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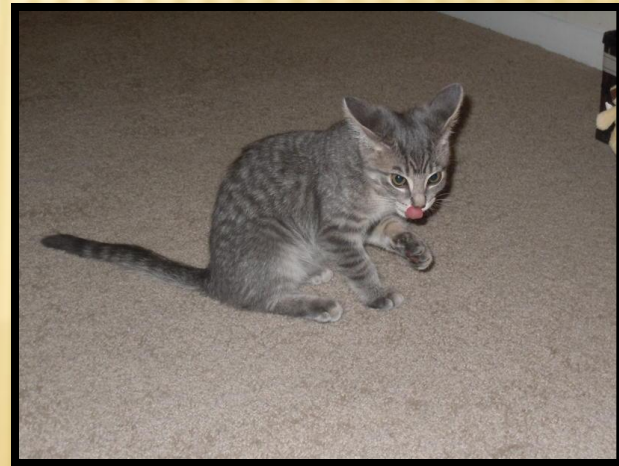
## VOICE OF ADOPTERS 2010

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10/29/10

Freedom, our Cat is doing GREAT! He loves Journey and especially cuddling with everyone.

Thanks for everything!  
Steffanie



7/9/10

Hi,

*Mylo is a ball of fire and we just love him. His name is Uno, but we'd like to change it to Mylo. He already responds to Mylo. His foster family was great. We credit Alice with really loving him and teaching him about being part of a family. He is definitely a lap dog and loves to be close to us and held. Mylo is always ready to play a game of ball, too. It's his favorite toy. He is crate trained, so when he gets sleepy, he's off to bed. We don't have to lock the door. He waits for us in the morning. We get him out early so he can go outside and then get a drink of water. Like Alice, he has access to food and water all day. He has such a wonderful, lively, loving little personality. He has been very quick to adapt to our routine. Because our two college age sons live at home, someone is usually home with him during the day. ( They are both taking summer classes and have jobs, too).*

*We chose Mylo because his name was Uno and the woman who first adopted him named him Maxwell...so we combined them for Mylo (which means Merciful, English, gracious, Russia, Pleasant, Greek).*

*Thank you Hart. We didn't realize how much we missed having a dog until we adopted Mylo. Now we all feel complete again.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Crowell Family*

7/7/10

Hello HART,

I want to thank you all for such a wonderful addition to our family. We are in love with our new pup. We did change his name...it was "Espresso", and we changed it too "Max". He has been such a wonderful blessing to our family, and he fits right in. He was made for us! Thank you all for what you do for these animals...you just don't find new homes for them...you give them a chance at a new life, and on behalf of our family, we just want to say thank you!

Kelly

05/25/2010

To HART,

Things are really great! Can't imagine life without Archie. :) He and Berkley play all the time. We keep saying we have to get a picture of all of us. We are going to get one today since it is such a nice day out. Again, thanks for everything. He has just fit right in and we love him so much.

Miranda



04/06/2010

Roxanne & Margo,

Allis (now Chewie) is doing very well and has adjusted to her move with no problems. After losing my beloved Moose very suddenly and unexpectedly back in December the shock and pain was unbelievable. While you cannot replace one dog with another, Allis (Chewie) has certainly filled a void in our hearts, she is wonderful!

She has settled into a routine of breakfast followed by our morning walk which is just under 4 miles. Such a smart girl, after the first week she knew which way to turn and go on our walk and was quick to recognize her house as she turned and walked right up our driveway. I work a 3 night work week and she goes to daycare one of those days while I am sleeping to break the monotony. She has a wonderful time and is worn out when she gets home

She really did not like her crate so after 1 attempt at crating I decided to leave her out. She has been fine with full run of the house. When I exit I give her some Kongs stuffed with goodies and a Jumbone. I have not encountered any damage to my home. The first week she was here I wanted to get her established with my vet so I took her for a complete checkup. They pull blood and do a CBC as part of that checkup. We had a scare because her platelet count was very low. We ran another panel the following week and while it was a little higher, it was still lower than normal. After several days we did the panel again and the results were the same. The doctor said that the charts for the platelet counts are a type of 'bell curve' chart and it seems that her platelet count may just be normally low. They wanted to rule out Primary Immune Mediated Thrombocytopenia (IMT). As she shows no physical signs of any illness and her blood platelet count remains stable, we will just monitor her periodically. Glad to know that now because I will keep on hand things like liquid band-aid and such in case she ever has any minor injury to ensure she doesn't bleed too much. I remember her original Mommy said that she had once lost a toenail and bled heavy so that is probably why.

