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The Campaign for The SPCA Serving Allegany County

Give Me Shelter

a MESSAGE from the BOARD PRESIDENT



Every day that I walk into our current shelter, I am reminded why we do what we do. Quite simply, these animals need our assistance, and by lending a hand, we get so much more in return. A dog that is badly neglected, brought back to health and successfully adopted into a forever home. A kitten who has never experienced human interaction purrs with contentment when given a simple stroke by the hand.

These are the good stories, the stories that make us smile. Unfortunately, many of the dogs and cats that come into our shelter face a much tougher existence. Yet through all the heart-wrenching cases we see, I am constantly amazed by the dedication and

fortitude of so many that support our shelter. Staff, volunteers, board members, donors and community leaders constantly give of their time and money to ensure that our animals have hope. That our animals are met with care and love, and that together we will do all that we can so they may experience the 'good life.'

The reality is that we have far too many cats and dogs that need our assistance but not enough space to serve them. Size, layout, walking area, air-circulation and a welcoming environment must be addressed if we are to successfully continue our mission.

The Campaign for The SPCA Serving Allegany County will raise crucial funds to build a new shelter that will accommodate the needs of our community and allow for the highest level of care for our animals. Give Me Shelter is an investment in those that cannot help themselves - our animals. I invite you to be a part of this exciting initiative. Together, we will carry our mission into the future and make a difference in an animal's life.

Lynda Pruski
 Board President

about THE SPCA SERVING ALLEGANY COUNTY

The SPCA Serving Allegany County was founded in Cuba, New York, in 1911, and in 1974, became an incorporated society. Today, our organization is a registered charity in New York State.

In addition to the daily care of the animals at the shelter, the SPCA focuses on rehabilitating and adopting shelter animals into kind and loving homes. Our shelter is a no-kill animal shelter.

The SPCA is an active participant in a nation-wide program to spay and neuter all dogs and cats that are adopted from our shelter as a way to contribute toward controlling the stray animal population.

Our Mission

The SPCA's mission is to attend to the needs of the abandoned, neglected, and abused companion animals of Allegany County.





our CURRENT situation

Why do we need a new shelter to serve the animals and our community of Allegany County?

Our current shelter has housed thousands of animals over the years, and is now in a dilapidated state. Years of use have taken a toll on the structure and it is in need of constant, costly repairs.

The current facility is too small to accommodate the cats and dogs requiring our assistance. We typically run at 98 percent capacity throughout the year.

The basement of our shelter, originally meant to be a temporary short-term holding area, now houses both cats and dogs on a more permanent basis.

Poor air circulation & no air exchange contributes to the spread of air-borne diseases.

NO outdoor runs in the basement dog kennels.

NO natural light & kennels are small for the dogs.

Small cages and overcrowding for the cats.

The new SPCA serving ALLEGANY COUNTY

Our goals for this new shelter include:

- 🐾 14,680 square feet, 3,000 of which is the Spay/Neuter Clinic with the remaining space housing separate cat and dog adoption areas, animal care and grooming, an educational training facility, exercise pavilion, retail store, staff area, and meet and greet rooms.
- 🐾 A low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic to address pet population control in our community.
- 🐾 A Green Building to include solar array, LED lighting, Geo thermal heat, natural light and an Air Exchange and Filtration System.
- 🐾 Appropriate living spaces for the animals, resulting in a less institutional environment that reduces stress on animals, allows for rehabilitation, less noise and overall healthier residents.
- 🐾 An inviting shelter that focuses on increasing overall adoptions and therefore a decreased length of stay for animal residents.
- 🐾 A more central location to serve all of Allegany County.
- 🐾 Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program to reduce the feral cat population.

Our vision is to not only build a shelter for our current needs, but to build our shelter for the future. The new shelter will be located in Belmont on land donated by Kevin and Claudia Gildner.

Working with the architect firm Clark, Patterson, Lee and with Animal Arts, we are ensuring that the new shelter will meet the needs of the animals in our care for many years.



So Why Is A New Shelter Important?

- **An Educational Training Facility will teach responsible pet ownership**
- **A low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic addresses the pet over-population issue**
- **Meet & Greet rooms allow prospective pet owners time to bond with the animal and make the perfect match - reducing the number of pets returned to the shelter**
- **Cats and dogs needing our care are turned away when we are at full capacity**