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Event- North Haven Petco 11am-2pm

June 10, 2017- Adoption
Event/Artisan Fair- Madison Green
11:30am-3pm

June 17, 2017- Mini-Adoption Event-
Hamden Petco 11am-2pm

July 9, 2017- Adoption Event- site
TBD 11:30am-3pm

July 15, 2017- Mini-Adoption Event-
North Haven Petco 11am-2pm

July 30, 2017- 'Kitten Games' site
and time TBD

August 6, 2017- Adoption Event-
Broadway, New Haven 11:30am-3pm

August 12, 2017-Mini-Adoption
Event- Hamden Petco 11am-2pm

August 19, 2017 – 'Clear the Shelter'
– 12 noon – 4:30 PM

September 10, 2017- Adoption
Event- Clinton Petco 11:30am-3pm

September 16, 2017- Mini-Adoption
Event- North Haven Petco 11am-
2pm

*These dates may change so please
check our website for confirmation.*

This issue of
AmongFriends is
dedicated to **Ashley
Taylor 2000 - 2017**



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If you've found a friend for life at The Robin I. Kroogman New Haven Animal Shelter, let us know. Perhaps you'll be featured in a future issue of **AmongFRIENDS**.

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Kitty Magic Times Two

Marvin Gaye once sang, "It takes two to make a dream come true." Of course, he wasn't warbling about cats. But as far as Krista Torello is concerned, there's a new pair of love bugs in her life who really have brought the magic: adopted felines Cloud and Clarissa.

It all started early last December with a chance encounter online.

Torello was browsing local shelter websites looking for a kitty to love. While some shelters seemed to abound with possibilities, the New Haven Animal Shelter site offered only two—both of whom had had troubled pasts. Two-and-a-half-year old gray-and-white tabby Cloud had grown up in a cat hoarder's home and sported a "cloudy" blue eye, the result of a scratched cornea given to him by one of his unhappy housemates. Meanwhile, at just 6 months, wee calico Clarissa struggled with a neurological condition—believed to have been caused by a virus she contracted in the womb—that caused her to lose control of her back legs and hobble when she most wanted to play.

It was Cloud's online photo that first caught Torello's eye. "He was so handsome. I just fell in love with his face," she says. Upon visiting the shelter and meeting him, the decision to adopt was immediate. However, while becoming acquainted with Cloud, Torello noticed that Clarissa—housed in a crate situated just below his—insisted on greeting her as well. "Cloud was a little shy. He let me pet

him, but stayed in his crate the whole time. Clarissa, though, really reached out to me and was super playful. It didn't matter to her that her legs were giving out. She was like, 'I'm a kitten. I'm in it to win it!'"

While Torello thought it would be wise to choose between them, her heart was torn. She decided on Cloud, but couldn't get Clarissa off her mind. Clarissa's "special needs" status was cause enough for hesitation: Although Torello had been around cats all her life, most—especially those from her childhood—had been pets who were very independent, even spending a great deal of time outdoors. Would she be the right pet parent for a little one who might be totally reliant upon her? She returned to the shelter for a second look—and fell in love with

Clarissa all over again.

"I decided I just couldn't leave her behind," she says.

Both cats needed time to accept Torello—and each other. Cloud spent his first days in his new home under the bed, barely eating. "Then, one night, I was lying in bed—it was about 1:30 in the morning—and all of a sudden, I heard a noise: He was playing with one of his toys," Torello says. "I looked over the side of the bed, and he was propped against it, peeking at me." After that, Cloud was king of his castle, to the point where his new mom worried at first about his sometimes rough play with little sister Clarissa.

However, as Clarissa's legs have

strengthened—she can now leap from the top of Torello's dresser to her bed—so has her confidence. "She'll now instigate playtime and chase *him* out of the room," Torello says. "Sometimes, she'll be on my bed and he'll come in the room—and she'll stomp with her front legs to tease and scare him. It's amazing how they've grown together."

