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### Steel Magnolias of NYC Pet Rescue!

Yes, fall is on its way, kids are back at school and we are juggling even more these days. But the homeless viable pets still need us!!!



The above "relaxation" mode is a rare thing where Zani's Furry Friends is concerned.

Our group works endlessly to grow our foster base and volunteers for the purpose of saving local pets from being destroyed simply due to overcrowding at area shelters. We need to spread the word!

**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!*

## Just a Cat Right? . . .

**SO NOT THE CASE!!!! A Cat Is:**

- A companion to an old man which breaks the deafening silence in his home
- A comfort to a college student sobbing over the breakup of a relationship
- A comical "keyboard" break to the business woman working from home
- A purring bed warmer for a couple settling in on a cold winter night
- A childhood friend that teaches responsibility and lifelong commitment to a living creature
- An immediate occupant of an empty paper shopping bag.
- The center of family talk where daily agility stunts are concerned.

A cat brings centering, family laughter and breaks loneliness . . . **Purrrrhaps you might want to adopt one?!** Written by: J. Grinthal, ZFF Writer



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## How Much is That Puppy in the Window?

So many people suddenly say “I want a puppy”. Their next thought is where to obtain one? As quickly as the thought enters their mind, even quicker the need for instant gratification takes hold. Their next move jumping on the internet looking for the breed they think is cutest.


What many don't know is in their own backyard, local shelters and rescues house thousands of viable pets. Big, small, fat, tall, young, old, energetic, mellow and what they have in common is time and space limitations where lives are concerned.

First of all, if you're a working professional – having and training a puppy when not home a lot is VERY trying. Those that do buy a puppy from a [pet store or internet](#) are unaware just how much life our nation snuffs out for lack of homes and the public's desire to have that “cute puppy in the window”. [And just how much is that puppy in the “window or internet” you say? More than you think. Open your check book for a poorly bred animal costing \\$35 to produce sold northwards of \\$3,000.](#) Get ready for an animal that carries heavy emotional and financial cost far beyond just the initial purchase if your [unlucky](#) and many are. Not to mention the [cruelty](#) those buyers ultimately support. If the consumer ever saw where their darling lil' friend came from, they would be sickened to the point of no return. These mills only allow trusted brokers inside cutting them a percentage of the profit on puppies peddled. It's a shame, its all about money for the vets, [brokers, millers](#) and pet stores involved. It's a dirty business claiming millions. [What rescue or shelter can stand against that? Not many but awareness is key.](#)

A friend of mine recently purchased a French Bull dog for over \$4,000 from Oklahoma, sight unseen over the internet. She never bothered to research the company to see the many complaints of sick animals sold and wreckage of broken hearts in the wake. To no avail, there was no stopping her. When asked how these mills stay in business if they are so bad? My response was “because of people like you who are [naïve](#)”. [AKC means nothing.](#) People like Suzanne help the industry stay in business while millions of viable pets are destroyed annually.

Hopefully this article will spur you to dive deep into this industry and see how it can be cruel to man's best friend on many levels. Hopefully you will share what you have learned and be the link that saves a shelter pet because of it. Save a life, show your children the value in a homeless pet. **Stay “green” people!**

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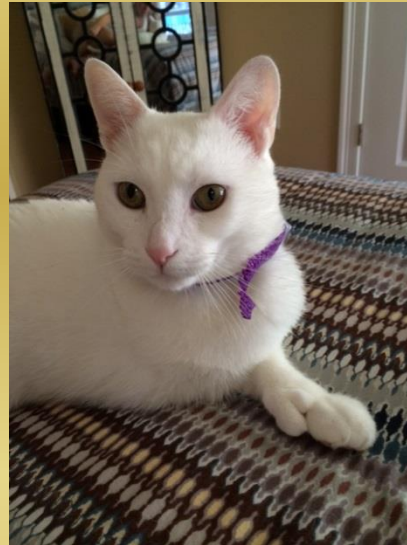
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## Just A Cat? NO WAY!

