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Three is the charm...

Hello. I want to tell you a story about a scared, hopeful, very lonesome dog. The dog is Me. My name is Sophie and I'm a Neapolitan Mastiff. Now let me warn you that this story might seem a little sad, but maybe between us, we can make it turn out right.

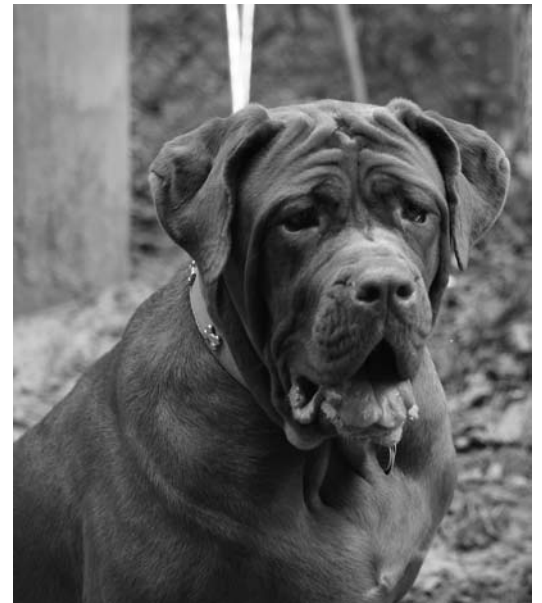
The first thing that happened to me is a recession. I don't know what that is, but it's not a good thing for dogs. It makes your Mom cry and Dad really sad and then they have to take you to a shelter because they can't afford to keep you anymore. It was hard for Brutus [he's my brother] and me to see them leave, but at least we were still together. When we got here at AAC everyone was really nice and Brutus and I were even allowed to be in the same kennel and could cuddle together at night. He was more scared than I was (he's littler) but I told him not to worry, everything would be all right.

Then the second thing happened. My promise to Brutus came true. Everything was all right for him. A nice family came in, saw him, and it was love all around. He got adopted within the first week. Gary and Steve tried to get the folks to take me, but they said that they just didn't have the room or the resources to take me too. I am happy for Brutus (it wouldn't have been fair to make him stay with me when he could have a home of his own) but Gee, I really miss him.



The other reason that I couldn't go too is this. I hurt sometimes...my legs, back by my tail. I can't always get up as quick and easy as I used to. Gary noticed this and last week we went to see the vet. She squeezed and massaged and moved me up and down and then said something I didn't like the sound of... Hip Dysplasia. It's something that happens to big dogs like me. That was the third thing. That's the thing I'm worried about. The Doctor said that it could be fixed by an operation, but this operation will cost a lot of money...almost \$5,000 dollars and that's more money than the shelter has right now. I think

it's that recession thing again. So, I'm going to ask you. Will you help me? I'm lonesome and I need a home and I hurt and I need this operation. The shelter has started a fund called Something for Sophie, and anything you send will help. Just write Something for Sophie on any donation you send that is for me. Or come in and take me home with you. I have a great sense of humor, love to be read to, and will only sit on your lap if I'm invited. I'm a really good girl. Well, that's it...three is the charm. Now we're looking for the good stuff...and Michele just gave me a big chewy bone to think about. Bye for now. Come see me. Sophie





Hail to the Chief...

Alan Feinberg, our beloved President and shelter Director passed away last month. Husband of Janice Feinberg. Father of Erica (Jerry) Rothkoff and Pamela (Adam) Khan. Brother of Richard Feinberg. Grandfather of Liza, Julia, Evan, Gregory and Jack. Alan had been a stockbroker, then he retired and came to the Animal Adoption Center. For over 10 years Alan was part of us. Starting as a friend and advisor, Alan joined the Board and rapidly moved up to the position of President. In 2008 he became Director. Active in everything going on at the shelter, Alan hired the staff, monitored the animal care, met with officials and supporters, and with Janice's help, saw to it that the shelter ran smoothly. Alan attended every fund raiser and generated a few of his own. His was the kind face that greeted adopters and soothed the distraught families who had to give up their pets. And more than once, it was Alan's generosity and diligence that helped us through some really rough times. He was devoted to the animals and more than once it was Alan who personally paid for an expensive veterinary procedure because it was desperately needed by a dog in pain. Alan's tireless efforts with rescue groups provided the spark that prompted the Georgia Puppy Caravan, and because of him a steady stream of wonderful young dogs and puppies are rescued and regularly come to us from the South. Alan's efforts have saved thousands of lives. He often said that being Director of the Animal Adoption Center was the best job he ever had; he loved the shelter, and we really loved him. Hail to the Chief. We will miss you Alan, so very much.

Carole Shankin, V.P., F/R Chpsn

MICKEY

Valentine's Day. A time for love and caring and kisses. I'm good at kisses, and I love to smooch when I first wake up.



