

Neighbors

Happy tails to pets at Lyndhurst adoption event

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On a recent weekend, animal rescue 2 Hands Saving 4 Paws hosted an adoption event for their dogs and cats at Pet Valu in Lyndhurst. More than 20 dogs and cats sought their forever homes.

2 Hands Saving 4 Paws was founded in 2015 by Maria Salvaggio, who runs the rescue as a one-woman show, with only a couple of volunteers on and off.

The rescue is based in Georgia because Southern states have an abundance of kill shelters, which is why Salvaggio has dedicated her life to rescuing animals from these areas and bringing them up north for adoption.

The dogs and cats traveled on more than 13 hours from Georgia in the 2 Hands Saving 4 Paws RV, arriving in New Jersey just in time for the 11 a.m. adoption event. Pet Valu was packed from start to finish on Nov. 23, filled with people looking for their new best friend and animals ready to begin happy, new lives in their forever homes.

Salvaggio has adopted out about 126 animals from this particular Lyndhurst location since June of 2019, and that number grew for this event, adding eight happy tails to the 2 Hands Saving 4 Paws' track record.

Eight dogs were adopted by families, just in time for the holiday season together. A few of the dogs were:

■ Kyle - an eight-month-old male Flat Coat Retriever. Adopted by Kelly Ward and family.

■ Vida - a female Jack Russell Terrier. Adopted by Ligia Martins and Jonas Rabinovitch.

■ Maverick - a five-month-old Terrier mix. Adopted by Marylynn and Paul Burylo.

■ Cory - a female Australian Shepard mix.



A family checks out Junior.

■ Junior - a male 14-week-old Labrador mix. Adopted by Alexis Gazano and Adam Toner.

■ Kimberly - a female Chocolate Lab mix. Adopted by Linda and Jay from Boston.



Cory



Kittens seek a family during 2 Hands Saving 4 Paws adoption event at Pet Valu in Lyndhurst. PHOTOS COURTESY OF 2 HANDS SAVING 4 PAWS



A family checks out Vida.