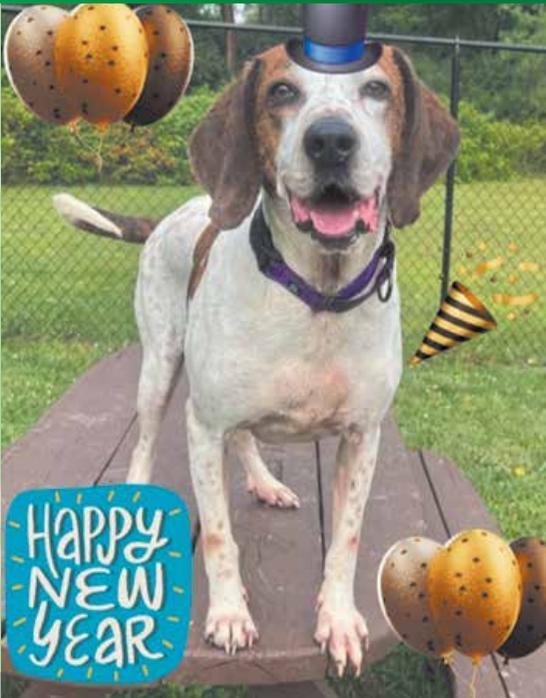


The SPCA Serving Allegany County

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WINTER 2026



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Our Favorite Breed is Rescued

Look Back at 2025



Every year we look back and reflect on the past year and discuss our successes and challenges, one thing is clear we always persevere and we work together to figure out how we can do our best to help all the animals in need that arrive at our shelter. At times it can be overwhelming for any organizations' staff and volunteers, but when you have compassion for animals, the impossible seems possible in our eyes.

Working in animal welfare is not only a unique experience in which we never know day to day what animal situation we will be dealing with...our work is also very rewarding. We see animals at their worst when they arrive, and then we see them improve in our care, turn the corner and overcome their obstacles & challenges. When you look into their thankful eyes, and you know they are going to be OK, it's a great feeling! Once they are adopted and they move onto their

new home, it's pure joy to know we were able to save a life.

In 2025 the challenges we faced were many: all of the 'miracle kittens' that came our way needing emergency medical attention, the increase in cruelty cases, the daily calls for pet surrenders, the reduction in adoptions, the rising costs of vet care and preparing our shelter to meet the new NY State Agriculture & Markets shelter standards that went into effect in December. But working together with our staff, volunteers, our board, other shelters across the state, the NYSAPF in Albany helped us to move forward with creative solutions and better outcomes for the animals in our care. Special thanks to Dr. Graf for her commitment to our shelter animals, ensuring they receive the best medical care. We look forward to 2026 as this marks our 115th year of the SPCA and we are forever thankful for the support of our community.

SASSY SISSY



In June of 2024 this tiny severely matted dog arrived at our shelter. She could not walk, she was curled up in a ball, her front legs were stuck up over her head and she was covered in urine & feces. Upon arrival we immediately went to work on relieving her discomfort by shaving her mats, clipping her nails and giving her a warm bath and took her to the Enchanted Mountain urgent vet care. What was underneath all the mats, dirt and grime was a petite & very spirited girl who was full of sass and had a strong will to live! Once we looked into those big expressive brown eyes, she stole our hearts and the journey began. Next, we took our resilient gal to Dr. Mount & Dr. Fox at Your Hometown Vet for a

consult to see if Sissy could gain some mobility in her front legs, and acupuncture, chiropractic & laser treatments began. We knew it was a long shot, but we had to try, Sissy was determined, she made progress and gained some mobility in her front legs! Once she was somewhat mobile, she was often scooting around our lobby and getting into mischief! Thankfully, Crystal, one of our staff became Sissy's foster mom and provided her the love & special care she deserved. In November 2025, Sissy had developed some health issues and sadly we had to say goodbye, we will cherish the memories and we know in our hearts she is up there in doggy heaven running around.

