

Dear Friends:

At year end, we're reaching out to you again, asking you to support the animal rescue and adoption work we've been doing every day since 1994. City Critters has grown, and after 14 years, we are grateful to be able to count on:

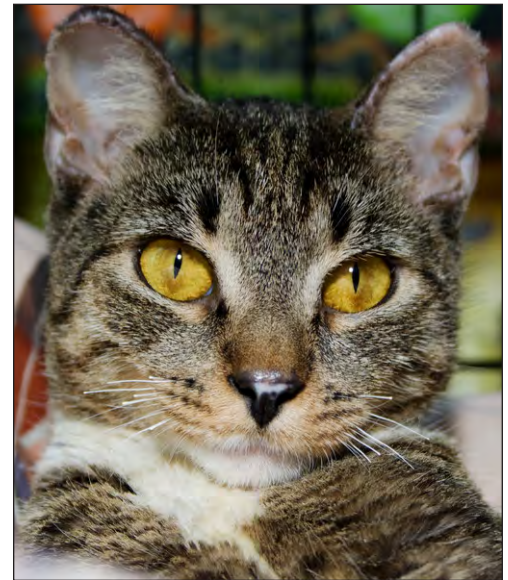
- over 50 skilled, caring volunteers, many of whom have been with us for years
- excellent vets willing to work with us to provide our animals the best of care
- our adoption center at Petco's Kips Bay store, where we've been since 1999
- new opportunities to show our animals for adoption at events around the city
- a good reputation and the encouragement and moral support of our community
- more collaboration among New York's animal organizations than ever existed in the past

There's a lot of satisfaction in working with hundreds of beautiful animals every year, lifting them out of harm's way to better places. However, there are more emergencies than any one or all of us together can handle. It's still the case, as it was in 1994, that if we don't respond to urgent requests that come our way, we cannot depend on anyone else to do so, as all the no-kill shelters and rescue groups are already overwhelmed.

Just two of the many animals we helped this year whose lives would almost certainly have ended badly without us:

Dharma, a sweet, young brown tabby. She was brought to us by Mary, who found her one spring night lying in a box in a Lower East Side housing project. Dharma's ears, nose and feet were burned, and her coat was all singed and crinkly. Our vet thought that she had probably run through flames. She was in a lot of pain, but so very happy to be taken care of. Dharma was the best of patients, and after a month of treatment, she came to our adoption center and was adopted by a very special family.

Sutton, a dapper little tuxedo just 8 weeks old. We heard about him from a commuter who had seen him stranded, alone and terrified, on a bare concrete ledge a foot from the traffic speeding south on the FDR Drive at the entrance to the 56th Street underpass. She saw him hunkered there for two days in late November, just as the weather grew very cold, and made many frantic calls trying to get him rescued. Sutton was so scared that when approached, he would start to run away, and the only place to go was the highway. His rescue was difficult and dangerous, and we were lucky to get the help of a resourceful pet transporter who figured out a way to trap him quickly, humanely, and as safely as possible for all concerned. Sutton started purring the moment he was touched. We found him a home along with another of our rescued cats almost as soon as he left the vet's office.



Dharma made a great recovery after her close encounter with fire.

This year has been exceptional in terms of the sheer number of stray and abandoned cats and kittens we've been asked to save from the city's streets and shelter system. Usually by late fall, "kitten season" is ending and the pressure on shelters lets up. But this year, kitten season started early and is still going strong in December. All of New York's shelters and rescue groups seem to agree: we still have many more homeless animals than resources to care for them.

This winter, we're asking our friends to make as generous a donation as possible, so that we can go on helping animals who have no other hope. Our greatest need is for tax-deductible donations for veterinary care, board, food, litter, and other animal care expenses. Checks can be mailed to our post office box. Credit card donations can be made through the Network for Good button on our website (www.citycritters.org). We also need more cat care volunteers, foster homes and adopters for special needs animals. With your continued support, we'll be able to accomplish many more miracles.

All of us at City Critters wish you the very best in 2008!

Sincerely,

Holly Staver
President



Special homes needed for these two special-needs kitties!

Dempsey (orange tabby) is a playful young male who gets along with people, cats, and cat-friendly dogs. He will fetch toys.

His pal Raven is a young polydactyl Maine Coon. This big fluffy boy is totally outgoing and friendly. As one of his rescuers puts it, "He's just radiant."

- City Critters, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity that works with stray and abandoned cats and dogs, gets them veterinary care, gives them temporary shelter in private foster homes, advertises them for adoption on Petfinder.com, and adopts them out through an adoption center at Petco's Kips Bay store at 31st Street and 2nd Avenue. Many of the animals we work with are strays from midtown and downtown Manhattan. Many are given to us by people who can no longer keep them. Many come from the overburdened, underfunded city shelter system, Animal Care & Control of New York City, which is forced to "put to sleep" animals it cannot quickly find homes for. City Critters, Inc. is a participating organization in the Mayor's Alliance for New York City's Animals (www.animalallianceny.org).

A copy of City Critters, Inc.'s latest annual report may be obtained, by written request to either City Critters, Inc., P.O. Box 1345 Canal Street Station, New York, NY 10013, or from the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, New York, New York 10271.

