



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
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Fall 2010

Executive Director's Message... 45,230!

Dear Friends of Pets;

45,230. That's the number of animals that have passed through the doors of the Chautauqua County Humane Society's Strunk Road Adoption Center since it opened in 1998. While the building was designed to care for a large number of animals, providing care to that many pets has and will continue to significantly impact the level of attention and care necessary to maintain the facility.

As an example of how the cost of maintaining the building can fiscally impact the organization (over the last 12 months), CCHS has replaced the original 200 gallon water heating system with an on demand system at a cost of \$7,300. Additional necessary improvements were made to the sizeable septic system that serves the facility at a cost of \$4,000 and thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we were able to install a commercial grade washer and dryer that can now easily handle the extreme amount of laundry that is generated each and every day at a cost of \$14,500.

Another significant improvement that occurred was the purchase and

installation of a generator that when needed, can produce the power necessary to provide the animal care areas with heat, electricity and keep the well pumping water during an outage of any length. The funds used to purchase the natural gas generator came from a bequest of a supporter who passed away a year earlier. While some may think a generator that costs \$40,000 is a luxury, just imagine how sheltering, feeding, watering and cleaning 200 animals per day would be possible without lights, heat and water. It's not a situation that we would have been ready for if an extended power outage occurs but when it occurs.

I would also like to highlight the efforts of so many volunteers over the years, who have used their talent to beautify the grounds of CCHS, the area surrounding the building looks better than ever. The trees which were planted in 1998 are growing tall and the landscaping also has matured.

Currently the Board of Directors is developing a strategic plan that is prioritizing building maintenance projects now and in the future. The projects that are currently being addressed are as follows:

- **Repair Building Exterior Surface (Drivet)**
- **Parking Lot Paving Repairs and Sealing**
- **Cat Colony Make-Over**
- **Kitchen (animal care prep area) Make-Over**
- **Painting of the Dog Kennels**
- **Replacement of Roof Top Air Handling Units**
- **Crematorium Up-Grade (In response to greater public demand)**
- **Stray Holding Center Usage Study**
- **Bark Park Enrichment Upgrade**
- **Replacing Stones with Cement Pad for Current Outside Dog Runs**

I am sure we will be faced with additional maintenance challenges but it should also be noted that each challenge brings with it an opportunity to make a once abandoned, abused or neglected animal a chance at a better life. Thank you all for giving us the opportunity to be their voice.



The "Walk 4 Paws 2010" is right around the corner and it is time to gather your team of 5 members or more. It's easy to do! Just have each team member fill out a form, making sure to sign the Release of Liability. Sign up your team. Then ask neighbors, friends, family and co-workers to sponsor them for the walk. Collect just \$75 and you start earning prizes!! The more you collect the more prizes you earn. Then by October 30th turn in your sheet(s) and money to your team leader who will register your team at the event.

**Saturday,
October 30**

This year we will be at the **Turner Community Center at the Chautauqua Institution**, right across the street from Andriaccio's. **Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk starts at 10:30 a.m.** We will provide lunch for all walkers. New this year is a "Pet Costume Contest". We will post pictures of all pets that come to the walk in costume and the winner will be chosen by votes of all the walkers. So get started! We will see you at the "Walk 4 Paws 2010". For more information or to sign up your team, contact Sue Bobek at sbobek@spcapets.com or (716) 665-2209.

**See page 5 for
your registration
form!**

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 towards animals through advocacy, collaboration, education and example.



CCHS Helps Rescue Cruelty Case Cats

By Sue Bloom



Pictured are some of the over 400 cats that were part of a cruelty case in St. Mary's. CCHS helped the shelter out by taking twenty of the cats to the Strunk Road adoption facility to find them homes. If you would like to adopt a cat, please call the shelter at 665-2209 or visit the animals at 2285 Strunk Road, Jamestown.

In the height of summer CCHS is full with cats. In May, we had less than a dozen cats in our colony room and had empty cages all over. Just like life itself, none of us know what tomorrow will bring.

