



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
HUMANE SOCIETY

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Volunteers Are a Novel Idea

by Sue Bloom, Shelter Manager and Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers are a big part of Chautauqua County Humane Society. Recently our shelter honored several volunteers for their dedication. Our theme this year was "Volunteering is a novel idea. Come, check out our Library of Volunteers." It was a fun theme and we had a book release.

The book was titled "Everyday Heroes: Tales of Selfless Acts of Extraordinary CCHS volunteers" by Sue Bloom and Terra Dourlain. The book featured the volunteers' accomplishments from beginning to their current status. The book was a pleasure to write and it gave other volunteers, staff, and board members the opportunity to see just what volunteers do for CCHS. It also gave an opportunity to see how long volunteers have been part of our organization.

CCHS always has a week-long celebration for all volunteers with prizes to enjoy. We appreciate every volunteer each year and we try to honor volunteers in each category from dog walking to the 2nd Chances Thrift Store.

In addition to the week-long celebration, volunteers were invited to a luncheon which took place at the Lakewood Library. The Library's new room was the perfect place to

release the book and have a special time away from the shelter to let volunteers relax and enjoy their event. Board members were present to draw names for door prizes and to celebrate with the guests of honor.

If you have been considering volunteering here at CCHS, this may be the perfect time to join a winning team. The shelter has many opportunities for people to volunteer. All you have to do is take the first step.

Currently we are looking for volunteers in the dog walking and cat socializing program. We are in great need of foster care for cats, kittens, puppies, and dogs. If working with special needs animals appeals, we have a program for that too. A few other areas of need are on and off-site adoptions counseling, education events, and special fund raising events. 2nd Chances Thrift Store, on Fairmount Avenue, will also be looking for folks to help with auction and estate sales in earnest too. We look forward to meeting you. Check out our website at www.spcapets.com or contact Sue Bloom at 716-665-2209 ext. 205.



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.



Preparing for the Next 50,000 Unwanted, Abused and Neglected Animals

by Jeff Lubi, Executive Director

In 1998, the Chautauqua County Humane Society proudly opened the Pet Adoption Center on Strunk Road. Over the past 14 years, the landscaping has matured and developed, but if you drove by today you probably would say that the building looks very much the same as it did back then.



TEEN VOLUNTEER BOTTLE FEEDING AN ORPHAN INFANT KITTEN BEFORE IT GOES OFF TO FOSTER CARE.

However, operationally, the building is not utilized as it was in 1998. Over the last decade our focus to reduce euthanasia has been very successful. Today animals awaiting adoption have no limit on their stay in our facility. In fact, the average stay for a dog is 20 days and the average stay for a cat is 60 days before they are adopted.

Since we opened, over 50,000 animals have come through the doors of CCHS. When you combine the operational changes that have been implemented to reduce euthanasia and increase spay/neuter options and continue our commitment to provide loving care for our animals it becomes clear that the Pet Adoption Center is also in need of some tender loving care due to wear and tear on the building.

Between 2003 and 2011, we have expended \$268,650 on capital improvements, equipment purchases, repairs and maintenance. As the building ages, the needs are popping up at an increasing rate. To be proactive, the Building Committee has developed a flexible five-year project plan to address these growing concerns. New projects will be added to the list based on priorities.

The first two projects to be completed are repairing and recoating of the entire building exterior which will prevent any further damage from occurring and will give the building a much improved look. The second project to take place is the renovation of the Cat Colony, which is now in the process of a fundraising campaign to raise \$25,000 for the project. Once completed it will provide a better environment for the cats, improve the adoption experience and upgrade the ability of existing space to serve the animals in our care.

Future projects you will hear discussed are replacing the four rooftop HVAC units which are nearing the end of the average life expectancy, upgrading the lighting throughout the building to increase energy efficiencies, and remodeling the lobby to increase the functionality of existing space and improve the adoption experience.

Obviously, CCHS has many needs that will be evaluated; however, there is no greater need than being prepared for the next 50,000 animals that come through these doors. Let's just hope it takes longer than the next 14 years.



