

The SPCA Serving Allegany County

# Paw Prints

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Our Favorite Breed Is Rescued



# HAPPY 110<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY SPCA



It was a time to celebrate in 2021, as this fall the SPCA became 110 years old!! Hard to believe we have been

in existence that long, but thanks to the many animal lovers out there who helped us along the way, we have survived and have helped thousands of animals over the years. We appreciate all of those with big hearts for animals, both past and present in our community who have supported us in volunteering and donating their time, making donations of items the shelter animals are in need of, and monetary donations. Of course, we need to thank our adopters, for choosing to adopt and rescue an animal. Together we are all making a difference in an animals life.

Many people are not aware that the SPCA was started in 1911 in Cuba, NY by a group of people who were concerned about animal welfare and the humane treatment of horses and cows. The first meeting to discuss forming the SPCA was held right at the Palmer Opera House in Cuba. Since 1911



the meetings were held at the Palmer Opera house, then the local firehall; after WWII the group moved its meetings to Friendship, then to Belmont, next to Wellsville. This time animals

were being fostered in people's homes and at local veterinarians' facilities. The SPCA board and volunteers were finally able to plan to build a shelter in the late 80's in Wellsville – which

was a grass roots effort of many people working together to help the animals in our county. Mission accomplished and we had helped and housed thousands of animals over 25 years up on the hill. Then in 2015 we started to build our current shelter in Belmont, which was built not only for our current needs, but built for the future needs of the SPCA. And boy, we have evolved! For years, the SPCA always promoted spaying and neutering of pets to help control the animal population problem and now we can actually offer spay and neuter services for not only the animals in our care, but also for home owned pets and stray cats. So far this year we have altered 2,228 animals...all of this is a dream come true for us.

We would like to thank everyone for the letters of support and congrats from around our county, and we even had a visit from Senator George Borello and Assemblyman Joe Giglio to present to us a proclamation for our 110th anniversary.

Here's to another 110 years!

- Lynda Pruski, SPCA Executive Director

# A Life Well Lived

*I have had the privilege to meet some wonderful people during my 10+ years with the SPCA and I would like to honor a few of our elderly animal loving supporters who all sadly passed away this year. I can truly say that my dear friends Arthur, Walter, Amy and Delores all had a life well lived...they loved animals unconditionally. - Lynda*

## Arthur Van Tyne

Arthur Van Tyne, was 95 years old when he passed this year. I got to know him very well over the past few years and he did love his kitties immensely and they loved him too. Arthur would always invite a stray hungry neighborhood cat into his home and make sure they were fed and cared for. I ended up buying him a magnet for his fridge that fittingly said 'Cat Daddy' on it. His love of animals grew to bigger animals...I took Arthur for a ride over to the barn as I was taking care of a SPCA horse. The first time he saw our stallion Rocco he was in amazement and a little concerned and scared that this big animal would get loose. But that fear went away quickly as he watched how gentle and calm Rocco was, how nicely he would take treats and loved to be petted. Arthur immediately was interested in helping me do chores and feed and care for Rocco... (the highlight of his day) he became my 'senior' equine assistant!!! He looked



forward to helping care for Rocco ...and he loved having little conversations with Rocco on our visits and bringing his friend carrots and apples. And as we left the barn Arthur would be smiling and talking about the horse all the way home. I will always have fond memories of my dear friend Arthur.

## Annamae Wilson

Annamae 'Amy' Wilson - 101 years old. Amy had been a supporter of the SPCA for a very long time and would make donations to the SPCA. A few years ago she mailed us a note with her donation. Her note was very sweet and at the end she said - "Could you please hurry, and finish the new shelter so I can see it before I die!!" That prompted me to locate her at Manor Hills and give her a call; we then set up a time for her to come visit the under construction shelter. I picked her up, she hopped into my Hummer, and off we went for a tour of the shelter and she loved it!! I did not know she was in her late 90's until we were driving back to Manor Hills and she was telling me stories of her life. I could not believe how well she remembered all the stories she was sharing with me...and she replied I may be old, but I have all of my marbles!! LOL The SPCA started visiting Manor Hill residents and we brought cats, kittens, rabbits and at times dogs every month, so I was able to continue to visit with Amy when we were there. Once the shelter was finished, Manor Hill residents were



able to come see the new shelter and take a mini-field trip to the shelter.

Luckily, her 100th birthday was in early March 2020, right before everything was shut down with Covid, and I was able to visit and spend time with her to celebrate her birthday - unfortunately due to Covid that was our last visit. But I will always remember what a lovely, sweet and kind animal-loving lady she was - I will miss our conversations about life...and animals.

## Dr. Walter Orlowski

Walter Orlowski, was 84 years young when he passed away unexpectedly this summer. I have known both Walter and his wife Barbara for years - both of them very kind souls and are huge animal lovers, they have adopted both cats and dogs from the SPCA and have always attended our fundraising events. They also had offered many times the use of their barn if the SPCA had the need to house horses. It was a few years after that offer was made that we really did have a neglect case and we needed to house two horses asap, and both Barbara and Walter were 100% on board. What an exciting day it was to bring a retired and very spirited old race-horse Star with her injured, gelding friend Storm to the Orlowski's, it brought such life to that barn! Little did they know this was just the start of many horses, and even a donkey and a mule being kept at their barn....at one time there was a herd of cows too!! Walter was always wanting to help with the horses. He would make repairs as needed at the barn and he was busy making sure the fence was working so we wouldn't have any escapees. But guess what, even when you think you have everything figured out, we still did



have a few escapes happen, but Walter and Barbara were on it! Walter was previously a dentist and he found it quite interesting to watch Dr Kaplan when he would take care of the horses teeth. One of our last horses at the barn was Rocco - and I think Walter enjoyed him the most out of all the horses. I will miss seeing Walter at the barn or out walking his dogs or seeing him in the field on his tractor when I drive by. Walter was a very soft spoken and kind man, who had a big heart for all animals and he definitely made a difference in many animals lives.