Growing Together: A Year of Connection, Learning & Community Impact

2025 was a year of remarkable growth for the SPCA Serving Allegany County, defined by a surge in community engagement and hands-on learning opportunities that touched every corner of our county. More groups than ever before stepped into our shelter—and just as many welcomed us into their schools, libraries, and events—creating one of our most impactful outreach years to date.

Our shelter was buzzing throughout the year with visits from Wellsville, Andover, Bolivar-Richburg, Fillmore, Houghton Academy, Friendship Central School, the Big Adventure Club in Cuba, CA-BOCES, Highland Day Services, and Rise Academy. Every visit—whether on-site or off-site—helped spark empathy, responsibility, and a deeper understanding of the work behind a no-kill shelter.

Local libraries in Wellsville and Fillmore opened their doors to us as well, giving families the chance to pair story time with the excitement of meeting our rescue animals. These library programs fostered a love of reading while strengthening the connection between young learners and the animals who rely on our care.

One of the standout moments of the year was our continued partnership with the Alfred State Vet Tech Club during their “Paws for a Cause” fundraiser in March. Their enthusiasm and hard work generated several hundred dollars for the shelter and built wonderful relationships between future veterinary professionals and our mission.

In March, the Alfred University Paws with a Cause Club sponsored our first Yoga with Cats Event. This was a well received program that the club is planning on repeating again in 2026.

The summer brought something new—

and very special. In August, we piloted our first Birthday Party with a Purpose, an event that blended celebration, education, and compassion. Its success has inspired us to develop a full series of Humane Education programs in 2026, with the long-term goal of offering a wide range of experiences for children,



teens, and families throughout the year.

Our fall events were powered by an outstanding team of student and community volunteers. Throughout

October, the Southern Tier Library System selected animal shelters and rescues as their Community Give Back focus, and our Allegany County librarians wholeheartedly joined the effort. They distributed SPCA event flyers across the county, collected empty baskets for our Theme Basket Auction, assisted on-site during the event, and coordinated donation drives at each library branch. In addition, members of the Wellsville High School Tri-M Music Honor Society generously volunteered their time at our 31st Annual Theme Basket Auction, helping ensure the event ran smoothly from start to finish.

In November, students from the Alfred University Accounting & Marketing Clubs, the Wellsville High School Leo’s Club, and many of Wellsville’s music students played a vital role in the success of our SPCA 2025 Holiday Craft & Vendor Show. Their enthusiasm,

organization, and creativity helped elevate one of our most important annual fundraisers.

Reflecting on all these experiences, what stands out most is the generosity and spirit of the groups who collaborated with us. Many of these folks organized donation drives, created toys and treats for our animals, or participated in enrichment activities that directly benefited the pets in our care. In addition to these collaborations, we were thrilled to represent the SPCA at the Wellsville Summer Solstice Celebration, Wellsville Central School’s Staff Wellness Retreat and Secondary School Back-to-School Carnival, and the Willing Fall Festival—events that showcased how deeply rooted the SPCA is in the life of our community.

We are profoundly grateful for the support we received this year. Every school, club, library, and organization helped strengthen the bond between the SPCA and the people we serve. The old saying, “It takes a village,” has never felt more true, and we are fortunate to have a village filled with compassion, generosity, and heart.

As we step into 2026, we look forward to growing these partnerships, expanding our Humane Education offerings, and continuing to build connections that uplift both our community and the animals who depend on us.

— JoAnn Brown





A BIG PAWS UP TO NOAH!



This summer when it was sweltering hot out, Noah from Boy Scout Troop 621 arrived with his fellow scouts and troop leaders to complete his Eagle Scout project that he had been planning for months. What a dedicated group of young boys who worked together as a team to help Noah complete his

Memorial Garden Project. They all did an outstanding job! THANK YOU & huge PAWS UP!!!

Noah's mom filled us in on his journey to his Memorial Garden Project at the SPCA: "Noah started planning his Eagle Scout Project a year ago, and he was focused on

one place and one place only; the SPCA where he adopted his cat Oliver...formerly known as Outlaw. With a huge heart for animals, Noah knew a Memorial Garden would be the perfect project to give back to the place that had supported not only his beloved cat, but so many other animals in Allegany County.

