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Joe Siprut, with his children, Lana and Joe, Jr., and their PAWS Chicago rescue, Sammy.

Prominent Attorney Helping Animals

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SATIATING HIS ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT WHILE LEVERAGING HIS TENACITY FOR HIGH-STAKES CORPORATE LITIGATION, Joe Siprut has a proven track record of success in multiple areas of legal practice. Since founding Siprut P.C., Joe has led his team to achieve favorable rulings in areas from class actions and consumer litigation, to personal injury and civil rights.

Most recently, you may recognize him as the lead counsel in the class action lawsuit against the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) on behalf of all college athletes who suffered head injuries. His diligence and precision throughout the case yielded a \$75 million settlement, and a significant revision of the NCAA concussion protocols, changing college sports forever.

Having grown up with dogs his entire life, Joe Siprut has been passionate about the welfare of his canine friends with the same fervor he brings to his law practice. Aiming to spread awareness about homeless pets in Chicago while raising much-needed resources, his annual Siprut P.C. Charity Golf Outing solely benefits PAWS Chicago. He has personally committed to fund and name the Joe Siprut Reception Area at the Lincoln Park Adoption Center. He finds satisfaction knowing that "because of that pledge, dogs will be rescued and saved and will live out very full and happy lives who otherwise wouldn't be able to."

Joe and his children—Lana (9) and Joe, Jr. (6)—have devoted themselves to providing the fullest and happiest life to Sammy, a sprightly Border Collie mix who arrived at PAWS Chicago by way of an Oklahoma rescue organization that could not provide the medical care that Sammy needed. The poor puppy had a severely damaged back leg due to a nasty gunshot wound. The veterinarians at PAWS Chicago swiftly amputated Sammy's leg, and under their watchful eyes, he began his road to recovery.

Now, Lana and Joe, Jr. are enamored with their darling companion and Sammy has a newfound freedom to run painlessly on his three legs. "Sammy wants for nothing and gets more love than he knows what to do with," says Joe.