Clover's Corner



Hello! I'm Clover VonMouster, acting vice-president of CATS UNITE! I just wanted to talk a little bit about shelter life. I know from personal experience that shelter life is "ruff." No pun intended on my canine friends.

I came to CCHS as a kitten with my brother Sebastian and went right into foster care. Due to my chronic upper-respiratory infection I was in foster care much longer than most. By that time the staff and volunteers became my family. Nine years have passed and I'm still happiest greeting customers and being a spokescat for my fellow felines.

You see, the shelter cannot adopt all the cats that come to CCHS. Unlike me, many cats entering shelter have lived in a real home first, so when they come here they are in total shock. Don't get me wrong, the folks here are amazing people and only wish the best for us. Yet it is a bit overwhelming if you do not know anything else but a comfortable home and then suddenly find yourself sitting in a cage.

I see my fellow kitties with wide eyes. They hide in the back of the cage as they are not sure what is going on. I try to reassure them that everyone here will do their best to make them feel at home.

Every cat that is surrendered to the shelter is tested for Feline Leukemia and Feline Aids (FIV). If the test results are good, they get vaccinated for all feline diseases and spay/neuter surgery the next day.

Some of my feline friends wonder what is happening while they recuperate in a holding cage. As cages open up I see some of them moving up into Whiskerville for a front row seat in the adoption wing. At this point they are not as lucky as me since they only get out of their cages when volunteers or customers come in.

The good thing is once they have been here three weeks and passed re-tests and vaccines, they may have the opportunity to get into the existing colony room, as long as they play well with other cats and don't have any specialized needs.

Then I get very excited for them because they can finally socialize with other cats. I see so many of them become social butterflies! When humans come in to see the cat colony I watch how much pleasure they get out of seeing my fellow cats frolic in the colony. Not exactly like a home, but it sure beats sitting in a cage.

I sure hope that the Colony Renewal project will be a reality soon because it will help my friends to a better life more efficiently. If we can get a few more cat supporters to make this dream come true it would be great! As the vice-president of CATS UNITE!, I bid you a good night. We will be in touch with you soon.

Meowfully submitted,

CLOVER

Honorariums

Mack and Mercedes for "Pennies 4 Paws"
Gene and Nana Anderson
Gail and Art Armbrecht
Lynn and Pete Smith
Tami Gaston for her Birthday
Marie Hanrahan and Jean Hanrahan
Mack and Mercedes
Gene and Nana Anderson

Memorials

Robert H. Kidder
Mrs. Lee Sadowski
"Lion Prince of Lake Erie" beloved dog of
Mr. and Mrs. William Ploetz
Jeffrey and Sara Strauser
Jeanne Skelton
Tom and Barbara Weakley
Bruce and Joanie Fagerstrom
Margit Kohlbacher
Frederick Larson
Marjorie (Bonnie) Tummons
John Dakin
Doris and Ralph Paul
Ray and Elaine Klafehn
Howard Carpenter
David and Dixie Button
Anne Lamantia
Barbara Johnson
Thom and Ann Griehm
Joann R. Nelson
Jill Coggiola
Paul and Sally Lombardo
Barbara and Martin Willow
Myrtle Fardink
Bill and Debbie Palmer
John D'Angelo
Grace D'Angelo and Marion D'Angelo
Bruce and Joanie Fagerstrom
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Martin
Mrs. Frances Marchiando
Wally and Doris Carlson
Dave and Pat Howard
Pat and Gene Sadowski
Thomas and Janel D'Angelo
Philomena Ippolito
Mary Beth Carlson and Libby
Russ and Robin Bonfiglio
Ron and Donna Wolfe
Jean and Jim Licota
Louise Pillittieri
Leonore Swan
Sue and Bill Chandler
George Hedberg
Bruce & Kathy Stockburger and Ruth &
George Graves
John F. O'Brien
Rita Snyder
Marvin and Bonnie Eimiller
Larry Bourne
William Sadler
David and Marlene Wilkinson
Shelly Gustafson
Marty and Wanda McKotch
James Vance
Mrs. Nancy Earle
George and Dorothy Endersen
William and Susan Endersen
Mildred Wells Smith
Gloria Schmonsky
Leslie A. Beck
Gerald and Kathleen Ahlstrom
Morton Club Beneficiary Association
William and Sharon Kilmartin
J.H.S. Red Raider Football Booster Club

