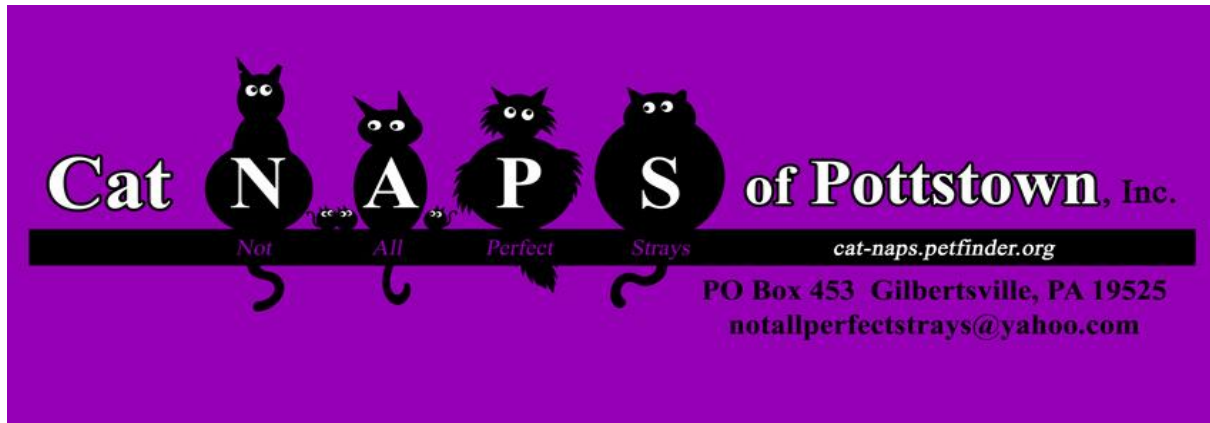


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Pet New Year's Resolutions (including Dogs)

- 1. Play More:** Playing is not only good exercise for both of you but a great way to bond with your pet. Although each individual pet may not enjoy the same type of play, find what works best for your pet.
- 2. Measure their Food for Each Meal:** This one may not be straight out of their mouths, but will be very useful in helping to maintain their "beach body" figures throughout the year (wouldn't dieting be easier if someone fed you?). This method will also alert you faster if there is a change in their appetite, which may be an indicator of a health issue.
- 3. Try a New Activity:** This doesn't need to be complicated, like teaching your dog a Salsa routine! This can be as simple as trying a dog park, or teaching your cat to walk on a leash. Pets are never too old to learn something new, so teach them a new trick to show off to your friends.
- 4. Share Their Love:** If you have a well-adjusted, laid back, but social pet, take them out to visit people that could use some extra companionship. Seniors in assisted living love having pets visit them, or some schools and libraries have programs where children gain confidence by reading to pets.
- 5. Make a Doctor's Appointment:** Make sure your pet has been in to see the vet for their annual examination. Although this may not be their favorite resolution, it will help keep them healthy and happy for many years to come. This, also, gives you an opportunity to discuss any age-related or behavioral changes, and a chance to catch any health issues before they become a bigger problem.

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Pet New Year's Resolutions (including Dogs), continued

- 6. Spa Day Bonding:** Grooming your pet is a soothing bonding activity, if positively introduced to them. If your grooming has gotten a bit behind, have them start with a professional first. Brush your pet frequently, to help keep their coat fresh and untangled. Slowly introduce tooth brushing to keep their teeth healthy and their breath kissable fresh.
- 7. ID Checks:** Make sure your pet is wearing their most current ID tag or rabies tag. If your pet is microchipped, verify that your information or your emergency contact's information hasn't changed.
- 8. Take a Ride:** For many pets, the only time they are in the car is to go to the veterinarian. Take them somewhere fun, or at least a drive around town. Starting off with really short rides, and slowly increasing as they become comfortable. If they don't get car sick, give them some treats!
- 9. Start an Emergency Fund:** Just like people, pets can develop health issues or have an accident that needs medical attention quickly. More and more people are starting to get pet insurance to help with these types of situations as well.
- 10. Fix a Bad Habit:** Decide on one issue you want to be resolved this year and stay dedicated to fixing it. This can be anything from your cat eating out of your cereal bowl to your dog tackling strangers as they walk in the door. Remember, you can ask your veterinarian about suggestions to help with these issues, and there are trainers and behaviorists available for back up.



Cat NAPS 2016 Statistics!

- **116** Cats and Kittens found their forever homes!
- **326** Cats were spayed and neutered in the Pottstown and surrounding areas! Most were Trapped, Neutered and Released, but some were adopted, or are still waiting to be adopted!
- **We also had 3 reunions!** A cat from Trappe was brought in to us mangled and full of burrs. We cleaned her up, discovered a micro chip, called the owner, and she was reunited after being missing for a month! Another cat was reunited with its rightful owner after we posted his pic and story on Facebook! The third cat was brought in by one of our volunteers. The caretaker of the cat got in touch with us and, voila, another reunion!

*******ADOPTION
SPOTLIGHT*****
Meet LIAM!**



Handsome, sweetly serene & mellow, friendly, laidback, good with other cats – not sure what else we could say about Liam. He's almost, but not quite.....perfect. Liam came from the streets of Pottstown & whoever tossed him aside was about as heartless as one can be. But we're firm believers in karma! We know someday that person will be held accountable. In the meantime, it seems that karma brought Liam to us. Liam's only imperfection is that he is a diabetic kitty, so he'll need someone who is very special to adopt him. All Liam's vet work is completed. The only thing he needs is a forever home. Email notallperfectstrays@yahoo.com for an Application to Adopt.

ELSA is still in need



of her forever home!

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Did you know? Cats are the most popular pet in the US, easily trumping (pun intended) their canine colleagues: Americans have 88 million pet cats and 74 million pet dogs. Perhaps Americans want a pet a bit like them? A cat's brain is 90% similar to a human's – way more similar than a dog's brain is to a human's. Or maybe we select kitties for health reasons. Owning a cat can reduce the risk of stroke and heart attack by a third!

Ways you can continue to help Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc.

Cat NAPS is part of the Redner's receipt program. Save your Redner's receipts for us! If you don't have a Redner's card, visit their Customer Service Desk!

Mail your receipts to:

Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc.; PO Box 453, Gilbertsville, PA 19525

We're also part of the Smile Amazon program! If you shop on Amazon, just go to Smile.Amazon.com to make your purchases and choose Cat NAPS of Pottstown, Inc. as your charity!

Good Shop donates to Cat NAPS. Visit our website for more details.

EVENTS and WEBSITE:

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www.catnapsofpottstown.org

www.facebook.com/catnapsofpottstown

UPCOMING EVENTS (in the works)

February, 2017

SOFT PRETZEL SALE AT BOSCOV'S

Friday, March 3, 2017 – Sunday, March 5, 2017

POTTSTOWN FAMILY & HOME EXPO

AT THE COVENTRY MALL

Spring, 2017

YANKEE CANDLE SALE

And so much more fun fundraisers to be had in 2017!!!

*Meet and Greets at the Pet Valu in Audubon 1st & 3rd Friday nights;
6 pm - 8 pm and every 2nd & 4th Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm!*