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SPCA Serving Wyoming County

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PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL
WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO HELP ~ SECOND CHANCES BEGIN!

We continue to have a busy year at the Wyoming County SPCA, and perhaps you've seen some of our improvements. We were thrilled over the last year to receive small grants from the Bailey and Friends program via the Golisano Foundation. Last year, we were able to replace all the outdated fluorescent lighting in the animal areas. This helps our visitors find their best "furry pal," and also ensures that volunteers and staff can have areas well-lit to provide the best care and sanitation for our animal friends.

This year, we were just notified that Bailey & Friends will help us equip a small medical surgical unit on the first floor of the shelter. This area will allow us to partner more frequently with our shelter veterinarian to provide low-cost spay/neuter/vaccination clinics at the shelter on a regular basis. As part of the expected New York State Companion Animal Grant award, we've already started using some of our matching required funds to do major work on the driveway and parking area and have scheduled a roof replacement for the end of June.

You can help us continue to improve the SPCA, so that we are able to better serve Wyoming County residents and surrounding areas. We're in desperate need of funding to help us mitigate severe drainage/flooding issues in the basement and foundation of the shelter, and future plans include regrading the dog yard, as well as building a small addition to the shelter to have a separate visitor entrance with handicapped ramp into the new medical/surgical area.

We have so much to do, and we appreciate the help any of you can give!

Sincerely,

SPCA Board of Directors
Cathy Lawson, President
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Wyoming County SPCA is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.



Luna Tuna and Xander



Blaze

A NOTE FROM THE SHELTER MANAGER

I would like people to know how much I love pit bulls/terrier mixes. We see so many of them in every shelter around. I have three pit bulls, and each one has their own unique personality. They have all come from different shelters over the years.

The reason we see so many pit mixes is people are not spaying and neutering their animals. Or they think their dog is so cute it should have a litter. But there are so many pit bulls in shelters currently, waiting for their forever homes to come.

They get a bad rap, but did you know the pit bull scores better than the Labs on the temperament test, and that pit bull's "lock jaw" is a myth that many people still believe?

For more information on this wonderful breed, see the links below:

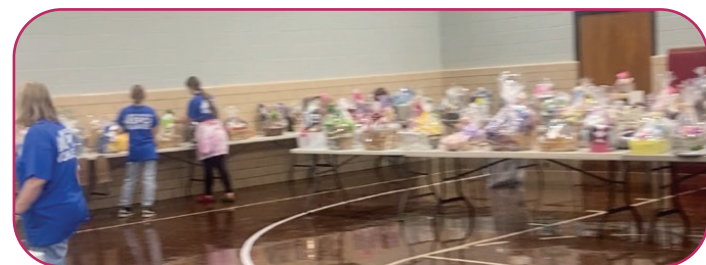
- <https://www.pitbullinfo.org/pit-bulls-temperament-scores>
- <https://www.thehumanesociety.org/debunking-pit-bull-myths/>

I love this shelter, and I hope to stay here for many years. I want to gain all the experience I can to eventually go further and do more for the animals!

I have always been around animals; my dad owned a pet shop when I was a kid. He taught me how to love, care for, and respect all living creatures. I worked part time for him during the summer until he died a little over a year ago. I'm in this field of work because of him, and I know he would be pleased to know I am happy.

My father's favorite quote was, "You will never work a day in your life if you love what you do." He ran his own landscaping company with me, too; and I never felt like we worked a job, we were doing something we loved, so every day I felt grateful. I am still grateful today....and every day!

Jackie



36TH ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE

The Wyoming County SPCA held its 36th Annual Basket Raffle on April 28th at Saint Vincent's Auditorium, Attica. It was a HUGE success with over 150 people staying for the entire event in support of the shelter. We had 181 baskets & gift cards, food, a bake sale, and we raised almost \$10,000!

It is important for us to put our efforts into fundraising with rising costs of animal care, and an aging building that requires many updates. The proceeds from this event is essential to our ability to care for the countless pets in our care. We would like to thank the dedicated volunteers who donated their time and hard work to put this event on. We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated baskets, gift cards, money, and food to make this event an amazing success. Our very special thank you goes out to all who attended. Please mark in your calendars The Wyoming County SPCA's 37th Annual Basket Raffle to be held on April 27, 2025 at the Saint Vincent's Auditorium, Attica. Hope to see you all there to make this another remarkable success for the shelter!



Saving one paw at a time.

