



It's hard to believe it's already February! We had a great start to 2021 with 94 dogs and cats finding their furever families in January, one of which was our longest term kitty resident, Bailey, who was at the shelter for over three years!

February started off with a bang as we took part in the Puppy Bowl for our fourth consecutive year! It was a great success and all nine of our participating puppies enjoyed the big game from the comfort of their furever homes.

Special thanks to our amazing supporters - our title sponsor, TRIANGLE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, and puppy sponsor (Gus), PRUCHNIK RACING! Watch our special appearance with News 12 Connecticut [here](#).



Dental checks are as important to animals as they are to people and looking after their dental health can significantly prevent oral problems in the future.

Our DAWS clinic is offering **20% off dental cleanings** if you book during the month of February! With every appointment, a free dental exam is included. Extractions are an additional cost. If you're interested in taking advantage of this offer, please call our shelter at (203) 790-6511 to book an appointment.

*\*\*You must book the appointment by February 28th in order to receive the discount. It can be scheduled for any time throughout the month of March.*

**GIVING DAY IS JUST  
TWO WEEKS AWAY!**

On Thursday, **February 25th** we invite you to participate and support DAWS during **Giving**



**Day**, sponsored by Fairfield County's Community Foundation. This is a 24 hour online donation drive and YOU have the chance to make a difference.

All proceeds raised will go directly towards Danbury Animal Welfare Society. We also have the chance to win cash prizes from Fairfield County's Community Foundation, which means the online donations you make that day will have even more impact on the lives of animals.



Join us LIVE on Facebook during your lunch hour this Friday, **February 12th from 1-2pm** for a DATE with DAWS! Come "speed date" with some of our adoptable cats and dogs and virtually meet your furever furry valentine!

### -PET OF THE MONTH-



Peony is looking for her purrfect valentine! This beautiful two-year-old tabby can be shy upon first meeting, however once comfortable, she's a total love! Peony enjoys exploring the cattery, playing with toys, and hanging out with her pals.

She would do best in a quiet home that will allow her time to decompress at her pace. If you are interested in meeting or adopting this sweetheart, please email [cattery@daws.org](mailto:cattery@daws.org).



Mocha is an adorable one-year-old, 35 lb. "pocket pittie." She is very sweet, affectionate, and loves to be with her people. She is a very good girl who is fully house and crate trained. She needs a home willing to take it slow with her.

We recommend an adult-only family with no other pets. Adopters not gone long hours are highly preferred. If you would like to meet Mocha, please email [dogs@daws.org](mailto:dogs@daws.org).

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

Cindy Girgenti, who has been a volunteer for eight years, plays a very active role at the Danbury Animal Welfare Society as both an Adoption Counselor and Cat Socializer. In addition, she assists in creating and posting the cat and kitten profiles on our website.

She first got involved with the organization nearly a decade ago. Cindy and her mom are huge animal lovers and they wanted to do something that involved supporting our four-legged friends, specifically cats.

While her mom has since moved away to South Carolina, Cindy continues to come to DAWS weekly, even during the pandemic, to continue helping cats find their furever homes. "Cindy is a devoted and compassionate volunteer," says DAWS' Cattery Manager, Gina Amenta. "She is always willing to go above and beyond to find a cat the best home possible and is an incredible asset to the cat program."

When asked what she loves most about volunteering, Cindy said, "I love being part of something special. There is nothing like seeing a shy, timid cat come around with extra love, time, and socialization, and then get adopted into a wonderful home. Receiving updates and pictures of our cats in a home curled up with their humans is one of the best feelings in the world. It takes a village and all of us have a part in that, it's truly amazing!"

Cindy's been a Danbury resident and has worked at Danbury hospital for over 20 years. Fostering kittens for DAWS led her to adopting Xena and Prince, a sweet bonded pair. Volunteering at the shelter has opened Cindy's eyes to just how many homeless animals there are out there, and how many need our help. "The whole process is very rewarding," she states. "If you love animals and have a passion to make a difference, there are so many ways to get involved. Volunteering your time to socialize cats, walk dogs, help at one of our events, transport animals, foster, donate... everyone can do something. We are their voice and seeing how happy these animals are will bring you more happiness than you can imagine."

THANK YOU, CINDY FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR CATS AT DAWS!



## COMMUNITY CORNER

We are very grateful to On the Mend Medical Supplies for not only coming to our aid after-hours to deliver disposable protective gowns, but for also donating them to DAWS! The health of our cats and dogs may change in a moments notice so we are so thankful for their support!

Arming Dr. Brenner and our clinical team with protective gear is vital to ensure the safety of all the animals we care for. Thank you On the Mend for your donation and generosity!



*If you are interested in supporting our growing PPE needs, please email [development@daws.org](mailto:development@daws.org) or visit our Amazon Wishlist at <https://a.co/0VTZSqw>*

## DONATE TO OUR AMAZON SMILE

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! As you do your online shopping, please consider making Danbury Animal Welfare Society your charity at <https://smile.amazon.com>.

When you do, 0.5% of your purchase will be donated right back to DAWS. Shop now, show

the LOVE, and help make a difference to animals in need!

Check out our Amazon Wishlist here:  
<https://a.co/0VTZSqw>

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