



PET SPOTLIGHT

A gray and black Pomeranian named Gumbo arrived at CT Humane Society and didn't really understand how to be a dog. He didn't get to experience things like most pups do at his age. He was showing signs of anxiety – a feeling of extreme worry or uneasiness. Gumbo spent a lot of time with CHS' behavior team in order to learn how to trust people. Together, Gumbo and the behavior team worked little by little to build up his confidence. After a few months he was ready to put his new skills to work in his new home.



VALENTINE SAFETY TIPS

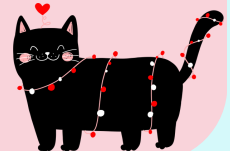
Keep chocolate and sweet treats away from pets as they can make them sick.



Some flowers and plants can be dangerous to pets. Want to learn what plants are harmful? Visit: CThumane.org/plant



Watch out for pets who enjoy decorations or gift wrap. Ribbon, string, tape and wrapping paper can become harmful if swallowed.



A LOOK AT 2023



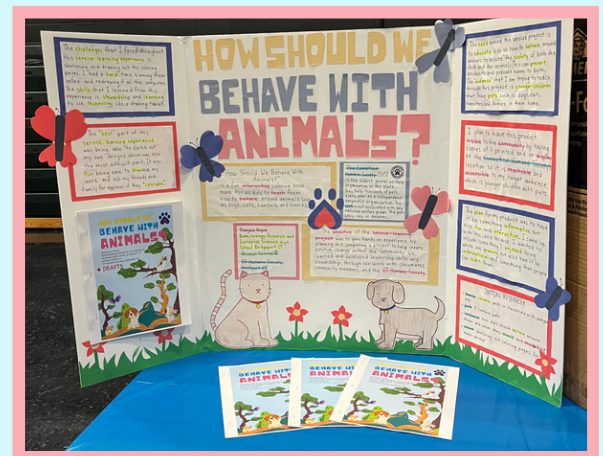
1,792 pets were adopted from Connecticut Humane Society in 2023.

STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Take notice! For the last few years, CT Humane Society has partnered with students at Fairchild Wheeler Magnet School in Bridgeport to participate in CHS' Service Learning Experience. This program is designed to increase awareness of different animal welfare issues in Connecticut. Using what they learned from discussions with CHS staff, educational programs and an on-site tour of a CHS Adoption Center, students created a service project that would have a lasting impact on the pets and people CHS serves. Below are just a few of the many projects students participating in the program have worked on:



- Pamphlets to help adopters learn the ins and outs of dog and cat care
- Resources for new pet parents
- A brochure to help families learn about fostering a pet
- A trifold poster on how to behave with animals – pictured to the right.



WRITING TO A PET



Create a Valentine's Day card to share with your pet. Write what makes your pet special and read it to them. If you don't have a pet at home, you can make a card for a shelter pet!



Mail your cards to: CT Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111 Attention: Outreach or email your card to: Outreach@CTHumane.org. Once the card arrives, we will share it with a pet at CHS.

SHOWING YOUR PET LOVE

Showing your pet love is easy. Providing them with their basic needs is a great way to get started. Follow these tips to show your pet you care.

- ♥ Provide them with fresh food and water every day.
- ♥ Supply toys that allow them to have fun and stay busy.
- ♥ Spend time together. This includes play time, pets and simply being with them.
- ♥ Give them time by themselves.
- ♥ Make a bed or area that is just for them.
- ♥ Keep their space clean and tidy.
- ♥ Always be kind and gentle.



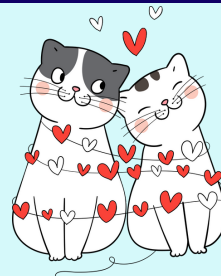
What are some ways you show love and kindness to pets?

HEART-SHAPED SNACKS

Add a little fun and love to your pets' favorite fruits and veggies! Use a heart-shaped cookie cutter or mold to make their favorite treat extra special for Valentine's Day. Some fruits and vegetables can be harder to cut than others. Always ask an adult's permission before using kitchen tools and don't forget to do your research to make sure the fruits and veggies you picked are safe for your pet.



JOKE OF THE DAY



What did one cat say to the other cat on Valentine's Day?

TRIVIA



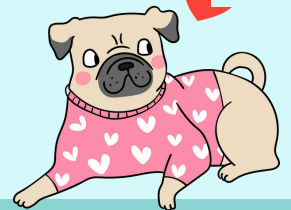
Out of the five senses: taste, touch, sight, smell, and hearing, what sense are puppies born without?

ACTIVITY

Directions: Search for the items that are listed on the side to help the pup get ready for his new home and color each item he needs red.



- Love (hearts)
- Collar
- Leash
- Food and water bowl
- Bed
- Treats
- Dog toy



Trivia answer: Hearing

Joke of the Day: You're purr-fect.

