

# PET LIFE

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Miya | Photo by Joyce B. Comer



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*A Note from Executive Director James Bias*

## Unleashing Inner Strength

Many pets who come to CHS have had their share of hard times. Whether it's the stress of leaving a family they love behind, or dealing with the trauma that can come from living as a stray for a while, or an untreated medical issue that needs seeing to, pets who come to CHS often need a lot of TLC before they're ready to move on to their next home.

Recovering, coping, or even simply learning to trust again takes a lot of strength, both mental and physical! And another wonderful thing about helping to heal hurting pets is that once they're ready to join a new family, they often become a pillar of strength in their new home.

Take Miya and Fluffinator for example: two pets who demonstrated strength day in and day out in the shelter as they dealt with illness and disability. Today they're happy at home, both leaning on their humans for love and allowing their humans to lean back on them for the same.

Read their stories on the following page, and know that you fueled their recovery, rehabilitation, and all of the pats and purrs—and you even got them adopted into wonderful families!

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Miya | Photo by Joyce B. Comer

## Miya's Big Heart

Heartworm treatment is a hard process. For Miya, it meant months of injections and medications, and very limited playtime. And for the big, young German Shepherd, the limited playtime was the worst part of it all! But she was strong, and brave, and she knew the team at CHS was looking out for her best interests.

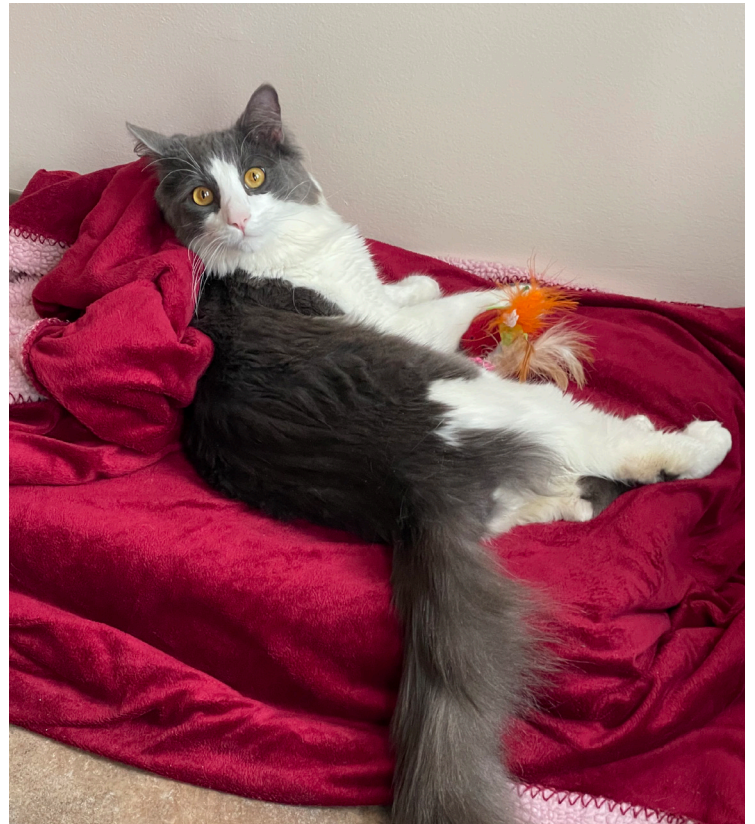
When Miya's previous family had fallen ill and was no longer able to care for her, they brought her to CHS so that she could get all the care she needed. Anxious about the change, she started off in the shelter rather shy. So in addition to the medical team's efforts to get her physically stronger, the behavior team also worked with Miya to build up her trust and allow her to relax more around new people.

And her transformation on both fronts was incredible! After being cleared for adoption, someone who'd loved German Shepherds his whole life stepped forward to bring Miya home, and now she gets to join him for hikes—and best of all, spend as much time with him playing as she could possibly want, in her very own fenced in yard!

## Finding Balance: Fluffinator

Found helpless on the roadside, Fluffinator couldn't find his balance and clearly needed help. After New London Animal Control scooped him off the street and nobody stepped forward to claim him, they brought him to CHS so that the medical team could determine the cause of his wobbliness and then find him a new home. Strength can look like a lot of different things, and it was undeniable that this little cat was a strong one. Despite his disability, Fluffinator never doubted himself, and between his endless enthusiasm for playtime and easily making his way up and down furniture in foster homes, there was nothing that could stop him.

This sweet year-and-a-half-old domestic medium hair spent a few months at CHS getting tested for various conditions that could have been causing his imbalance, all the while getting lots of love from animal care staff and his foster families. Once he was diagnosed with vestibular disease—a disturbance in the body's balance system—a few weeks of physical therapy, strength building, and anti-inflammatory medicines did wonders for him. Though Fluffinator will never be fully stable, he's certainly one of the strongest cats out there for never giving up and never being down. And today, Fluffinator's happy in his new home, chasing laser pointers and cuddling up with his new human companions!



Fluffinator | Photo by CHS Staff

# NEW ANIMAL RESOURCE CENTER COMING TO WILTON EARLY 2025



Interested in making an impact that will last for decades to come? Join the Together Forever campaign and close the final funding gap for the new animal resource center coming to Wilton later this year. Here are five different ways you can get involved:

1. Make a gift directly to the campaign
2. Host a party to support the pets
3. Bring friends on a hard hat tour of the active construction site
4. Ignite change on social media and share news about this project
5. Invite CHS to speak with your organization

Keep an eye out for updates to this life-changing project and for an official groundbreaking date at [CThumane.org/Wilton](http://CThumane.org/Wilton).

Scan to get involved!



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