After months of preparation, many gracious donations from the local community, and a great group of hard workers who showed up, Noah was able to realize the completion of the Allegany County SPCA Memorial Garden."

BOCEPHUS

Our Long Term Dog Finds a Long Term Home



Many of you had followed the story of Bocephus the hound dog – he was our long term resident at the shelter...he had been adopted a few times and also returned many times, not always was he at fault, sometimes it was just circumstances. Each time he came back to the shelter, he was wagging his tail, joyful to see all of his old human SPCA friends at the shelter and led us over to the dog wing in excitement and happily trotted straight over to his old kennel. He liked his mini vacations away from the shelter... but strangely he loved coming back to the shelter...the only true home he ever knew. Unfortunately, when a dog is a long term resident, many people will not even consider adopting that dog – as



people think there must be something really wrong with this dog. Bocephus or BoBo was definitely always one of our favorite dogs amongst our staff and volunteers at the shelter. He had some quirks, he was very excitable and could jump super high, run like an Olympic athlete, loved to lay on the window ledge like a cat soaking up the sun. He was a total diva when it rained out, he preferred playing with male dogs...not attracted to the females, give him an inch and he would take a foot.

Once he did his zoomies he would like to be hugged, massaged and would demand belly rubs. He worked with Alex from Liggett dog training and was even featured in one of her dog training videos on how to train a dog that is not treat motivated. In order for this silly ball of excitement hound to be successful in a home environment, he needed structure and clear lines in the sand – if he had that he would thrive. Maybe that is why he loved the shelter life so much and did so well here, he had a routine, he knew what to expect, we had structure for him... and he got to run around to expel his energy and he received lots of love... just what this very affectionate boy needed.

When we received a call from a

woman looking to adopt a hound dog – Their hound dog had passed away and she and her husband were ready to take the plunge to love another hound! It wasn't Bocephus she was calling about though, it was a different dog, we had a discussion about the hounds we had available for adoption, she & her husband submitted their application and the rest is history! They met with our dog staff and spent time with a few of our dogs...we all knew before they even met, that Bocephus would be their soul dog...and we were right!

From his new mom: It's really so hard to believe Bocephus was at the shelter for 5 years! On November 1st we ended our search for a dog to join our household. The next day after meeting him we began our journey with Bo, a goofy, persistent, lots of love personality for 50 lbs. of affectionate, cuddly hound. Thank you to everyone who gave us this opportunity. He is a good communicator, quick to learn, takes directives, wants to please, an excellent traveler and



waits contently for our return home. He is happy to see us every single morning, wants to know where we are in the house or outside, he waits to be invited to join us, he is vocal when necessary. Bocephus is a dream hound, both my husband and myself feel lucky to have him in our family. He couldn't be a better match for us...Thank you SPCA!!





Yes, you heard it right we had a Valentines Day Cat Wedding at the shelter!! Both Marcell & Aspen were originally adopted from our shelter in February 2021 and they arrived back at our shelter in November 2024 after their owner had sadly passed away. It took time for them to feel comfortable at the shelter...and the two of them were very dependent on each other... many times they would crawl into a cat carrier or cat bed and would curl up with one another to take a nap. They did seem a bit like the odd couple when you see petite little Aspen and her big hunk of burning love BF Marcell, who weighed in at 26 lbs!! Over time, we eventually transitioned them to become our hallway cats to greet our visitors...Aspen was a bit shy and reserved at first and Marcell would get winded walking up and down the hallway and entertained all of our visitors when he rolled over for a belly rub.

Aspen together. Finally, Marcell & his bride Aspen were adopted together and now live in a local senior citizen assisted living facility with numerous people caring for them...they are now living the purrfect dream, being spoiled and "Together Furever"! Their love story was covered by a reporter from the Washington Post and they were famous!!! To watch their wedding video visit our Facebook page.

