

SPRING ADOPTION EFFORT

Spring! Finally, after another one of our long Western NY winters, spring is here. The increases activity and songs of birds heralded spring's arrival long before we actually felt the sun's warm rays.

This spring at the Wyoming County SPCA no-kill shelter we find ourselves with a surplus of beautiful cats, about 280 altogether and the spring kitten season upon us. I'm writing this message to our many members this spring to consider adopting just one cat from our shelter. We have many members, all animal lovers, who might consider this. This, of course, is a different approach to our frequent appeals for help, but it is one which would help the shelter tremendously by expediting placement of our cats into loving homes where they are valued and appreciated.

I realize, of course, that adopting an animal isn't something that all of our members can do. In many homes this just wouldn't be practical and is certainly a long term commitment, but for those who can and would like to please consider this option. It's easy for me to harp on this subject as I have many cats, most from the shelter, but I know this isn't something everyone can do.

Most of our adoptable cats who live at the shelter (some are boarded out) live in the "big room," The "big room" is a huge bright room, painted white and has large windows on three sides. There are some large cages in this room for the more timid cats who want a sheltered area, but for the most part everyone is free to roam around, eat, rest and socialize. Many of our cats sit on the shelves in front

of the windows and gaze out into the sunlight at the lawns around the shelter. There are always squirrels and birds to watch. Our cats in the big room are all clean, well fed and for the most part quite friendly and love visits from people. A few remain a bit skittish, but often will come forward to investigate an outstretched hand accompanied by kind words. The cats come from a variety of backgrounds, but all are waiting for loving homes.

One of our biggest ongoing problems at the shelter is that for every two or three cats adopted, four or five more are brought in. We quickly make room for the newcomers and take each one in so they'll be warm, fed and sheltered. The problem comes when we finally reach a point when there isn't a vacant cage anywhere. New cats admitted nearly always have to go into a cage at first because they are frightened and need a quiet place to settle down and assess their new surroundings. With the spring kitten season upon us we will be inundated with these tiny, helpless creatures some with moms, some alone. It is very sad indeed. Also, we still have a small population of adult cats in foster homes waiting for adoption.

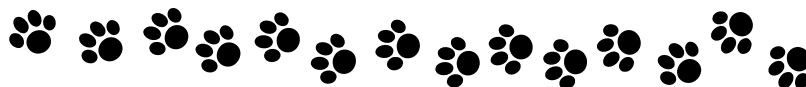
A few of our cats have special needs. A couple are blind, but still able to get around carefully. Several of our cats have just one eye, but are able to function almost normally. Several cats are elderly and therefore their chances of adoption are diminished. Many people just don't want an older cat, but there are some folks who are willing to give it a try. I tried to alleviate the "geriatric cat" problem a bit when I adopted Tigger,

a crusty old tom who is easily ten years old. Tigger was found caught in a trap last year and was brought to the shelter in bad shape with injuries and severe dehydration. Once his health returned Tigger was ready for adoption, but there were no takers. His old face is battle scarred from many fights back in his days of trying to prove a point with other toms who disagreed with him. His ears small and damaged by frostbite and trauma, he looked quite a sight. I brought him home around Christmas time last year and he has been a delight ever since. He enjoys people and the other cats. Tigger finally made peace with my two dogs, Feathers and Cocoa, who cautiously attempted to befriend him. The day that I brought Tigger home was a happy day !!

Selective euthanasia isn't an option in dealing with our overpopulation as we are a "no-kill" shelter. Euthanasia is only performed by a veterinarian when medically necessary as in cases severe, life threatening injuries which can't be treated, critical acute illness which won't respond to medical treatment or severe, chronic illness which compromises the animal's quality of life. We do not euthanize just because an animal isn't adopted.

We at the shelter are hoping that with a massive spring adoption effort many of our adoptable cats will go to loving forever homes. Our population will decrease to a more manageable size requiring less funds to sustain. I wish that all of our members could enjoy the same rewarding feeling of adopting a needy cat as I felt when I brought Tigger home.

Ellie Watkins



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Board Meetings are held the third Saturday of the month, 9 am. October thru April. May thru September they are held the third Tuesday of the month. Members may attend meetings by calling the president and being put on the agenda. Dates are sometimes subject to change.



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Shelter to handle
 Emergency calls every day
 11 am to 3 pm

ADOPTION FEES:

Cat: \$60 Dog: \$75.00
 Adoptions:

Monday & Tuesday Closed
 Wed., Fri., Sat. 11 - 3 pm
 Thurs 11 - 4:30 pm
 Sunday 9 - Noon
 And/or by appointment

If you call the shelter and the answering machine picks up, leave a message . Please be patient as we are very busy but we will return your call

If there is an emergency, contact the local police, Sheriff's Department or State Police.



Upcoming Events

May 10th - Quality Market, Prospect & Rt 98, Attica
 10 am - 3 pm. Hot dogs, soda, T-Shirts, Pet Locator window decals, candy bars and TV raffle tickets.