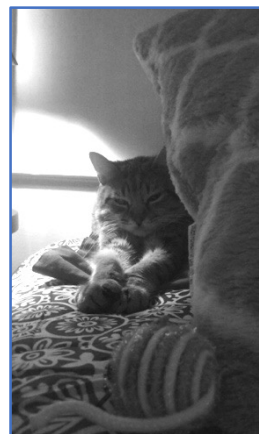
In every other way, each has blossomed. Torello—who loves to indulge them with treats and regular grooming, and leaves nature channels playing for them on TV every day when she's at work—notes that they have different play preferences. Cloud loves balls that jingle and toys on a stick, as well as his artist mom's paintbrushes, which he'll steal whenever possible. "We have this little game, where I'll say to him, 'I'm painting you,' and pretend to stroke paint over his

fur," she says. "He'll sit there while I'm doing that and then grab the brush from my hand." He has no interest whatsoever in chasing a laser light—one of Clarissa's passions—or playing with any of the little pom-poms Torello bought for her at Walmart. However, they do share the same love of watching birds out their apartment windows.

"I have a bigger smile on my face than ever these days, because of them," Torello says. "They wake me in the mornings, greet me at the door when I come home, and bring me so much affection after a tough day at work. It just amazes me, given the tough backgrounds they came from. It's made me realize the importance of adopting pets from shelters. They're going to appreciate the love you give them so much more."



Clarissa



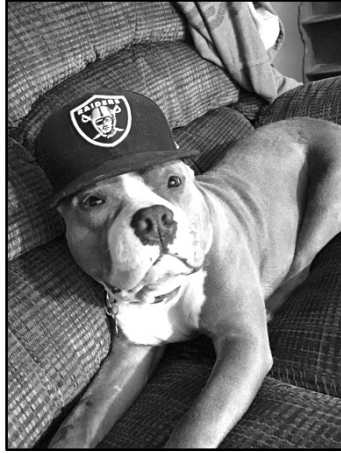
Cloud

Big Bleu: Living the Good Life

How would you describe a dog who wears an Oakland Raiders' hat in New England Patriots' country and doesn't care who sees it? Self-assured? Defiant? Or just plain blasé? According to his owner Michael Brousseau, you should call Bleu the latter. He feels no guilt, no remorse, and has nary a thought about the Raiders' impending move to Las Vegas. Bleu's biggest concern is when will Michael be coming home, how soon do I eat, and which movie are we watching tonight? Bleu's movie preference? None; he just loves hunkering down with his best buddy.

"It doesn't matter if I'm gone for five minutes or the whole day," says Michael. "He reacts the same way, always happy to see me."

Bleu is an American Staffordshire Terrier (popularly known as 'pit bull'), grey-blue and white with a huge head and a face that wears a perpetual smile. Our photo of him on the Petfinder website initially caught the attention of Michael's girlfriend, Ashley. Even before coming to the shelter to meet Bleu, Michael decided, "That's my dog." It only took one look. The shelter's chief animal control officer, Joe Manganiello, supervised the adoption since Bleu was a powerful, 70-pound dog, and needed someone who could physically handle his size. For Michael, that was not a problem. Initially, Bleu was timid—but before long, Michael was able to win his confidence and trust. No stranger to the nurturing process, Michael had previously adopted a pit bull from a friend. He found himself unprepared for the daunting responsibility ahead of him; the dog turned out to be 3 weeks old and needed to be bottle fed every four hours. It was a challenge from which he did not back away. His dedication paid off—the tiny pup lived to be 10 years old. As a



result, Michael says, he fell in love with the breed, and was determined to find a pitte successor.

"I wanted to prove to people that the common perception of pit bulls is wrong," he says. "They are a loving, loyal dog that needs a chance."

Michael says that when he is walking with Bleu, people seem a bit intimidated: "If only they knew what a 'goofball' he is." Although his interactions with other dogs are limited, Bleu has made some friends. One of them is Monty, a three-year-old pug. Monty, all 15 pounds of him, has tried to assert his dominance over Bleu, only inspiring the larger dog to retreat to a soft couch for a nap. Monty has become resigned to this state of affairs, and they remain steadfast pals.

There were some adjustments to make when Bleu arrived at the Brousseau household. Returning from work on day, Michael came up the stairs and saw that his couch had been pulled across the room, blocking his way. And there sat Bleu, who looked at Michael as if to say, "Couch? What couch? I didn't move any couch." Therein began some laying of ground rules: First; no relocating furniture. Second; no chewing the domestic scenery. He has responded obediently. Now his efforts focus on offering

his big grey paw upon request and rolling over for a coveted belly rub.

