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Heroes in Scrubs



2nd Chance thanks all the veterinarians and staff of Central Pennsylvania Animal Clinics. They “get” rescue!

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Heroes in Scrubs

by Lynn Leach

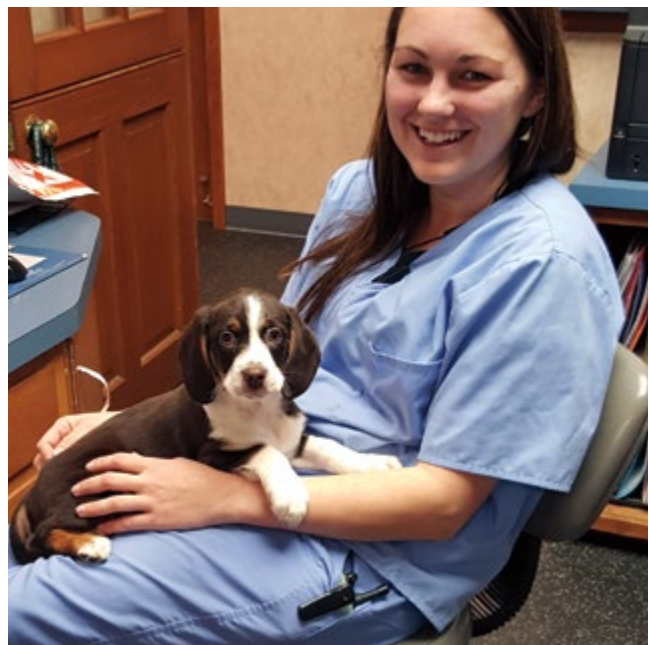
I hear every day how phenomenal what we accomplish is, and while it makes me very proud of our organization, I am also very aware of the people who make us great.

When I first got involved in rescue, I was disheartened by the fact that most veterinarians did not donate their services to at least one rescue. I kept saying, “if only every vet would take on one rescue and give their services to that rescue at cost, what a difference we could make in the lives of many more animals.”

Then FINALLY, I met the amazing Dr. Calvin Clements who sincerely “gets” rescue! There is no way I can EVER give enough credit to the veterinarians and staff of Central Pennsylvania Animal Clinics. The number of lives we have been able to save is unbelievable and these saves would have NEVER been possible without this amazing practice. Not only do they treat the animals but they also guide the humans. Sometimes by gently telling us it is time to “give wings” and allow our precious, loyal friend to be relieved of their pain. Sometimes, by listening to fears, whether they are valid or not, and finding solutions that give us peace of mind. And sometimes, by saying nothing, but giving us a hug and support while we work through the process.



As we all know, our pets never seem to have an emergency during office hours. When you call after hours, most practices give you a message telling you to call an emergency pet number. This means your pet will see someone who has no medical history on them and must start from scratch causing you to have a HUGE bill with blood work, x-rays etc. that may or may not have been necessary. If only they had your dog's history.



We are blessed to not have to worry about that. Central Pennsylvania Animal Clinics has a doctor on call 24/7... WOW! We have been there on Christmas Eve, in the middle of a snow storm, at 2 a.m. on a Sunday and we are always greeted with a smile and a doctor who doesn't make us feel like we are an inconvenience. I strongly suggest that everyone look for a practice that has someone available to them when they need them most! I can honestly say that every day feels like Christmas and a gift from this amazing practice!

Lets talk about this year already...

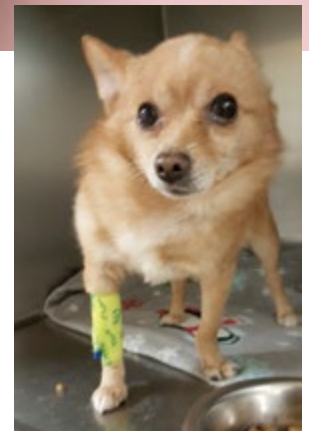
January brought Annabelle to the rescue. Annabelle had severe burns on both front legs. We arrived at the clinic at 9:30 p.m. Not only did staff meet us, but they greeted us with a smile and lots of loving for Annabelle even though they had already put in a full day of work! She was hospitalized for almost a month and given “star treatment.” Now, she is doing AMAZING!



The very same month, we brought Otis into our family. Otis had a spinal injury, he was losing all feeling in his back legs. Dr. Clements did emergency surgery. Otis was kept at Palmyra for treatment and when we didn't have an open foster home able to care for Otis's special medical needs, Dr. Clements said “no problem – he can stay with us as long as you need.” ***Above and beyond*** is the only thing that describes the dedication to care we receive!



