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Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity for us to share a love story with you about a special dog that touched all of our hearts. I have often heard that the best gift in life is a second chance and in Cole's case he needed more than one. Cole arrived at SoHumane on the Saving Train in 2015. He was adopted the same day he was made available but was soon returned. Cole was fearful and had a hard time adjusting in the home. In order to improve his chances of being adopted, the SoHumane staff began to work with him. After three weeks, Cole had gained confidence. He was even able to join a play group and was once again adopted!

Sadly, more than a year later, SoHumane received a phone call from Jackson County Animal Services. They had Cole at their facility. He was involved in an ongoing case and was being held pending a hearing. He had been through some tough times and wasn't doing well in the kennels. Cole returned to SoHumane where staff and volunteers showered him with love and affection. Shortly after, he was adopted by a retired couple who had recently lost their dog companion. They wrote, "Cole is constantly being snuggled by at least six grandchildren and is a perfect addition to our family and is so loved by all of us! Thank you for sharing this amazing boy with us!" Don't you just love Cole's happy smile? How's that for a love connection?



Cole with his family

At SoHumane we believe in happy endings, and we are committed to doing whatever it takes to make that happen. Your support helps make second chances possible for dogs like Cole and thousands of other animals. **Thank you for sharing your hearts with these animals and being our partners in this work.**

Pets enrich people's lives in so many ways. At SoHumane we are fortunate to hear the stories and “happy tails” of how adopted dogs and cats matter so much to the people who make them part of their family. **Thank you for helping to bring love into the homes of so many people.**

We recently received this message from an adopter:
“We adopted this kitten, McKenna, about six weeks ago! She's doing great! She's affectionate, playful (dominates our dogs), and very entertaining!”



♥ I loved you yesterday. I love you still. I always have and I always will. ♥

Because they found love with a shelter dog, generous donors Jo Ann and Lee are offering to match your gift to SoHumane. Donations made by February 28 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$8,000.



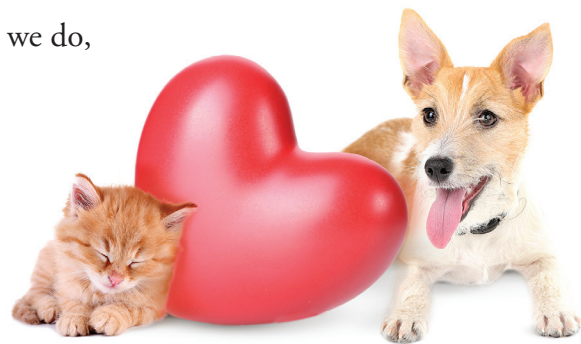
Jo Ann shared, “I found Neufie at a shelter in 1984. I saw her and fell in love. She had just been found on the street and was matted and dirty. The shelter had a policy that you couldn't adopt for seven days, just to give an owner a chance to find their pet. I went back every day for seven days. I was the first one at the door before they opened. She came and lived with my husband Lee and I for 12 years, traveling everywhere with us. She so enriched my life.”

Thank you for helping SoHumane make stories like these possible. Your gifts enable us to continue saving lives. Whether that means giving pets extra time, additional veterinary care, or working on behaviors that create barriers to adoption, we just couldn't do it without your support!

We are grateful that you believe in us and the work we do,

Karen Evans, Executive Director
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P.S. Remember that SoHumane is a local community shelter that relies on your donations. Please give your most generous gift today! Join us in saving more lives.