



City Critters, Inc.

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Dear friends,

Once again we've come to the season of giving thanks, giving gifts, saying goodbye to the year that was and toasting the year to come. For homeless animals, it is also the season of trying to stay alive, keep warm and dry, find a scrap to eat, and perhaps dream of a life filled with love, security and wellbeing. We're writing now to ask you to help us be there for as many of them as possible this winter.



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During 2009, City Critters volunteers were asked to help countless cats and kittens, indoors and out, with rescue, veterinary care and adoption services. We get urgent calls and emails every day, and although we try to focus on downtown Manhattan, this year we responded to requests to rescue and place animals in all five boroughs. We've placed about 400 cats and kittens, facilitated spay/neuter services for more than 100 cats and dogs from low income homes, collaborated with feral cat workers on local trap-neuter-return ("TNR") projects, and rescued adoptable kitties from all kinds of precarious situations.



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Once rescued, our animals' medical needs are taken care of by the expert and compassionate veterinary practices that treat our animals at discounted rates. They are then sheltered by loving foster families or cared for by our dedicated volunteers until permanent homes can be found through the tireless efforts of our stellar adoption counselors, who work together as a team to match each animal with a safe, responsible and appropriate home. We're proud of all that our volunteers have accomplished--with your support!



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2009 was a hard year for us. Like most charities, we experienced a decline in donations when the recession hit. Economic stress also meant fewer people felt the time was right to adopt, just as more people were forced by circumstances to



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surrender their pets. Even some of our own once easily adopted kittens were returned to us as older cats this year, often in pairs. We are committed to taking our cats back at any time. This year it has been a challenge to keep up with the rate of return, and we have had to ask people to hold on longer than they wished, but we have been fortunate to find new homes for most.

We're asking for your help again so we can be as productive in 2010. City Critters has always had very low administrative costs, and this year we're trying to cut them even lower. But running our rescue and placement programs is unavoidably very expensive. Your desperately needed, tax-deductible donations pay for vet care, medications, cat food, litter, rescue equipment, animal transport and adoption center supplies.

More homeless animals, longer stays waiting for a home, more funds necessary to aid them. City Critters wants to be there to help, and we can, but only with your support.

Please be as generous as possible.

Thank you!

You can donate by check or by credit card through the Network for Good button on our website, www.citycritters.org. If you would prefer to donate directly to our account at a participating veterinary practice, call us at 212 252 3183.

P.S. If you or someone you know is considering bringing a new purr machine into your home, please visit www.citycritters.org/petfinder to see some of the wonderful cats and kittens we have available for adoption. See the animals who pass through our lives at <http://lgrunin.smugmug.com/Animals>--the best proof of the good we do with your donations.

Just some of the wonderful cats still available for adoption as we head into 2010.

City Critters, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity that works with stray and abandoned cats and dogs, gets them veterinary care, provides temporary shelter in private foster homes, advertises them for adoption on Petfinder.com, and adopts them out through our adoption center at Petco's Kips Bay store at 31st Street & 2nd Avenue. Many of the animals we work with are strays from the area of midtown/downtown Manhattan; many are surrendered to us by people in the area who can't keep them. We also take in many animals from the overburdened, underfunded city shelter system, Animal Care & Control of New York City, which is forced to euthanize animals it cannot quickly find homes for. City Critters, Inc. is a member of the Mayor's Alliance for New York City's Animals. 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.