

DEAR FRIEND,

Coraline here! You probably know me as the CEO (Cat Executive Officer) of Roice-Hurst Humane Society. It shouldn't surprise you that many responsibilities come with this title: I greet guests, splay out on desks, and keep freshly-printed papers warm. And I run QC for all boxes and bags that come through the building and need testing.

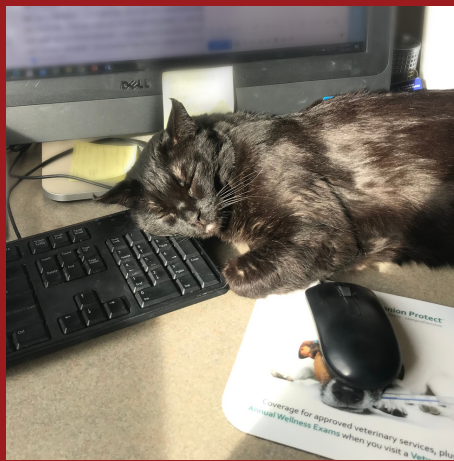
Anna is in Cambridge for three weeks for a leadership fellowship at the Harvard Kennedy School. While most of the organization's critical functions have been left in the hands of our pawesome team, **I've been left in charge as PIO (Pet Information Officer). Finally, a chance to share my story!**

My role at Roice-Hurst is unique, because unlike the other cats in the shelter, I am a permanent resident. I was adopted by the team seven years ago and became an ambassador of sorts. **I was found protecting my litter of kittens near an oil field, hunting and eating rabbits to stay alive.** I was underweight (that's how I got my name, if you have seen the movie "Coraline"!) and my ears and face were frostbitten – **evidence I had been dumped and fending for myself for at least four seasons.** Not to mention I am a black cat, which carries a lot of stereotypes and leads to longer stays at the shelter for pets like me. It took six months to eradicate all the worms I had and for me to finally start working on the svelte physique I have today.

Over the years, the staff taught me tricks, like sitting and giving high-fives. My favorite trick is walking across a keyboard and changing the computer's language to Mandarin. They didn't even have to teach me that one!



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As you can see, I perform some very important duties as Cat Executive Officer – purrrfessional modeling, keyboard programming, and processing adoptions at the front desk.

Cats often get personified as selfish and aloof. I'd like to put that to rest. Our entire organization, office cat included, leads with empathy by default. Now, it is true that I've swatted the occasional slobbery dog for not understanding personal space. But, I know that all pets deserve a loving home. **Out of all the pets who have found themselves at Roice-Hurst, I feel the luckiest because I have witnessed over 4,500 adoptions since my arrival!**

In honor of all these pets, I'm asking you to help me raise \$4,500 for Jake's Fund, a fund set up specifically to care for pets with extraordinary medical needs. I want to show Anna I'm the best fundraiser at RHHS, so please help me raise this before she gets back!

Thank you for changing hundreds of pets' lives every year – including mine! (And don't forget to bring some Coraline snacks by the shelter, but don't tell Anna I asked!)

Love,

CORALINE