One morning we received a call about for help from another shelter. They had just taken in close to 400 cats from a cruelty case. The shelter with the cats could only house sixty cats and were soon going to lose the temporary building for housing for the four hundred cats. I'm not sure what CCHS would do if this had happened to us. I'm sure we would figure it out, yet we would be calling anyone that could help in such a crisis.

We did what every any other shelter would do. We offered to take as many as we could, being at full capacity ourselves. We did some brainstorming as a team and decided to prepare for their arrival. We originally offered to take ten adults and ten kittens. We pulled out folding crates to house the rescued cats. We had no idea what condition they would be in. The lead agencies asked about our adoption criteria and divided the cats among accepting shelters.

On July 2, 2010 the shelter's supervisor and a willing volunteer made the journey

to pick-up the twenty cats at St. Mary's. When arriving at the off-site location the overworked staff greeted us. I have been with the CCHS for almost twenty years and the six year volunteer by my side has seen a lot, but nothing prepared us for the overwhelming sight once we walked into the temporary building. The smell of cats overcame us, not because they were dirty, but just the sheer number of them and to see the row after row of cages each housing one cat per cage and some stacked two to three high we could only imagine what the original place smelled and looked like where all the cats came from.

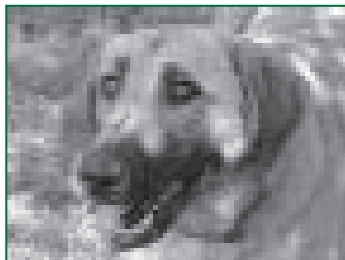
One of the staff, Allison, showed us our group of cats. I could see would have some work to do, yet they fit the adoption criteria. Instead of twenty we ended up with ten adults and only one kitten. In a way I was relieved yet feeling sad for the rest. I asked if they had most of the others placed and I was assured other shelters were still coming, it's so wonderful to have such a response in a crisis situation.

Once back at CCHS our volunteers helped us unload the cats and set them up in their cages. The puppy room, which was converted for temporary housing,

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Dixie Finds a Home Thanks to a Vet!

By Sue Bloom



Chautauqua County Humane Society receives many stray dogs. While all of them are nice dogs every so often we receive a dog that just tugs at your heartstrings, such was the case with Dixie.

She was a shy two-year-old shepherd hound mix. After being

evaluated she was placed up for adoption when soon after a volunteer came to me with concerns that Dixie seemed to be having a difficult time with her back legs. I spent some time with Dixie and when we went for a walk her hind feet at times would cross over and she would stumble and fall.

The shelter has a limited budget for medical expenses, but I had our in-house veterinarian look at Dixie and from the look on his face I could tell that it was not good. Without x-rays it is really difficult to tell exactly what the problem was but it could be anything from hip problems, to birth defects, or even nerve damage. Since Dixie was a stray we didn't have any history on her.

Dixie was such a sweet dog and everyone loved her, staff came up to me and said they would donate to her cause but the outlook was bleak. X-rays alone could be several hundred dollars and then we would still have to see if we could we afford to save Dixie. Because of her unknown medical condition we decided it would be best to remove her from adoption.

I made a call to a local veterinarian to see if he would look at Dixie and see what he recommended. As we arrived at the office, doc was mowing the grass but he came right in to see this special girl. After examining her, he agreed that x-rays were in order. He is aware of the shelter's budget and was will-

ing to give us a break. He too could see she was a sweet dog who was doing everything possible to get his attention, winding herself around his feet.

Dixie went for her x-rays the following day. The results were not too surprising since we had guessed hip problems. After the doc's consultation we decided that, yes, Dixie does have some hip problems but not severe enough to do surgery now, but possibly in the future. As I went to hang up with the doc he said he knows we have a lot of healthy dogs and it would be a difficult adoption to find a person who is willing to take on a special needs dog. The last words I heard was "Don't do anything drastic, call me."

