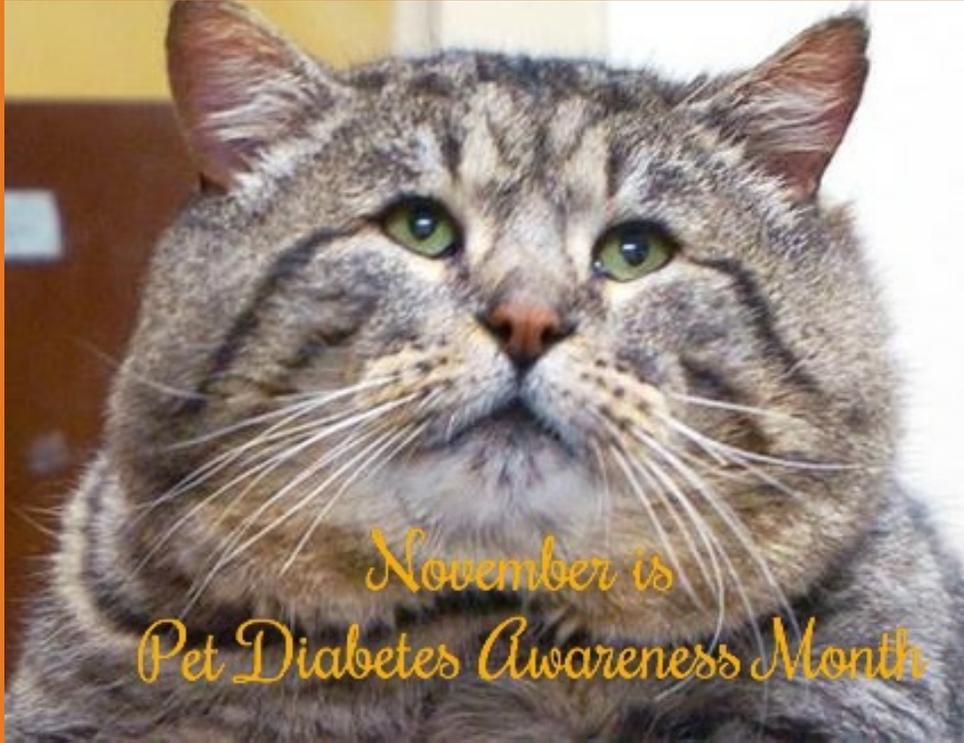




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## ROAR NEWS

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### *Diabetic Pets CAN Lead Happy, Healthy Lives*

When their diabetes is well-regulated, dogs and cats can lead very happy, healthy lives. If discovered early and followed-up with consistent veterinary care, diabetes doesn't have to limit your pets quality of life. Knowing the signs is the first step.

If your pet exhibits lethargy, excessive thirst and frequent urination he/she may be among the one in fifty American pets with diabetes. Most of these animals are pudgy to obese. Veterinarians say that while obesity is clearly linked to diabetes in pets, just as it is in humans, it appears to contribute to the disease differently in cats than in dogs.

Overweight cats are prone to diabetes because they develop insulin resistance, meaning their bodies don't effectively use insulin. As a result, the pancreas pumps out too much insulin. With dogs, obesity is associated with an increased risk of pancreatitis - an inflammation of the pancreas - that can then lead to diabetes because the body doesn't make enough insulin.

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Adoptables*



While there's no cure for diabetes, proper care can help your pet live a happy, healthy, active life. The more you know about diabetes, the better you'll be able to work with your veterinarian to successfully manage your pet's health. Your veterinarian is an essential partner in your pet's diabetes care. Only your veterinarian can diagnose diabetes and provide appropriate preventive and management programs.

For more information on diabetes in pets, visit the [PetHealthNetwork website](#).

Josie



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## Pet Profiles!

Meet *LUCY* and *JETHRO*...

