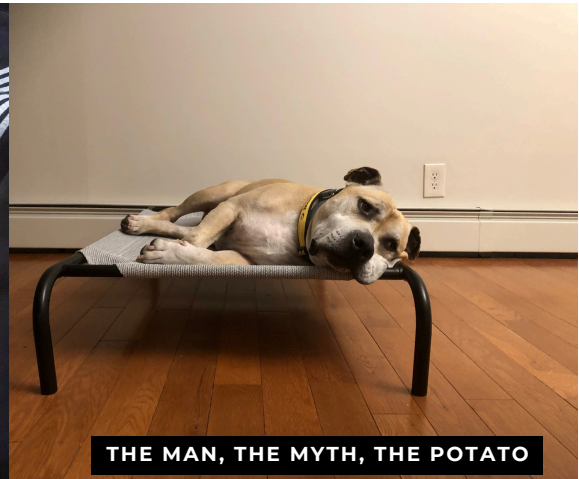

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Spud's Story



On June 24, 2021, CCHS got a few phone calls about a dog that was hanging around a boat launch site. The dog had been there for a couple of days, but no one was able to approach him. He was scared and looked to have a wound on his side. CCHS staff member Acacia grabbed our live trap and rushed to see what she could do for this poor dog. She got the trap set up, and as she was walking away, she turned back to look, and the dog had already gone inside! Within one minute, the dog who came to be known as Spud, was locked up tight and on his way to safety.

Thankfully, even though he was a big oaf who had a giant head and looked scary, Spud was happy, loving, and VERY food motivated. The wound on his side looked to be something that was inflicted by a blade of some sort. We got him all cleaned and stitched up, and then it was just about winning his trust. Spud adored every female he met and appreciated some men.

But some guys really spooked him, so for his safety and for the safety of others, he was muzzle trained. He went for walks, hung out with staff a lot, loved enrichment toys and was an all-around good boy. Spud met Jackie when she was going to MTU. She would visit the shelter and walk Spud every time. He loved his Jackie time, and we appreciated her loyalty to this big potato dog. Time flew by, and soon Spud was celebrating his 2nd anniversary at the shelter. While we adored him, it's never a good feeling to have any animal living their life in a shelter. Thankfully, Spud, as happy as ever, continued his day-to-day routine like it was completely fine and normal. In December 2023, Spud's Jackie graduated! We were so excited for Jackie, and even more excited knowing that she was going to come back to Houghton to adopt Spud. On January 28, 2024, after spending 948 days in the shelter, Spud left for his forever home!

Since then, we've gotten to see Spud get settled in his new home via his Instagram page ([spud_potato](#)). There have, of course, been struggles with adjusting to a new environment and routine, but Jackie never gave up on him, and both are doing so well. Some notes from Jackie:

- *He was completely potty trained. Not one accident.
- *He doesn't resource guard at all.
- *He is an angel in the car, and he absolutely loves car rides.
- *He doesn't seem to mind most loud noises, not even the loud trains that go by (though he's not a fan of thunderstorms).
- *He never begs at the table or in the kitchen at all, and never tries to counter surf.

He's been doing great meeting new people, he's doing much better with baths, and tolerated nail trims with a Dremel tool. He's even gone on vacation! He likes to go hiking and because he has stubby little legs, he has a new harness that helps with boosting him over obstacles he has difficulty getting over on his own.



Spud's Story Continued

We completely believe all animals that walk through our doors deserve a chance at something better, and the opportunity to find their "Jackie." While it was sad seeing Spud live at the shelter for so long, it was worth it to see him find his person in Jackie and go on to live an amazing and rewarding life.



Houghton Farmer's Markets

Every Tuesday all summer from 3-6 we have a table at the Houghton Farmer's Market on the Houghton Pier near the public library. We have our adoptable animals board and tons of fun stuff for sale including paintings made by our very own shelter animals, crocheted and knitted cat toys, scrunchies, and more!



Celebrating 50 years

2024 marks CCHS's 50th anniversary! In January we had our 50th anniversary dinner before our Raise the Woof Comedy Show. We're so incredibly thankful for our amazing, supportive community for enabling us to help so many animals over the years.