Justin Reed Halpainy-Livermore
SKF Employees' Fund SKF Aeroengine
John and Ashley Livermore
Deanna Cordosi
The Chautauqua-Kinzua Chapter of the
Harley Owners Group
New Frontiers in TBI, Inc.
Great Uncle Dale Reed and Cousins &
Families: Kim Reed, Amy (Reed)
Tencza, Nicky (Reed) Rupp & Chad Reed
Caroline Sosinski
Edna Brown
"Tabbie" beloved Cocker Spaniel of Carl and LouAnn Malta
Phyllis Hamilton
Michael Mata
Ken and Gayle Lyon
Michael (Mike) Whitehill
David and Marlene Wilkinson
"Harley"
Robyne Herbstritt
Isabelle & Don Smith and Bambi
Michael and Pamela Niedhammer
"Tara" Kron
Phyllis Kron
Diane Warner
Susan Granberg Anderson and Tim Granberg
Thomas Swart
SKF Employees' Fund SKF Aeroengine
Ron and Peggy Schnars
Carl and Robin Middleton
Patricia Tackentien and Lynn Tackentien
Adena Woodard
Gilbert Lindahl & Martha Zenns
Bruce and Eileen Widen
Theodore and Carolyn Pasquale
Daniel and Susan Sell
Richard Rupprecht
Frederick and Kathleen Callender
John and Marie Plumb
Jamestown Community College Faculty and
Staff
JCC Nursing Department, Dawn Columbare
JCC Nursing Department, Kelly Whitver
Michael and Karen Mahon
The Board of Trustees of the Sinclairville
Free Library
Paula Gustafson
"Buddy Hanley"
Candace Andersen
Dave and Jade Barber
Dorothy Hamilton
Don and Sue Angelo
Laura Lee (Jones) Zuck
Jerry and Linda Hall
Robert Anderson
Leonard J. Taddio
The Carriage House Management & Staff
Dennis Michalski
Dave & Janet Jagoda, Jim & Cheryl Sheedy
and George Civiletto
Homer and The Late Boots
Sandra Peterson
Beloved Dog Baxter & Cat Precious
Thomas and Janet Giambra
Kenneth C. "K" Warden, Jr.
Der Kobbler's Automobile Association
Gary, Kathy & Melissa Johnson
John F. O'Neil
Bruce and Wenda Nelson
Carol Montgomery Drake
Daniel and Dianne Nelson
Joe and Terry Chudzicki
Cheryl and Jim Green
C. Larry Green
Prudence Maytum
Cyndi Maytum
Trudy Knapp
Arden and Linda Knapp
Stanley A. Morse
Walter and Hope Cline