*They're both as sweet as can be.*



### LUCY

Lucky Lucy will steal your heart the minute you meet her. And that won't take long because this seven-year-old snuggle bug will welcome you to the cat room as soon as you walk in. If you don't pay attention to her right away, Lucy will follow you, looking up with her gorgeous yellow-green eyes as if saying, "Hi...maybe you forgot something?" Once you pet her, watch out, you will be bewitched by her charms.

When not busy looking for love, Lucy adores chasing the laser toy or watching the birds outside the window. Lucy is well

socialized with other cats and would be comfortable in a multi-pet household. Lucy is confident and mellow, definitely an easy one to fall in love with.

Lucy is up to date on vaccinations, is FeLV/FIV negative, and is spayed. Adoption fee is \$100.

**\*\*\*Please remember to keep your cats indoors, especially during this time of year, as predators are active preparing for the harsh weather ahead.\*\*\***

### JETHRO

Jethro, a three-year-old pointer/cattle dog mix, came to us from Mississippi along with his brother Hank after their financially strapped family abandoned them. This 75 lb pup is full of Southern charms. Once comfortable with you, this good ol' boy becomes a snuggler.

And just look at that face! Jethro is a gorgeous, sweet, sociable dog. He loves adults and children, is good with other dogs, and, while mildly



curious about cats, he is not aggressive with them.

Jethro was extremely thin and undernourished when found, but with regular feedings, treats and not enough activity at the shelter in Mississippi, he put on a bit too much weight. However, those few extra pounds are sure to melt off once he finds a loving home of his own where he will have a proper diet and get plenty of regular exercise. Jethro has spent much of his life living outside, but he is smart and wants to please so should adapt beautifully to living indoors.

With a hard to resist personality, Jethro will make his home an even happier place to be. If you're looking for a sweet big boy, this guy will be a wonderful addition to a very lucky family. Maybe yours?

Jethro is up to date on vaccinations, is micro-chipped, and is neutered. Adoption fee is \$350.

To help rescue more amazing animals like Lucy, Jethro and his brother Hank, please...

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[CLICK HERE TO SEE ROAR'S AVAILABLE CATS AND DOGS](#)

## Hometown Hero!

### *Who Rescued Who?*

On April 6th, 2017, a remarkable thing happened at ROAR. A call was received from a man named Jim Morganteen, a call that would forever change not only his life, but the lives of two very lucky, very special animals. His story serves as an inspiration, reminding us of the true power of love.

Jim Morganteen's life felt empty. In August of 2016, his beautiful wife Geri passed away due to complications from a car accident she had been involved in ten years earlier that left her paralyzed below the waist. Seven months later, Jim had to say goodbye to their sweet cocker spaniel, Rory, who had been his support and constant companion throughout.



Realizing time alone was not going to heal the emptiness he felt, Jim began his search for a new best friend. He scoured various websites and looked at hundreds of photos but he hadn't found "the one" until a comment from a neighbor in early March sent him to ROAR's website. There he saw Spencer, a remarkable little beagle mix with the most captivating little face. Then Jim made the call for which ROAR will forever be grateful.

At the time, Spencer was being fostered by dedicated volunteer, Bill Warneke. A meeting was arranged and within two hours, Jim knew he had found "the one". After seven months together, Jim cannot imagine his life without the little beagle. The two are inseparable. Jim says, "Spence may be the most affectionate, loyal, friendly and funny pup" he has ever known. Spencer brings his new best friend happiness; something Jim wasn't certain he'd feel again. But the story doesn't end there.

Jim continued to check the ROAR website, following the animals who came and went, delighted as each found his/her new home. And there was one particular resident who piqued his interest. Callie, ROAR's longest residing cat, melted his heart. Her story was tragic and she deserved a happy ending. Having spent her entire first year of life in a cage without socialization, Callie came to ROAR terrified, not understanding how to interact with people or other animals. She lashed out because she was afraid, played too roughly, and rarely let visitors pet her. But her eyes told us that she wanted to love and be loved; she just didn't

know how. Over the course of her time with us, volunteers and staff worked diligently every day to earn her trust. We knew Callie was a special case, but she was routinely passed over for adoption in favor of the other, more socialized cats. But Jim knew he was the one to give her what she needed. So, last month, his big heart brought him, once again, through ROAR's doors. On October 6, he took Callie home to attempt to integrate her into his life with Spencer. We decided that a Foster-to-Adopt situation (where he was not obligated to keep Callie if the pets didn't get along) would be a good place to start. Three days later, Jim emailed ROAR with an update. Amazing things were happening with Callie.