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A MOM AND A MIRACLE



When it comes to parenting, cats display a remarkable instinct to care for and protect their young. The father cat may also play a role in raising kittens, providing food and protection for the family. Recently, Donna and Patrick Harrington discovered a feral mom and five kittens living under the porch steps of their neighbor's home. They started feeding the mom, and soon the babies started eating the soft food they provided. They also started to trust them, and while the mom kept a bit of distance, the kittens started to play with them. Knowing they could now safely catch them; they contacted our shelter for help. On the evening before they were to be picked up by our foster volunteer, something scared the kittens. When Patrick and Donna arrived with the food, they discovered the smallest of the kittens had tried to hide in a drainpipe and was now six feet underground, standing in water with no way of crawling out. Her cries were heart wrenching. After numerous calls for help failed, they realized the only hope the kitten had was to find and cling to a rope they placed down the hole. In time, the

kitten found it but kept falling off as the rope was pulled up. Everyone was astonished when the third time the rope was lowered, the mother stood behind Patrick and grabbed the rope with her mouth, dug her back feet into the ground and pulled with all her might. It was an amazing sight to witness... but the kitten fell once more. At that point, a big black male cat appeared on the scene, and they all assumed it was the father, whom nobody had seen before. He stood close by and watched. Finally, securing the rope with a large stone, they told the mom she had to call her baby. She looked at them, put her face to the pipe, and started talking to her kitten. Just then, like the miracle it was, the tiny kitten crawled up and out. She was wet, shaking and stood close to her mother. She was ok. After a harrowing 11 hours underground, she was not only happy. She was very hungry. Her foster dad named her, "Piper." Piper, her mom, her father, and her four brothers will be available for adoption soon! We look forward to another happy ending...this time for the whole family!

FOR A LASTING LEGACY ~ LEAVE A GIFT

Many people do not know it, but you can donate to a charity by naming them as a beneficiary in your will. These bequests to charity are often called planned or legacy gifts, and they are a meaningful way to create a legacy, both for yourself and for causes that are closest to your heart. You can specify how a charity should use your gift, whether it is a cash sum, a particular property or asset, a share or the whole of your residuary estate (what is left after other specified gifts, costs, and taxes).

Countless animals suffer needlessly each day. By including SPCA Serving Wyoming County in your estate plans, you will memorialize a lifetime of compassion, and guarantee that your voice, and your love for animals, will continue.

For more information on planned giving, please contact Cathy Lawson, President, 716-799-7610.

Our sincere thanks to the late Wilma W. Robinson, whose kindness and generosity lives on. Her \$5,000 gift to serve our word and mission was donated through the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Florida from her estate.



Give 716 is an online donation drive that helps support non-profit organizations in Western New York. It is organized by the Buffalo Bills and Sabres foundations. You can make donations through the Give 716 website. The donation drive opens at 7:16 p.m. July 15 and runs through 11:59 p.m. July 16 (also known as 716 day, for the date that matches Buffalo's area code).



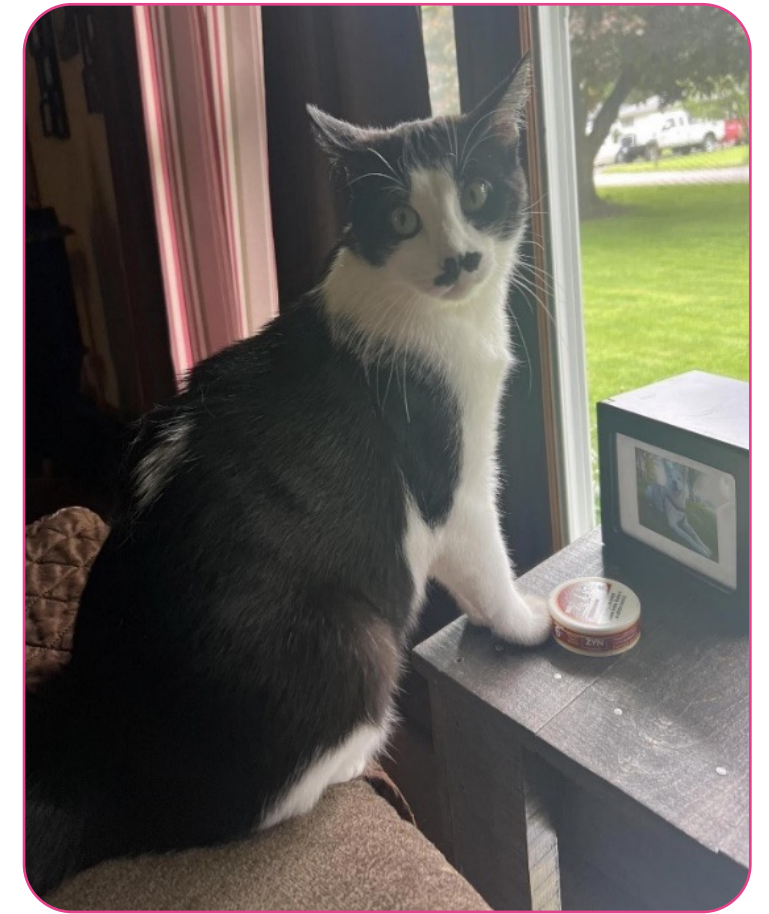
When you visit the site on July 15, we sure would appreciate if Wyoming County SPCA is your charity of choice. Like our Facebook page, and then watch for our link to be shared!

