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"You are built not to shrink down to less, but to blossom into more"- Oprah Winfrey.

Flora arrived at the shelter as Case #R-815 through The Shelter Connection's rescue program, meaning she is the 815th dog to be taken into North Hempstead Animal Shelter from another local, overcrowded shelter. The rescue program was launched over ten years ago with the objective of removing adoptable dogs (or dogs with adoption potential but just need a little "work," like Flora, for instance) from overcrowded shelters in the area that are in danger of being euthanized simply due to lack of space in the kennels. A quick visit with this sweet girl was all it took to convince the shelter staff that she needed to come home with us.

As sweet and gentle as Flora is, it was clear that she did not live an easy life before arriving at the shelter. She had all of the signs of a dog that had lived her life outside in a backyard- she knew no commands, did not know what a treat is (she still doesn't, but we are determined to teach her!), and is overall just not comfortable in her own skin. Flora is happiest when she is near a human companion who tells her everything is OK.

On top of everything else she went through, it was obvious that she had borne many, many litters of puppies; Flora had so much excess stretched out mammary tissue hanging from her stomach area that it actually interfered with her walking and playing. This had to be immediately addressed before we could possibly adopt her out to a new family- this is where we asked the Mend-A-Paw fund to step in! *(continued on page 3)*



The Shelter Connection is a volunteer organization at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter. Our mission, in partnership with the Town, is to improve the quality of life for the dogs at the shelter and increase adoptions through training and socialization. A secondary mission is public education to shift the public perception about shelters and dispel the myth that shelter dogs are "damaged goods."

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Thank You to the Local Businesses that Support TSC!

Thank you so much to all of the businesses listed below that support The Shelter Connection by keeping a donation collection box near their registers. It may seem like "chump change" is being thrown into the boxes but these small donations really add up! Over \$20,000 has been collected from these boxes since 2016. It was overdue to publicly thank these animal-friendly businesses.

Please check them out!

Main Street Wine & Sprits

188 Main Street, Port Washington
516-883-6488

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55 Old Shore Rd, Port Washington
516-767-1306

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1170 Northern Blvd., Manhasset
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14 Main St. #2917, Port Washington
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610 10th Avenue, New York, NY
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16 Willowdale Ave., Port Washington
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191 Main St. #3, Port Washington
516-767-3834

Yogurt & Such

1 Glen Cove Rd. #1, Greenvale
516-484-1822



Thank you
for supporting
The Shelter
Connection! P.S. My
name is Cinnamon
and I am available
for adoption!

If you are interested in learning more about Cinnamon please call the shelter directly at 516-869-6311!

If you've been receiving the newsletter for some time you are probably very familiar with the Mend-A-Paw fund and just how many dogs it has helped over the last twenty years. For those new to reading the newsletter, the Mend-A-Paw fund is arguably our most important fundraising initiative. It is comprised of money specifically raised to put towards injured or ill dogs that enter the shelter whose medical costs will exceed the Town's budget. In 2018 alone, over \$32,000 dollars was spent to cover procedures like dental cleanings/ extractions and cherry eye corrections, as well as things like special veterinary foods, heartworm tests, and medications. Thanks to the fund, all of the Mend-A-Paw recipients from 2018 are now in forever, loving homes.



Above: Flora before her excess skin removal surgery at the vet's office.

Below : Flora poses to show off her new bod.



After a few consultations it was determined that Flora would safely have most of the excess tissue removed surgically— a “tummy tuck,” if you will. Everything went swimmingly and she has spent the past few weeks in recovery. The stitches are now healed and Flora does not need any follow up care as result of the surgery— she is now actively seeking the “paw-fect” family to adopt her!

Aside from a few “zoomies” that possess her sometimes, Flora is a pretty low-key dog that just likes to lay at your feet or cuddle up with you on the couch. She enjoys the company of other dogs, likes going for walks, but her favorite thing is to get near you for a long petting session. We believe Flora would do well with children, but because she sometimes can be unsure of herself we are recommending that children in her potential new family be at least 10 years old.

Flora does seem to exhibit some anxiety when she is left alone, so her ideal home would have a family member that is home for most of the day. However, Flora has excellent manners with other dogs and may benefit from having another canine companion in the house to keep her company during the day.

Flora needs that special person with the patience to show her that the world is not always a scary place and that there is a lot more to life than living in a yard. If you think you may be that person to do that for her, please call the shelter directly at 516-869-6311 between the hours of 9am and 4pm Monday– Saturday. If you want to learn more about the Mend-A-Paw fund, read about some of the other recipients, and possibly donate to this crucial fund, please visit The Shelter Connection's website at www.theshelterconnection.com.



