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**Not A Used Dog, At All**

By Carol Erickson

CBS newscaster Carol Erickson has written a children's book about adopting a shelter dog. In her book, Matt only wants a fluffy pet store puppy, not a 'used' dog from the shelter. When he reluctantly meets a homeless dog, he learns some truths about shelter dogs, store bought puppies, and the difference a kid can make in the world. In *Not A Used Dog, At All*, Matt finds out that sometimes the best outcome is the one you didn't expect. Proceeds benefit the Pennsylvania SPCA. Now available at [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or email Carol for a copy at [NotAUsedDogAtAll@gmail.com](mailto:NotAUsedDogAtAll@gmail.com).



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## OUR HOLIDAY MISSION

We don't always know where they come from. They arrive dirty, matted, hungry and alone.

Sometimes we have to stand and hold their leashes while their families walk out the door.

Some are rescued from junkyards, chains or basements, where they waited for help, lonely and cold.

Some are from dog-fighting rings or puppy mills, where they suffered torture, isolation and abuse.

We don't know where they will be in a few months. Most will go to new families, to new homes. Others are so sick or abused that they will never leave us.

But we know that right now, they are safe. They are out of the cold. They have blankets, toys and food.

Many of them are experiencing kindness for the first time. When they are used to being kicked or yelled at, we give them pets and soft words. When they are used to having empty stomachs, we give them extra bowls of food. When they are used to being forced to fight or breed for their owner's profit, we show them that we love them just for being.

This holiday season, hundreds of animals are in our care. We will work late into the night to make sure that each one is given special care and love.

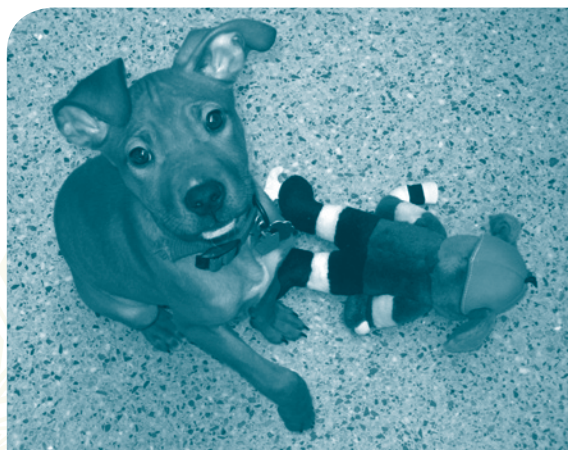
That's what the holidays mean to us at the Pennsylvania SPCA.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to do this work. We do the work of your conscience. Without you, we wouldn't be here and neither would all the amazing animals in our care.

To you and yours, Happy Holidays. 🐾



HAPPY  HOLIDAYS



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Dear Friends of the PSPCA,

Joy: It's a simple feeling that we see magnified during the holidays but joy is something that too many of the animals who arrive at our shelters have never experienced.

But if you have ever adopted a neglected animal, you recognize and remember that moment when they first discover *love* and feel *joy*. *It's magic!*

Around the holidays I always buy gifts for my pets. Logically I know they can't possibly understand why these toys are any different than toys they get on other days – with the exception of wrapping paper – but I really do think my pets who were rescued as grown adults appreciate each and every joy in life *even more* than those who grew up safe and secure in a loving home from a very young age.

I see the twinkle in their eyes when something amazing and wonderful happens – like tearing up the wrapping paper on their special presents or something as exciting as ... my coming home from work. This amazing event astounds them every time and it's this amazement that animal lovers like you and I hope to achieve for each and every sheltered pet.

Imagine the first time Sticky, a cat covered from head to toe in duct tape, was able to cuddle up in the arms of her new family. And imagine the moment John or Paul or the others you read about in the pages of this newsletter will curl up on a blanket in a patch of warm sunlight.

It might be hard to imagine – but it's not an exaggeration to say – that your support and your donations *actually create joy*.