<https://give716.org/give/give716/give716/2024/charities/wyoming-county-sPCA>



“FREDDY”

Freddy and his new Dad hit it off right from the start. They are a perfect match and are now enjoying life as “running partners”.



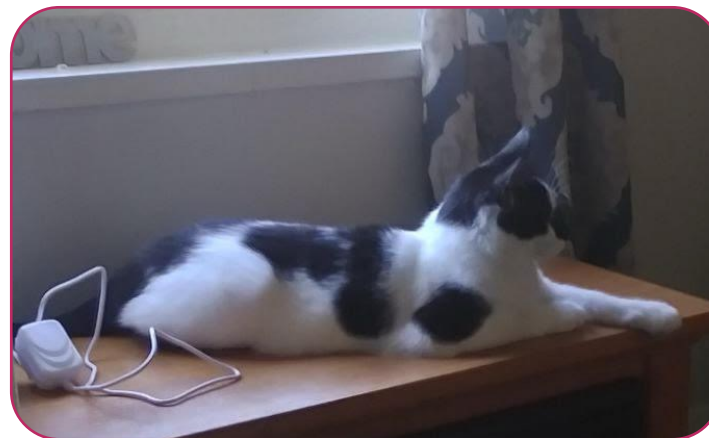
“MR. MUSTACHE”

Mr. Mustache is a very loving cat. He picked his dad by jumping right into his lap when he came in looking for a cat. He is getting all the attention he needs now, and they have become the best of friends!



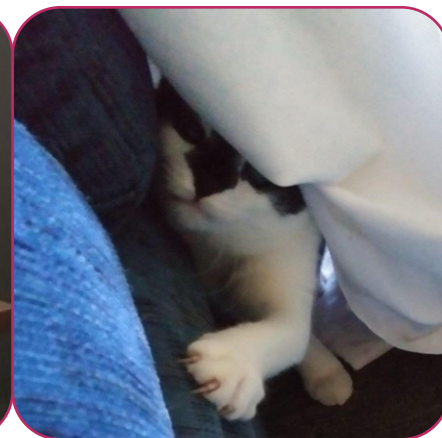
“MISTY AND MIA”

Misty and Mia are a bonded sister pair and were surrendered into our care when they were six years old. They loved to snuggle together while at the shelter, and they still snuggle in their new forever home. They are loving life with their new family!



“CHLOE”

Sometimes the shyest cats in the shelter turn into the most friendly and loving pets. Chloe needed a little time to show her true personality. She would even hide from her new Mom. But it did not take long before she fit right in, and now she loves being pet and spending part of her day watching tv!



“DUBI”

Dubi, formerly known as Hank, loves having a new brother. He is becoming very spoiled, and he even has a new raincoat to keep him dry on his walks in the rain.

TACKLING TICKS ON YOUR PETS

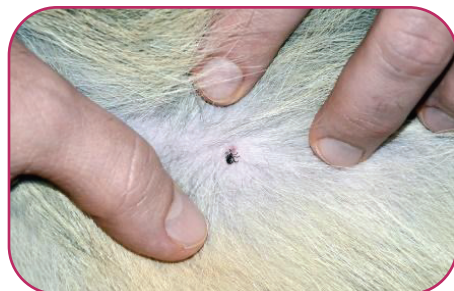
Like humans, your cat or dog can encounter ticks when they are outside and can get sick with tickborne diseases. They can also transport ticks from outside to inside, where the ticks may then bite people.