February brought Avery who was “crooked.” In order to figure out if it was hereditary or something that could cause our little guy issues, we needed to do a CT. Avery was hospitalized and the CT was preformed. Lucky for our little man, he had been born crooked and it was not affecting his quality of life so he is enjoying his life with a foster family until his forever family comes along.



Heroes in Scrubs continued

Princess came from Philadelphia very sick. It did not take the team at Central Pennsylvania Animal Clinics long to figure out that she had a pyometra and they immediately did surgery.



March brought Lindsey from Philly who was thin and throwing up pieces of plastic. Lindsey was taken to Dr. Clements who had actually worked his entire day and then did emergency surgery on our little girl who also had a pyometra. While he was at it, did a dental and then at 10:30 p.m., called to tell us everything had went well before calling it a day and going home.

April brought us a VERY pregnant Maltese. Upon exam and x-rays, it was evident that our little momma would not be able to deliver normally and a C-section would be necessary. She was brought in EVERY day for a week to have her progesterone levels checked and, true to form, we needed a C-section on – you guessed it – a Sunday! Again the practice stepped up and Dr. Werely and Dr. Kauffman met us and did Momma’s C-section and worked really hard to keep all 6 puppies alive. 5 hours later, we were leaving the clinic with momma and 6 perfect little puppies all because these doctors take great pride in their ability to save lives!



Without the heroes of Central Pennsylvania Animal Clinics, the lives of many of our precious 2nd Chance buddies would have ended way too soon. So, to 2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue, these Heroes in Scrubs are our Super Heroes saving lives daily without saying “what’s in it for us.”

**Move over Batman and Robin
...CPAC is in the house!**

It's Raining Puppies by Lynn Leach

So, everyone wants a puppy. When I ask, Why? the answer I always get is, "I want to start training them from the beginning so they will be a good dog." That statement just doesn't hold a lot of weight with me. I once had a veterinarian tell me, "you see dogs beaten and left in the worst conditions possible and they still choose to love... you then see dogs raised from a puppy in a great home who have issues. It is genetics, pure and simple."

You may actually take a bigger gamble on a puppy who has not lived long enough to show its "true colors" than on a dog who is a little older and their personality traits are apparent. So, with all that being said, puppy season is here and we are getting pleas to help those cute little puppies. We gladly will but **please** spay or neuter. I can tell you – this world doesn't need another puppy for a good 5 years. There are plenty of wonderful, loving dogs sitting on death row. Let's go save some of them.

All of the puppies shown below were either seized from horrible conditions or dumped like garbage on the side of the road.



Mama Maltese – taken from horrible living conditions



Azriel – tied to a tree for the first 3 months of her life



The "Sweet Pack" – born in the shelter



Titus – found in a storm drain



Saul – found in a storm drain with Titus

**You can make a difference.
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Adoption Spotlight

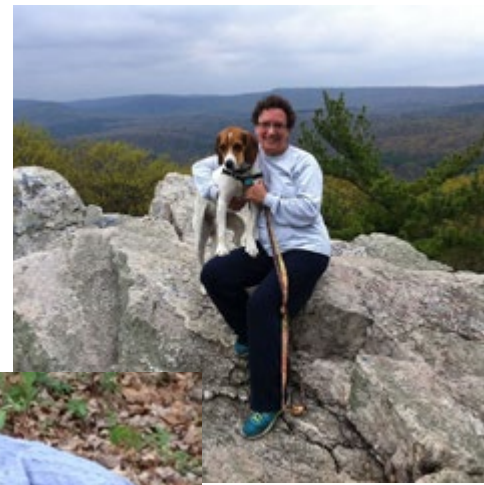
My name is Max. My sister and I came to **2nd Chance 4 Life** together back in 2014. My sister got adopted by her forever family pretty quickly. I spent the next two years living with my awesome foster mom, Ruth. That is, until MY forever family came along this past March. 2016 was meant to be MY lucky year!

Mama Ruth took me to visit at this house that had 5 really funny-looking dogs. I think they call them cats....? Anyway, besides all the funny looking dogs (cats), there was this really big fenced back yard with lots of grass. SO much room to run and play! I really liked this place. I hoped that I could stay. But mama Ruth put me back in the car and took me back home with her. My heart sank just a little bit. I was so hoping that this place was going to be my forever home.

Little did I know that once the application paperwork was approved, I would be on my way. A few days later, the nice lady from the funny dog house came and took me for a ride in her car. I tried so hard not to, but in all my excitement, I threw up in her car. I was afraid that maybe she'd take me right back, then and there. But nope...she took me back to that house with the nice, big back yard, and yes, those funny dogs too.

