



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
HUMANE SOCIETY

100 YEARS OF CARING

Making Tracks

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Mission Statement

Our mission at the Chautauqua County Humane Society, SPCA, is to promote the adoption of animals, prevent all forms of animal cruelty & neglect, and shelter lost, abandoned and homeless animals, and to provide education about the humane treatment of animals.

Core Principles

1. Open and honest actions and communications come first and they guide all that we do.
2. We respect our customers, volunteer, donors and staff above all else, and never forget that they come to us by choice. We share a personal responsibility to maintain their loyalty & trust, which must never be taken for granted. We will listen and respond and seek to WOW them at every turn.
3. We take responsibility for our own success and failures at work. Titles and roles do not matter when it comes to getting the job done.
4. We seek and reward creativity and ingenuity. We embrace the innovations and ideas that can change the lives of animals that once had little. We will use technology to further our goals when necessary and we must not be afraid to take informed, responsible risk. We can do more with less; we will not take shortcuts on quality.
5. We believe humor is essential to success. We celebrate achievement and we recognize that tears of happiness and sadness will appear in the work we do.

The Power of Social Media: Tinkerbell's Story

Animal cruelty is something CCHS deals with on a daily basis. The Cruelty Investigator here at the shelter certainly has his hands full. Unlike abuse cases with people, animals do not have a voice and therefore it is harder to bring justice into the light. We use social media on a regular basis here to share news and events with our supporters, but this month we thought we would try something a little different.

In early December, we had a report come in about a Chihuahua that had been placed in a Coors Light thermal bag, zipped and tied shut, and thrown in a ditch somewhere in the Town of Busti. CCHS Investigator Muniz responded and brought the dog back to the shelter for medical assistance, food and warmth. We put a post on the shelter's Facebook page later that evening... and within an hour we had hundreds of people showing their support and a solid lead to a person of interest.

It takes a special story to go viral in the media; this Chihuahua was one of them. Virality of a news story refers to how fast it sweeps through television, radio, newspaper and word-of-mouth. Within 48 hours we had statements from all affected parties, a care plan in place for "Tinkerbell" the Chihuahua and an adoption announcement soon after. Over 150,000 people saw our message on Facebook alone, not counting the coverage the story received on television, radio and in the newspapers.

"Tinkerbell" has since been adopted and is now living comfortably in her new home! If she could talk, she would thank all of our loyal Facebook followers and local supporters for the cards, phone calls and well wishes that she and other animals here at CCHS have received.

If you have not done so already, join us on Facebook and visit our website to sign up for our email newsletter. It is a great way to stay in touch and who knows... maybe you could help us solve the next case that comes through our doors.

Kind regards,

Edwin Rodriguez Jr.

CCHS Community Relations Director

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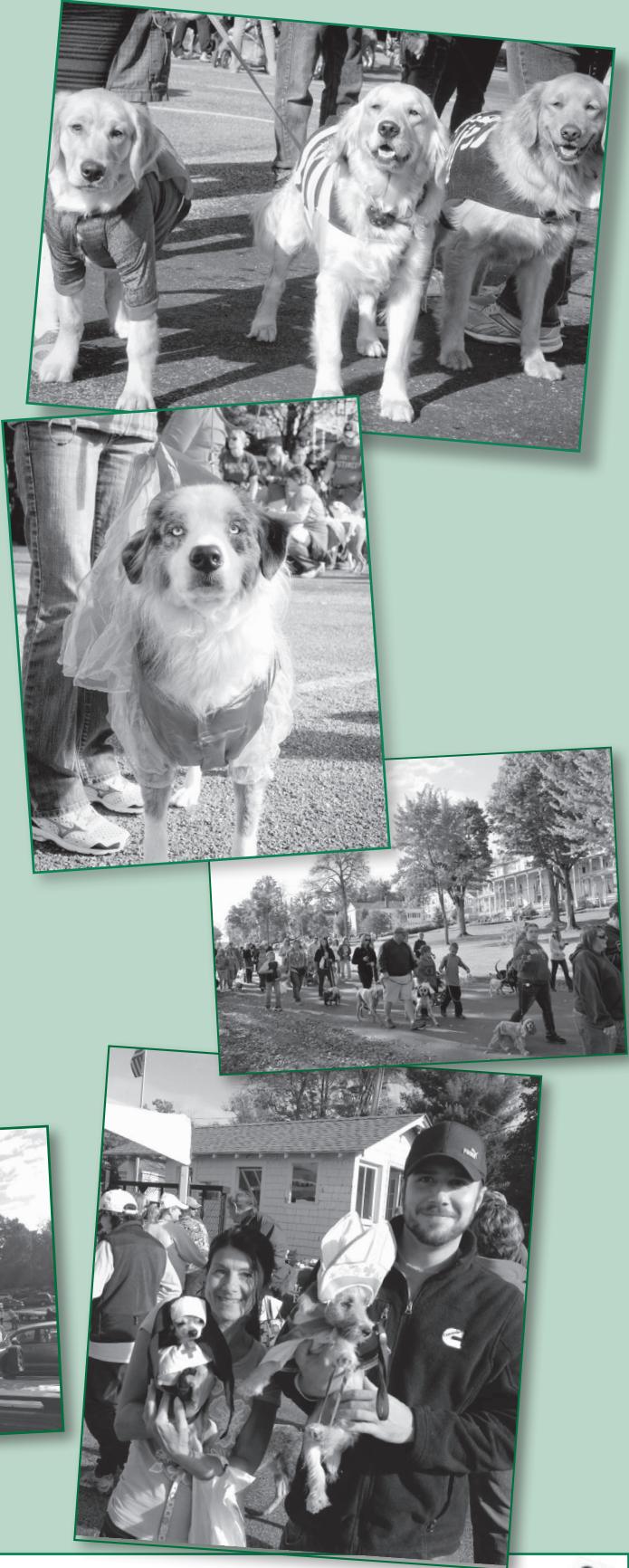
WALK 4 PAWS