So, life for Bleu is idyllic as it should be for all creatures. His needs are few but, Michael says, he gives back so much. Their day usually ends with them sitting on the couch with a round or two of video games, Bleu observing the colorful graphics and silently cheering on his friend. He's never ready to leave his favorite perch and when he does, he slides smoothly off, with his legs still on the couch behind him.

Our Volunteers – A Passion for Animals

The Friends have had a busy few months since the last newsletter was published. As always, we have kept up with our monthly adoption events with North Shore Animal League America. We also went to North Haven Petco and Hamden Petco for our usual monthly mini adoption events, where each volunteer transports an animal. The dogs and cats enjoy a day away from the shelter, and we always have a good time spreading the word about our adoptable animals and our organization. In addition, we participated in Santa pictures with both the Hamden and North Haven Petco as part of the All For Holiday Homes fundraising campaign. Santa Leo (a long-time volunteer with our organization) always takes great pictures with the animals, and this year, we were lucky enough to have dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits and even a gecko visit us! Some of our shelter graduates come to take pictures with Santa every year, and it's always wonderful to see how well they are doing in their forever homes.

We are very lucky to have the support of local businesses in the Greater New Haven Area. Three Sheets New Haven, MiKro Beer Bar, The Hops Company and Elm City Social generously held fundraisers for us, which helped raise much needed money for our medical fund as well as our shelter renovation fund. Speaking of our shelter renovation, it is finally underway. We waited until better weather before breaking ground on our new staff office, but we have already installed sound panels in the adoptable dog hallway and are very excited to see the finished product, which will be in either May or June.

Sometime soon, we will be having our volunteer general orientation meeting – we could always use more dedicated volunteers to help enhance the lives of the animals at our shelter! If they pass dog or cat handling training, volunteers are allowed to work hands on with the adoptable animals. In addition, volunteers are needed to help out at adoption events, organize and attend fundraisers, help with our social media accounts, and aid in many other tasks, which help keep our organization running.

All volunteers must be over 18 years of age and be willing to make a minimum of a 6-month commitment of 8 hours a month. Once a volunteer passes training, he or she is allowed to come and volunteer at the shelter whenever the shelter is open to the public – our hours are Monday through Saturday from 12:30-4:30.

Look for us at the Madison Pet Adoption and Artisan Market, which takes place on the Madison Green on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Stop by to say hello if you are at this event or any of the other events we attend. Please check our website and our Facebook page for all of our upcoming adoption events and fundraisers.

Finally, as always, we would like to thank you for all you have given us throughout the years. We, and our animals, are grateful for your support.



Helping Our Animals – Donations At Work

If our animals could talk, the first thing they would say is “thank you!”

Once again, your generosity has saved many lives. Without your support, we could never provide medical care that is so badly needed. From triage, to diagnostic tests, blood work, and ultimately, the long road of healing, you have played an integral role. To include all the medical cases would be overwhelming, so we will highlight a few. Some months ago, a puppy arrived at our shelter with a broken leg that required orthopedic surgery. Her tiny leg was supported by a cast which limited activity for this sweet dog. Officer Joe Manganiello and his wife, Lori, have been fostering (as they always do) and now Jaimie is medically cleared and is at the shelter awaiting a forever home.

Two older female American Staffordshire Terriers each required surgery for different reasons. Each was afraid, anxious, and sad as they seemed to say, “Will I ever leave here?” Sometimes, age combined with medical issues can be a detriment but, not in these cases. We are happy to report that each dog has been adopted into a loving, permanent home.

We also took in a uniquely colored Rottweiler, cream and tan with a beautifully expressive face. She held up an injured paw that was evidently causing her pain. Radiographs revealed that there was a small break. Thankfully, no surgery or cast was required, only a bit of pain medication. Our veterinarian ordered no running or jumping—a daunting expectation for such an exuberant young lady.

Our cats have received consistent treatment from the staff for parasites and we are happy to say, 90 percent of them are adopted. Betty, an older, attractive, female feline was evaluated for kidney disease and is currently doing well and has recently been adopted. Two tiny kittens came in separately and were immediately sent out to be fostered by Allyson Eliason, our kitten foster.

The elderly dogs and cats continue to have blood work to ensure that they are healthy prior to adoption. In a few sad cases, when an animal’s medical prognosis is poor, our volunteers step in to assure a dignified, painless, end of life experience.

