



THE SCOOP

POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMALSHELTER NEWSLETTER

Adopt A Friend Today!

For more information on any of these animals, please call the shelter @ 802-754-2228 or fill out an application!



Suki is a female 2-year-old pitty mix. She is an energetic gal who loves to zoom around! She plays incredibly well with other dogs, and she even tailors her playing style to their level of comfort.

Spice is a female 5-year-old domestic shorthair. Spice is a sweet kitty who loves interacting with humans. She gets along very well with other kitties too! Spice loves soft surfaces and little nooks to hide out in for a nap.



Nova is a female 10-year-old domestic shorthair. She's a very calm girl and likes to spend most of her days snoozing in cozy spots. She's a loving girl who will greet you

with soft meows. She qualifies for our Senior Incentive Program.

Princess is a female 3-year old domestic shorthair. She loves attention from us, and enjoys the company of other cats. Princess is a special needs kitty- she is on a special diet, and must remain on that for her lifetime. She will provide a home with an abundance of love!



Ozzy is a male 5-year-old pitty mix. He is as sweet as can be. He is the best of both worlds; he loves to cruise around the yards, going as fast as he can, and he also enjoys being a couch potato. Ozzy is looking for a home where he can be the only animal.



Home is where his heart is ... Tanner

When two year old Tanner arrived at Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter in the summer of 2019, it became apparent that life hadn't been easy for him. Staff and volunteers had to go slow with him in order to gain his trust. As Tanner became familiar with a routine and the people that cared for him each day, he began to relax and his playful and tender side started to shine through. He would greet staff each morning and smother our faces with licks and kisses. At night, he would often be found cuddling with a favorite volunteer. He felt safe with us, and his group of adoring Tanner fans grew quite large. As much as we loved seeing his smiling face, we knew it wasn't 'home', and we needed to find Tanner a forever family, where he could get all of the belly rubs and snuggles he could ever wish for. We were ready to help him start his exciting next chapter. This, however, proved more difficult than expected. Tanner had trust issues when meeting new people, which made it difficult for visitors to see his true personality. This playful, spunky guy, who had so much love to give, was nervous and fearful whenever he encountered an unfamiliar face. Time marched on, and Tanner was still at the shelter at his one year mark. We knew we had to find a way to help him thrive outside of the shelter life he had become accustomed to.

We enrolled Tanner in classes at Off the Beaten Trail Training Facility in Newark, Vt., where he learned valuable socialization skills and worked on his 'stranger danger' issues. Staff and volunteers also attended workshops at the same training facility, where we practiced strategies to help promote stability and learned ways to take preventive action before Tanner's meet/greets with new people. We became very familiar with canine body language, which helped us evaluate how dogs, particularly Tanner, were feeling. We tailored our introductions with Tanner to reduce moments of tension and promote success. While we achieved much in helping Tanner's growth, Tanner found himself still at the shelter...now just shy of the two year mark. He had also been through two foster homes in that second year, and we gathered even more information about Tanner from these valuable stepping stones. We were getting close!

The phone rang... It was a woman who had some time ago, seen Tanner's picture and description in the Newport Daily Express 'Featured Pets' section. Something about Tanner struck her, and she kept his picture. She wasn't ready for a second dog at that time in her life, but for some reason, tucked away that picture. A year and a half later, she found the picture again, and she and her husband decided to call the shelter in the off chance that he was still there. To her astonishment, he was! She said to her husband, "I think Tanner is supposed to be part of our family". After several phone



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conversations, emails, and a thorough application process, we wondered if we should pinch ourselves. Could this really be...his ship coming in?

The initial meeting between Tanner and these special people was planned meticulously and followed. It didn't take long for all to realize that this was it. They were committed, they put the time in. No matter how many visits it was going to take...slow and steady, they were ALL IN! Their efforts had paid off. Tanner had found his family! In the summer of 2021, Tanner's very own paw-parazzi gathered to send him off to this next journey of his life!