CAT WEDDING Marcell & Aspen



Marcell



Aspen



Lyla



Spot

We then came up with the idea of having a cat wedding on Valentines Day...this way both Marcell & Aspen would really be a bonded pair 'furever' in Holycatrimony! Special thanks to Pop 101 radio personality Sammy Stone for covering the wedding and promoting their special day on Facebook. Our cat wedding at the SPCA was pawsitively purrfect! We ended up having a double wedding that day with felines Walter & Lyla & Spot the bestman all found homes rather quickly after the wedding. But, newlyweds Marcell & Aspen remained at the shelter...still waiting for someone to adopt them. Then a Facebook post written by our long time volunteer Natalie Skwarek helped to change their lives, as she suggested maybe the two kitties should go their separate ways and not be a package deal. After people read the story, it went viral... and created some FB chaos and numerous people were contacting us about keeping both Marcell and his GF



CAT TAILS

2025 the Year of MIRACLE KITTENS



Ama-Gi



Duncan

We had quite the year in 2025 with all of our resilient miracle kitties! Throughout the summer we had one emergency after another with kittens Good Samaritans had found...it seemed like it would never end. Let's start with the story of our eye kittens, first was Ratatouille, a few weeks later it was Little Chef and our final arrival was Pickles...each time these special kittens came to us it was dejavou! Each one of them upon arrival had severely infected eyes that were caked shut...they were underweight, dehydrated, all of them had upper respiratory infections and it was evident if they had not been brought in they would not have been able to survive on their own. All of these sweet kittens had such severe eye infections, we did not know if they could recover and save their eye sight...only Pickles has her eyesight, Little Chef also had deformed front paws and has under gone surgery to try to correct this.

Then we have our holiday emergency kittens; 4th of July kitten Ama-Gi and Labor Day kitten Duncan with flea anemia,

both needing a blood transfusion to save their lives. Enchanted Mountain Urgent Vet Care team helped to save the lives of 2 kittens who were suffering from flea anemia and Dr. Gies and her dog Ivory were lifesavers!! Ivory the Husky donated blood TWICE to save both tiny kittens on each of these holiday weekends. It's amazing how a blood transfusion can bring an almost dead kitten back to life. Both kittens arrived at our shelter with a severe flea infestation, upper respiratory, eye infections and ear mites and for both kittens within 24 hours of arriving at the shelter they each collapsed, gums pale and they were at death's door suffering from flea anemia. We are happy to report these kittens rebounded amazingly after getting their blood transfusion, antibiotics, nebulized daily and receiving supportive care at the shelter. During recovery their motors were always running, they became playful and Duncan soon became an expert biscuit maker.

One of our strangest spay & neuter clinic days was when we received a call

about a small stray kitten with a hole in its neck...and they said it looked like something was moving in there. The kitten whom we named Sully was rushed over to the shelter and according to our Dr. it turned out to be a Cuterebra or in simple terms a bot fly. Our Dr. was able to carefully extract the larva from the kittens neck. Just a few hours later we were contacted by a woman who found a kitten who had something wrong with its eye...she emailed us a picture and it appeared to also have a bot fly in the kittens eye socket. We had her bring the stray kitten to us immediately...

sure enough it was a bot fly...again Dr. Graf slowly and carefully removed the bot fly from the kittens eye. Our hope was to be able to save his eye, during his recovery we found the damage had already been done to his eye and we were not able to save Mike's eye. Both of our bot-fly kittens flourished into very loving kitties and found wonderful homes!



Ratatouille



Little Chef



Pickles



Sully

DOG TAILS

GRACIE - Saved in the Nick of Time

Back in December 2024, just a few days away from Christmas, we took in a very emaciated adult female Mastiff living outside in the cold, she weighed in at just 52 lbs., and she was a walking skeleton! We were shocked by not only her condition, but the gentleness and sweetness of her personality. One look into her eyes and we could tell she was thankful to have been saved, as if we were not able to rescue her she most certainly would have starved & froze to death in the coming days. We feel that St. Nick must have been looking over her.

Once she was on the mend and gradually gaining weight, and ready for adoption, we were able to find her new family and open a new chapter in her life. "On the ride home from the Allegany County

SPCA, it only took moments for Gracie to bond with my wife Cecile. Gracie has been by her side ever since. And when Cecile isn't feeling well, Gracie is right next to her trying to make her feel better.

