



October is National Adopt-A-Dog Month and October 29 is National Cat Day!

Celebrate by Adopting. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



It's official, the "classic mutt" is the #1 dog breed in New York City, followed by the Havanese, Dachshund, Shih-Poo, and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel rounding out the top 5. Likewise, mixed breed cats are the feline of choice and their popularity helped put New York City in the #3 spot on Cuteness. Com's top 100 pet-friendly cities.

Each October is National Adopt-A-Dog Month and October 29 is National Cat Day, which are two, we believe, perfect times to consider rescuing a cat or dog in need of a good home.

The obvious advantage to an adoption from a shelter is that you're most likely saving a life (The larger, city-run, shelters are often required to take in all animals, but euthanize any that aren't placed after seven or eight days). Pound puppies and kitties tend to be mild-mannered and highly appreciative that you've rescued them. Some may be timid at first, but you'll win them over quickly with your love and attention and your veterinary team at West Chelsea Veterinary can make sure their checked out and healthy.

Spot's Got a Spotty Heritage? DNA Testing Now Available for Pets.

To see what's in your "Heinz 57" dog (cats can also be tested), we can perform a DNA test that will tell you what breeds came together to make your new furry bundle of joy. Why is this important, you may ask? Well, besides ending basic curiosity about the lineage of your new family member, a DNA test can help you cater to their natural breed tendencies. For example, some breeds are predisposed to various

medical and behavioral tendencies. Knowing more about a pet's background can also help you customize their diet and nutrition plan accordingly. It is important to note that, while often beneficial, DNA testing results are not always perfectly accurate.

So where do you start your pet adoption search?

West Chelsea is proud to support many of New York City's animal rescue organizations including City Critters, Stray from the Heart, Urban Cat League, Metropolitan Maltese Rescue, NYC Shiba Rescue, and the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, to name a few.

About the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals: There are 150 animal rescue groups and New York City shelters that make up the Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals. Founded in 2002, the alliance works with numerous local rescue groups, to help end the killing of healthy and treatable cats and dogs at city shelters. They do this through public education, finding adoptive and foster homes for pets in need, and through key initiatives, such as its Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program, in which feral cats are humanely trapped, neutered or spayed and then returned to their neighborhood to live and be cared for by volunteers.

To learn more, visit animalallianceny.org

Adoptions typically range from \$55 to \$200, but you'll get a pet that's been spayed or neutered, is current on all their shots, and is microchipped. You'll also get a new best friend, which is priceless! Feel free to use West Chelsea Veterinary as one of the three references you'll need to adopt a dog or cat, and be sure to bring your I.D. with your current address and a letter from your landlord, if applicable, stating that pets are allowed in your apartment or condo building, etc. Once you bring your new dog or cat home, don't forget to register them with the Health Department at nyc.gov in case they get lost.

If you've been thinking about the many rewards of adding a new pet to your family, October is as great time a time as any to bring home a new dog or cat from a local shelter or rescue organization. They'll return the favor with limitless wags and puffs.



Technically Superior Celebrating Our Team During National Vet Tech Week, October 12 – 18

We are so proud of our talented veterinary support team made up of seven Licensed Veterinary Technicians (L.V.T.) who have seventy years of combined experience between them. They work closely with our expert veterinarians, administering medication, preparing animals for surgery, drawing blood, placing catheters, monitoring anesthesia during procedures, taking and processing radiographs, and implementing our advanced pain management protocols. They are a crucial link in the chain of superior care that your pets receive at West Chelsea Veterinary, and they take pride in the tender handling of your pets, which helps put them at ease during their time with us.

Thanks to you all:

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