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Improving the Lives of Community & Feral Cats

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Jack -IN-THE- Pulpit

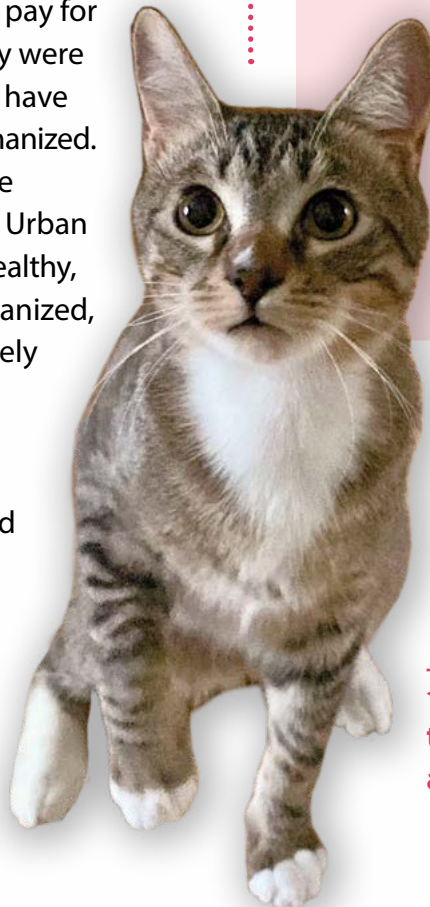
Jack-in-the-Pulpit had a good life in a horse stable until one morning, when he was only six months-old, he was found severely injured. Nobody knows how the little guy was



▲ Jack had six weeks of complete bed rest.

hurt so badly. His trainer took him to a vet who found that Jack had three complex fractures in his leg, which required surgery. The trainer could not afford to pay for it, so they were going to have Jack euthanized. When the Humane Urban

Group learned that this otherwise healthy, friendly kitten was going to be euthanized, they stepped in. Jack was immediately taken to the Animal Surgical Center in East Meadow. The hospital gave HUG a substantial discount for the surgery. Plus, a HUG member learned of Jack's crisis and made a very generous donation that covered most of his vet bill. HUG is happy to report that Jack's surgery was a complete success. Jack made a full recovery and is now as fit as a



SWEET PEA *And* PERIWINKLE

Sweet Pea and Periwinkle can't wait to find their forever-together home. These best friends are deeply bonded, so they need to be adopted together.



They are playful and just love to sit by the window and watch birds. If you live in Nassau County or Queens and have room in your heart and home for two sweet furry companions, please complete HUG's online application at www.humaneurbangroup.org/adoption-application.

proverbial fiddle! After three months of recovery he found a wonderful new home and is doing great! Many thanks to our generous donor and the East Meadow Animal Surgical Center for making this possible.

◀ Jack-in-the-Pulpit is named after a type of flower. Read more about his adventures on page 2.

Cats & Dogs FRIEND OR FOE?

Who says cats and dogs can't be friends? Some folks insist that an older cat will never get along with a dog, but HUG has found it's best to keep an open mind. Our furry friends can often surprise us! Here are two stories proving that cats and dogs can make the very best of companions.

Hans & Trip

A young couple saw a video of Ulysses (now Trip) that HUG posted on Instagram. They fell madly in love with the cat and wanted to adopt him. First, they had to introduce him to their big lovable German shepherd, Hans. HUG wasn't sure if the two animals would get along, but it was certainly worth a try. So, the couple took Trip home and carefully acquainted the two pets. Trip, quickly acclimated to his new surroundings, soon had free rein of the house, and had absolutely no trouble adjusting to Hans. Trip was extremely curious about him and really



◀ **Hans was initially a bit standoffish but soon warmed up to Trip. Now they are best buddies!**

wanted to play with him. At first, Hans was a bit scared of Trip, but a few days later the two became furry friends and are living quite happily together.

Jack & Bowser

Autumn, an employee at The Cat Doctor, saw Jack there and fell in love with him.

Autumn owned a big, sweet dog named Bowser that liked kitties. HUG had no idea if Jack had ever met a dog, so everyone had their fingers crossed, hoping the two would get along. Autumn slowly introduced Jack to Bowser, who could barely contain his excitement. He wanted to slobber Jack with kisses and lick his face off! It's overwhelming for a little cat to be treated that way by another animal, but Jack was surprisingly tolerant and did not protest. After he had enough licks, he simply pattered off to his safe spot where his little bed is kept. In record time, the two became fast friends and are living quite well together. HUG just loves finding the purrfect home for their kitties!



Trip and Hans were carefully introduced to one another.



REUSE, REDUCE AND RECYCLE

A teacher at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Academy in Bayside and her 3-year-old students are working on a Reuse, Reduce and Recycle project as part of the school's 3-K Program.

The class came up with the idea of turning old, unused shirts into pet beds. The shirts were stuffed by the children



▲ **These pet beds are a creative way to make new use of old shirts.**

and, with their teacher's assistance, made into cat beds.

Just before the beds were sewed closed, the students placed little red paper hearts

inside that read, "I love you kitties" so they will always have the kids' love wherever they are. This wonderful class generously donated the cat beds to HUG. The HUG kitties immediately got cozy in them and the beds will go with them to their new homes. Many thanks to these sweet children and their marvelous teacher for their wonderful gifts.



▲ **The kittens pawsatively love the cozy beds that the children made.**

Frequent Calls About RE-HOMING CATS

HUG receives many requests for help with cats, but the most disturbing calls are from people who must give up a beloved pet. There are a variety of reasons why someone must do this. Often they are moving to a new home that does not allow pets. Sometimes a family member has died, and they don't know what to do with their pet. Others develop severe allergies and can no longer keep their cat. Cats in situations like this are often abandoned and put outside.

Domestic cats are not equipped to live outdoors. Every time you let a cat outdoors you're gambling with their lives! From diseases to dangers posed by other animals to accidents that could leave them injured or worse — do the responsible thing and keep them inside! Find them an indoor solution.

A perfect example is Piccadilly, a 17-year-old blind cat, who was discovered on the street with a bite wound. Piccadilly couldn't have gotten outside

► **Piccadilly is a 17-year-old blind cat that was abandoned and found on the street.**



by himself. After he was rescued and treated, all he wanted to do was to eat and sleep. Many domestic cats that are put outside are less fortunate.

HUG helps whenever possible but does not have a shelter. We do have a list of resources to contact in order to re-home cats. It can be found online at www.humaneurbangroup.org/finding-homes-for-cats.

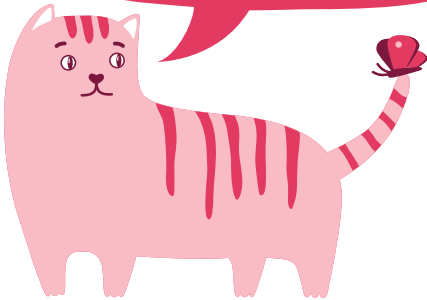
However, most organizations are overwhelmed and cannot take in any more cats. Often the only option is to put the cat in a shelter. Sadly, the town of North Hempstead's animal shelter does not accept cats, despite the desperate need for one. The TONH needs to do more! You can make a difference. Contact town supervisor, Jennifer DeSena at (516) 869-6311 or DesenaJ@northhempsteadny.gov and tell her she has to help alleviate the suffering of homeless cats.



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