She has the sweetest demeanor with everyone she meets, especially the little kids in the neighborhood. On our walks she loves to get hugs and treats from them. And the kids love to see how fast Gracie's tail wags when she sees them.

Coming from an abusive home, where she was neglected & starved, we were concerned about Gracie being food aggressive...Far from it, while she is food motivated, Gracie is happy to share her treats with other dogs in the neighborhood. She's also adjusted to all the

other animals in the area. Instead of chasing the rabbits, squirrels and deer, as she did when she first came home, she now just looks at them, gives them a soft "woof" greeting and they all move on with what they were doing. Gracie has become a loving member of our family. And when our family and friends invite us over, Gracie gets the invitation and is told she should bring Cecile and me with her!! Many thanks to the Allegany County SPCA for rescuing Gracie and bringing her into our lives.



CAT TAILS

ZELDA - Now Zoey

After losing our beloved kitty to cancer, our house felt so quiet. We felt it was time to open our home and hearts once again. We have always had a black or tuxedo cat, so we looked on Petfinder, and Zelda (now named Zoey) seemed like a good fit. When we went to meet her, she came right to us... and that definitely sealed the deal. The first day when we brought her home, as expected, she hid. Then after a day, she came out of hiding & we could tell she seemed to be thinking 'I think I'm going to like it here!'

Zoey is a funny, quirky and smart kitty...she watches TV, greets us at the door & carries toys around in her mouth, just like a dog...we truly think she is part dog! She has non-stop zooming energy, especially after 11pm at night. It's hard to imagine life without her. We love her so much...she is our cat & we are her people. Thank you SPCA!



FOSTERING - Is life changing for everyone

A majority of the time we are fostering out our kittens during kitten season and we are so grateful for our fosters who open up their homes and hearts to help socialize and care for our kittens. BUT there are times we need dog fosters, who have the time and patience to take it slow...one day at a time to work with socially challenged dogs. We have had several socially & emotionally challenged dogs come through our doors...who came to us from horrible neglect cases and were shut down and fearful

of humans. We often say the animals in our care are here no fault of their own, it's their humans who have failed them. Luckily, we have kind compassionate people out there who are willing to take a few months to welcome a challenged and fearful dog into their home. They work with them to overcome their fears, socialize and help them to adjust and learn what it is like to finally be treated with care and love and rebuild their trust in humans. When that day comes and they are finally

ready to be adopted and leave the nest, we smile knowing that together we were able to make a difference! Let's talk about Bolton – he was our last dog to be adopted from a case we had that involved 19 little dogs and there was zero interest in him

Bolton had made INCREDIBLE progress after 3 months of living in a foster home! His foster mom has worked with him to socialize with new people, desensitize him to various situations, helped him to no longer be fearful of the outside world, he gained confidence and he was able to master the art of potty training.

From his foster mom: Bolton is a handsome, Jack Russell mix that was put on this Earth to make people smile. He has not always had an easy life and he appreciates

the time spent with his humans more than most. He takes time to warm up, but once he has built trust with you - you are never going to be out of his sight. He will keep you company on all your adventures in the house. He is a home body and is more than happy to be a couch potato. But he is also very happy to go for a walk outside in the woods. Bolt will need an owner with the patience to continue teaching him that the world is safe. He has the skills to make a wonderful companion and the unconditional love for his people that will make him someone's soul dog." While he was in foster we did have a visitor at our shelter interested in adopting him... she was a previous adopter of an elderly Jack Russell who had since passed away and she was ready to open her heart up to another dog in need. We set up a meet and greet with Bolt and his potential new mom... and it went fantastic and he was adopted!!!

Special thanks to foster mom, Elizabeth!





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- Wood Pellets
- Dog & Cat Treats
- Dog & Cat Toys
- Catnip
- Paper Towels
- 13 Gal. Garbage Bags
- Dry Kitten Food
- Canned Dog, Cat, and Kitten Food
- Dry Cat Food, Purina One, Purina Pro Plan or Cat Naturals
- Collars & Leashes
- Dry Dog Food, Purina Pro Plan
- Towels & Washcloths
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- Hand Sanitizer
- Gift Cards Tractor Supply
- Volunteers and monetary donations are always welcome!