2013 RECAP

Over 500 people took part in the Walk 4 Paws with teams represented from all across the county. The top fundraising teams and individuals were announced at the event and received recognition plaques. The Resource Center Animal Lovers collected the most money as a team bringing in \$2,171. Reiley Kolstee was the top individual fundraiser with \$875 being collected. Team fundraising, individual fundraising, Tag Days money collection weekends, sponsorships and other various donations helped contribute to the total.

Sponsors for this year's walk included Jamestown Medical Imaging, Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, UBS Financial Services, Shults Ford Lincoln Hyundai, Clark Patterson Lee Design Professionals, Team Jock Shop, Fessenden, Laumer and DeAngelo, Alpha Dog Marketing, Southern Tier Financial, Truck-Lite, Invisible Fence of Erie, King's Heating and Sheet Metal, Lewis & Lewis PC, S.P. Bussman Design Co., Wegman's, Lockwood Agency, The Post-Journal and 106.9 Kiss FM. Food was provided by Farm Fresh Foods, Pepsi and Tasty Acres of Chautauqua. DJ services were provided by AMP'd Up Karaoke.

We want to send a special thank you to all of the individuals and businesses that donated their time to help with this year's event. Our volunteers are some of the best in the world! Without their help and the help of our community, we wouldn't be able to hold this awesome event every year.



WALK 4 PAWS SAVE THE DATE

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PIGLET'S POINT: PAYING IT FORWARD

Hello! 2013 was a great year at the Second Chances Thrift Store location! We had a lot of incredible donations come in from our faithful donors. We had so many donations, in fact, that we opened a second store in downtown Jamestown! Our loyal customers (many of whom come to see me as I work 2 days a week at our Fairmount location), helped our store continue to grow so we are planning an expansion in the near future. Also, our incredible staff and volunteers have worked very hard each and every day to process the donations and provide a great shopping experience for everyone who visits us to support the needy animals of Chautauqua County.



But here's my point: I was working at Second Chances on a Thursday about a month ago and I was privileged to witness something very special. Even thinking about it now gives me kitty goose bumps. You see, a very nice lady came to the front counter and made her purchase. I had a snack and thanked her. She stood around for a moment and when the next customer came to check out she stopped her. The nice lady offered to buy the approaching customer's purchases for her because just a few weeks earlier someone had paid for her items... she wanted to "pay it forward."

After a bit of confusion as both customers were trying to pay, the second customer realized what was happening and said, "Well, this only happens in movies." We all had a good laugh and enjoyed the moment but then that second customer turned to the woman in line behind her and asked if she could pay for her merchandise! It was awesome – simply spontaneous!

The story doesn't end there. The next two customers turned and "paid it forward" to the person in line behind them! It was such a neat moment to be a part of at the Second Chances Thrift Store. I must admit, I needed a few cat treats to keep me going that day.

It goes to show you that there are good people in this world and how fortunate we are that so many of these kind and generous people help support Second Chances and the needy animals of Chautauqua County. And that's my point!

Meowfully submitted,

Piglet



JOYCE OF ALL TRADES

By Susanne Bloom, Volunteer Coordinator



Joyce Shelters became a volunteer for us in August of 2008. She started out socializing cats at the shelter after she retired and made good on a promise she made to herself many years ago: that she would volunteer at an animal shelter. She followed her heart and has done wonders for CCHS.

Joyce loves animals and CCHS; we joke with her about the shelter being her second home! She is now an Adoption Counselor and helps find homes for the cats here. After starting out volunteering two days a week, she now comes in about as often as our regular staff. On any given day you can see her bobbing around the shelter doing what she does best: helping in surgery, providing snacks for our staff and volunteers, updating her coworkers about each animal's status, providing TLC to our special needs animals and she even donates money and resources to the shelter when it is needed. She really does do it all!

In just four short years as a volunteer at CCHS, Joyce has accumulated over 4,000 volunteer service hours! In light of this, Joyce received the Presidential Volunteer Call to Service Award and a pin/letter from President Obama, Congressman Tom Reed, Senator Cathy Young, State Assemblyman Andrew Goodell and former County Executive Greg Edwards.

Joyce was one of two people to receive this award in Chautauqua County in 2013. We are delighted and very fortunate to have Joyce on our team!