Dan Arrance
Terry Jo Arrance
Patricia Meekins
Homer Meekins
Charlie and Missy
Charlotte Johnson
Mary Jean Baska
Jack and Roberta Thompson and Caroline
Paddock
Mike Nagy
Bill and Connie Wright
Bob Olson, Pamela & Kevin Till and Karen
Olson
James (Jim) Widrig
Suzie Tolman
Henry Dahlgren
Gloria Schmonsky
Kirk Dahlgren
Gloria Schmonsky
"Molly" beloved dog of Dan and Rosanne Johanson
Al and Diane Atcheson
David and Linda Melquist
George (Oscar) Pierson
"Thursday Night New Beginnings Gang"
"Tony" beloved pet of Mary Bennett
Mary and Charlie Schiller
"Dakota" beloved dog of Daniel and Phyllis Butts
Rich and Connie Clifford
F. Elaine LeRoy
Barbara McNickol
Nieces & Nephews: Barbara Stormer, Penny
Roberts, Marsha Gastol, Ray Roos, Robin
DuVall, Mike Roos, Patti Ryan & Ginny
Johnson
"Bunny Rabbit" beloved cat of J. Roy Anderson
J. Roy Anderson
Phred Wenke
LouAnn Dobmeier
Richard Holcomb
John and Kathie Stravato
Mary A. Karcher
Daniel Griffith
Julie Wahlstrom
Dave and Julie's Homestead Camping
Friends
Norma and Cliff Bailey
Vincent Capizzi & family
Tom Atkinson
Janet von Reyn
"Smokey" pet of Stephanie & Steven Heath
Sally and John Stravato
Stewart Snyder
Joseph and Jody Glover
Niece & Nephews - Linda, Paul, Laura, Gary,
Susan & Nancy
Don and Mary Saar
Lois and Stewart Snyder
Fred and Laurel Paine and Geneva Shreve
Matthew Black
Michael and Cheryl Dove
Mr. and Mrs. David Covey
Brenda Anderson
Diane Anderson
Charles F. Mullard, Jr.
Don Southwick
Virginia Anderson
Sandra Merwin
"Luna" beloved pet of Doug Hoisington
Marlin Casker & Bill Davis
"Schatzee" beloved companion of Della Riolo
Mary Anne Harp
Albert Donus
Joseph and Valerie DiCarlo
"Tucker"
Kenneth and Linda Miller
"Dutchie" Patricia Sunzeri
Betsy Berns
Pearl Donovan

And Then There Was One...

by Sue Bobek, Humane Outreach Coordinator

It has been over a year since CCHS received 31 dogs and two cats in an animal cruelty case from Prospect Street in Jamestown. The results have been remarkable to say the least. Both cats have been placed as well as all but one of the dogs. This has been a tremendous undertaking and shows just how much can be accomplished when local agencies, businesses, residents and animal lovers near and far combine their efforts.

As we near total placement of these animals, it gives us cause to reflect on just how much we have been through together. From the first feelings of shock, disgust and anger to the overwhelming sense of joy and pride, many tears have been shed, frustrations felt and friendships made or strengthened. It has been a year of firsts for these dogs. First time outside, first time wearing a collar, first time on a leash, first time someone has petted them, first time getting a bath, first time knowing that someone

loves them. The tears have been shed in anger and pity, but the tears I remember most are the ones of happiness that were cried as each dog moved on into a family of their own.

Gorgeous is the last one looking for a home. She is a sweet, quiet dog that prefers the security of indoors. She will go outside to "potty," then her preference is to go back in. We do take her for walks and car rides when she wants to go, but due to her shyness she prefers indoors. She might not be the dog that runs to the car to "go for a ride" or jog with you as you take your daily run, but she is a dog that deserves the same chance to be loved as all the rest. We continue our search for the person that sees her bits of perfection instead of her flaws. Someone that sees her for the survivor she is and will open their heart to her. You are out there and we will find you.

None of what we do is possible without the support of our community. Everyone



had a hand in helping these dogs. You might have put your change in a donation jar, wrote a check, donated much-needed supplies, spent countless hours working with them or adopted and gave them a loving home. All of you are important parts of their journey. For this we say Thank You!

2012 SPECIAL EVENT

HOT DOGS, COOL CATS ONLINE PET PHOTO CONTEST

\$12,119

PENNIES 4 PAWS

\$32,341.36

CCHS CAT COLONY RENEWAL PROJECT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

\$9,500

WALK 4 PAWS

Saturday, October 20, 2012
Chautauqua Institution

THANK YOU

to everyone who helps
make our events successful!