## Delores Fleming

Delores Fleming, 97 years old. I met Delores a few years ago when the SPCA started to bring animals to Manor Hills for visits and Delores was always at the front doors awaiting our arrival with our shelter animals. She would take a sneak peek at what we had in the crates and then she would go booking down the hallway as fast as she could to announce to everyone "the SPCA is here, the SPCA is here with animals!!!!" I would have to say she was our biggest cheerleader there at Manor Hills...always smiling and bursting with excitement when we arrived. She told me pet stories....and many times it was the same stories, but had a new twist to it, but it didn't matter - she was happy to share old memories of her animals with us and we were always happy to listen.

I know she never wanted us to leave



and at times asked if the SPCA would really miss just one little kitten if it was in her room until the next time we visited. LOL! Most definitely we will miss visiting Manor Hills and not seeing Delores smiling at the door to greet us.

# Snip & Spay Clinic



## Dr. Graf

We would like to recognize and thank Dr. Graf for making such an impact by spaying and neutering over 3,500 cats and dogs in our community. We know the importance and how critical it is to spay and neuter our pets, and we are making a difference in our area and surrounding communities thanks to Dr. Graf. In 2020, we gradually started our public spay



& neuter clinic - and when Covid occurred it did impact our clinic, but in 2021 we were able to run 3 days a week which helped tremendously in altering a large number of

animals. THANK YOU Dr. Graf for your commitment to help with the animal over-population problem by performing spay/neuter surgeries at our clinic.

## Terry Lounsberry

We have some excellent core volunteers that have been with us at the shelter and every year in our newsletter we like to spotlight them to recognize their good work.

Terry Lounsberry is one of them. Terry came to us in February 2020 to volunteer after retiring from her day job. Little did she know her volunteer time would turn out to be 3 full days a week.

She started in our spay/neuter Clinic assisting with the preparation of the surgical spay packs, sterilizing our instruments for the clinic laundry and clean up of both the clinic and the animals if needed.

Terry quickly welcomed more



roles and has never looked back! Terry has learned all the tasks involved with our clinic and we know we can count on her 100% to support our vet techs and Dr. Graf.

She has a very warm and calming demeanor and she has been extremely comforting to animals that are shy or a bit nervous when they are here. She is happy to sit and monitor animals after surgery as they are recovering.

She is welcoming to people that are dropping off or picking up their pets after surgery and is always positive and upbeat. Terry's love for animals shines through everyday and her smiling face is infectious, her soft spoken words to each and every animal she encounters in the clinic is heart-warming.

Thank you Terry for your commitment to helping animals - you have been a valuable asset to our SPCA clinic team - we appreciate all you do for us!

## PAWS UP

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Of Our Volunteers & Donors  
For Caring And Helping!**

# Gummy

## The Family Dog



Senior dog Gummy came to the home about two summers ago from the SPCA, and boy does he have the life! He enjoys snuggling with all of our kids and he can't stop soaking up all the attention. When he's not getting what he wants, he'll sit at

your feet and "mumble" at you. When you give him what he wants, he'll do a little tap dance and smile a toothless grin. In his spare time, you'll catch him taking an old man nap on his bed, or sunbathing in a sunny spot. He also has many hobbies, if one can believe, including sharking the table for fallen food, chewing on toys – even though he has no teeth!! He is licking you in the face when you do not want to be licked and rolling on his back with legs flailing at random times (we call him a "nerd dog" when he does this).

He also has a summer job; working part time making sure the dreaded hose is destroyed if turned on, taking full blasts of water right to his mouth. His favorite thing of all though, is zooming around the house at full speed playing tag with the kids. We affectionately call his little bursts of energy "zoomies", and when Gummy wants to zoom, beware! He'll try to knock you down and start gnawing on your arms and feet. If he has accomplished this task, you have been officially "gummified." Who would have thought that a fourteen year old dog would act so much like a puppy! He does not like the snow however; he'll give you a long pitiful look if you want him to go outside when it's snowing. If he is brave enough, he will paw high through the snow, do his business, then gallop back in the house and shake with a groan. Then he will promptly cuddle with you to warm back up. We love Gummy and we can never imagine our lives without him! With as much trauma as he has been through in his life, you'd never think he would be this affectionate to anyone and everyone. He has definitely brightened up our lives and is the most lovable goofy dog in the entire world!

- Fuller Family

# Orion & Cheyenne



Orion and Cheyenne arrived at our shelter from a group of 60 dogs that were running loose on a property. And they had little human socialization and all they knew was their pack they lived with. Both of these shy under socialized dogs

have come such a long way and were luckily adopted out together. Their new owner is just smitten with them: It has been a fast 6 months since Cheyenne and Orion came to my home. They have learned so much over that short period of time. They now know "sit", "come", "off", "lie down", "no pull" (while on leash) and "wait". They seem to be having trouble with "stay" as they think it means "I can't move forward, but sideways or backwards is "ok". We're still working on that!