ROOMMATE WANTED

By Sue Bobek, Humane Outreach Coordinator



As most everyone knows, dogs are “pack” animals. They naturally like being with other dogs and thrive with dog-dog socializing. The way a dog plays with another dog is often quite different than how it plays with people. Dog owners that have more than one dog see this on a daily basis. The running, chasing, grabbing and bowling into each other is on the opposite end of the Frisbee-fetching, jogging or hiking that most of us do with our dogs. The success of dog parks across the country attest to the fact that dogs want to interact with other dogs and their people want them to be able to.

Traditionally, sheltered dogs are kept in individual kennels. They are taken for walks by wonderful volunteers, but the opportunity for dog-dog contact is kept very, very low. “It is for safety,” we said; “We don’t know if they will get along,” we told everyone; “There might be a fight,” we stated; all this might be true. But what if we throw this tradition out the window?

After doing some research, CCHS has decided to do just that - throw tradition out the window! Communal housing is not a new concept, but the benefits are being noticed and the idea is spreading. By allowing dogs to “live” together in rooms rather than being isolated, dogs are happier, healthier and more content. This plan actually plays into the natural instincts of dogs. They are inclined to be together in a group. Dogs are very social creatures, be it with other dogs, people or even other animals. It is this very thing that draws people to dogs, the social aspect of having a furry, four-legged friend.

By playing into their very nature, we can reduce the stress that shelter dogs are under. Imagine being able to see and hear your neighbor but never being able to interact with him. You can understand the frustration a traditionally kennelled dog feels every day. This frustration can lead to such a stressful situation for some dogs, that they will start displaying behaviors that are unacceptable. These behaviors are also a turn off to potential adopters. This creates such a horrible cycle where a dog is isolated and gets frustrated, unwanted behavior develops, adopters pass by the dog, and then frustration continues to escalate. You get the point. By providing a means for our dogs so that they don’t get frustrated in the first place, we can break this cycle and make the dog’s stay in our shelter as stress free as possible for them. A happy dog is more adoptable... and this means that their time in the shelter will be shorter.

In addition to planning a new communal housing wing, CCHS has gone another step further and started “Dog Play Groups”. The dogs are divided by play styles, not breed or size, for compatibility. This way, a dog that plays softer doesn’t get intimidated by a dog that likes to play a bit rougher or a dog that prefers to run, run, run! By matching their styles, the dogs are more relaxed in the group, have a better time and expend more energy. We also watch the dynamics between dogs in each group. We monitor how they are getting along every time they are in the play group. It helps us to see if any of them are feeling under the weather or if they are having a “bad day”. If one of the dogs wants to come in early, we let them. Otherwise, we keep an eye on them and when they get tired, we bring them in. Some days they are out for quite a while, other days they come in sooner. We want to bring them in before they get too tired, cold or start to get cranky so everyone remains happy and continues to have fun.

The social aspect of play groups is fairly easy to see, but the fact that it reduces stress in the kennels is a little less obvious to the casual observer. The shelter staff and volunteers notice it. Dogs are showing better behavior both in the kennels and when out for walks or meeting a potential adopter. We are able to get a more true insight into their personalities instead of just pent up energy and frustration. They are easier to train because they can focus better. They are calmer in the kennels because they have had exercise and play time.

Another benefit that play groups provide is to allow dogs more time to “eliminate”. Not being forced to potty in their kennels is a great stress relief for the dogs, especially those that are housebroken. Dogs naturally do not want to eliminate where they have to eat or sleep. Nothing proves



ROOMMATE WANTED (CONTINUED...)

this more than how the dogs “hold it” until they get out in play group. This will also help to transition a dog into a new home as “Is he/she housebroke?” is one of the most frequently asked questions.

With these changes, CCHS will remain a leader in our community for animal care and sheltering. We strive to keep up with the latest research, studies and to keep improving the care our animals receive. Everyone at CCHS is excited about the new plans and about how well our dogs are doing since we have incorporated the Play Groups. We know that this will positively impact our dogs, staff, volunteers and adopters.

IZZY'S STORY: THE PURRFECT MATCH

by Susanne Bloom, Volunteer Coordinator



Izzy came to CCHS in May of 2009. Her owners had too many cats and needed to give her up. She wasn't here long as she was quickly adopted the following month. Three short years later (in August 2012) her adopted family had to return Izzy through no fault of her own.

After her return, Izzy was very depressed and confused. She wouldn't let anyone touch her; she would just growl and retreat to the back of her cage. With the diligent work of staff and volunteers, Izzy slowly came out of her shell. Before open hours, staff and volunteers would get Izzy out of her cage to give her a chance to stretch her legs in the lobby on her own. Cats and dogs were not on her list of favorites; she was petrified of dogs and would defend herself when one would come close.

We moved Izzy into the lobby to strengthen her social skills and expose her to different people. She would end up staying outside of her cage a little longer each day. When she was out, she would climb up the fenced cage in the lobby, tightrope-walk across the top of the bars and climb into boxes on top of the desk! The higher she could go the more content she became.

Eventually, Izzy would let us put her back in the cage (yet she would voice her dismay). We needed to find her a home that would understand her personality and was free of other cats and dogs. We thought she would be perfect in an office setting where she could come and go as she pleased. What happened next was nothing short of extraordinary!

