



HUMANE URBAN GROUP

Improving the Lives of Community & Feral Cats

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BOTTLE FEEDING Mania!

It's one of our most heart-warming stories: Six newborn kittens were left at a feeding station in Great Neck on an extremely hot day last July. These poor, tiny creatures — only two days old — would not have lasted long in the intense heat. The temperature was a scorching 95 degrees and rising. Fortunately, the little kitties were discovered in time by the

feeders who come every morning with chow for the cat colony.

Humane Urban Group was immediately contacted and help was on the way. Each kitten received urgent care from HUG's amazing bottle-feeders, Marian and William, and was named after a character in



Above: Mittens was one of six kittens found at only two-days-old in Great Neck.

the Disney movie *Bolt* — Bolt, Blake, Ester, Mindy, Mittens, and Penny.

Lovingly nourished and sheltered, the six kittens grew stronger each day and soon had company. In August, HUG was contacted by The Cat Doctor, the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter, and the King's Point Police Department for

THANKS Lenore



TWENTY-THREE years ago Lenore Scalise took over as editor of the HUG newsletter. Now, as Lenore moves on, she takes with her our sincere thanks and appreciation for all she has done for HUG's cats. She also takes our very best wishes for the future!

assistance with three more newborn kittens that had been found in the street. Three weeks-old, they too needed to be nursed, so with the newly-named Alice, Tweedle Dee, and Tweedle Dum joining their fuzzy

group, Marian and William were soon bottle-feeding 'round the clock.

Humane Urban Group is now proud to report the very cool news that all nine kitties are thriving in wonderful homes!



Left: Tweedle Dee was found by the Kings Point Police.

The New Year Miracle



Last November, Leela was found at a feeding station in Great Neck with a serious eye infection and heart murmur. She immediately received medical treatment, but sadly still lost her eye. The good news: Leela healed and grew healthy, playful, and bursting with affection. She loved people, cats, dogs, and other animals, but due to her special needs, very few people were interested in adopting her. It was a miracle that she finally found an amazing home.

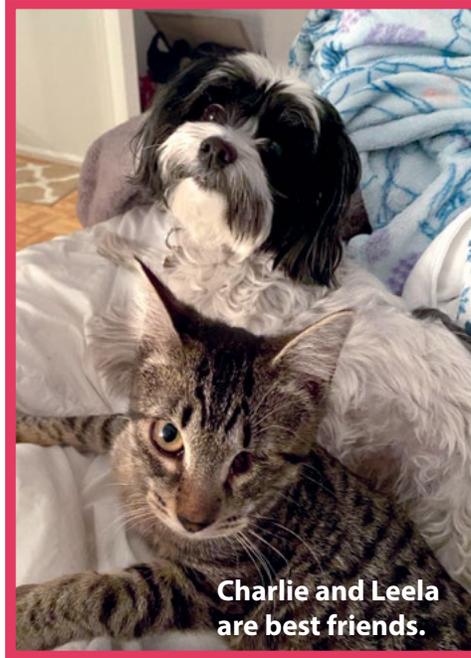
Leela's listing was discovered by a teacher named Allison who was searching online for a cat to adopt. Allison had grown up with kitties and is an avid animal activist who has been volunteering at shelters since she was a teen. During her college days, she was president of the

Animal Welfare Alliance and raised money for a shelter. The owner of a little dog named Charlie that really loves cats, Allison wanted to adopt a

purrball that felt the same way about pooches. So she contacted HUG about adopting Leela and the rest is history. Leela was delivered on New Year's Day and Charlie is now her new best friend.

Allison has shared Leela's story with her elementary school students, who thought the kitty was adorable and excitedly asked many questions about her. They were told about how Leela was rescued, her special needs, and the importance of "trap-neuter-return" and how it helps cats and the community. They also learned what the word feral means (wild;

not domesticated) — an excellent addition to their vocabulary and awareness!



Charlie and Leela are best friends.

In Memory Lee Lechner



"Every man's life ends the same way. It is only the details of how he lived...that distinguish one man from another." — ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Lee's dedication and sacrifice to help animals, especially cats, made him a distinguished, special friend to us all. In addition to being there for the critters, Lee supported the people within the community who shared his passion. Our days are dimmer without Lee's bright smile, laughter and wicked jokes. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten by HUG and so many others.



CURBSIDE DELIVERY

HUG almost always has kittens available for adoption even though we do not own a brick-and-mortar office space. We list all our kitties on the internet and correspond via email, text messaging, phone calls, and word-of-mouth. Before the pandemic, play dates were scheduled with prospective parents in person at a veterinarian's office. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, that option was no longer available, so owners had to first meet their kittens at delivery. But even with the challenges posed by the virus, we're happy to report that we've still had over 40 successful curbside deliveries!



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR WEBSITE?

GO TO HUMANEURBANGROUP.ORG

There is so much information and assistance at your fingertips on www.humaneurbangroup.org. Besides listing the latest kitties for adoption, our site has the latest news about ferals in our community. Humane Urban Group also offers excellent resources for trapping, trap-neuter return, economical veterinary care, local shelters, and so much more. You can learn what to do if you've lost your pet or find someone else's, and how to make a winter shelter for a cat or where to buy one. You'll find tips, skills and techniques to help you domesticate a feral kitten or keep kitties out of your vegetable garden (the groundhogs and



Bacon and Rubens were listed for adoption on the HUG website and found a happy home together.

chipmunks will thank you). Learn how cleaning products can affect your pet and which products are toxic to them. You can even find out where to get help if you've been affected by COVID. We hope you will support Humane Urban Group and the community by making a tax-deductible donation [online](#).





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