They are finally learning to like being outside to race around the yard and wrestle, now that the weather has gotten cooler – I think the summer was just too hot for them and they wanted to be in the house, in front of the air ducts blowing the cold air from the a/c or lying beneath the ceiling fans.

They convinced me in June that they could sleep in my bedroom and if one needs to go out during the night, the other will wake me. The one needing out just stands staring at the door – I'm still trying to teach them to "speak" when they need to go out, but they stare (which I can't see when I'm asleep) – LOL But luckily, they take care of each other.



They have been doing extremely well meeting neighbors and my friends and family. Still a little bit skittish, but they are warming up to people a lot faster now than a few months ago.

Out of curiosity I had their DNA's checked, as they looked a lot alike to me, so I asked the company if they might be related. The results were: "Typically siblings and parent/offspring pairs share upwards of 50% of their DNA. Cheyenne and Orion share a relatedness of 61% - so they are full siblings!" I just think that is sooo great, and I am glad they were the 2 who captured my heart in May and came home with me. They are truly an AWESOME PAIR!!! Thank you again for bringing them into my life!

- Terry Young

# Pono



Working together with the cruelty investigator, the veterinary team and the wonderful supporters of the SPCA, a helpless puppy's life was saved in January of 2021.

Pono, who was a 4 month old puppy at the time, had almost met his demise after he sustained multiple injuries from head to toe. Although the full story will never be known, Pono had barely survived these tragic events that led him to the SPCA.

His life quickly changed however, as he was met with more love, compassion and perseverance than he had ever felt before.

Months of round the clock care, surgeries to correct his injuries, and

lots of TLC proved to be exactly what Pono needed for a fresh start to life.

Not only did he need to physically heal from this trauma, he needed to learn to trust humans again. Luckily, he was ready to open his heart back up easily and now this event is all in his past.

Pono's current days involve playing with his doggy/kitty/human friends, exploring central New York, and sleeping directly in the middle of the bed, regardless of how much room he has.

I'm sure if Pono could talk, he would be able to write a book about everything he is thankful for, but because he can't- I will be the one to say... To Jessica, Dr. Graf, and everyone else who worked their



## Survivor Puppy!

very hardest to help Pono survive, I am forever grateful and could not imagine my life without him.

Thank you for upholding the mission of the SPCA and saving lives on a daily basis.

- Kelsey Arrison, LVT

# Auggie & Nugget



heart breaking to only have such a short amount of time with them. What about the expenses? What if I only get a year with them? I figured there was no way I'd be able to bear the pain of becoming so attached and then turn around and lose them. The thought of it just seemed unbearable.

I had talked to my coworkers at the SPCA about adopting a senior and they were all extremely encouraging and really changed my viewpoint. They made me realize the difference I can make in a senior dog's life by adopting them. The idea had been bounced around between my fiancé and I several times. Then, January rolled around. We got a transport of 6 chihuahuas- all ranging in age. My coworkers called me into see them (it's no secret that I'm a sucker for chihuahuas). I sat down on the floor in their room with them and this one particular chihuahua jumped right into my lap. It was like his little eyes spoke to me. I immediately cried and knew that this was the dog for me. Later that day, I found out he was the only senior out of the whole group.

I have always been interested in adopting a senior dog, however, like many others, I immediately thought it would be too

I had no idea he was a senior, but I knew I needed to bring him home with me.

This was one of the best decisions I have EVER made. Nugget came home with me and we formed a bond like no other. He is my shadow and best little love bug. But, most importantly, I realized throughout this just how much I wanted to help another senior.

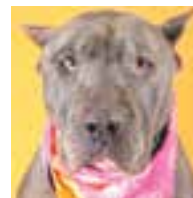
So, in June, a transport came in and they just happened to have a 15 year old chihuahua! After spending some time with him, I knew he would be the perfect missing link to our family and we adopted him, as well. His name is Auggie. His age shows a little more than Nugget's, but they're still characters! I routinely dress them up in outfits and take them for rides around town, or rides in their stroller. They really seem to enjoy it. We started making videos of them on TikTok and gained over 61.2 THOUSAND followers! Everyone loves to watch their videos and it makes me so happy that we are able to change people's minds and encourage more people worldwide to adopt a senior!



I went from being a person that only wanted the cute puppies to someone that wants the undesirable senior instead and I'll never look back. I can promise you any pain associated with their passing will be so heart breaking, but I will still be so thankful that I got to spend their retirement years with them. The love that they provide is so worth the pain.

**- Madison Cole, SPCA Cat Kennel Attendant**

# Susan



Old Gal With A New Lease On Life

Several months ago the SPCA received a dog from a transport named Susan. She was an older gal with plenty of lumps, bumps and not too many teeth left. Her story we received was that her previous owners literally threw her out of the car in front of the North Carolina county shelter and simply drove off. As soon our partners in North Carolina saw her photo and heard about how sweet she was, despite her age and condition. They knew transport could change her status from unwanted to very much wanted, if given a second chance...and they were absolutely right!!

Susan journeyed with Rusty's Legacy to Allegany County SPCA where she received a 'Welcome to NY' party in her honor!! Not long after arriving in NY she found her forever person, a very kind woman who would make sure that Susan would be well cared for.