Two young ladies from a local law firm came into the shelter looking for a cat to help deter rodents from coming into their building. Our volunteers immediately thought of Izzy! By this time, Izzy had been living at the shelter for one year so we were unsure how quickly she would adjust. The volunteers explained Izzy's story to the visitors and it was like a match made in heaven. The law firm adopted Izzy immediately!

This particular law firm has three floors with a winding staircase that is perfect for Izzy's curious personality! Originally she had access to the master suite on the third floor until she became comfortable with the building. I reached out to the law firm to ask how Izzy was doing.

“You want to know about our girl Izzy?” she said enthusiastically. She said Izzy was lying under the Christmas tree as we spoke (probably to make sure Tammy's report mentioned nothing but good things!) and the receptionist was kind enough to send pictures of Izzy (seen here) doing what she does best. I asked if Izzy had been any good at her rodent duties and Tammy said yes. Izzy had cornered a chipmunk in one of the offices and the staff was able to capture and relocate it back outside. “We haven't seen anything since, so I think she is doing a great job on patrol at night,” Tammy said.



Izzy was always able to work her way into someone's heart on her own terms, and the staff at the law firm was easy to win over! Izzy's wish for this year is that several of the other shelter animals will be as lucky as her, and find their own special place, maybe with you or one of your closest friends.

HONORARIUMS/MEMORIALS

All honorariums/memorials listed were given between
March 26, 2013 and June 30, 2013

Honorariums

In Honor of:

Brent Sheldon's Birthday
Gene & Loretta Smith
Judith Cowles' Birthday
Jane Winter
Dad's Birthday
Kimberly Kemsley
Bradley & Nancy Schrader's 40th Wedding Anniversary
Lyle & Laura Cochran
Mary Bennett Laumer & Kevin Laumer's Wedding
Bronwen & Eric Loeb
Lorena Laumer
Melanie Brown
Penny Brown
Susan & Dick Arnold
Cindy Pachol's Birthday
Janet Moch
Karen Ecker's Birthday
Karen Swanson
Otis
Glenn McLaren
Elaine Van Stee's Birthday
Karen Swanson
Sam, Jarrett, Ally & Riley Rhebergen's Birthdays
Roe-Ann Faulkner
Dear Jake
James, Cynthia & Jon
Nancy Sheldon
Carol Miller
Nancy Carmichael Sheldon's Birthday
Gene & Loretta Smith
Sylvia Anderson "Thank you for the Favor"
Elizabeth Falthzik
Dr. Don Gottwald
Dave & Pat Swartwood
Robert Tordella Dr.
The Nord Family
Gary & Marge Gustafson's 52nd Wedding Anniversary
Cindy Xanders
Beloved pet Cadence "Kady" Head
Diane Liden
Jeffrey & Sarah Hanson for Christmas
George & Grace Hanson
Scott Hanson & Jere' Dittrich for Christmas
George & Grace Hanson
Mrs. Loretta Smith
Carol Miller
Dorothy & Ron Midson for Christmas
Ruth Zumigala
Carl & Jennifer Midson for Christmas
Ruth Zumigala
Mrs. Diane Mittelstaedt for Christmas
Robert & Elaine Forbes
Gail & Bill Hoff for Christmas
Ruth Schreck
Jan Monroe for Christmas
Ruth Schreck
Hedy Krasnobrod for Christmas
Ruth Schreck

Addison Pierce for his 8th Birthday
Miranda Wilcox
Dawn Nelson's Birthday
Thom & Ann Griehm & Virginia Dart
"Comet" continuing to bring happiness 4 years after adoption
Stephanie & Mike McGrath
Mr. & Mrs. John & Nancy Carlson for Christmas
George & Joyce Bataitis
The Napierksi Family for Christmas
George & Joyce Bataitis
The Ehnstrom Family for Christmas
George & Joyce Bataitis
Ruth Zumigala
Betty Lou Blixt for Christmas
Bill & Rachel Boerst
Linda Costanzo for Christmas
Bill & Rachel Boerst
Ms. Kimberly Ognibene for her ongoing interest in animal rescue
Frederick P. Ognibene, MD
Sky
Dr. David Carpenter
Nils Peterson for Christmas
Eleanor Doud
"Bear" adopted from CCHS
Deborah McKinney
Tom & Connie Gauronski
Bill & Victoria Bauer
Jerry & Ann Saar
Mike & Marcy Saar
Deborah Wells for Christmas
Kim Carlson
Brent Sheldon
Gene & Loretta Smith
Maggie Irwin
Albert & Joan Bailey
Rachel Caprino
Integrated Cloud Intelligence
Bruce & Jan Kinney
Gary & Nancy Risley
Paul & Michele Smith
Gary & Nancy Risley
Sharon & Calvin Cederquist
Marcia Enyart
Steve Waterston
Dominica Luzzi
Bonnie Bowen
Rebecca & William Luhman
Staff at the WNY DDSO Perrysburg Office
Tina Powell
Deb Wentorf
Mark Kirch
Mark & Roxanne Bataitis
Mark Kirch
Joyce Bataitis
Mark Kirch
"Gunner" adopted from CCHS
Brian, Evan & Andy Hubbard

