



Happy Holidays & Thank You for Your Support!

We sincerely appreciate your being there during these stressful years dominated by COVID. Without you, we could not help animals in all the ways we do!

Though we are not a rescue organization, we respond when we encounter an animal in distress. That was the case on an icy, windy day in mid-March.



Sammy waits for a forever home.

A NYSHA volunteer made a follow-up visit to a mobile home park to ensure that an owned dog had been neutered through a low cost spay/neuter program. As she left the home, the volunteer heard meowing nearby. She saw a small, black kitten huddled beneath the steps of a nearby trailer. The kitten looked about 8 weeks old, very thin, with crusted eyelids. The volunteer picked the kitten up and tucked it into her jacket for warmth. What was this kitten doing out in this weather? Did the kitten belong to someone here? The volunteer knocked on the doors of several homes in the mobile park to ask. The answers were no, no, and no.

She brought the kitten home and called the NYSHA office for help. The kitten's next stop was the veterinarian's office to ensure there were no fatal feline diseases present. Incredibly, other than being loaded with fleas and worms, sporting dirty fur, and looking half-starved and dehydrated, this now-confirmed-male kitten was sound.

The volunteer agreed to foster him and after cleaning him up, de-fleaing and deworming him, began calling him Sammy – the name stuck. As Sammy regained his strength, he became an affectionate and spirited little boy and a good companion. Now he needed a forever home. To find one, a NYSHA Board member placed several adorable photos of him on Pet Finder. Sammy was a hit.

Several people in the area wanted to adopt him, so home visits were in order. And though the homes seemed nice, the circumstances were not quite right for Sammy. Then along came a query from a woman who had recently lost her longtime cat companion and missed her badly. Enough time had passed, and she now was ready to give another kitty a home and felt Sammy might be the one for her.

After an initial home visit, the volunteer brought Sammy, now neutered and vetted, along on the next visit, and it was obvious – he had found his forever home. Sammy's new guardian has been delighted with him and has stayed in touch with NYSHA. She said that Sammy made her house a home again – an innate talent that all companion animals possess.

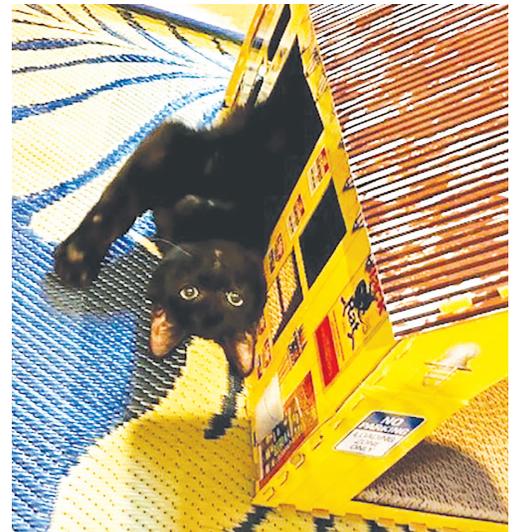
Serendipity, or perhaps fate, saved this kitten. Had the couple not gotten their dog neutered, had the volunteer not gone that day, had she not heard the kitten cry out, Sammy most likely would have died from the cold, starvation, and fleas. Sammy is one lucky boy.

NYSHA works for animals year-round. We need your support to enable us to continue the important work we do: advocating for animal protective legislation, conducting workshops on important animal issues, coordinating assistance between humane organizations to bring relief to animals in cruelty cases, rendering assistance on cruelty cases, and on occasion performing a hands-on rescue of a helpless animal.

We can't do it without YOU! Please help us help animals with your continued generosity!

We wish you peace and love for the Holiday Season!

The Board, Staff, and Volunteers of NYSHA



Sammy, happy in his new digs.

"A cat makes all the difference between coming home to an empty house and coming home."

– Author Unknown

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