



Where Happy Endings Begin!



Lost and Found: Ted's Saga

THE DAY TED WAS ADOPTED, his new family stopped at a yard sale on their way home to Casnovia, and, while there, Ted squeezed out of the car window to go exploring. At only eight months old and being very timid, Ted was terrified by the chasing and yelling that ensued when his family spotted him jumping from the car. He ran as fast as he could and, soon, they couldn't find him.

The family searched as did two Safe Haven foster families, and, although he was spotted a

couple of times, no one could get close enough to catch him.

Ted's foster dad, Dylan, decided to try a different approach: on the morning of the second day after the escape, he drove to where Ted had last been seen. After walking through orchards and cornfields, he thought he heard a yip and finally caught a glimpse of Ted peeking out from the corn, watching Dylan with wide eyes.



Ted



Hitch

When Dylan knelt down and began coaxing and saying Ted's name, Ted prepared to bolt. That's when Dylan pulled out his secret weapon: his dog Hitch, an old friend of Ted's.

Dylan told Hitch to "go get him," and that's exactly what Hitch did. As soon as Hitch started toward Ted, Ted hit the ground.

Dylan watched as the two dogs touched noses and, at that moment, Ted became the "happiest dog in the world." Everything seemed to click into place in Ted's terrified brain. His terrors were over!

He ran with Hitch back to Dylan, got a big drink of water, and jumped into the car.

Dylan is sure that without Hitch, he never would've gotten close enough to catch Ted.

Safe Haven is very fortunate to have great fosters like Dylan. Sometimes the only way to help a dog is to see the world through a dog's eyes.

You can help save a dog or cat by fostering. If you've ever, or even never, thought about it, please give us just a moment and go to page 3 just for the fun of it. See what fostering is all about.

A letter from a frequent donor

DEAR SAFE HAVEN,

At this time of year I usually make a \$50 contribution to help you help animals. This year that amount will increase to \$100. There is a story as to why I have added an extra \$50.

I recently sold a pin on eBay. The pin had been purchased twenty or so years ago from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and was in the shape of a cat head copied from an ancient Egyptian statue of Bastet.

Several bidders seem to have fallen in love with the pin, and it ended up selling for \$120, considerably more than it was worth.

The lady who purchased it said she was very happy with it, but I felt a little guilty about taking that much money. I pointed out that the color was a bit off in my photos and I could offer a discount to compensate. The buyer however felt this would not be fair to the other bidders, and she is probably right.

I then noticed that the buyer of the pin had an "ME" page on eBay. I looked at her ME page and noticed a remembrance of Mushy, a cat she had shared her home with for 19 years. I told her I would donate \$50 from her purchase to Safe Haven, in memory of Mushy, and she thought that was a great idea.

If it wouldn't be too much trouble, could you please send a note saying that \$50 was donated in memory of Mushy?

Thank You!
Cindy



A word from the Mennettis

HERE ARE OUR TWO babies we got from you in March, Liam and Emmy, on the right. They are about eight pounds. The two big males are Gateway, at nineteen pounds, and Shadow, at twenty-five pounds. We adopted Gateway from you about thirteen years ago. Everyone gets along very well. Very gentle big boys. The vet can't believe how good they are to handle. She just throws them over her shoulder and they hug on to her. Good cats. Liam should have been named *Rocket*. He's always on the move in high speed mode. Hard as a Rock; Little Mr. Muscles. Emmy plays just as hard with him, but is more refined—a little lady. They are full-time entertainment. Every cat should be adopted in pairs with a litter mate like these two. Best friends who play and sleep together and always have a buddy for company. One would be lost without the other.



Annual wreath sale

IF YOU HAVEN'T PURCHASED a wreath from Safe Haven in the past, you're missing a great opportunity. You can decorate your home for the holidays, while helping a homeless pet.

Our wreaths are fresh Fraser fir, beautifully decorated with white holly berries, pine cones, and a big velvet bow. Wreaths are available in two sizes, 20" for \$15 (or two for \$28) and 24" for \$20 (or two for \$38). They last a long time (sometimes until Easter!) and make great gifts.

Wreaths will be available starting the week of Thanksgiving until we sell out in early December. If you're interested in purchasing one (or two or more), give us a call at 616-522-1611 or email us at shhspets@hotmail.com as soon as you get your newsletter since we sell out every year. We will then contact you for pick up or delivery.

Thanks to Amee and Tom Trechter of Mathisen Tree Farms for providing such high-quality wreaths for our annual wreath sale.





Here are some ways you can help Safe Haven animals:

☐ Donate: My check made payable to Safe Haven Humane Society is enclosed for

☐ \$20 ☐ \$30 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other _____

(you can also donate by credit card at www.shhspets.com)

☐ Foster. Please send me information about fostering cats or dogs

☐ Become a member of Safe Haven: \$10 individual or \$18 family

☐ Hold or help with fundraiser

Your Comments. Thank you. _____



Thank you
for helping
us

cut out and mail this
form to:
Safe Haven Humane
Society
P.O. Box 55
Ionia, MI 48846

So you think you can't foster—

GIVE AN ABANDONED PET A CHANCE. Open your home as a temporary refuge for a pet while he or she is waiting for a forever home. If you've ever thought about fostering a cat or dog but thought it would be too hard, try it for a weekend or a week. We all had cold feet when we started fostering, believe me. It's easy to think about it—it's hard to step across the threshold and actually

do it. But once you do, you'll be so happy you did.

Take a quick look at our



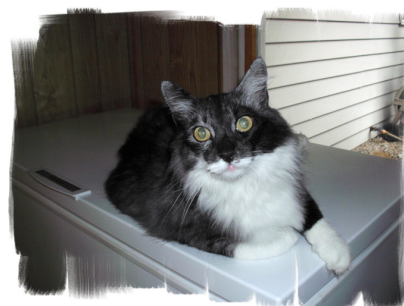
website at www.shhspets.com and click on the tab, Fostering a Pet.

While you're on our website, click on the tab, Adoptable Pets. All the photos you see are taken in foster homes—see how easy it is?

Adopting an abandoned pet saves that pet, but fostering can save

dozens. Safe Haven provides all the food and supplies, including approved vet expenses. All you provide is shelter and love.

Speaking for myself as a foster of both dogs and cats over the past 10 years, there has never been a time when I've regretted my decision to be a pet foster. From nursing through illnesses, cleaning



up the occasional "oops" on the floor to sending them off with a hug to their new home, it's all been worth it. Some need help with manners, and some are nearly perfect.

The one thing they have in common is that they've been thrown away and need your help to find a better life. Think hard about it—if you're truly an animal lover, you'll see that you CAN do this.



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Barley is a star!

THIS STORY STARTS ROUTINELY with an owner dumping their little Jack Russell Terrier at a local shelter. That was Barley ... fearful, hyperactive, some might say neurotic.

The day he went to the vet to be neutered, he bit the transport driver when the driver reached into the cage to get Barley out. Uh oh, that's a no-no and usually an automatic euthanasia.

After that, Barley was lucky enough to have a couple of very experienced dog people test him, and he was given another chance. In foster care, with a very patient foster dad, his manners greatly improved,



and we were eventually contacted by a Frisbee competition expert in Pennsylvania.

Barley and his foster "dad" drove to Southern Michigan to meet the potential adopter, and Barley passed the preliminary interview with flying colors and moved to Pennsylvania.

The rest is history, as pictured here at the halftime show of a Chicago Bears football game. Barley is a star!

