



Contrary to popular belief, we are not just a bunch of gorgeous felines sporting our purses and drinking cocktails all day. **We have work to do!**

We work endlessly to grow our foster network and volunteers all the for the purpose of saving local pets from being destroyed for they are deserving of great owners like you!

Whether you foster, volunteer or adopt with us, **YOU** are the key link to helping us continue this work!!!

[Join our life saving group today!](#)



This Issue:

In Honor Of Adopters, Volunteers & Fosters!

Humor Corner

I Laugh "When my dog"...

Flattens himself to get under the couch... DEH, Keansburg, NJ

Shoots off a bomb while tilting her head! JG, Boonton, NJ

Sleeps under the covers! DTS, Hillsdale, NJ

Comes into our hot tub and stays for a half hour. All on her own. MS, Long Valley, NJ

When Hurley, 85 pounds, is afraid to walk by our two senior cats who range from 8 pounds to 12 pounds. CC Phillipsburg, NJ

Carpet surfs. JS, Boonton, NJ

Gentle giant sings with my daughter!!! LM, Harrisburg, PA

Passes out upside down on the couch. JK, NYC

Fall "Treat" Recipe

Healthy Pumpkin Balls



This snack is not only delicious but is also filled with fiber, vitamin A, beta-carotene, potassium and iron!

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

- Mix pumpkin, molasses, vegetable oil, and water together in a bowl
- Add the whole wheat flour, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon to the mixture and stir until dough softens
- Scoop out small spoonfuls of dough and roll into balls on your hands (wet hands work best)
- Set the balls onto a lightly greased cookie sheet and flatten with a fork
- Bake approximately 25 minutes until dough is hardened

Voila! Happy Canines!!!!

Halloween Costumes Here!
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Behind "What is Thought to Be" Enemy Lines

Behind the desk stands a staff member who listens to the endless reasons why an animal is surrendered. Many are weak excuses.

Inside a box on the floor near the intake desk is a mother cat incessantly caring for her newborn kittens ignoring all around her. Her focus? Her kitten's cleanliness and safety.

In the back kennel is a senior dog trembling uncontrollably left tied to a dumpster in an alley after years of dedication, lucky to be found in time before starvation.

In the top cage are two bonded terriers left behind due to a baby's recent arrival.

Behind the double door sits an animal so starved it is pure skin and fur pulled over a bed of bones survival is questionable.

The hallway is lined with crates holding spontaneous decisions made by humans not well thought through.

Sprinkled throughout the facility are the staff members and volunteers engulfed in a routine performing thankless work that public so easily criticizes. The problem started way before these poor creatures ever entered the facility.

Inside the cop car parked out front is another pit happily going for a car ride only to wind up in an overcrowded facility vying for his life.

In the sick ward is a perfectly friendly soul who, while not feeling well, wags her tail uncontrollably at staff members cleaning the cages and feeding. Her days are numbered.

In the corner of a small room, crippled by tears, a newbie staff member tries to regain composure. She is of no use here. For these facilities simply exist where the human element has failed innocent animals. Left to clean up man's mess, she won't be successful at this line of work although her heart was in the right place, she is not made of the "stuff".

Through the overwhelming noise, smells and buzzing, a family's laughter and cooing slices the air loud and clear! *Alas!!!!* In the lobby a child's ear to ear grin displays the excitement of bringing a new best friend home for good. *This joyous sound brings peace to the humans inside. For their work was not in vain this go round. A homeless animal is "of value" once more.*

Be up front, be of conviction, be part of the solution and not the problem. **Encourage the flesh and bone inside those walls in just this way by visiting a shelter today.** *By: J. Grinthal*

Zani's needs fosters, true blue, dedicated people to join our ranks of lifesaving caregivers!

[Fill out an application today!](#)





Joey "Bag O' Donuts"

Jennifer Londraville, E 93rd St, NYC

We would love to share our story! It's been almost a full year since we adopted our dog Joey, aka Joey- bag-a-donuts! :) she's a Manchester Terrier, we think! She's the most awesome animal in the world and we love her so much! She's great with my 8 year old daughter and is my loyal stead...! She travels back and forth from NYC to MA every week with me and we both couldn't be happier! To the right is Joey in her seatbelt next to me, and this years Halloween costume.



