

## Who We Are

*Orphans of the Storm is located in Armstrong County. We were established in 1969 to provide temporary shelter for unwanted and abused animals. We match lovable animals with loving forever homes, educate the public on humane, responsible care of all animals, and promote spaying and neutering to reduce companion animal overpopulation. Orphans of the Storm is a no-kill animal shelter. This means we euthanize an animal only if it is suffering with no hope to be cured, or if the animal is a danger to people or other animals.*

Visit [www.orphansofthestorm-pa.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm-pa.org).



Buddy, when he arrived.



Buddy, today!



Join us in giving orphans like Buddy a second chance!



## Visit Us!

**Monday through Friday:** 1 to 5 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** 1 to 7 p.m.  
**Saturday:** noon to 3 p.m.  
**Sundays & holidays:** closed

**We are located in Kittanning, Pa.**  
**Parking is in front of the building.**

**FROM THE SOUTH AND WEST:** Follow Routes 28/66/422. Remain on 28/66 north to end of bypass (remain in RIGHT lane). At traffic signal, turn right onto Rt. 85 east. Orphans of the Storm is about 1/4 mile on the left hand side.

**FROM THE EAST:** Follow Rt. 422 west to the intersection with Rts.28/66 north (New Bethlehem and Clarion). Take Rts.28/66 north. Stay in RIGHT lane at traffic signal. Turn right onto Rt. 85 east (about one mile at the first traffic signal); turn right onto Rt. 85 east. We are about 1/4 mile on left side.

**FROM THE NORTH:** Take Rt. 28/66 south to the intersection with Rt. 85 (traffic signal). Turn left onto Rt. 85 east; we are about 1/4 mile on left.

## Orphans of the Storm

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# Golden Buddies Program



## SAVE A PET

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*Thanks to Bob Fragasso & other generous sponsors!*

## Benefits of Adopting A Senior Pet

1. **Older pets have manners.** Seniors have spent years living with a family and being socialized to life with humans. They may have received obedience training and respond to commands like Sit, Stay, and Down. Many are house trained and it takes a matter of hours or a day or two to help them learn the potty rules in their new home.



Shep

2. **Senior pets are less destructive.** Most older adoptive pets are well past the search-and-destroy phase. You don't need to worry much about finding your favorite pair of shoes or a table leg chewed beyond recognition. Chances are your senior kitty has no urge to overturn your potted plant or shred the handmade quilt your grandma gave you.
3. **What you see is what you get.** A senior pet holds no surprises as to how big he might get, what color his adult coat will be, or whether his hips will be healthy. A senior pet comes to you with his own history, which makes his future much more predictable than that of a puppy or kitten.
4. **You can teach an old dog new tricks.** Adult dogs can focus on the task at hand (unlike many of their much younger counterparts). If your adopted older pet needs to learn a few things in her new life with you, not to worry. Enroll her in an obedience class, contact a trainer, or go the do-it-yourself route. Older dogs are more attentive than puppies, and more eager to please their humans.



Goldie

5. **You can custom-order your senior pet.** If you're looking for a short-haired cat, or a kitty with no history of dental disease, you can search until you find an older pet with exactly those attributes. If you already have a cat and need your adoptive dog to get along with cats, again, you'll have a much better chance of finding an older adoptive dog who is a perfect companion for your family.

## Senior Citizens: Love to Give



**Senior pets are great company for senior citizens.** Many elderly people find the calm presence of an older pet very comforting. They appreciate having a companion who is also "getting up there" in age, doesn't mind hearing the same stories again and again, and is content to move through life at a slower speed.

**Older pets are relaxing to hang out with.** Senior dogs and cats have all the basics down and aren't full of wild energy to burn. Because you're not constantly chasing around or cleaning up after your older pet, you have a lot more time to spend finding fun things to do or just relaxing together.

**Adopted senior pets are grateful for your kindness.** Somehow, older pets seem to know you gave them a home when no one else would. Many new owners form a close bond very quickly with their senior dog or cat, because the pet shows them a level of attention and devotion that is unique to older adopted animals.

**You can be a hero to a deserving dog or cat.** Almost without exception, people who adopt older animals feel a special sense of pride and purpose in opening their heart to a hard-to-place pet. Doing a good thing really does make you feel good!



*Excerpts from 10 Benefits of Adopting an Older Pet, by Dr. Becker.*

## Golden Buddies Program

Orphans of the Storm offers the Golden Buddies Program to match senior pets (6+ years-old) with senior citizens (65+ years-old.) Generous donors sponsor a portion of the adoption fees on these special orphans to qualified homes. In addition:

- the pet is spayed or neutered (if not already done),
- updated on vaccinations including an eight-way distemper shot, Bordetella and rabies,
- the pets are started on heartworm and flea and tick prevention, and
- all adopted pets receive microchips for identification in case they are lost.
- Dogs are heartworm tested, stool checked; and wormed, if needed.
- Cats have a four-way vaccination, stool checked, and wormed if needed; if over 12 weeks old they also receive a rabies vaccination. All are leukemia & combo tested and started on flea prevention.

## Support!

Your tax-deductible donation will help us save many more homeless cats, dogs, kittens and puppies.

I would like my tax-deductible contribution to go to:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **I want to sponsor a Golden Buddy!**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hope Fund for animals' medical care.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Spay/neuter fund to reduce the pet overpopulation problem.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Food, bedding, general shelter pet care.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Building Fund to help build a new shelter.

Let us know if you wish to make your donation in memory or in honor of a special person or pet. Mail to:

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We also accept PayPal donations online!