Some time had passed and it seemed that no one coming to the shelter was willing to give Dixie a chance. My assistant and I decided to write a card to the doc from Dixie telling him she was still here and wondered if he had thought about her. A few more days went by and I had to take my cat to the doc. While there I asked if he had received Dixie's card. The vet on duty assured me he did receive it and there was some talk about Dixie.

One day while working at my desk the phone rang and when I answered it the voice said, "Is the puppy still there because I'd like to come down and adopt her." Once the adoption was final we brought Dixie out and the entire staff and volunteers on duty came out to say goodbye to her. The shelter makes an announcement each time an animal gets adopted, but this adoption was extra special. Sometimes things are just meant to be and I believe this was just one of them. After checking back with the veterinarian he had found her a home that was willing to deal with her medical problems in the future. Since then the doc has updated us that she is doing very well, thanks to the kind heart of a veterinarian who cares!

Canines, Cats and Cabernet

On Wednesday, July 14th CCHS held its 2nd annual "Canines, Cats and Cabernet" wine tasting and auction fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of all our donors and the support of all the bidders we were able to raise \$3624.98. We appreciate all the support that the members of our community, both businesses and individuals, give us. Without you, we would not be able to continue our mission to help the unwanted, neglected and homeless pets in our care. THANK YOU!



Honorariums

Barb Waterman's Birthday
 Jeanne Morgenstern
 Kirk Wyse Birthday
 Joan Disbrow
 "Baxter"
 Thomas Giambra & Family
 Brent Sheldon's Birthday
 Gene & Loretta Smith
 Lenel Van Den Berg, Hennie & Hamie
 Kirk Wyse
 Dennis Button
 Dorene Camarta, Ron Camarata and
 Samonia Martin
 Randy Martin & Dennis Button
 Tracy Lang
 Tanya & Mickenzie Wiles
 Mr. Jack Samuelson for Father's Day
 Diane and Lawrence Very
 John LaBardo for his 60th Birthday
 David and Susan Hedberg
 Mary Blake
 David, Sharoy & Carolyn Ruby
 Helen Bolton
 Cynthia Hall

Memorials

John R. Moore Jr.
 Hugh and Gladys Wood
 Sally Hutchison
 Richard & Michele Sundeen
 David & Nancy Anderson
 Patricia Yost
 John Sundeen
 Samantha Moore
 Thelma Pike
 Ellis & Sally Frantz & Family
 James & Cherin Mehs
 Jamestown Container Companies
 Chautauqua Aux. #2145 Fraternal
 Order of Eagles
 Virginia Park
 James S. Pollaro
 Stella Restivo
 Frank Dominico
 Jamestown Support Staff Association
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Johnson
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lamp
 Skip and Valerie Furlow & Family
 Clayton Thomas
 David & Marlene Wilkinson
 Marsha Scott
 Thom & Ann Griehm
 Virginia Boyce
 Barbara & Richard Anderson
 Mary Coenen