Anyway, thank you for all the work you do to help the animals. And a BIG thank you for my wonderful Chewie (Allis)!  
Jeannie



3/28/2010

Good Morning

Here are pictures of Cosmo renamed Buddy looking pretty darn happy in his new home and with his new friend. Thank you Shawn for adopting through HART

Your HART Family



3/22/2010

Good Morning

We are a family that just adopted "Teegan" a now 15 week old border collie mix from HART! We are totally in love! He is the most darling puppy, and since we have had 2 wonderful border collie mixes in the past, that have sadly both died of old age.....we are excited about our new baby. We have renamed "Teegan" the "Duke of Wellington". (Wellington). (We took a family trip to England recently, and we have a german shephard mix named Duke of Windsor). Thank you so much for the gift of this amazing little guy. He is making this family VERY happy!

Sincerely,

Susan, John, Luke, and Larken

2/9/2010

Hi Kristan & friends at HART!

It's been nearly one year since we adopted Skippy (previously known as Jackson), and what a year it's been! We are so happy to have him as part of our family! Last fall Skippy graduated from Beginner Obedience class, and now he is following in his big sister Mandi's footsteps by taking agility classes. Mandi is a sheltie-mix (rescue) who competes in agility with my teenage son, Daniel, as her handler/trainer. I am Skippy's handler/trainer, and he is doing very well learning all the agility obstacles. He seems to really enjoy it, especially the part where he gets treats for doing the obstacles! In time we look forward to joining Mandi & Daniel at the agility trials! You may recall that Skippy was initially a very reactive dog when we adopted him, barking and lunging at all dogs, people, cars, etc. He has made tremendous progress in overcoming this behavior although there are still some dogs he has a very low tolerance for. However, even when he does react to another dog, it is much easier now to calm and re-focus him. Aside from that one behavior issue, he is really a sweetheart!

Thank you, HART, for bringing Skippy into our lives!

Becky



2/2/2010

Hi Margo,

I wanted to share some recent photos of Bella 2, as you can see she is part of very loving family.



1/24/2010

Hi Afsham,

Jake is fine in fact he is now a member of the family --- designated by his own stocking which was filled by Santa with treats and toys. Both, Jake and Munk loved the Christmas Trees (see attached pic of Jake under the artificial tree downstairs) and shared the prized spots underneath the tree appropriately.

He roams around the entire house - stepping around Zoe (Dog), they are best friends now...except when it comes to food. In fact he has actually become a lap cat, especially at night when we are more sedantary.

I have received the emails from Hart....so sad that so many loving animals need homes, but very glad that HART exists.

Jo



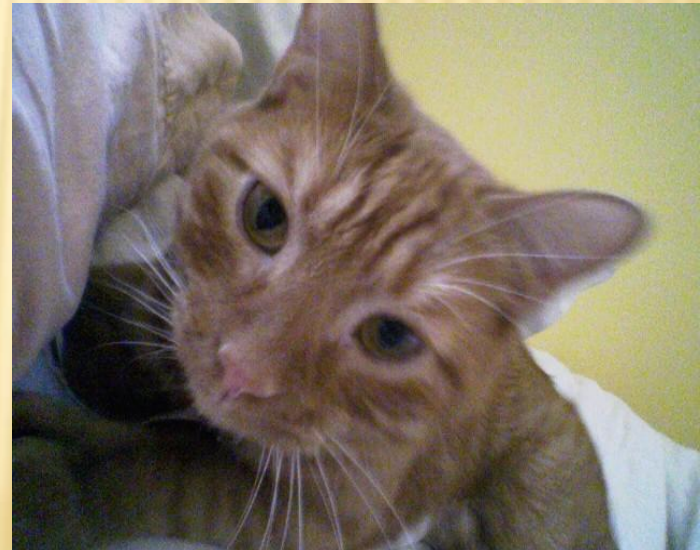
1/24/2010

Hi Afsham,

We have decided (finally) to name him Don Quixote, or just Quixote for short. He really is a wonderful cat, always hanging out on our laps, talking, or playing with his toys. He usually sleeps in bed with us, but not for the entire night, and he won't stick around long if the dogs are being rowdy. He is a bit timid of my shoes, though, probably because my heels are so loud on the hard floor.>br> Other than that and the occasional startle by the dogs, he's very well adjusted and happy, it seems. He's just a lover, and he lets us know when he needs special attention by rubbing against our feet. I can't wait for it to warm up outside so he can enjoy the porch.