THANK YOU!



SPCA Paw Print Newsletter

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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 typically no limits on monetary charitable donations for most tax payers.

What documentation must I keep if I donate to the SPCA Serving Allegany County? For monetary donations above \$250 you must keep a written confirmation from the SPCA that has our name, the date and the amount you gave on it. We are only required to provide these for donations over \$250 and we do just that. If you are giving less than \$250, generally a cancelled check, credit card receipt/ statement or bank record is sufficient to satisfy the IRS.

2026 Fundraising Events

- **January** - Radio-thon 103.5 WJQZ
- **February** - Show the SPCA some LOVE ❤️
- **April** - Paws for a Cause: Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
- **July** - Wellsville Balloon Rally
- **August** - Scramble 4 Animals Golf Tournament
- **October** - Theme Basket Auction
- **November/December** - Craft & Vendor Holiday Fair and Pet Pics with Santa



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Sparkle Pruski Deb Wright, Lynda Pruski
Stuart Hutter Lynda Pruski
Sweetheart and Dodger Carol Mead
Talula Marlee Cannon
Tater Jeanne Harris

Toozie Warren Emerson
Trixie, Poochie, Queenie, Butterscotch, Sadie and Cooper
 Beatrice Hurlburt
Frank, Eileen & Taffy Pruski Lynda Pruski

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Glen Aldrich Kevin & Jeanne Harris, Dan & Dore Harris, Dave Reagan & Mary Lois Denner, Vince & Patti Coneglio
Ramona Allen Ryan Agencies
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Christopher Anderton Kevin & Nancy Monroe, Warren Emerson
William "Jerry" Barrett Warren Emerson
Sharon Barnett Warren Emerson, Jeri Reichman
Ruth Beardsley Warren Emerson
Felicia Bianuzzo Jeanne Veno, Rose Scott, Julie Hoshal, Caroline Miller, James & Linda McCann, Carol Mead, Charles & Valerie Gilluly, David & Barbara Zlomek, Theodore & Roberta Seeley
Kay Blessing Maple Leaf Contracting
James and Mary Bognar Christine Bognar
Wayne and Judy Braymiller Krista Braymiller & children & friends in Colorado
Luanne Bump Warren Emerson
Bruce Caldwell Carol Mead
Sally Cameron Nancy Cimbale
Shelby Cole Sherry Hardiman
Nancy Crane Warren Emerson
Linda Creighton Steve & Pat Presutti
Mary Martha Cross Warren Emerson
Beverly Crowell Maribeth Crowell
Ted Crowell Anne Crowell, Richard Johnson & Chad & Amy Hart, Allegany-Cattaraugus County Funeral Directors Association, Dale Burgess, Gary & Kristina Stoll, Warren Emerson, Pam, Chad, Dalton & Brady Ketchner, Robert & Judy Loughlin, Joan Rosell, Stanny & Gregg Shear, Timothy Graves, Carol & John Flurschutz, Joanne Wilkins, Don & Mikie Burr
Joseph Cutry Lynda Pruski, Lorraine & Paul Axtell
Dave DeBruyne Amy DeBruyne
Charles Decker Anne & Dennis Sobeck
Robert Decker Carol Mead, Jeremy & Mary Kate Cole
Dan Denner George Harris III
Laura Denning Warren Emerson
Helen DeVinny Warren Emerson