Volunteer Spotlight: Barbara Frary

Barbara has been volunteering with The Shelter Connection as an adoption advisor since the spring of 2018, but she has been a member of the North Hempstead Animal Shelter “family” since 2012 when she adopted our senior, sweet boy “Daddy!” Barbara gave him the best home for his last two years of life and we were thrilled when she trusted us again to pair her up with her next furry family member, “Jeter.” Barbara is one of our most enthusiastic volunteers; she is a meticulous organizer of our donations closet and is always happy to sign up for tabling one of our local community outreach events. Technically, this article serves as both a volunteer spotlight and a “Happy Tail!” Barbara writes of her experience here:



“I came to TNHAS to adopt a Shepherd named Sarge, but he ended up not being the right dog for me. I told the staff I wanted an older, male, dog-friendly dog– they got excited and said they had the perfect one. I wouldn’t have seen him because he was the office dog. “Daddy” was boxer mix and very “chill” (see left, bottom photo). I took him home and renamed him “Brindle.” Brindle loved circling the dog park in my development getting pet by everyone. After he passed, I knew I was going back to get another dog at TNHAS. When I came back, it was between 2 dogs, Duncan and Jeter. The staff convinced me that they could see a connection between Jeter (bottom, right photo) and I, so I took him home

because I know they knew better than I did. Jeter is a wonderful, smart dog, very food motivated and everyone loves to see his tricks and how smart he is.

I had been trying to volunteer since I got Brindle but the time of the classes never worked out until the spring of 2018. I love helping people see the dogs and I always try to turn it into an opportunity to share what a wonderful job everyone here does. I figure that a good number of people won’t find the perfect dog, but if they know this is a good shelter they will tell their friends about it. Most recently, I have taken over organizing the donation closet. We get donations of all sorts and there are many rescues who come in and take what we can’t use. The job is important because many times the donations are in black plastic bags. I sort things and put them in clear plastic bags and put all the same type of things together so they are easy to grab and go. I really enjoy doing something constructive that helps not just North Hempstead but other rescues as well. I would encourage anyone who has two hours a

4 week to volunteer because it is very rewarding.”





Holy Pug-a-mole!

Meet our adoptable senior shelter pugs!



Senior dogs often find themselves in shelters for various reasons looking for a second chance in life. Many visitors pass over an older dog believing that it would not bond with them the way a puppy would— this simply isn't true! Most senior dogs offer instant companionship because they are already completely socialized. They often already know what the words “walk” or “treat” are so you can have more meaningful interactions with your older dog without years of training. The reward for spending time with your new senior companion is the quick bond you create that builds a special future together.



Barry

Barry is 12 year old Puggle (Pug/Beagle mix) that came to us sadly because his owner passed away. You would never guess Barry is 12— he loves to go for long walks, roll in the grass, and play with his canine companions! He especially loves treats and enjoys being brushed and pet. Barry is 100% deaf but he does not let this get him down! Otherwise he has no medical issues. The beagle in him causes him to want to follow his nose sometimes, so a secure, fenced yard is a must for Barry. Barry has been in the shelter for a bit and is seeking a patient, loving family to help him adjust back to “home-life.”



Parker

Parker is also a 12-13 year old Puggle and is Barry's best bud at the shelter! Surprisingly, these two did not come in together— Parker was surrendered because her owners were moving. We noticed immediately that she was having difficulty urinating, and quickly discovered that she was full of bladder stones! Mend-A-Paw stepped in and funded her surgery which removed almost THREE pounds of stones. She is fully recovered and feeling great— all she needs is a special diet to discourage the formation of more stones. Parker is a happy, playful girl that would make a great addition to any home.



Milton

Milton is an 8-9 year old pug that is just too handsome for words, so please feast your eyes on this photo. He recently came to us as a stray— we can't understand who would let this sweet, hilarious boy go. Milton was missing most of his teeth to begin with (hence the tongue flying free), but his remaining teeth were so rotted that a full dentistry was absolutely necessary— thanks again to the Mend-A-Paw fund! Milton gets along with all people he meets, enjoys being brushed, playing with soft stuffed toys, and loves the company of other dogs. If you think you're Milton's special person, give us a call!



Shelter In The Community: National Night Out!

On August 6th shelter staff joined the party at Martin “Bunky” Reid Park in Westbury for the 36th “National Night Out” event. National Night Out is an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighbor camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, caring places to live. It’s a fun-filled summer night kicking off with a parade and ending in the park where at least a dozen vendors and public services offer information about health provider services and educational resources. It also features live music, giveaways, games for the kids, refreshments, and musical performances.

The shelter attends every year with the goal of educating the public on a plethora of animal-related issues such as the benefits of adopting a shelter pet and overpopulation, the animal services the town provides including free rabies vaccination clinics and the feral cat Trap-Neuter-Release program, the laws pertaining to dogs (i.e. leash laws, dog defecation, barking, tethering, etc.), and “hot-button” issues like what to do if you suspect dogfighting or animal abuse/neglect.

