



GIVE ME SHELTER



The SPCA Serving Allegany County

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| July | Scramble 4 the Animals
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| Oct 16 & 17 | Theme Basket Auction |
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| Dec 5th | Cookie Sale & Pet Pics
with Santa |



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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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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

What's Been Happening at the SPCA

By Deb Wright

As always the volunteers, staff and Board Members of the SPCA Serving Allegany County have been very busy with a number of projects to benefit the animals of our area. This past summer we applied for and received the Better Business Bureau seal as an accredited charity. A BBB accredited charity is an organization that meets all 20 of the BBB Standards for Charity Accountability based on a review of information and materials provided by the organization. The goal of the BBB seal program is to offer a highly visible accountability tool that will help inform donors, assist charities in establishing their commitment to ethical practices, and encourage greater confidence in giving. Charities' participation in the program is voluntary. We are pleased to have received our BBB accreditation in July 2014.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the animals at the SPCA Serving Allegany County every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the SPCA. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. You can use your same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are

also the same. On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select "Allegany County Society to Prevent Cruelty to Animals" to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. So please remember our shelter animals and help them out while you shop!

This year was our 20th Annual Theme Basket Auction and we are happy to report this was our most successful fundraising event ever and we had a record number of donations with 363 baskets and 21 specialty items. Our fundraising team of volunteers work very hard all year to raise the much needed funds to support our shelter and we are looking to add some new events in 2015. We are starting with a 'FUR-Ball' on January 24, 2015 to kick off the new year and our soon to be constructed shelter.

Don't miss our
1st Annual
FUR-Ball
Jan 24th
at 7pm



Cats reproduce at an alarming rate, which is why it is so critical to spay/neuter, our feline companions. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor and assistance from Dr. Pierson of Alfred State College, we began a pilot feline TNR spay/neuter program this fall. Through this effort we were able to spay 6 female cats and neuter 23 male cats. We have

planned another round of spay/neuters in December and we know there are many more that need to be done, but this pilot program was to help us learn the best practices for TNR and will serve as our model for future spay/neuter projects.

GIVE ME SHELTER

We are very pleased to announce that the SPCA Serving Allegany County has received a \$100,000.00 matching grant from the ASPCA for the construction of our new Spay/Neuter clinic. This grant will help us to begin the building phase of our new Spay/Neuter clinic in 2015 which will be critical in helping to control and make an impact on the animal population in our community.

Last year we officially announced our news of receiving land in Belmont which was donated by Kevin and Claudia Gildner. We are happy to announce the new shelter project "GIVE ME SHELTER" is full steam ahead! As we are writing this newsletter, our new driveway is being installed. Our vision is to not only build a shelter for our current needs, but to build our shelter for the future. We have been working diligently both with our architect firm Clark, Patterson, Lee and Animal Arts all year to make sure that our new shelter will meet the needs of the animals in our care for many years.



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Animal Arts specializes in veterinary and animal shelter design which was a huge help in the layout of our facility and they advised us on the proper size of our shelter, which turned out to be approximately 14,000 sq feet. We formed internally a special committee called our SPCA shelter design team, and we have worked in conjunction with our architect firm Clark, Patterson, Lee and Animal Arts to carefully plan every aspect of our new shelter over the past year. Knowing that this building will be in place to serve the animals of Allegany County for many years to come, we have toured other facilities, spoken with shelters across the country and sought the expertise of many organizations in designing our shelter for the future. Our new shelter will be state of the art with cage-less cat colonies, canine pods with sound dampening, real life rooms for dogs that are seniors or special needs, dog exercise arena, an education room and our very own Spay/Neuter Clinic. All aspects of our new shelter will meet or exceed Guidelines For Veterinary Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, set by The Association of Shelter Veterinarians, including drainage, air quality and ventilation, light, surfaces and sound control. We also are planning to build a 'green' building. Meeting these standards will help to ensure that our new building will be a safe, comfortable, stress-free and healthy place for the homeless animals in our care. Floor plans of our new shelter can be seen on our website www.SPCAallegany.org. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer



to help with the capital campaign GIVE ME SHELTER or you would like to make a donation, now is the time to make a difference in lives of homeless animals in Allegany County. Please consider making a donation to the GIVE ME SHELTER capital campaign and help us to make this long-standing dream a reality. We need everyone's help to bring this dream to life!