Thank you again for your help in bringing Don Quixote into our lives. We love him so much!

Elaine



1/23/2010

Hi Afsham,

Jasmine is doing great! She & Bella get along very well. You are certainly welcome to stop by and see her.

Jen



1/17/2010

Hello all, just thought I would send you some new pics of Bella (Formerly Squirt or "Blue Eye"). She has been an unbelievably great dog, easy to train, minds well, and has a very playful and snuggly personality. Her fur is as soft and smooth as I have ever seen on a dog. She has made an awesome addition to our new family and we love her!!! These pics are recent and she is now almost 8 months old I think. She didn't grow a ton and she weighs probably around 35 lbs. or so. Enjoy and I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a great start (and middle and end) to the new year. See ya.

Craig and Lauren



1/15/2010

Afshan!

Sorry it took me a bit to get back to you - my new semester started this week so it's been a little crazy with work. Susanna's great - it's so funny what you said about her ritual with the foster-dad, eating breakfast with him in the morning; we have a ritual where when I get in bed at night, she hops in with me. Just for a second and then it's back to playtime with Cake. She's doing great - she's really coming around; she doesn't cuddle, really, but she's happy to sit next to us or to play string game, and the two of them cuddle together quite a bit, especially in the afternoon when they both recover from their late-night chasing by sleeping in our bed.

Ugh, I've meant to send you pics but my cord to my camera is MIA so they're all just sitting there...I'll try to figure something out. They're very cute together.

I have appointments made for both cats to go to the vet next month. The holidays kept me too busy to do it then, but they're on schedule to go in mid-February. My sister recommended a vet in Kentucky that she takes her cat to, so we're taking them both there.

Thanks for checking in and I'll send pictures just as soon as I can!

Megan

1/10/2010

Hi Marilyn,

I hope you and your family enjoyed the holidays!

I am happy to report that Kenya did okay on our big trip to NY. On the way home, once we hit midtown she had enough of being in the car (~12 hours at that point) and started to get car sick. :( We hit LOTS of traffic once in Queens and what would normally take 15 minutes, turned into 45 and poor Kenya looked green. It was very disheartening. But as soon as we arrived at my parents house and she was out of the car, had some water and got to explore a new place she was back to herself. :) For the return drive, I picked up some Dramamine [vet recommended] and mixed it into some food before we got on the road and once again at the half-way mark. Plus, since she would not drink water - I read to try ice cubes. So, she did much better on the way home to Ohio. Attached is a picture taken on our drive back, during one of our pit stops.

My family fell in love and my three nieces all had a ball with her! :) I think I mentioned how I lost my first dog unexpectedly in early November. We left work one day and just minutes later she had a seizure and died before my eyes. It was devastating. Lacey brought me such joy and I knew I wanted to adopt again - just wasn't sure I'd feel that 'special' connection again nor so soon. The day I was to pick up Kenya I started to get nervous and questioned whether we'd be a good fit and/or if it was too soon and yet, when you put her in my arms - I knew it was right. It's been incredibly healing to have her and she's an absolute sweetheart. I feel very fortunate and have you and your family to thank. :)

As for India, my sister still asks about her :) and unfortunately, she is not in a position to adopt right now. I would love to be able to adopt her myself....in fact, if I had more time, money and resources, I'd love to adopt several more dogs....maybe one day. :)

Thanks again,

Judi & Kenya



1/10/2010

Hello,

I thought you might like to see the an update 2 years later. Attached is a photo of Taffy Jan 2008 shortly after we adopted her from Hart. Taffy was one of the dogs rescued from a Trenton hoarder situation. She was very badly traumatized, lacked any socialization and very frightened.

The other picture shows Taffy with our other recued dog Willow . It took almost 18 months for them to start to interact but they are now very close buddies.

Taffy was 4 when we got her. We used clamacalm medication under the oversight of a vet behaviorist for the first year then switched her to prozac and she still takes a dose daily.

With tremendous patience, and volumes of love Taffy now is able to cope with changes in her environment and has become happy and animated. She is a joy and is treasured by us.

I know the rescue work you do has its ups and downs, successes and failures. I just wanted to let you know what a success Taffyâ€™s rescue and adoption is. We are very lucky to have been able to connect with Hart and give her the loving home she needed to become the happy dog she is today.

Thank You