Tips for Prevention:

- Check pets who go outdoors daily for ticks. When checking your pet for ticks, a nose-to-tail search works best. Start at your furry friend's head, and look inside their ears, around their eyes, and under their collar.
- Use a tick preventive product on your dog. *Cats are extremely sensitive to a variety of chemicals. Do not apply any tick prevention products to your cats without first asking your veterinarian!*
- Watch your pet closely for changes in behavior or appetite if you know or suspect that a tick has bitten it. Signs of tickborne disease may not appear for 7-21 days or longer after a tick bite.
- Reduce tick habitat in your yard. The places you are likely to find ticks include unmown yards with tall grass and weeds, low-lying and overgrown shrubs, unkempt plants and ground cover.

If you find a tick attached to your pet, do not use any substance for removal. Have a helper hold your pet still, if possible. Then, part your pet's fur down to the skin, grasp the tick as close as possible to your pet's skin without pinching, and slowly and steadily pull upward to remove the tick. Check the bite site to ensure you removed the tick's head and mouth parts and, if not, try again. Avoid squeezing the tick's body because the tick will inject pathogens into your pet.

Place the tick in a jar of rubbing alcohol and take a clear picture to help with identification of the tick should your pet become ill. Clean the bite spot with antiseptic and wash your hands thoroughly.



KITTEN SEASON IS UPON US!

This is the time of year when our shelter is filled to the brim with cuddly, cute, purring kittens. It is a season during which it seems as if tiny little ones are crawling out of every nook and crevice throughout our community; some of which need medical attention, or even 24/7 care from a foster Mom. There are many ways in which you can help.... donate kitten food, help with the cost of their medical care, volunteer, or if so inclined...give them a loving home.



~~~~ "Nobody leaves the kitten room without a smile on their face!" ~~~~

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### THANK YOU GIRL SCOUTS



A great big thank you to Girl Scout Troop 90802. They so generously donated a \$250 check from their hard earned cookie sales. We can't wait to give them a tour of the shelter sometime this summer. The pets are looking forward too!!!



### DID YOU KNOW?



In one 48-hour period the cat on the left received 217 inquiries. The cat on the right received only 3 inquiries. They both went up for pre-adoption at the same time.

Black Cat Syndrome is a very real phenomenon. Black-coated cats are often overlooked in shelter systems and rescues. They are more likely to be euthanized in overcrowded shelters, and we have even heard of rescue shelters shamefully refusing to take on black cats and kittens. To top it off, black cats face absurd and ridiculous stigmas which place them in danger. Ironically, black cats are often the most affectionate and loving cats.

When choosing to adopt, consider a black cat or kitten. Their odds of adoption are limited, and they love just as much as any other cat.

*If you believe in the power of giving back, the pets in the shelter need you! We need volunteers to clean cages, fill water and food bowls, provide company to the animals, walk the dogs, play with the cats and kittens, and so much more. If you can find it in your heart to help, call Jackie at (585) 591-3114 to discuss your interests, find the perfect task, and your perfect day and time to join us!*

### NEVER LOSE FAITH!

Faith came to us through the kindness of a man who found her lying in the middle of a busy street. She was a sad and horrible sight to see. She was starving and dehydrated. Her coat was matted over her entire body and her face was so infected it was difficult to know if she had eyes. We rushed her to the vet where she stayed for a week. They cleaned her up, fed her food and fluids, and started medication for infection. She started to come back to life! The next stop was for eye care where we were told one eye was ruptured and she needed drops every hour, 24 hours a day for weeks. Thankfully, our formidable volunteer Shirl took her home to give her the best chance in life. Faith amazingly healed, and she can see. She will soon be ready for her forever home!

*Faith Says "THANK YOU" for helping me!*



### VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers are crucial to our work and our mission. Not only for the extra hands needed to be sure things get done, but for the emotional health, wellness, and the happiness of the animals who are with us. Debbie is one of our exceptional volunteers; and in July she will be celebrating her first anniversary at the shelter. She is here every week without fail to help clean the cat cages and their rooms. She has an amazing ability to connect with cats and kittens and help them to be ready to transfer all their loyalty and love to another person or family.

**THANK YOU, DEBBIE, FROM ALL OF US!**



Debbie is pictured here with Umpire, our FIV positive cat. Umpire is very friendly, loves people, and is waiting patiently to find a forever home.

*Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers. Your willingness to give your time, your service, and your love to the pets waiting to be adopted is greatly appreciated. Your support of the SPCA allows us to continue to fulfill our mission, and the abandoned pets have a chance for a happy and healthy life with a loving forever family.*





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- Laundry Detergent
  - Bleach (Unscented Only Please)

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- Gift Cards to Amazon or Walmart (We can do the shopping!)