Ella's Trip to the SPCA

By Ella Anne Kane

I had a cat named Max who had been in my life since I was born but then passed away when I was 7 and I was very sad when he passed. My dad decided that we should get another cat but this time instead of 1, we should get 2 to keep each other company. So my Grandma took me to the SPCA to pick out the cats. When I got inside I saw 2 cats right away that I knew I wanted,



one was grey and black striped tiger cat whose ears and tail had to be snipped because of frost bite and whose name is Nuby. The other

cat was all black and whose name is Horton. They then let them out to see if the 2 of them would get along and they seem to get along fine and they also let me pick them up and play with them as well which they also let me do so I said these are the 2 cats I want and my grandmother paid for them. This was one great day for me. After they came home they were very shy and would hide most of the time. We have had the cats now for over a year and Horton has become my dad's cat and follows him everywhere and sleeps on his bed at night, Nuby has become my cat and sleeps in my bed at night with me and cuddles with me in the morning on the weekends when I wake up. If Nuby is not there when I wake up all I have to do is call her name and she comes and jumps onto my bed with me and cuddles up with me while I pet her. In the morning after my dad gets up Nuby and Horton will go to the bathroom sink and my dad turns the water on so they can drink from it, this was also something my cat Max would also do every morning which makes me think a little bit of Max's spirit is them.



FOSTERING Just another way to help the SPCA

By Misty Fahrenfeld



The SPCA Serving Allegany County takes in many animals each year. The majority of these pets come to us in need of just some basic vaccines and being spayed or neutered before they are available for adoption. But then there are the ones who come to us scared and neglected, in

poor physical and/or mental condition. These are the pets that require more time and care from the staff. Sometimes it just takes some antibiotics or good food to help an animal recover enough to be adopted. Other times it takes more of an emotional commitment to help an animal who doesn't trust people to begin to relax and realize that it's ok. These are some situations where a foster home could help improve the well-being of these animals. Sometimes the shelter takes in senior pets that may have physical or medical conditions that make them "less adoptable." This is also a situation where a foster home could be beneficial to these animals. They are just looking for a home to live out the rest of their golden years in comfort, instead of in a kennel at the shelter. Often times being in a foster home may lengthen the life of many of these pets as well as increase their quality of life. The shelter also houses several litters of kittens and puppies each year. These little ones would benefit greatly from being raised in a home setting rather than the shelter. They are more socialized and are used to being in a home by the time they get adopted. A foster home can help these youngsters to learn proper behavior in a home and with people which in turns makes them more adoptable.

When most people hear the words "Foster" in reference to an animal shelter, the first thing that comes to mind is cats and dogs. And for the most part they would be right. The majority of the animals in the shelter are dogs and cats. But sometimes we get some interesting critters! We have dealt with everything from small rodents such



as Degus, to ferrets, chinchillas, guinea pigs and rabbits. Snakes, lizards and fish seem to be rather rare but have resided at the shelter in the past. We also end up with birds every once in a while. Then comes the bigger animals such as goats, sheep, pigs, cattle and horses. We once had an Alpaca! We have dealt with chickens several times in recent years. Each time we get a call from someone wishing to surrender one of these animals, or we end up dealing with a cruelty situation, it requires a lot of planning on behalf of the staff. The shelter just isn't set up to deal with these animals on a daily or long term basis. We have to figure out where the animal will stay, what supplies are needed to care for the animal, who will care for the animal, how will the animal be transported and if there is a vet in the area who can treat the animal if needed. The shelter only stocks basic supplies and food to care for cats and dogs. So often when we get in a not so common animal it involves a run to the pet store to get the appropriate food and bedding needed. Sometimes the staff has no idea how to care for a particular animal and we often turn to our vet and the internet to figure it out.

There are many pros to providing a foster home versus the shelter environment for all of the animals we deal with. Being in a home is much less stressful than the noisy, crowded shelter environment. Most times pets in a home setting receive much more one on one attention than they would at the shelter. Sometimes a pet has special needs such as medication to treat an illness, or perhaps they are recovering from an injury. Many times the animals we take in are very shy and un-socialized. A foster home can be the best place for these animals to recover and to regain their strength. A foster home can be the difference in a scared pet becoming aggressive or just simply shutting down due to stress, or that same pet becoming a social, sweet, well-adjusted pet ready for adoption.

The shelter is looking to expand their resources and create an active foster program. We are seeking families who would be able to provide a home and loving care for the pets we take in until they are ready for adoption. For more information about becoming a foster parent for one of our pets, please contact the shelter!

SENIORS Needing Another Chance

Our SPCA, a no-kill shelter had a few senior citizen dogs Precious and Bandit that were rooming together in the basement of our SPCA.



Let me tell you about the seniors...Precious the 15 yr old poodle came in as a result of a cruelty neglect case, her brother unfortunately did not make it and passed away soon after we rescued him. Precious was a mess, she was hardly mobile as her fur was so severely matted & filthy that she could barely walk and you could

not even see her eyes. A local groomer volunteered to clean her up and it took about 5 hours to get through all the mats to see that there was this cute little dog starved for love and attention underneath all the dreadlocks. She had arthritis, 1 good eye, 1 bad eye, she was hard of hearing, she had only 1 tooth left and her tongue hung out the side of her mouth.