Memorials

In Memory of:

Jeff Chandler
Donna Sample

Elaine A. Hedberg
Kim & George Carlson
Wonderful stray cat "Lady Jane Grey"
Ann & Susan Rogers
Benjamin A. Campbell
Jody Tuller & Donna Nelson
Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union
Darlene Dunlap
Lyle Gabriel
Family of Lyle Gabriel
Ken & Lee Engand
Assn.
Friends & Neighbors
Don "Papa Don" Breads
Premier Lakewood, Inc.
Brothers By Choice
Cherielee Gollnick
Betty Sundquist
Beloved "Sierra"
Jon Belin
Jeannette E. Romer
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hendrickson
"Zannie," Beloved Great Pyrenees of Keith Warner & Autumn Maring
Dave & Pat Swartwood
Donald A. Baker
Frank Stefanelli
Jinks
Chester & Sue Bates
Louise Hart
Jim & Rose Van Volkenburg
Steve & Becky Fardink
Bill & Debbie Palmer
Brenda & Timothy Martinson
Kathleen Ellis
Eleanor Bedient
Beloved cat "Simon the Prince"
Morrie & Patsy Otander
Brenda & Timothy Martinson
Beloved kitty "Muggs"
Richard & Lynne Weber
Beloved dog "Jack"
Stella Restivo
Rosalee Booze/
Custom Engineering Co.
Jean L. Hunt
Truck-Lite Employees
Dorothy Whipple
Donna Nelson Johnson
Don & Sue Angelo
Maxine Armella
Elaine Larson
Becky Dodge
Kathy Hayes
Gerald Ingerson
Brian & Kimberly Achterberg
Roger Bender
Robert & Elizabeth Briggs
Gary & Rosanne Clark
Russ & Thelma Ecklund
Patty Johnson
Norma Williams
John & Bev McGraw
Jerome Lockwood
Peggy & Brian Anderson
SPEC-88 Investment Club
Alice Marie Sam
Fran & Walt Sliwinski
Barbara Zielinski
Amy Winterburn
Al & Yvonne Southwick
Rose "Toni" Pirillo
Nikki Nordenberg
Evelyn C. Lockley
Bruce & Bonne Colburn
Eric Young
Melda Palmer & Anthony S. DeJoseph
Edward Jenison
Ashville United Methodist Church
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Nikole Knobloch
Patricia DuBois & Minette Elder
Sue Bobek
Margaret Ryan
Dave & Pat Howard
Hope's Windows, Inc.
Patricia Hakel
Tops Market
Randall Holcomb
Cummis Machining Skills Trades Team 518
Shirley Hart
John & Carole Johnson
Beloved dog "Zoe"
Dennis Maddox
Ruth A. Johnson
Truck-Lite Employees
Beloved dog "Trudy"
Mary Jane Whaley
George A. Elder
Melda Palmer
Julie Hall & Family
Nancy & Kevin Krystofik & Family
Chris & Sue Palmer & Family
Bill & Deb Palmer & Family
Jane Geertson & Family
Grace Cali Spencer
Blair
Leslie Gluszak
Connie & Bill Wright
Sharon & Bruce Hare
Mazon Family
Beloved "Snowball"
Joan & Gerald Kauffman
Patricia Meekins
Homer Meekins
John & Annemarie Lundberg
Mike Rinaldo
Tom Lovecchio
Marsha Scott
Beloved dog "Freckley"
Stan & Elaine Gallup
Henry & Buffy
Karen Swanson
Robert Tordella
Norman & Sheryle Button
Athena Dimitri
Doug & Roxanne Hooper
Thom & Ann Griehm
Mary Lausterer
Hartley Buick GMC Truck Inc.
Bill & Lorraine Miley
Richard Wood
Norman & Helen Merrill
Jerome Lockwood
Mary C. Ferguson
Andy & Shirley Scalise
Jim & Martha Wirsen and Mike & Tonie Wirsen
Hazel Halter & John Aldridge
Theodore & Eivor Gustafson
Greg & Sue Jones
Peggy & Brian Anderson
Steven & Laura Wilson
Boston Bull Dogs
Triple E Manufacturing
Charles Scholeno
Ethel Enserro
The Nord Family
Beloved Dog "Oskar"
Linda Hiers
Beloved Cat "Buddha"
Linda Hiers
Danold Beckman
John Labardo
Roger & Mary Ann Whitford
Shaaron Blake
Daniel & Cynthia Nocero
Chad, Katrina, Kevin & Katelyn Ruhlman
Bob & Joyce Bruce
Carol Trimble
John & Betty Donahay
De & Sara Cordosi
The Sinclairville Superette
Eugene Heath
Cheryl & Michael Dove
Phyllis Kron
John & Audrey Gatgen
Lisa Matteo
Ralph & Cindy Smith
Sally & John Stravato
The Bud Suits Family
Beloved "Benji"
James, Cynthia & Jon Klocko
Beloved felines "Russell & Thomas"
Frances Clark
Karin Dudas
Robert Ortendahl
Jeffrey & Raquel Ruch
Gary & Linda Peruchetti
Bill & Judy Knight
Evelyn Parsons
Joyce Franz
Harry Miller Corp
Jill & Larry Clapper
Jini Hawk
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Clark & Sally Stohl
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Rachelle & David Leathers
Karen Bamberger and Kent Meyer
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Ted & Tracy Bogdan
Josefina Moran, Andrew Lago, Victor Lago
Nancy & Paul Holt
Alison Loree
Nancy Webb
Tom & Lori Mazzurco
Larry & Dee Peruchetti
Dave & Jan Fischer
Beloved dog "Casey"
Judith Rhodes
"Abigail" beloved pet of Carol
Connie & Bill Wright
"Seraphim" handicapped kitty of Barb
Mimi & Rich Laughner
Harley Bell
Barbara Bell

