



SPCA
Saving one paw at a time.

Winter 2024

SPCA Serving Wyoming County

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2024 - WHAT A YEAR!

We have had an incredibly busy year at the Wyoming County SPCA; and, hopefully, you have been able to visit us to see some of our improvements. We received a grant from the Bailey and Friends Program at the Golisano Foundation, which allowed us to equip a small surgical unit in our shelter. This area will allow us to partner more frequently with our shelter veterinarian, Dr. Jennifer Graf, to provide low-cost spay/neuter/vaccination clinics at the shelter on a regular basis, particularly for our community members. We held our first test of the new surgical area in November and have planned for several other clinics throughout 2025. Contact Jackie at the shelter (585-591-3114) for more information on upcoming clinics.

Springtime saw massive flooding due to a heavy rainy season, requiring us to replace our roof, as well as grade and mill our driveway/parking area to remove massive potholes that made access difficult. Thanks to Jim Krieg Roofing, Locktight Waterproofing, and RJM for helping with these big projects! As the spring kitten season began, we had so many litters of kittens and surrendered animals that our small shelter staff and volunteers, led by our Shelter Manager, Jackie Pinkowski, were kept remarkably busy! As of December 2024, we have rescued over 195 animals.

We were so grateful to receive several private donations and memorials to help offset the expenses of the new roof and driveway/parking areas. In September, we were incredibly surprised to receive a very generous donation from the Golisano Foundation, which will allow us to remodel our facility and significantly increase our assistance to our local communities over the next few years.

We worked to have the basement and foundation walls waterproofed and replaced our sump pumps to reduce flooding/drainage issues. And we have recently begun work to reconfigure the dog yard, including installing drainage, grading the yard, and ensuring that our dogs and volunteers working with them have sufficient area for exercise and training now and in the future.

So much has been done, and we have so much more we need to do! Soon, we will be putting a community survey up on our Facebook page and website, so that we can get your input on what are important focus areas for the Wyoming County SPCA to continue to support our local communities. We hope to consider building an addition to the shelter, including having a separate visitor entrance with a new handicapped ramp, as well as improved areas for meet and greet, training areas, and offices.

So, in ending 2024 and moving into 2025 (our 120th year anniversary!), we are so appreciative of your continued support and donations. Together, we can make a significant difference in helping animals and ensuring that our community members find their own fur-babies and shelter services to support animals across our communities. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Jackie
Jackie Pinkowski, Shelter Manager

SPCA Board of Directors:
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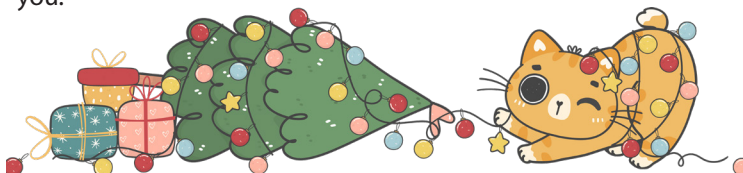


Welcoming Our Newest Member of the Board of Directors: Jennifer Sealy

Jennifer resides in her hometown of Perry, New York with a new perspective on a place that built her strong roots in faith, family, and community. After college in Oswego, she started a career in zoology that brought her to a few locations along the East Coast. Each place brought her valuable experiences, responsibilities, and professional growth. Twenty years passed and she decided to move back home in 2021. Currently, Jennifer is employed with the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce as Director of Business & Visitor Engagement.

Grounded with a deep respect for its gorgeous landscape, agriculture, hardworking businesses, and welcoming communities, she knew Wyoming County was where she wanted to be. She loves music, nature, animals, time with family and anything that involves a good laugh.

Jennifer is excited to be a part of the growth and development of the Wyoming County SPCA and looks forward to getting to know you.



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SHELTER HOURS:

- Sunday – Closed
- Monday – Closed
- Tuesday – 1:00-4:00 pm
- Wednesday – 1:00-4:00 pm
- Thursday – 4:00-7:00 pm
- Friday- Closed
- Saturday -1:00-4:00 pm



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Please Spread the Word!



The wintry weather has arrived, and cats and kittens living outside are looking for a warm place to shelter. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO BANG THE HOOD, KICK THE TIRES, AND HONK BEFORE STARTING THE CAR! It might take a minute of your time but it's worth it to save a life!



Thanks for all you did to keep our shelter dry and our pets watered!

716-525-5377

Thank You to Our Amazing Volunteers!

Our sincere thanks to all who give their valuable time to the animals under our care. Your commitment and ongoing assistance to the mission of providing them with the best life possible is priceless. Your kindness and compassion have positively affected the lives of countless cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies who simply want to love and be loved back. We will always be grateful and will never forget the love and care you provided... and neither will they!