"Duncan"
 The Seasons' Greeters
 Lyn Harris
 Jim & Marcia Bliss
 Alice Yahn
 Lyn Harris
 Walter & Hope Cline
 "Jetta"
 Jim & Paula Frank
 Rosa "Vi" Messina
 Joette Giambra
 Carmella Seth
 Gerry Ruby
 Carmella's Stepdaughters
 David, Sharoy & Carolyn Ruby
 Gladys & Thomas Naughton
 Margery Nordstrand
 David C. Anderson
 Margery Nordstrand
 Grace Acquisto
 Jamestown Dept. of Motor Vehicle
 Jean Jacobson
 Bruce & Joan Fagerstrom
 Tom & Sue Benson
 Leonard Wallgren
 Ruth Wilcox
 Mrs. Dorothy Stringer
 Lincoln Elementary School Staff
 Chautauqua Co. Highway Employee Assn
 Astrid Nelson
 Cheryl Davis
 Brian Nelson & Carol Bryant
 Robert Oddy & Marilyn Zagora
 Donna Fitzgerald and Family
 Wanda Wilcox
 John Sandford
 Kia of Jamestown & Auto Credit
 Tom Bartolo
 Diane Prusik
 William Miller
 Mr. Allan Slovenkay & Dr. Stan Bogusz
 Stella Restivo
 Salamance Area Beverage Co
 Dad's Pet Foods
 Melody Carnes
 Horst Ruhl
 Tom & Donna Whittaker
 Andy & Murray McComas
 Barclay & Diane Wellman
 Jack & Rosemary Angove
 Dave, Nancy, Jamie and Jesse Ernwein
 Edmond & Susan Shults and The Park
 Family
 John and Lori Annj Dobmeier
 "Scarlett"
 Alice Bartlomiejczak
 Patricia Meekins
 Homer Meekins
 Casey Moore
 Carol & Frank Engblom
 John Enright "Master Gardener"
 Karen Thayer
 Donna Swearingen
 Ladies Wed. Golf Assoc
 Suzan McDowell
 Pamela Souza
 Joyce Kidd-Johnson
 Tom and Candy Pike

Suzan McDowell (continued)
 Anthony Floccare
 Rodney and Jean Lindquist
 Judy Hartley
 Donna Pihl
 Sylvia Erwin & Family
 Lillian Johnson
 Marie Boyhan-Pedro & Nicholas Pedro
 Dave & Pat Howard
 Vivian Schauers
 William Webb
 Maureen Russell
 Allison Rohon
 Kathleen McMaster
 Ronald and Joan Trafford
 Jodie Shaw
 William & Marjorie Covell
 Rev. David C. & Audrey R. Stanley
 Theodore Stanley
 Dave Maisto
 Frank & Elizabeth Traniello
 "Cloe" Beloved Pet of Holly Schuyler
 Bonnie Clark
 Kyle
 Dory Jamieson
 Aunt Cecelia Welch
 Gary and Pat Leonard
 Laverne C. "Mert" Johnson
 Vivian Fargo
 Virginia Barnes
 Madge Johnson Farkas
 Rosemary Sievert
 Carol Sprague & Marcia Carr
 William F. Duncanson
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 Barbara Johnson
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 Michael Ryan
 Marsha Scott
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 Suzanne Rhebergen
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 Lawrence Sorensen
 Donald Johnson
 Ron and Sue Blanchard
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 Norman Bastedo
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 Terry Sholin
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 Beverly Sholin
 Patricia Hildom
 Richard and Diane Pollaro
 Violet J. Ball
 David and Marlene Wilkinson
 Paul W. Heyl
 Donald and Karen Bifaro
 Lena Bifaro
 Donald and Karen Bifaro
 Lisa Chesnutt

Thank You!

Chautauqua County Humane Society Legacy Society

The Chautauqua County Humane Society's success depends on the kindness of people who care about animal welfare in their community. You can make a significant difference now and into the future when you leave a Legacy Gift to help the animals in your community. Your legacy gift, whether it be in dollars, personal property, stocks and bonds, insurance or other gifts can dramatically improve the lives of animals and enhance the quality of life of the people who adopt them.

Legacy Society Membership

Below is a listing of those who have informed the Chautauqua County Humane Society of their intention to leave a legacy gift to care for the animals.

Thomas & Sally Greer
Robert A. Hagstrom
Lyn Harris
Laurie Livingston
Cynthia G. Rich
Jim Richardson
Mary B. Schiller, Esq.

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was a great idea until we can get them evaluated and place them up for adoption. After lunch Pat and I started to evaluate the condition of the arriving cats. The front desk staff entered the cats into the system so we could get them identified and gave the cats names. We vaccinated those that needed it, medicated any for minor problems; given their circumstances they looked pretty good. Most of them were just recently spayed or neutered by the mobile vet clinic on site just a few days before pick-up. A couple of them ended up going to the vets just to make sure we were treating with the

right medications. Jim, the volunteer cat bather, came in the following day to bath anyone needing a bath. All in all while these cats may have had some minor problems they were all just beautiful loving cats. As of Saturday July 11, 2010 all but two will be available for adoption. The others are still on a medical hold.

