



Something to Smile About

You give so much to vulnerable animals across the country: hope, healing and happiness.



Because of your generosity, Mila is now in a loving home!

From Harrowing Past to Bright Future

Last summer, Mila was brought to the ASPCA® Cruelty Recovery Center (CRC) in Columbus, Ohio, after she was rescued from a suspected dogfighting operation. Thanks to you, she underwent surgery to help relieve pain from a severely traumatic back leg injury, and after weeks of physical therapy, she was able to walk and play normally again. Best of all, she is now a beloved pet.

When working with suspected dogfighting survivors, our staff is diligent in assessing both their medical and behavioral needs to provide the animals with the best possible outcome. “Sometimes these dogs are locked away and only pulled out for the [dogfighting] activity, so they’re not properly socialized,” explains Jessi Henry, Senior Manager of Animal Behavior at the CRC. “Sometimes we have to start at square one and just socialize them with basic, everyday things. Things like sunlight, bicycles, people walking by or a car horn can be really novel to them because they’re not used to being around that kind of stimulus.”

While Mila did not show any aggression to people or other dogs, finding the right home took some time. But when adopter Ashley came across Mila’s profile, she knew they were a perfect match. “I wanted to show her that she deserved a family; there was never going to be any harm in her life after that.”

Rescued from horrific conditions, dogs like Mila simply want a safe place to rest their head and to be loved for who they are. You make it possible.



Fluffy is safe thanks to you!

23,000 Happy Kittens

Over the past 10 years, you’ve helped us provide lifesaving support to more than 23,000 of the most vulnerable kittens in New York City and Los Angeles. Municipal shelters are particularly busy during “kitten season” when there’s a surge of newborn kittens requiring specialized, intensive care.

The ASPCA Kitten Nursery launched in New York in 2014 in support of Animal Care Centers

of New York City (ACC) and is dedicated to the care and treatment of neonatal kittens who are often too young to survive on their own. Like Banjo, the first “bottle baby” of the 2024 kitten season. Banjo weighed just 215 grams when he arrived. He was soon placed with Andrea, an experienced foster caregiver who bottle-fed him every five hours and cared for him until he was old enough to be adopted. “They’re with you for two months; you really are their mother,” Andrea says.

“You’re waking up in the middle of the night and sleeping in three- to five-hour increments. You get attached, but that’s OK because they’re getting ready for a home and you’re helping them get to where they need to be.”

On the opposite coast, our partnership with the L.A. County Department of Animal Care and Control – one of the largest municipal sheltering systems in the country – has resulted in over 12,000 kittens saved through our Los Angeles Kitten Foster

Program since 2017. Fluffy was placed with foster caregiver Sarah after he was found with no siblings or mother. Without this program, he might not have survived.

“Fostering kittens is more than a compassionate act, it’s a lifeline,” says Hella Tyler, Senior Manager of Foster Care in Los Angeles.

“In a city with countless vulnerable kittens, fostering transforms their future, giving them a chance at a loving home and healthy life.”

Small Horse, Big Milestone

Charlie Brown came to The ASPCA® Equine Transition and Adoption Center in Oklahoma last July when his previous owner was no longer able to care for him. Your generosity has allowed our equine work to grow to meet the needs of vulnerable horses like Charlie Brown by offering safe relinquishment so horses can be placed in new homes through adoption.

Logan and her family were looking for a companion for their horse, Eclipse. When they saw Charlie Brown’s profile on the ASPCA’s My Right Horse website, they fell in love. Logan, her husband, Geer, and their two-year-old son, Kestral, borrowed a truck and trailer and made the 385-mile drive from their home in Menard, Texas, to El Reno, Oklahoma.

At just 32 inches tall, Charlie Brown is small in stature, but he represents a big milestone. The pint-sized horse has the distinction of being the 500th horse to benefit from the help of the ASPCA Equine Transition and Adoption Center, since the program began in 2019. **Thank you for connecting horses like Charlie Brown with loving homes!**



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