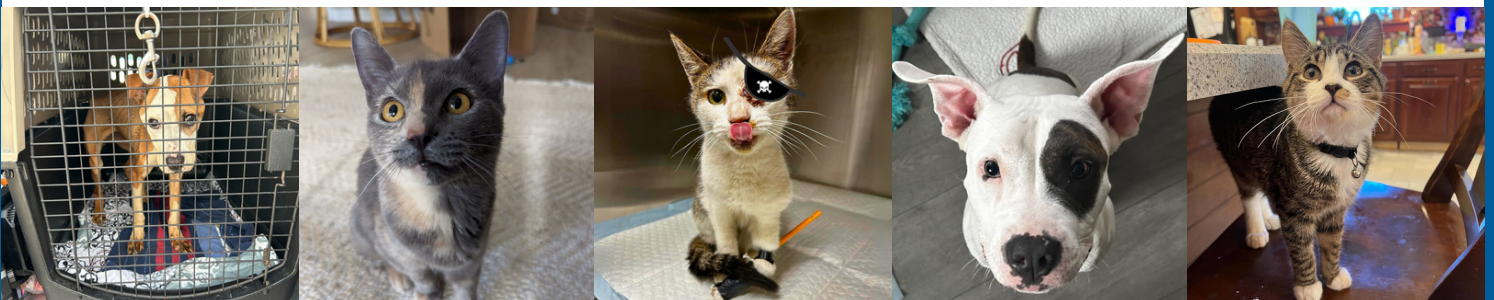




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# Helping Paws

**2023 has been a year of tremendous growth and profound change for our team. As Pennsauken Animal Hospital expands, so does Helping Paws! This year, we have been able to help 17 pets get a second chance at life. This was made possible thanks to your ongoing support and generosity, and we'd like to share some stories with you about these special animals.**





## Anya

This sweet little girl was hit by a car. Unfortunately she had a broken hind leg that needed to be amputated. We did not know much about her life before the accident, but there were so many people advocating for her second chance. Anya is now a happy little pup living in the best forever home.

## Wednesday

Wednesday was also a hit by car case resulting in needing a leg amputation. She was a stray that deserved a shot at a loving home. After her amputation, the foster caring for her fell completely in love and decided to keep her!



## Troubles

Troubles came to us when his very loving mom was facing long term medical issues. She knew she wanted to find him a loving forever home and surrendered him to us. We were able to help Troubles find his perfect forever family. We couldn't be happier for him and everyone's who's had the opportunity to love him.

## Chicken

Chicken was brought in by our amazing friends Angels Helping Animals NJ to be TNR'ed. When it turned out he was a super friendly boy (and our staff fell in love) - we knew we wanted to help make sure he got to be an indoor boy. Now, Chicken gets to live with his forever family indoors and loved.



## Nellie

Nellie was with us for a short time but made a great impact. We had to make the difficult decision to lay her to rest when she rapidly declined. Her radiographs came back with congestive heart failure. It might seem counterintuitive but this is exactly why we do what we do. In just a few days, we watched her go from scared to loving and silly. She leaned into snuggles and gave kisses. She got treats and cheese and peanut butter. She knew a soft bed and the comfort of pain medications. And as much as we wanted to save her, we know that's not always possible.



## Nelson

Nelson was another case where we did our very best to give him a new life, but unfortunately he was too far gone. The life he had lived previously had taken a toll we couldn't undo. But, Nelson knew what love was before he was gone. His foster family and our team grieved him immensely.

## Gnewt

Gnewt was surrendered to us. He was 3 years old and had a nasty wound on his tail that required a tail amputation. We will spare you the photos but trust us when we say it is necessary. He was also underweight at only 15 pounds. Overall this boy had just seemed neglected. But now, Gnewt is happy and healthy and living with an amazing new mom!



## Harley Quinn & Wednesday

Originally Helping Paws was fostering these bottle babies to help the shelter that was completely over capacity, but then we found them an amazing home! We were able to see them from helpless little ones who needed to be fed CONSTANTLY, to now grown and playful cats.



## Rory

Rory was covered in wounds both old and new, she had an abscess on her face, she's clearly had puppies, and she had an infected uterus (pyometra). We couldn't help but fall in love with this skinny, fearful, but sweet girl. Just check out this girl's before and after!! The face when she got adopted.



## Murph

Murph made a very dramatic entrance into Helping Paws! This little kitten got itself stuck very deep inside a car dashboard. The Pennsauken Fire Department, EMS, and Public Works came and dismantled the car and was able to get him out. Murph went into foster care where his foster fell in love and decided to keep him.



## Evangeline

This little pup came to us from Homeward Bound on August 7th with a bad case of Parvo. Our staff immediately fell in love and began to work to help her beat Parvo. We are thrilled to say that Evangeline kicked Parvo's butt and then went into a foster home to learn how to dog. Evangeline was then adopted by the neighbor of Rory!!

## Coraline

Coraline came with a bite wound to her abdomen that was infected with magots and a herniated bladder and we gave the emergency treatment needed. She is the sweetest thing, just purred and cuddled throughout all the care. It was later discovered that she is blind in one eye, but is otherwise healed and ready for a forever home!



## Turner

His mother was a stray someone took in. They didn't realize mom was pregnant but decided to let her and the babies have a safe place to stay once they realized. Now, all Turner's brothers and sisters have been adopted and it's his turn to find a forever home.

## Digit

Her pictures may be tough to see, but we want to tell her story. Digit was found tied to a fence with signs of previously being confined for a long period of time. Her legs and paws showed she had been lying in urine, was missing a toe, had long nails, and very malnourished. Worst of all, she was parvo positive. It's amazing she is now healthy and looking for a forever home.



## Peggy

Peggy is suspected of being hit by a car and was found by some neighborhood Good Samaritans. They did their best to splint her leg with a pencil and rushed her over to us. Her left eye and left leg were severely damaged, and both needed to be removed. Peggy is estimated to be around a year old, and though she has been living outside, she loves pets and cuddles from humans. We can't wait till she is no longer in pain and we can find her the perfect home.