<i>Allen Ryan</i>	<i>Gene Buck</i>	<i>Virginia Wappatt</i>	<i>Elizabeth "Ziz" & Neil Pierson</i>	<i>Mary Miley</i>
Bob & Kathy Tynan	Gloria & Russell Johnson	Mr. Robert Geertson	Chautauqua Co. Board of Basketball	Gen Giunta
<i>Ellen Reardon Park</i>	<i>Tony Guidice</i>	<i>Connie Prybylo</i>	Officials	<i>Michael Miley</i>
Denny & Linda Barmore	Sharon Allison & the Staff at Dog	The Severn's	<i>Terry Kemp</i>	Gen Giunta
<i>Sam & Vern Zediak</i>	Moms	Paula & Wade Martinson	Karen Johnson	<i>Beloved cats Kitty & Lilly</i>
Robert Downey	Bruce & Sandra White	Kari & Hans Auer	Connie Storms	Kim Carlson
<i>Howard Lingenfelter Jr.</i>	Charles & Sharon Westfall	Randy & Vicki Fuller	George & Suzanne Jarrett	<i>Gordon Anderson</i>
Delores Nelson	<i>Christina Sroda</i>	<i>Mr. Lucky & Rosebud</i>	Southwestern Central School	Morrie & Patsy Otander
Bruce & Sharon Peterson	Chery Olson and Deanna Herman & girls	Mary Speer	Jack & Bobbie Thompson	<i>Jim Widrig</i>
<i>Ronald Baker</i>	<i>Clarence Callesina</i>	<i>Millie</i>	Liz Barnes	Morrie & Patsy Otander
John & Rebecca Faulkner	Mary Hunt	Lidia Romer	<i>Casey Moore</i>	<i>Marilyn Otander</i>
<i>Shirley Brace</i>	Kim & George Carlson	<i>Beloved dog "Chubby"</i>	Darlene Silva	Morrie & Patsy Otander
David & Phyllis Bell	<i>Dennis Spitz</i>	Torie Swanson & Rue Schultz	<i>Sharon Smith</i>	<i>Dick & Louise Hart</i>
Jim & Bett Tumminia	Stefanie & Jim Mittlefehlidt	<i>Best Golden Ever "Henry"</i>	Kay Marker	Morrie & Patsy Otander
Patricia Sadowski	<i>Wendy Fiorella</i>	Victoria Rishell	<i>Richard McCanna</i>	<i>Ilse Whaley</i>
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Sally Thompson	Barbara J. David & Ray	Grace Somers	<i>Chester Barczak</i>	<i>Steve Sprague</i>
Arden Johnson	Robert & Rebecca Winchester	Sarah Hatch	The Staff from 3B at WCA Hospital	Cheryl Ward Ajluni
Jamestown Container	Brothers By Choice	Elizabeth "Ziz" & Neil Pierson	<i>Charlie Burtner</i>	<i>Pip</i>
Companies	<i>Francis R. Lofecheck</i>	"Mickey"	Vincent & Judie Paternosh	Harry & Amella Forbes
Kathy Johnston	Gary & Elizabeth McCauley	Sandra Giambra	<i>Marily Wheeler</i>	<i>Stacey Boltz-Palasek</i>
Mildred Stillman & Family	The Mabee Family	Joette Giambra	Brenda & Timothy Martinson	Mike Rinaldo
<i>"Stoli" Special dog friend</i>	Kathy Levandowski	<i>John L. Burch</i>	<i>Beloved yellow tabby "Moe"</i>	<i>Dorothy Raistrick</i>
Mildred Stillman & Family	Ken & Ethel Johnson	Raquel Ruch	Sharon Utogg	Mike Rinaldo
<i>Janet Johnson</i>	<i>J. Robert Samuelson</i>	Kimber & Tracy Buck	<i>Beloved kitty "Sidney"</i>	<i>Clifford Goodwin</i>
Janice Merchant	Patricia Duncanson	<i>Beloved Boston Terrier, "Phoebe"</i>	Sandy Low	SKF Employees Fund
<i>Glenn Hughes</i>	Donald Ahlstrom	Jim, Janel, & Jeanne Subjackson	<i>Bob Carlson</i>	<i>Tim Sprague</i>
Marilyn Longenecker	Paul Wahlstrom	<i>Beloved dog family member, "Barley"</i>	Sally Carlson	Robert Embow
<i>Lorraine Asper</i>	Cummins Team #518 Skills	Stephen & Cathleen Board	<i>Gene Button</i>	John & Mardell Hanson
Ronna Lipsey	Trainers	<i>Beloved "Grand dog" "Barley"</i>	Norman & Sherle Button	<i>Patricia Hays</i>
<i>Marcia Town</i>	International Brotherhood of Electrical	Dennis & Cynthia Carr	<i>Beloved Chobe</i>	Skip Hays, Scott & Roxanne Redick,
Duane & Carl Peterson	Workers	<i>Loved furry son "Caspurr"</i>	Daniel & Dianne Nelson	Dan & Susan Thompson, Jenny,
Morrie & Patsy Otander	"Misty"	Mimi & Rich Laughner	<i>William Wever</i>	Harley, Burus, Orbit & Aurora
Kenneth & Carol Bromley	Bill & Kitty Bessette, Shannon Bessette, and Bill & Michelle Bessette	Ann Helmuth Allard	RHI Monofrax LLC	<i>Herbert Frick</i>
John E. Anderson	<i>Sadie</i>	Rich & Rebecca Ross	<i>Robert Roos</i>	Mrs. Herbert Frick & Karen Frick
Tim & Jane Arrance	Cindy Xanders	<i>William Loomis</i>	Robert & Elaine Forbes	<i>Mischief</i>
Andy Robinson	<i>Brenda Hanson</i>	Robert & Rebecca Winchester	<i>Beloved Dog "Ella"</i>	Linda Vanboven
Richard Fuchs	Shirley Potvin	Carl & Sherri Weaver	Richard & Mimi Laughner	<i>Dennis Shaw & his love for his</i>