Often, our shelter animals have badly infected teeth that require extraction. Left untreated, tooth decay, as with humans, can cause serious infection that can wreak havoc on the body. Each month we have at least one, possibly two who urgently need dental care before leaving for a new home.

The animals, the volunteers, and the staff value your generous and continued support throughout the year. For many of the animals, their quality of life and overall health improves. Your awareness of this forgotten group is appreciated.

Remembering FNHAS Volunteer, Mary Lewis



In this issue, we celebrate a special volunteer, Mary Lewis, who fostered kittens for the shelter over the past few years. She was a strong woman who had faced many obstacles in her life, including a long, brave battle with cancer.

Mary was a classic “cat lady.” When you entered her apartment there were cat pictures on the walls and cat

toys all over the floor. Her own two cats, Dolly and Calliope, were adopted from the New Haven Animal Shelter, and she knew that is where she wanted to volunteer. During her visits, her big smile reflected the joy she gained from comforting the cats. Eventually, Mary offered to foster two 2-week-old kittens, Lucy and Desi, in her home. She was thrilled by the opportunity to feed and care for

babies who were in poor health and too young to survive independently.

She was an outstanding reporter on the kittens, medically and developmentally. She noted when they opened their eyes, how their little personalities were developing and what their favorite activities were. Though they had come to her underweight, hesitant to eat and full of fleas, Lucy and Desi flourished under her care, attention and love. Though they became increasingly self-sufficient, they never gave up wanting to be held by her or looking right in her eyes when she spoke to them. The kittens also made a significant difference in Mary’s life--she beamed when she talked about them, held them and even when she had to give them flea baths.

Mary maintained her enthusiasm for fostering and continued in that role for a long time. She once said that her relationship with her cats gave purpose to her life. At the end of her life, as she spent more time in the hospital, she made a fellow FNHAS volunteer promise to bring Calliope and Dolly back to the shelter if anything happened to her. She trusted the staff to give them the care they needed and to find them good homes. Mary passed away on December 26, 2016. Dolly and Calliope have since found happiness in new forever homes. They—as well as Mary’s foster kittens and the rest of us--were fortunate to have known this very special cat lady.

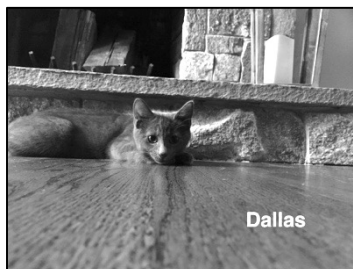
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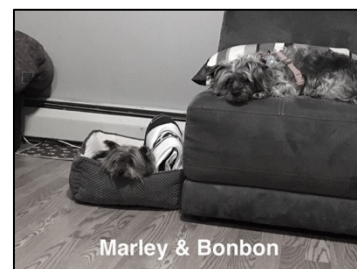
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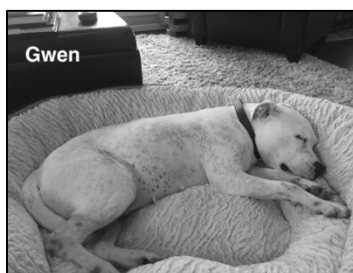
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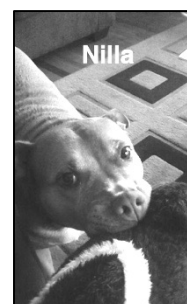
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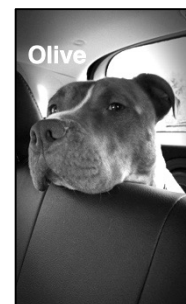
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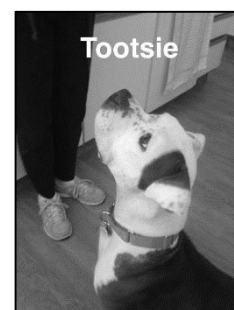
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Amy and Joe Alfano, "We hope you will find peace in the comfort of our friends and the wonderful memories you will always have of sweet Millie."

Anne Bailey in memory of Gigi.

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Karen Hanson in memory of Bandit, "Richard's beloved companion."

Karen Hanson in memory of Uma, "beloved dog of Dale Saul."

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Marsha Rabe and Thom Brown "in loving memory of darling Clementine, beloved companion of Anne Lester."

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Melissa Whitson and Alex McBurney in honor of Fenway, "FNHAS alumnus, adopted 2008!"

Susan and Tim Yolen in honor of Ramona.

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