### A Polydactyl Tri Pod Named Aladdin!

Al for short was on a destroy list in NYC. He had an injury to his leg that would require some hefty care. Well, needless to say, we were able to save him, rush him to our vet who removed the injured leg. He may look different but Al would beg to differ by his behavior. He is well loved by his new mom and here is what she has to say:




"I love this handsome rascal! I'm trying to make a schedule of playing & snuggling, before & after work as Al is super energetic...I think this is helping. He is quite playful & tries to get the Goat to join, regularly! That's really their issue, he goes after her (in what appears to be a playful manner) & they scuffle a bit, but then it's over. As you can see, I'm far less anxious about it @ this point. We call snuggling with Al, "pruggling," as in practice snuggling, because he's not the cuddliest, but I'm working on him! I got the paperwork, Catherine...thank you! Best to all & thank you again for the work that you do. Anna, Goatie & Al"

### Car"Melo"



Just wanted to say that Carmelo (aka Melo) is going great! He loves to nap and snuggle, investigate and bag or box we bring into the house, and loves to follow us from room to room! He seems to have settled in and enjoyed the past six months with us and we couldn't be happier!

Thank you again!  
Sam and Nate

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## Top Four Misconceptions about Shelter Dogs

Courtesy of VetDepot on September 24, 2014

If you're the proud pet parent of an adopted dog, you already know how special your bond is with your rescued best friend. Unfortunately, there are a lot of misconceptions out there about rescue dogs that discourage some people from opting for adoption. Below are four rescue dog myths that are just not true:

### 1.) There is something wrong with them.

False! The truth of the matter is, most dogs end up in shelters through no fault of their own. Oftentimes, their family fell on hard times or didn't plan appropriately for bringing a new puppy home. Given a loving family and a stable home, even the most timid of shelter dogs can thrive.

### 2.) Not knowing their history is risky.

First of all, shelters and rescue organizations do have information about the history of many of their animals. Secondly, dogs are pretty resilient creatures. Even canines who have experienced some sort of known trauma in their past can make loving, loyal companions. Speak with an adoption counselor at your local shelter to find the best match for you.

### 3.) They're diseased.

Most of the time, animals are fully vetted before being adopted out. Vaccinations have likely already been given and any health issues are clearly relayed to the adopter. Some shelters even provide a voucher for a free wellness exam at a local veterinary clinic.

### 4.) They're too old.

There are so many benefits to adopting an adult dog. They're likely out of the chewing stage, potty training goes a lot faster, and they're a little more independent than young puppies. Even if your heart is absolutely set on a puppy, adoption is still an option. Although not as common, puppies still end up in shelters and rescues.

***Choosing to adopt is such a rewarding experience, don't let these myths hold you back!***

- See more at: [VedDepot](http://VedDepot)







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## Happy Tails! 2014



Everyone loves fairy tales. The stories that start off bleak and somehow, against all odds, end up in a happy ending for the princesses. They give us hope and help us forget that real life doesn't always work that way. We all have our favorites and I'm no exception. Only mine is one you probably haven't heard of yet and which happens to be a real life fairy tale.

It stars a princess named Jules, a beautiful medium sized dog that like most fairy tale characters, also had a rough start. When we first met this black beauty, she was timid and shy. She was hesitant to allow anyone to come too close. She kept her tail between her legs, and cowered inside her little kennel. She'd growl in fear when approached and seemed like she didn't want anything to do with humans. On top of that, she was suffering from a bout of kennel cough.


We feared it would take a long time for her to accept affection of any kind. But the exact opposite was true. She was starving for said affection. This little princess wanted to be loved and so, throughout the first night of her stay in her new foster home, she opened herself up to us. She showed us that she had a playful side to her shyness. It touched all our hearts to see the affection she was capable of showing, despite whatever trauma she had undergone in her past. Throughout the next week, her health started to improve. She became more energetic, and showed herself to be a smart and obedient dog. She was docile and caring, not at all aggressive. She was wagging her tail at all times, even smiling (or a dog's version of smiling anyway). **We fell in love with her** and were thrilled with her progress.

Still, even though Jule's story was improving, she still needed her happy ending. And she got it when she found her forever home at the end of her first week in foster care. She found her new family and was renamed Fiona; a new name to go with a new life. Fiona even got a new nick name: Happy Tails, on account of her constantly wagging her tail. If that's not a fairy tale come true, I don't know what is.

There are so many other dogs out there who are looking for their happily ever after. They need a prince charming or princess charming who will love them and show them that fairy tales do come true. You have the ability to bring more Happy "Tails" to this world. Foster or adopt today and give a dog a reason to wag his or her tail once again.

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### Our Lovely Felines




### Our Stunning Canines

Petrified of driving into NYC? Well, we have a NJ affiliate that supports our rescue efforts! We need fosters, adopters and supporters! Convenient location off Rt 80 in Woodland Park, NJ!

Nola Furry Friends has adoptions every weekend at Corrado's (See below). Come meet them and see the work they do all for the love of the dog!

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