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Note From Jackie Pinkowski Shelter Manager

Hello,

I love to hike! When I am not at the shelter (which seems like all the time!), you can usually find me out exploring the trails. My favorite place to go is Letchworth State Park.

If you enjoy hiking, especially in grassy or wooded areas, be sure to watch out for ticks. Ticks can carry Lyme disease, which affects humans, dogs, and sometimes even cats. While ticks are a potential though unlikely problem for cats, it is still wise to brush and examine any outdoor cat when it comes inside. If a cat brings ticks indoors, those ticks might end up on people, other pets, or furniture. It is important to keep this in mind whenever you or your pet spend time in nature.

Hiking is a wonderful way to get active and offers your pup both physical exercise and mental stimulation (so many new smells!). For added safety, always keep your dog on a leash—even if your dog is friendly, others may not be. Do not forget to pack water and a snack for your dog to help them stay energized. After hiking, always check your dog and yourself for ticks.

A tired dog is a happy dog, but their safety comes first. Talk to your vet about flea and tick prevention; protecting your dog is best, since Lyme disease can cause arthritis even if treated early.

Have a wonderful summer!

Jackie

A Great Day for the SPCA!



The Wyoming County SPCA held its 37th Annual Basket Raffle on April 27th at Saint Vincent's Auditorium, Attica. It was an enormous success with two hundred people staying for the entire event in support of the shelter. We had 180 baskets & gift cards, food, a bake sale, and we raised over \$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 are essential to our ability to care for the countless pets in our care.

We want to thank all the dedicated volunteers who donated their time and hard work to put this event on, especially Barbara Higgins. We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated baskets, gift cards, money, baked goods, and food to make this event an amazing success. A special thank you Harding Furniture, Attica Ace Hardware, Hans Moeller, Batavia Downs, Mythical Mystical Madness Photo Shop, Brian Delaney, Jackie, and Steve Leach for Big Ticket donations. A warm thank you goes out to all who attended.

New Summer Hours Alert!!

We are making it easier for you to find your new best friend. We have added Friday open hours from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. just for the summer. This means more time for you to meet our adoptable animals, including some adorable kittens now out in the adoption room.

Summer Open Hours :

Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday ~ 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, Friday ~ 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Swing by 808 Creek Rd, Attica. Bring a friend, and just maybe, leave with a new best friend.... a new member of your family!

(Friday Hours Run Through September)

Wyoming County SPCA is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

Board of Directors Update

It’s finally summer – and we’ve been busy at the Wyoming County SPCA! What a year 2025 has been so far – hope you’ll be able to stop by and see the many updates we’ve made – maybe while looking for your own next fur-baby! Beyond checking out (and petting) the many kittens and older cats, you can even visit with Shelline Dion – our resident turtle in the kitty room! We continue to make great use of donations, including the Golisano grant. We had a major flooding problem in the basement and have had Locktite out to install drains and new sump pumps and waterproof the area. RJM Construction worked on outside drainage, including installing a new culvert/French drains and regrading the dog play yard, so our doggies and volunteers can now actually play in the yard without having to go through massive amounts of flooding and mud! We’ve installed some great dog exercise equipment, and it’s fun to see the dogs running up and down the stairs and slides.

We’ve continued the spay/neuter clinics we started last November. As of the end of May, we held 22 clinics and fixed 598 animals! We hope to have more public clinics in the fall; however, right now we are in the middle of kitten season and our shelter is full, so we need to focus on getting shelter animals spayed/neutered by our great veterinarian, Dr. Jennifer Graf of Whiskers to Tails. We are thrilled to add two new board members to our team – Joan Kibler and Lindsay McDonald. The Board surveyed our community for input about current and future needs at the SPCA and is work-

ing on our shelter strategy for the next few years. We realize that we’ll need to launch a capital campaign later in the year to support our planned growth and remodeling to better serve our animals and our community. We’ve already had a remarkably busy spring speaking to various architects and general contractors about the possibilities. We hope to have a design plan for remodeling or an addition later in the year – more to come!

