



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
HUMANE SOCIETY

100 YEARS OF CARING

# Making Tracks

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT

In 2003, faced with a save rate of 54 percent, the CCHS Board of Directors instituted the policy that no healthy and friendly animal would be euthanized due to overcrowding. Since that policy was enacted, CCHS has continued to increase the save rate and for the second consecutive year we have achieved a save rate of 92 percent.

*"A house is  
not a home  
without a pet."*

~ Anonymous

"To reach a save rate in the 90 percent range takes a tremendous commitment from staff, volunteers and community partners" states Jeff Lubi, CCHS executive director. "We are very grateful to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF) for their support over the past nine years. In the beginning, CRCF helped to fund our no-cost spay/neuter clinic which dramatically reduced the number of unwanted kittens entering into our care. In more recent years CRCF has generously contributed to our reduced adoption fee program utilizing their Community Service Grant."

CCHS President, Mary Schiller added, "Our organization remains committed toward solving the overpopulation problem of unwanted companion animals. Our priorities are the adoption of animals, conducting extensive spay/neuter programs and the development of our latest initiatives that expand our ability to rehabilitate animals that are considered outside the healthy and friendly evaluation. Because of the support of our mission by the Chautauqua Region Community, so many animals have received a second chance."

From 2007-2011, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF) has graciously supported our program that reduces or eliminates the adoption fees for adult animals. This concept dramatically increases the animals' chances to first be considered by an individual or family and then ultimately adopted into their loving home. Because of CRCF funding, the Humane Society reports that a total of 668 animals have been placed into loving homes.

The Chautauqua County Humane Society continues to operate at a capacity of 100 -125 cats and 18 - 25 dogs throughout the year. These numbers represent animals awaiting adoption at the Strunk Road facility. They do not include the large number of dogs received from the 28 municipalities who contract with CCHS to provide Stray Holding services, animals in volunteer foster care, or the abused and neglected cruelty case animals receiving treatment. Lubi also added, "The faster we find an animal its forever home the faster we can provide for another animal that needs our care. We are so appreciative that the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation has responded to this need."



*Chautauqua Region Community Foundation representatives  
present a \$4000 grant to Jeff Lubi and Mary Schiller*

# Mission Statement

The Chautauqua County Humane Society provides compassionate care and promotes the respectful treatment of animals to create a humane community.

## Guiding Values

We promote quality and enduring companionship between people and animals.

We provide a safe, comfortable haven for unwanted, abused and neglected animals.

We believe euthanizing healthy, adoptable animals is unacceptable.

We emphasize rehabilitation of animals and strive to provide lasting homes for all animals in our care.

We respect animal life, promote good health of animals and work to control overpopulation.

We believe education is essential to the humane treatment of animals.

We strive to prevent cruelty, neglect, carelessness and ignorance toward animals through advocacy, collaboration, education and example.



## A CHANCE AND A DREAM

*By Sue Bloom*

Hello to everyone who reads our **Making Tracks** newsletter. Those of you who have read the last few issues know that we are actively fundraising for the Cat Colony Renewal Project. If you're not familiar with this project you are welcome to check out our website, [www.spcapets.com](http://www.spcapets.com), for specific details. While the fundraising efforts are coming together, we have a short time we to make this much-needed project a reality. We hope to start the renovation January 1, 2013. At the time of this submission we have \$15,297.53 toward the project with a \$25,000 goal.

The current fundraising program for this is a bike and accessory package raffle and the proceeds will go directly to the Cat Colony Renewal Project. The tickets are five dollars each and can be purchased at the Strunk Road Adoption Center, Second Chances Thrift Store on Fairmount Avenue, and at the Jamestown Cycle Shop on Harrison Street.

What is in it for you? You could win a new bike of your choice and an accessory package or a \$500 merchandise certificate from the Jamestown Cycle Shop. If a bicycle does not fit your lifestyle the Cycle Shop has many other items you can purchase with the certificate for yourself or as a gift.

It's the gift that keeps on giving. Your raffle ticket purchase brings the Cat Colony Renewal Project one step closer to its goal and it could help out someone such as a kid who needs bike or sports equipment or a person who needs a way to get to work. It's a winning solution for everyone involved. Maybe this could be the bike that will change the lives of so many animals or people. Think about the possibilities for raising funds through charity bike rides. Maybe it is just an excuse for a casual bike ride around the lake to take time to smell the roses. It could offer a new chance to get in shape if you have a few pounds to lose. It has to start somewhere so why not take a chance or two and buy some tickets today.