When asked for an adoption update, here's what her new mom had to say:

I'm not sure how to go about this, but I want to let you and all of your wonderful associates at SPCA Serving Allegany County know how grateful I am for introducing me to my wonderful Susan B. When I adopted, her name was Susan, and being from Rochester, I added the B. She is a loving old girl, like me, and accepts everyone who comes into her home with me. My grandchildren love her, she peacefully coexists with the cats, and she loves to lie in the sun. She only recently gave up trying to stay out in the backyard on sunny days and moved to our sun-porch where I've put the bed she brought with her from the SPCA. At night we "watch TV" together on the couch. She didn't know how to play with other dogs when she first came home, but she has a few canine friends she's met on our neighborhood walks, from a small Bichon Frise to another female Cane Corso to several rescue pitties. She's always glad to see them. She only recently has started to play with toys, and really likes the squeaky ones. We've made a nice little niche for ourselves together, two old ladies, quietly keeping each other company. Thank you again for making it possible for us to know each other.

**- Ann Lapine**

# Rose



Rose was a lovely young 3 year old black lab mix that arrived at our shelter. A few months earlier she had 9 puppies and was ready to move on and find a new home. Upon vet examination at our shelter she had a mammary tumor - which we promptly removed and sent it out for analysis, luckily it came back benign. Her foster person Jack was anxiously waiting to hear back on a prognosis for Rose, as he was already very much in love with this gal and was going to adopt her! According to her owner Jack: Rose is absolutely a peach, better than I

could have ever imagined! She has so many positives. We have totally bonded with each other. She is the wonderful balance of lovey-dovey and not obsessive about being with me every second. She barked at a deer strolling through my back yard, but otherwise she does not bark. Rose loves my cat and vice-versa. She is all I could have hoped for and much more!!!

I totally enjoyed interacting with the staff and the great understanding and kindness all of you showed. Staff and the facilities are top notch in my book.

I am so fortunate to have found you and my amazing Rose. My friends are laughing about my enthusiasm for this girl. Thank you all so much for working with me and caring for Rose. I will keep in touch.



Bless all of you and the compassion you show towards the animals. You are the BEST!! I sincerely mean that! Thank you!!!

**- Jack Van Dusen**



# Quincy

Misunderstood



We had Quincy at our shelter for several months....and we did not have a lot of info on him when he first arrived...but he was a good boy for our staff. Unfortunately we just weren't finding the right adopter for him. Quincy exhibited some behaviors at the shelter such as mouth-

ing a bit when excited, being rambunctious, high energy, he was super focused on his toys and would jump up to grab the toys. But, both we and his adopter agree that these behaviors – although not bad, did hinder him from being adopted sooner, as we had recommended a house with no cats, other dogs may be a problem, and small children would not be a good fit. Sometimes, behavior seen in a shelter environment is not always true to the dogs' real personality when they are outside the shelter and in a home. There are many things that can affect an animals behavior when they are in a shelter, such as just being in a kennel, the variety of dogs passing by their door, barking or the sounds and smells of the other dogs can be stressful.

When Quincy's person Dennis came to the shelter the first time to visit him – we all knew he would be the person to adopt him! Dennis did the right thing and was willing to come for a few visits with Quincy first before adopting – which only solidified it was going to be a good fit for both of them. Fast forward to a report from his new owner Dennis: Quincy has been nothing but an angel since he has joined me in my life. From the moment he entered my doors he just wants to live life and love everything he comes into contact with. That includes children, and other animals (cats, dogs etc).

Quincy is also doing extremely well with his obedience training through a facility in Fairport, NY. He comes, sits and places, as well as stays for an extended period of time in all mentioned commands. The only issue with him at this time is leash pulling which will eventually be worked on as time passes. Quincy is a wonderful companion and I look forward to us growing and experiencing life together. Quincy has been nothing but amazing. I got lucky finding him. Thank you to everyone there at the SPCA for helping me.

- Dennis

# Molly & Bailey



We had already submitted an application for a bonded pair of dogs at the SPCA named Molly and Bailey; next step was the meet and greet. Back on a rainy July afternoon, we met these two very large 125 lb Anatolian shep-

herds Molly and Bailey, brother and sister. As we sat in the meet and greet dog arena, both came running in, Bailey was the first to notice us, then Molly. They came over to us and wanted some attention...but that was short lived, as they began rough-housing, then they would take a break and come over for more attention and would go back to playing.

We decided to adopt them both – as you could easily tell they should stay together. Time to load up and head for home with the new family...or so we thought. Bailey jumped into the back of the car, but Molly had a different idea, all of us were soaked from the rain after getting her loaded. Once home, they immediately took to their new surroundings.

Bath time at our house really didn't work out well and we said uncle and gave up! It was decided it would be best to take them to a groomer and that's when Molly's stubborn streak surfaced. When she got next to the car, she sat right down, and when



A Whole Lotta Dogs!

Molly sits, nothing is going to move her 100 lb + body. Then Bailey decided to adopt the same attitude.

With each passing day, their individual personalities surface. Molly is usually oblivious to her surroundings and sleeps on her back. She loves rawhide bones and has a tendency to bury them in the bed or under her dog bed. Bailey is more attentive; he'll follow you everywhere. They are both doing extremely well and they certainly been a welcome addition to our home! Thank you SPCA!

- Kathy & Kevin



# Sophie

There must have been a rainbow over the Allegany County SPCA the day I met Sophie. She is our little pot of gold! She is the sweetest and most well behaved little dog you could ask for. It has been such a joy to watch her thrive in our safe and loving home. There are so many unwanted pets out there, I encourage you to open your hearts to the rewarding experience of pet adoption. We are so happy we did!

