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Dear Friends,

*The first full week of May is National Be Kind to Animals Week. It is thought to be the nation's oldest celebrated week. What better time to share one of our truly heartwarming stories that brought a family and a homeless pet together.*

**The Challenge:**

Sasha is one of those critters that just craves love and attention. She was underweight when brought to Suncoast Humane Society. Her condition was such that it was obvious she had produced multiple litters in the past. Her main set-back was that, due to an encounter with an automobile, Sasha had only three legs.



Staff at the Society's Animal Care Center developed an immediate affection for her. It did not take long for our medical team to determine that everything wrong with Sasha was treatable. As she gained weight and strength, she was moving around with the mobility of a whippet or greyhound, maybe even a gazelle. We had to find her a loving permanent home.



**Taking action:**

For weeks her story was promoted on our web site, [www.humane.org](http://www.humane.org). She was featured as the pet of the day and week in multiple news publications. This resulted in several inquiries at the animal care center; however, the responsibility of taking on a three legged dog seemed to overwhelm most people.

Sasha had been waiting for that special home for over two months. Suncoast Humane Society staff and volunteers spent countless hours loving and caring for her during her two month stay. She was played with and walked everyday to keep the strength in her three legs.

**The solution:**

Following heartfelt newscasts by NBC2 Ft. Myers, ABC7 Sarasota, and a wonderful article in the Englewood Sun, the home we had hoped for appeared. A 15 year old young lady had been following Sasha's plight from the beginning. She felt that Sasha should be part of her family; however, she thought her upcoming trip away from home would prevent her from adopting Sasha. Little did she know that dad had the situation in hand.

Upon returning home from her trip she was thrilled to be greeted by Sasha. It had been love at first sight and now the bonding would begin. Sasha was going to have a wonderful home.

*Sasha and her new family have made several return visits to Suncoast Humane Society, just to say hello. Her young caregiver also wrote us a beautiful letter. Among the many touching phrases, she writes; "We are a lucky family. Sasha is my sister now. I am so glad we adopted her. I hope to volunteer at Suncoast Humane Society to help others like Sasha find that perfect home."*

It is great to know that Suncoast Humane Society helps both people and animals. **Please help us to continue our efforts.**

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