

The SPCA Serving Allegany County

# Paw Prints

Winter 2020



We're happy &  
warm in our new home.

# A DREAM COME TRUE



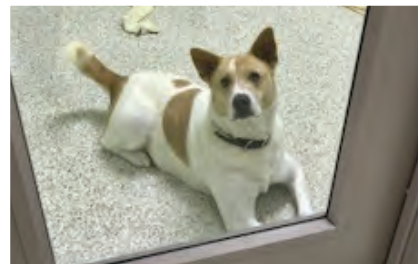
I know we have been writing about our new shelter construction project for the past few years in our annual newsletter, on our Facebook page, in all the newspapers and you have heard about it on the airwaves on WJQZ 103.5 with Bob Mangels...and we are happy to say it has finally become a reality this year! This 'dream come true' could not have happened without YOU! When I think of the hundreds of donors for this project over the past 5 years and all of the people who have come forward to help support us, it just solidifies my opinion of what a great animal loving community we live in!!

Although 2019 has been a great year for the SPCA, it's also been a huge challenge for us and I can guarantee you, none of us will ever forget our move to the new shelter...it's definitely been a memorable year!!! We started in the fall prepping for the big move and late in December 2018 we started moving our cats over to their new digs...nice spacious communal rooms. What a difference this has made for the cats! Finally, to be out of their little 2 ft x 2 ft stainless steel cages and now having the freedom to be able to run around and play...and of course lounge around too...surrounded by their new found cat friends. The first few days many of us just stood there smiling and watched all the cats enjoying their cat trees and relaxing while sunning themselves! I think one of the most exciting things for us humans and for the cats too is finally having a room with a view...they now have the ability look outside all day long and gaze through the big sliding glass doors. The 'kitty playroom' donated by Gretchen Probst is a big hit with the kittens who have fun playing and climbing on the kitty climbing station built by Ron Gaylord.

I have to say I just don't know how we became so lucky to be able to move our dogs during January!!! Thankfully, we had some great employees and volunteers helping us...especially Ken Fahrenfeld who easily could have been mistaken for one of our employees! The first night the dogs arrived at the

shelter and they got to lay down on the nice heated floors, they were all so serene and quiet...no wild barking...just a bunch of relaxed dogs enjoying their roomy dog kennels...it was heavenly!

Not only was the move a major 'winter' event that seemed like eternity to all of us, but we also started the year off with numerous cruelty case seizures, resulting in utilizing both the new and the old shelter. The first few months of 2019 definitely tested us and it was stressful, but there was also the joy of finally being able to move into the new shelter. We felt like jugglers trying to care for so many animals at both locations... some days we thought we would never be able to officially open our new shelter. BUT we all persevered and marched on...we worked as a team with staff, volunteers and board members and we figured out how to make it all work and provide the care needed for so many animals, while getting our new shelter ready to open to the public.



Many things have changed since we had our long awaited soft open of the new shelter on February 23rd. We have visitors every day...and many times visitors are waiting in the parking lot for us to open or they are peering in the windows...this is something that never happened at our old shelter. And now that we have been open for 9 months when we compare it to our old shelter, the amount of people who come to the new shelter in one day is equivalent to a weeks' worth of people visiting at our old shelter. We also have the capacity for groups to visit and we have groups from around our county visiting each week...and many times we can a few new volunteers from these visits. And guess what...more visitors and volunteers has equated to MORE adoptions which enables us to take in and help more animals!! When looking at our animal intake numbers... so far this year we have brought in MORE than double the amount of animals. Let me share some numbers with you...over the past few years our average intake of animals was around 350-400....so far as of Nov 30th we have brought in and helped 915 animals! In 2019, we have adopted out 751 animals and we have reduced the length of stay for dogs and cats tremendously. In the past it would take months to adopt out our cats and dogs...now we adopt out within a few days of a dog or cat arriving on the adoption floor, and for some animals they have been adopted in only a few short hours and have had multiple applications. How amazing is that?

We have had adopters from all over NY State...including NY City, and even as far away as Boston, MA & Vermont!

And because we are dedicated to serving our community better, we will be offering more services in 2020. Very soon we will be able to help many more people and their pets by opening our low income/low cost spay/neuter clinic that will be open to the public.

A sincere thank you from our SPCA Board for supporting us and believing in the dream. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who has helped us along the way to make this dream come true!

**Items needing to be finished...**  
 Driveway stone or pave it, back parking lot, exterior lighting, fenced in play yard, fencing around the whole property, barn, patio's, generator

## Paw Prints ... Winter 2019 The SPCA Serving Allegany County

### Serving Animals and People in Allegany County of New York

The SPCA's mission is to attend to the needs of the abandoned, neglected, and abused animals of Allegany County. Change is constant at the SPCA shelter. Animals in great need of care and compassion continually arrive as others are adopted out into their forever homes.

*"The furry faces may change,  
 but the need never goes away."*

**ONE-CLICK DONATIONS**

You can also make convenient donations to the shelter or memorials online on our website — just click on Donation and PAYPAL!

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**Other important numbers**

**NEW SENSE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

Mike Hayden, 716-676-9161

**CRUELTY HOTLINE** 585-268-9600

Available 24/7

**NYS AG & MARKETS** [www.agriculture.ny.gov](http://www.agriculture.ny.gov)

**DOG CONTROL OFFICERS (DCO)**

updated list on [www.SPCAallegany.org](http://www.SPCAallegany.org)

**WILDLIFE ABBIE-FREELAND  
 WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

Cheri Button-Dobmeier, (585) 466-7811



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Stay linked in and follow all the happenings at the shelter, pets up for adoption and upcoming fundraisers and events! We are at:

[www.Facebook.com/SPCA.Serving.Allegany.County](http://www.Facebook.com/SPCA.Serving.Allegany.County)

# The Journey to a New Shelter: A long and winding road

by Lynda Pruski, Deb Wright and Donna Digirolamo

One thing I think we all realized during this long journey to a new shelter was that this hope to build a new shelter was in the works many, many years ago...especially by some of our former board of directors. I recently found old letters and minutes from Board meetings discussing the need to build a new shelter and a list of the features the board was looking for and it was interesting to see that old list matched almost exactly to what our new shelter is today! We all had the same feelings – we were grateful for our old shelter, and it served us well, but over time all the animals housed there had taken the toll on the building and it was time to replace it.

At our Grand Opening and ribbon cutting on June 1st – the amount of people that showed up was astounding! There were many people from all over our county, people from other counties...other shelters...people from Buffalo & Rochester, Pennsylvania and many of our long time supporters and former board members. I will never forget our 30+ year SPCA former board member and volunteer extraordinaire Carol Mead and her big grin all day long as this was a personal hope and dream of hers too! At times it felt like a big reunion of animal lovers...and one reunion in particular of the 3 SPCA Presidents, past and present... Donna Digirolamo, Deb Wright and myself – I know the 3 of us could not stop smiling and we had so much to talk about! Thankfully, Bob Mangels was on hand to interview all 3 of us as he was broadcasting live from the event and Katherine Ross & Midge VanEtten were there to talk to us and take our pics for their newspaper articles.

It's ironic how all three of us have the same thoughts about the old shelter and especially the basement...hands down we totally agree...we all hated housing animals in the basement, but we had no choice. And for me personally, the thought of animals living in that dark, lonely cold & damp basement always bothered me and it was the main driving force on that long journey to a new shelter. I will never forget the day I took a dog named Savior to our SPCA golf tournament – he thoroughly enjoyed his day of freedom away from his basement kennel, he got to ride on the golf cart, received lots of attention and he laid on the grass watching everyone playing golf. When I drove him back to the shelter, he was exhausted and fell asleep on the front seat of my car. Once I pulled into the shelter driveway, he woke right up and turned around in the seat looking the other way, and he did



not want to get out of the car. When I opened the door to the basement, he stopped at the top of the stairs and backed right out of his collar and got loose and ran back to my car, I caught him quickly, but he would not go down those stairs... not even for a tasty treat. I ended up having to pick him up and carried him down to his kennel, and I felt terrible leaving him. On our journey to building a new shelter I had made sure that all new board members, volunteers and even our donors visit the basement so they could understand the urgency and the need to build our new facility.

