to change that!

We believe a little change can go a long way, so keep an eye out for Sterling Animal Shelter canisters in YOUR neighborhood, and drop some change if you have some to spare!

****If you own a business, and would like to procure a donation jar for your location, please contact kendel@sterlingshelter.org**

PACEBUTLER

Upgrading to some new tech this winter?

We partnered with another non-profit that takes used cell phones, tablets, and other tech, and recycles them.

Not only do they help process unwanted electronic goods safely, they also donate money to the sending non-profit organization.

Too good to be true?

Just wait.

They also donate a book to schools in need for each device collected. To support public education and the shelter at the same time, drop your old electronics off at the shelter anytime before Jan 15th.



STAY TUNED....



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

(And updates to our normal holiday fun)



SANTA PHOTOS

Even though we are heartbroken to cancel our favorite holiday photo op, the staff are in agreement that we cannot safely offer photos with Santa this year. We want to keep our staff AND our supporters safe, and will be sad to miss the holiday photo fur fest.



ALTERNATIVES?

We have several GREAT volunteers that have a REAL job doing fancy photos for pets! Please contact our good friend Lisa Boisvert of

Wild Side Photography
(OR) visit
wildside.me/contact

for info on scheduling an offsite photo session with your furry friend for the new year!



ONLINE PHOTO CONTEST

We're currently putting together a great substitute for our normal holiday photo palooza. Please keep an eye out for our upcoming holiday photo contest, where a small donation enters YOUR pet into a shelter contest with some PRETTY NEAT PRIZES.

If you have a business or service you'd like to see included in one of our prize packages, please email staff@sterlingshelter.org



Holiday Shopping?

MAKE YOUR GIFTS COUNT!



Our shelter stocks supplies year round for our adopters. With prices competitive to major retailers, and the satisfaction of knowing 100% of the money you spend at our shelter will benefit homeless pets in need, you can't do better than shopping Sterling. To schedule an appointment for browsing, please email staff@sterlingshelter.org

This month we are featuring our DNA kits. The perfect holiday gift for a new pet owner, or a longtime furry friend. The "Wisdom Panel" DNA test kit screens for over 350+ breeds, types, and variants, as well as drug sensitivities.

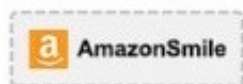
Easy collection, mail off results, then wait for the big reveal!



Think you might forget? There's a fix for that.

To support charity, always shop at smile.amazon.com

Try these 2 easy ways to start with a smile. [Learn about AmazonSmile](#)



1. Create a bookmark

Drag this box to your bookmarks or favorites bar to create a shortcut to smile.amazon.com on your desktop computer or mobile web browser.



2. Install the Amazon Assistant

Get easy access to Product Comparisons, Deal of the Day, and time-saving shortcuts, which all link to smile.amazon.com.

[Learn more](#)

**SHOP
SMILE**
with
amazon

HAPPY TAILS

FOUR TALES OF LOVE ALL AROUND



Squeaks aka Abby

ADOPTED BY: THE CHAMBERLAINS

Squeaks arrived at our shelter with two other kitties that were abandoned at a home in Louisiana. We noticed that she was skin and bones, and didn't want to eat or play. Squeaks ended up needing several rounds of antibiotics, antiemetics, and subcutaneous fluids to get well enough to eat, snuggle, and show us her true personality.

Her adopted family says she was definitely worth it.

Squeak is no longer squeak even though she has the softest cutest cry. We now call her Abby, or Abigail when she strays outside of her usual kitten behavior. She loves bags, boxes and her mice.

She is loved by everyone who greets her, and she is vocal if she needs to make her opinion count. She is a girl who know what she wants and likes. She loves to sleep in my armpit and rest her paws on my collarbone for security unless she is sleeping on her back.

She is very alert and entertaining and all day long she fills our hearts with love and laughter.

She is so happy and loves her new brother Oscar-our lab puppy- she is so spoiled!



Jason aka Lucky

ADOPTED BY: GNOZA FAMILY

Jason came to our rescue looking like some kind of hot mess. He had demodex mange, a nasty mystery burn scar, and an uncertain past. He travelled all the way from Georgia to find a new home at our shelter, and upon arrival, we knew he was in the right place.

Jason didn't seem to know he had experienced anything bad in his life, and greeted every visitor to his kennel with a kiss and a nuzzle.

His new family reports:

We changed Jason's name right away, because he didn't respond when we tried calling him by this name. So our Grandson changed his name to Lucky Gnoza.

Lucky some times can be very high strung at a certain point of the day, almost daily. So our new way to get through those moments? We do some running. Lucky can be so lovable at times- he thinks he is a little puppy, and will plop his whole body on your lap. It has been an adjustment having a dog again, and for myself, who has done foster care with kids- to understand how they feel misplaced . They need to know they fit in, they are accepted, and need to be loved. So I understand that our Lucky has had a very sad start, but we want him to know: he is a part of this family! (Also, we have taught him some tricks already. My most favorite is sitting up pretty.)

Lucky is a good dog , and we love him very much!

HAPPY TAILS

(CONTINUED) FOUR TALES OF LOVE ALL AROUND



Taco aka Tank

ADOPTED BY: CROCKER FAMILY

Our sweet little Taco was a shelter favorite the instant he arrived. He had a cute little bobtail, and a whole host of problems. As some of you that do rescue may know- the "broken" ones are always the best.

Taco was rescued from Louisiana, and had among a number of parasites, an ear infection so bad it caused a head tilt. His personality didn't let this get the best of him, and our staff immediately fell in love with his ever-present vocalizing, loud food munching, and his eagerness for pets- all day, every day.

Taco stayed at our shelter for nearly a month-a very long stay for a kitten, indeed! For a shelter that rarely sees pets linger before adoption, he truly became loved by each of our staff members.

He ended up being adopted by a family with another special needs cat, and they had this to say about his induction into the family:

Words do not express what a love and a blessing Taco has been for our family. I thought I loved him when I picked him up, but each day i just fall in love with him again. Tank loves home and plays. Thank you so very much.



Rook aka Hooper

ADOPTED BY: WOLFE FAMILY

This little guy had an interesting rescue! He was found by some good samaritans hunting on an abandoned property (thank goodness they didn't shoot him), and rode in a 4-wheeler all the way back to the animal shelter. We knew when we saw his photo that he needed a second chance at a forever home.

He found his new home, and his forever family says:

We changed Rook's name to Hooper. We certainly have found the ideal dog for us. He is a welcome addition to our family. We have become a real family. He is a sweetie dear! He loves people and loves to go for rides in the car, in the truck, in the tractor, in the golf cart, anything that moves. He spends his days with Dennis working in the garage and outside in the yard. Of course there is a lot of playing.

Life is good on the porch, weather permitting. He makes himself comfortable inside and out. He's not too sure about snow. We got him a jacket for really cold weather, him being from the south.

We feel so lucky to have found Sterling Animal Shelter. They are so warm and compassionate. Everyone was very nice and the grounds are kept immaculate. All in all we couldn't be happier or more appreciative of the great work done by the people at Sterling Animal Shelter.