Our shelter may have been full at the time this urgent call came in, yet we are glad as a shelter that we were able to help. We know that in the future CCHS has made some alliances and one hand helps out another.



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Make plans to attend, Saturday, October 30!

RELEASE and INDEMNIFICATION

The Chautauqua County Humane Society Walk 4 Paws event involves walking—an activity which may include risks such as, but not limited to falls, interaction with other participants, animals, effects of weather, traffic and conditions of the road. In consideration of being allowed to participate in this event, I hereby expressly assume all risks, including personal injury and death, arising in anyway out of my participation in the CCHS "Walk 4 Paws" and related activities.

It is my responsibility to dress appropriately. Although route maps and rest stops, refreshments, and other assistance may be made available during this event, I am solely responsible for my own health and safety. I represent and warrant that I am physically fit and able to participate in this event and I agree to stop and request assistance if I experience any symptoms such as, but not limited to, dizziness, excessive fatigue, shortness of breath, pain or any other condition which would make it difficult or unsafe to continue.

I agree, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to not sue and to release, indemnify and hold harmless, the Chautauqua County Humane Society, its affiliates, officers, directors, volunteers and employees, and all sponsoring businesses and organizations and their agents and employees, from any and all liability, claims, demands and causes of action whatsoever, arising out of my participation in this event and related activities—whether it results from the negligence of any of the above or from any other cause.

This release and indemnification agreement shall be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the State or Province in which the event is conducted. If any portion of it is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full force and effect.

I have read, understand and agree to the terms of the Agreement.

Participant's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

If Participant is a minor, parent or guardian must sign below:

I am the legal guardian of Participant, and I hereby consent to her/his participation. I have read the foregoing release and indemnification agreement, and I hereby agree on behalf of myself and Participant to its terms.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Date _____

| WALK YOUR WAY TO GREAT PRIZES | | |
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| Raise | Receive | |
| \$ 75 - \$ 99.99 | "Walk 4 Paws" T-shirt | |
| \$ 100 - \$ 149.99 | \$ 15 Gift Cert. & T-Shirt | |
| \$ 150 - \$ 249.99 | \$ 25 Gift Cert. & T-Shirt | |
| \$ 250 - \$ 499.99 | \$ 40 Gift Cert. & T-Shirt | |
| \$ 500 - \$ 749.99 | \$ 80 Gift Cert. & T-Shirt | |
| \$ 750 - \$ 999.99 | \$120 Gift Cert. & T-Shirt | |
| \$1,000 - \$1,499.99 | \$160 Gift Cert. & T-Shirt | |
| \$1,500 & Higher | \$240 Gift Cert. & T-Shirt | |

Gift certificates will be issued from the CCHS Kitty Pups Pet Boutique

We ask all participants turn in a minimum of \$25 to further the advancement of our mission

PRIZES AWARDS & GETTING SPONSORS

Fundraising Awards

- The 3 individuals who turn in the most money will be recognized at the event.
- The 3 teams who turn in the most money collectively will be recognized at the event.



"Walk 4 Paws" Participant Registration Form

- Non-team participants are asked to please register no later than October 22nd.
- To register, complete the information below and sign the Release and Indemnification form and mail to CCHS, 2825 Strunk Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701
- Or fax to Sue Bobek at 665-2615

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE-ZIP: _____

PHONE: Work: _____

Home: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

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For More Information
Call Sue Bobek at 665-2209 x 212

CCHS WISH LIST

The following is a list of items and supplies that CCHS needs to help make the animals lives more comfortable and assist the staff in performing everyday functions. Please contact the shelter at 716-665-2209 ext. 0 if you can provide any of these items, or just drop off at the shelter.