And when going down memory lane with Donna Digirolamo 1993 Board President this is what she had to say:

“In 1993 I recall standing outside of the Route 19 S shelter in Shongo on a very cold fall day. The hills were beautiful and I was thinking about what a peaceful spot it was for a shelter. But I also remember saying to myself that the shelter was in disrepair, overcrowded and much too far away from the general population which prohibited us from getting consistent traffic there. I knew that at some point the shelter would have to be in a more centralized location in the county.

Although, I realized that we needed a much more modern and centralized building for our residents when I became SPCA President in 1993, my new board and I discovered that the organization was \$10,000 in the red. Our first and foremost goal was to raise enough money just to stay open to serve the needs of our animals and the public. With unwavering resolve we worked diligently to develop fund raisers that would provide monthly funding, secure grants through the state and private sources, and create an atmosphere of stability throughout the organization. Our

efforts over the years gave us the credibility necessary to receive the type of monetary and volunteer support that is so crucial to any service group. Still, we dreamed of the day when we could provide a better living situation for our clients and volunteers.

We often held conversations about what we would envision as a future SPCA shelter. Building a new shelter in a central location was definitely a key priority for us. A location in a rural setting would serve the SPCA well, as this would allow the shelter residents and volunteers space to run and play, as well as serving as a visitation area for animals and prospective adopters. A spay/neuter clinic was one of the aspects that topped the list. It was always a desire to have much more innovative utility systems throughout the building even before green energy was widely touted. Saving money was as essential to the existence of the SPCA then as it is now, and we knew that energy costs needed to be contained in an environmentally friendly manner.

Should a new shelter ever become a reality we agreed that no animal would be housed in a cellar and exits would be prevalent in all areas. We all ascertained that natural light, air filtration systems, cage free areas for cats, and accessible cleaning equipment for each area were mandatory. Dogs would have large areas for rehabilitation, training, and socializing playtime with volunteers or adoptive families. Those animals brought to us through cruelty investigations would have a comfortable quarantine area in which they could be housed until they were deemed healthy enough to be with other residents. At some point we would have liked to be able to house farm stock, which would mean having a barn and pond on the premises. And last but certainly

not least, we always wanted to have more area for laundry facilities and storage space for food, supplies and equipment. It was all like a massive Christmas list, and we added to that list every year!"

...And our former Board President and current Treasurer Deb Wright had old memories to share too:

"During my years with the SPCA, I along with other board members, employees and volunteers have said if we had a choice we would not put animals in the basement of our shelter. I'm sure when our shelter was opened in 1991, no one envisioned keeping animals in the basement for any length of time, it was merely meant to be a temporary short-term holding area. Unfortunately that is not how it was used for many years. When the basement was the only space available and there were animals in need, we had to use the basement to keep our dogs and cats. The staff always did their best to keep it clean and warm, but there is no disguising the fact that it was a basement. There were no outdoor runs in the basement kennels; only tiny windows that allowed a minimal amount of sunshine in and no view of the outdoors to speak of for the animals to gaze upon. The air circulation in the basement was virtually non-existent, which promoted the spread of air-borne infectious disease. It was not the safe, welcoming, calm place for our animal guests to adapt to shelter life that it should have been. Another thing that no one envisioned in 1991 was the number of animals we would need to house...we had no choice and we used every square inch of space in our old building and then some. The truth of the matter was, we simply outgrew our old shelter...and here the journey proceeded to building a new shelter."

## In Memory of some of our shelter residents



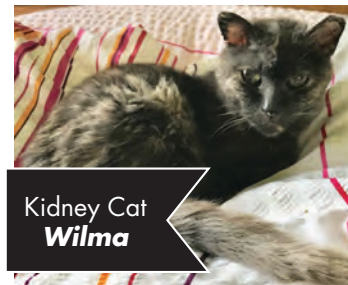
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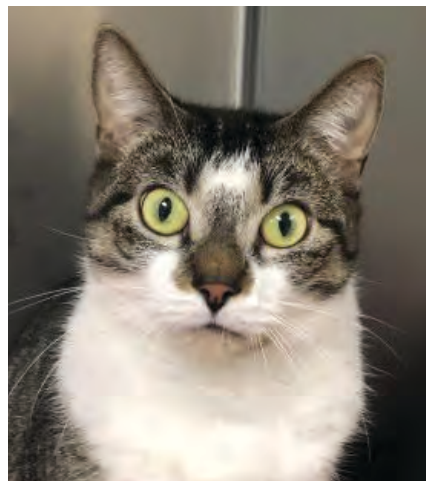
Bunny  
Little  
**Lynda**



**Mowgli**



Kidney Cat  
**Wilma**



## Volunteer Cat Lady Chris Lucas

This year we would like to take a moment to recognize one of our dedicated volunteers, Chris Lucas. Chris has volunteered with us since November 2016. She is a passionate person who enjoys spending time socializing with our cats, especially our more difficult ones. Chris can often be found a few times a week giving out treats or catnip, brushing the cats and spending some quiet time talking to and coaxing the shyer cats into being more comfortable with human interaction. She has helped us to make many connections in the community for foster homes for kittens or special needs cats and has also helped gather support for our fundraisers throughout the year. Thank you, Chris, for your dedication to the SPCA and the animals we care for!

## BUBBLES

by Chris Lucas

My name is Bubbles and I came to the shelter as a stray back in September 2018. And let me tell you ...I did not like it at all!! Although it was nice not having to forage for food everyday...a steel cage was not my style at all!! So, I just had to let everyone know who they were dealing with and I am pretty sure I challenged everyone at the shelter on a daily basis. Afterall...how dare they keep me locked up! But despite being difficult, they kept talking to me and kept me fed, even if I was grouchy about it. So, I put up with it but I did make sure the staff and volunteers knew I was the boss and not them! LOL

When I got to the new shelter, things really changed for me...there is this nice kitty playroom I could hang out in all by myself! They even let me walk

to the play room on my own so I could walk around in front of the other cats and the cats could see how sassy I was just strutting my stuff down the hallway! The staff and volunteers were friendly and even said I was finally getting nicer and finally 'socialized'. I even was starting to like people!! Now I am really excited because I heard I'll soon be moving out of my nice fancy kitty condo and into a big house with someone that's been visiting me and understands my quirky personality! I will miss my human friends at the shelter, but I'm grateful that they were patient with me and showed me lots of love...and did not give up on me...now I can pass that love to my new family.

# SHELTER NEEDS

- Dish soap
- Paper towels
- Collars & Leashes
- Wood pellets
- Garbage bags
- Towels & washcloths
- Dog & cat treats
- Dry Kitten food
- Blankets
- Dog & cat toys
- Canned dog, cat and kitten food
- Hand Sanitizer
- Catnip
- Laundry Detergent

**ALSO - Dollar General, Tractor Supply, or gas station gift cards**

**Monetary donations are welcome also!**

# Thanks

# FOSTERS We need you!



Whenever the word “foster” comes to mind, what do you think of? I wonder if you think of cute little kittens running around in your office while you work from home. I wonder if you think about the sick cat who is just in need of a few weeks of TLC to get back to being 100%. I wonder if you think of the shy dog you can save from spending lonely nights in a kennel alone until the right family comes along. When you think of the word “foster”, I hope you think of all of those things! Currently at the SPCA, we have over 15 animals in foster homes awaiting their perfect person! Fostering animals not only helps us get to know them better, but it also lets the animals feel at home in their lives instead of just in limbo. You may ask “Won’t they feel abandoned when they come back to the shelter?” or “What if I don’t have enough time for

them anymore?” When an animal is out of the shelter, they get to learn how to live in a home, trust and build bonds with new people, and probably see their break from the kennel as a little vacation. Returning to the shelter is like returning home from a vacation. Although you will miss it, you will always hold those great memories in your heart. That is how fostering can be for an animal. Whether you have a week to spare, or as long as it takes, foster families change animals lives, and it only takes a call to the shelter to get started.