- Gary and Laree Sherman





## Willow



As I walked into the SPCA in June of 2021, my heart sank as I looked at all of the available dogs that needed new homes. Most of the 39 small dogs were jumping up and down with excitement as I greeted each one but there was one dog in

particular that caught my eye. She was scared as she crawled over to the door of her cage. I bent down for her to smell my hand. As she began to lick my arm, her tail started to wag and I saw acceptance in her eyes. She was a part of a bad situation with many other Dachshunds that were rescued. She was very thin and had a skin infection which caused her to lose some hair on her back...I knew at that time, that I could not walk away from her.

Since we have adopted Willow, she has brought love and laughter into our lives and has become a member of our family. She has learned how to be a dog and enjoy the simple things in life. I did not choose her when I was searching for another dog, she chose me...I am so grateful I was given another opportunity to provide love to another adopted Dachshund from the SPCA.

**- Tami Osterhout**

## Rosey Posey



I started fostering in December of 2019. I wanted mommas and their kittens or pregnant mommas and I got my wish helping at the SPCA Serving Allegany County. I helped more than a couple cats deliver their kittens and take care of them until they were ready to go to their fur-ever homes. During a time when I couldn't take litters, I found I could still help out by taking injured kittens for the SPCA and helping them heal and get ready for adoption. My first one was a tripod kitten who lost her leg after being, what we believed, to be hit by a car. I knew when we took her we still had one camping trip left and figured she could tag along. It went well and she went back after our trip. We said we'd give it a couple weeks and then if she was still at the shelter we would adopt her...and guess what...She was adopted right away!

After this last kitten season and being in the spring of 2021, with things getting back to normal again from Covid, I knew it would be awhile before we could foster kittens. Then I found out there was a little 4 week old kitten Rosey Posey who had been brought in to the shelter barely alive after being found on the side of the road. Her x-rays showed a broken leg and hip, but getting her stable and keeping her alive was the SPCA's first priority. Once that was done I said I'd take her and get her healthy and then we could see where the leg was at.

Rosey came home to us in June. When we went to pick her up at the SPCA, she made her first little meow since they had her. I told Lynda and Lucas then to just give me the adoption papers and I'll write my check. We all laughed. Little did we know.

For 3 weeks Rosey was kept in a playpen to keep her as still as possible so she'd heal. But she was not kept in the kitten room we had for fosters... No, we moved furniture around and made room for her in our bedroom. Morning and night she was held and bottle fed kitten replacement milk to help her put weight on along with 4 wet meals a day and dry food around the clock. She was also on antibiotics for an upper respiratory infection. During the day while we were at work she slept in her bed. I know this because I had a camera to keep an eye on her. I could take her downstairs and feed her milk and she'd lay on the couch or in my arms like a baby wrapped in a blanket and sleep. She went with us the first month we had her to softball tournaments, home and away. She would lay in a laundry basket or her carrier and watch what was going on around her. She drew a lot of attention and a lot of sympathy with her story.

In the beginning of July we went back into the SPCA for shots and a check-up and the vet was absolutely amazed as were we all. She was healthy and they couldn't feel any signs of any breaks. Which was a



relief because keeping our little Miss Rosey Posey from being an active kitten was becoming harder and harder. She was already wearing a harness and on a leash the more we traveled to tournaments....and she was starting to want to run and climb.

July also brought about a second round of antibiotics and eye cream to finish clearing up the respiratory problems (along with a vaporizer in the bedroom on 85 degree days). By then we knew we were going to keep this sweet little girl and the adoption papers were filled out.

Rosey has since become a big part of our family, and her sister Sadie and brother Reggie have come to tolerate this energetic little kitten. Once she was spayed and officially ours we made an appointment to get her established with our regular vet. She looked at the digital x-rays we gave her from the SPCA and said Rosey was doing great after what she had been through! And there were no signs of any injury at all.

The SPCA is not just about taking animals in and finding them homes. They are about helping them survive trauma and getting them healthy again so they can be adopted out to their fur-ever homes. I am thankful that the SPCA does this, because now we have our Rosey Posey who loves her harness and to be outside on it and loves to go camping and play fetch with baseballs! She amazes us every day with what she accomplishes and does. Especially after how we saw her when she first came in.

If you get the chance to stop in at the SPCA Serving Allegany County, visit with the special needs animals or animals that have been through a trauma like Rosey's. Look into helping by fostering them until they go to their fur-ever homes. They heal better outside the shelter with your one-on-one care. Help make a miracle for an animal in need. And who knows, your miracle may just be your next family member.

**- Melissa VanHoutte, Foster Mom**



# Ruthie



I became aware of Ruthie through a facebook post- She looked like such a sweetie and the story about her was heartbreaking. The story basically stated that she had been in the shelter for 6 months and wasn't being considered for adoption by people due to only having one eye. She stayed on my mind for several days and I shared her story with my wife. My wife said there wouldn't be much difference between having 3 cats instead of the two we already adopted earlier in the year. We filled out an application, got approved and then drove from Cheektowaga to the SPCA in Allegany county.

When we met Ruthie we immediately fell in love with her. She is really a sweetie and she is adapting well to her new home. She loves to play with her toys, loves treats, is beginning to cuddle at night with my wife, and all 3 cats are getting along very well. According to what we were told, Ruthie had a litter of 4 male kittens and one kitten accidentally scratched her eye which then required surgery to remove her eye. Ruthie likes to give baths to the other cats, perhaps that is some residual motherly instinct from her having had kittens.