In the meantime, the Board, Jackie, and her staff thank each and every one of you for your support and contributions. We are still looking for more people to add to our great team of volunteers; please reach out to Jackie at (585) 591-3114 if you’d like to help! Together, we continue to make a real difference in the lives of animals in Wyoming County and neighboring areas.

Have a wonderful summer!

SPCA Board of Directors:

Cathy Lawson, President

Shannon Gladke, Treasurer

Barb Higgins


Joan Kibler

Lindsay McDonald

Jennifer Sealy

Pat Standish

SPCA Welcomes Two New Board Members!

 **Joan Kibler** is a lifelong resident of Wyoming County, having grown up on a dairy farm. She graduated from Warsaw Central School in 1979, then in 1983 received a Bachelor of Science from Brockport State University, with a dual major in Criminal Justice and Psychology. She received her Masters from Medaille College in Organizational Management and Leadership. She has been employed with Wyoming County for 40 years, currently as the Director of the Probation Department. She is excited to join the board and hopes to help make a better life for any and all rescue animals, with the ultimate goal of being able to help all those in need.

Lindsay McDonald has been a volunteer at the Wyoming County SPCA and has been an active member of our Fundraising Committee. She hails from Erie County and has 11 years’ experience as an accountant with a variety of different companies. She received a Bachelors’ of Science in Accounting from Canisius University and is very active in her local community and church



Thank you, James Bragg,

On behalf of all of us at the SPCA, thank you for your dedication and service as a board member. Your commitment has truly made a difference for our mission and the animals we serve. We wish you all the best in your future endeavor and hope you’ll stay in touch.

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Our sincere thanks to Russ for his ongoing generosity and dedication to the SPCA. His support in funding the printing and distribution of our newsletter is invaluable, helping us share our stories and important updates with the community.

A Lifetime of Love: 21 Years with Our Shelter Cat



I adopted my cat Gizmo from the SPCA in 2003, inspired by my favorite movie at the time, Gremlins. For twenty-one unforgettable years, she ruled the house with her sassy walk and regal attitude. Gizmo loved chattering at birds through the window and basking in the hallway sunlight while my mom and I sang karaoke. She never liked being held—at least, not until her later years, when she’d curl up in my arms and purr softly. I still miss her greeting me at the door with her familiar meows.

Recently, I made my way back to the SPCA and met Juno, my new companion, who already brings a different kind of joy to my life.

~ Brianna Smith



“Our pet’s companionship, unconditional love, and comforting presence make their absence a profound loss. Though our hearts are broken, we’re grateful for the time we shared together, and we’ll never forget the paw prints they left on our hearts.”



Scouting for Good!

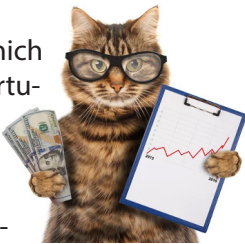
Many thanks to Girl Scout Troop 90802! Girls from pre-K through fourth grade visited our shelter to learn about the care of cats. They played with kittens and helped feed them dinner, creating a positive and fun experience for everyone involved. The troop is also organizing a food drive to support our shelter as they work toward earning a patch. We had a wonderful day together and look forward to welcoming Troop 90802, and other youth groups interested in animal care, back to the shelter soon!

Visit our website, follow us on Facebook and check your email. We have a lot going on! Muck Dogs Bark in the Park- June 26th Vendor Blendor at Camp Lei Ti- July 5th. 716 Fundraiser- Wyoming County SPCA -2025 Give 716 begins July 15th Look for us at AppleUmpkin!

Did You Know We Are Good For The Local Economy?

Most people are aware of the important services animal shelters provide for homeless animals but shelters also offer valuable support to local economies. Their presence promotes business for veterinarians, pet sitters, boarding facilities, groomers, and other pet-focused enterprises.

Adopted pets require ongoing care, which creates steady demand and new opportunities for local business owners and entrepreneurs. Additionally, animal shelters create jobs and volunteer roles for people of all ages, providing both purpose and fulfillment. By helping to reduce the stray animal population, shelters save local governments money and contribute to improved public health. Pets are not just beloved companions—they are also an integral part of the local economy and community.



Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Adam, one of our newest volunteers, pictured here with adoptable McLovin! With free time and a big heart, Adam generously helps care for both our cats and dogs. His enthusiasm shines through in every interaction—whether he is playing with a shy kitten or taking dogs for their daily walk, Adam’s positive energy makes a difference for our animals every day.



Riding Shotgun ~ Dogs, Cats and Road Trip Fun! ~

To ensure a smooth and enjoyable road trip with your dog, prioritize their well-being and safety. Start by getting your dog acclimated to car travel, and then plan for frequent breaks, ensure they have a safe and comfortable space in the car, and pack all necessary supplies.

Pre-Trip Preparation:

- Start with short car rides to help your dog get used to the experience. Consider using positive reinforcement like treats and praise.
- Veterinary Checkup: A vet visit before the trip can help ensure your dog is healthy and can handle the travel.
- Microchip and ID: Make sure your dog has a microchip and a collar with a current ID tag in case they escape.
- Practice Trips: Before a long road trip, practice taking your dog on shorter trips to gauge their tolerance and identify any potential problems.
- Get them tired beforehand. A tired dog is a calm dog. Walk or play with your dog before the trip to help them settle down in the car.

Road Trip Safety and Comfort:

- Secure the Dog: Use a secure crate, harness, or pet seat belt to prevent your dog from being tossed around in a crash.
- Avoid Airbags: Never allow your dog to sit in the front seat where they could be injured by an airbag.
- Provide a Comfortable Space: Bring a familiar blanket, bed, or crate to create a sense of security for your dog.
- Hydration and Breaks: Plan for frequent stops to allow your dog to relieve themselves, stretch their legs, and drink water.
- Consider a Water Bowl: A no-spill water bowl can help your dog stay hydrated throughout the trip.
- Plan for Potty Breaks: Puppies and senior dogs may need more frequent breaks.
- Keep Them Cool: Never leave your dog unattended in a hot car, even if it's cool outside.
- Dog-Friendly Stops: Research dog-friendly rest stops, parks, or campgrounds along your route.
- Leave No Trace: Pack up after yourself and your dog, ensuring the area is clean and tidy.

Essential Packing:

- Food and Water: Pack plenty of food and water, including a travel-friendly water bowl.
- Dog Food: Make sure to bring your dog's usual food, as changes in diet can lead to upset stomachs.

- Treats: Pack treats for rewards during the trip and for training purposes.
- Toys: Bring some of your dog's favorite toys to keep them entertained.
- First Aid Kit: A pet first aid kit can be helpful for minor injuries.
- Cleaning Supplies: Bring wipes, towels, and stain/odor removers for potential messes.
- Potty Bags: Don't forget to pack bags to pick up your dog's waste.
- Leashes: Bring extra leashes for walks and breaks.
- Long Line: A long line can provide more freedom for your dog to sniff and explore during breaks.
- Emergency ID: Attach important information to your dog's crate or harness in case of an emergency.

Addressing Potential Issues:

- Motion Sickness: If your dog is prone to motion sickness, talk to your vet about preventative medication.
- Anxiety: If your dog is anxious, consult with your vet or a professional dog trainer for advice.
- Car-Sickness: Be prepared for possible vomit.
- Never leave your dog unattended in a car.

By following these tips, you can make your road trip with your dog a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for both of you.

Road Trip With Your Cat

To ensure a smooth road trip with your cat, start by introducing your cat to the car and carrier gradually. Pack essential supplies like a litter box, food, water, and familiar comfort items. Consider withholding food before the trip and plan for rest stops to allow your cat to use the litter box. For longer trips, consult your veterinarian about anti-anxiety medication or sedatives if needed.

Preparation and Acclimation:

- Acclimatize to the car. Start with short rides in the car, offering treats and positive reinforcement to make the experience positive.
- Introduce the carrier. Leave the carrier out at home for a while, letting your cat explore it and become comfortable with it.
- Visit the vet. Get a check-up before the trip and discuss any potential issues or medications with your veterinarian.