Right now ... there is a dog or a cat who is feeling alone and with your support we will find her ... we will save her and together... *we will help her and so many others find joy!*

With hope,



Susan Cosby



Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

*The Pennsylvania SPCA, celebrating more than 140 years fighting animal cruelty, abuse and neglect.*

#### mission statement

The Pennsylvania SPCA is dedicated to rescuing animals from abuse and neglect, providing lifesaving care and treatment and reducing pet overpopulation through low-cost spay and neuter clinics and public awareness initiatives. Through these efforts, we prevent cruelty towards animals and promote respect for their welfare, thus enhancing the lives of people and their companion animals throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

#### headquarters

*Philadelphia Headquarters Shelter*

*Ambulances and Agents*

Call 866 601 SPCA (7722) or

email [cruelty@pspca.org](mailto:cruelty@pspca.org) to lodge cruelty complaints.

Emergencies handled 24 hours a day.

#### hours

*Rutherford Memorial Hospital Hours*

Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### adoption centers

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Route 6, Wellsboro – 570 724 3687

Route 322, Centre Hall – 814 364 1725

Bloom Road, Danville – 570 275 0340

Route 706, Montrose – 570 278 1228

#### the scoop

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#### other information

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## A HAPPY ENDING TO A “STICKY” SITUATION

If not for the quick action of a North Philadelphia woman, the grey female tabby might have been left for days. Instead, after seeing the cat abandoned by her backyard fence from her window, she contacted the Pennsylvania SPCA Cruelty Hotline. Humane Law Enforcement agents responded quickly and rescued the cat, which had been wrapped like a mummy from head to toe in duct tape. “Sticky was helpless and in distress—it was shocking and a little unnerving,” said Officer Derrick Schlitter, who responded to the call.

The cat was taken to the Pennsylvania SPCA’s veterinary clinic for evaluation. “Luckily, she didn’t suffer any serious injuries from her ordeal,” said Dr. LeAndra Thompson. “We sedated her and were able to remove the tape slowly and methodically without causing any injury. We also gave her fluids to rehydrate her.” Nicknamed Sticky by the staff, the cat had no additional medical problems in need of treatment.

The investigation into Sticky’s case began immediately. Officers canvassed the neighborhood where Sticky was found, and flyers with the Pennsylvania SPCA’s 24-hour cruelty hotline number were distributed throughout the area. “Many people in the neighborhood where Sticky was found were very concerned about what had happened to her and wanted to help us find the perpetrator,” said Derrick.

When a donor offered a reward for information leading to a conviction of whoever was responsible for this act of cruelty, Sticky became famous. Television, radio and newspapers, both locally and as far away as London and Japan, all wanted to know more about the duct-taped cat. The reward doubled, and tips flooded the cruelty hotline with possible information about the cat’s real identity as well as who might have wrapped her in tape. Other callers begged to adopt the abandoned cat, and while an adoption waiting list was created for Sticky, people were asked to come by the shelter to adopt one of the many other cats with difficult – if not so famous – stories.

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Five days into the search, a tip led to a suspect who was arrested and now faces a misdemeanor charge of animal cruelty. “This carries a sentence of up to two years in prison, a fine not less than \$1,000, and the possibility of a court-ordered psychiatric evaluation, as well as other related charges,” said Derrick. “If the defendant is convicted, the \$2,000 reward will be given to the good Samaritan who gave us the tip leading to his arrest.”

Sticky was adopted on September 29, and is enjoying her new life with a family in suburban Philadelphia. Due in part to the media attention Sticky’s story received, there were happy endings for 160 other cats at the Pennsylvania SPCA’s shelters across the state that were adopted during Sticky’s six-day stay at the shelter.

Each year the Humane Law Enforcement hotline receives more than 10,000 calls. Please help us help innocent animals like Sticky by calling Holly Russel at 215 426 6300 or by visiting our Web site [www.pspca.org/donate](http://www.pspca.org/donate). 🐾



Above, Sticky in the Intensive Care Unit of the Pennsylvania SPCA veterinary hospital before having the duct tape carefully removed. Right, Sticky after the tape was removed.



