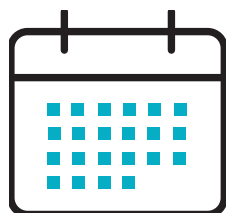


HAVE YOU MET OUR ADOPTABLES?



These sweet faces are all waiting for their ideal, loving forever home. Are you the perfect fit? Visit ANIMALFRIENDSOFLANSDOWNNE.ORG/OUR-ADOPTABLES to learn more about each of them and complete an application today!

AFL CALENDAR



A new opportunity...

If you've been following our Facebook you know that we recently launched a photo contest for our first ever AFL Calendar. Stay tuned on our page for voting and results!

2022 Calendars will be for sale in fall 2021, but you can pre-order today! Please visit ANIMALFRIENDSOFLANSDOWNNE.ORG/AFL-CALENDAR-PREORDER today.

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LOOKING BACK



What a year it has been...

Usually we look back over our year and think fondly of Dog Day at the Lansdowne Farmer's Market, our February Love your Pets Month event, and a variety of other in-person gatherings. While we don't have those fond memories this year, our work this year was just as meaningful.

Throughout all the trials and tribulations the world threw our way, our Animal Friends were right by our side. We can't thank you enough!

An amazing outpouring of support came our way when we had our yard sale this past October. Our sale usually takes place in the spring and is our single largest fundraising effort. Without these very necessary dollars our animals would suffer. But once again, our community pulled through. We limited donations, masked up and had an amazingly successful day.



YOU MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE!

MEDICAL FUND UPDATE



Your support saved Pirate...

This sweet boy wandered on to a kind resident's porch and we are so happy he did. As you can see, this little guy desperately needed our help. This cutie wanted nothing more than a full belly and a snuggle. However, we could tell getting him to the vet was crucial. Emergency enucleation surgery to remove Pirate's eye was the only option. We asked for help and our Animal Friends answered the call.

This little guy was more than deserving of a healthy, pain-free life. Now, we're happy to report that Pirate is living happily ever after in his perfect forever home.

Pirate is just one example of the extraordinary situations that our Medical Fund addresses. To learn about any Medical Fund needs that our animals are currently facing, visit:

ANIMALFRIENDSOFLANSDOWNNE.ORG/MEDICAL-FUND



ADOPTIONS IN THE AGE OF COVID



Safety first...

You may have heard that pet adoptions have been very strong during the Pandemic with so many spending more time at home. Thankfully, given the high number of abandoned cats we are rescuing from the streets these days, AFL has found that to be true for us locally. So how does it work? Clearly, we have had to make some adjustments to our usual protocols without compromising standards or omitting any crucial qualifying factors for potential adopters.

Our application process for both fosters and adopters has always included an in-person home visit to ensure the comfort and safety of both pets and people. The home visit is still happening; what has changed is that now it is virtual. After an application is reviewed and references checked, a short video tour of the home is submitted. This allows us to see where the pet will live, eat, sleep, and also see entry doors to ensure a secure environment.

Normally, the last step before adoption is a meet-and-greet in the foster home, to give the adopter an opportunity to visit and get to know the pet in familiar surroundings. In this time of social distancing, we do not ask this of our foster families or adopters. Instead, once the adopter has had an opportunity to learn about the pet and perhaps chat directly with the foster parent, once approved, a volunteer delivers the pet in a safe, contact-free manner. Paperwork is exchanged at that time, and the adopter signs a 30-day foster-to-adopt agreement to give both humans and pets a chance to meet and bond. At the end of that period if all is well, the adoption contract is signed and adoption fee paid. AFL takes pride in matching adopters with just the right cat for them. We are happy to say that so far, this system is working like a charm.

We are most grateful to our adopters and (always desperately needed) foster families for working with us to make successful adoptions happen during this trying time for everyone.



REMINDER



We are always in desperate need of foster homes. There are even more animals who find themselves outside just waiting for a safe place to land. A spare room and your tender, loving care are all that is required to foster a homeless animal until a forever home can be found. Visit ANIMALFRIENDSOFLANSDOWNNE.ORG/FOSTER to learn more.

