

Humane Society of Greene County

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ADOPTED AND BELOVED COMPANIONS - BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT!



Ann says, "Tory is very sweet and makes me feel loved."



Cooper and Claire say, "Kona is always by our side and of his many toys, his tail is absolutely still his favorite."



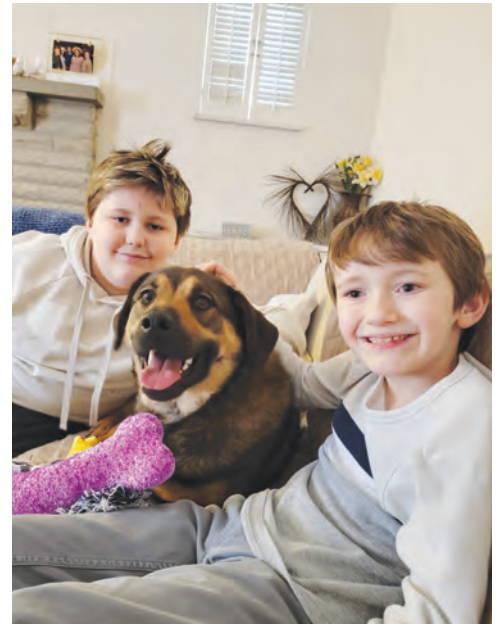
Kaycie and Firefly are inseparable. "Firefly is very verbal and is always telling us something fascinating!"



Nastasya and Adam say: "We love Fiona so much. She is the sweetest and funniest little girl."



Aftia & Jake, Adopted and Friends forever. "We are proud of our beautiful and handsome rescues! Thank everyone for us. You and your staff are amazing." ~ Denise and Richard



"We love Ash so much. Ash is the queen of the house, lol! Thank you all." ~ Diana



FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK

Hello Friends,

One of the blessings of our work is meeting the special, loving people **who choose to adopt and save animals** in need of loving homes. Many remain in touch and remind us that their adopted dog or cat make their lives better in important ways. What a wonderful legacy to save neglected animals and simultaneously change families' lives forever through the joy their animals bring.

A couple we met long ago have stayed in touch. Their 1997 visit was unique in that they were coming to meet Sir Arnold, a white rat, we rescued after we received a call that he was hungry and abandoned in a cage in a vacant apartment. Juli and Jeff drove from Pittsburgh and educated us that there are many who have pet rats. We did not know much about rats at that time, but we knew that Sir Arnold was special. He lived in my office and each day he shared my lunch. His favorite food was a bite of butterscotch pie which he nibbled from my fork. He made me appreciate rats; they have personalities too!

On Juli and Jeff's recent visit we laughed when they reminded me that in 1997, we were resolute to ensure that Arnold was not headed to be any snake's lunch. They brought their rat photo album - rats playing in cups at their home to assure us he would be safe. Arnold lived a good life with them.

At this same time a unique and interesting story of a hero African Giant Pouch Rat, was reported by the BBC World Wide News. Magawa life's work involved sniffing for landmines thus saving humans loss of limbs and life. Magawa's story bears repeating here because all animals are worthy of our appreciation. Sir Arnold taught us something we never would have dreamed, that rats can be loving. Magawa showed us that rats serve humans in vitally important work.

Magawa, Landmine-Sniffing Hero Rat Dies

Source BBC World Wide News, 11 January 2022

Magawa, famous mine-clearing rat who was awarded a gold medal for his heroism, has died at the age of eight.



In a five-year career, this rodent sniffed out over 100 landmines and other

explosives. Magawa was the most successful rat trained by a Belgian charity to alert human handlers about the mines so they can be safely removed.

The charity said the African giant pouch rat "passed away peacefully" over the weekend.

Bred in Tanzania, Magawa underwent a year of training before beginning his bomb-sniffing career.

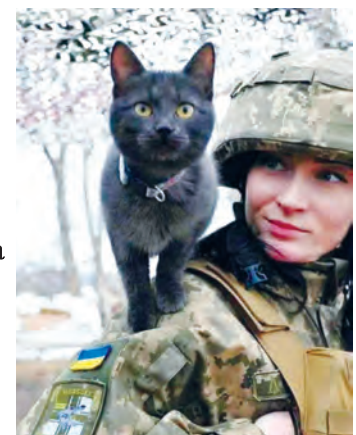
Trained to detect a chemical compound within the explosives. Magawa was small enough and light enough that he did not trigger mines if he walked over them.

Magawa was capable of searching a field the size of a tennis court in just 20 minutes - this would take a person with a metal detector between one and four days.

In 2020, Magawa was awarded the PDSA Gold Medal - sometimes described as the George Cross for animals - for his "life-saving devotion to duty". He was the first rat to be given the medal in the charity's 77-year history.

HeroRATs have been raising and training rats to detect landmines since the 1990s.

A Ukrainian soldier saves a cat, reminding us that animals' love is universal.



Jane

Jane Gapen, Executive Director



Tribute to Dr. Kurt Jones

“West Greene School District experienced the loss of one of its most valued teachers on October 25, 2021, when Dr. Kurt Jones passed away. Dr. Jones positively influenced the lives of countless students in the West Greene community over the last 12 years in his role as biology teacher.

Dr. Jones believed that true learning came not just from classroom experiences, but also through service to others. In his memory, the West Greene National Honor Society hosted a volleyball tournament and donation drive to benefit the Greene County Humane Society, a cause that mattered deeply to Dr. Jones.

We are proud to announce that with enthusiastic community support the West Greene NHS raised \$851 and stuffed several vehicles with supplies for the Greene County Humane Society.

Special thanks to the West Greene community, faculty, and administration for supporting the NHS students in offering such a remarkable tribute to our dear Dr. Jones.”

Eric Armstrong
NHS Sponsor



(L-R) Anna Durbin, Mackenzie Wise, London Whipkey, Sophia Plock, Emily Simms, BreAnn Jackson, Carly Stockdale, Brooke Barner, Piper Whitlatch, Josiah Tagaro, Nathan Reed.

The Best of Betty

This photo of Betty White hangs in our lobby; Betty's team sent it to us long ago. Thank you very much for your donations for animals in need of homes – in Betty's honor and memory.

The outpouring of gifts was staggering. Betty's remarkable kindness for animals and her exuberance for life lives through your gifts sent in her honor. Animals in Humane Societies everywhere received help due to her request. Betty White was an amazing woman and is an example of a life well lived.



The Difference You Can Make

Sheba on arrival day was thin and had generalized hair loss. After much veterinary care and staff TLC she recovered.

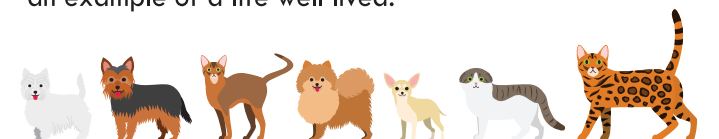
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Sheba, in her adopted loving home. Thank you to all who donated to save this sweet girl.

If you have never donated, consider a one-time gift for animals in need like Sheba.



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Zach with beloved Shortcake, a best friend.



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Because you care, and through your donations, the fates of animals' lives ARE NOW and WILL CONTINUE TO BE changed for the best. For the animals, our heartfelt thanks.
~Jane
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It's tough to find homes for seniors and senior bonded pairs, but we always find a way. Here Koda and Charlie are headed home with Rick. **Senior adoptions are special, as are those who adopt them!**

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GIVING DONATION FORM

We are thankful for your support. Consider joining our monthly **Power of Ten Club**. It allows you to have an amount of your choosing directly donated from your checking account each month.

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Thank you for your support!