Her room-mate Bandit, an 11 yr old blind wiener dog came to us as a result of his owner dying, he had a bum back leg, arthritis, rotten teeth and is totally blind. Unfortunately, most people want to adopt young healthy dogs, so



these 2 seniors chances of adoption were close to zero due to their age and ailments, but we continued to try to find them a foster home without any luck. After a few months at the shelter, the sad reality set in for the staff who had been caring for them, these 2 senior special needs dogs were destined to live out the rest of their lives in the basement of our shelter. I decided to take these 2 seniors home for Thanksgiving as I could not stand the thought of these 2 poor little dogs spending the rest of their lives at our shelter. Our shelter staff always give excellent care to every animal that comes into our shelter...But caring for special needs seniors requires much more attention around the clock, that we are not equipped to provide. I knew these 2 dogs most likely would not have much time left, so I decided to foster them and of course spoil them... and it didn't take me long to turn into what we call at the shelter a "foster failure" and I ended up adopting them.

The first few days were filled with challenges and let me tell you there were many with all of their health ailments and constantly having accidents in the house. But, after a few days of working with them and getting them on an eating schedule and taking them outside frequently, they were able to remember that they need to go outside to do their business. I set up a special room at my house I call the "Senior Center" and they absolutely loved it, complete with therapeutic beds for those old arthritic bodies! Over the coming weeks, they both started coming back to life and flourished. Soon their personalities began to shine through, and what a funny pair they turned out to be... they amazed me, made me smile each day and they easily became a part of the family with my other dogs. Precious would love to go for a ride and she especially loved to get groomed, complete with a massage and facial!

Bandit, at age 12 ½ participated in a wiener dog race, even with his handi-cap of being blind and having a bum leg, how amazing is that! At the ripe age of 16+ Precious passed away and left her boyfriend Bandit behind. And who ever says dogs don't have feelings, I can tell you first hand they are wrong. When Precious passed away, Bandit just wandered around his senior room barking and crying and would not eat for days – he was truly grieving the loss of his friend. Bandit is almost 15 and he has out lived 2 senior girlfriends, he now has a new room mate Mitzy, who is a younger lady at age 11, and she is special needs too as she is blind also.

I am very grateful that the SPCA is a no kill shelter and that every animal that comes through our doors is given a 2nd chance at life. I feel very fortunate to have been able to care for and make a difference in these little old senior citizen dogs lives – I know they have made a difference in mine!



From SPCA to School

Many times people don't think about adopting shelter dogs...as they have the misconception that shelter dogs are 'damaged' dogs that have problems or issues. BUT the reality is that many of the dogs that end up in shelters are there for numerous reasons - and at no fault of their own. They either come in as a lost dog that has not been claimed, other times its due to a cruelty case or neglect or abandonment or they are a personal turn in, where the owners can no longer care for their pet. Over the past few years we have had some



of those 'crazy' labs pass through our doors, and in reality these dogs were excellent dogs who were very smart, but that just needed a job. A prime example is "Hudson", a Chocolate Lab who is now known as K-9 "Hudson". Seeing that he had all the qualities needed to be trained to detect drugs, "Hudson" was adopted from the shelter and went to school to learn to be a drug dog. He was great at this task and loves his new job! He now is a Certified Drug Dog and in a program that searches schools to help keep drugs out of students hands.

Max (aka Nemo)



Little dogs never do well at the shelter, as it is a stressful & scary place for small dogs. This little guy was extremely scared and stressed during his stay at the SPCA, and what a relief when he and his new owner met as it was love at first sight and it seemed like they had already

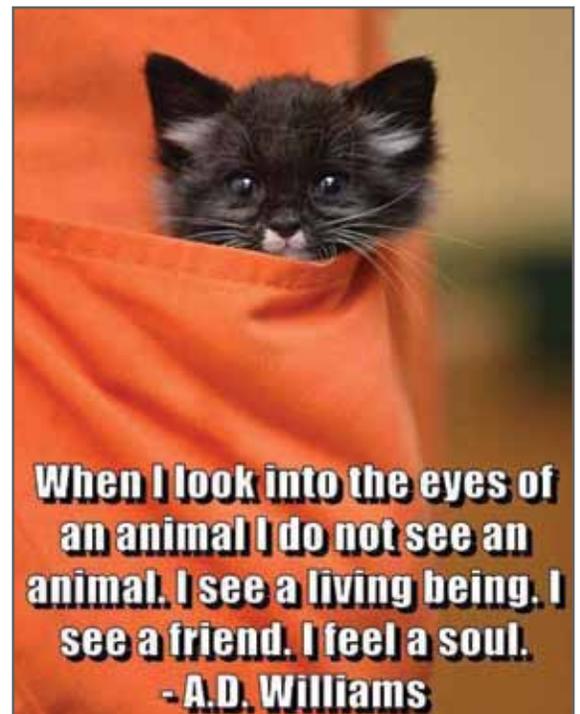
met!! Right after being adopted, they promptly headed for the Tractor Supply store and this little guy was well on his way to being spoiled....he got a nice new doggy bed...a harness, treats and dog food.