Our favorite group to interact with is always the kids! They are the future of the humane education movement and it is imperative that they reach adulthood educated about the issues surrounding our furry friends and with the core value that kindness is always key. Aside from National Night Out, the shelter offers a robust humane education program that hosts programs in local schools, libraries, civic associations, and more. If you are interested in having us host a shelter education at your school or organization please give us a call at 516-869-6311 and ask to speak to the humane education coordinator.

🐾 Happy Tail: Simone 🐾

Simone is a true “rags-to-riches” story if I’ve ever heard one. Simone was one of several dogs seized locally from an intricate and violent dog-fighting ring in April of this year. Sadly, dogfighting is still happening in this area despite tougher penalties and efforts to stop the disturbing practice. Simone quickly stole hearts around the shelter with her sweet and loving disposition. Even though her

background suggested the odds were stacked against her, Simone passed her ASPCA behavioral test with flying colors. Another shelter agreed to step in rehabilitate her and find her a home. We’re happy to report that she found her perfect family who love the outdoors as much as she! Her new favorite activity is paddle boarding – she’s a regular water bug. Thank you for giving Simone a second chance at life.



GOT Milk Bones in Size Small?

Continuing the GOT ____? series, we again ask for your help with Milk Bones in size small for the dogs. Our adoption advisors use these to give to the dogs in the kennels and we are all out! When the advisors give the dogs treats, the dogs get to know them and are on better behavior when potential adopters accompany them through the kennels. *These can be purchased through Smile.Amazon.com and sent directly to the shelter at 75 Marino Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050. The Shelter Connection's unique link is: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-3526416>. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support The Shelter Connection every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop through AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Shelter Connection, where 100% of that goes to the dogs at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter.

Upcoming: Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 | 5:00 pm– 7:00 pm

"Yes We Can" Community Center

141 Garden Street, Westbury, NY 11590

Save a few bucks at the vet and join us at our bi-annual free rabies clinic co-sponsored by the Nassau County Board of Health and the Town of North Hempstead. The clinic is open to all dogs, cats, and ferrets; you do not have to be a resident of Nassau County to receive a free vaccine. If you are a resident of North Hempstead it is required that your dog be licensed. We will be offering on-the-spot new licenses as well as license renewals. If you are questioning why you should license your dog, see below:



Why should I license my dog?

There are many reasons why licensing is beneficial to you, your dog, and the community as a whole. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to obtain a license. Up-to-date shots not only keeps your dog safe, but, in the event he gets lost, animal control or anyone else who comes upon your missing pooch will know he is safe to approach. Dog licensing is a state requirement in New York and it is possible to be fined if you do not comply with dog licensing laws— many dog parks and apartment buildings have begun to require proof of license. In addition, licensing is the best way to identify your pet and prove you are the legal owner of your dog. In North Hempstead, a spayed or neutered dog costs \$7 to license (\$2.50 for senior citizens) and must be renewed every year. By licensing your dog you are keeping both your pet safer and your community a more dog-friendly place to live!

Please Help us help the dogs at our local shelter

Yes, I want to help improve the quality of life for the dogs at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter. Enclosed is my gift to support The Shelter Connection:

☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$15 ☐ \$10 ☐ Other \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: The Shelter Connection and mail to: **The Shelter Connection**
Your donation is fully tax deductible and will be acknowledged with a receipt. **P.O. Box 226**
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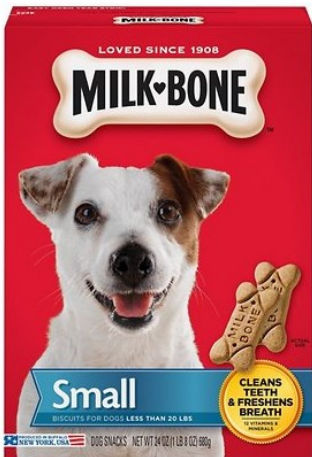
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“GOT” Milk-Bones in Size Small?

Don't forget to order through AmazonSmile!
 For more details see page 7.



Happy Tail: Zoe (formerly Diamond)

Zoe, formerly Diamond, came to the shelter because her family's situation changed and they were no longer able to take care of her. This sweet girl waited 8 months for her new home—we couldn't believe it took that long because Zoe is as perfect as they come! She loves everyone she meets including children and gets along with other dogs. It was all for the better in the end, however, because she has just celebrated her 3 year anniversary in her new home with a family that loves her more than words. Her new mom recently contacted The Shelter Connection to give an update and writes:

“We adopted Zoe 3 years ago last month. I couldn't imagine life without her. She loves belly rubs, running in the backyard, and most of all cuddling with her little sister Ally. She is the sweetest dog who loves to be vocal; howling when she wants kisses or pets and isn't afraid to let us know when it's treat time. We love her so

much and I'm so grateful I was given the opportunity to take her home and make her a part of our family.”

Thank you so much for giving Zoe the incredible home that she deserves! If you have adopted a dog from us we would love to hear from you— please email us at tsc@theshelterconnection.com.