Tis' the Season for Cider!

Michael Robertson, Riverside, NJ

Cider was found wandering the streets of NYC in August 2012 and was placed in a NYC municipal animal shelter. A woman named Christina Soto rescued her from a NYC animal shelter early on the morning that Teensy was to be euthanized, because no one had come forward to claim her as their dog. I met Christina where she works in Central NJ as a vet tech at an animal hospital where my previous dog was being treated for cancer before she passed away. Christina sent out an email looking for someone to foster this dog. Since my previous dog had just recently passed away, I was reluctant to take on a new dog so soon, but I did go visit Teensy at Christina's home. A few days later I agreed to foster her and completed the paperwork to do so through Zani's Furry Friends. About 6 weeks later I fell in love with the dog and renamed her Cider, as my neighbor said her fur color looked like apple cider.



Cider was initially under weight, but otherwise healthy. She was very untrusting of people and afraid of most new people she came in contact with. After some basic training at pet smart and establishing a structured routine for her in my home, Cider has turned into a loving and friendly little dog. Cider also was given time to interact with dogs at a local dog park near my home. My neighbors have an 80 lb boxer who is much larger than the now 32 lb Cider, and they regularly run around in my yard and play together. Cider over time has become more trusting of people and children. Cider's pet sitter when I am working is my neighbor's 12 yr old daughter who loves spending time in my home with her. My friends and family now interact with Cider and enjoy meeting her. Everyone that meets Cider always compliments me on what a great dog she is. I have included some recent photos of Cider in my home. **I encourage people to take a chance on a rescue animal from Zani's Furry Friends.**

Unconditional Love Lives Here!





My Loveable "Meatball"

Kristina Hawley, Colebrook, CT

Here is my baby's intake picture at MACC, she had very recently had puppy's before she had been dumped.. I took her to the vet the week I got her and she still had milk and a sever kennel cough (took almost a month of antibiotic to get rid of) and a sever bacterial infection. After her first bath her skin was bleeding and oozing.. But she handled it all very well, it was many baths and a lot of antibiotics before she became the healthy girl she is today.



Rosie Completes Us!

Jill Golden, NYC



She couldn't have been more cute and my big black mutt Bella went over to her and starting guarding her.

When I first brought her home, Bella actually got kind of jealous and spent a week or so growling, but now they are the very best of friends and Bella literally walks up to Rosie and licks her in the face! We go on long walks in the early morning in Central Park. And the dogs run around my apartment during the day and keep me entertained and content as I often work from home. The three of us are a happy unit everywhere we go from the nail salon to dinner with friends (of both the human and dog variety) at our nearby outdoor cafe.

In the Nick of Time – Ginger Arrived!!!!

Emily Haynes, Waltham, MA

If it weren't for Zani's Furry Friends, we would never have known Ginger. They saved her life before we had the chance to! We saw Ginger, a scrawny Pit-Boxer mix, on a pet adoption website and were totally smitten right off the bat, but little did we know that while we were making arrangements in the hopes of adopting her, Ginger was in danger of being euthanized (the day before Christmas Eve!). Zani's found her a foster home at zero-hour, and just days later we sent our adoption application. If it weren't for Zani's, we would have been inquiring about a sweet pup who was no-longer with us.

Today Ginger is a strong, healthy girl who LOVES to play fetch and swim at our family cabin in Maine. She is not only the light of my husband and my lives, but of many of our friends and family's lives as well. Thank you, Zani's Furry Friends, and keep up the good work!