Tickets can be purchased in person or by calling 716-665-2209 option 0 with a credit card.

**Thanks!**



## 2ND CHANCE HAPPENING

*By Amy Farren, CCHS Office Manager*



As the Office Manager at The Chautauqua County Humane Society, I rarely have the opportunity to experience a “hands-on” 2nd chance with an animal. Even though I didn’t actually touch this particular animal, I was able to help owner and feline reunite.

One morning a gentleman named Kevin stopped at our facility on the off chance that someone had reported an unusual cat as missing. He informed me that the cat had wandered into the Suit Kote facility one week prior and has made himself quite comfortable. I was fortunate to be the person available to take the cat’s description and referred to our “Lost Cat Book.” Kevin waited patiently while I retrieved the book and within flipping a page or two, there it was. The cat was an exact match to one reported by a woman named Karen as missing—a male, orange tabby, neutered, one eye missing and a crooked tail. The last part of the description given by both Kevin and Karen was the clincher.

I was able to contact Karen and connect her directly with Kevin. They made the arrangements and reunited Karen with her 17-year-old cat, “Lightning.” Karen’s cat had gone missing from the Baker Street area in Jamestown and had travelled quite far to Lister Street.

Later that day both Karen and Kevin called me to express their gratitude for my help.

Kevin sent an email picture of Karen and Lightning saying, “You could just feel how happy both of them were. It’s really great to have a happy ending to a story for a change.” I couldn’t agree more!

This is just one of many lost or missing pet stories. It just happens to be an exceptionally happy one for me because I was able to be a part of this 2nd Chance, “chance happening.”

If your animal is or does come up missing, please remember that your Chautauqua County Humane Society will try everything possible to reunite you and your pet. You can help by providing a very detailed description and recent picture of your pet. Consider having a microchip implanted in him or her to aid in identification. Also, if you find a stray pet, do as Kevin did and contact us so we can check our missing pet records. It could make or break a 2nd chance for another pet’s family.

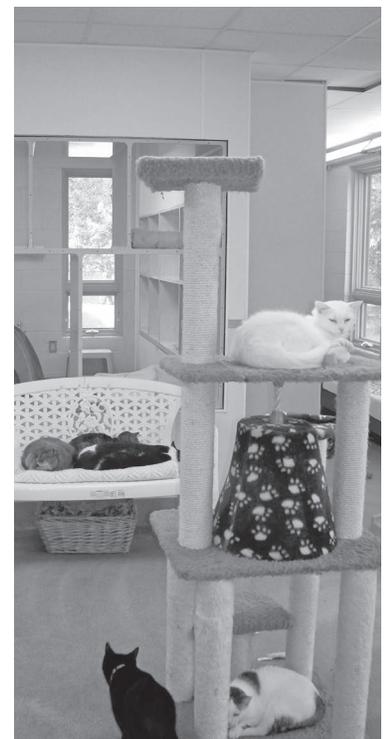
## CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY IS OVER HALFWAY TO THE CAT COLONY RENOVATION GOAL

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. (July 31, 2012) – Three months into fundraising and The Chautauqua County Humane Society (CCHS) has raised over \$15,200 of the \$25,000 goal to renovate the existing Cat Colony. The Feline Action Committee (FAC), a group of dedicated individuals devoted to this capital project, is very optimistic for the future of the cats at CCHS now that they have surpassed the halfway point for the campaign.

According to Roxanne Wendling, CCHS Community Relations Director, “The majority of the project’s funding to-date has come from private donations through specific appeals and now the committee is mobilizing other ways to reach out to the community at-large for help with this important shelter endeavor. We are hopeful that the remaining portion of project costs will be in place by the end of the 2012 so that construction can begin in January of 2013.”

The Cat Colony Renewal Project will better the lives of the cats at the shelter. There will be more exercise options, better sanitation methods, more opportunities for increased socialization and behavioral programs, and better methods of interaction with potential adopters. All of this offers the opportunity to increase adoption rates, giving CCHS the ability to take in more homeless cats. A model and scaled drawings detailing the project are on display in the shelter lobby for public viewing.