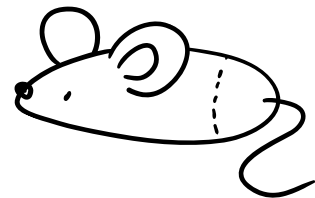
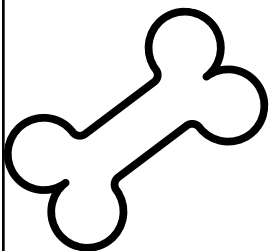


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50th Anniversary Shirts

In honor of our 50th anniversary, one of our volunteers made some adorable designs for shirts! They can be purchased on our Bonfire store and there are many colors and varieties of shirts from tee shirts to hoodies.

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Purrnelopy

Purrnelopy is our beloved office cat! This poor girl has been at the shelter longer than any of our other cats, and we don't understand why. She isn't fond of other animals, but she absolutely LOVES people! She's a lazy loaf for the most part, but she does have her playful streaks.



Smokey the Bear



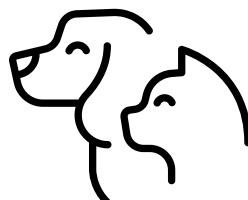
Cocolo

Cocolo is rocking her summer look! This sweet girl doesn't like other critters, but she absolutely loves every person she meets. She is the queen of belly rubs. Dog walkers rarely make it far before she tips over for a good tummy scratch. Wouldn't you like to make her a member of your family?



Midge

Midge is a sweet and spunky gal. She would prefer a calmer home with no other pets or young kids. She has her super needy moments, but she will let you know when she has had enough attention with a little bap or love nibble. She has quite the personality.



Keep your pets safe in the heat

- ALWAYS make sure your pet has fresh water available. When out for walks it's good to bring a bowl and some water.
- Pavement heats up and can cause burns on paw pads.
- NEVER leave your pet in a car! Pets can perish in as little as 5 minutes in a hot car.
- Limit exercise on hot days.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke: heavy panting, difficulty breathing, lack of coordination, vomiting, and more symptoms can be found on our source's website:

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/keep-pets-safe-heat>

Memorials & Honorariums November 7, 2023 - July 13, 2024

IN MEMORY OF PERSON

Anita Walikainen From Paulette Archambeau
Gary Sluman From Carol Waisanen
Mina Brotherton From Bob & Pam Lowney
Mina Brotherton From Mary Tarbox
Valery Longhini From Allison Helman, Dan & Sue Wohlleber, Marjorie Banovetz, Sierra Bishop, Rosemary-Schmidt Family, David & Denise Roeschke, Michelle Roeschke, Mary & Marty Jurgensen, Andrea & Guy Longhini, Charles & Christine Goodman, Christine Ahola, and Ian Helman
Dave Carlson From Pat Carlson
John Dee From Todd Krcma, Ronald Paavo, John Diebel, Loretta Schuster, Craig Pagel, Sandra Luehrs, Rebecca Saxton, Susan & Thomas Trisch and Brian & Karen Schmidt, Suzanne Houle, and Christine Pionk
Tom Monette From Okie
Alan Sunn From Doug & Shelby Hamar
Rachel Blau From Patty Peterson
Rachel Blau From Don & Carol Carli
Wilson Hoy From MaryFran Desrochers
Clark Pellegrini From Jo Ann, Julie, Bev & Families
Jeanne Rabine From Carol Waisanen
Steve Cotter From Sharlene Sliger, Anne Tikkanen, Jessica Cadeau, Jackie & Craig Miller, and Theresa Wilson
Bob Fiandt From David Watkins, James Pickens, and Julie Badel
Floyd Garrett From Betty & Bob Wareham
Grace Ala From Cindy Curry & Ron Eckart, Bruce & Susan Harter, Deb Maki, and Paul & Sandra Joosten
Hugo From Lisa Gordillo
Joseph Sayen From Lynn Latendresse
Henry From Kathleen Nestorak
Paul Lehto From Larry & Rachel Lankton,
Amy Sakkinen, UP Engineers & Architects,
Barbara Blondo, Jim & Eileen Balagna
Vera Stellberg From Philip Verville
Lucille Allwin From Mary Jo Ferguson
Ed Trancik From Jacqueline Trancik
Geraldine & Leo Foy From Linda & David Fredrickson
Hans Klar From Ruth & David Croze
Jon Ahola From Carole Ahola
Rodger Arola From NancyLu Arola
Skelly Ebben From Pam Berdal
Sally Gibbs Pam Berdal
Fred Bear Borgen From Nata Borgen
Fred Fritz Haase From Nancy Anderson
George Ross From Sherry Ross
Joe Sayen From Sherry Ross
Michael Wilmers From Barb Wilmers
Roger & Kay Masters From Robert McCarthy

