



Columba

Adopt



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Stamp

Dear Friend,

As 2011 nears an end, like many of you, I am inclined to reflect on the events of the past year, and look forward to the future. To count my blessings, to celebrate the successes we've achieved, and to contemplate the vital work ahead of us.

We've accomplished so much for the animals this year - thanks to you - our adopters, donors, volunteers, and fosters. It is the support of many dedicated people like you - people who truly care about animal welfare and are committed to the cause - that allows the Georgia SPCA to do its vital work. **On behalf of the animals, I am deeply grateful. Thank you.**

Every year, Georgia SPCA takes in more than 1,000 abandoned and abused animals who need new homes. We provide the healthy meals, veterinary care and love these animals need while they await their "forever" homes. Your kindness, compassion, and generous contributions allow us to continue our life-saving work, rescuing and healing dear animals like the sweet faces you see here and on the next page.

Puppies like Columba. She was one of 12 babies born to Sunshine, a beautiful Retriever mix who had been turned in to animal control. Sunshine and her puppies were minutes away from being put to sleep when our staff rescued them, and placed them in the hands of a loving foster family. The pups grew healthy and strong, and all have been adopted.

Kittens like Stamp and her siblings, who were rescued from a well outside the Duluth post office by a kindly postal employee. He called Georgia SPCA, crawled into the well, and pulled the kittens to safety. Now all have loving homes.

Thanks to generous community support, we have nearly **doubled our shelter space** to better care for these pups and kitties in need. We're on track to rescue and re-home more animals this year than ever before. But we can't do it without you.

Community support is our only source of funding. We receive no federal, state, or local government funding, nor are we affiliated with any national organization that provides financial support, such as the ASPCA. All donations are put to work right here in our local communities helping animals here in Georgia.

Abandoned and abused animals ask so little of us – food, a warm bed, freedom from fear and pain – and they offer so much love and gratitude in return. Please help us help them by completing the enclosed contribution form, or visit our website to make an online donation: www.georgiaspca.org.



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With Heartfelt Thanks,

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New Beginnings

Sometimes animals come to us needing a little extra love and medical care. They may be sick, injured, or victims of abuse. Donations to our **Compassionate Hearts Fund** are used heal and nurture these dear animals with special needs. Will you help us care for more animals like these?



Peep, a sweet, young Shepherd mix, had a congenital heart defect that caused abnormal blood flow and her heart became enlarged. Thanks to our generous supporters, Peep was able to have life-saving surgery, and she is expected to live a full, happy life! She was adopted by her foster family.



Angel, a lovely gray tabby, was cruelly mistreated. Someone tied a cord around her tail, resulting in a wound so severe that her tail had to be amputated. But Angel came through the surgery with flying colors, and is available for adoption at our shelter.



Celine, a lovable Shepherd mix, was the victim of an abusive owner. Her mouth had been tied shut to keep her from barking, leaving abrasions on her face. When she first came to the shelter Celine was shy and afraid of people, but she quickly responded to the love and affection from our staff. After spending several weeks with a caring foster, Celine was adopted by a wonderful family!

Rebecca, a tiny kitten, was rescued from a high-kill animal control facility. Following her spay surgery, she had an allergic reaction to the sutures and nearly died. Rebecca was nursed back to health, but she lost her sight due to complications from the condition. Frightened and confused, Rebecca cried almost constantly. The staff thought perhaps a “roommate” might help console her, and Papaya, the kitten who shared her “condo” prior to surgery, moved in.



Rebecca

Almost immediately, Rebecca stopped crying and they became inseparable. Finding a home for animals with special needs can be difficult, and we wanted both to go to the same home. Miraculously, a few days later, a lovely woman called the shelter looking for a kitten with special needs. She, too, was vision impaired, and had recently lost her cat of many years. Alice adopted both Rebecca and Papaya, and a third kitten, Orlando, too!



Papaya



Deffler, a Corgi mix, came to us on a hot day in June. He had spent the first five months of his life chained outside. A caring person reported his owner to the authorities, and Deffler was brought to the shelter where he received a warm bath, healthy food, medical care, and a comfy bed. He had every reason to dislike and distrust people, but Deffler loved everyone – staff, volunteers, dogs, cats – and was eager to jump in your lap and give you a sloppy kiss. Despite being the “perfect dog”, Deffler was often overlooked by adopters who were eager to take home a young puppy. After staying at the shelter for five months, Deffler found his “forever home” with a delightful family who adores him!

Please consider adopting an adult cat or dog. They have so much love to give!