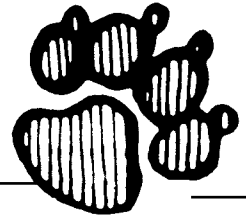


Wee Paws



SPCA NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2009

A Message from Your Executive Director

Recently, the Niagara SPCA and I have received some negative press. In today's business climate, it is sometimes necessary to make changes and, occasionally, these changes have this result. I was put in a position that I had to let one part-time employee go and, shortly thereafter, a second employee tendered her resignation because she had accepted another job. Although these two events occurred at almost the same time, they were not in any way connected. I had applications on file and was able to fill the vacant positions immediately, business as usual...so I thought.

Since this all occurred, the employee I had to let go has been making negative accusations to media and to the public regarding the SPCA, our staff and our operation in general. I am unsure of her motives but it appears as though it has become more of a personal vendetta as opposed to a genuine concern for the animals. Over the past fifty-plus years in our community, I have served on numerous not-for-profit boards and in a number of instances on the personnel committees for those organizations, so I understand that this can happen when people are dissatisfied.

Those of you that know me, know that I never back down from my basic principle that the "proof is in the pudding." In this instance, the proof is the success that the SPCA has enjoyed since 1981, when I took over as Executive Director of the Niagara SPCA. I have met many chal-

lenges in my career here, not the least of which was inheriting an organization that was failing in every sense of the word. The Shelter was located in an old, decrepit building on Military Road, was \$19,000.00 in debt and didn't have enough money to make payroll the first week I took over. Yet, our staff and I managed to finish that year solidly in the black.

Today, we have a budget almost three times as large, are situated on 26 acres of land with a great structure and are debt free. Let me correct myself, we do have a debt. It's a debt of gratitude to you, the generous and faithful supporters of our organization. Together, we have helped numerous animals and members of this community with their animal issues. I know that there are folks who may not always agree with my style of handling some of these issues but, over time, it has proven to be successful.

I want to assure the Niagara County residents that no matter what the controversy, it will not diminish one bit our ability to continue to take care of the job that the Niagara SPCA does and, as always, will strive to accomplish even more in the years ahead. We have some exciting new ideas for the future and will keep you, our public, apprised of these new programs when they are ready to be launched. I sincerely thank you for your loyal support over these many years.

Albert J. Chille

Please Bowl to Fill Our Bowls

Sunday, June 28, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Frontier Lanes in Lewiston.
Twelve dollars gets you 2^{1/2} hours of bowling and covers your shoe rental.
Please come and help feed the animals.



“Journey” to a New Home!!!

On May 2, a call came to the Niagara SPCA’s emergency line reporting an injured pitbull-mix pup had been found that needed immediate medical attention. When our agent arrived on the scene, he noticed that the



animal’s rear leg was heavily bandaged. The dog was immediately transported to the Shelter and was given emergency treatment for a cut that had pierced a main artery. Our thanks to the person who originally bandaged her; that person probably saved her life as she could have died quickly from the loss of blood.

Our Veterinary Technician Kari administered further emergency treatment and the dog was

rushed over to the nearby offices of Dr. William Gerber. The journey was necessary to save this pup’s life. Dr. Gerber had to suture the leg both inside and outside the wound. She was then placed on medication to stave off any possible infection. Recovery came quickly for “Journey” as she was soon nick-named. Everyone who came in contact with Journey fell in love with her sweet disposition and the fact that she never protested or cried throughout any of her treatments.

A week or so ago, Journey had healed sufficiently to be placed up for adoption. Our staff was very selective about who was to adopt her. She had to go to a very good home and fortunately, she did.

