

Get to Know the "Creatures" of WCNY

In honor of a new season of "All Creatures Great and Small," we're proud to feature some of our WCNY employees and their adopted pets, along with the local rescue organizations that brought these cherished furry companions into their lives.

Have you recently adopted a pet from a local animal rescue? We'd love to see your four-legged friends! Share photos of your adopted pet(s) with us on social media, and don't forget to tag us @wcnypbs.

Did You Know?

The domestic dog was the first domesticated animal and has been widely kept as a working, hunting, and pet companion.



Booker & Mango from CNY Cat Coalition

"Booker and Mango were adopted through the CNY Cat Coalition, just a little over two years apart from each other. We discovered Booker sitting happily in the coalition's adoption center at the Fairmount PetSmart. Mango, on the other hand, stole our hearts during a spontaneous visit to the Luna Cat Cafe on E. Fayette St. They've been best friends ever since, and enjoy finding warm spots to curl up together, people-watching, and sprinting through the house at 3 a.m."

Jason Sebo

Accounting Manager



Chippie, Funfetti, & Samoa from All Creatures Big and Small Pet Rescue



"We welcomed this adorable crew of kitties into our home in May of 2023. Initially, our plan was to adopt only two kittens, however this quickly changed during our 'meet and greet' at the foster home. Witnessing the strong bond between the three kittens, we couldn't bear to leave one behind. These kittens have become the sweetest and most loving companions, and I am so happy that we ultimately chose to adopt all three!"

Lauren Easton

Manager, Marketing, Public Relations & Events

Cleocatra from Friends Forever Animal Rescue

"We adopted Cleo back in 2020 after the passing of my grandmother. In an effort to bring joy back to my family during COVID, we visited Friends Forever Animal Rescue to meet all the wonderful cats available. It was there that we met Cleo and her kittens. While kittens typically find homes easily, we wanted to make sure that Cleo, too, found her forever home."

Jenna Fields

Associate Producer



Diesel from Oswego County SPCA (OCAWL) & Summer from CNY SNAP



"I rescued Diesel as a kitten after he was found locked in a shed at the beginning of his life. At times, he can still be a bit skittish, and he loves to walk around the house meowing for no reason, but he is the perfect little guy. A few months later, I adopted Summer to be a companion for Diesel. She loved Diesel from the start, but it took him some time to reciprocate the feelings. Now, they sleep together every night and are inseparable."

Rubin Wright

Project Manager

Kenai from Helping Hounds Dog Rescue

"We adopted Kenai (Kee • nai), previously known as Hawk, from Helping Hounds Dog Rescue in June of 2023. He was transported to New York as a puppy, only to grow up in and out of the rescue. As his second birthday approaches in early February, he has found his forever home! His future is bright, filled with camping trips, couch cuddles, and all the love one pup can handle!"

Kaytlyn Slaboc

Production Assistant



Toby from CNY SPCA



"We adopted Toby when he was a kitten. He's now 13 and the fourth black cat we've adopted over the years. We are told there's always a need for that since many people are still superstitious about black cats. Toby's not spooky at all. He loves popcorn and watching SU games on TV just like his parents!"

Ron Lombard

FM Station Manager

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Season 4 Premieres Sunday, Jan. 7 at 9 p.m. on WCNY-TV

It's the spring of 1940 and change is on the horizon for everyone in Skeldale House. James and Helen wonder when the right time might be to start a family, Tristan's absence is felt by all, and Siegfried attempts to hold the growing household, and himself, together.

You're invited to the "All Creatures Great and Small" Season 4 Screening Event!

Saturday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. at the WCNY-TV Studios

Join us for an in-person screening of the Season 4 premiere of PBS Masterpiece's "All Creatures Great and Small" on the big screen, before it premieres! The event begins at 2 p.m. with a welcome reception and light refreshments in the WCNY-TV Studios, followed by the screening of Season 4, Episode 1 at 2:30 p.m.

Please consider bringing new or gently used pet supplies to be entered into a raffle for PBS prizes. All items will be donated to a great local rescue! A collection box will be available at the registration table for your contributions.

There is no fee to attend the event, but registration is required. **Register today at www.wcny.org/events.**