Thank you to the We Care Club from Batavia BOCES who joined us once again to volunteer. A huge shoutout to Kaylee, their teacher and club leader, who pulls this all together. The pets love all the love and attention from everyone. We are so grateful that this is becoming a truly meaningful and beneficial tradition enjoyed by all.

What's New? The SPCA Development Council

Along with the continuous growth of the SPCA, the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors have increased exponentially. It is for that reason we have added a new arm to our board; volunteers with talent, experience, and a desire to help with expanding our work and our mission. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please call or text Pat Standish at 585-943-7082.

WE WELCOME TO OUR TEAM:

Kevin Bohn – Kevin is a Wyoming County native who grew up in a family-owned business, The Lumberyard Restaurant, in Perry. Kevin is a Financial Consultant and Partner of Spring Collaborative, an insurance agency based in Clarence, NY. Kevin is an avid and talented non-profit video creator and looks forward to showing all that animals bring into our lives and our work to keep them healthy and happy.

Kim Bragg - Kim is a resident of Arcade and a loving and devoted "dog mom" to two German Shepherd brothers. She is the co-founder of Gen Tech Scientific Inc., and her specialty is in the field of human resources. Since stepping away from her business, she devotes her time serving the community while working part time at Lime Lake Marina.

Donna Harrington - Donna is a lifelong resident of North Java. She worked in the pharmacy at WCCH for almost 40 years. Now, "almost retired," she has devoted countless hours reaching out to businesses seeking much needed donations for our shelter. Her attention to detail, work ethic, determination, and her endless love for cats and kittens bring something special to the SPCA.

Dawn Meyer - Dawn is a Wyoming County resident. She is currently employed as the Finance Director/CFO at Community Action for Wyoming County. Her expertise in grant administration reporting and strategic planning will be a helpful addition to the organization.

Amy Woodhouse - Amy is the Manager/Designer of Arc GLOW's Graphics Department in Mt. Morris with 34 years of experience as a graphic designer. She is a true lover of animals whose home is full of cat climbers, cat toys, dog beds, and dog toys. Her talents and her passion for animals are perfect for this job.



Ciabatta

Sweet Ciabatta, a beautiful Torti, found her way back to the shelter after her family could not keep her due to a change in living arrangements. She has been incredibly sad since arriving, and watches as folks walk by hoping someone will see her for the beautiful companion she is. She is looking for a quiet and peaceful home alone with a special person to call her own! Can you make room in your heart this Christmas for this wonderful pet?



Could You Find a Place in Your Heart & Home for Me?



Finn

The SPCA makes room for dogs from overcrowded kill shelters, and those abandoned or released to our care by their owners for multiple reasons, and no fault of the dog.

Finn is a beautiful and loving 18 month old who patiently waits for his forever home and family. Over 175 days have passed, so he has lots of time to think and to wonder why nobody wants him. He is always hoping today is his day! We call him a "hound mix" but his foster mom suspects he is a Treeing Walker Coonhound. He loves spotting little creatures up in the trees on his walks.

We would love to find Finn a home soon, and we hope someone out there can make his Christmas wish come true.



Bunny

Wyatt and Ash



We Found Our Home Sweet Home!



Bunny and her new family!

Wyatt and Ash were so fortunate to be adopted together by their "forever" family. They loved Wyatt instantly but were not too sure about Ash as he was very timid and fearful. Understanding that some cats are shy because of past trauma, they decided to take a chance that with some love and affection, plus a little bit of guidance from Wyatt, he would come around. It took a number of weeks, but Ash is now much more confident, happy, and trusting of the family that adores him.

It was a great day for everyone when sweet Bunny found her forever family. We could tell she will be very loved and will keep these beautiful smiles on everyone's faces.

The Three Gifts of Christmas...



"FAITH"

"HOPE"

"LOVE"

Remember Faith? She was found beside the road by a kind man who brought her to the shelter. She was in terrible shape, sick and malnourished, but also suffering from an eye infection that caused her eyes to rupture. With extensive treatment and lots of love, she started to improve. Over time, her eyes healed but left her partially blind. Faith was with us for seven months waiting patiently for her new family, and she's finally been adopted! We are thrilled she found the perfect home. When her new mom, a volunteer, met Faith for the first time, she instantly fell in love with her! They have an amazing bond, and we cannot be happier for the two of them!

Cheeto



Cheeto was a longtime resident of the shelter. She was in our care for fifteen months. She now has her forever home, and she loves her new sunroom! Cheeto came from a hoarding situation and has always been on the shy side with the staff, volunteers, and visitors at the shelter. We are extremely grateful she is now happy and content in the home she always deserved.

Saying Goodbye is Never Easy



Our pets are pure and innocent creatures, and our bond is characterized by trust and unconditional love. This bond extends beyond companionship; it is intertwined with every facet of our lives, and why the loss of a pet cuts so deeply. We have a vision that when it is time they will pass quietly in their sleep, but euthanasia is sometimes the last gift we can give them. We can end their suffering and let them pass with dignity through a final act of love. Despite the inevitable pain and the demanding adjustments that follow our loss, the journey is clearly worth it. The heartache we feel is the price we pay for the privilege of welcoming their light into our lives. They leave behind a legacy, a deep love that transcends our understanding, and we are blessed to have shared our lives with these extraordinary beings.