For Tanner, home is now a warm safe place with his comfy bed, lots of tennis balls, healthy food, and a caring family who gives him all the love he deserves. His mom and dad share that Tanner's days are filled with romping around the yard carrying a tennis ball in his mouth. He loves his backyard and exploring nature with his canine sister, Helix. After a fun filled day of playing, he is often found asleep on the porch with his nose rested on the cross bar. He once was awakened from his afternoon snooze by a Great Heron flying a few feet over his head. His family watched an entranced Tanner, so fascinated by this large, mystical, beautiful bird. They realized that Tanner is so in awe and so grateful for his world that he passes it on to them. They call it the 'Tanner Effect'. His mom tells us, "The Tanner Effect is how we describe how he changed each of us for the better. We thought we were adding to the quality of his life only to find out he contributes much more to ours. We fall in love with Tanner more every day. Tanner was the missing piece to our family."

We are so incredibly grateful for all of the people who worked hard to help Tanner along the way. Most of all, we are thankful for his loving family, who were willing to do whatever it took to make his adoption successful. Tanner is now living his BEST life ever!!!



Volunteer Spotlight ... Sadie Collins

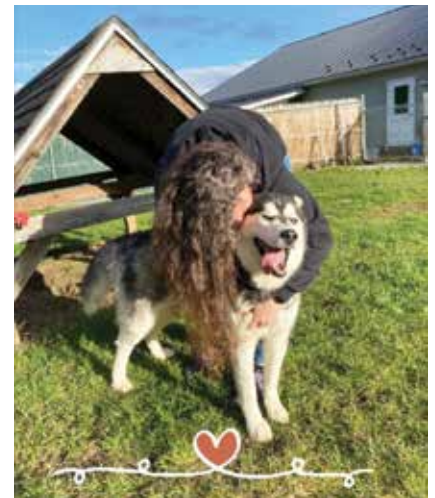
Volunteers are an integral part of every animal shelter. In fact, shelters could not exist without their help! They roll up their sleeves every day to help us provide the love, care, and support for our animals while waiting for a loving family. Sadie Collins is an example of just why we LOVE our volunteers so much!

Sadie has been involved with Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for the past eight years! It is simply not possible to convey one specific role when it comes to Sadie, as her talents and gifts are many. Most of the time, she is behind the scenes in the shelter world. We can always tell when Sadie has been in a room. It has her signature all over it! Beds and blankets are arranged just so, color coordinated, with just the right amount of fluff for cats to nestle into and knead with their paws. There will be a soft, fleece hammock, creatively rigged under a chair, where a cat can rest comfortably in his or her own space. She is a laundry wizard, a cat cuddler, a dog walker, and an overall worker bee. What Sadie is best known for, however, is using her gifts as a talented photographer to snag the best candid shots of our furry adoptable friends!

When Sadie first entered the shelter scene, she could see that some animals find shelter life a bit overwhelming. As she learned of their stories, particularly the ones having had more of their share of challenges, Sadie became heavily invested in helping them in their journey to a new life. She would sit with the animals, caress them and sing to them, giving them the time they needed to feel comfortable and helping them to build confidence. As she spent time with each animal, she thought of the commercials she'd seen on TV, portraying the animals in a sad state, invoking pity. Melancholy music usually accompanied these commercials, and she wondered if there was another way, a better way, to shine a light on the plight of these shelter animals. Using her passion for exemplary photography, Sadie transformed her compassion into action!

Sadie showcases the animals in the most creative ways, seeking to pique the interest of potential adopters. Her photos and videos leave viewers with quite an unusual feeling...one of intrigue, seeing a hint of the animal's personality, and wanting to know more. Many community members have stated that they go on the site more often because it's fun to see the beautiful photos and fun-loving videos. Sadie uses catchy phrases and captures the perfect poses to showcase the animals' personality traits. Many forever families have been formed as a result of seeing one of Sadie's posts...and taking that next step.

We thank you, Sadie, for all of the ways that you give of yourself, and for the unique ways that you help to spread love and awareness to our little shelter in the heart of the Northeast Kingdom. We are eternally grateful for you and we love you!!!





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Happy New Year! Holly Jolly! Best Wishes!



Please put the PMFAS on your holiday gift giving list!

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is financed entirely by adoption fees, fund raisers, and donations from animal lovers like you. Because we are a primarily volunteer organization, almost every penny goes directly toward the rescue and care of the animals.

In 2021, over 350 pets were adopted from our shelter. Please help our dogs and kitties this holiday season. The average cost to provide medical care, shelter and food, before being adopted into a home and family, is in excess of \$350 per animal.

Please help us with a holiday donation.



YES! I would like to support the PMFAS in caring for the unwanted, abandoned, stray, neglected and abused animals. Here is my tax deductible gift.

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