## Special needs: Rhina

by: Whitney Worthington

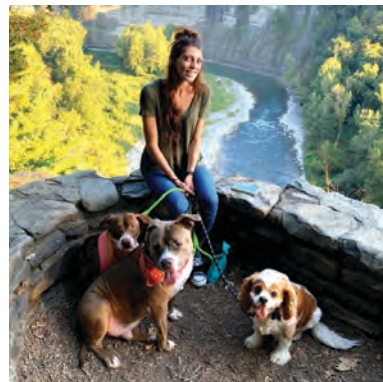
Adopting/fostering animals from the shelter is a very rewarding experience. I have had several wonderful, sweet animals from there and they truly are the best! I took 2 young children to the SPCA as a learning experience, we made toys, we brought food to donate and spent our time reading books to the cats. While we were there I met the sweetest cat, she came wobbling my way and I knew she belonged with me... “Rhina” is considered a special needs cat. She has cerebellar hypoplasia which makes her a very unique cat...she cannot walk properly and has tremors often. After inquiring and getting a fast response from the shelter, she quickly became a member of our family. She had spent her whole life in the shelter and I could just tell how grateful she was to be “home”. She’s the most snuggly and loving cat and I use her as a teaching experience with the kids. They are always asking me why she’s different than my other 2 cats and “how come she’s different?” I take this opportunity to teach them that not all cats are the same. They look different, some may act different and some can’t do things others can, they are unique just like people.



## Foster girl Becky

by: Whitney Worthington

I’ve recently started fostering as well, after I read about a high anxiety socially challenged pitbull mix dog named Becky on the SPCA Facebook page. She took a few days to warm up to the new house, but with a lot of time and patience she has been blooming. She is the sweetest dog and just wants to be loved, I can’t imagine what this poor baby went through to be this bad. She’s learning to trust more and more every day and I cannot express the joy it brings me to see her personality flourish. I know a lot of people push off fostering...I’ve heard “I’d get too attached”, “I don’t have time for more animals” but the difference you can make to these animals is worth the extra responsibility or stress. So, if anyone is thinking about fostering but they’re unsure, I hope you do...the reward far outweighs any excuse not to. There are so many animals just waiting for you to come and love you, I promise you won’t be sorry you did. Thank you so much SPCA for what you do and giving me the opportunity to help!





## Elsa...new home... new name

When my girlfriend and I first came to the Allegany County SPCA shelter we had already looked online and came to a conclusion that we wanted to look at two or three specific dogs and Elsa was not on our list. At this time Elsa flew over our radar until we walked by her room and saw her sweet face. She was the only dog not barking and just laid on her bed. We decided to take her for a walk and fell in love with her kind face, loyalty, and good behavior.

When I brought Elsa home she adapted very quickly. She also adopted the nickname Elsie very soon, since being brought home she has been spoiled with toys and treats. My parents, girlfriend, and I play with her and her rope toy whenever we can catch her between naps. Recently, we noticed that we can put her on a long run and let her explore the yard while we run next to her and let her get the bursts of running in. She enjoys this, but also likes going back inside to the warmth of our house.

For Halloween Elsie was a cheerleader and loved her Pom poms!! Soon after Elsie celebrated her 3rd birthday, which was a day totally 'all about her'. She got her very own doggy cookie, a couple new toys, a new bed, and a birthday bandana, she lounged around most of the day and occasionally played with us.

Elsie has become such a great dog, she no longer makes big messes in the house. She loves to give her dad lots of kisses and rarely leaves his side. When Elsie sleeps she has to be right by dad's side and under the covers with me. She will never turn down a nap or a meal. We are excited to see where Elsie takes us in life and how much more she will grow, within two quick months she is loved very much.

We love her dearly and are glad we took a chance on a shelter dog!



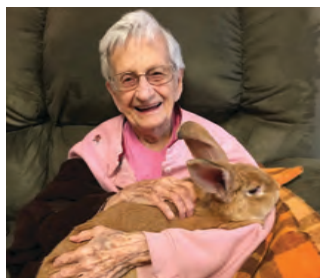
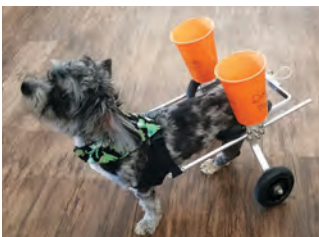
A very special thanks to Jan Benz a local artist who has donated many of her cat prints, along with some dog and rabbit prints and cards. Jan has spent many years since 1980 painting watercolor portraits of cats and her artwork captures the beauty of them. Jan is a true animal lover and it shows in her artwork.



**Prints are for sale in the  
retail store at the SPCA.**







# Paw's Up

We owe special thanks to many businesses, groups, organizations and individuals including but not limited to the following:

- LaForge's
- Dr. Bruce Kaplan
- Vet Care of Cuba
- Dave Brautigam
- Lakewood Veterinary
- Dr. Graf
- Alfred Vet Tech School - Dr Pierson
- Alfred Vet Tech Students
- Cornell Veterinary Hospital
- Allegany County Sheriff Dept & 911 Dispatchers
- Allegany County Area Foundation
- OTIS Eastern
- Steuben Trust Company
- First Citizens Community Bank
- ALCO Credit Union
- Richard Lichter Foundation
- Classic Hits Oldies 103.5 WJQZ
- Warren & Connie Emerson
- Groomers: E. & C. Pet Parlor
- Brand Name Appliance
- Peter Mangels Photography
- The Spectator, Cuba Patriot & Olean Times Herald
- Erie County SPCA
- Lollypop Farms
- BOCES - Media Communications
- ARC
- ProAm Charities
- Alfred Community Chest
- Middaugh Realestate
- Junior & Robin Green - B & R Trucking
- Trout Run Campground
- Jones Pond Camp Ground
- Cattaraugus & Allegany County Emergency Services
- Purina Pet Food
- Siemans - Dresser Rand
- Jan Benz

## FUNDRAISING EVENTS CALENDAR

- **January** - Radio-thon 103.5 WJQZ
- **February** - Show the SPCA some love
- **April** - Paw Prints: Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
- **June** - New Shelter Celebration
- **July** - Wellsville Balloon Rally
- **August** - Scramble 4 Animals Golf Tournament
- **October** - Theme Basket Auction
- **December** - Holiday Cookie & Craft Sale & Pet Pics with Santa

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Dog

We had an older fella named Chance come to our shelter as a result of a neglect case...he was found left outside in the middle of winter, sitting on a pile of garbage without any shelter. Upon arrival at the shelter, you could not help but feel sorry for him...he was what you would call a 'hot mess'. He was ancient...partially deaf, he had a very large cancerous tumor on his knee...another extremely large fatty tumor on his shoulder and he was missing a large portion of his fur on his back due to a severe flea allergy. But despite the condition he was in...he was still friendly and loving to us humans at the shelter...many times he would just be staring at us with those big kind brown eyes as if to say thank you for saving me. Chance got his 2nd chance at a better life when he arrived at our shelter...little did he know that his new home would be a place where he would be loved, spoiled, have his own special therapeutic bed, have new dog and cat friends and receive the best medical care. He has had 2 surgeries on his leg tumor and at age 14 he is still running around playfully in the snow, his fur is growing back in and he is one happy camper with his new dog mom!



the ground and started to roll and kick his legs up in the air... it was a sight to see how happy he was to finally have freedom, we all stood there smiling as we watched him. Mike was the easy going, gentle & laid back guy and Miss Jenny was skittish and shy with people and very protective of Mike. It took some time for Mike to get into better condition and to have his fur grow back and to gain weight... but once he felt better he was braying and talking all the time to us – especially when food was involved! Jenny on the other



It's not that often we have a mule or a donkey at the SPCA...and this time we had one of each... they were a bonded pair named Mike and Jenny rescued from being chained up in an old barn in very small stalls and they were unable to turn around or even lay

down. Once we transported them to their temporary foster home, upon getting them out of the horse trailer, and being walked to the pasture and barn, Mike just dropped down on

hand was very afraid and under socialized and was receiving some daily socialization by some of our volunteers who were willing to take it slow and had a lot of patience with her. The time came where we could actually pet her, then brush her and eventually being able to put a halter on her... what progress we made! They were a harder adopt as we had wanted to keep them together...we had quite a few people interested, but they did not want both...but luckily a very kind horse woman was willing to drive a few hours over to meet them and it was love at first site! She adopted both Mike and Jenny and they have definitely flourished with her and her other horses. Thank you Kim Dahl for giving Mike and Jenny a place to call home, where they can roam the pastures and enjoy their new horse friends!

