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# Valentine Newsletter



## NEEDS LIST:

- 🐾 \*\*CAT FOOD\*\*
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- 🐾 LARGE CRATES
- 🐾 BEDS
- 🐾 FLEA MEDICATION



## Michelle Our Belle

♪♪♪ Michelle Our Belle, these are words that go together well, our Michelle. We love you. We love you. We loovvee you. ♪♪♪ (thank you- McCartney and Lennon for writing those beautiful words that

describe this beautiful dog). Every Monday afternoon volunteers, Linda and Lillian sang our Beatle's version of this song to this precious pup at our headquarters in East Moriches right before one of her three walks and visits per day for over a year, as she patiently waited for a permanent loving home. And although this was not the best temporary residence for our beloved Michelle, it was most definitely, a vast improvement from her previous life. Michelle was tied outside 24/7 with little attention or love and used primarily to produce puppies for her owner to sell to, in many cases live a life similar to the one Michelle once lived. Well RSVP Inc is pleased to announce that the long wait is now over!!! **Michelle has found the family who will love her unconditionally for the rest of her life.** Her new human mother Maureen hugs her tight and will never let her go. And although that famous Beatle's song will always continue in her heart, as well as ours, that new love will be shared with a new home filled with joy and happiness. God Speed "Michelle Our Belle" these ARE words that go together well, OUR MICHELLE!!!

## Upcoming Events

### St. Pitty's Day

**Location:** Buckley's Irish Pub, Center Moriches

**Date:** Saturday, March 10th @ 2pm

### Kick off to Summer Auction

**Location:** VFW, Centereach

**Date:** Saturday, July 7th @ 6pm

### Barking Beauty Pageant

**Date:** Summer 2018 (TBA)

### Summer Fundraiser in the Hamptons

**Date:** Summer 2018 (TBA)

### Hair of the Dog

**Location:** The Maples, Manorville

**Date:** Sunday, September 9th

### Black Cat Awareness Day

**Date:** October 2018 (TBA)

### Adoption Events: (Stay Tuned for Details..)

**Location:** PetSmart, Riverhead

**Dates:** Feb 16-18, May 18-20, Sept 14-16, Nov 9-11

**Location:** Petco, Hampton Bays

**Dates:** Feb 3-4, March 3-4, April 7-8

Adopt Me! Adopt Me! Adopt Me! Adopt Me! Adopt Me!



## MEEZY AKA BREEZY

Breezy is a RSVP Inc. community outreach rescue. He has been in boarding and training for 9 months now (with our wonderful trainer Ray). He went from a boy who has spent his entire life of 5 years on a chain, fighting the elements and fearing any socialization from the volunteers that fed him weekly. Breezy is now a big loving mush to the people he trusts. He needs to be the only pup with all the attention right now and RSVP Inc. will pay the right foster for all Breezy's needs. Will he pick you?

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**Duncan (Oreo)**  
His story is one that will warm your heart and when the world of rescue brings us down; there are glimmers of hope that

renew us, such as the story of this lovable black and white cat we called Duncan. Our rescue was alerted in November 2017 about a very friendly cat who was hanging around the local Dunkin' Donuts shop in Eastport. He seemed to appear out of nowhere, and would greet the customers with back rolls and leg rubs, attempting to follow them inside. This went on for a few weeks, and it was getting colder and colder outside. When he was offered a meal, he would gobble it up, and it was becoming clear that this sweet black and white boy we called Duncan was either lost or abandoned. Other businesses in the area noticed him waiting by their doors too, wanting to go inside and looking for a meal. RSVP made arrangements to pick him up the next time he appeared, which didn't take long. We took him to our vet where he was examined, neutered, vaccinated, and tested. Sadly, Duncan was FIV+, which would narrow his chances of getting adopted, even though he was in good health overall. We continued to search for his family, since it was obvious he was once someone's pet. No one seemed to be missing him, and our hope that he was simply lost was dwindling. At least he was safe, fed, and warm with us, and we would do our best to find him a home. Several days passed and then we got a call. A young woman named Heather recognized Duncan as her neighbor's cat. She came to see Duncan in person and confirmed it was him. Heather used to call him "Oreo" and he'd visit her home on a regular basis. They live several towns away, so how Duncan got to Eastport will never be known. She alerted her neighbor that their cat was found, but they did not care at all, which didn't surprise her. It turns out that this neighbor's other two had cats wandered to Heather's house over the years, obviously unwanted, and Heather and her family had taken them in and given them a wonderful home. It turns out that they are Oreo's father and brother! It wasn't long before Heather and her family decided Oreo belonged with them. They adopted him without hesitation, and just before Christmas we delivered Oreo to his new home! It was a very happy moment for all of us, especially Oreo!



**ONE TOUGH COOKIE**

Hi! My name is Cookie. The good folks at RSVP

Inc. asked me if I could write a short bio of what my life was like prior to being placed with my new family. I lived in a rough neighborhood where life was always a struggle. Every day was a focus for survival. At a young age it was decided

I would be used for breeding. Once that was determined, I was used for breeding so often, so my owner could make money. Care was minimal, puppies were taken earlier than they should have been. It was a tough life, at the age of 3 I was hit by a car and ended up with a broken leg that was never fixed, thus the limp I have today. My life changed for the better on a cold winter day when I heard a knock at the door. My owner answered the door and behold it was an RSVP Inc. volunteer who had heard me barking one day as they were making their rounds through my neighborhood. They supplied us with a steady source of food and even a trip to the vet to see about my leg. Their support was relentless as they tried to get a release from my owner. As long as I could have puppies, I was worth something. My owner refused to surrender me, even though he neglected to care for me. Then one day something went wrong in my owner's life and he was forced to leave town. The only good thing he did was to contact RSVP Inc. and let them know he was going to release me to the streets, and if they wanted me to come now. RSVP Inc. responded immediately and came to the rescue. After proper vetting and some time spent in their kennels, I was ready for my new home with Manny, Penny & Pat. THANK YOU, RSVP Inc. Love Cookie

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**Valentine's Day pet safety tips!**

- Xylitol**: This sugarless sweetener is in many candies and gums, and is toxic to pets.
- Flowers**: Bouquets are beautiful but certain flowers are deadly to pets. Keep them away!
- Candles**: A romantic dinner can become a fire hazard when pets and candles mix.
- Decorations**: Discard ribbons and wrapping paper can be trouble for curious pets.
- Chocolates**: Everyone knows it but it is still a common problem. No chocolate for pets.

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