June 7th - Celebration of Founders Day - TV raffle tickets, T-Shirts, Pet Locator window decals.
Duck Pond games for Children

June 28th - Valu Home Center, Rt 20, Alden. T-Shirts, Pet Locator window decals, candy bars, TV raffle tickets.

July 4th - Picnic in the Park (Centennial Park - Batavia)
 Noon - 5. Lots of Fun...Visit our booth!!

July 19th - Hotdog Sale - Elegant Gift Shop, 9840 Main St., Clarence 11 am -3 pm.



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GARAGE SALE

GARAGE SALE - HUGE, MASSIVE!!!

If you're Spring Cleaning, don't forget to donate your items to help the animals at the SPCA. The sale will be Saturday, June 21st & Sunday, June 22nd, from 8 am till 1 pm. Bag Sale Sunday. Everything you can get in one of our bags for \$3. Last year we made over \$3,000. Lets really break that record!! We will begin accepting donations June 1st. Please be mindful of how you leave the items. Please don't just throw them in the tent. Our volunteers work very hard setting this up. Help them by stacking as much as possible. Leave some room to move around. Last year we had a pair of saw horses stolen after the garage sale. They didn't belong to the SPCA. We borrowed them to use under a door to make a table. Remember, this is all to help the animals. We also need volunteers to help set this up. Call Joni 585-343-5342 regarding fund raising events only.

ANGEL, our darling little miniature pincher, who came to us February 25th, passed away March 28th. Angel's knees were backwards and as a result, couldn't walk on her front feet. She had to hop on her back legs or push herself around on her knees, which was painful and uncomfortable. She was surrendered to us because of this. After consulting with Dr. Bannister of Bennington Vet Clinic and Dr. VanNee of Sheridan Dr. Vet Clinic, Dr. VanNee did surgery on one leg to try to reverse her knee. He prescribed antibiotics and pain medication. Angel couldn't handle the combination of drugs and died in her sleep. This isn't something anyone would have known, it isn't anyone's fault, even though we have all blamed ourselves and are heartbroken. Many, many generous people donated for Angel's surgery and care. Many wanted to adopt her. We want to Thank everyone for caring, so much, about this lovable, happy little girl. Angel is buried at Pine Rest Cemetery in Cheetowaga, with our 2 setters, Missy & Chester. She's in area HD, lot 13, row 13. Her headstone reads, "Our Little Girl, Loved By Many" 2007-2008. In honor of Angel and because we believe everything happens for a reason, we will continue "Angel's Fund". We will use the money for something special for dogs or if there is a dog who needs help, like Angel did. If you want to contribute to "Angel's Fund", please be sure to make a note on your donation. There will be a plaque at the shelter commemorating Angel's life and all the other's we have loved. We will never forget Angel. She brought much joy, for the short time she was with us.

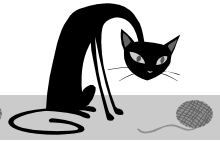


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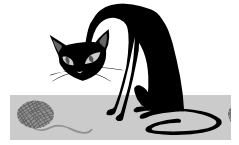
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The Totem Pole Gas & Smoke Shop, Winnie, Ronnie and the staff. They have raffled a scooter, eagle, life-size baby elephant, and now a stunning, almost life-size Tiger, all for the Animals. They are located at 1025 Ledge Rd., Seneca Nation. Tickets are \$1 each.

The Warsaw Pennysaver & Perry Shopper, Karen, Colleen & Chris Kennedy. In their December issues they print Memorial Christmas Ornaments with the names of loved who have passed away. 100% of the profits from the sale of these memorials were donated to the Animals of the SPCA. They raised \$1,918. Thank you & God Bless you, Everyone!

Center Street St. Smoke House, Craig & Scot Paul, Darlene Callan & Sue DiMartino For 10 Sundays, the Paul Brothers, are hosting guest bartenders who raise money the charity of their choice. Darlene and Sue chose the Animals. They raised \$541. They are located at 20 Center St., Batavia.

Kara Bystrzak raffled a Boom Box-ipod docking station and donated the proceeds of \$300 to the ANIMALS!!

PET MART in Cheektowaga for helping us adopt our animals and Santa arrived last December to help raise money for the ANIMALS by taking pictures with Pets. Pet Mart is always there for the Animals!!

PURINA PET FOOD We appreciate all you do for homeless PETS & SHELTERS!! Please buy Purina products. They donate dry and canned food to our shelter.

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE FRIENDS OF THE SPCA

All of us, at the Wyoming Co. SPCA, four-legged & two-legged, appreciate all the effort, & generosity of everyone who care about the ANIMALS!!!

If anyone would like to hold a fundraiser for the ANIMALS, please contact Joni 343-5342. We would appreciate a month's notice so we can advertise and if possible put it in the newsletter.