# Fundraising is FUN

Our Grand Opening of the new shelter was on June 1st and I have to say we had planned for maybe 200-300 people attending and instead the attendance was well beyond our wildest dreams of nearly 1,000 people! When some of us were standing outside after the ribbon cutting ceremony with Allegany County Legislator Curt Crandall we were just in awe to see the line of cars coming down the driveway despite some rain and it was just unbelievable seeing our whole front yard full of cars. Thankfully, we had some volunteers who stepped up to the plate and were directing traffic and helping with the parking. The amount of old and new faces who showed up was indeed heartwarming and goes to show how many animal lovers we have in our community. A big PAWS-UP to all who helped in planning of our Grand Opening, thank you to our staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly all week, and especially the day of to make this a success. Thanks to Casual Reply – John Spicer and Michelle Libertone for providing live music. And of course in the public relations department a huge thank you to Kevin O’Neal from Channel 2 news, Bob Mangels and family from WJQZ 103.5, WPIG in Olean, The Spectator, Cuba Patriot, Alfred Sun and Olean Times Herald. Without our many donors that have contributed every year to the building fund and our Angel

donors who helped make this a reality, along with those who have since passed away but left funds to help build the shelter, this would not have been possible. This really is YOUR shelter – words cannot explain how thankful and grateful we are. We are planning to make this an annual celebration, so mark your calendars for next year June 6th!

October 2019 was our 25th Anniversary of our Theme Basket Auction which was held at the old K-Mart building and it turned out to be our largest fundraising event in the history of the SPCA! Who would have known 25 years ago that this fundraising event would grow to over 400+ donated items and that so many people faithfully come to this event each and every year. It was interesting to hear stories from folks who had come to this event many moons ago when it first started and they were in awe of the amount of donations and the amount of people who showed up to support us. But none of this is even possible if it wasn’t for our very dedicated volunteers who make this all happen and of course our donors who always come up with some wonderful and creative items to donate. We truly appreciate everyone’s support in helping to make this our most successful fundraiser!

## Treasure & Daysi

We have a bit of a history with the SPCA of adopting ‘sassy’ and ‘socially challenged’ little dogs and just when we thought our house was complete...we saw 2 new little dogs on the SPCA’s Facebook page. The first time I saw the dog Treasure on the Facebook page she was listed as a shy dog who got along with other dogs. I fell in love with her as soon as I saw her. My husband and I went to meet her and she was shy at first, but let us pet her, I sat on the floor in the visiting room and before I knew it she was climbing in my lap and licking my face. While visiting with her, we asked about Daysi the dog she was housed with. Treasure and Daysi are siblings and were relinquished to the SPCA together. We were told Daysi was also shy but much more so than Treasure and she would hide under her bed in her kennel. In fact, she had given a few love bites to the staff. We asked if we could meet her as well. When SPCA staff went to get her, she tried to bite them and gave them a hard time putting a leash on in order to bring her to the visiting



room. Once they brought Daysi to the meet & greet room she ran right to me, licking me and letting me pet her as if she’s known me her whole life. I made the decision right then that if both dogs got along with our dogs we had at home, then we would adopt them both. And as you can see from the picture they fit right in and have since day one!



*...With Your  
Donations, We Can  
Put a Bow On It!  
Use the Envelope and Donate Today*



*Our New Building is Looking quite Petshiny*

*But...*

# Memorials & In Honor of from November 23, 2018 – November 30, 2019

## *In Honor of Pets*

Abbey	Maureen Cooper
Abigail	Warren & Connie Emerson
Amos	John & Alice Dunbar
Bailey	Dawn Ketchner
Batman	Marsha Sick
Baylee	Nancy & Dale Smith
Beecher	Warren & Connie Emerson
Bella	Patty Martire
Bella & Beau	Maureen Cooper
Breezy	Donna Szeluga
Carma & Butler	Maureen Cooper
Casey	Eunice Berry
Cosmo Kramer Kennedy	Patricia Kennedy
Erland	Joseph & Debra Borer
Frank	Irving Schoenacker
Franklin	Marie Willer
Gwen	Dwight & Gail Allen
Harris, Rosco & Co-Co	Robert & Carolyn Cady
Kayota	Sherill Graves
Lizzy	Dave Decker
Lucky	Phillip Hyer
Lucy	Theresa Lounsberry
Maggie	Paul & Electa Hollier
Marmalade	Marilyn Costello
Maxi, Mia & Mugsy	Stephanie Cretelos
Milo & Mia	Eleanor Smith
Molly	L.A. Harvey & Trina Babbitt
Molly	Wildrick-Cole family
Monroe	Joan & Dale McCready
Morgan	Warren & Connie Emerson
Rosie	Kevin & Nancy Monroe
Shadow	Dennis & Elizabeth Vespucci
Snoopy	Edward & Cheryl LeBlanc
Sophia	Janice Losey
Theo	Marcella Graves
Theodore Rex	Pat Fogarty
The Royal Family	Dale & Cynthia Dutton
Walker & Jax	Maureen Cooper

## *In Honor of Persons*

Joanne Allen	Larry & Deborah Clark
Joanne Allen's birthday	Ed & Kay Eicher
Dolores Baker	Robert & Cindy Baker
Mary Broughton Kane's Birthday	Ruth McDonald
Donna Bower	James (Tim) Brown
Melvin & Marie Brandes	June Brandes
David Brautigam	Warren & Connie Emerson
Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Bruckert	Charlie & Marley
Sue Decker	Ann Hallett
Sue Decker's birthday	Ann Hallett
Laurie Deschler	Sue Feldbauer & Bill Fraser
Anna Joyce Drury's birthday	Shirley Stoller, Teresa Joyce
Ed Eicher's birthday	Kay Eicher
Diana Embser	The Getmans
Warren Emerson	Carolyn Miller
Warren & Connie Emerson	Janet Potter
Ernest & Rosie	John & Carol Flurschutz
Suzanne Foley	Ronald Foley
Pat Fogarty	Amy & Timothy Hart, Timothy & Suzanne Colligan
Bill & Ursula Fuest	Warren & Connie Emerson
Bonnie Geiger	Charles Joyce
Kevin Habberfield	Hudson Valley Humane Society
Gail Hoffman	Warren & Connie Emerson
Amy Hurd, DVM	Patricia Hurd
John Hyland	George & Jayne Mc Caffery
Kieran Kelley	Warren & Connie Emerson
Heidi Mangels Lawton	Warren & Connie Emerson
Bob & Shirley Mangels	Warren & Connie Emerson
Peter Mangels	Warren & Connie Emerson
Martin Matijas & Mary Jane Fanton	Doug & Janet Rhodes
Skeet & Jayne McCaffery	John, Jeanne & Johnny Hyland
Judith Morris	Janet Potter
Persons who volunteer to help the animals	L. Kays

**Memorials & In Honor continued...**

Stephen Potter Janet Potter  
 Shae & Grant Preston Carol (Lucy's mom)  
 Lynda Pruski Hudson Valley Humane Society,  
 Kinley Corporation, Carol Mead,  
 Warren & Connie Emerson  
 Catherine Root birthday Karen Cawley  
 Brett & Megan Shear Gary & Kristina Stoll  
 Shear, Harris, Potter Al Abbott  
 & Rosell families  
 Diane Sherwood Betty Short Herman  
 John & Deb Slusser Warren & Connie Emerson  
 David Snyder Warren & Connie Emerson  
 SPCA Personnel WERA, a group of employees from  
 Wellsville Dresser-Rand  
 Paula Stull MaryLou Ashby  
 Truett & Sue Sweeting John Pauliny  
 Neal & Gail Vreeland Marilyn & Valerie Vreeland  
 Sherry Walton Anna Joyce-Drury, Casey Joyce  
 Hannah Mills Woolsey Thomas & Mary Jane Mills  
 Deb Wright Warren & Connie Emerson  
 Patricia Jung Jody Jung