Packing Essentials:

- Cat carrier: Choose a sturdy, well-ventilated carrier.
- Litter box and litter: Bring a portable litter box and a sufficient supply of litter.

Did You Know?

Medications are among the leading causes of poisoning in pets each year.

10 Most Common Human Medications That Are Deadly to Pets

1. NSAIDS (Ibuprofen, Aleve, Motrin, etc.)
2. Acetaminophen (Tylenol, etc.)
3. Antidepressants (Effexor, Cymbalta, Prozac, Lexapro, etc.)
4. ADD/ADHD Medications (Concerta, Adderall, Ritalin, etc.)
5. Benzodiazepines / Sleep Aids (Xanax, Klonopin, Ambien, Lunesta, etc.)
6. Birth Control (estrogen, estradiol, progesterone, etc.)
7. ACE Inhibitors (Zestril, Altace, etc.)
8. Beta-blockers (Tenormin, Toprol, Coreg, etc.)
9. Thyroid hormones (Armour desiccated thyroid, Synthroid, etc.)
10. Cholesterol lowering agents (Lipitor, Zocor, Crestor, etc.)

You can keep your pets safe by following simple common sense guidelines:

1. Keep all medicines out of your pet's reach. Most dogs can quickly chew a bottle open to get to the medicines inside.
2. Don't leave medicines on tables or nightstands where your pet can reach them.
3. Keep human medicines and pet medicines separate. Although pets may often be treated with the same medicines as people, the doses are usually quite different. Confusing the doses can be fatal. Also, keep medicines intended for different species of pets separate to prevent mix-ups. Medicines for animals can have different effects when used for a different species. For example, some flea medicines intended for dogs are harmful to cats.
4. Don't let pets come in contact with or eat medicine patches (e.g., nicotine patches, fentanyl patches) prescribed for you. Also, if pets are prescribed a medicine patch, be sure they do not eat them or lie down next to heat sources that could increase the medicine's absorption and lead to an overdose.
5. Don't let pets come into contact with or lick your skin where you have applied medical creams (e.g., sports creams, topical nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory creams, fluorouracil topical cream).
6. If a pet sitter or someone unfamiliar with your pet's medicines will be giving medicines to your pet, leave clear written instructions to prevent confusion and dosing mistakes.
7. Never give pets human medicines (including over-the-counter [OTC] medicines and weight loss products) without consulting your veterinarian. Medicines that may seem harmless, such as ibuprofen, can be fatal for pets.
8. Properly dispose of expired medicines in pet-safe containers (containers that pets cannot get into).
9. Always contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888-426-4435) if your pet has swallowed or licked any medicines that were not prescribed for them.

So Many Cats, So Much Hope ~ Help Us Change Their Lives!



It's that time of year again, kitten season! Our shelter has welcomed a wonderful variety of new cats and kittens, all hoping for a fresh start and a loving home. From playful kittens to sweet seniors, every cat deserves a second chance. Together, we can make it happen. Adopters give a cat the forever family they dream of. Volunteers brighten their days with care, playtime, and kindness. Donors provide meals, comfort, medical care, and safety. Your gifts make miracles possible.

“One by one, we gathered them, whispering, “You’re safe now.” Each carried a story of resilience. In saving them, we discovered a deeper well of compassion within ourselves. The days that followed were challenging, but each small victory—a grateful purr, a playful paw, a wagging tail—reminded us why we do this.”
-Anonymous

Oatmeal:
The Sassy
Survivor

Oatmeal is a sassy cat who really hit the She was found by a trapper who was performing TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) at a nearby farm. Oatmeal emerged from the woods, one leg stretched out straight, completely unable to use it. Seeing how sick and injured she was, the trapper quickly scooped her up and took her to safety.