I'm glad that we adopted her and she now has a loving home and is a great addition to our family. She is a sweet girl, with the softest fur, the cutest face, and she fits right in with our other two cats. I wish I could adopt them all. I already tried asking my wife if there was a difference between having three cats versus four cats, but I guess I have to draw a line somewhere. I would just like people to know that please don't judge these animals by their looks and give them a loving home.

- Michael Leader

# A Special Thank You To Our Dedicated Staff



## Nemo & BF Peanut



I would like to share my story...I moved to Buffalo from San Francisco, CA to care for my 91 year old

mother, and brought my rescue pit-bull, Peanut, with me across country. Since arriving, Peanut has seemed like he wants a buddy...he is high energy and whines when he sees people, whines when he passes dogs in yards as we take walks,

and even whines when he sees neighbor's cats in windows or prowling the streets. Originally, I thought of a 2nd dog, but I am better at home with just one. Then a neighbor cat's interaction convinced me maybe Peanut would actually be ok with a cat. After looking locally for some time and waiting for kitten season, I drove from Buffalo over to the SPCA to take a look and very quickly settled on adopting Nemo.

I used to have a different pit-bull....and different cats (RIP all) many, many years ago. I knew a blended family was possible and was prepared for it to just take time. I wasn't prepared for how seamless this has been!! The photos attached started on DAY ONE!!!



I credit Peanut...he is just stellar. And Nemo too - so curious and determined, and although it has been a short time and I am sure there will be "moments", I believe we have a steadfast friendship already formed!

I have felt a little disconnected since arriving here in NY - a lot of transition for me - but I just can't convey how much of a perfect fit Nemo appears to be. Simply put, I think my little family is now complete and am looking forward to more new beginnings. Thank you all so much for the work you do and making our adoption possible!!!!

- Kimberly Smith

## Ethel-Iris

My mom, Sharon, and I love animals. She was raised that way growing up; her father always

had a passion for dogs and all species and had donated monthly for so many years to the SPCA before his passing.

Scrolling Facebook one day, I noticed a beautiful calico with half a cute little mustache that had been in the shelter for months looking for a home. For some reason, she stood out to me, amongst all the thousands of animals that show up in my feed.

My mom and I knew that we needed to adopt her and give her all of the love we could. It's been nearly a year since we adopted Iris, and let me tell you, she does NOT act like a senior kitty (13 years old).

I no longer live with my mom, but she is attached to my mom at the hip. Everywhere Sharon goes, she goes. Iris also loves to chase her tail, run around with her toys, spend time with her brother kitty Morris and snuggle up in her favorite chair in front of the fireplace.

Her nickname is "Queen Latifa" because she's the queen of the house and always needs to be around the action. She is too cute for words and truly one of the sweetest cats I have ever met.

When we adopted Iris, she had a bad kidney infec-



tion and mild kidney disease that requires a special diet with pricey food. Since her most recent check up with the vet, Iris's kidney disease has improved greatly and is showing less signs of trouble sooner down the road.

Iris truly has a heart of gold and we're so thankful for the wonderful staff at the Allegany County SPCA who take such great care of all these beautiful animals.

We are thankful every day for Iris.

- Stephanie Dommer

## Poppy



A Very Special Kitty

Poppy was found by man driving in his truck around Christmas time on a dirt road, she was just laying in the road and then she got up off the road and landed right into the ditch which had cold water running on her - she was thin and disoriented.

Thankfully he was kind enough to pick her up and get her to a warm place...his quick action saved her life, as she would have froze to death.

Once she made her way to the SPCA we noticed she could not see and she had an outstanding personality, and she was just so smart and being blind was not an issue for her at all.

Poppy was adopted very quickly and her new owner tells us: You would never know Poppy was blind, she chases Millie, her cat friend, around full speed and rarely runs into anything.

She climbs a kitty tower to sleep and chases fuzzy balls around all over the place. Poppy greets everyone that comes to the house and will end up sitting in your lap.

Poppy and Millie often sleep together in the same chair, and I'm very glad I adopted her as a friend for Millie. She is such a special girl!

- Donna Rogers

# FIV Kitties Joey & Toby



If you would have asked me a few years ago if I would adopt two FIV + cats, let alone be a cat lady I would

have said you are crazy! I always said I was a dog person. That was until I started working at the SPCA on the cat side of the shelter.

After just a few months of working here I became a cat lover and found myself with the title of “head of feline care” shortly after. A few months ago, I met these two kitties Joey and Toby and instantly fell in love. I told myself that I didn’t need any more cats and I needed to give it some time to see if they would get adopted. Toby and Joey were both diagnosed with FIV.

FIV stands for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, which just means that they have a lower/weaker immune system. For example, they may get an upper respiratory infection a little easier and it may last a little longer than your non FIV + kitty. When people see the word FIV+ next to a cat’s name it tends to deter them away from associating with or even adopting the cat. I will admit that I was one of those people for a while, but after I was educated on what FIV really is my mind and opinion on FIV cats has completely changed.

FIV to me is a dramatically overrated term. FIV is not spread as easily as people think it is. FIV cannot be spread by casual interactions: like drinking out of the



same food/water dish, using the same litter box, playing with the same toys, laying in the same beds and so on. FIV is only spread through a deep bite wound. So, as long as the FIV + kitty and the non FIV+ kitty are cat friendly, all is well! It is a terrible stereotype that FIV+ kitties cannot coexist with non FIV+ kitties, and that FIV+ kitties are “diseased” and should not be adopted out. This simply is not true.

