



These 5 animals are currently available for adoption



Meet some of our local furry friends in need

PHILLYFIT MAGAZINE IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE PSPCA, AND PORTIONS OF OUR BASH PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO HELP THESE LITTLE GUYS.

Homeless animals. Those two words evoke different images for different people. For one, the image may be a skinny dog wandering the streets in search of food. For another, it may be the cages of dogs and cats sitting in a shelter waiting for homes. For me, these words represent the thousands of animals surrendered to shelters in Philadelphia annually simply because they have no home.

Working in an animal shelter for over four years, I have seen very sad sights. Animals neglected and turned loose to fend for themselves, vicious acts of cruelty against innocent creatures and ignorance and indifference from those who no longer care about the animal they are surrendering that they adopted so many years ago. It is disheartening to see these wonderful creatures thrown away like yesterday's trash.

The Pennsylvania SPCA is working fervently to repair, rehabilitate and re-home for more than 25,000 animals that find their way to our shelters annually. In our 139-year history, we have remained steadfast in our mission to prevent cruelty to animals and to alleviate suffering where it exists. We have accomplished this through humane education in schools and institutions, public relations, law enforcement, influencing legislation, the operation of clinics and shelters, facilitating and encouraging the adoption of unwanted animals and fostering and encouraging spaying and neutering.

Events like the PhillyFit Bash allow our animals the opportunity to meet potential families who will love them for the rest of their lives. More often than not, we here back from adopters from these events telling us how much they love their new companion animal. The most gratifying experience of working with homeless animals is knowing that a little extra work and coordination saves an innocent animal's life.

The Pennsylvania SPCA needs your help — both financially and morally — in order to continue helping animals who would otherwise have no chance at survival. You can be a part of our mission in more ways than you know. Adopt. Save a life. If you can't adopt, donate. All donations to the Pennsylvania SPCA, a private non-profit organization, will be used to save the lives of animals. As little as \$15 allows us to post animals on Petfinder.com, while \$75 allows us to provide low-cost spay/neuter to decrease surplus animals.

The joy of owning a companion animal is wonderful and so beneficial to our souls. What you do for your pet, they give you back ten-fold with undying love and unwavering loyalty. Please open your heart and home to one of our animals — give them a loving home for life.

The Pennsylvania SPCA will be taking part in the May 21st PhillyFit Bash. Stop by our tent and fall in love with a furry friend!

The Pennsylvania SPCA is located at 350 E. Erie Avenue in Philadelphia. Please visit their website at www.pspca.org for information about the organization or to donate.