Cleo, Rastus, Joe & Jill Cutry  
 Trappy, Amos  
 Cooper Lora Colley  
 Cruella Natalie Skwarek  
 Cubby & Muffin Barbara Seeley  
 Danny Robert & Joan Jordan  
 Duke, Juno & Colt Dennis & Elizabeth Vespucci  
 Emmett Embser The Getmans  
 Emmett & Schatzie John & Diana Embser  
 Fenway Anonymous  
 Froggy & Maisey Kelsey Arrison  
 Gideon David & Robin Pruch  
 Goose Jack Carter, Mary Kane  
 Grace, Johnny & Harriet Edwina Fendzlau  
 Gracie & Cleo Dwight & Gail Allen  
 Gretchen Patricia Simmons  
 Happy Larry Lessard  
 Heidi Terrance & Sharon McGill  
 Henry Kristin Buchholz, Sue Monroe  
 Herbie, Buddy, Molly, Henry & Phoebe Tad & Ruth Manske  
 Hugga Burrell Dale & Susan Zandero  
 Jack Tonya, Isaac & Ella Austin  
 Jade & Priscilla Barbara Brown  
 Jasmine David & Janice Porter  
 Jessica Peter & Christine Johnson  
 Joey, Princess, Cubby, Cathy Heller  
 Weezy & Sheena  
 John Paul Fogarty John & Cynthia Santora, Amy &  
 Timothy Hart, Timothy & Suzanne  
 Colligan, Mary Fagan, Jason & Olivia  
 Tronetti, Maureen Cooper, Pat Fogarty,  
 Val Gilluly, Larry & Deb Clark & family  
 Junior Chapman Mitchell & Peggy Chapman  
 Kody Maureen Cooper  
 Lamar & Graybay Warren & Connie Emerson  
 Lenny Beth Case  
 Levi, Rydeo, Wrangler Deborah Monroe  
 & 3 rats  
 Little Bit Carol Mead  
 Little Lynda Carol Mead, Lynda Pruski  
 Lois Warren & Connie Emerson  
 Lucy Decker Charles & Suzanne Decker  
 Lucy Brooks  
 Luna Laurie Shear  
 Maggie the Scotty Ed Budzynski  
 Mah Li, KoKo, Dennis & Janis Becker  
 Trixie & Otis  
 Malek Rima O'Connor

**Memorials for Pets**

Abbey L.A. Harvey & Trina Babbitt  
 Abby June Field  
 Adler Maureen Cooper  
 All the pets we've DM  
 had over the years  
 Apache Lynda Pruski  
 Baby Girl Marcia Bond  
 Bandit Sherill Graves  
 Becky Warren & Connie Emerson  
 Bella & Sissie Antoinette Grottanelli  
 Belle Wildrick-Cole family  
 Billy & Misty Al Abbott  
 Black Jack Burns Carol Bradley  
 Bobby Santora John & Cynthia Santora  
 Bootsie Gail Wolcott  
 Bosco Maynard & Elaine Towner  
 Brady, Scarlett & Blue Bonnie Hallett  
 Buddy & Brittany S. Warren  
 Chance, Summer & Bear Robert & Amy Hyland  
 Charger Carol Thomas  
 Charlie & Moose Thomas & Marie McGowan  
 Clarence, Floyd & Michael & Cheryl Jackson  
 Quiggley

**Memorials continued...**

Markey	Gayle & Jack Brooks
Mattie	Alan & Janet Carlin
Max	Gayle & Jack Brooks
Methusela	Bruce & Abbey Jeffers
Miss Minnie	Dave & Robin Pruch
Mitzi, Fluffy & Cleopatra Pruski	Lynda Pruski
Molly	Warren & Connie Emerson
Molly Insley	Mary Fagan, Ed & Kay Eicher
Moochie	Robert & Teresa Haas
Moon Slavin	Trista Sobeck
Muzzy	Ralph & Deeann Wolstenholme
Ollie	Fred & Jacqueline Cole
Orson	Maureen Cooper
Peka	Richard & Marjorie Perkins
Phoenix	Carol Mead
Pookie	Ramona Allen
Puppy	David Kaufman
Rhonda, Angela & Abby	Beverly & Wilbur Dawson
Riley	Warren & Connie Emerson
Rosie & Franklin	Sara & Jeremy Donlon
Rosie Whitehouse	Ed & Kay Eicher
Samantha	Vincent Marinera
Santora pets through the years	John & Cindy Santora
Shamus Loughlin	Sandra Cameron
Shadow	Sharon Whitmer
Sidney	Dawn Ketchner
Sir Coco	Marie Willer
Smedley	Marilyn Lester
Sophie	Mary Ann, George & Padden Newark
Sparky & Ebee	Phillip & Louise Windus
Squint the Cat	Marilyn Lester
Stewie Prusak	Beverly Wheeler
Trouble	Jackie Whitzer
Turner K9	Geri Liuzzi
Velvet, Casey, Frazier, Oliver & Jafar	Linda & Michael Schmeidel
Veronica	Warren & Connie Emerson
Walker T	Maureen Cooper
Zach, Rachael, Sophie & Allie	Patty Martire
Zug, Pivo & Chumley	Carlyn & Al Yanda

**Memorials for Persons**

Cheryl Anderson	Joann Palmer, Betty Short Herman, Rolf & Sheila Mikkelson
Gary Arnold	Chad & Marilyn Arnold
Cliff Arthur	Warren & Connie Emerson
Elizabeth Babbitt	TPI Arcade
Leah Babbitt	Rob & Mary Lynn Heekin
Dolores (Dickie) Baker	Ralph & Karen Peterson, John & Jeanne Hyland, Michael & Christine McCormick, James & Brenda Kavanaugh, Nora Burdick, Robert & Cindy Baker, The Ryan Agencies, Deb & Jim Joyce, Warren & Connie Emerson, Tracy Neth-Parr
Veronica Barber Judy Hodnett	Warren & Connie Emerson,
Evelyn Barefoot	Karen Cwiklinski
Wilma Bedwell	Glenda & Bob Fisk
Glenda Beeman	Kathie & Joe Timpano, Warren & Connie Emerson, Clair & Deborah Beeman
Phillip Bennett	Robert & Lynn Grant
Andrea Stephens Biancuzzo	Felecia Biancuzzo
John Biancuzzo	Josephine Biancuzzo
Theresa Biancuzzo	Josephine Biancuzzo
Margaret Billings	Joe Keller, Dean & Mary Lou Hinish, Darr & Noreen Pace, Joan Hall, Gary & Gloria Fanton, Alfred State Automotive Department, Janet Kemp & Bill Sweet, George & Jeanette DeBarbieri, Marilyn Lampman, Marguerite Graves, Franklin & Barbara Boebell
Ben Bilotta	Mike & Amelia Berardi, Virginia Sgro, John Embrow, Daniel & Melissa Blake
Doug Blauvet	Marsha Prince
Franklin Boekell	Barbara Boekell
James & Mary Bognar	Christine Bognar
Harriet Bradley	Carol Bradley
Chris Brown	Bonnie Hastings
Ira & Myrtle Brown	Constance Brown Colbert
Jim & Mark Brown	Marsha Brown
Tracy Brunke	Jack & Gayle Brooks
Oscar Buchholz	William Edwards, George & Jeanette DeBarbieri, Marilyn Lampman, Florence Buckley, Darr & Noreen Pace, Dianne Buchholz
Richard Burke	Ed & Kay Eicher
Richard Burke, Jr.	Joanne Allen
Joan Burr	Robert & Glenda Fisk
Phyllis Burrows	Carol Bradley
Gerold & Marie Canfield	June Brandes