Lincoln & Joanna Fisher	Diane Nelson, Cindy Conner,	James Baxter Jr.	<i>Beloved Dog "Odie"</i>	<i>resuce dogs</i>
John & Audrey Gatgen	Debbie Gardner, &	The Grambo Family	Mary Herrera	Mrs. Dianne Shaw
Julia Thurber	Kathy Wazniak	Valerie Benjamin	<i>Philip Mastrosimone</i>	<i>"Kashi"</i>
Southern Tier Legal Secretaries	Karen Johnson	Customer Service Team at Cummins	Jack & Bobbie Thompson	Linda Bradigan
Edith T.Bensink	Sally Matey	Engine Co	The Chautauqua Lake Region Antique	<i>Barry Nelson</i>
<i>Richard Futch</i>	Alltel Womes Retirees	Carol Toensing	Automobile Club of America	Eleanor & Karen Frick
Staff & Friends at the Chautauqua County	<i>Sharon M. Smith & Freckles</i>	Judith Thies	John & Jamie Morreale @	John & Mardell Hanson
Humane Society	Judy & Bob Petroline	William O. Chandley	Morreales Collison	Clifford & Mary Ann Carlson
Ron & Nancy Hicks	<i>Joseph Flood</i>	<i>James Engdahl</i>	<i>Beloved "Pooker" kitty</i>	Barton Tool, Inc.
Mary Ann & Roger Anderson	Robert & Bernice Cole	Ray & Mary Jane Engwall	Diane Forsberg	Jo Ann Barton
<i>Norrine Abbott</i>	<i>Leona Anderson</i>	Ring Precision Components	<i>Beloved cat "Sara"</i>	<i>Karen Lange</i>
Nancy Scarbro	Martha Lundin	David & Linda Melquist	Laurie Livingston & Jean McGowan	Desire Bennett
Phyllis Kron	Jerry & Kathy Felton	Friends at Craft World & Action Hobbies	<i>Jane Geertson</i>	Millie Ball
Beverly Carlberg	Jackie & Chick	Greg & Rhonda Moller, Mary Jane Miller,	Brenda Johnson	Stephen & Carole Shulman
<i>"Piney", "Bismark", & "Taylor"</i>	Arthur & Debra Osterdahl	Brianna & Nathan Greene, and	Bill & Debbie Palmer	Sally Kier
Linda Storms	"Bogey"	Garrett & Brooke Moller	<i>Beloved cat "Rocky"</i>	Lynn & Pete Smith
<i>Susan Townsend</i>	Pat Lamancuso	Mary Storms	Marlene Grant	Nancy & Frank Nelson
David & Nancy Hargrave	<i>Randy</i>	Karen & Stan Smith	<i>Leon C. Wilson Jr.</i>	<i>Caroline Paddock</i>
<i>Jeanne Berg</i>	Gretchen Cassell	Friends at Craft World & Action Hobbies	Santa and his Elves	Richard & Linda Slack
Jacqueline J. Anderson	<i>Kenneth London II</i>	Zoe Anne Moller & Terry Moller	<i>Doug Pangborn</i>	<i>Beloved cat</i>
<i>Dennis Spitz</i>	Chautauqua Metal Finishing Supply	Anderson Cleaners	Linnea Pangborn	Bonnie & Neil Anderson
Jacqueline J. Anderson	<i>Terry Eckwahl</i>	Jane Campbell	<i>Special dog "Miss" from CCHS</i>	<i>Beloved dog "Brittany"</i>
<i>Beloved dog "Maggie"</i>	Dave & Pat Howard	Joanie & Bruce Fagerstrom	Steve & Judith Johnson	Minnette Elder
Marsha Pritz	Dale Scolton, Jolynn Stearns, &	Thomas & Suzette Benson	<i>Zoe</i>	<i>Musette Clark</i>
<i>Carmine "Gig" Martinelli</i>	Kevin Swanson	Michael Lyons Family	Kevin Helsley	Paul & Suzie Dussault
Jerome Lockwood	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Whitford & Family	Yvonne & Neil Storer	<i>Skip & Gen Lumia & all of their</i>	<i>Abbey Sadowski</i>
Ann & Dick Kessel	Russ & Robin Bonfiglio and Family	<i>Leona Anderson</i>	<i>Boxer Dogs</i>	Scott & Julie Sadowski
L Chandler Whitford	Erin Butzer	Curt & Jeanne Ecklund, Karen &	Michele & Dan Seymour	
Charles & Beverly Yachetta	Karen & John Hedin	Raymond Fitch, and Steve &	<i>Mary Gould</i>	
<i>Catherine Erwin</i>	Karen Johnson	Joyce Tedquist	Heritage Village South Wing	
Terry Constantine	Brian & Susan O'Connor & Family	Karen Lundin	<i>Sonny-Point Pleasant will miss him</i>	
Victoria & Angelo Volpe	Adriane D'Andrea	<i>Bradley A. Anderson</i>	Mary & Charlie Schiller	
<i>Roy Warner</i>	Matthew & Pamela Russo	Curt & Jeanne Ecklund, Karen &	Marsha Pritz & Luke	
Ruthann Rocque	Richard Jaroszynski	Raymond Fitch, and Steve &	<i>Dan Frazier</i>	
The Evans Agency Insurance	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Whitford & Family	Joyce Tedquist	Mary Jo & John Speranza	
<i>Raymond Luksch</i>	<i>Mary Alice Tordoff</i>	Donna Johnson	<i>Extraordinary girl dog "Maja"</i>	
Sandra & Jerome Crandall	Joseph Foley, Jeffrey Tordoff, &	Karen Lundin	JoAnne Ottoson	
Barb Suckow	Pollyanna Park	<i>Steven M. Solinger</i>	<i>Wonderful dog "Layla"</i>	
Dr. Joe Abal		Sarah Hatch	JoAnne Ottoson	