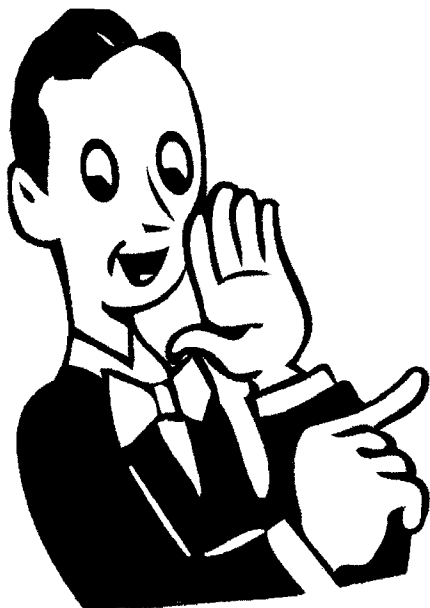


Pictured above is Bailey (as she is now called) with her new “mom,” Airman First Class Caitlin Hall of Grand Island. Caitlin reports that Bailey is very happy and has adjusted very well to her new island home. Thus, another story of a happy journey of one Niagara SPCA’s special pooches to a new loving home.

Please Remember the SPCA in Your Will

When you write or review your will or trust, please consider leaving the Niagara County SPCA a charitable request. You would be helping to provide care for the animals and perhaps produce some tax benefits for you estate. For the exact wording for such a bequest, you may call the SPCA at (716) 731-4368, ext. 301. Your bequest to the Niagara County SPCA will help our dedicated staff provide food and medical care for the thousands of homeless animals that pass through our shelter each year.

Visit Our Website at www.niagaraspca.org



*Psst...Do you know that
there's a new date for the*

Doggie Dollar Walk???

**The NEW DATE is
Saturday, September 26, 2009**

1:00 p.m.

**at the SPCA grounds~
2100 Lockport Road
in the Town of Wheatfield**

All proceeds from the two-mile walk will be used to benefit the thousands of homeless animals that enter our Shelter each and every year. The fee for the walk is \$25.00. The first fifty walkers will receive a tee shirt to walk in and a colorful bandana for their pooch. Walkers are also encouraged to sign-up folks who might want to sponsor their walk and thus donate to our SPCA. A donor sheet is on the reverse side of this page. Additional sheets are available at the SPCA or online at our website, www.niagaraspca.org.

The three top dollar-raisers will receive great prizes donated by local businesses.

**A Chinese auction, a 50-50 Split Club and various dog contests will be a part of a
"FUN DAY AT THE SPCA."**

Watch our website for additional information: www.niagaraspca.org

A Special Way to Remember

Each year, almost 8,000 animals come to the Niagara SPCA for food, shelter and a second chance. Your support makes it possible for us to provide these abandoned and unwanted animals with the care and love they so desperately need. Please consider helping them by making a contribution today.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation in memory of a deceased person or pet, send your gift to the Niagara SPCA, 2100 Lockport Road, Box 200 LPO, Niagara Falls, New York 14304. All gifts are appreciated and will be

acknowledged. With gifts of fifty dollars or more, the name of the person or animal honored will be listed in our next issue of Wee Paws.

Please include a note with your check indicating the name of the deceased, whether the deceased is a person or pet, the family to be notified of your gift, your name, and address. The family will receive a letter of acknowledgement recognizing your gift to the Niagara SPCA. The amount of the gift remains confidential. You, also, will receive a note of thanks for your gift.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF . . .

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BEV FLETCHER

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The Barth Family

HELEN KOHLER

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PET MEMORIALS . . .

Helene Pavlock in Memory of "Lefty"

Lisa Snyder in Memory of "Mittens"

Michelle Terbot in Memory of "Tyson"

Robert & Kathy Trane in Memory of "Rufus", 3/17/91-6/4/04

Deborah Butler in Memory of "Nick"

Sharon Spatar in Memory of "Amy" & "Deacon"

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Altman in Memory of "Othello"

Judith & Melvin Shahin in Memory of "Bear"

Jonathan & Paul Frederickson in Memory of "Gizmo"

Mary Hansen in Memory of "Teddy," "Sambo" & "Guinness"

Roy A. Smith in Memory of "Shottzee"

Robert & Kathy Trane in Memory of "Rufus", 3/17/91-6/4/04"

"JEANS DAY FOR CHARITY" CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!













A special heartfelt "thank you" to the employees of First Niagara Bank (various locations throughout western New York) for their generous donation of \$1266.00 from their recent "Jeans Day for Charity" fundraiser. Their contribution will help us in our mission of providing loving care for all the homeless animals in our shelter.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!!

