

Room in Your Heart

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It's been another busy and successful year for WAG, and we are proud of what we accomplished. In 2011, we placed more than 100 animals in loving homes, and, as always, it makes everything worthwhile when we see the happy faces after a successful placement. Thanks to our continued careful screening and foster-first program, we are maintaining our 99% successful placement rate.

During these hard times for so many people, things have been tough for many animals, too. So we are asking you to support this annual appeal, Room In Your Heart, more than ever before.

As is the case with all shelters right now, there are more animals that need our help but fewer people interested in adopting. So the Room in Your Heart program, which is for the animals that need special care or are with us long term, has been strained to the max. We've had to be extra innovative to find these animals the homes they deserve. One way WAG has done this is through our Senior Companions program, which matches up senior citizens with appropriate adult animals, which also often turn out to be seniors. This program has been very successful: for instance, it is through Senior Companions that we placed the dogs pictured on the cover, the older Labradors that couldn't be separated, Shiloh and Hunter. Another senior dog that found a home last year was Dotty, a 12-year-old Cocker, who was the third senior Cocker that this family has adopted through WAG:

WAG called and asked if we would take a senior dog that had lost her owner. Needless to say, my husband, 80, and myself, 67, are so happy to have Brandy, 12, and Dotty, 13, as part of our family. The best part of the WAG program is that they know all about the dogs they have and always keep track of how they are doing. We have enjoyed participating in all their activities and meeting so many other dogs and their families. It's a wonderful association and we look forward to being part of their great work.

When we find these animals great homes and add more wonderful people to the WAG community, it is all worth it. But finding great homes takes time. Currently, it costs us about \$250 a year to care for a cat, and \$500 for a dog for basic care (food, veterinary services, grooming, etc.). The more money we take in, the more animals we can help. WAG has no paid staff; we are all volunteers. Your gift goes directly towards animal care. Please use the attached form to make as generous a donation as you can, or you can donate online at www.wearewag.org.

If you could increase your support from last year, we would be so grateful. As always, you can pick an animal to support from the enclosed flyer, or you can make a general donation to the program and let us use it where it is needed most.

As always, your gift of any size is greatly appreciated. We thank you, and the animals thank you.

Sincerely,



Dave Bowers, President

P.S. Room In Your Heart sponsorships make great holiday gifts! Contact us at 529-5443 or at wearewag@gsinet.net.

2011 WAG Annual Appeal: Room in Your Heart

Mail to: WAG, PO Box 572, Weare, NH 03281

To use a credit card, or donate online, go to www.wearewag.org/donations.htm

Gift Amount:

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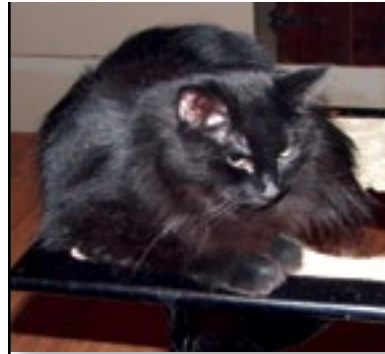
... and there's more:



PANDA – This three-year-old tri-colored Bull Terrier is typical of her breed: she is an absolute clown that loves to play, play, play and cuddle, cuddle, cuddle. She knows how to make you laugh and takes full advantage of that. Very bouncy (we call her our clown on springs), she is surprisingly fast and athletic. She is a toy addict: if there is a toy anywhere in her vicinity,

she finds it, pounces on it and beats it up. Her antics keep her foster family in stitches all the time. She is the sweetest girl in the world: she still loves to sit in laps even though, at 32 pounds, she doesn't exactly fit. This charmer needs lots of exercise and a steady hand as well as toys to chew: she is very well behaved, but she is typical of her breed and is very active, so it's best to keep her busy. Her favorite place to sleep? In bed, of course: she prefers to sleep on her back, with her feet sticking up. She loves to ride in the car and is used to wearing a harness. She literally has never met a stranger and adores all people. She even loves the vet! She tends to ignore other dogs, but NO CATS. She would be best as an only pet.

BUNNY – Bunny is the most adorable angora grey half-tailed Manx cat who was given her name because she hops like a rabbit (this is typical of Manx cats). She was found with her three kittens abandoned in a box in the woods. Her kittens have found homes, and now it's Bunny's turn. Bunny, who is not quite 2 years old, is a little shy at first, but once she gets to know you, she is your best friend. A quiet cat, she is very affectionate and loves to play with toys. She also loves to sit in the sun, preferably in a window seat, so she can watch the world go by. She is fine with other cats and dogs.



KIT KAT – We could say that this beautiful black angora is the ultimate “mother’s helper,” but that term isn’t very accurate, because Kit Kat is not a “helper:” she thinks she’s an expert at everything and tries to show you how to do things. Problem

is, she isn’t as expert as she thinks so she finds herself in predicaments all the time. One thing we can say for sure: life is never dull – or without a smile – with this 6-year-old around. When she’s not helping you, Kit is an extremely sweet cat that asks to be picked up and cuddled. Kit has had a hard time finding a home because of her color and because she loathes dogs, although she is fine with other cats. She is the perfect cat for someone who truly wants their cat to be a companion.

CHESSIE got her name because she looks exactly like the kitten of the same name that’s the logo for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. Chessie is a Munchkin, a purebred cat breed that has unusually short legs. These short legs don’t prevent her from running around and jumping like any other cat. Chessie is adorable because she looks like a kitten. Topping the scale at 3½ lbs., this grey-and-black tiger has four white paws and the most adorable nose. She is incredibly affectionate. She loves to cuddle and she snuggles into the corner of your arm like it was made for her. She can’t get enough kisses. Her foster mother calls her a “dear heart,” because that’s exactly what she is. With Chessie, it’s all about the love! This 2-year-old gentle, sweet cat gets along well with other cats and is fine with most dogs. No young kids for this tiny girl.



Good Memories

The following Room animals passed away last year and are missed by their foster families:

Taffy: Sweet and quiet orange-and-grey calico

Angel: lovely dark & milk chocolate angora

HELP US TO CARE FOR AND PLACE THESE FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS.

WAG IS ALL-VOLUNTEER, SO YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO ANIMAL CARE.