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Window cleaner
- Hand sanitizer
- Latex gloves
- Corn brooms
- Med. Garbage bags
- Washable mop heads
- CLR cleaner
- Dishwasher detergent
- Scrub sponges
- Laundry soap (liquid)
- Dawn dish soap
- Paper shreds (single, no staples no carbon, no confetti)
- Window squeegees
- Floor squeegees
- Dustpans
- Vacuum cleaners

ANIMAL NEEDS

- Hill's Science Diet Food (dry & canned)
- Hill's Science Diet Dog Biscuits
- Towels
- Cat litter (clay, non-clumping)
- Dog & cat shampoo
- Coup cups w/ rings
- Chews (rawhides no color)
- Dog toys
- Dog collars (choker and martingale)
- Large wire collapsible cages
- Plastic bottle caps
- Kongs
- Cat toys (without catnip)
- Cloth leashes (6' x 3/4")
- Cat slicker brushes
- Cat toys
- Gift cards from local area gas stations (for gasoline to transport animals)
- Vehicle maintenance gift cards
- Cat tree for colony rooms

MISCELLANEOUS

- Hospital gowns
- Scissors
- Pens
- Colored copier paper
- HP LaserJet Ink cartridges (1300n, 1100 & 1200)
- Mailing labels (1x 2 5/8")
- Copier paper
- Photo paper
- Staplers & staples
- Tape dispensers & tape
- Color laser printer
- Thank you cards
- Clothes pins
- Birthday cards
- Index cards
- White cardstock paper
- Shower curtain rings
- Lint rollers
- Highlighters
- Sharpie markers (med.)
- Heat seal laminate
- HP 56 & 57 inkjet cartridges

In an effort to provide the best care for our animals, the shelter has a contract with Hill's Science Diet to provide all of the food for our animals, free of charge. However, we are required to pay 25 cents per pound for shipping. Individuals can make a donation of either Hill's Science Diet food or a monetary donation to help cover the cost of shipping.

EXPERIENCE AND COMPASSION
ALWAYS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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Walk 4 Paws 2010

The Manning & Napier Foundation is proud to support the Chautauqua Humane Society for their continued dedication, loyalty, and contributions to the animals in our community.

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Chautauqua County

2nd Chances  **Thrift Store**
Humane Society

707 Fairmount Avenue
Jamestown, N.Y.
(716)-664-4504

2nd Chances Thrift Store is in operation to raise funds for the Chautauqua County Humane Society. Gently used clothes, household goods, and other miscellaneous items are sold to benefit the pets. 2nd Chances has recently moved to a larger facility on Fairmount Avenue. Come visit the store for good deals that benefits the animals in need!

Monthly Specials

50% off any item dated later than ten days prior...
Wednesdays and Sundays: \$ 3.00 bag sale on regularly marked clothes and shoes



Pick Ups: 2nd Chances is able to pick up furniture and appliance donations, please call us to schedule – 664-4504.

DONATIONS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Mattresses and box springs
- Children's clothes, toys, car seats and cribs
- Exercise equipment
- TVs and computer monitors over 10yrs old

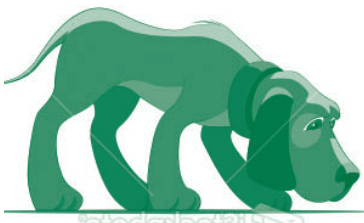
CLIP AND SAVE

\$2 off any \$10 purchase

Buy one book get one FREE

\$1 off linens

Buy one bag of clothes get one FREE



Oh Where, Oh Where Did My Dog Go?

By Sue Bloom

The Chautauqua County Humane Society receives many stray animals and many of them are not claimed. The staff and volunteers just don't understand why someone is not looking for their dog or cat. We wonder if people just don't know how to go about looking for their animal or if they even think to call their local animal control or shelter. It really is a simple process if one keeps a few things in mind.