CCHS is currently conducting a web-based online fundraiser for the Cat Colony Renewal Project. Visit [www.spcapets.com](http://www.spcapets.com) for the link to the fundraising site that contains a detailed video and project spec description. For more information on donating to the project, call 716-665-2209 ext. 213 or email to [rwendling@spcapets.com](mailto:rwendling@spcapets.com).





*By Roxanne Wendling, CCHS Community Relations Director*

The Chautauqua County Humane Society is currently launching our 8th annual "Walk 4 Paws" event. This fur-friendly "fun"draiser promotes a great cause as it helps CCHS pets receive a second chance to find their "forever home." Our biggest special event is scheduled to take place at Chautauqua Institution's Market Gate Parking Lot on Saturday, October 20, 2012 with team registrations from 9 – 10 am.

CCHS is asking you to serve as a Walk Team Leader. The success of this event depends on walkers who acquire pledges and strong team leaders like you are vital to fulfilling this year's \$37,500 goal. All event proceeds will go directly to help fund CCHS's mission of providing loving care to the unwanted, neglected and abused animals in our area.

We are reaching out to allow the opportunity to mark your calendar and get your team members signed up. You can access the Team Leader and individual walker forms at [www.spcapets.com](http://www.spcapets.com). Also, if you know a like-minded, pet-loving person, please consider asking him or her to be a team leader too. It's easy and it could add a terrific competitive edge to the effort!

Your help with this event is greatly needed and truly appreciated. Thank you for considering this appeal and we look forward to working with you on this fulfilling "fun"draising event.

**Team Leaders please RSVP for attendance to the Team Leader Kick-off Party at the CCHS Strunk Road Adoption Center on Thursday, September 13th from 5 -7:00 p.m.**

## ONE FOR THE TEAM

*By Ash, CCHS 2012 Walk 4 Paws Mascot*



Hi! My name is Ash and I would like to introduce myself as the official 2012 Walk 4 Paws Mascot. Me and my favorite human guy, Dane Bliss, have taken on the task of reaching out to encourage dogs and the people they own to participate in this terrific special event fundraiser for the pets at CCHS's shelter.

Dane Bliss says of his canine companion, "Ash is goofy, intelligent, and my best friend. He is a Siberian Husky and about 3 & 1/2 years old. With a short attention span and more energy than you can imagine, he's hard to keep up with. I rescued Ash from a shelter in central Florida nearly two years ago and he has followed me on every adventure, road trip, and destination I set out for. His favorite trick is 'shake' and I'd be hard pressed to believe he wouldn't sit down and try it for any stranger he meets. He's fond of squirrels, loves to run, and finds fetch insulting, but he's my dog. Hard to believe someone gave him up."

Ash says: Dane reached out to CCHS a few months ago, inquiring as to how he could help with special event fundraising. After visiting the shelter and hearing about CCHS's Walk 4 Paws, he readily

## Team Leader Job Description

### EVENT SUMMARY

A two mile group walk with or without your pet. Participants in the “Walk 4 Paws” event are encouraged to seek contributions from friends, family members and co-workers. Individual walker prizes and team awards are based on the amount of money turned in. A complimentary hot lunch will be provided and pet costume prizes will be awarded too.