**Memorials continued...**

Judy Carlin	Ron & Ann Marie Young	Fred Goldthwait	Larry & Sharon Barnes, Jerry Borden, Carol & Joe Szymkowiak, Leece-Neville Heavy Duty Systems
Edward & Joanne Cassady	Wilbur & Carol McDowell	Greg Goldthwait	Galen & Kimberly Salisbury
Dottie Potter Childs	Joe Costello	Ashley Ann Gonska	Agnes Bush
Dr. A. Byron Collins	Dominic Petrelli, John & Shirley Giopulos	Gerilyn Zweemer Gottschall	Bill & Joan Veley
Diane Converso	Thelma Rogers Genealogical & Historical Society, Allegany	Ellen Grant	Maureen Cooper
County Bird Club		Gladis Green	Clair & Marilyn Updike
Genevieve Cooper	Warren & Connie Emerson	William Greene, Jr.	Eleanor Reynolds
Norman Corbluth	Penelope McGinnis	John Haggerty	Mary Fagan
Louis "Ben" Cornelius, Sr.	Mary Ann, George & Padden Newark, Doris Macfarquhar, Gene & Norma Cedruly, The Ryan Agencies, Larry & Lorraine Steingasser, Larry Browning, Melvin Pfohl, Patricia Curran	Audrey Hall	Darr & Noreen Pace
Andrew Cornell	Warren & Connie Emerson	Diedre Hall	Steven & Terrie Morrison
Nancy Raykovitz Counterman	Joanne Allen	Ralph Harbeck	Warren & Connie Emerson
Rena Cowles	Karen Telfeyan, Bonnie Enke	Barbara Hardy	Thomas Hardy
Bud Cramer	Ursula & Dick Golas	Elizabeth O'Connor Harris	Abby Shea
Dan Dempsey	Abbie Pritchard, Robyn Lynch,	Jason Hasper	Kathy Madden
Sue & Ryan Dempsey		Judith Henry	Jeremy & Mary Kate Cole, Kevin LaForge & Employees, Judy Cicirello
Gary Dillon	Joan Rosell	Lawrence Herbert	Carol Behn
Jim & Louella Donleavy	Robert & Carolyn Cady	Diane Hodgson	Kenneth & Theresa Redman
H. Joseph Donlon	Sara Donlon	Marion Hollen	Cindy Baker, Randall & Constance Belmont, Ruth Olsen, Melody McLay, Scott Galliford & Christine Hunt, Warren & Connie Emerson
Joseph Donlon & Christine Donlon	Sara & Jeremy Donlon	Katherine Lynn Smith Horn	Menachem Horn
Richard Dresser	Mark & Wendy Recktenwald	John Houseman	Pat & Denise Regan
Maryette Duell	Gayle & Jack Brooks	Eleanor Howe	Darr & Noreen Pace
Deloris Dunham	Robert & Cindy Baker, The Ryan Agency	Lawrence Hurlburt	Randa & Constance Belmont, Bob & Joanne Black, Alfred University, Warren & Connie Emerson, Bea Hurlburt & Butterscotch
James Walton Evans	Bill & Amber Alexin, Teresa Carlin, Jennifer Dempsey & Eileen Urrutia	Dixie Hyer	Phillip Hyer
Michelle Evans	John & Alice Dunbar, Nancy Dunbar, Dawn Jordan, Dan & Michelle Dunbar	John Hyland	George III & Jayne McCaffery
Shirley Evans	Judy Hodnett	Bev Inferrara	Clara Cornell
Lynne Faecke	Belmont Class of 1972	Ken Irwin	Judy Hodnett, Warren & Connie Emerson
Calvin & Louise Ferguson	Erland & Pauline Kailbourne	Bernard "Bernie" Jackson	Sandy, Judy & Hope Jackson
Anita Foote	Roseanna Tait, Charles & Valerie Gilluly	Ernest Jackson, Jr.	Warren & Connie Emerson
Anna Foote	Warren & Connie Emerson	John Johnson	Warren & Connie Emerson, D'Arcy Fuller
Mel Francis	James Pomeroy	Mary Jones	William & Nicola Barnes, Lisa Robinson & James Sprague & Brady & Cameron, Craig & Penny Miller, James & Marcia Robinson & family, Linda Williams
Luke Fries	Sandra Lafever, Karen Maxon, Allegany County Town Highway Superintendents Association, Cuba-Rushford Elementary Teachers & Staff, Jenny Freeborn, Linda Zietz, Janet Ripell, George Dunbar	Jeanette Jorgeson	Barry & Marie Smith
Bill & Connie Garvey	Joan Rosell	Helma Joyce	Carol Bradley
Judy & Joe Gauthier	Christine Bognar	Harold & Robert Kenderdine	Linda Kenderdine
Ashley Gelser	Michelle Maggaree	Ethan Kuchler	Kay & Ed Eicher

**Memorials continued...**

		Lyle Rahr	Warren & Connie Emerson, Jack & Joan Rahr
Ellen Kurschner	Warren & Connie Emerson, Walter & Barbara Orłowski, Ed & Kay Eicher, Sue Dempsey, Joan Rosell, Richard & Ursula Goals, Gabriele Coburn, Allegany County Real PropertyTax Department	Marcella Richardson	Carol Bradley
Barb Linza	Jack & Gayle Brooks	Pete Ricotta	Warren & Connie Emerson
Jim "Pete" Little	Ann Gross	Mary Rogers	Lori Hyslip, Cutco Corporation, John & Lydia Donnelly
Tony Liuzzi	Gerri Liuzzi	Jack Rosell	Joan Rosell
William "Scotty" MacCrea	Warren & Connie Emerson	Charlie Ross	Steven & Terrie Morrison
Ruth Manikowski	Mary Wilson	Peter Schneider	Linda Blank
Jon Manning	Peter & Nancy Bryant, Robyn Lynch	Andrea Schoenthal	Warren & Connie Emerson
Marjorie Marriott	Warren & Connie Emerson	Herb Schultz	Edith Raught
Roberta Marsh	Paul & Abbie Pritchard	Arlouine Seeley	Warren & Connie Emerson, Charles & Valerie Gilluly, Josephine Biancuzzo, The Ryan Agencies, Ann Tucker
Nora May	Warren & Connie Emerson	Linda Sheffield	Karen & Bob Geranski
Kenneth & Marian McClure	Mary Ann Whitehouse	Richard Sherwood	Darr & Noreen Pace
Marian McClure	Deanna Russell	Robert Sherwood	Ron & Carol Sherwood
James McConnell	Mary Fagan	Irene Shine	Maureen Cooper, Thelma Rogers Genealogical & Historical Society
Karolyn Papke McCumiskey	Fillmore Class of 1963	Madeline Sisson	George & Brenda Henderson
Lewis McMurray	Warren & Connie Emerson	Elizabeth Slingerland	The Ryan Agencies
Maggie McNinch	Joseph & Laura Mead	Kathryn Smith	Warren & Connie Emerson
Joseph Mead, Jr.	Joseph & Laura Mead	Fran Stedman	Robert & Teresa Haas
Kathy Mead	Joseph & Laura Mead	Dawn Stilson	Joseph & Brandy Graves, Gary & Lois Fancher, David & andra Golden, John & Alice Dunbar
Robert Miles	Pat Wood-Miles	Kenneth Stuck	Judy Johnson, Warren & Connie Emerson
Betty Mitchell	Steven & Terrie Morrison, Tawny Mitchell	James Swarthout	Susie Cornell, Paula Babey, Wendy Barrett
Jerold Morey	George & Marie Follett	Wilma Swarthout	Paula Babey, Wendy Barrett, James Swarthout
Marian Morgan-Boger	Warren & Connie Emerson	Elsie Swartz	Dana & Donna Lewis, Dale Clark & Marsha Clark, Deb & Jim Joyce, John & Jeanne & Johnny Hyland, David & Melanie Thorp, Robert & Cindy Baker, Jim & Deb Joyce, Charles & Carole Bohne, Douglas & Nancy Miller
Robert "Tubby" Murphy	Mary Smith	Sharon Swartz	Joseph & Gail Decerbo
Sam Nevling	Warren & Connie Emerson	Ivan Thomas	Judith Young
Anita Nunamaker	Warren & Connie Emerson, Jane Edstrom	Anne Thorwart	Richard & Michele Dunbar, Warren & Connie Emerson, Barry & Joan Jordan
Beatrice Owens	Warren & Connie Emerson	Michael Tobin	Warren & Connie Emerson
Libby Thomas Patro	Judy Hodnett	Roy Tullar	James Pomeroy
Bob Pederson	Susan Pederson	Lynne Van Scoter	Warren & Connie Emerson
Norris & Vivian Phillippi	Neil Phillippi	Pat VanTyne	Stephen & Cynthia Ford, Peter VanTyne, Mark VanTyne, Judith VanTyne
Florence Piejda	Theresa Tucholski, Norbert & Helen Schmitt, Kevin & Donna Keem	Don Vosburg	Judy Hodnett
Deb Polaski	Warren & Connie Emerson	Julia Washbon	Robert & Norma Polanowski, Leece-Neville Heavy Duty Systems
Elizabeth Porter	Eric Nybeck	Robert P. & Celia E. Wasserloos	Carol Wasserloos, Kathy Bellows, Rebecca Joyce, Eric Bellows
Virgil & Florence Potter	James & Janet Norris		
Emma Poullos	Sarah Kennedy		
Debra Powers	The Ryan Agencies		
David Pratt	Randall Shelley, Ray & Sheryl Hoopes, International Association of Machinists LL1580		