**BARK N BREW AUCTION HELD AT
SOUTHERN TIER BREWING COMPANY,
JUNE 12, 2012
FINAL AMOUNT TO BE ANNOUNCED**

FUN'DRAISING UPDATE

CCHS Pets Hitting the Streets to Find Homes

by Sue Bobek, Humane Outreach Coordinator

In our ongoing effort to find loving, permanent homes for the many pets in the care of The Chautauqua County Humane Society, shelter staff and volunteers take pets offsite, away from the shelter, for adoptions. These sites can be at local events, stores and festivals. We go to large adoption events where many different shelters and rescue groups come together to promote adoptions.

We are out every weekend, sometimes in more than one place, showing the animals we have with

us and telling people about those at the shelter. We inform the community about the different programs CCHS has to offer; answer questions about shelter policy, 2nd Chances Thrift Store, animal behavior and volunteering; and collect monetary donations. Often we see people that have adopted in the past and get updates on their pets and how they are fitting in with their new families.

You can find us at the Lakewood PetSmart each Saturday from 10 am until 2 pm with dogs looking for a forever home with a new family. We also have cats available for adoption at both the Lakewood and Erie, PA PetSmart stores



every day during store hours. We are at PetCo in Erie, PA one weekend each month and we take pets to Tractor Supply Pet events. Check our Facebook page and our website Events Calendar for other events we will be at with some of the pets awaiting adoption at CCHS.

These adoption sites away from the shelter are a great way to expand our adoption area, find more loving homes and get pets adopted faster.

Offsite adoptions accounted for nearly 25% of all adoptions in 2011. With more people willing to help with these events, we can do more. The feeling you get as you help adopt pets and see them get the second chance they deserve is so fulfilling. We are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help.

If you are having an event that you think would be a good place for an offsite adoption or if you would like to learn more about volunteering to help find pets homes, please contact Sue Bobek at (716) 665-4214 or sbobek@spca-pets.com.

In the Spirit of a Grass Roots Movement — The FAC Needs You!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the CCHS Cat Colony Renewal Campaign Kickoff Event that was held at our shelter in May. We feel the evening was a big success because of the terrific show of support that night and in the following days. People's willingness to come and hear about the project and the formation of the Feline Action Committee (FAC) is truly appreciated. It gives us the added confidence we needed to push forward in the effort to tackle cat issues of concern as we seek more ways to finance the \$25,000 cat colony project we presented in person that night.

A grassroots movement is one driven by the politics of a community. The term implies that the creation of the movement and the group supporting it are natural and sponta-

neous. Grassroots movements are often at the local level, as many volunteers in the community give their time in support, which can lead to helping the bigger cause.

In the spirit of grassroots movements we are reaching out and asking everyone to consider mobilizing their fundraising talents to this effort in some way. In the opening weeks of the campaign we have already received monetary donations that currently total over \$9,500 to-date. This is an exciting opening and we are truly energized at the paws'ibility that our colony renewal campaign is over one-third of the way to the goal. Our construction project has the hope of beginning in just six months, so we feel now is the time for grassroots actions.

Piglet's Point

My name is Piglet and I am the striking white and grey cat who works every Tuesday at CCHS's 2nd Chances Thrift Store. Recently, I was appointed as press secretary for CCHS CATS UNITE! Therefore I am the official spokeskitty for cat colony issues of concern. For those of you who have met me, you know I usually have a voice and an opinion on many things.

Here's my point: my feline friends in the cat colony tend to gain weight very easily and that is simply not acceptable. They lie around all day with limited activity. This is no way to get adopted. Take it from me – you need to stay active to look your best at all times. I am able to stay active at both my home and work places and that is why I always look fabulous. I wear a bow tie or bandana at work and for public appearances because looking my best helps me relate to people in a better way.

