



**The Animal Haven**

## THE SCOOP

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### A Letter from the Board

**We are thrilled to welcome Courtney McCarroll to the board!**

Courtney is a staff writer on the marketing and communications team for Yale University's Office of Development. In that capacity, she tells stories that inspire Yale alumni, parents, and friends to support the university. Prior to Yale, she was the associate editor for Oxford University Press and the marketing and communications manager at R.J. Julia Booksellers in Madison.

Courtney grew up in North Haven, and has been an animal lover for as long as she can remember. "I think the bond that humans can have with their companion animals (and other wildlife) is one of the most rewarding aspects of our existence. Animals are living, thinking, emoting creatures who deserve the utmost care and protection," says Courtney.

Welcome Courtney!

In other news, we're pleased to announce that the Biennial Fur Ball, a benefit dance generously hosted by The Masons of Hiram Lodge in New Haven, will take place on December 11th from 6:30-10:30 pm at 285 Whitney Ave. New Haven. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

And finally, we want to wish you a very happy and healthy holiday season!

Sincerely,  
*The Board of The Animal Haven*

### Meet Linda Muirhead, a New Member of The Animal Haven Legacy Society



*Linda and her adopted cat Cleo  
For more about this generous donor, see  
below*

**JOIN US! 3RD BIENNIAL FUR BALL**  
SUPPORTING THE ANIMAL HAVEN

Look forward to dinner, dancing, raffles, silent auction, games and lots of fun!

Saturday, December 11, 2021  
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Masonic Temple Building  
285 Whitney Avenue  
New Haven, CT

Tickets: \$40 in advance,  
\$50 at the door.  
Includes dinner, wine  
& beer and activities.  
\*No quantity to be served.

[www.animalhavenfurball.org](http://www.animalhavenfurball.org)



## Pet Story of the Month: Gigi and Willoughby



Animals brought in:

Cats: 33

Dogs: 5

Total: 38

Animals adopted:

Cats: 27

Dogs: 2

Total: 29

Returns: 1

Animals spayed or neutered: 33

Eva was a cat mom to Lulu Ginzo, a senior with serious illnesses. Shortly after Lulu Ginzo passed away, Eva saw photos of Gigi, The Kitty Supermodel and Willoughby, The House Panther (their new names) on our Facebook page, and the next day she completed adoption applications for them.

The cats have helped to heal Eva's grief. "They bring me so much joy with their presence" says Eva. And their antics make her laugh: Gigi sleeps on top of the fridge and is a treat thief. Willoughby likes to pull his food out of the bowl and eat it off the floor and loves long naps on Eva's legs.

Eva says about adoption: "I have always adopted, or cats have always found me. Best thing about adopting is knowing that homeless kitties have a warm home filled with love." We're so glad Eva feels this way!



## Linda Muirhead is a New Member of The Animal Haven Legacy Society

When Linda Muirhead was in the fourth grade in North Haven, her family adopted a cat from The Animal Haven which kicked off her life-long affinity for all animals, especially cats. As a child, her parents nurtured her and her siblings' inclinations to be generous by giving them each a little extra allowance money to put into a special account. At the end of the year, the children decided together what charity to donate that money to.

As an adult, Linda's childhood experiences are clearly still in play. She has two adopted cats from our shelter named Maizy and Cleo (pictured below), and her generous nature has moved her to become a member of our Legacy Society by leaving The Animal Haven a gift in her will. Linda encourages others to do the same if they can. "If you really care about animals and you're able to donate, it's a good way to have the work continue beyond your own life."

We are grateful to Linda for her generosity and love of animals!

If you would like more information about our Legacy Society, you can find it [there](#).



## Focus on: Chowder

Meet Chowder! Do you have a soft spot for older cats? Are you the loving adopter she is waiting for after being abandoned near a dumpster?

Chowder is a blind, 11-year-old senior, with hyperthyroidism. She is quiet and independent and will let you know when she has had enough attention. Her blindness does not stop her from finding and using the litter box. She takes her medication very well. A house without other cats would be ideal. But a house with a gentle dog who gives her space might be okay.

If you are interested in helping Chowder live out her life in a loving home, or even fostering her, please visit <https://www.theanimalhavenct.org/adopt> to learn about the adoption process.



*This senior cat deserves love!*



*Chowder at one of our new water fountains*

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### Hours of Operation

The shelter is open by appointment only due to the COVID-19 crisis. If you are interested in adopting an animal, please fill out an application on our website ([www.theanimalhavenct.org](http://www.theanimalhavenct.org)) and send it to our Shelter Manager at [michelle@theanimalhavenct.org](mailto:michelle@theanimalhavenct.org). We will be in touch with you to schedule an appointment.

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