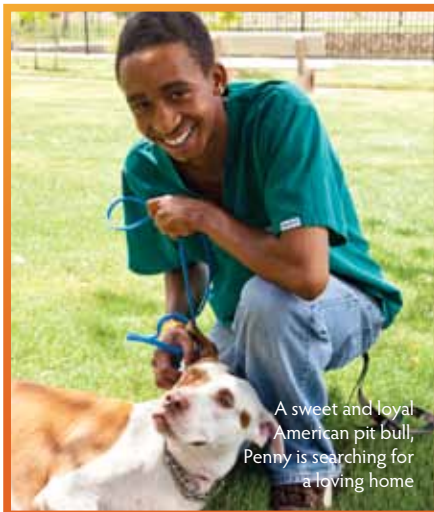


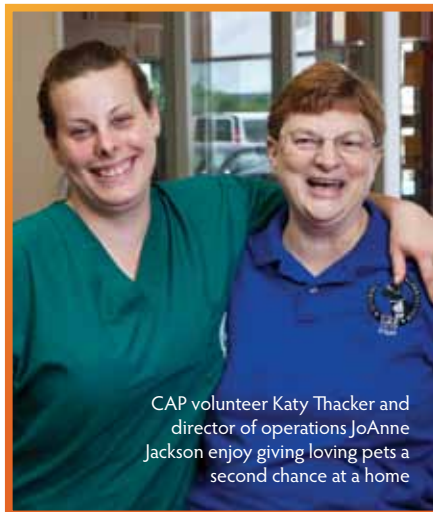
Finding Forever Homes for Katy's Furry Friends

Citizens for Animal Protection shelter strives to find loving families for abandoned animals

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A sweet and loyal American pit bull, Penny is searching for a loving home



CAP volunteer Katy Thacker and director of operations JoAnne Jackson enjoy giving loving pets a second chance at a home



CAP sheltered and cared for over 9,000 pets last year

Every year, approximately 5 million to 7 million pets will be left at an animal shelter in the U.S., according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). In Katy, there is a great need for loving families to adopt pets. Last year alone, Citizens for Animal Protection sheltered over 9,000 animals, placing 59% of animals with forever homes. "Shelter animals have an understanding that when you adopt them, they're getting a second chance at a home," shares JoAnne Jackson, director of operations at CAP. Listening to her talk about the benefits of adopting from a shelter, one can't help but notice the love she feels for Katy pets in need. She has worked in animal protection for over 36 years and came to work for CAP six years ago. When asked why she began helping at local shelters, she humbly answers, "There was a need."

Unconditional Love

Jackson and the CAP team want Katy families to know that the need for animal protection is still present, right here in our own backyards. As shelter activities director Coni Moore conducts a tour of CAP, she frequently stops to hug and kiss the animals along the way. She knows that each one has a unique story, many of which are heart-wrenching.

From dogs and cats to rabbits and guinea pigs, the shelter serves a variety of animals who would make fantastic pets.

Many Katyites are often surprised at how much love these animals are immediately willing to give. Katy resident Stephanie Manning recalls a cat that she adopted from a shelter. "Sidney was the sweetest animal I have ever been around," she shares. "I really think that shelter animals are as loving as they come. It almost feels like they have an appreciation of what you're doing for them."

From Fear to Family Love

The animals at CAP have proven that they are capable of overcoming senseless trauma and abandonment, while still keeping their sweet and loyal dispositions. CAP team members have shown their passion for providing animals with a safe environment, while working to find them a permanent home. The only part missing is you: the loving families of Katy. If you are ready to bring a new pet into your home, stop by CAP first and consider giving an animal a second chance. They'll change your life just as much as you'll change theirs. **KM**

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Forever Homes Wanted

Profiles of loving pets up for adoption now at Citizens for Animal Protection



Bella

Bella is an inside cat and gets along well with other cats and people. She's been waiting quite some time for her forever family, and she loves to play with everyone.

Female, age 4
Waiting for a family: 7 months



GIN

A friendly and well-trained dog, Gin is a medium-size Norwich terrier mix who would be the perfect addition to an all-adult home. She is already housetrained and is good at following basic commands.

Female, age 7
Waiting for a family: 9 months



g.g.

Found as a stray, G.G. is a beautiful golden retriever mix who is very affectionate and social. She is good with other dogs and loves everyone.

Female, age 1
Waiting for a family: 3 months



Jenga & Checkers

These adorable sisters are a foxhound-border collie mix. With lots of playful energy and sweet dispositions, they are looking for a sweet Katy family to call their own.

Females, age 4 months
Waiting for a family: 2 months



Penny

Penny's former owner is terminally ill and could no longer care for her. An American pit bull, she is known as the CAP sweetheart and is submissive and loyal; a terrific pet for any family.

Female, age 6
Waiting for a family: 2 months



Justice

Justice is an Anatolian shepherd with a sweet, loyal disposition. Energetic and affectionate, he loves being around people and would make a loving pet for any Katy family.

Male, age 7 months
Waiting for a family: 2 months

How to Adopt Me

Please visit cap4pets.org to view available animals prior to visiting the shelter and for information on fees and adoption applications. When you arrive at the shelter, you are able to take the animal to a meet-and-greet room to get acquainted. After you make a decision on which animal you would like to adopt, you will need to fill out the appropriate adoption application and go through a screening process.



Laverne

Laverne and her sister Shirley are Californian rabbits who were abandoned at a very young age. Sweet and lovable, they will make a great sister set for any loving Katy family.

Female, age 1
Waiting for a family: 9 months



Misu

Sweet-natured and affectionate, Misu is a domestic shorthair black and white cat. He would love to find a forever family with older kids and adults, and should be an only pet.

Male, age 5
Waiting for a family: 9 months



Lil Bit

Left alone and wandering, this adorable little Chihuahua is loving and loyal. He is being housebroken at CAP and may need crating during the day.

Male, age 9 months
Recently adopted!



Gigi

Left on her own, Gigi is an average-size medium-haired blue and white cat. She does great with all kinds of people and just needs to be introduced slowly to her environment.

Female, age 2
Waiting for a family: 7 months



Melody

Left alone on the streets with her now-adopted kittens, Melody still waits for a forever home. Melody is a shorthair cat who loves everyone and would make a great addition to any family.

Female, age 1
Waiting for a family: 6 months



Trupy

Trupy is a medium-size Manchester terrier mix who has a very calm personality, while still being active and playful. She loves to give kisses and would be a loving member of any family.

Female, age 1
Waiting for a family: 2 months

Some of the pets profiled by Katy Magazine may have been adopted since the time of print, but CAP has more than 100 cats and kittens, 120 dogs and puppies, and 20 rabbits still waiting. Please visit cap4pets.org to see the pets currently up for adoption.