



THE PANTRY POST

Q1 2025 Newsletter

A New Year, A Grateful Heart

Dear Clients, Donors, and Community,

As we close out 2024, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible impact you've made and express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of Companion Pets of Cleveland.

Thanks to your generosity, we've made an incredible impact on pets and their families in need:

- Distributed **15,559.5 pounds** of kibble, **11,886 cans** of wet food, and countless essential supplies like pet beds, bowls, crates, and toys.
- Supported a **97% increase in animal enrollment**, driven by reduced SNAP benefits that have left many families struggling to afford pet food.
- Continued our partnership with VIP Petcare to provide **361 vaccinations**, perform **119 heartworm and FIV/FelV tests**, and implant **63 microchips** to keep pets healthy and safe.
- Launched the **Spay It Forward sponsorship program**, which funded **8 spays** and **8 neuters** in 2024, with more already scheduled for 2025.

These achievements are only possible because of your kindness. Whether you've donated food, volunteered, or shared our mission, you've helped ensure our pantry remains a lifeline for families in need.

Looking ahead to 2025, we're excited to expand our reach, ensuring no pet goes hungry and every family can care for their beloved companions with dignity. Together, we can continue making a lasting impact.

Wishing you and your loved ones, both two-legged and four-legged, a joyful and prosperous new year. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

With gratitude,

Bob Stevens

Founder, Companion Pets of Cleveland

In this newsletter you can expect:

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What's New

Website Updates

As many of you have likely already noticed, we did a major overhaul of our website this year. If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, please do. Here are some of the exciting new additions you'll find:

- **About Us:** [Learn about our mission](#) to keep pets happy, healthy, and in their homes. Check out the *Our Impact* section for quarterly pantry stats.
- **Pet Care Resource Library:** Access a growing [collection of tips and advice](#) to help you care for your furry friends. [Subscribe](#) to our site to be the first to know when new resources are added.
- **Events Page:** Get details on upcoming [events](#) like our Kitten Shower in March, including how to RSVP, buy raffle tickets, and shop our wishlist.
- **TNR Resources:** We've added new resources for [Trap-Neuter-Return \(TNR\)](#) to help manage and support feral cat populations in our community. Learn how you can get involved or request assistance.
- **Nail Trimming Services:** We're excited to announce a new partnership with Mark (a Companion Pets of Cleveland volunteer and groomer) and his salon, [Grooming Easy](#), who will be offering affordable **nail trimming services** for your pets in a monthly clinic. Nail clips are just **\$10**, and grinding is available for **\$15**. Please reach out if you'd like to request an appointment.

Email Updates

We've also made improvements to streamline communication:

- **New Email Address:** Use info@companionpetsofcleveland.com for general inquiries.
- **Client Email List:** We've created clients@companionpetsofcleveland.com to better reach all clients. Thank you for your patience as we worked through test emails while improving operations!
- **Stay Connected:** Subscribe to our website to be the first to read new content and stay updated on everything happening at Companion Pets of Cleveland.

We're always working to improve how we share our mission with you. Check out the new updates and let us know what you think!



Exploring New Community Outreach Opportunities

At Companion Pets of Cleveland, we're always looking for ways to expand our impact and better serve pets and families in our community. In 2025, we're excited to explore new outreach opportunities that will help us connect with even more people.

Some of the ideas we're working on include:

- **Educational Workshops:** Providing pet owners with practical tips on topics like pet nutrition, behavior, and seasonal care.
- **TNR Education Programs:** Helping the community learn about and participate in Trap-Neuter-Return efforts to manage feral cat populations.
- **Community Fundraising Drives:** Collaborating with local schools, businesses, and groups to collect pet food, supplies, or funds for families in need.

We'd love to hear from you! Do you have an idea for a community event or want to get involved in planning and hosting? Reach out to us and share your thoughts—we value your input as we work to make 2025 our most impactful year yet.

Together, we can create new opportunities to support pets and strengthen our community.

Adoption Highlights: Finding Forever Homes

2024 was a big year for adoptions! Here are the pets who found their forever homes this year:

- Arlo (dog) - Adopted in March
- Honey Bea (dog) - Adopted in May
- Reilly (kitten) - Adopted in July
- Sweet Pea (dog) - Adopted in September
- Aladdin, Gaston, Jack Sparrow, Jasmine (kittens) - Adopted in October
- Bilbo (kitten), Goose (dog) - Adopted in November
- Ginger (dog) - Adopted in December

Stay tuned for heartwarming photos and stories about these lucky pets in our next update!





VIP Clinic Update: Making a Difference for Pets

Over the past quarter, our VIP clinics have continued to serve as a vital resource for pets and families in our community. These free vaccination clinics, held in partnership with VIP Petcare, ensure that pets stay healthy and protected against common diseases.