This little guy is now king of the road and a travel partner with his new owner, who is a truck driver and so far, he has been to California, Colorado and New England and he is busy socializing at the truck stops! Max loves his doggy bed, but when they are ready to turn in for the night, he immediately goes and burrows in under the covers and gets comfy for the night with his new owner... he is no longer stressed and is so thankful for his new life on the road!!



SHELTER NEEDS

- Dish soap
 - Wood pellets
 - Dog and cat treats
 - Dog and cat toys
 - Catnip
 - Paper towels
 - Garbage bags
 - Dry Kitten food
 - Canned dog, cat and kitten food
 - Collars and Leashes
 - Towels & washcloths
 - Blankets
 - Sweaters or jackets for the dogs - all sizes
 - Wood chips or straw for outdoor kennels
- ALSO - Dollar General, Tractor Supply, or gas station gift cards
- Monetary donations are welcome also!
- THANKS



New York State's Dog Shelter Law

You are required to provide shelter for your dog under state law, section 353-b of the New York Agriculture & Markets Law. The SPCA, as well as local police agencies, can enforce this law. If your dog spends any time outdoors, you must provide shelter to protect the dog from direct sunlight, rain, snow, wind, cold weather, hot weather, and other inclement conditions. The dog shelter must be waterproof, insulated, allow the dog to move around freely. The dog must be able to stand up, turn around, and lie down.

Violators will receive a court citation and be required to pay a fine ranging from \$50 to \$250, as well as to show proof of shelter for the dog.

Minimum Requirements:

1. A dog restrained outdoors must have shade to protect the dog from direct sunlight.
2. A dog left outdoors in inclement weather must also have a housing facility that:
 - Has a waterproof roof;

- Is structurally sound with insulation appropriate to local climatic conditions and sufficient to protect the dog from inclement weather;
- Is constructed so as to allow each dog adequate freedom of movement to make normal postural adjustments, including the ability to stand up, turn around, and lie down with limbs outstretched; and,
- Allows for effective removal of excretions, other waste material, dirt, and trash.

3. In addition, the area surrounding the housing facility and the facility itself must be regularly cleaned.

Penalties:

1. First offense: Fine ranging from \$50.00-\$100.00.
2. Second and subsequent offense: Fine ranging from \$100.00-\$250.00.
3. Once seventy-two (72) hours has passed since a violation, each new day the violation is not remedied constitutes a new violation.
4. A dog may be seized by officers based on violation of this section.

This fact sheet summarizes the dog shelter law. It is not intended to answer all questions or cover all aspects of the law.

Feral Cats

If you have feral or stray cats in your area, you can help them stay warm and stay out of the elements this winter by building this inexpensive cat house.

Did you know: Feral cats live healthy lives in their outdoor homes. They are just as healthy as pet cats—with equally low rates of disease. They have the same lifespans, too.



Memorials to the SPCA Serving Allegany County

Jan 1, 2014 - Nov 20, 2014

In Honor of Pets

Bruiser	Kathleen Brenneman
Daisy Mae	Jeff & Mallory Short
Erland	Debra & Joe Borer
Griffie	Deb & Paul Wright
Heidi	Terry & Sharon McGill
Kookie	Carter & Cassidy Scholla
Sidney Marie	Maureen Cooper

In Honor of Persons

Animal Lovers Everywhere	Edie Raught
Paul & Lorraine Axtell	Stanny & Greg Shear
Ann Baldwin	Julie Rose
Barb & Bill Bannister	Joan Hand
Anna Joyce	Charles Yazak
Dr. Jim Kernahan, vet tech Amy and staff	Pamela Wolfram
Patricia Ketchner	Bradley & Marguerite Jadwin
Emmett Narby	Mary Jo & George Narby
Kohlton & Lindsey Pierce wedding	Grandpa & Grandma Rung
Lynda Pruski	Sue Dempsey
Helen Rehler	Donald Rehler
Gail Sheridan	Daniel Sheridan
Bernice VanName	Nancy & Ralph Wilde
Sherry Walton	Charles Yazak
Cheryll Wickard	Judy Hodnett
Barbara Williams & Blackie	Joanne Allen

