from the president

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HAPPY TAIL | helen

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After being with CAHS for almost two months, Helen was adopted! Her new mom provided the following update:

As soon as I saw her I was smitten! When I got her home and put her in her room, she immediately hid under the couch. I was told she was a social eater, so at meal time, I would sit with her. It didn’t take her long to sit on my lap for attention. After a week, she was ready to venture into the rest of the house. She simply amazed me! She just wandered around slowly, gently bumping into things. It took her about a week to navigate her way from the front of the house to the back, without running into anything. She has been with me for three months, and she now rules the roost! She plays with crinkle balls, and her favorite toys are a catnip banana and pickle. Occasionally, she will do zoomies, and she likes to jump out of hiding to grab my legs. She is the sweetest, goofiest, most loving kitty, and I’m so glad I took a chance with her! I’m IN LOVE!

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Virtual Walk for the Animals a Success!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Walk for the Animals went virtual this year on October 3! Thank you to everyone who participated and attended our first livestreamed online event. Large from 97.5FM helped us feature adoptable pets, held doggy ice cream eating and pet costume photo contests, and more during our online fundraiser.


Happy Tail

Anastasia, a 2-year-old white Persian, came to CAHS as a transfer from another rescue organization, after she was found as a stray. She had thinning fur on her leg and over her eye, as well as multiple abrasions over her entire body. During her intake medical exam, our veterinary staff noted that she seemed short of breath. We ordered chest radiographs from a nearby veterinary clinic, which revealed Anastasia had a pericardial diaphragmatic hernia, and needed emergency surgery. This is a condition where the abdominal contents, such as intestines, are moved into the sac that surrounds the heart.

Our staff veterinarian, Dr. Jamie Morrison, found a surgeon in Flint willing to perform this difficult surgery on a Friday evening, and drove Anastasia to Flint herself that night.

Anastasia’s surgery was a success! After healing for a few weeks in Dr. Morrison’s house, Anastasia was adopted into her forever home by one of our long-time supporters, Scott. **We wish to send a huge thank you to Dr. Morrison for going above and beyond for Anastasia, Scott for opening his home to her, and to all of you who, through your generous support, allowed us to save Anastasia.**