ANIMAL EYE CARE & DR. KIMBERLY STANZ, DVM. *A very special THANK YOU, from all the Cats & Dogs at the SPCA!!! & the ones you've found homes for!!!*

BARB MATTERN for her donation of the stunningly beautiful handmade Quilt. This colorful quilt is certainly a treasure and was won by Polly Sack of Bloomfield. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets.

ATTICA HOTEL Management & staff for the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the ANIMALS. The food was delicious and everyone really enjoyed a terrific evening.

REV. BILL HOCKEY for his enjoyable music at the Attica Coffee Shop. All donations were for the ANIMALS.

PIONEER CREDIT of Arcade & Perry for their *surprise* donation of over \$3,000 for the ANIMALS. How very generous! It will help many of our ANIMALS.

PLEASE REMEMBER—The **Donate a Dollar Campaign**—\$1 per year from 30,000 people will keep the shelter operating for our animals. **igive.com, goodsearch.com** & we recycle laser and ink jet cartridges to buy a computer, we are always in need of cash donations, food, litter, supplies, blankets, towels, etc. Please remember the ANIMALS!!! These are all continuing and ongoing programs.

RECYCLE your **PAPERS**, books, mail, dry pet food bags, anything paper can be deposited in any of our bright green and yellow bins located at Genesee Feeds, West Main Rd. and Pet Mart, 610 East Main, in Batavia, SPCA Shelter in Attica or Crestview Terrace, 32 Salina St. Warsaw. All of these things bring money for our ANIMALS!!!

FERN

Fern, A small, black, feral cat was brought to the Wyoming County SPCA NO KILL Shelter by a kind individual who picked her up from the road where she had been struck by a car near Bliss, NY last spring. Fern was wild, but was barely able to walk and therefore was captured and brought to the shelter. Once admitted to the shelter, Fern was taken to the vet where it was noted that she had multiple minor injuries. X-rays showed no fractures, lucky for Fern. It was noted at that time that Fern was a nursing mother and probably had kittens somewhere near where she was found. It was rumored that Fern lived in an abandoned house near where she was struck by the car. It was imperative to find the kittens as they would soon die without their mother.

Fern was placed in a carrier and taken back to the area of the abandoned house by Margaret Madison, assistant shelter manager and her husband Matt. Fern was released from the carrier to see where she would lead them. Fern limped along towards the house meowing as she went. Convinced that the kittens must be somewhere inside, Margaret and Matt put Fern back into the carrier and proceeded on into the house. The stairs inside were rickety and Matt's foot went crashing through causing him to fall. Finally, the sounds of the kittens meowing could be heard and Margaret and Matt followed the sound accompanied by Fern meowing loudly to her babies. The kittens were found and joyfully reunited with their mom, Fern. They appeared to be about four weeks old and in good shape.

Fern and her kittens were taken back to the shelter where the kittens grew and did well. All of the kittens were adopted. Sadly, Fern was not. This however, is the usual case scenario. Beautiful, cute kittens go right away to happy homes, while the thin, shy little mom stays behind at the shelter...forever. So Fern stayed at the shelter, a thin, nondescript little black cat, blending into a sea of black cats, her only distinguishing feature is her magnificent green eyes, hence, the name Fern. She was found in the springtime a year ago. This is her anniversary and she is warm, safe and well fed with a lot of feline companions. However, Fern needs a forever home with kind folks who will love her and can appreciate her sad story. She has been spayed and is up to date with her immunization. She has come a long way from her feral beginnings and is now doing well with people.

Ellie Watkins



OUR FORGOTTEN GROUP



There is one group of cats at the Wyoming County SPCA No Kill shelter who we've noticed has a lower adoption rate, that being our domestic short haired black cats. For some reason this group moves in one direction: into the shelter, but not out of the shelter. Sadly, their numbers continue to increase with little prospect of finding permanent homes.

Our black tom cats seem to fare the worst. Raven, who I adopted last fall, is a classic example. Raven came to my house when I took on the assignment of fostering him and his littermates who were brought to the shelter from a farm in the Perry, NY area early last September. They were a group of six lively, healthy and

beautiful kittens, all doing well at eight weeks of age without mom. Raven was the only solid black kitten.

Most kittens at the shelter go to Petsmart for a few hours on Friday afternoons to give them more exposure to people who may adopt them. Many are adopted right away, but not so with Raven who returned to my house after several visits to Petsmart. As each Friday approached I would think, "Well, maybe this will be the day that he will find a home." Each Friday night, Raven would be brought back to the house and I'd always feel glad to see him. Raven's story is all too familiar and I could see that he may end up spending

the rest of his life at the shelter. I decided to adopt Raven and have never regretted it. He is nine months old now and turned out to be such good company. He is a delightful little fellow, getting larger by the day. He soon outgrew his round, fluffy kitten appearance and is now sleek and muscular. He is mischievous, but also intelligent, gentle, curious and affectionate. Having a forever home has brought out these good traits in Raven.

There are so many black cats like Raven at the shelter, old and young, with so much to offer. They all have so much love to give and just need forever homes.

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