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4 PENNIES 4 PAWS

FEBRUARY 12- APRIL 30

The Chautauqua County Humane Society, along with Media One Group, is preparing to launch the 9th annual Pennies 4 Paws campaign! This year's campaign will run from February 12 through the end of April and will benefit all of our animal rehabilitation services here at the shelter.

All of the animals that enter our facility are in need of something. It could be a home; it could be some food; it could be a life-saving surgery; it could be a second chance. We know that we cannot ask these animals for a penny, so we rely on our community to support our mission to provide these services.

We invite our local schools, social organizations and businesses to join us in our efforts to offset the costs of these life-changing services to better prepare our animals for adoption. Our goal is set at 1.7 million pennies (or \$17,000) and the proceeds will be used to cover the costs of these animal rehabilitation services.

We cannot do it alone. Will you help our animals to heal?

Although pennies are the most common, any type of monetary contribution or fundraising during this time can help! We have had many contributions made from bake sales, Hat Days, pop bottle/can drives and more. You can be creative or you can ask for ideas on how your organization can help. Every penny supports our mission regardless of where it comes from. As always, our donation portal is available on our website with a special Pennies 4 Paws link!

If your school, social organization or business would like to participate, please contact Edwin Rodriguez Jr. at 716-665-2209 ext. 213 to be added to the list. You can have your own special event or simply host one of our Pennies 4 Paws money collection containers from now through April... it is that easy!



CRUELTY REPORT:

By Rey Muniz, Cruelty Investigator

Though I have been in law enforcement for more than thirty years, there are still things that surprise me day to day. As any law enforcement officer can tell you, there seems to be no end to what people will do to either each other or to defenseless animals. Covering Chautauqua County and assisting the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department with Cruelty Investigations, there seems to be no end to people's senseless actions, especially towards animals.

Recently, I was contacted by a local Police Chief who had found a suspicious box in a cemetery in Southern Chautauqua County. This box contained a mother cat and four kittens. The box was left out in approximately 28 degree weather with a large stone on top of the box to ensure the animals would not be able to escape. A cemetery would have been a fitting place to leave these animals as they were left to die undoubtedly; however, an alert police officer noticed an out of place item and decided to check it out. In this case, curiosity saved the cats.

Upon picking the animals up at the police department, I noted that they were covered in their own excrement, were extremely hungry but purred the moment I picked each of them up. You would imagine that an animal discarded in cold weather, entrapped in an enclosure from which it could not escape and was without any food or water may be somewhat leery of a human (after all it was a human who abandoned them at the cemetery in the first place). But this was not the case... these kittens all wanted to be held and to play and the mamma cat just wanted to watch over her babies.

The unconditional love that these animals display, asking for nothing in return, is very impressive. We humans should take a lesson in compassion from these animals.