Coping With the Loss of a Pet

Feeling sad, shocked, or lonely is a normal reaction to the loss of a beloved pet. It does not mean you are weak, or your feelings are misplaced. It just means that you are mourning the loss of a friend you loved.

Acknowledge your grief.

Allow yourself to feel sad, lonely, or angry.

Memorialize your pet. Plant a tree, author a story, create a scrapbook, or give to a cause in their name.

Reach out to others. Talk with friends and family who understand the human animal bond.

Take care of yourself.

Eat well, exercise and get enough sleep.

Focus on the good times.

Try not to focus on your pets last moments.

Accept your loss. That does not mean forgetting but getting to a point of cherishing good memories.

MEMORIALS

- Dennis Wittman
- Diana Fiske
- Barbara Farraenole
- Donald Bey
- Doris Gibbon
- Elaine Pfohl
- Karen Benzel
- Nicoles O'Connor
- Sue Woodward
- Walter Herod
- Judith A. Sawyer

From the Estate of Wilma W. Robinson
From the Estate of David Randall Schreyer

May you find comfort in knowing that your kindness shown in memory of your loved one has helped us continue providing food, shelter, and medical care for the animals in our care while we seek loving homes.

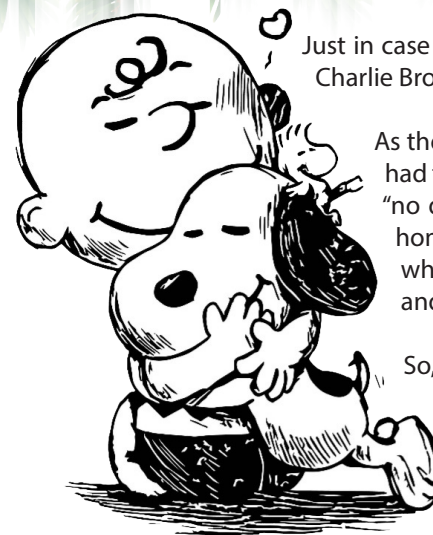
Thank you! We will always remember!



Please Help!

It's so hard to be hungry, homeless and helpless. All God's creatures have feelings but cannot tell us their needs. Anything you can give is invaluable to the health and happiness of the animals in our care.

"When you choose to help...second chances begin!"



Just in case you are having a dreadful day, here is a sketch of Charlie Brown meeting Snoopy for the first time.

As the story goes, Snoopy was with another family who had to return him to the shelter when the landlord said, "no dogs allowed." This is where Charlie takes Snoopy home, and Linus says, "you got a used dog!" But what adventure and love are to come for these two and their gang of friends.

So, if you feel you are barely holding on. Like life has its hands around your neck and you are struggling to breathe. Remember this story.... that there are beautiful things to come, sweeter days, and kinder seasons. Your story is not over yet!

Cats are believed to be the only mammals who don't taste sweetness.



House cats share 95.6% of their genetic makeup with tigers.



Cats walk with both right feet then both left feet (which camels and giraffes also do)



Cats stick their bums in your face as a gesture of friendship. (We think a cat wrote this fact)



Cats can drink seawater as their kidneys are able to filter salt out of water.



Cats knock objects over and off edges to test for hidden prey (and we're pretty sure they like doing it just to annoy us too)



People with cat allergies aren't allergic to fur, but to a protein found in a cat's saliva, urine, and dander.

A cat's purr has the power to self-heal, according to research.



The collective noun for a group of wild cats is a destruction.



A cat's tongue can lick bones clean of any bits of meat.

Thank You!!



When we had a need for litter we only had to ask, and this wonderful community came to our rescue! In a matter of days over 50 boxes of litter were donated. We are very grateful to live in an area where people are so kind and generous with so much love for animals. We couldn't do what we do without you!



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Thank You for you continuous support of the animals, our work and the mission of the SPCA!



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Save the Date!

**Wyoming County SPCA's
37th Annual Basket Raffle**

April 27th, 2025

**St. Vincent's Auditorium, Attica, NY
Noon – 3:00 pm**

*It is a fun time for all, and every ticket
purchased brings an abandoned pet
closer to their dream of a loving family.
Hope to see you there!*

Wish List

- Purina Proplan Cat food
- Friskies/Fancy Feast/Sheba wet food/pate
- Purina One Adult dog food and Puppy dog food
- Puppy and Dog toys
- Catnip toys
- Garbage Bags (large-black-strong) and Kitchen bags
- Paper towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Stainless Steel small and medium litter boxes
- Gift cards to Amazon, Walmart or Chewy



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