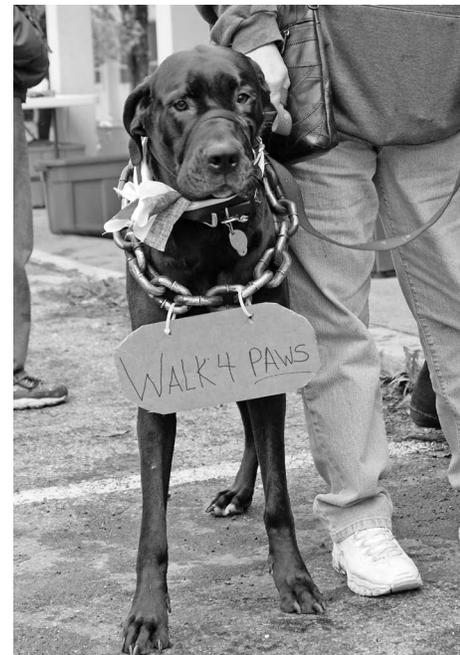
### EVENT SCHEDULE

- Saturday, October 20, 2012
- Team Leader Sign-In 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- Opening Remarks 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Walk 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch, Prize Awards, and Closing Remarks 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### TEAM LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Recruit people you know to participate in the event. You and your teammates are asked to seek contributions to take part in the event.
2. Print Team Fax Form and Walker’s Contribution Sheet online at [www.spcapets.com](http://www.spcapets.com).
3. Retrieve Team Leader Packet materials that will be available in early September, 2012.
4. Fax or email a list of your walker’s addresses/emails to Roxanne Wendling at the Humane Society by Saturday, October 13, 2012. Fax number is 665-2615 or email at [rwendling@spcapets.com](mailto:rwendling@spcapets.com).
5. Complete packet paperwork and collect team member pledges and release forms by Friday, October 19, 2012. All funds should be collected prior to the event and turned in by the Team Leader.
6. Register your team by the deadline and turn in team’s donations and release forms at the event. Collect and distribute T shirt awards to team members at the event. ENJOY!

Questions? Contact Roxanne Wendling, CCHS Community Relations Director at 665-2209, ext 213 or email at [rwendling@spcapets.com](mailto:rwendling@spcapets.com).



agreed to serve as the 2012 Walk 4 Paws Team Leader Recruitment Chairperson. This person has the job of finding new team leaders and helping them to stay on task during the team building and fundraising process.

Many people offer time and talent to help take care of cats and dogs for CCHS and this is vital to the animals’ well-being, but, it is rare for someone to step up and take on fundraising/recruiting as their main form of CCHS volunteering. Dane came to the Jamestown area earlier this year from Florida and he brings finance experience in his daily work at UBS Financial Services, Inc. He also has animal shelter special event experience from former volunteer efforts in Florida. What a great guy I have as my best friend!

CCHS said they are extremely grateful for his help, so I offered to do my part too by serving as this year’s mascot. This means I will be at the Walk and participating fully, of course. Did you know the Walk 4 Paws includes a pet costume contest with prizes? How exciting! I can’t decide what to focus on first...

creating a terrific pet costume for the contest? Collecting at least \$100 in donations so we can get a cool event t-shirt with more prizes for higher amounts? Calling all our friends to ask them to help us? Dane says the first step is to build a good group of committed team members so we can raise the most money for the pets waiting for their second chance at a forever home...makes sense to me. He is so smart!

I will also make sure that at the event Dane brings me on a leash, scoops my droppings with prompt disposal into the proper receptacles, helps me to mind my manners around the food and he will be sure to submit all of the proper team paperwork for us at registration. Dane and I are committed to serving as model Walk 4 Paws team mates this year. Please consider joining us. It is sure to be a lot of fun! If you would like to form a team for the first time ever, please email to [dane.bliss@ubs.com](mailto:dane.bliss@ubs.com) or [rwendling@spcapets.com](mailto:rwendling@spcapets.com) for more information or visit [www.spcapets.com](http://www.spcapets.com).

**Thank you!**

# RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING ANIMAL CRUELTY

Animals serve many purposes in our lives on a daily basis. Because they give us a wide variety of benefits in our society, everyone must become more aware on how these animals are being treated. Animals do not have the option to tell us if they are being neglected or abused by their owners. They must rely on us to be able to detect when they are being mistreated.

Recognizing animal neglect and abuse can be as simple as common sense. Does the animal have the basic needs of food, water and shelter? Does the animal's physical condition show signs of improper care? When interacting with humans, does the animal's behavior appear strange, aggressive or frightened? All of these questions are good indicators that the animal could be suffering from some kind of neglect and/or abuse from their owners.

Recognizing animal neglect and abuse is a crucial role for everyone. But just as important is reporting that activity to The Chautauqua County Humane Society

as soon as possible. It is always better to overreact then to do nothing at all because you did not want to get involved. We all have the moral obligation to stop animal neglect and abuse when we see it.

Reporting animal neglect and abuse can be as simple as an anonymous phone call or letter stating the situation you're concerned about. Just remember, it is the animal's welfare we need to focus on. Never remain silent when you observe a potential case of neglect and/or abuse. If everyone would be more aware and educate themselves on the laws and practices regarding animals, it would only result in positive outcomes for all. If you have concerns or questions on this issue, please call 716-665-2209 ext. 204.