From October through December, we facilitated:

- **101 vaccinations** to protect pets from preventable diseases.
- **27 heartworm and FeLV/FIV tests** to keep pets safe and healthy.
- **14 microchips** to help ensure lost pets can be reunited with their families.

These efforts have brought peace of mind to countless families and helped prevent illness and heartbreak in our community.

We want to thank our amazing volunteers and the families who trust us to support their pets. Together, we're making Northeast Ohio a healthier, happier place for pets and their families.

Stay tuned for updates, and if you want to learn how to get your pet scheduled for a VIP clinic, visit our [website](#) or reach out to us directly for more information.

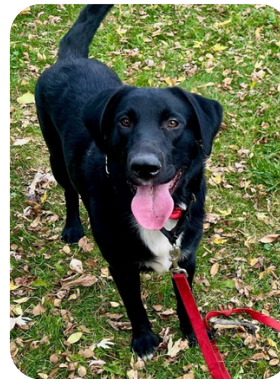
Spay It Forward: Spay/Neuter Sponsorship Program

Every pet deserves the chance to live a healthy, happy life, and with your support, we're making that a reality! Through our **Spay It Forward sponsorship program**, we've already sponsored **8 spay surgeries** and **8 neuter surgeries** in 2024—helping reduce the number of homeless animals in our community and improving the health and well-being of pets and their families.

For just \$41, you can sponsor a spay or neuter surgery for a pet in need. This small but powerful act addresses overpopulation and helps create a brighter future for animals and the families who love them.

Your sponsorship doesn't just help one pet—it helps prevent countless others from entering shelters or living on the streets. Together, we're building a healthier, more compassionate community, one pet at a time.

Ready to make a difference? Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the program and see how your generosity can change lives.



Pets who've benefited from the the Spay It Forward program so far. Finn (left) and Tiger (right)

Exciting New Partnerships for 2025!

We're kicking off the new year with exciting partnerships that will help us make an even greater impact in our community.

- **Pet Supplies Plus (Lakewood):** This year, we'll be partnering with their team to host adoption events and donation drives, bringing pets and families together while collecting much-needed supplies.
- **Giant Eagle (Snow Rd., Parma):** This location is now a donation hub for pet supplies, making it easier than ever for community members to contribute and support local pets in need.

These collaborations are just the beginning of what's to come in 2025. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved with these amazing partners as we continue working together to support pets and their families!

Holiday Giving Tree Brings Joy to Pets in Need



This holiday season, Companion Pets of Cleveland partnered with Pet Supplies Plus in Lakewood to bring our community together through a special **Giving Tree** initiative.

Supporters selected ornaments from the tree, each featuring a wishlist item, and generously purchased those items to support pets and families in need.

Santa Run 2024: Spreading Holiday Cheer

In December, we hosted our annual Santa Run, and what an incredible day it was! This festive event was filled with joy, laughter, and holiday magic as we brought cheer to our amazing clients and their furry companions.

Thanks to our incredible volunteers, we were able to deliver holiday supplies, pet food, and plenty of smiles to families in need. The festive spirit was truly contagious, and the day reminded us of the power of community and kindness during the holiday season.

We're so grateful to everyone who participated—whether you volunteered, donated, or simply shared in the holiday spirit. Events like this remind us of the difference we can make when we come together to support one another.

Here's to many more moments of love, laughter, and compassion as we continue this journey together!



Get Ready for Our Virtual Kitten Shower!

Spring is just around the corner, and so is kitten season! To prepare for the influx of kittens that need care, Companion Pets of Cleveland is hosting a **Virtual Kitten Shower in March**, and we'd love for you to join us.

This fun and interactive event will support our efforts to provide supplies, medical care, and food for kittens in need. Here's how you can get involved:

- **RSVP to the Shower:** [Click here to RSVP](#) and be part of this special event, where we'll share how your support makes a difference for kittens in need.
- **Shop Our Wishlist:** [View our Wishlist](#) to purchase essential items like kitten formula, food, and blankets to help us prepare for kitten season. If you purchase something from our wishlist, be sure to let us know so you can be entered into the raffle!
- **Enter the Raffle:** [Enter the Raffle Here](#) for a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card—all proceeds go directly toward helping kittens thrive.

All the details, including RSVP links, wishlist information, and raffle entry, can already be found on our website's [Events](#) page and on [Facebook](#), so check them out today!

We're also thrilled to announce that 2025 will bring even more **fundraising events** to help us expand our reach and provide vital resources for pets and their families. Be sure to follow us on social media and check out the website often for more details!

Your support makes it all possible, and we can't wait to share these exciting opportunities with you. Together, we'll continue making a difference in the lives of pets in need.



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