Joey and Toby resided at the shelter for a few months each, people passed by them every day and thought they were cute but wouldn’t adopt them because they have FIV. Joey was also an extremely shy kitty at the shelter. Long story short, I ended up adopting both Joey and Toby. It has been months later, and Joey and Toby get along fantastically with my other non FIV kitties. I honestly could not imagine my life or my



household without them.

I thank goodness every day that I was able to learn what FIV is and that I adopted Joey and Toby. My hope is that as head of feline care at the shelter I can properly educate people on what FIV is and adopt out FIV kitties as quickly as non FIV kitties. It is also important to reach out to the shy cats, the scared cats, the older cats because given the time and patience they can end up being amazing kitties...just like Joey has become.

I promise that if you take a chance on an FIV+ kitty or any shelter kitty for that matter, that you will not regret it. Adopting has easily been the most rewarding thing I have ever done. I hope that after reading this article that you think about potentially adopting a shelter animal. It is truly a great experience.

**- Sierra Hendrickson, “the Cat lady”**



## Allie, aka Daisy

Hello, my name is Daisy. You probably all know me as Allie.

At one time I was one of the shelter’s longest residents. That is, until I was adopted by Paul and Melissa. It was one of the happiest days of my life.

It took me a little while to adjust to my new home, especially to my new sisters, Lili and Maggie.

Maggie was also at the shelter. You all knew her as Panda.

Even though I was a little nervous at first, I am now happy and healthy and queen of the castle.

I recently became a big sister to another rescue kitty. She’s a little rambunctious for me, but I am trying my best to teach her how to become a good kitty.

I hope you all have a very happy holiday season. Please help my shelter friends find happy homes like mine.

**- Paul & Melissa**

# Cotto, aka Mr. Magoo



We are the Marlinski family from Lancaster, NY. We would like to share the story of our kitten, Cotto.

We discovered the SPCA of Allegany County in early October while passing by on a trip from our cottage on Rushford Lake to a restaurant in

Wellsville.

We were still mourning the loss of our 15-year-old German Shepherd mix, TY, who we had to say goodbye to in June.

On a whim we decided to stop in to see the animals. Throughout our visit, we were continually impressed with the quality of the facility, the caring and knowledgeable staff, and the lovable and unique animals inside.

The following week our family was devastated when we lost our other beloved dog, Rudy, a 4-year-old Dachshund after a brief illness.

That weekend, we decided to take a ride to the lake. While at the lake, the kids begged to take a trip to the SPCA. The agreement was that we would go only to make a donation in our dogs' memories, but not to adopt. Then we met Mr. Magoo.

Mr. Magoo was a very special 5-month-old kitten. He had recently been taken into the SPCA after being found homeless on the street.

Despite being totally blind, Mr. Magoo was just like every other energetic, playful, and curious kitten. Somehow, the staff at the SPCA seemed to sense that he was the perfect pet to introduce us to that day.

We were allowed ample time to play with and get to know Mr. Magoo while the staff answered all the many questions that we had. We admired the spirit of the little cat and fell in love with him that day. We decided to adopt him but had to wait until he was completely healed from his recent surgery to have both eyes removed.

Mr. Magoo came home on October 26th and his name was changed to Cotto (named after the hall of fame boxer, Miguel Cotto).

We had many concerns about how Cotto, as a blind kitten, would adjust to his new life in a 3-story-home with plenty of obstacles to navigate. We were particularly concerned about the stairs, and for the first few days we gated him off on the first floor.

During that time, he met our other cat, Gilbert. Gilbert is also a special needs cat, having been adopted from the SPCA in Erie County after an accident forced him to have his front left leg amputated in 2016. Gilbert mostly ignores Cotto, but they are slowly becoming friends.

Meanwhile, Cotto quickly showed us that he no longer needed to be limited to the first floor, and he now navigates his way around the entirety of the house with ease. He has completely memorized the layout of the house and follows the humans from room to room in constant search of a willing playmate. His favorite game to play is "chase the shoelace". Despite not being able to see the shoelace, he always seems to know where it is!

He is also the best snuggler in the family. Each night he is forced to make the difficult decision of which



human's bed he is going to curl up in.

We are blessed to have Cotto as the newest member of our family. He is loved by each of us, as well as by our extended family members who come often to visit and play with him.

During what has been a very difficult few months for our family, he has brought plenty of much needed sunshine. We would like to thank all the wonderful staff at the SPCA of Allegany County who helped us through this process. We will forever be grateful!

**- The Marklinski Family**

# Bailey and Friends

We would like to thank the Golisano Foundation for the Bailey and Friends grant we were awarded for a new dental machine and funding to help spay & neuter stray cats in our community. We were honored this fall with a visit to our shelter by Tom Golisano & his wife Monica Seles, along with grant program officer Kaitlin Graham. While touring our shelter Monica spent time visiting our 12+ year old dog Levi and he suddenly had a new appreciation for tennis after meeting with the legendary tennis pro. We do think his visit with Monica brought some luck his way, as Levi was adopted locally and happily travels to work everyday with his new owner Willy... and boy is he spoiled!



# Donate Today

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 or 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.

# Shelter Needs



- Dish soap
  - Wood pellets
  - Dog & cat treats
  - Dog & cat toys
  - Catnip
  - Paper towels
  - Garbage bags
  - Dry Kitten food
  - Canned dog, cat and kitten food
  - Dry dog food, Purina Pro Plan
  - Collars & Leashes
  - Towels & washcloths
  - Blankets
  - Hand Sanitizer
  - Laundry Detergent
  - Gift cards for Dollar General or Tractor Supply
  - Volunteers and monetary donations are always welcome!
- THANK YOU!