It took a little time to get used to my new housemates (the cats) but I was a good boy and we all established our bounds and came to an agreement that we will share our people. I even went on my first camping trip! I have a big old tree in the back yard that has squirrels in it. My job is to keep those pesky squirrels away from the bird feeders. That keeps me busy. And, I do a good job!

So, that's my story of waiting for my forever home. I say a prayer for all the other rescue pups everyday that they will soon get their very own forever family too. Every rescue dog deserves people like mine...and maybe even one or two cats.



Max

“

So, here I am now in my own forever home!

And I LOVE it here! I am so spoiled!

I have LOTS of toys and a king size bed that

I share with my people – isn't that nice of me?

”

Rescue Angel by Lynn Leach

There are many that give of
their time and money,
and then there are those rare few
that give their ALL.

Debbie Hines is one of the rare angels that I have had the gift of meeting and calling a friend. I remember when I started in rescue I did not have a clue what I was doing. I was constantly on the phone to Debbie, asking what to do about this sick animal or that injured dog. Debbie would always have an answer for me, and if she didn't know from her vast amount of knowledge and experience, she would find the answer and call me back.

Debbie taught me that there is no time to wait in rescue. Action is necessary immediately. Lives are sacrificed due to lack of action, and that is just unacceptable. She taught me to love with my heart not my eyes, and to not put value on an age but to find the worth in the personality.

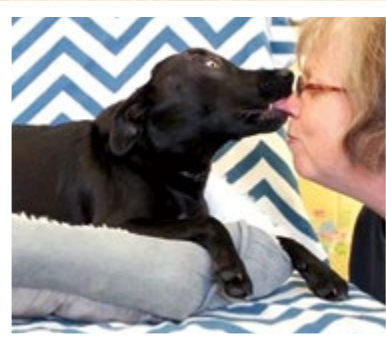
She works 24/7 to make a difference in as many lives as possible and has been known to jump in her car and drive hours to save a life or give it a chance to get to a rescue that can take over care.

She sleeps with fosters who will then make their way to rescue and she loves them like her own. Every Saturday, she makes sure the animals from the shelter are loaded safely in crates in the shelter van and transported to Maryland to meet other transports that take them to a new life without fear of death. She scans Craigslist and local papers for dogs in peril of falling into the wrong hands and thinks nothing of using her own money to get them out of bad situations.

Life gives us rare gifts and I know for a fact after meeting Debbie that ...

there truly are
angels among us!

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A dog dog is basically a 2-year old all his life. You would not allow your 2-year old outside unattended or allow them to cross the street without holding their hand. Your dog should not be unattended either. The leash is your dog's "life line" to you!

Thousands of dogs are lost daily in the United States because their owners had not loved them enough to LEASH them. If you love your dog please leash it. This is not a punishment but rather a symbol of love and care.

Remember, Pennsylvania law **requires** that a dog must always be confined within the premises of the owner, firmly secured by a collar and chain (leash).





Our rescue has grown to a place where our vision has outgrown our homes. You can be a part of making our vision a reality.

There is a huge need for ailing and senior dogs that will never find a forever home but need us as their forever family.

When medical treatment becomes too expensive, many dogs are abandoned to high-kill shelters. It's these animals that need your help. A safe place where they won't go hungry or be neglected.

Please join us in our efforts to give the dogs of 2nd Chance their Furever Home.



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Money raised

Why Our Medical Needs Fund is So Important

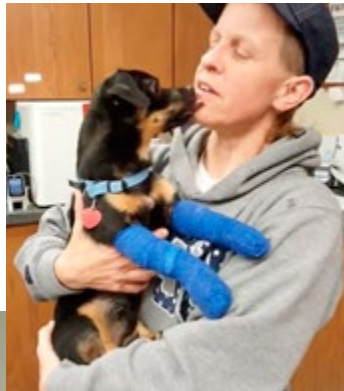
My name is Tito and I am a fighter.

I am fighting for my life. I had a run in with this thing they call a vehicle, and let me tell you it was SCARY! I only weigh 8 pounds and it weighed a WHOLE LOT more! I was scared and alone running on the street and then I was hit and dragged and it hurt really really bad!

I was picked up and rushed to the shelter. They did their best to help but the pain was really bad and they didn't have the tools or the funding to make it go away.

Then, a really nice lady came and scooped me up and took me to this hospital called Palmyra Animal Clinic. They gave me some really good stuff that took away the "ouchies." They found that all the skin had been torn off my front legs and the tendons were exposed. I was on heavy duty medication and I am now having K-Laser treatments twice a day. I will be hospitalized for a few weeks but the Director says I need to put on "my big boy pants" and dig deep and keep on fighting.