I'll put a penny in a wishing well and ask for a family to love me, even after hours, and most especially during thunder storms to help me feel safe. I'm hoping that this will be my special time...the time when I finally find my family. The staff and volunteers here treat me great but when everyone has gone home for the day and the lights are out, I get sad. I know I'm not a young man any more but I still have lots of love to give. I promise I will be a good boy and love my new family as much as they love me! All I want is a chance to show someone what a great guy I can be!



VICKI

Meet Vicki! Vicki is a three year old poodle who was rescued from the sad, deplorable existence of being a puppy mill breeding Mom. Litter after litter, she existed without enough food, warmth, kindness, or freedom to

move about. Because of the terrible way she was forced to live, Vicki is very shy but is already reaching out for love from people. Yesterday she almost gave her favorite volunteer a kiss! Amazingly, Vicki is a happy pet. Glad that those dark days of living in a wire cage are behind her, she will soon know the joy of being a treasured family member. She is learning her house manners and will be the perfect companion with just a little love and patience. A wonderful, gentle girl, give Vicki a chance to fall in love with you. Hurry in to meet her today!

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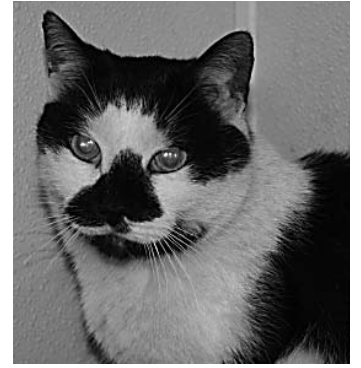
MAYE

This is Maye. She came a long way to be saved. It was a late December evening in Savannah GA. How do we understand how a group of grown men can decide to vent their anger or meanness on a helpless dog? The men started beating on Maye, some with sticks--her pitiful cries attracted attention and someone called the police. They took her to a local shelter where she waited, but no one claimed her. At that shelter the people were charmed by her sweetness. In spite of what she'd just been through, she somehow was able to retain her wonderful disposition and happy heart. It was Christmas time, something had to be done. Maye was at the end of her stay, due to be euthanized. A call was made to a rescuer who came, met her and simply couldn't leave her. Just happened to be one of our friends. A Christmas miracle was set in motion. Through an amazing friendship chain, Maye is now with us. It will be greater magic if Maye ends up with you.



FRITZ

What's not to love? A cat with a great big heart splashed right across his nose! "I'm Fritz, and there's nothin' on the fritz about me!"



This unique looking boy is a shy but lovable eleven year old guy who is now very sad at our Center. You see, Fritz lived in our community cat room and he had a best friend Starlight. Starlight and Fritz were inseparable - they groomed each other, played together and slept together. But last week, Starlight met her family and has now been adopted--Fritz misses her so. Now it's Fritz's turn. He is wishing and dreaming that he will be adopted into a loving family of his own and maybe find a new best friend! Please help make Fritz's dream come true and adopt him today! Fritz is up-to-date with routine shots, he is mannerly, house trained and spayed/neutered.



SAVANNAH

I am Savannah. My tuxedo markings should tell you that I'm ready for anything. Special occasions or snuggling, I'm your kitty. I'm six years old, and I have energy to spare, and I'll purr and talk to you (it'll be up to you to figure out what I'm saying). And, did I say I love to cuddle? And play (if you have one of those kitty fishing rods I will keep you giggling). But, it's not all about me, when you feel like relaxing, just provide me with

a lap, and I'll be in it with my best purr on. You will love me, and I'm ready to love you right back.

Ward Off Winter Chill

Share your body heat with your cat or dog. Chase winter's chill away by adding a full degree to your body's temperature just by cuddling with your furry buddy. This is because a cat's normal temperature is 100° for 102° F and a dog's normal temperature is 101° to 103° F. And they are only too happy to share the warmth.

HELP! We desperately need a microscope.

Check your garage, attic, storerooms, any fully working microscope will help. It might be old and of no value to you, but to us it would be precious. Receipt for tax purposes will be supplied if requested.



COMING EVENTS

- Psychic Night** - March 2010 - check website for exact date and time
Comedy Night - April 2010 - our 2nd Annual show at the Links Golf Club in Marlton- check the website for more info
Summer singles event - We're cooking up a real good time - watch the website this spring for more info
Dogwalk 10 - October 3rd, our 11th annual Dogwalk in Haddon Heights Park

DogWalk 2009 held at Camden County Park in Haddon Hts.



2009 Fashion Show held at Tavistock Country Club



you can see all the photos at gallery.me.com/johnlevins#gallery

SNUGGLES

Am I cute or what? Can you tell how I got my name?



Snuggles is a charmer with huge soft eyes and long sexy whiskers. Super affectionate, cuddling is her strong suit and she will be right by your side. A soft bed, some toys and lots of love are all on her wish list, but she doesn't need them to be happy, Snuggles brings happy with her. Just the girl to keep you company on the long winter nights.

Snuggles is up-to-date with routine shots, house trained and spayed/neutered.



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