# Memorials

## Katie



Many of you have either met in person Katie the Flemish Giant rabbit at our events or have seen her pics on our facebook page. Unfortunately, Katie has passed away this year, and we were all saddened by the news, as she was part of the SPCA volunteer family. Katie and her owner Carol Mead came to many of our events and she brought a lot of joy and smiles to people's faces when they met her. She was a very social bunny and enjoyed people...she made the rounds to many places in the county as she was at our Grand Opening of the new shelter, the Willing Fall Festival, Scio Strawberry Fest, Houghton College, Wide Awake club Library in Fillmore and a frequent visitor at Manor Hills assisted living in Wellsville. We would like to thank Carol Mead for her commitment and love of rabbits and for helping so many of them, especially Katie – she was a very special rabbit who enjoyed being the center of attention....and she will be missed by all!



# In Honor of Pets

**Abbey**, Maureen Cooper  
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**Arturo**, Warren & Connie Emerson  
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**Beau & Domino**, Maureen Cooper  
**Blue Boy**, Dana & Kathryn Klein  
**Buddy**, Jillian Pleakis  
**Champ & Major**, John & Annette White  
**Charlie**, 5th Anniversary of Adoption, Sheryl Hoffman  
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**Chloe**, Sandra DiBrango  
**Ebony**, Lois Harvey  
**Erland**, Joseph & Debra Borer  
**Fluffy, Spike & Tippy**, Sandra McKnight  
**Genevieve Dorothy Bogucki**, Karen Bogucki & Eugene  
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**Happy Jack**, Dominic Petrelli  
**Harriett**, Mark Smith  
**Jakie & Rosie**, Eugene Mills  
**Jenna**, Connie Slep  
**Kodiak**, Melvin & Kathie Chambliss DVM  
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**Phoebe**, Alice & Roxy, Linda Blank  
**Pollyanna**, Peter & Brenda Miller  
**Pookie**, Russell & Ramona Allen  
**Rosie**, Kevin & Nancy Monroe  
**Sarah Jane & Simon**, Marsha Prince  
**Skylar**, Paul & Electa Hollier  
**Thumper**, Melody Kellogg, Mitchell & Peggy Chapman, Duane & Peggy Chapman  
**Timpano**, Penny Canfield  
**Walker T**, Maureen Cooper

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**Randy Ellis**, Warren & Connie Emerson  
**Tom & Molly Euken**, Carolyn Miller  
**Patricia Fogarty**, Warren & Connie Emerson  
**Franz Fritz**, Jackie Whitzer  
**Amy Hurd, DVM**, Patricia Hurd  
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**Johnny Hyland**, George & Jayne McAffery

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**Judge Bradley J. Thompson**, Marshall Green  
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# Memorials for Pets

**Abby & Francis Joyce**, Teresa Joyce

**All my beloved pets**, Jeri Eberhardt

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**Auntie Freida Pruski**, Deborah Wright

**Beau**, David Woodworth

**Billy & Friends**, Al Abbott

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**Dexter**, Richmond & Mary Jo Hubbard

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**Duke**, Charles & Marion Anderson

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**Frank**, Irving Schoenacker

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**Gus**, Penny Canfield, Richard & Nancy Gruver

**Heaven**, Linda Kenderdine

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**Junior Chapman**, Duane & Peggy Chapman

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**Kerry**, Warren & Connie Emerson

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**Maggie**, Paul & Electa Hollier

**Maggie Tam O'Shanter**, Edmund & Kathleen Budzinski

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# Did You Know?

- When you shop online at Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate to the SPCA Serving Allegany County.
- Our spay/neuter clinic is open to the public, contact us at SnipandSpaySPCA@gmail.com for more info.
- The SPCA Serving Allegany County - does NOT receive any 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 and 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 'wood pellets' for kitty litter for years- 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, Park Plaza Liquor, Jones Pond, Trout Run Camp Resort, 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, 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.
- Cruelty Hotline is available 24/7, call 585-268-9600.



## 2022 Fundraising Events

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

## SPCA Paw Prints Newsletter

Serving Animals and People in Allegany county, NY

### MISSION

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.

### ONE-CLICK DONATIONS

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

### CONTACT US

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### FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Facebook.com/SPCA.Serving.Allegany.County.  
Stay linked in and follow all the happenings at the shelter, pets up for adoption, and upcoming fundraisers and events!

### SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

SnipandSpaySPCA@gmail.com

### NEW SENSE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Mike Hayden, 716-676-9161

### 24/7 CRUELTY HOTLINE

585-268-9600

### NYS AG & MARKETS

agriculture.ny.gov

### DOG CONTROL OFFICERS (DCO)

List on SPCAAllegany.org

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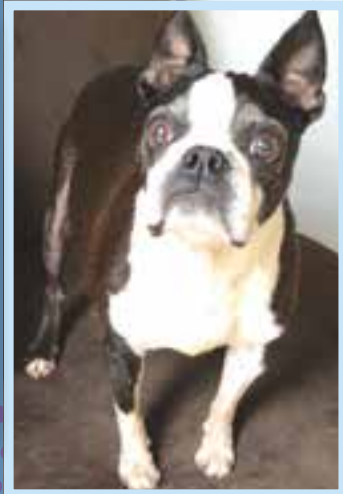
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