A volunteer drove Oatmeal to Corfu, where the vet team assessed her condition. She arrived very hungry and full of sass, but that did not deter anyone from giving her the best care possible. It turns out, her knee was shattered and twisted backwards, an old injury that had healed wrong



Every adopted cat is spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, and ready to become your companion. Many even have sponsored adoption fees—all that is missing is you!

Cannot adopt right now? Donations of wet cat food or on-line support help us give them the best care (link in bio/about). Cannot donate? Just a few volunteer hours mean the world to these cats. Your compassion creates brighter futures so please visit, donate, volunteer, or adopt. Together, we can fill their lives with hope and love...together we can empty our shelter and make room for those who are still out there... hoping and waiting to be saved.



over time. The team also discovered Oatmeal was suffering from pyometra—a dangerous infection of the uterus—so two surgeries were necessary.

The first step was a spay surgery to eliminate the infection, followed by a course of antibiotics and two weeks of recovery. Once she healed, Oatmeal was medically cleared for a leg amputation to relieve her ongoing pain. She did wonderfully through both surgeries, and is now in our care, continuing to heal and thriving! She gets around perfectly on three legs, and you would never guess she was ever injured. Oatmeal has learned that humans are not so bad after all and has become a huge fan of pets and cuddles.

Oatmeal is now searching for her forever home. A huge thank you to Dr. Brooke and her technician Jen, who generously donated their time for both surgeries. Jen also fostered Oatmeal between procedures to ensure she got the best care. We are endlessly grateful to both—they were even the ones to give her the name Oatmeal!



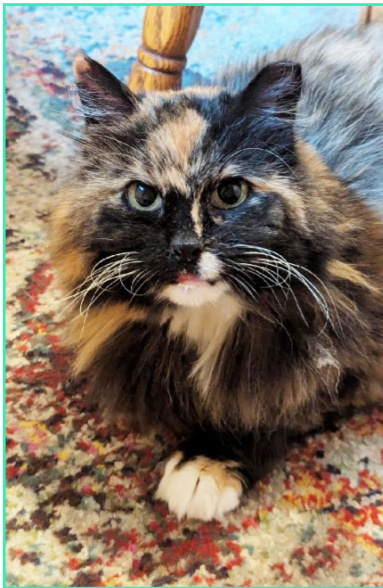
Do You Have Room in Your Heart and Home for Us?

Meet **McLovin**, a lovable 3-year-old pittie boy with a zest for adventure and a heart full of love. Whether he is exploring trails or snuggling on the couch, McLovin's always ready to be by your side. His adoption fee is fully sponsored, so he is all set to find his forever home!"



Looking for a new companion or hoping to add a furry friend to your family? Meet **Hazel**—a beautiful, one-year-old female Siamese. She may be a little shy at first, but with patience and kindness, she quickly warms up and reveals her loving nature.

New Beginnings and Happy Endings



Latoya was originally found on a farm and had been sick for quite some time. As a result, her nasal passages healed incorrectly, and she will always be a bit stuffy. After three months of recovery, she was adopted into her forever home, where she is thriving with her cat siblings. Latoya loves playing with toy mice and enjoying her squeeze treats—her playful spirit shines through, no matter what!

It is so heartwarming to see sisters and adopted together and into a loving family of humans! From the moment they arrived, **Mittens** (grey) and **Reese** (calico) were inseparable. Whether they are playfully chasing each other through sunbeams or curling up side by side for a cozy nap, their bond is unmistakable. Watching them care for and comfort one another reminds us every day how special their friendship is—their joy is truly doubled because they share it together. We could never imagine these two besties living apart.



Want to Make a Difference?

Just scan the QR code to chip in—one time, monthly, or yearly, whatever works for you! Every dollar helps us rescue and care for pets who need us. Thanks so much for your support!



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Something New!

There is something exciting happening at the SPCA, thanks to the generosity of supporters like you. A bequest from a devoted donor recently enabled us to purchase new dog play equipment from Puppyplayground.com. Because of this gift, our dogs enjoy more exercise and enrichment, and even our shyest friends are gaining confidence every day. We deeply appreciate the difference your support makes.



Saving one paw at a time.

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