Memorials for Pets

Abbey	L.A. Harvey
All my beloved pets	Pat Wood-Miles
Alley Cat	Maureen Cooper
Ally	Amy & Scott Crosier
Angel Howitt	Larry & Debbie Clark
Bandit	Teresa Uganski
Battlecat	Warren & Connie Emerson
Beethoven	Larry & Debbie Clark
Belle	Sam & Sidney Wildrick-Cole and the Wildrick-Cole family
Bill	Marian Anderson
Billy B	M/M Robert Zalewsky
Blackie & Austin	Rose Addeo
Bogey Augustine Bartholomew	Dick & Mary Jo Hubbard
Brandy Pierce	Lynda Pruski
Buddy	Bill & Cindy Lawrence
Buddy Brittany	Sharon Warner
Celeste & Tiger	Eleanor Redmond
Charlie	Larry Clark
Chelsea & Bear	Loretta Conderman
Chloe	Judy & Bob Loughlin, Dan Dempsey family
Dakota	Lynda Pruski
Faro	Deb & Paul Wright
Flash	Laurie Sagerman
Frazer & Jafar	Linda Schmeidel
Fritz & Sweetie	Judith Barrett
Ginger	Larry & Deb Clark
Girlye & Harry	Sandra Doherty
Gonzo	Joseph Dwyer
Griffie	Paul & Deb Wright
Haley	Bill & Cindy Lawrence
Harlem	Donald & Karen Ash

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Memorials for Pets

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The Ibizan Hound	Diane Small
Ivan Axtell	Stanny & Greg Shear
Jager	Lynda Pruski
Jake Monroe	The Spindles, Lynda Pruski
Jake Sinclair	Lynda Pruski
Jasmine Noyes	Mary Jo & Richmond Hubbard
Jozee Girl	Gammie & Grampie Cole
Kicker, Norma Jean & Bertha	Robyn Lynch
Kranz & Kiki	Carter & Cassidy Scholla
Lady	Sherry Walton & Charlie Joyce
Lady Pruski	Lynda Pruski & Lady's boyfriend Bandit
Largo	M/M Bill Lawrence
LJ	Beth, Emily & Taylor Case
Lucky	Deborah Andrasko
Mabel the Cat	Fay Haskell
Maggie	E.R. Budzynski
Maggie McArdle	Larry & Deb Clark
Max	Larry Clark
Millie	Loretta Conderman
Mira Woltag	Lynda Pruski
Molly	Warren & Connie Emerson
Mookie	Joan Hand
Mr. Hobbes	Marilyn Lester
Muggins Torok	John & Cindy Santora, Larry & Deborah Clark
Nellie	June Adams
Nessie	Michele & Richard Dunbar
Probsts' kitties	Gretchen Probst
Quince	Marti Cinque
Quinn & Tally	Bill Pokopin
Ridley	Virginia Vincent
Riley	Four Paws Grooming Salon
Sally	Maureen Cooper & Heather & Sidney
Sam Nicholson	Lynda Pruski

Sebastian & Zelda	Brittany Deschler
Shadow	Lynda Pruski
Shamus Loughlin	Dan Dempsey Family, Marge & Ted Crowell, Larry & Deb Clark, ICS First Graders
Shorty	Jim & Deb Joyce
Sidney	Dawn Ketchner
Simon Jackson	Sue Dempsey
Sky-Lu Blu	Marilyn Lester
Squeek Walker	Lynda Pruski
Stormy	Narby Family
Sydney Cooper	John & Cindy Santora
Tigger & Misty	Wayne Robbins
Tiki	Maureen Kelley
Tommy & Bill	Theo Bullock
Wyatt Middaugh	Lynda Pruski
Yant	Warren & Connie Emerson

Memorials for Persons

Barbara Ann Arnold	Warren & Connie Emerson
Kathleen "Diana" Atwood	Duane & Dorothy (Brown) Cornish, Embser Funeral Home
Harold "Hod" Austin	Frank & Barb Boekell
Robert Baker	Delores Baker
Marilyn Beardsley	Warren & Connie Emerson
Charlene Beebe	Edward & Denise Beebe, Jim & Kathie Falvo, Louann Pawlak
Charles "Chuck" Beebe	Louann Pawlak
Howard Blouvet	Warren & Connie Emerson
Shirley Lyon-Bentley	
James & Mary Bognar	Chris Bognar
Genevieve Bogucki	Karen Bogucki
Ruth Brownell	Charlie Joyce & Sherry Walton
Caroline Browning	Lee Gridley, Tom, Lynne, Mark & Jennifer Roeske, The Store, Ann Hallett, Corabelle Lounsberry, Philip & Doris MacMichael, Richard Rahr, John & Carol Potter, Rita Childs & Carla Orosz & family