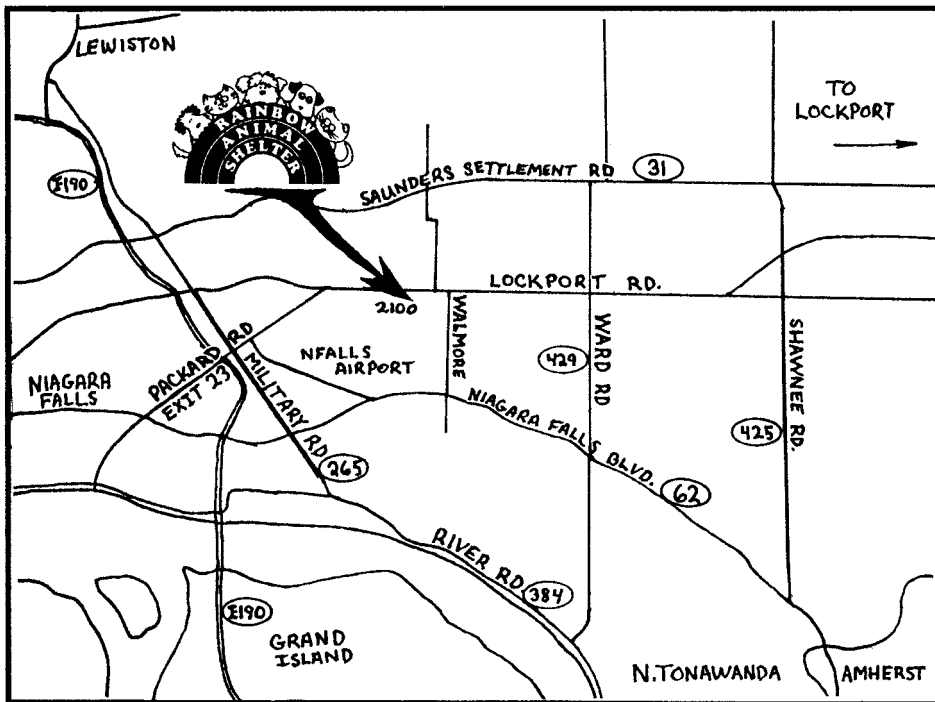
A sincere thank you to the friends and family of Tammy Heim and Kim Campana for donations made in honor of their birthdays. Contributions were given to our SPCA in lieu of birthday gifts. Thank you, Tammy & Kim, for requesting that your gifts be made to the Niagara SPCA to help our homeless animals!!

Services Provided by Your Niagara SPCA

In addition to our concern with the welfare of all animals, the Niagara SPCA performs the following services:

-  Operates an animal shelter at 2100 Lockport Road, in the Town of Wheatfield.
-  Accepts pets from owners who, for various reasons, must relinquish them. These adoptable animals are sheltered and cared for until new homes are found.
-  Every dog or cat adopted from the Niagara SPCA is spayed or neutered prior to adoption.
-  Accepts strays and abandoned animals that are brought to the SPCA and picks up these animals in cities and towns where contracts exist.
-  No Time Limit - A healthy animal with a good temperament (barring extreme overcrowdedness) will be sheltered until a home is found.
-  Cruelty Investigations - has on staff a Humane Officer to investigate and if required, prosecute cases of mistreatment of animals within its jurisdiction.
-  Works in close cooperation with police units and public health authorities.
-  Education - Has on staff an Education Director and facilities to provide educational materials, seminars, and field trips to schools, youth organizations and the general public on the handling and welfare of animals.
-  Has facilities to painlessly and humanely euthanize sick, ill-tempered, over-age and seriously injured animals.
-  Provides custom cremation services and operates the Mary Moore Pet Cemetery, a facility designed to provide a beautiful and peaceful final resting place for our companion animals.
-  Provides newsletters quarterly to keep you updated on the Shelter, as well as important animal issues and helpful hints and upcoming events.
-  Provides a "Lost and Found" card file, for all pets in the area.

Stop by to visit us and the animals!!



One quarter of our budget is derived from service contracts with municipalities in Niagara County. The remainder must be produced from dues, donations and bequests. We depend on you, our friends who are concerned with animal welfare.



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 Visiting hours: Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Adoption hours: Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Visit our website: www.niagaraspc.org

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