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Robert (John) Dorrett John & Alice Dunbar
Patricia Dunning Ryan Agencies, Warren Emerson, John Dunning, Jr., David Nelson
Connie Emerson Warren Emerson
Nancy Emerson Warren Emerson, Deborah Emerson
Wayne Feeman Warren Emerson
Donald Fegley Warren Emerson
J. Thomas Fuoco Warren Emerson
Luke Fries Michael & Patricia Cady
John Gould Mike & Patricia Cady
Larkin Gram Barbara Laverly
Barry Gridley Larry & Deborah Clark, Charlie Brown, Thomas Sanderson, Charlie Braun
Shirley Grillo Jeanne Veno, William Coombes
Sam & Joanne Guild Warren Emerson
Donald Hand Carol Mead
Sally Hanchett Lynda Pruski
Glenn Thomas Herdman Lynda Pruski
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Sally Hopkins Warren Emerson
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Robert Huddleston Fred & Peggy Pearce
Deborah Hunter Warren Emerson
Robert Hutter Warren Emerson
Norma Jean Irwin Judy Hodnett
Argie Jandrew Lou & Gerald Slocum, Warren Emerson, Ryan Agency, Stanny & Gregg Shear
Ryan Johnson Sue Cicirello, Judy Cicirello
William "Wiley" Jones Barbara Hetzel
Richard Kemp James Kane
Vickie Lynn Keown Kenneth & Cynthia Pierce
Kenyon Sisters Kathryn Aman
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Lois Warren Emerson
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Martin Maddin Meredith Chilson
Vince Marinera Michele Marinera
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DOG TAILS

FREYA - Young at Heart

In hopes of finding that right person for Freya, we would put up a Facebook post on Senior Sunday... and it goes like this: I'm senior girl Freya. I've spent two years at the shelter — watching the seasons change, seeing countless other dogs leave with their new families — wondering quietly if anyone will ever come for me. But the truth is, I've been waiting far longer than that. Before I arrived here, I was left behind. My owner moved away and chained me outside the house on a logging chain. Inside, the other animals were left alone in empty rooms. We were all left with no food, no water, no



care, and no goodbye. When help finally arrived, I didn't understand what was happening. I was terrified and defensive, still trying to protect the only home I'd ever known. But over time, my fear has given way to trust, and my loneliness has slowly been replaced by the comfort of kindness. Now, I greet my favorite people with a soft, hopeful grin. I've discovered that belly rubs are one of life's greatest joys, and I still have bursts of puppy-like delight when I run through the grass on a sunny day. I'm a tall and strong girl

at 90lbs, but there's a deep tenderness in me, the kind that comes from having been broken and from learning how to heal. And now, I continue to believe that someone, somewhere will look beyond the white dust on my face and into my faithful, loving heart.

We checked in with her new family to see how Freya is doing: She's doing so well!! She loves chew toys, the kiddos, and all the belly rubs! She was the missing piece to our family. She's definitely the spunkiest old gal I've ever met. Thank you all for taking care of and loving her for two years, we can't imagine our lives without her!



ALLEGANY COUNTY ANIMAL ABUSE REGISTRY

We are very thankful for the passing of a new law in Allegany County — it's called the Animal Abuse Registry which went into effect on January 1st, 2026.

The story below is courtesy of the Wellsville Sun:

At the December 10 Legislative Board meeting, Board members unanimously adopted a Local Law establishing the Allegany County Animal Abuser Registry. The new registry will identify individuals within the County who have been convicted of animal abuse offenses.

The Board noted that individuals who abuse animals are statistically more likely to commit violent acts against people, and research shows a strong correlation between animal abuse and domestic violence.

Legislator Gretchen Hanchett, who was instrumental in advancing the legislation, emphasized the significance of the new law. "The Allegany County Animal Abuser Registry is vital because animal cruelty is often tied to other forms of violence, and this registry helps protect both animals and our community," said Hanchett.

Sheriff Scott Cicirello also commended the adoption of the registry. "In my career, I have been involved in dozens of animal abuse investigations. Beyond a simple fine, the consequences to those convicted of animal abuse related crimes have been minimal," said Sheriff Cicirello. "This legislation, designating an Animal Abuser Registry in Allegany County, provides far-reaching consequences to those convicted of these horrific crimes. This legislation is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when County offices work together for a

common goal. This would not have been possible without the efforts of the Board of Legislators (with special recognition given to Legislator Hanchett and Legislator Havey), Chairman Harris, County Administrator Knapp, County Attorney Carrow, District Attorney Ian Jones and the Allegany County Sheriff's Office. I am very proud of what we have accomplished."

The Local Law becomes effective on January 1, 2026, and the District Attorney will be responsible for prosecuting violations of the law.

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