In Honor of Shelter Volunteers - *Everywhere*

You are the comfort for homeless pets in waiting

Your bravery is beyond compare

Your heart wide open to certain pain & joy

Your ability to help an animal "live in the moment" in your loving arms

Your endless effort to network for homes

Your wonderful positive attitude through the unknown

Your ability to see its not the facility who is at fault

Your enduring strength & endless efforts

For you truly are of special soul

Your heart is made of steel your hands made of velvet & your mind of strong conviction

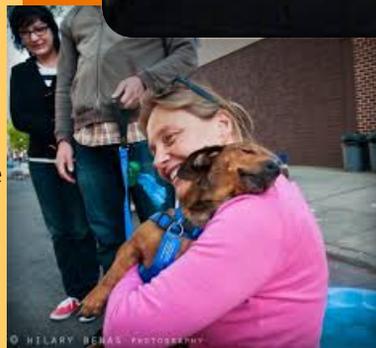
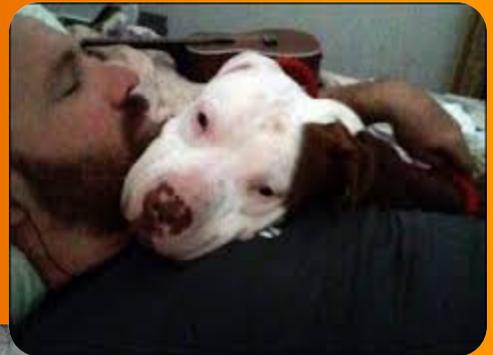
For you are the bridge to keeping an animal sane

Your work may go unnoticed at times but to those of us in rescue we know of your importance . . . *We know your worth*

So to every volunteer who spends their own time helping for the love of homeless pets, you truly are held in high esteem for your silent work

We bow to you today and bless you for the behind the scenes work for you truly are a cut above.

By J. Grinthal © Gimmeshelters





King William

Katy Caldwell, Brooklyn, NY

Hello! I adopted Hilton back in January 2012 and he has been my best buddy ever since. He now goes by the name of King William as has a small fan club who love his personality and the fact that he is a cat who kisses. He also likes to watch TV which we all find very amusing. I have included a photo of him on the couch. Thanks for approving my adoption of this funny, amazing creature!!!



Olive "I Love You!"

Marissa Blaszkowski, Hartford, CT

Hello Zani's! It's been over a year and a half, but Olive is loving life in Connecticut.

From what we know, Olive was found in December 2011 abandoned and covered in car oil with a few broken teeth and a tail that was also broken at some point and heeled incorrectly. Being a 2-year old bully breed in a kill shelter might have been a death sentence, but Olive was pulled in the midnight hour and put into foster by Zani's. After only a few weeks in foster with Ingrid, Olive made her way to Connecticut to live with her new humans and our roommate's dachshund Dieter.

When Olive first moved in with us, she spent most of her time hiding out under desks, in her open crate, or in closets. She was not so much hand-shy as she was hand-terrified, and couldn't make eye contact with any people. But whenever we met another dog, as if a switch was flipped, she just lit up! Olive became totally animated, wiggly, and showed us all her big pitty smile.

For months we brought Olive out every day for hours to play with other dogs: we'd take lunchtime walks at the local gardens, bring her to the dog parks in other towns, take long weekend hikes through the snow, and eventually signed up her for doggie daycare. It took until summer 2012, but Olive was now following us leash-less with her head held high, cuddling on the couch, and not only letting strangers touch her but actually running up to them to say hello! Her transition has taken some work, but Olive is just a jewel. We're so thankful to have our little meatball with us!





Zani's News!

Fall 2013



*Love Broadway Entertainment?
Can't Afford the Real Thing?
Well, Here's a Secret ... This is the Real Thing!*

A Benefit concert for Zani's Furry Friends

Saturday, November 30, 2013 @ 4:00 pm
(doors open at 3 pm)

