

# Foster Care

## Q1 Impact Report



### From Fearful Stray to Beloved Foster Companion

JubeJube was brought to Toronto Humane Society as a stray dog on January 5th, 2024. Upon arrival, she exhibited high levels of fear, anxiety, and stress (FAS). Over time, she gained confidence and trust with the staff and volunteers. Within two weeks, she was placed into a foster home.

While in the foster home, JubeJube developed medical complications. Her foster parent noticed her left eye becoming cloudy. A recheck at the shelter revealed she was becoming blind in that eye, and due to swelling and other concerns, nucleation surgery was necessary. The surgery went well, and JubeJube returned to her foster home to heal.

One to two weeks later, her foster parents reported that she appeared to be losing sight in her right eye. A subsequent recheck confirmed that JubeJube was now fully blind, necessitating the removal of her right eye as well. She recovered well and returned to her foster home.

Initially, the plan was for JubeJube to be put up for adoption at the end of Q1. However, results from the pathologists revealed neoplasia and a malignant nature, leading to a decision to make her palliative at the end of April. JubeJube will stay with her current foster family, who will care for her until her condition declines.



### Bando's Resilience: Triumph Through Medical Challenges to Adoption

Bando was surrendered in November 2023 due to financial constraints related to his medical issues, particularly a urethral obstruction. Placed in foster care, his condition worsened, leading to urgent surgery at Toronto Veterinary Emergency Hospital for a urethrostomy and cystotomy.

Despite returning to foster care, Bando faced further complications, including penile paraphimosis and ischemic necrosis. In December, he underwent a penile amputation and scrotal perineal urethrostomy.

After ongoing challenges and rechecks, Bando recovered well from surgery by January 19th but still needed to resolve digestive issues. Made available for adoption on February 5th, he found his forever home on February 11th, 2024, marking the end of his journey to health and happiness.



**54%**  
Of animals at Toronto Humane Society received support and love from being in a foster home.

**83**  
Animals are in a foster home every day, on average.

### Overcoming Challenges to Find His Forever Home

Rocky arrived displaying high fear, anxiety, and stress (FAS), along with being a very energetic cat prone to becoming overstimulated quickly. He exhibited conflicted behaviour in the shelter environment, though he appeared friendly and playful, especially as a young cat.

Our feline behaviour and medical teams initiated a behaviour modification plan and behavioural medications to address Rocky's challenges and prepare him for adoption. Rocky was placed into a foster home to continue his progress.

After ongoing work and dedication, Rocky finally found his forever home on March 19th, 2024, where he could thrive in an environment suited to his needs.