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Harriet Bradley Charlie Joyce & Sherry Walton
Deedra Burgess Wellsville Women of the Moose
 Chapter #248
Sandra Bush Dave & Kelly Drew
Charles Cain III Wellsville K Mart
Mary Calcote Kim Howe & Norma Rounds
Marie Canfield & her cat Donna & Rodney Horton
Eleanor Carlin Edward Carlin
Jim Brown Jim & Hattie Robbins, Lloyd & Linda
 Dickerson, Dorothy Ennis, Joyce Kramer
Ron Chapman Bolivar-Richburg Faculty Assoc.,
 Leece-Neville Heavy Duty Systems
Lanny Clark Warren & Connie Emerson
Hattie Collins Sue Dempsey
Bill Conway John Brooks
Bernice Coombes Coombes Family, Scio Senior
 Sunshine Club, Caroline Joy, Melody & Doug Carrier
Howard Cooper Genesee Volunteer Fire
 Department & Ambulance
Alvin & Virginia Cornell Donald & Norilyn Patrick
James Cretekos Angela Lewis
Mike Culbert Frank & Charlayne Short,
 Margaret Gomola
Mary Cummings Beth & Rick Howitt
Abe Davis Mary Davis
Nan Deering Jean Eber
Dan Denner Phil Hyer, Kim Howe & Norma
 Rounds, April Harkenrider
Doug Dickerson Barb Roeske
Raymond Emerson Warren & Connie Emerson
Daniel English M/M Dennis Dahlgren, Diane Pease,
 Tom Reuning, Barrie Fanton, Kitty Bell & Laura, Mary
 Hopkins
Louise Ferguson James Walchli, Dan & Cathy
 Babcock, Betty Lou Delvecchio, Lorraine & Charles
 Joyce, Bob, Ann & Adam Riemer, Joan & Clarence
 Tucker, Mike & Nora McArdle
Paul Fleming Marion Fleming, Sue Dempsey

Ed & Veronica Fogle Pat Wood-Miles
 & sons Dave & Dean
Robert Freeman Bill & Nicola Barnes, Blaine
 Kolisch, David & Diane Tuttle, Patrick & Vickie
 O'Conner, Lois & Zane Scott
Tom Glass Maureen Cooper, Leo, Pat & Michelle
 Alvord, George & Judith McNulty, William Patrick &
 Ina Hohlt, Robert & Cindy Baker, Larry Clark
William Goetchius James & Deborah Joyce and
 family, Warren & Connie Emerson, Ted & Marge
 Crowell, Bill Ross, Association of Former NYS
 Troopers, Louis & Mary Anne Reitnauer, Mr. & Mrs.
 John Richardson, Ken & Penny Canfeld, Judy &
 Robert Loughlin, Lynda Pruski
William & Dolores Goetschius Dora Stewart
Warren Graham Ruth & Theodore Woolsey
Jim Graves Marcella Graves
Judson Graves Richard Rahr
Gladys Green Jean Blaser
Mary Jane Greene Marsha Sick
Lindsey A Gross Pete, Bob & Steve Little
Edgar Hamlin Maureen Cooper
Elizabeth O'Connor Harris Abigail Harris
Ken "Pa" Harris Bernie Harris
Mary Lou Haught SPCA Police of Livingston
 County, Joe & Cindy Baker, Boyd & Shirley Green,
 Elizabeth Hurley & Jason Lyons
Marion Henry & Whiskers Judy Henry
Susan Henry Karen & Ralph Peterson,
 Doris Harder
Bill Higby Friendship Fire Dept., Audrey & Roy Rung
Mike Hile Richard & Diane Traver
Archie Hillman Kim Howe & Norma Rounds
Dixie Hyer Kim Howe & Norma Rounds
Susan Kelly Joseph & Lois Spinelli
Robert "Bob" Kenderdine Linda Kenderdine
Ernie Klein Joyce Klein
John Lally Bolivar-Richburg Faculty Association

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Jack Lewis Kim Howe & Norma Rounds
Don Linza Gayle & Jack Brooks
Cub MacEwan Joan MacEwan
Vincent Marinera, Sr. Vincent Marinera
Bernice "Bee" Mason Ken & Phyllis Maxson
Margaret Mayerat Linda DelBello
Dodie McAhon KapS tone Charleston Kraft LLC,
 Maureen Cooper
Charlotte McCollister Larry Groves, Sue Dempsey
Tom McGinnis Jeanne Yazak
Jeanne Yazak Charlie Joyce & Sherry Walton,
 Stanny & Gregg Shear, Jim & Deb Richardson
Sandra Mehlenbacker Mary Boyd
Bruno Moline M/M Gene Wilson
Shirley Morgan Larry & Deb Clark
Pat Mueller Carol English, Kimberly Mueller
Judith Nauthier Chris Bogнар
Charley Orlando Sarah & Rick Recio
Frank Palmesano Lyman Lyon & Caroline Miller
M/M William Patrick Bill & Cindy Lawrence
Robert Pederson Penni Koppel
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Don't Miss Out on a Great Addition to Your Family

