



## Between Friends

### Fall 2019

**Dear donors,**

In the midst of a picture perfect fall season, I want to reiterate my wholehearted thanks for your generosity and continuing support of the SPCA LL.

Because of you, we can continue our 15-year mission of operating our non-essential kill shelter, day in and day out.

We believe every single animal deserves a chance, regardless of its age, looks, medical situation or handicaps. Each and every one of them is equally welcomed on our premises. They are then treated with respect and love, are not discriminated against and are all given the same time and energy. Our team strives to ensure their well-being while with us, and we are constantly seeking the best new family for the animals.



It's sad to say but not all the stories end well. Some of the animals simply can't be saved, in spite of our efforts and medical support. Mostly because of the state they are in when handed over to us. There's a fine line and a balanced approach when deciding between continued medical support and euthanasia. In fact, fewer than 3% of the animals that we take in, end up in this situation, and if there is no other option, the animal is still supported by our dedicated team members until the very end, with love and affection.

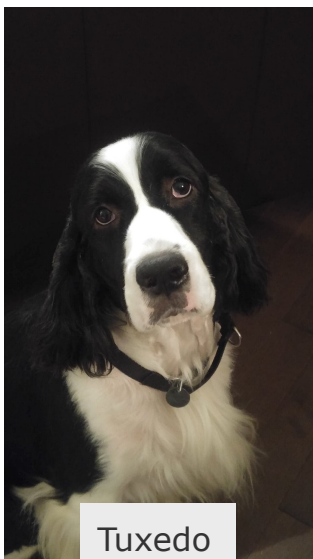
On a brighter note, the other 97% have happy endings !

### **Here are some examples of where your support was crucial in turning these recent stories into good ones :**

- Since the early spring of this year, we have taken in close to 100 kittens, aged between 0 - 6 months. They were all placed with foster families until they reached the age of eight weeks, and weighed over 1 kg. We provide these foster families with all the necessities; litter, scale and food, as well as all the vet services needed to take care of these fragile kitties. We estimate the support we provide, averages approximately \$100 per animal, and this is before they come back to us for the regular treatments of sterilization and shots...all so that they can finally be adopted.
- We were also charged with the responsibility of several cats aged between 13-17 years old, most of them in horrible condition. One of them was Nemo, a very sweet 17-year old in desperate need of basic care. When we took in Nemo, she was completely dehydrated, all skin and bones with a huge lump on her abdomen, which turned out to be an abdominal hernia. After receiving the required care, she put on weight and went into surgery. Shortly after, Nemo found her new family, where she'll spend the rest of her happy cat days.



Nemo

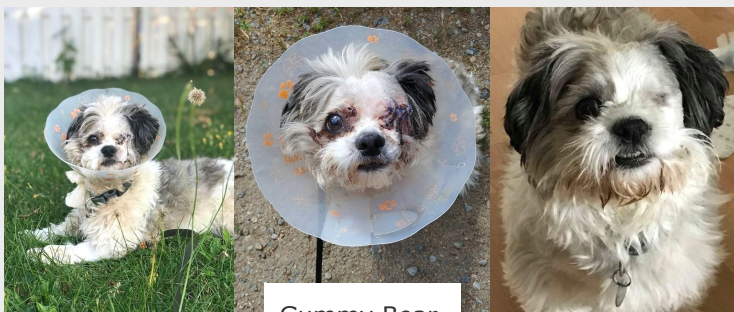


Tuxedo

• In yet another situation (one of neglect) we took charge of four dogs, one of which was a young Spaniel type, named Tuxedo. On a lighter note, let's listen to the story, as told by Tuxedo himself : After several weeks at the shelter where I was finally eating good food on a regular basis, they sent me to a temporary foster home to help me regain my full strength. This new environment was a bit less stressful than the shelter. My skin problems were not improving and they had to change my diet and medication. In all likelihood, these problems were beyond normal allergies and the SPCA LL vets had to run several tests (which cost many dollars). They weren't finding the answers, so they then sent me to me to see a dermatologist (more dollars!!). I'm getting better, but they still haven't figured out the problem and a potential cure. I am begging that you keep being your generous selves, as your donations really go a long way towards health support for us 4 legged friends!

- Another one of our values is to support other shelters, if and when we can. We'll take on some of their animals, if they have too many or if they don't have vet services available to them because of their remote locations. This past August 15th, we received a call from another shelter who had found a stray dog which had just been hit by a car. The dog required treatment that this particular shelter couldn't offer and we agreed to meet them half-way and take charge of the injured dog. The dog, who was named Gummy Bear, was quickly seen by one of our vets and underwent emergency surgery. Unfortunately, one of his eyes had to be surgically removed. He was also suffering from a broken pelvis, which meant having to spend the next two months without any physical exertion.

A nice foster family took in Gummy Bear for his convalescence and he's now back on all fours! The family was so taken in by the dog's good nature that they ended up adopting him. His new name is Arthur and we are told he's just an amazing friend to this family !!



Gummy Bear

This is a just a quick snap shot of our daily realities. Your extensive generosity helps animals directly and allows us to continue our mission.

On behalf of our team, I would like to sincerely thank you, for your support of our goal, to save as many animal lives as possible!

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