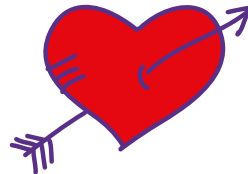
PS. – The nice lady who saved me – Luann Smith – got a lot of kisses and she comes to visit me. I think I LOVE her!



My name is Daisey. I had almost given up.

I was found wandering the streets of Philadelphia. I hurt so bad and my skin was so raw and itchy! If I tried to scratch it, it would just hurt worse and bleed. Every movement was painful. Even when the shelter workers tried to give me a soft blanket, that hurt.

The shelter workers looked really sad and I heard one say, "she can't stay." I wasn't sure what that meant but by the look on their faces, I knew it wasn't good.



But then, a nice lady gently picked me up. She put me in her car and we took a long ride to this place called a hospital. They gave me a shot, and by morning, I was feeling a little better. They gave me some more medicine and a bath. Then, another nice lady came and held me the whole way to what she called "my foster home."

I slept in this really soft pillow thing that night called a bed! My foster mommy gave me a bath and then let me mess the blankets all up while I dried myself off. It was GREAT! She told me that I already have a forever mommy and daddy and that I was going to meet them soon.

I feel like I won the lottery! I got a whole big family named 2nd Chance AND a new forever family that says they will love me FUREVER!

We average \$10,000 per month in vet bills! We do not take the "easy" dogs. We take the dogs that need us the most!

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Gracie's Story

by Lynn Leach

I pray every night for more foster families so that I do not have to make a precious soul wait.

Sometimes life isn't defined by years, months, days or hours, but by the amount of love that was shared.

I received a call about 42 dogs that had been taken from deplorable living conditions. They were now all sitting in a shelter and needed a 2nd Chance. We decided to rent a van and drive to Parkersburg, WV, to see how we could help.

When we arrived we were greeted by "toothless wonders," "one-eye'd lovebugs" and a plethora of homely-looking Shih Tzu's. They all had one thing in common, their tails wouldn't stop wagging! My smile couldn't be erased because dogs don't feel sorry for themselves. They don't hold a grudge or think they are owed anything because of the bad things that happened in their past. They live in the here and now, and they only find joy in living!

We were taken to an overflow building where I met a sweet, gentle, little lady named Winkels. She only had one eye and was a little unsure on her feet but you could tell she felt like she had won the lottery. She was happy to be bathed and loved by all the volunteers that were helping with the overflow of dogs in need.

We pulled 24 dogs that day which meant we needed to rent another van to get them all home! Foster and volunteer, Sherri stepped forward and said she would take Winkels. Life changed for Winkels that day!

And then came the day we all dream of at 2nd Chance! A forever home for Winkels with a new mommy and daddy – Michelle and Shawn – and two furry felines to keep her company. It was love at first sight. She had a Doberman for a pal next door. She had "spa days" and had her nails done and bows in her hair. She went on camping trips. She slept in bed and she was loved! From a wire cage with a cement floor, living in her own feces with limited and poor quality food to the lap of luxury. Winkels finally knew what it was to be a valued, loved, family member And, with it all came a new name ... Gracie.



After a while, Gracie started sneezing and was treated for allergies. It was soon discovered that Gracie had cancer. Surgery was performed and everyone was hopeful but within weeks Gracie was in bad shape. When her little body couldn't fight any more, her loving mom and dad gave her wings instead of being selfish and trying to make her stay longer. Gracie was blessed to have a family that did what was best for her even though their hearts were breaking.



Gracie's time wasn't measured in years but in the amount of love she gave and received.

2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue

A Family Member 4 Life



Our mission is to provide homeless and abandoned dogs with a second chance and a brighter future. In doing this, our rescue organization will:

- **Ensure** loving and safe homes for these dogs for the rest of their lives
- **Encourage** responsible dog ownership
- **Educate** our youth in hopes to cease the need for shelters altogether.

Through dedication and perseverance our volunteers will continue to be committed to the three E's as long as there are dogs in need. We believe every adoptable dog deserves a 2nd Chance 4 Life.

We Need Fosters!

Fostering is one of many ways you can help improve the lives of homeless dogs. Millions of dogs wait — and sadly die — in shelters annually, waiting for the forever homes they truly deserve. Fill out a foster application. Your family will be blessed by the wonderful dogs and people they meet through becoming a foster.

Medical Needs!

On a daily basis, we have new foster dogs coming into the system that need medical care, such as insulin, heart meds, allergy meds, etc. Won't you be part of the pack and help with a monthly donation?



- Nail Clipper Pack - \$10/month
- Paw Pack - \$25/month
- Tail Wag Pack - \$50/month
- Wet Kiss Pack - \$100/month



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