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Dear Friends;

As the holidays approach and we enjoy the comfort and companionship of family and friends, please think of the very special animals awaiting loving and forever homes at the Peterborough Humane Society. There is a family out there for each animal in need – and we will care for them while they wait for that special person to come through our doors.



Gus was about 5 months old when he was brought to our attention. Over a period of three months, Gus would appear and disappear near cottages in the area. Quick, smart and totally untrusting of people, Gus avoided capture on countless occasions. He was surviving alone and on his own and although he would play and interact with other dogs, he ran from even those people who offered him food and shelter.

Gus was finally captured using food laced with a mild and harmless tranquilizer that made him unable to run away. When he awoke at the shelter, he was terrified. Gus would only eat at night when everyone was gone. He wouldn't look at people, as though he was convinced that if he didn't see them, then they couldn't see him. He hid in his kennel and shook whenever anyone approached, his head down and eyes averted. This continued for two full weeks before a foster family was available to help him.

Gus' experiences, whatever they were, had left him terrified of those who most wanted to help him. It took the love and dedication of two different foster families to help him discover love and what being part of a family means. Many of these lessons were learned by watching the dogs that already lived in his foster homes. As Gus watched, he saw that the other animals trusted the people and, little by little, came to explore the possibility that he too could safely put his trust in people. Patience, compassion and dedication provided Gus the opportunity to finally make the transition to his new forever home.

The Peterborough Humane Society has many such stories to tell. Every day animals arrive at the Humane Society in need of care. Some are simply lost and have a short stay before being reunited with their families. Others are abandoned, ill, injured or surrendered by families that are no longer able to care for them. Sadly, many have been born without a home and only by receiving help will they ever know what it means to have a name and a person to call their own. Worse still, others are ill-treated, abused and neglected by uncaring owners who fail to provide even the most basic of necessities and come into our care to wait for a loving home while they heal.

The Peterborough Humane Society does not receive funding from any level of government or any other animal welfare organization. Funds to pay for food, vaccinations, medications, surgery, major veterinary bills and all of the other costs required to keep the shelter operational come through the generosity of people like you. You make it all possible.

Your generosity means more than you can know. Your donation will provide a warm and safe place for a homeless animal, antibiotics for an animal that is ill, surgery to mend broken bones or repair wounds, food to fill hungry stomachs and spay/neuter surgery so that no adopted animal will add to the number of homeless animals who need our help.

Every donation makes a difference be it a one-time donation or a monthly contribution to the ongoing work that is needed. Your contribution makes you part of the Peterborough Humane Society family and we need our family to continue to grow for the sake of animals such as Gus.

We wish you a warm and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Wendy Ryan
Executive Director



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