## THE FAB FOUR: WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DOGS RESCUED IN DOG-FIGHTING RAIDS?

They are fabulous and they are famous, but not for making music—they are the pit bulls rescued from a suspected dog fighting ring in Philadelphia in August 2009. The stories of the Pennsylvania SPCA's Fab Four—John, Paul, Georgia and Ringo—were highlighted in print and on television, and together they embody what happens to the victims after dog-fighting raids like this one conducted by Humane Law Enforcement officers.

“When the dogs arrived at the Pennsylvania SPCA, they were so emaciated they could hardly walk,” said Nicole Larocco, director of behavior. “They each had their own issues, which we uncovered in our evaluation process, and dealt with individually.”



Director of Behavior Nicole Larocco trains Paul on the Pennsylvania SPCA's agility equipment as part of his rehabilitation.



Georgia learns to climb the “A” frame.

Ringo takes a break from training.



Georgia, an adorable, white six-month old puppy was released from the required protective custody hold early in the process. Because of her age, she had never been in a dog fight. “Our behavior team had an easy time teaching her basic manners and building her socialization skills with other dogs,” said Nicole. With this successful training intervention, Georgia was adopted in weeks by a family with two children and a white pit bull mix that looks as if he could be her brother. She’s doing great and fitting into the home very well.

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John, Paul and Ringo remain at the Pennsylvania SPCA shelter, where they are awaiting the results of the court hearing that will determine their futures. “While they are here at the Pennsylvania SPCA, our behavior team is working to rehabilitate the three dogs,” said Nicole. “We suspect that Paul and Ringo were fighters. Both dogs have scars on their faces, ears and front legs; Paul’s body is scarred and many of his teeth are

broken, which are indications of a very hard life in the fighting ring.” The behavior team has been working on basic obedience skills for Paul and Ringo; they are also working on forming positive associations with other animals by using treats, praise and interactive games while in the presence of other dogs.

John is a dog who lacks confidence; therefore, the behavior team has been using positive reinforcement techniques to teach him to walk on his own and bond with people. “He is not scarred like the other dogs,” said Nicole. “It’s possible he was used as a bait dog because he was not strong enough to win in a fight. He is confident inside of his kennel, but is shy and unconfident outside of his kennel, so we think he may have been kept in a crate his entire life.”

Despite the abuse that John, Paul and Ringo have endured, they’re friendly with people and are doing well with basic training. “Although our behavior team is hard at work with all three dogs, their fate is still uncertain,” said Nicole. “If they can be rehabilitated by the time their court case is resolved, they can be placed in homes. However, there is a chance we might not be able to undo the extreme emotional damage that has been done to them. If that is the case, we will be faced

with the difficult decision of euthanizing these dogs that we have worked so hard to save. Regardless of this uphill battle to repair these victims of abuse, we’ll continue to do all we can to give these dogs and others a second chance.”

You can help break the vicious cycle of cruelty, abuse and neglect. Donate today by calling Rachel McCrystal at 215 426 6300, extension 217, or visiting us online at [www.pspca.org/donate](http://www.pspca.org/donate). 🐾



Volunteer Lydia Kring with John, who is a little reluctant to try agility.

## COOPER FINDS A HOME IN NEW YORK

For Ellen Giraud Jenkins, it’s not about “choosing” a pet. It’s a matter of connecting with one in a way that eliminates all choice. After losing her beloved dog of 13 years, she was waiting for just the right dog and knew that if she was patient she’d find him. That day came when Ellen saw Skunk on [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com).

“I was on the phone in 10 seconds,” said Ellen. “As soon as I saw his picture, I knew.” She confirmed that Skunk was still available and learned that he was also a fun, well-behaved and well-mannered dog. Ellen completed the application immediately and was approved. That night she prepared for his arrival, hopeful that their meeting the next day would go well and he would be coming home with her.