*"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."*

~ Immanuel Kant



Chautauqua County  
*2nd Chances*  *Thrift Store*  
Humane Society

707 Fairmount Avenue,  
Jamestown, NY 14701  
Fairmount Shopping Plaza  
(across from Sam's Club)  
716-664-4504

\*Donations are accepted at the front of the store. We ask that you please do not leave items outside of the store or at any other time. We are also happy to provide you with a tax deduction slip at the time of the donation.

\*Call for info on furniture/large appliance pick up options.

**DONATING HOURS**

Monday – Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am – 4:00pm

**SHOPPING HOURS**

Monday – Saturday 9:00am – 7:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am – 6:00pm

**\$3.00 Bag Sale on unmarked clothing and shoes every day 50% off any item in the store over 10 days**

## PIGLET'S POINT

### *Piglet here again!*

In case you don't know me, I'm the official greeter at 2nd Chances Thrift Store. I work there every Tuesday from 9 – 5 and I love my job. I love all the volunteers who support 2nd Chances because we could not do it without them. I especially love my customers and the staff too because they take very good care of me!

But here's my point: The staff and volunteers at 2nd Chances work really hard. They process all of the things our incredible donors bring to us as quickly as they can so that customers constantly have new items to purchase. Because I do so much more watching than working, I have a number of suggestions for folks donating items that could increase the safety and efficiency of the staff.

For example, always separate clothing donations from household items and especially any breakable items. It may seem like a good idea to wrap those wine glasses in some old shirts but actually when the staff doesn't know a glass item is in a bag of clothing, it often leads to broken glass and cut hands.

And you know how 2nd Chances Thrift Store recycles unusable clothing and broken or outdated electronics? Well, if you bring in a bag of really old or torn clothing and rags, and you have pre-labeled the bag with something like "recycle" or "green paw print," the staff will know not to waste time sorting it and instead take it directly to be recycled. Saving time means saving money that could go to take care of my fellow CCHS pets. How is that for streamlining the process! As my boss Terra says, the goal is for the staff to only have to touch the donated items once in order to increase efficiency. It just makes good sense.



It's the same with electronics. If you are bringing in a broken T.V., computer or microwave that only works some of the time – take a marker and place a large "X" on it before you drop it off and then the staff will not waste time testing the item to determine if it works. They will know to immediately place it in the recycling area at the back of the store. Isn't it awesome how 2nd Chances is turning our carbon footprint into a green paw print? Please help us by properly labeling and packing your donations ahead of time and stop by to see me on a Tuesday when you are out shopping. I would love to meet you!

That's my point.

Meowfully submitted,

*Piglet*

# HONORARIUMS/MEMORIALS

All honorariums/memorials listed were given between  
May 24, 2012 - July 10, 2012

## Honorariums

*In Honor of:*

*Val and Nancy Condio for their  
60th Wedding Anniversary*  
Annette Goodman and Ron Condio  
*"Jake" pet of James, Cynthia & Jon Klocko*  
James, Cynthia and Jon Klocko  
*Debbie LaBarbera for her birthday and to honor her  
care and compassion to all of her 4 legged friends,  
past and present*  
Cherie Ticknor  
*Deanna Rice for her retirement*  
Jacquie Blackwood  
*Brent Sheldon's Birthday*  
Gene and Loretta Smith  
*Zachary Farren for his accomplishments in  
1st Grade*  
Dave and Pat (Grandma & Papa) Swartwood  
*Bradley Armstrong for his 17th Birthday*  
Kaye and Steve Young  
*Margo Berg for her Birthday*  
Kim Hagelin  
*"Lucky"*  
Scott & Roxanne Redick

## Memorials

*In Memory of:*

*John O'Neil*  
Donald and Carol Brewer  
The Phillies  
*Sheba*  
Joette Giambra  
*Albert Donus*  
James and Jeannette Perry  
Philip and Deborah Brown  
Diane Miranda  
*Stephen Leathers*  
Ed and Bev Bello  
*John D'Angelo*  
Emma Conway  
*Family of Sarah Drake*  
Liz Morgan  
*Jack Lingenfelter*  
Roe-Anne Faulkner  
*Mary A. Anderson*  
Suzy and Del Abbey  
*James West*  
Ronna Lipsey  
*"Lady" beloved pet of Jim and Jan Merritt*  
Mimi and Rich Laughner  
*"Isaac" furry child of Becky and Rich Ross*  
Mimi and Rich Laughner  
*Thomas Swart*  
Rebecca Harper  
Becky & Steve Nystrom  
Scott & Roxanne Redick  
Jamestown Community College