Edith Marshall From Margaret & John Ylitalo
Martyn Smith From Marge Shannette
Melvin Braun From Thomas Braun
Wes Laitila From Sarah Laitila
Arthur L & Louise Kolehmainen From Arthur Kolehmainen
Thomas Poynter From Laurie & Robert Sullivan
Ron Helman From Lou Elyn Helman
Alison Spencer From Celeste & Tom Spencer
Betty White From Christine Hultquist
Sharon Rocchi From Barbara & Dennis Wiitanen
Sharon Rocchi From Mary & Ed Armstrong
Steve & Kerry Jampsas From Shirley Clark
Eileen Eskola Saari From Arthur & Dorothy Robbins
Gordon & Gloria Hietala From Kimberly & Don Sorvisto
Gordy Sellers From Karen & William Gibson
Norman & Dorothy Pidgeon From Mary Miatch
Wes Laitila From Susan Laitila
Estelle, Lydia, Eino, Paul Kempainen From Carol & Don Carli
Charles & Diane Roberts From Kay Roberts
Jeanne Rabine From Carol Waisanen
Marilyn Cusenza From Karen & Paul Kangas
Melanie Carlson From Dale & Judy Odgers
Rose Gemignani From Cheryl Gemignani
Rico Klobucarich From Valerie Klobucarich
Amber Aldrich From David Aldrich
Fred Gaabo From David Gaabo
Raymond Baril From Joann Donofrio
Russ Raymond From Jacqueline Trancik
Shane Odgers From Lynn & Mike Leino
Shirley Ceno From Sherrie Pellegrini
Charlotte Monette From Steve & Pauline Wuoti
Paul & Shirley Monette From Steve & Pauline Wuoti
Bob & Helen Bowden From Steve & Pauline Wuoti
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Paul Kempainen From Ann Kempainen
Bonnie Roytio From Thomas & Patricia Kaster
Patsy Korkko From Brenda & Allen Parkin-Wells
Martyn Smith From Nancy Leonard
Clark Pellegrini From Judy Nuottila & Larry Curtin

Don Chamberlain From Nancy Lishinski
Ed Trancik From Lavonne Shillington
Shane Odgers From Dale & Judy Odgers

IN MEMORY OF PET

Lilnky, Kitsalee, & Quincy From Rebecca Mount
Swooze From Frank Ozanich
Chewy From Gerard & Cynthia Quello
Lucy & Bear From Glenda Britz
Buttercup From Lisa Chappell
Sam From Larry & Rachel Lankton
Indy From Kathy St. Germain
Sifl From Holly Nemiroff
Zoey From Chuck Hartman
Ollie From Sharlene Sliger
Addy From Larry & Rachel Lankton
Cleone & Sasha From Linda Matthews
Serena, Joey & Dave From Julie Kent
Cricket Noem From Christine Hultquist
Roja & Dudley From Lisa Gordillo
Toki From Karen Andersen
Chewy From Gerard & Cynthia Quello
Raleigh From Elizabeth Benyi
Sam From Lisa Chappell
Raleigh From Kathy & Guy St. Germain
Raleigh From Mary & Dan Heinonen
Humphrey From Michael Meyer
Holly From Allison Maple
Jack & Marco From Michelle Danielson
Lucy & Bear From Glenda Britz
Emily Rose From Bernadette C. Hansen
Benji, Wesley, & Pi From Marjorie Marshall
Freddy From Linda & David Fredrickson
Norton Alexander Darling From Rebecca Darling
Bronson From Shea & Trudy McGrew
Apache, Bandit & Luckie From Debra Tolonen
Impi From NancyLu Arola
Abby From Ellen & James Lahti
Sundance From Joan Hyrkas
Lilly & Mini From Arleen Churan Morrissey
Taylor & Trixie From Carrie & Jason Tapani
Raleigh & Indy From Donna Rangus
Charlie From Jon Lehtinen
Squeakie From Sheryl & David Karnosky
Sophie From Carol & Patrick Marinich
Raleigh From Christine Chapman
Indy From Kathy Hendrickson
Duke From Edward & Colleen Lemler
Callie From Linda & Dennis Ward
Jepha From Phebe Vuorinen
Oscar From Sharlene Sliger
Twinkles, Penny, Tabby, Cindy, Wendy, & Dusty From Grace Wetton
Indy From Ann Kempainen
Indy From Christine Chapman
Mel From Rebecca Brown
Blizzard Zurcher From Sandra Zurcher
Casey From James & Eileen Balagna
Kibbles From Peggy Wadaga
Ollie From Kimberly Ault