When the ALCO Credit Union started to put together the fundraiser for the SPCA, I asked about some dogs or cats to be present at the event. The SPCA said that they would see if they could get a volunteer to bring animals to the event. Our first day of the event, Gretchen the cat arrived at the Cuba office with a volunteer. My initial thought was this cat is an older cat that has been living at the shelter for several years and she is going to be all over the place and probably even wet on our carpets. I was quickly proved wrong by Ms. Gretchen!

She quickly went to work to find herself a new home. Gretchen was eager to greet members upon arrival – purring up a storm. After a hard afternoon at work she was curled up in a chair behind the teller line. Not wanting to have the SPCA make a special trip to pick her up, so I decided to take her home for the night. Gretchen was tired out from all her hard work at the bank and was used to being in a cage, so I figured this would be an easy overnight guest.

BUT, I could not see keeping her in the cage, so I decided to let her out and gate off half the house so she would not get on the carpet or hide on me. She had a bite to eat and stretched out in the window. Later, I notice her take off thru the kitchen and was worried about what she was going to do. And it was unbelievable- she was actually making a run to her litter box. Hmmmm...And to think I was worried! Gretchen made herself very comfy and slept that night at the foot of the bed, as if she had always lived with us.



She was such a good cat, that I continued to take her home each night. We quickly learned that this older cat was truly a kitten at heart. She loves to play, and oddly enough attempts to chase her tail as she runs thru the house. She really enjoys being brushed and if you look close this black cat has a white undercoat, giving her a very unusual coat. She is content to curl up in a window or chair to sleep, but is very happy to be sit on your lap or sit right next to you.

So you are probably wondering if she is such a great cat, why she is not my cat. My asthma condition was terrible the few days she stayed with us, but we were having so much fun with her that I tolerated it for those days. Despite all of Gretchen's hard work at the bank for 4 days, she was unable to find a new home. So please remember...That Older Black Cat that lives at the shelter is a WONDERFUL kitty who is just waiting for a home as wonderful as she is.



Pamela Young
ALCO FCU
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Yahtzee

By Kathleen Jahnke and Family

In November of 2012 we moved to a home in the country and quickly discovered we had some unwelcome furry creatures living with us. At the time we had 1 rescue cat but his idea of mousing was taking a nap on the computer. We reached out to the SPCA in search of a cat who could join our family and help us with the mouse problem. They directed us to Yahtzee on the website and explained she was an SPCA resident who had proven to be helpful with a pest problem they had. We took our family and dog to the Shelter to see how Yahtzee would do. Yahtzee was comfortable with our dog and vice versa. We adopted her and took her home. She is the most loving and friendly pet you could imagine. She loves to snuggle and be with the family.



She came to the SPCA with an injury to one of her back legs. We aren't sure exactly what happened to her before she got to the SPCA, but we have noticed she is skittish

if we have a visitor who makes a sudden move in her direction. Despite having a little leg problem, she has expanded her hunting territory beyond our walls and leaves a little victim on our welcome mat about twice a week.

We are so grateful to the staff for connecting us with Yahtzee. We have 5 rescue pets in total and can't imagine getting a pet any other way.

The Tax Benefits Of Donating To Charity

By Kevin Habberfield

Did you know that the SPCA Serving Allegany County is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt charity which can help you save money on your taxes? Donations made to the SPCA are tax deductible and a great way to help the residents and animals of our county. Indeed, there are several advantages to giving to charity including, creating good will, the feeling you get knowing you have made a difference in your community and the personal tax benefits knowing that Uncle Sam is getting just a little bit less from your pocket. Although our "friends" at the IRS keep a watchful eye on charitable deductions, if you donate to an IRS approved tax-exempt entity, like ours, and keep track of your paperwork, it makes the tax season much easier for you and your tax preparation professional. Also, our charity is very useful in estate planning as well.

Here are just a few tidbits about giving to our charity, however, this is not tax advice so please be sure to consult your own tax adviser about your specific tax situation.

When can I take a deduction? *The donation to our charity is deductible in the year it is made. You must make sure that the donation is made prior to December 31, 2014 to take advantage of the tax break on your 2014 taxes.*

Will my donation stay in Allegany County?

EVERY PENNY! All of the donations to the SPCA Serving Allegany County remain here. Although we are the only SPCA in Allegany County, we are not affiliated with the county government at all. We receive no governmental stipends or financial support in any manner from the county tax payers and your donations are greatly appreciated as we are totally privately funded by people just like you.