*Stewart "Stew" Snyder*  
Nell and Harry Forbes  
*Ira "Tom" Hatfield*  
Mike Fay  
*"Benji" beloved pet of James, Cynthia & Jon Klocko*  
James, Cynthia and Jon Klocko  
*Terry Olson*  
Judy Olson  
*"Pumpkin" beloved cat of the John Genco Family*  
Stella Restivo  
*James Widrig*  
Robert Geertson  
*Stephanie Foti*  
Joe and Stacey Samaritano  
*Frank J. Salemmme*  
Mrs. Frances P. Marchiando  
Jeff and Kelly Kroon  
LeAnn Love  
Ruth E. and Paul Hammond  
Gary Erlandson  
Robert and Barbara Klomp  
The Auflicks  
Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Pokorney  
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gates  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Storms and Sebastian Triscari  
Stephen & Cathleen Board  
Sam & Allene Nalbene  
*Ruth E. Rogerson*  
Diane Prusik  
*John F. O'Brien*  
Anne Archer Johnson and Brian Johnson  
*"Harley" beloved pet of Mary Carpenter*  
Karen Beals  
*Julie Wahlstrom*  
Connie Babcock  
*Mike Nagy*  
Sherri Foti  
*Honey*  
Diane and Greg Paterniti  
*"Jennapurr" beloved cat of Gordon & Joanna  
Dahlbeck*  
Gordon and Joanna Dahlbeck  
*JoAnne Nero*  
Lester Nero  
*Matthew Black*  
Tom and Lori Lassen  
*"Razi"*  
Patricia Sunzeri  
*Homer and The Late Boots*  
Sandra Peterson  
*Fred Neal Hallett*  
Jamestown Container Companies  
*Sara Wicks Arnold*  
Mildred and James Stillman, Sr.  
*Abbey beloved dog of Mo Kemp*  
Robyn Hogan  
*Grace A. Pinciario*  
Chrissie Constantine and Sharon Peterson

*Kyle grandson of Dory Jamieson*  
Dory Jamieson  
*Robert Lundin*  
Chick and Jackie Christenson  
*Justin Reed Halpainy-Livermore*  
Casella Waste Systems, Inc.  
*Terry Studd*  
Charlene and Steve Eckstrom  
*William H. Price*  
Charlene and Steve Eckstrom  
*"Allie" beloved dog of Bruce, Kathy & Ashley  
Sweeney*  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson Jr.  
Bruce, Kathy & Ashley Sweeney  
*Sally Verett*  
Scott & Roxanne Redick  
*Mr. Peterstewart*  
Scott & Roxanne Redick  
*Malcolm Turner*  
Wendy & Frederick Larson  
*"Emmaline" beloved dog of Margaret Sprague*  
Mrs. Carol Gasber  
*"Griz" beloved buddy of Linda Yates*  
Marsha Pritz  
*Carol Laska*  
Mrs. Frances Marchiando  
*Lena Anderson*  
Mrs. Frances Marchiando  
*Dorothy Ann Gullo*  
Mrs. Frances Marchiando  
*Mary Saletta*  
Mrs. Frances Marchiando  
*"Chloe" beloved dog of Mary Walsh*  
Peggy & Ric Lytle  
*Arlene LaBarbera*  
Janet Monroe  
*Ella "Ellie" Jose*  
The Family of Jordan Moore  
Gale & Patricia Stranigan  
Sandy Hatfield  
Charles & Beverly Yachetta  
*"Bella" beloved grand-dog of Joanne Lundgren*  
Joanne Lundgren  
*Janice Sargent*  
Eugene & Linda Johnson  
*Esther Pollaro*  
Susan Grabriel & Doris Gabriel  
*Bill Seastrum*  
Joyce Morton  
*F. Elaine LeRoy*  
Thad & Melenie LeRoy  
*Sara Arnold*  
Audrey Wicks

*"Until one has loved an animal,  
a part of one's soul  
remains unawakened."*

~ Anatole France