*"When we got home Friday, I put the carrier on the floor, opened the door and stepped back about ten feet. I didn't want her to feel the least bit threatened or defensive. She walked out, checked the carpeting and then walked directly to me. For the next five minutes she kept rubbing up against my legs and purring. By the end of the day she was letting me pet her and she even sat on my lap for about 15 seconds. No biting, scratching or hissing.*

*Since then, she lays at my feet whenever I sit at the desk. So far, you couldn't ask for a sweeter cat...she bears no resemblance to the "asocial" animal I first met ten days ago.*

*She knows something is living upstairs and Spencer knows something is living downstairs. They have seen each other from a little distance but that's as far as we've gotten. No rush --- it's a work in progress."*

Now, the animals have met each other and seem to be tolerating each other well. Both animals feel safe and loved with Jim; neither needs to search any longer. Each day gets better and on Friday, October 20th, Jim told us he wanted to officially adopt Callie.

We all know the rescue slogan, "Who Rescued Who?" In this case, there were too many rescues to count...but three lives were changed because of a man with a very big heart and the patience to match. We are so grateful for Jim, a human being with so much to give, who made the choice to give it all to one lucky little beagle and his very fortunate feline friend.

And they all lived happily ever after...

## And Now a Word about Pets and Predators...

*A Public Service Announcement from ROAR*

As responsible and loving pet owners, we do everything possible to ensure our pets health and safety. However, as development of neighborhoods and business increases, we begin encroaching on more wooded and natural areas leaving wild animals fewer places to live. Thus, many predators now roam our area; the most prevalent and dangerous is the coyote, but there are also fox, raccoons and even bears have been spotted in the woods. There are also birds of prey, such as hawks and owls, that can pose a serious threat to cats and other small animals. Even if a pet survives an attack, they are still at risk for diseases such as rabies.

As winter closes in, food becomes more scarce for wild animals, thus increasing the risk of interaction with our pets. Since we share our habitat with wild animals, the most important action you can take is to NEVER let your dog outside without supervision. The best gift you can give your pet is protecting him/her from harm. So, let them outside only when you are with them, especially at night, and keep pet food and water inside. As for cats, don't allow them outside. An indoor cat is a happy healthy cat.

All wildlife should be respected, and while healthy habitats need predators, you don't want your beloved pets to be the prey.

Be Sure Not to Miss These!

## Verizon Wireless Event to Support ROAR!

When you shop at the **Verizon Wireless Store** at 88 Danbury Road, Ridgefield on **Saturday, November 18th from 10am-3pm**, ten percent of the profits will go to help ROAR save more animals in need.



## Ridgefield Playhouse Presents...

### Olate Dogs

The Million-Dollar-Winning Dogs from *America's Got Talent* are returning to The Ridgefield Playhouse on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30pm! This is not your typical dog show with pups catching Frisbees. This troupe of talented pups are all rescue dogs and do everything from car-driving to scooter-riding, backflips and jumping tricks as well as an all-dog conga line! The man behind the show is Richard Olate, a third-generation circus performer from Chile, South America. Richard, along with wife, Rebecca, and son Nicholas, train rescued shelter dogs to be part of their troupe. Olate Dogs have appeared in the short film "Le Sauvetege (The Rescue)", part of the #RescueFilm series created by Peter McEvilley that celebrates rescue pets and promotes pet adoption.

For tickets, call The Ridgefield Playhouse box office at 203.438.5795

## PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

### The Royal Treatment ROAR With Laughter 2018! Saturday, February 24th

Join us for a special event to help us find every pet a palace of his or her own.



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