The key to getting your pet back home is identification. Numerous incoming calls are fielded by CCHS staff from owners that don't know the breed of their animals. They are not knowledgeable about the color pattern of their animal - what seems to be a multi-color cat to an owner is actually a calico or could be a tabby cat. While working with the public through the spay clinic, we work on identifying the correct color of their cats in case the owner ever loses them.

Other ways owners can identify their pets is with a collar and tag such as rabies, license, and personal tags with the owner's name and phone number. Sometimes a pet may slip or break a collar so a microchip could be very handy especially in the case of cats. Did you know less than 1% of the cats entering CCHS are ever redeemed? It's pretty sad. Whether you travel or not, as long as the owner's information is current with the microchip company your pet has a way to find you. Many owners forget to change this information when they move or find a new home for their pet. Owners should have a current picture of their pet just for

this very reason to help them identify it and to also prove it's their pet - after all a picture says a thousand words. Have a folder with all your pet's vaccination information and pertinent certificates such as license and rabies - not tags. These are papers you will need to redeem your pet from a shelter or animal control facility if found. It also speeds up the process if everything is current.

If your pet becomes lost call several key places, one should be your animal control officer, so he could be on the look out for your pet or may have already received a call about a found pet. Also, animal control can let you know which shelter they contract with or if they hold the pets themselves. Not all towns contract with the CCHS. Some townships contract with veterinarian or other boarding facilities. Check for yourself at these places to make sure your pet is not there and check back daily after leaving a description. Follow up with a phone call or go down to each facility so you know they received all the important information.

Owners don't realize that out of their environment animals sometimes don't respond to their names due to being frightened or surrounded by strangers. A real friendly pet at home can act aggressive or depressed when stressed. Check with other animal control officers from surrounding towns in case the pets crossed over town lines or county lines. If you don't know who your animal control is call your local shelter that has a listing of officers or your town clerk who appoints them. Place an ad in local newspapers and on local radio stations. Not everyone reads the paper. Call all the

veterinarian offices and leave a description in case someone brings in an injured stray and don't just check with yours. Place flyers out in the community and have neighborhood kids help distribute them through your neighborhood.

Once an animal has been impounded, any facility has to complete paperwork before releasing a pet or they could be fined by the Agriculture Markets that govern them. The animal control will have filled out papers once they bring them to the contracting facility. The owner must show proof of license and a rabies certificate in the case of a dog and a rabies certificate with a cat. The owner will need to identify their pet and pick up any impoundment papers with the dog's redemption. The impoundment papers will then need to be signed by the town clerk of the impounding town ship. This may not always be the township you live in. If your pet's license is not current you will need to get a current license from your town clerk. There may be some fees involved and these very upon the town ship. Once the paperwork has been signed, the owner will need to return to the facility where the pet is and show them the papers. Make sure before you leave the clerks office that they did sign the paperwork or you will need to go back. If the town clerk has any questions have them call the facility where your pet is to clarify what they will need to release your pet.

If your pet's rabies vaccine is expired you will need to contact a veterinarian to go to the facility to vaccinate your pet. Make sure the vet will know which facility the pet is at. CCHS has an adoption center and a stray animal holding

facility where the pet can be. While the shelter has animal caregivers who provide care for your pet at the stray center, we do not have staff there to handle redemptions. Owners should call the adoption center at 716- 665-2209 ext 201 for any calls pertaining to lost pets. Most facilities like CCHS are only holding facilities and do not pick up the animals yet they still provide food, water, and shelter to your animal. CCHS does charge a board fee per day for the care of your animal, which are ten dollars, the first day and fifteen dollars for every day after. The towns only pay for the animals not claimed. Unfortunately, if your pet is impounded over the weekend or a holiday most government offices such as your town clerk may be closed. Again keep in mind, CCHS is only a holding facility for townships that contract with us and has no control over what towns choose to charge in this situation. Also, if your pet is an escape artist and gets picked up several times your town could charge you more the next time you spring your pooch from a shelter.