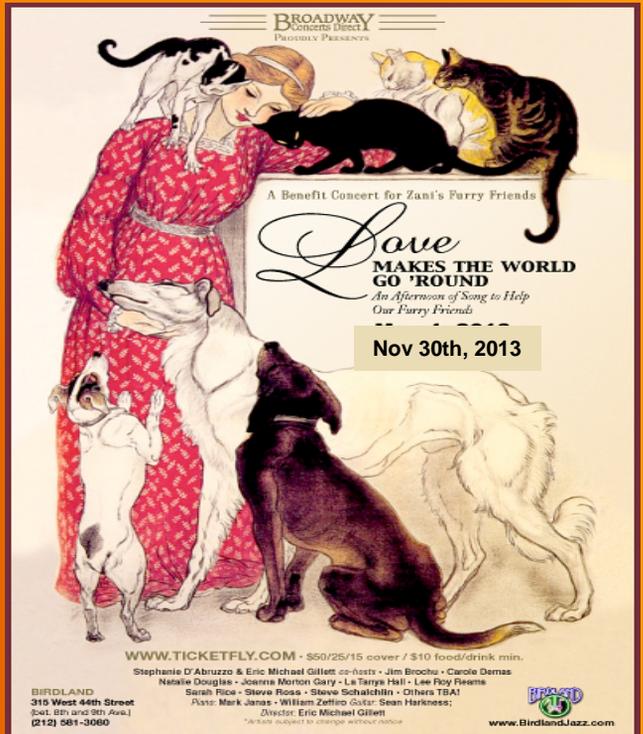
LAURIE BEECHMAN THEATER

West Bank Cafe
407 W 42nd Street
(between 9th and 10th Ave.), NYC, NY

"Spectacular entertainment for the price!"

"Excellent cause and a night out"

"Well worth it, such talent!"



This benefit is important in a few ways, it helps support the continued work of our rescue AND brings animal lovers, fosters and adopters together for a night of fantastic entertainment to support each other in the important work they do!

*Great prizes available through raffles, music, singing and rubbing elbows with some great Broadway stars in an intimate setting. You won't be disappointed!
Buy tickets early, space is limited!*

NEW YORK: [Petco](#) - [petco](#)
Sundays 12:30 -5:00pm 1280 Lexington Ave



NEW JERSEY: Corrado's Market
Sat & Sun 1-4pm 660 Getty Ave, Clifton





When I Least Expected

Jen

I had two Maine Coon cats, littermates (brother and sister), for nearly 20 years before Lolo, and they passed away of old age within a couple of months of each other in the summer of 2011.

I had no immediate plans to get another cat right away - but I was casually browsing on Petfinder, and Lolo just caught my eye. He was described as "a total love", and that is the absolute truth. He has been such a joy to me from the moment he arrived. He is a super cuddler who sleeps with me every night and never met a lap or a set of arms he didn't want to get into. He's a great companion who loves to get involved in everything I do at home, from cooking to laundry to watching TV - he trots around after me, offering a running commentary on the happenings of the day. He runs to the front door when the doorbell rings - he loves greeting visitors. He is extremely well-behaved - he's never pooped or peed outside his litter box, and he only scratches on his post or on one of his other designated "scratchy things".



He loves to play with his toys, especially the fuzzy little tennis ball with the feather hanging off it and his catnip "Kickaroo". He has some quirks, just like any living creature - if I leave him alone for too long, he opens all the cabinet doors that he can reach. Doesn't actually do anything to the stuff inside the cabinets, just opens them. He uses his polydactyl paws to open doors, drawers, boxes etc that no "normal" cat would be able to open. And he has developed bizarre love-hate relationships with a stuffed dog, a pair of rubber flip-flops, and the toilet in my upstairs bathroom (maybe something from a past life?). But above all he just has the most affectionate, sweet, wonderful disposition - which is all the more remarkable given the fact that he was picked up as a severely dehydrated, emaciated stray in the Bronx by NYC Animal Control before Zani's Furry Friends found him.

I'm thankful every day for my "little guy" and I can't imagine life without him - and I think he's pretty happy too. I'm so grateful that we found each other through Zani's Furry Friends.





Our Lovely Felines



Our Stunning Canines

These pets were surrendered for one reason or another, some unavoidable others without care. They are all deemed to be wonderful pets and we believe they deserved more time to find a committed home. Our **generous fosters** open their homes until such a permanent home can be found.

We believe a pet is dependent on its owner and should be carefully thought out in terms of responsibility. We carefully match our rescue pets to "like owner situations" for the highest rate of success.

We hope you agree with our plight and see the value in homeless lives such as ones in our rescue. If you adopt, foster or volunteer, YOU will directly contribute in helping us continue to do more of the same.

It's tough, emotional and very rewarding when happy hands receive the end result, a furry friend to accompany them through life. The best part of rescue is this defining moment for all those involved. **We hope you choose us and choose to save lives already here..**