How much can I donate? *Typically, as much as you want! However, please consult your tax professional as certain types of donations can have other implications on your taxes. That being said, there are usually no limits on monetary charitable donations for most tax payers.*

Can I take a deduction for volunteering at the SPCA Serving Allegany County? *Unfortunately, no, you cannot deduct the value of your time spent on charitable work. However, you can deduct your out-of-pocket costs associated with volunteering such as mileage at the applicable IRS rate. So, please consider volunteering with the SPCA Serving Allegany County as you can usually deduct your travel and other related expenses if you do.*

What documentation must I keep if I donate to the SPCA Serving Allegany County? *For monetary donations above \$250.00, you must keep a written confirmation from the SPCA Serving Allegany County that has our name, the date and the amount you gave on it. We are only required to provide these for donations over \$250.00 and we do just that. If you are giving less than \$250.00, generally a cancelled check, credit card receipt/statement or bank record is sufficient to satisfy the IRS. As with all tax scenarios, more documentation is better so be sure to keep accurate records.*

We at the SPCA Serving Allegany County want to thank each of you for all of your support and ask that you please consider volunteering or donating to the SPCA Serving Allegany County, instead of Uncle Sam, and please be sure to

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My Cat Moose

By Julia Rashid

Growing up, I never had the chance to own a cat or a dog. But as a very serious and anxious kid, I had always wanted a pet to lighten the load of life. I'm still a very anxious person, but no matter what the situation is, I can't help but smile when I start talking about my one-eyed grey American shorthair cat, Moose.

In July of 2014, I decided I was finally in a good position to adopt a cat, so I went to the SPCA Serving Allegany County to meet my future cat companion. I had in mind a few qualifications for my ideal cat- a loving lap cat who just wants to sit on your lap and be pet all day. We started looking at the cats in their pens, going over all of their qualities. Meanwhile, this little grey cat followed us at our heels. Eventually, I started petting him and saw how affectionate he was. The staff was telling me how surprised they were that he had been at the shelter so long, considering what a lovely cat he is. It wasn't until I had been petting him a while before I noticed he had no left eye. Apparently, this cat was once a stray that came to the shelter with a viral infection that can cause eye damage. His eye had to be removed because of the infection.

We kept looking at other cats, but none seemed to measure up to the affection this cat showed us. So, we added him to our little family. His name at the shelter was Cy, but we didn't think that fit him well. So we renamed him Moose, since he's such a ham! Even after taking Moose home, he follows us at our heels. Instead of using the nice cat bed we got him, Moose prefers to sleep on top of us. He trills when we come home and rubs up against our legs when we wake up. He enjoys watching Martin Sheen's captivating performance in the West Wing with me, though I think he likes NatGeo better. He's my favorite part of coming home every day, and he's what I think about when I'm away.

Unfortunately, a few days after adoption, the place where his left eye used to be unexpectedly opened up. As a fiercely loving and new cat momma, I was completely distraught. Evidently, the infection that took his eye had not been completely eradicated, causing lingering problems with his sinuses and left eye area. In these last few months, we've been back and forth with the vet administering courses of treatment. It's a very real possibility that we will have to give him medicine for the rest of his life.

Because of this, Moose could be considered a "special needs" cat. By that logic, I'm a special needs human. I need a cat who can calm me down after a really anxious day. I need a cat who doesn't care if I forgot to send an email or file some paperwork. If I feed him every day and keep his litter clean, he gives me endless affection. In the case of Moose, I think he gives so much more than he needs. I can only hope he feels the same about me.



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MEMORIALS and In HONOR of for both PETS & PEOPLE

Remember...our motto is: 'The furry faces may change, but the needs never go away' which is so true! For every animal that is adopted out, there are always more animals waiting to come into our shelter, the reality is, it just never ends and our needs are constant! Most people are not aware that the SPCA Serving Allegany County receives NO government funding and we are run totally by donations. We are continually holding fundraising events and we also receive donations year round, such as Memorials or in Honor of donations for both pets and people. When making a Memorial

donation or In Honor of donation, please make sure to either fill out the SPCA envelope completely & legibly or include a detailed note with the name of the person or pet for the Memorial or in Honor of is for, along with complete information on who you would like an acknowledgement sent to. By giving complete information, we will be able to send out our thank you cards and acknowledgement cards in a timely manner. Donations can be dropped off at the shelter at 1384 State Route 19S, or mailed to the SPCA Serving Allegany County, P.O. Box 381, Wellsville, NY 14895 – and for your convenience we also accept monetary donations via a PAYPAL link on our website: www.SPCAallegany.org – We thank you for your continued support of our furry friends at the SPCA!

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