**Memorials continued...**

Virginia Weber	Donald Weber
Walter & Mildred Weirich	Stuart & Lois Halbert
Dede Whitwood	Thomas & Diane Prouty, Sherry Lockwood, Lyn Muxworthy
Charles Wildrick-Cole	Warren & Connie Emerson
Susan Witteman	Warren & Connie Emerson
Bobby Wonderling	Sue Drake
Jody Wood	June Field
Dorothy Woodworth	David Woodworth
Jeanne Yazak	Carol Bradley
Diane Young	Irving & Kathy Newton
B. Zlomek, K. Kos & L. Schmitt	Kathryn Hemstreet

Donations made to the SPCA are tax deductible and a great way to help the animals at the SPCA. Many people like to make donations in memory of, honor of both people and pets. There are several advantages to giving to a 501c3 charity including, creating good will, the feeling you get knowing you have made a difference in your community and the personal tax benefits by IRS approved tax-exempt entity, like ours. Also, our charity is useful in estate planning as well. We accept donations of stocks, securities annuities, life insurance, collectables and pledges. All donations go directly to our SPCA.

Donations can be mailed to SPCA, P.O. Box 181, Belmont, NY 14813 or you can donate via PAYPAL by clicking on the donation link on our website or via our Facebook page.

## DID YOU KNOW...

- When you shop online at Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate to the SPCA Serving Allegany County.
- The average length of stay for a kitten in a shelter in NY State is 37 days, for adult cats over 1 year of age it takes at least 88 + days for them to be adopted.
- The SPCA Serving Allegany County - does NOT receive tax payer dollars nor do we receive any government funding, we run solely on donations, grants, bequests and fundraising.
- Did you know if you see a neighborhood stray cat with a portion of it's ear missing that means the feral cat has been spayed or neutered....ear tipping is a universal sign of an altered feral or community cat.
- We continue to collect Giant Food Mart receipts and for every \$500 in receipts and Giant will donate \$\$\$ to the SPCA. Receipts must not be older than 1 year and they can be dropped off at the shelter or mailed to us.
- Did you know you can help the SPCA with returnable pop cans & bottles, by dropping them off at the Wellsville Redemption Center on 69 West Hanover.
- Did you know the SPCA accepts donations of old towels, washcloths and blankets for the animals.
- Did you know we have been using for years 'wood pellets' for kitty litter - we have found it is more economical and environmentally friendly...it lasts longer and cuts down on odors.
- The SPCA has spare change donation jars at the Texas Hot, Modern Diner, Pizza King, Short's, Music Alley, Marion's Auto, The Store in Scio, Fillmore Pharmacy and Charlies Place in Cuba and collectively the spare change collected amounts to thousands of dollars that goes directly to the care of the animals.
- We are always looking for new fundraising ideas - and we want to hear your idea!
- Did you know dogs running at large, need to go through your local dog control officer. (DCO)
- Do you know what to do if your pet goes missing? If it's a dog, call your local dog control officer in your town...the complete list of DCO's is on our web-site <http://www.SPCAallegany.org>. Share pictures of your missing pet on Facebook, also share it to our Facebook page...email or call the SPCA, call your local radio station.
- Our Cruelty Hotline is available 24/7 - Just call 268-9600

# MOOCH

Here's another reason why we are so happy and thankful to be at our new shelter... Two of our long term resident dogs Mooch & Bucky finally got adopted! At our old shelter we could never let people fully experience these 2 dogs, and all visitors would see are dogs barking and jumping around...not too appealing to potential adopters at all. If it wasn't for the indoor dog play arena, most likely these 2 dogs would not have gotten adopted as they do not show well when in their kennels. We are so grateful for the donation from Pat O'Brien, as she made it possible to complete our dog play arena, she wanted it to be a place where our dogs could run around every day, play and have fun and just be themselves. Little did Pat know what a profound effect this dog play arena has had on our dog adoptions...especially for Mooch and Bucky...this was life changing for them!! These two boys 'real' personalities came to life when they were in the dog play arena...they were not stressed and were busy playing with toys and loving on all the humans that entered that room. The dog arena has done amazing things for our dogs and Pat O'Brien was no doubt an amazing lady...we just wish she was still with us to see how much joy she is bringing to our dogs...hopefully she is watching from above and smiling! Now, if only our dogs could talk...I know many of them would have thanked her - especially Bucky and Mooch!

How we ended up adopting Mooch was meant to be. I remember hearing of the cruelty case on the radio one morning and thinking how awful this story was. At the time I already had 2 dogs and my female would not allow any other animal anywhere near our property or us; so adopting any animal was out of the question. Our male dog passed away and our other dog had our undivided attention. One day I noticed her limping and her leg swelled up like a balloon and she was diagnosed with a very aggressive cancer and only had weeks to live. The day finally came that there was no choice but to humanely let her go to rest. I still get tears in my eyes thinking of that day. I didn't think I was going to have another animal, it was too much for me.

I remembered the story of Mooch and decided to check the SPCA website and ended up at the Allegany County SPCA. Much to my surprise there he was...MOOCH...still there waiting. I could not believe my eyes. I kept going out every day after that and checking and there he was. One day I told

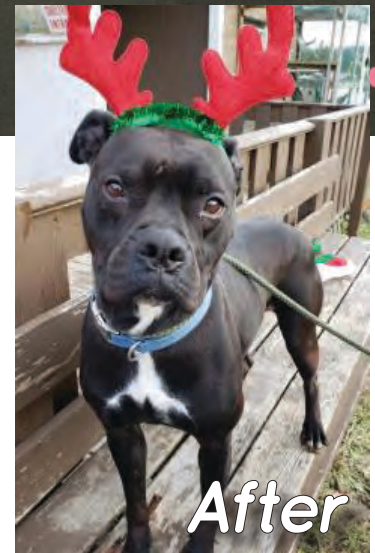


*Mooch weighed only 27lbs upon cruelty case intake he now weighs a healthy 65lbs!*

my husband I was going to meet Mooch and he said "ok, let's go". We drove to meet him and walked down the hall and he was jumping so high in the air, barking, and slamming at the glass and drooling. Right then I said "I could not take him" and walked away. As we looked around another young lady started talking to us and let her know that my heart was with Mooch, but now I don't think I am adopting right now. Although Mooch did not show well and we almost passed him up because of that... I am so happy the young lady said, "Please let me show you him in the playroom, he is a totally different dog" we agreed to see him in the playroom and that was it! Mooch entered the room as you would think, a little nervous. My husband whistled and he went right to him. I sat on the floor and he ran to me and laid in my lap on his back for a belly rub I knew we were meant to be together and I was right. I never thought I would adopt an older dog but when I saw his eyes and his gentle soul...that was it.

Mooch is the sweetest dog and we can't believe he sat waiting for a home over 3 ½ years. Our biggest hurdle was getting him over his separation anxiety. It took some time, but he has come a long way and is doing great! He loves all his long walks every day, the snacks he gets and then laying on the couch in the sun. He is always by our side and gets all the love and attention he needs and deserves. He has learned how to play with toys and loves them and we play for hours every day. It has been wonderful to watch Mooch become a happy trusting dog. His funny personality has come out and is just awesome. Not a day goes by that he does not make us smile and laugh and we are so grateful we adopted him. He is definitely home and is very protective of us.

Thank you Allegany County SPCA for saving Mooch and not giving up on him and you believed that he would find his forever home...and HE DID!!!