After a three-and-a-half hour drive from northern New York to the Pennsylvania SPCA shelter in Wellsboro, the two met. “It was everything I had hoped for and more,” said Ellen. “He bounded into the room and was wagging

his entire body! I knew we were meant to be together.” Skunk – renamed Cooper – rode back to New York with Ellen and settled into his new home.

“He is unlike any dog I’ve ever known,” said Ellen. “The bond we share is very special and beyond compare.” Smart, funny and energetic, Cooper enjoys making people laugh. He also made a new canine friend in Abby, Ellen’s parents’ dog, and the two enjoy long walks with their families.

“We feel like our lives are complete—and a lot more fun—now that Cooper is home,” says Ellen. To find your new best friend wherever you live, visit our Web site at [www.pspca.org/adoption\\_centers](http://www.pspca.org/adoption_centers). 🐾



Cooper enjoys life at his new home in New York.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF COMPASSION THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



**W**hen planning your shopping list this Holiday season, consider a new alternative to traditional gifts for all the important people in your life! Give a gift that your friends, coworkers, and family will never forget: give the gift of compassion by donating to the Pennsylvania SPCA. You can do this in any of the following ways:

### SPONSOR-A-PET

For \$150 for a cat or kitten and \$200 for a dog or puppy, you can provide an animal with food, shelter, and basic medical care for an average stay at the Pennsylvania SPCA. Because of you, an animal will be warm and cozy and safe from harm.

### YEAR OF COMPASSION CLUB

You can give the gift of compassion year round! Sponsor 12 Pennsylvania SPCA animals for one year for a one-time donation of \$1000! We will send your lucky gift recipient the story and photo of the animal they are sponsoring each month for one year (12 animals in total). We'll place a colorful tag on the cage or den of the sponsored animal each month to show the world that your gift recipient is championing the animal. They can even come and visit!

### SPONSOR-A-SPAY

For \$50.00 per animal, you can ensure that an animal in our shelter is spayed or neutered. Spay and neuter is critical in reducing the number of unwanted animals. By spaying or neutering just one animal, you will prevent countless additional litters from uncertain lives. This is the gift that keeps on giving!



### NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

As our way of saying 'thank you!' for the following high value gifts, the Pennsylvania SPCA will honor you or your gift recipient with a card and signage on the sponsored item. One time gifts are tied to naming rights for one year.

Naming opportunities can be a great 'shared' gift option for large families and offices. Pool your resources and make a huge difference for animals-in-need in Philadelphia for an entire year! Everyone walks away with a gift that they love.

### ONE TIME GIFTS

#### *Naming rights for One Year*

- \$5,000 Humane Law Enforcement Vehicle
- \$3,000 Pediatric Ward (*Puppies & Kittens under 16 months*)  
OR Cat & Small Animal Suite  
OR Cageless Cat Room
- \$500 One Named Dog Kennel
- \$150 One Named Cage Space
- \$100 One tree for the Pennsylvania SPCA Dog Park
- \$100 One month of treats for shelter animals

### MONTHLY GIFTS

#### *Naming rights for a Twelve-Month Pledge*

- \$1,000/month for One Year  
Surgical Suite  
OR Ultrasound Machine  
OR Treats for the Shelter Animals

In these recessionary times when every dollar matters, you'll have the comfort of knowing your Holiday gifts will be money well spent: you'll be saving the life of an animal and preventing animal abuse and neglect. To give the gift of compassion to everyone on your list call 215 426 6300 ext. 272 or visit [www.pspca.org/donate](http://www.pspca.org/donate). 🐾

# GIFTS MADE IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

We wish Elaine Skypala best wishes on her retirement this fall. Elaine was a servant to the animals for three decades. She worked as our Public Relations Director, HR Director, COO, and CPO. She brought much grace, humor, and compassion to each of her roles. We will miss her.

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