Most owners are pretty angry when their pet becomes impounded. CCHS only holds for the towns it contracts with, we are not responsible for bringing your pets in. We only provide them a safe place to be when you think about the alternative. Yes, the owner may have some extra expenses but isn't your pet life worth it?



Internship Program a Plus for Our Shelter

The Chautauqua County Humane Society prides ourselves in what we do and we are always willing to share our knowledge with others who are interested in our field.

Two years ago I received a call from the high school about a young lady wanting to do an internship here at the shelter. While we had not participated in such a program we were willing to give it try. Leslie Ann Vazquez came to CCHS through YAP (Youth Apprenticeship Program). Through the program Leslie would be at the shelter on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for a few hours. On Tuesday she would assist the animal caregivers with the daily cleaning. This could be anything from cleaning a cage to feeding the animals, bathing an animal, walking some pets, and anything pertaining to the care of the animal. At first she was quiet and shy but once she got to know everyone she started to become more comfortable with the staff.

On Thursdays Leslie had the opportunity to work in surgery along side our veterinarians and technicians. At first she would observe what was going on during the surgery process and by the end of her two-year program she was assisting with vaccinations, microchips and the restraining processes.

It was really nice to have the extra hands in both areas for the last two years. We could really see the difference in her

confidence and her maturity towards the end of the program. She really seemed to enjoy her internship with CCHS and we could tell that she really wanted to be here. Leslie plans on attending JCC for the next two years and then transferring to finish a degree in veterinarian medicine. Everyone at CCHS is very happy we could help her in deciding her carrier choice and wish her much success in her future.

Another intern, Krista Thorsell, spent three hundred hours during a ten-week semester for college credit at CCHS. Through this program she had an opportunity to experience every part of the shelter from the cleaning aspect to the fundraising. Each week she was able to work with a different department to get a better understanding about the shelter and how it operates. Sometimes interns not only learn through this process but the shelter stands to gain a lot too. During her internship, Krista developed an enrichment program for the dogs. She researched and designed a multi-tactile "Bark Park" that will be a more interactive environment for the dogs that come to the shelter.

Since graduating from the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine she has come back to the area to see her plans for the Bark Park through. During her internship it was great to have Krista around and she would help out where ever she was needed and even filled in when we were



Sue Bloom with intern Leslie Ann Vazquez

short handed. The knowledge and ideas she brought with her about animal behavior was a plus. Some of the dogs at the shelter at the time of her internship definitely benefited from her training. Also, another dog was able to be rescued due to her efforts. She learned a great deal about animal cruelty investigation during forty hours of ride along experience with investigator Ted Blanchard.

In addition to these programs, CCHS also participates in internships through BOCES, Southwestern High School, DSS program, job shadow programs, and even some court related community service. CCHS looks forward to participating in these types of programs in the future.

Bark N Brew Raises \$3,622



and the covered patio is great. The weather was terrific so people could be inside or out and mingle. Sarah and Phin DeMink are wonderful hosts and were on hand to make sure all had an enjoyable time".

The Chautauqua County Humane Society's Bark N' Brew fundraiser raised \$3,622 to help care for the pets in the care of the humane society waiting for their second chance for a loving home. The event was hosted by Southern Tier Brewing Company and sponsors were Farm Fresh Foods, Truck-Lite and Rehabilitation Specialists and Children's Educational Services.

Attendees of the event were treated to 5 different Southern Tier brews, a cookout of food from Farm Fresh, a free t-shirt and the good company of many animal lovers. "Everyone seemed to be having a good time, laughing and talking with old friends and making new ones" said Sue Bobek, Community Relations Coordinator of the Humane Society. "The Empty Pint Pub is a beautiful room with a warm atmosphere

To view pictures of the event, visit the Chautauqua County Humane Society's Official facebook page.