# BUCKY



By

Emily & Lucas

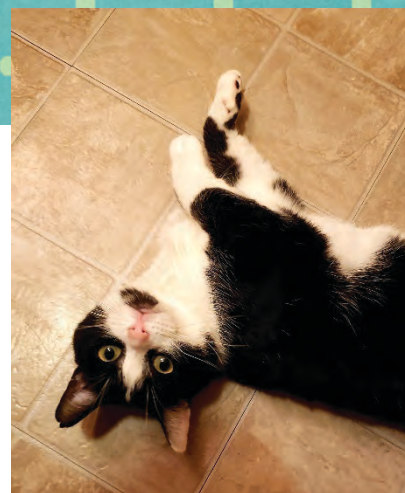
About six months ago, my boyfriend and I decided it was a good time to add a dog to our lives. We had both grown up with dogs, but we had never owned one as adults. We both knew that a shelter dog was the right choice for us. We browsed the SPCA's Facebook and website and came up with a list of dogs that sounded like potential good matches, and all of them were wonderful dogs in person, but we didn't feel

like they were the perfect match for us. After chatting with us for a while, SPCA staff person Amanda suggested Bucky, a dog who had been at the shelter for quite some time and one of their long-term residents. Bucky she warned us was somewhat particular about people and had some reactive tendencies, especially when in his kennel snarling at potential adopters and scaring them off. After that first meeting, we knew he was the dog for us. Adapting to life outside the shelter hasn't been without its challenges, but as we have gotten to know Bucky and his needs, we've been able to make sure that he is happy and comfortable. For the most part, he wants to be a big old couch potato. Bucky also loves going for walks, especially in the woods, and especially if there is some water to play in. This summer he got to go on a camping trip, which he absolutely loved. He still has all his favorite toys that came home with him from the SPCA, and they are still his favorites. He is on amicable terms with all his cat siblings, one more so than the others. And despite his size, Bucky is not the boss. Bucky's favorite activity is going for a ride in the car, he doesn't even care about the destination; he just wants to watch the scenery. Bucky has been a perfect addition to our home, and we are so fortunate that Amanda suggested a dog that wasn't initially one we were even considering.

# LAZARUS

A 3 year old FIV+ kitty was found frozen stiff outside in the winter of 2018 and picked up by one of our shelter staff members. Unsure what was wrong with him, Lazarus was given a name, placed in quarantine, and nursed back to health (slowly but surely) by the shelter staff. After feeling better, it soon became apparent that Lazarus may have been a feral cat. Although improving medically, he was not enjoying being kept in a cage. He would hide in the back of his cage with his ears down, seeming to have given up hope. I started at the shelter in October of 2018, and was introduced right away to this shy, scared fellow. There was a connection right away, and I knew I had to bring him home. Even though he would take some time to adjust, I knew there was a different cat underneath his tough exterior. Every day, I would sit on the floor with him and read a book. He would start across the room, and slowly inch closer as time went on. After some

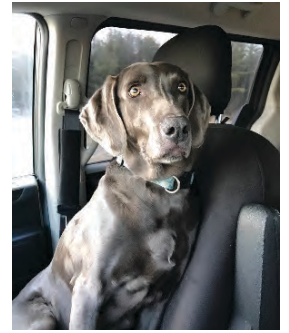
time, Lazarus opened his heart to show me how truly affectionate he really was. Now, when you walk into my house you will see him rolling on the ground asking for belly rubs, chasing his kitty friend around to play, or sleeping peacefully in his favorite spot in his new forever home. I took a chance on this very shy guy, and we have become the perfect match!!



# Paws Up to Mr. Richard Lichter

Sometimes highly adoptable dogs come to our shelter with a costly medical problem that needs to be addressed, but we are unable to have the surgery performed here in our county and a specialist is needed. Over the past 2 years we have had that happen with 2 of our dogs Zoey and Olivia and they required surgery at Cornell Veterinary Hospital in Ithaca, NY and luckily they met the criteria to receive 100% payment of their surgery bill by a generous donor named Richard Lichter. We have never met Mr. Lichter, but we know he has a big heart for shelter dogs in need of medical treatment that many times any shelter could not afford and he is dedicated to helping these dogs get healthy and adopted out. Our first experience was with a beautiful 5

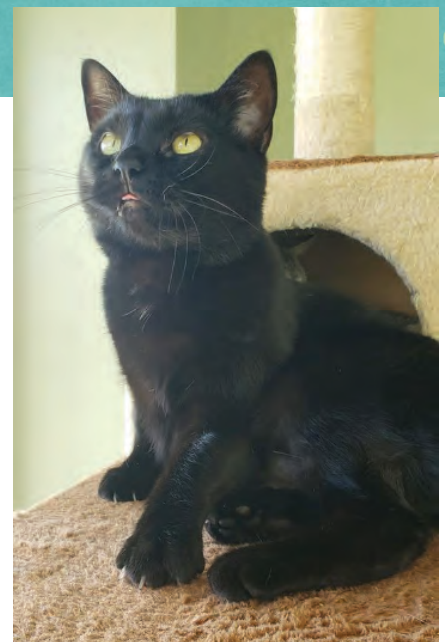
yr old weimaraner named Zoey who had a very large rectal tumor that had to be removed and he reviewed her case and prognosis and funded her surgery!! Zoey's surgery was a success and she was fostered by a family during her recovery and then they adopted her after she was cleared. Our second dog was a very young 1 year old dog named Olivia and she was in pain due to a luxating hip issue and the orthopedic department at Cornell was able to perform the femoral head osteotomy surgery and reduce the constant pain this young gal was in and she could walk and run like a young



dog should! Again, Mr. Lichter came to the 'rescue' and paid for her surgery. We can't thank him enough for the difference he has made in these dogs lives! We are forever grateful for his kindness in helping these 2 very special girls.

## PILGRIM

Pilgrim came to the shelter on November 2, 2015 as a 3 month old kitten with her mom and 2 siblings. Quickly, she saw how scary the big world was and curled into her kennel for a long, slow ride of which she knows as "life". Unfortunately for Pilgrim, she has not experienced what a loving home means. She has never been able to jump up on the couch, or curl up in bed with her human in the past 4 years. Pilgrim's only fault is how shy she is. When you enter Room 4 at the shelter, you can usually find Pilgrim curled up in the cat tree, peaking out at you. She won't demand your attention, and most of the time you wouldn't even know she was there if you didn't look hard enough. However, if you take the time to pet her, she will nuzzle against your hand and begin to relax. After a few minutes of gaining her trust, she will even roll over and begin to purr! Sleek black and always nicely self-maintained, Pilgrim is a tidy girl who just needs someone to see the good in her and take her home! The world may be a scary place for her, but how great would it be with someone she trusts to show her what a loving home means. Friendship blossoms with time, and Pilgrim has the eagerness to find an endless bond with someone special. (Update: Pilgrim just got adopted!)



# Paws Up to Bob Mangels & Warren Emerson



When we look back and think how did we ever successfully run a capital campaign to build a new shelter and still receive donations to help run our existing shelter and pay our bills...there are many reasons we were able to do this. It was the great community support we received, our long time donors helped us...new donors joined in to help, 'angel' donors, grants and bequests from estates. BUT it was also the public relations and the constant message heard on the radio station WJQZ 103.5 for years, whether it's the ads for our events, special announcements, the annual Radiothon or broadcasting live from our events...the message was loud and clear....The SPCA is run by donations and receives no governmental funding and we needed your help and support to care for the animals and to build our new shelter. Both Bob and Warren made sure this message was heard on the radio year round and guess what it worked!



Both Bob and Warren are true animal lovers that have helped to raise awareness and they were the voice on the radio that was critical in keeping our campaign alive in our community to help the SPCA animals. We can't thank them enough for their dedication and for coming to our rescue!

## PHOENIX

In February, the SPCA received the heart dropping call that there was a house fire with many animals inside. After going to the scene and assessing the damage, the SPCA took in as many animals as we could find. 4 cats were recovered alive, all having varying stages of burns and respiratory damage due to smoke inhalation. The worst of the bunch being our dear friend, we named Phoenix. He was brought to Cornell University for critical care, where he stayed for the next week in order to fully assess his needs and get him through the most critical period. When released back to the SPCA, he was starting the uphill climb of healing from head to toe. Phoenix had some good days and some bad days for the next few weeks, as the shelter staff medicated him for the infection, pain, and damage caused by this horrible incident. He will always be remembered for the quiet chirp



*Phoenix upon intake from the fire*

he would let out when you greeted him, letting them know that he wasn't giving up hope. Phoenix unfortunately succumbed to his injuries on March 11th, after a long, hard battle that ultimately could not be won. His other 3 friends were lucky enough to battle through their wounds, and they have all since found their new forever homes to tell their tales. Phoenix will always be in the hearts of the staff, volunteers, and the communities hearts.

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# Paw Prints

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