Snoopy, Puddles, Beauford, & Ollie From Sarah Baratono
 Wrecks & Django From Elizabeth & Dale Fretland
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 Tyme From Becki & Kevin Clouthier
 Shady From Carol & David Waisanen
 Alec & Tommy From Jean Perala & Paul Kaurala
 Beauty From Donna MacIntosh
 Beech From Elizabeth Beaumont
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 Remi From Virginia Diroff
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 Puppy From Bruce Geroux

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 Miika & Reini From Nikki Fredianelli
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How to keep your cat from sneaking outside



- Spay or neuter your cat! There are not only health benefits, but their desire to roam will also decrease, because their hormones will not be telling them it's time to find a mate.
- One of the best things you can do to prevent your cat from wanting to sneak outside is to never allow them outside. Once they get a taste of being outside, they tend to want to get out more.
- If you want to allow your cat outside in a catio, it's great if you can connect the catio to your house, so you don't have to worry about getting them to it. If it's not, using a carrier to get them to it is one of the safest ways you can get them there.
- Always use a carrier or harness when bringing them to the vet or anywhere else.
- If you harness train your cat, make sure you are using a secure harness. When going for walks, CARRY them past the threshold. That way they don't learn that it is okay to walk out the door.
- Distract your cat when you are about to leave. Turn on an interactive toy or toss some treats in an area away from the door.
- Put a sign on your door warning people not to let the cat out.
- Use a deterrent at the door. You can purchase a motion-activated air sprayer and position it by the door. It emits a puff of air that is intended to scare the cat away from the door.
- While I don't typically encourage a spray bottle or intentionally scaring your cat, if they are really determined to get out spraying them with water when they approach the door or shaking a bottle with pennies in it can help.

Some things to do in case your cat does get outside:

- Make sure they are up-to-date on all their vaccinations.
- Keep your cat up-to-date with flea, tick, and heartworm preventative.
- Get your cat microchipped, so if they do get out, it's easier for their owner to be found even if their collar is lost.
- Put a breakaway collar on your cat with tags. The collar being able to break if they get stuck is essential. Cats are good at getting themselves into predicaments, and it is much better for the collar to break and be lost than for it to hurt your furry friend. This is why microchipping is so important, so they still have a way to identify them.
- Keep an up-to-date photo of your cat. If they get out, it's great to have a photo to put on posters and show people.

Source used:

<https://www.petsafe.com/blog/5-ways-to-keep-your-cat-from-escaping/>

Author: Rebecca Brink, CCHS Assistant Manager and ABC Certified Cat Trainer

Keeping cats indoors
keeps both your cat and
wildlife safe.



Lomas

This smiling creature is very shy at first, but once he warms up to you he is SO affectionate! He loves to get all the scratches and snuggles. Lomas also loves to play! He is quite the fan of tennis balls.



Dolly

This pretty lady is one of 10 cats we got from another UP shelter that was full. She is quite the purr machine and loves to get lots of pets. Other cats aren't her thing, but with how much love she has to give, she is all you need!



Ruger

Ruger is a very silly guy. He's always happy when he has his human friends around. Other animals aren't his thing, but he loves people, especially if they will give him belly rubs! He is a very loyal and protective boy, and he is even potty trained.



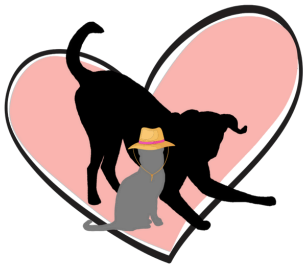
Moo

This goofy critter is Moo. He is a playful young guy who LOVES toys! He even takes one on his walks with him. Please no kitties for this guy, but he gets along with some other dogs and he loves kids! He's an energetic boy who loves to go for lots of walks.



The Big Phoon

The Big Phoon is a very shy guy at first, but once you are buddies, he is one of the sweetest babies ever. He gets along great with other cats and he also lived with a dog before. He needs someone who will be patient with him and give him time to come out of his shell, but that patience will be rewarded with a lifetime of love.



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Kiba celebrating Shark Week!

Cat Amazing was kind enough to send us some free enrichment toys! This kind you just assemble and add treats to it. Then cats like Ville here have to use their brains to get the treats out. Our cats love them!
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