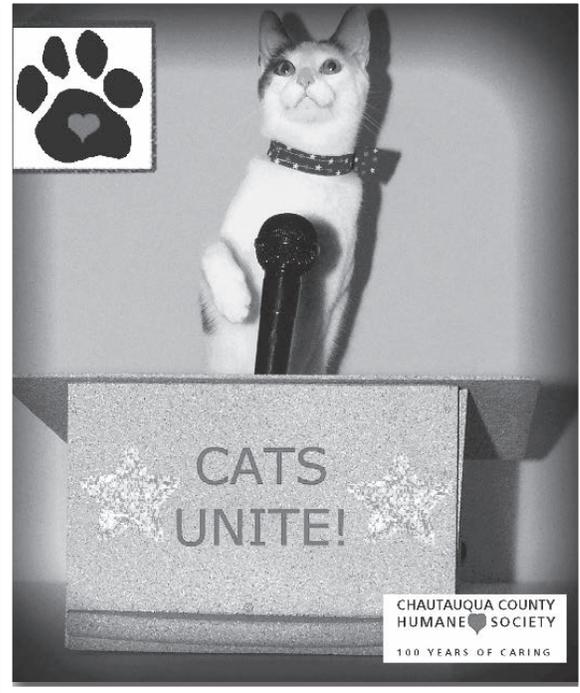
A bunch of cat-loving humans are coming together to form the CCHS Feline Action Committee (FAC) to raise the funds to revamp the cat colony. So far they have raised over \$9,500 of the \$25,000 project goal. The colony cats think this is an awesome start and we are getting very excited about this!

These renovations are important. They will improve the quality of life for my fellow cats in the colony as well as improve hygiene to ultimately enhance my friends' adoptability. Please, consider helping my friends get their second chance and support the Feline Action Committee.

That's my point!

Meowfully submitted,

Piglet



by Roxanne Wendling, CCHS Community Relations Director



VOLUNTEER, PAT FUCHS, GREETING GUESTS AS THEY ARRIVED FOR THE CAMPAIGN KICKOFF EVENT

We have learned from other efforts that people respond readily to pet-related causes and they love to work on creative, fun, pet-themed ideas. How can I help fundraise, you ask? Some event ideas we came up with include: a neighborhood garage sale, a game/card party nite, a plant exchange sale, a bake sale, a workplace luncheon, a progressive dinner party, a block party/BBQ, a pool party or a raffle. These are ideas to get the creative juices flowing, but any fun and pet-themed movement can be tailored to raise funds and bring together people for this great cause. We know that people who are passionate about pets readily offer their help and we truly hope you can help.

For more information call 665-2209 ext 213. *Thank You!*

Chautauqua County
2nd Chances  *Thrift Store*
Humane Society

2nd Annual Christmas in July at 2nd Chances Thrift Store

by Terra Dourlain, Thrift Store Manager

"It was so much fun last year we just have to have a Christmas in July sale again at 2nd Chances Thrift Store," says Terra, Thrift Store Manager. "Not only was it crazy fun but it was one of our highest sales weeks ever!"

This year the sale will begin on Wednesday, July 25 and will go through the weekend. The store will be chock full of Christmas spirit. There will be holiday merchandise featuring decorations, ornaments, dishware, clothing and even Christmas trees at terrific prices. There will be Christmas music and free Christmas cookies for people and animals alike!

In addition to having incredible merchandise at our standard, incredibly low prices, we will have an expert on-site to purchase your unwanted gold and silver jewelry, sterling silver items and coins. Dan Magara,

owner of Blue Fin Pet Shop in Falconer, will join us on Sunday July 29th from 12:00pm – 4:00pm. You can meet in private with Magara and he will weigh your items and offer you cash on the spot. CCHS will receive a 15% donation from Magara on all purchases he makes that day.

And what would Christmas be without Santa Claus? Santa will be appearing at 2nd Chances on Sunday, July 29 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm. For a \$12.00 fee you will get two 4x6 copies of your pet sitting with Santa and you can pick out a frame because you'll be shopping at 2nd Chances.

Best of all, we will have a rack of ugly Christmas sweaters. Oh yeah! You know the ones we are talking about. They won't last long so you better get down to 2nd Chances for Christmas in July!

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

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

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

*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.

*Furniture/large appliance pick up for free.

"Turning our carbon footprint into a green paw print"

