



Second Chance for Pets Network

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Local animal rescue walks into its eighth anniversary

On Feb. 2012, Second Chance 4 Pets Network first saw the light after its founder JoAnn Palko decided to start a new animal rescue organization and run it uniquely. SC4Pets held hundreds of different pets in many foster homes waiting for the right forever home.

“I decided to start a new rescue, after volunteering somewhere else, because I could run things in a way that I knew they should have been run,” said Palko. “Things like spaying and neutering animals before they are adopted out and little more oversight by checking people who are adopting and to make sure they are responsible.”

Pets’ overpopulation is a huge concern for SC4Pets, which lead the organizations’ mission to control it and to spread the knowledge of its impact in the community.

“Not everyone is cut out to rescue because it can be very stressful, can consume your life and can be heart-breaking at times,” said Palko. “However, rescuing animals from a bad situation and secure them with a loving home makes it worthwhile. We say they [Pets] hit the adoption’s lottery.”

SC4Pets have around 25 fosters who volunteer their time and efforts just to make a difference.

“Volunteers in this rescue are viewed more as friends than co-workers,” said Palko. “People in the organization have one goal to reach, which is to bring animals to loving homes.”

“On December, I decided it was time to foster after adopting two cats because I felt that helping animals is a very rewarding thing to do,” said Traci Lang, SC4Pets’s foster.

Second Chance 4 Pets Network is a 501(c) (3) non-profit animal rescue organization committed to helping people help animals. More information can be found on their website SC4Pets.org.

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Photo one caption: SC4Pets's adoption event at SouthLake Mall.



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Pet adoptions are unexpectedly raising during COVID-19

The COVID-19 situation and Indiana stay-at-home orders have increased pet adoptions at Second Chance 4 Pets Network, a leading no kill rescue organization based in Whiting, Ind.

The rescue's pet population has decreased as people are welcoming pets in their homes despite the once uncertain fear that they can spread the virus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined there is no evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19 to humans, a position confirmed by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Meanwhile, CDC suggests that people who are suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, should restrict contact with their pets.

SC4Pets has postponed all activities, including adoptions, to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The animal rescue is now offering an online version of applications and looking for local residents who are willing to adopt or foster pets.

"Since we cannot do in-store adoption events, we have had to look at different ways of marketing our pets including online-adopting applications and social media," said JoAnn Palko, president and founder of SC4Pets. "If a person is interested in a particular pet, our fosters can send videos to keep them close enough to see their chosen pets."

While most people are in quarantine, Palko believes this could be an opportunity to share a home with a loving fluffy pet.

"My daughter Lyric and I are excited to bring Louie [an adopted cat] home and I wish that we could take all these cats," said Markel Artwell, an adopter from Calumet City, Illinois.

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Photo one caption: Markel and Lyric Artwell with their cat Louie.



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A successful rescue mission for a cat with six kittens

On a cold snowy night, Second Chance 4 Pets Network recently rescued a mama cat and her six new-born kittens in Portage, Ind.

The cat and her babies were found and rescued by a neighbor family. They were hiding in the mulch where it was hard for them to survive.

“I had just gotten home from a Second Chance 4 Pets board meeting,” said Stacy Mosca, board member. “It was about 8:30 p.m. when I received a Facebook message from a local family in Portage saying that they found a mama cat and her babies in the yard.”

The mama cat with her beautiful two-day-old kittens were under a bush. The family had put a box covered with a blanket next to them to protect them from the snow and the low temperature.

“We needed to get the babies inside for warmth,” said Mosca. “They were separated, and their mother was not near them.”

Mosca then got the kittens inside a box at the founder’s garage with a can of tuna next to it. The mama cat slowly walked around the box very insecure. After a couple of unpeaceful attempts, the mama cat and the babies were reunited the next day.

Megan Noort, foster and board member, is now taking care of them, because she has a degree in animal science and worked as a veterinary technician for over 20 years. The mama cat and the six babies are healthy, happy and safe in Noort’s home with her husband, Terry Noort, and her three kids: Kali, Korbin and Kodi.

“We love them just like they are our own babies. We want to make sure that they are safe for the rest of their lives,” said Noort. “The mom is pretty young herself and having babies at that age is pretty rough. That is why it is important for you to spay and neuter your pet.”

“The mama cat and the babies will be ready for adoption when the babies turn to three months old,” said Noort.

“The dumb things we do for love,” said Terry Noort, who is allergic to cats but continued to help his wife, Megan Noort, with fostering for SC4Pets.

“We go through a lot of ups and downs, but we have a wonderful group of volunteers that I am grateful to work with,” said JoAnn Palko, president and founder of SC4Pets. “The animals are loved and cared for before they go to their adoptive homes.”

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Photo one caption: Megan and Kodi Noort with the rescued cats



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Pets Showcase and Adoption Opportunities by Second Chance 4 Pets Network

Second Chance 4 Pets Network invites the community to join them on Feb. 15, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for an adoption event that will take place at Southlake Mall in Hobart, Ind.

The event will showcase pets available for adoption and fundraising to help the organization continue to rescue animals.

“There is no greater satisfaction for us than to see these animals find warm and loving homes. Our ultimate goal is to have a great home and a loving family for our animals,” said JoAnn Palko, president and founder of SC4Pets.

SC4Pets is celebrating its eighth anniversary this month and happily announcing that the organization has placed 151 pets for adoptions in 2019.

“Our events are not only about adoptions. We also raise awareness about the need for foster families and the importance of spay and neutering your pets. We are always looking for volunteers,” said Stacy Mosca, board member.

The organization provides community education, re-homing assistance and adoption programs.

“We had fostered a dog two years ago and it was hard for us to give it to another family, so we decided to adopt our own pets. We found our two adult cats, Sasha and Snatch, in an online post by Second Chance 4 Pets. We believe that adopting adult pets is a better way to go because adult cats have a harder time finding homes,” said Amy Kranz, second-time adopter. “When our cat entered the house, it was scared at first. My partner Cheyenne and I felt great to watch the trust growing between us and our cat within two months. It has been such a great experience that we came again to adopt a new cat” said Matt, second-time adopter.

“Having animals in your life is a rewarding experience and this is what pushes me every day to help SC4Pets,” said Jessica Compton, board member.

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Join Second Chance 4 Pets Network for PetSmart's National Adoption weekend

Second Chance 4 Pets Network invites the community to join them on March 1, and March 8, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for an adoption event that will take place at PetSmart in Hobart, Ind.

The event will showcase pets available for. The organization also provides community education, re-homing assistance and T-N-R programs.

“There are a lot of wonderful cats and dogs that are available for adoption through rescues,” said JoAnn Palko, president and founder of SC4Pets. “All of our animals are spayed and neutered and completely vetted before they are adopted out.”

PetSmart charities will donate \$30 to SC4Pets for every pet adoption during National Adoption Weekend event, which starts Feb. 28 and ends March 1.

“For every animal you adopt, an animal is being taken off the streets or saved from a kill-shelter,” said Palko. “Instead of buying from pet store, you can adopt from a rescue or shelter and save a life.”

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