



SPCA Serving Wyoming County

PAW STREET JOURNAL

Note From Jackie Pinkowski Shelter Manager

Dear Friends,

Every spring and summer, our phones begin ringing nonstop:

- *"There's a mom cat with kittens under my porch."*
- *"A stray had another litter in my barn."*
- *"We've been feeding cats outside, and now there are more babies."*

By the time people notice a problem, one unspayed cat has already turned into many. A single female cat can have multiple litters every year, and her kittens can begin reproducing at just 4 months old. What starts as "just one stray cat" can quickly become dozens. Sadly, there are simply not enough homes for them all. That is why spaying and neutering is one of the most important ways YOU can help save lives.

At our shelter, we proudly offer low-cost spay and neuter clinics all year long to help make this care affordable and accessible for our community. Every cat or dog that is fixed helps prevent future unwanted litters, suffering, homelessness, and overcrowding in shelters and rescues. Even helping spay or neuter just ONE animal makes a difference.

You may also hear us talk about **TNVR**, which stands for: **Trap – Neuter – Vaccinate – Return**. **TNVR** is a humane and effective way to help manage outdoor and feral cat populations. Community cats that are living outside are safely trapped, brought to a clinic to be spayed or neutered and vaccinated, then returned to the area they came from after recovery.

Summer Hours

Sunday, Monday ~ Closed

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

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

Many people ask why these cats are returned outside instead of brought into shelters or homes. The truth is, not every cat wants to live indoors with people. Some cats are feral, meaning they were born outside and are not socialized with humans. Being confined indoors can be extremely stressful and frightening for them. Others are community cats that are loved, fed, and taken care of by a huge group of neighbors! For these cats, returning to their familiar outdoor territory is often the safest and kindest option. Once fixed, they can no longer continue reproducing, behaviors like fighting and spraying are often reduced, and the population slowly decreases over time.

TNVR works — but it only works when communities come together to help. If you feed outdoor cats, notice strays in your neighborhood, or have pets at home, please consider scheduling a spay or neuter appointment. Encourage friends and family to do the same. One appointment may not seem like much, but to the countless kittens born outside every year, it could mean everything.

You can be the hero these cats need.

Jackie P

Shelter Manager
Wyoming County SPCA



LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE

Legacy donations made in memory of loved ones create a lasting tribute to the lives they touched. Through these meaningful gifts, their values and generosity continue to support our community and strengthen our mission for years to come.

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

Message from the Board

Hello, everyone!

And so, it looks like we are finally moving from a long, snowy winter into spring and summer! Everything's blooming, including kittens. Be sure to stop by the shelter and find your next life companion soon – there are so many to choose from!

With support from the Golisano Foundation and community members, our progress continues in the remodeling project for the WCSPCA in order to meet requirements from the New York State Companion Animal legislation (passed last December) and repair issues with our aging building. We have worked hard to come up with a plan for a small addition/renovation to better support our community. Included will be an expanded spay/neuter clinic, quarantine space for cats and dogs, updated electrical/HVAC systems, and expand our meet/greet space. We will also be moving our dog kennels out of the basement and up to the first-floor addition, attached to the current dog play yard. The construction bidding process is underway now, with hopes of breaking ground during the fall.

We are so thankful to the community for your continuing support, including at our Spring Basket Raffle, which was an astounding success! Last but not least, we are thankful to have our powerhouse shelter manager, Jackie, leading our small but dynamic staff and volunteer team to ensure that shelter operations help our animals and our community. We are always looking for volunteers – join us today.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

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Congratulations to Jen Sealy on her promotion to President and CEO of the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce. We are grateful for the time, dedication, and leadership she brings as Vice President of our all-volunteer Board of Directors.

Seeing Wildlife in Need?
Here is How to Help!



If you come across a wild animal that may need assistance, please call Messinger Woods Wildlife Care & Education Center at 716-345-4239 and leave a message. Their team can help guide you on whether the animal truly needs care or is best left safely in the wild.

A few gentle reminders:

- Fledgling birds are often still being cared for by their parents and usually do not need rescuing.
- Rabbit nests can be protected from curious pets so the babies can remain safe.
- Fawns are often left alone while their mothers forage nearby, so unless they are in immediate danger, it is best to let them be.
- For concerns about raccoons, skunks, or bats, please visit the DEC website, as Messinger Woods is not licensed to handle rabies vector species.

Thank you for caring about our friends in the wild and helping ensure they get the right support when they truly need it.

Hairballs: The Glamorous
Side of Cat Ownership

If you share your home with a cat, hairballs are simply part of the package. Cats swallow loose hair while grooming, and while most of it passes normally, some come back up as a not-so-lovely little fur wad. The occasional hairball is usually normal, but frequent ones can be a sign of overgrooming, stress, allergies, or another health issue. If your cat is retching without producing anything, seems tired, will not eat, or has digestive changes, contact your veterinarian right away. The good news? Regular brushing, especially for long-haired cats—can help cut down on hairballs. In some cases, your vet may also suggest a special diet or supplements to keep your kitty comfortable and your floors a little cleaner.



A BIG Thank You!!



Our hearts are full of gratitude for everyone who helped make this year's WCSPCA Annual Basket Raffle such a wonderful success. To our generous donors, everyone who attended, and our amazing volunteers—thank you for showing up with such kindness, compassion, and support. Because of you, we can continue giving cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies the care they need and the second chances they deserve. Your support helps provide medical treatment, comfort, and safe shelter while we work to find loving forever homes for each animal who comes through our doors. Events like this are only possible because of a caring community like ours. Thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and helping us make a real difference in the lives of so many animals. **We are beyond grateful.**



Memorials

- Amy Smith
Catherine L Kubal
Francis Beyer
Jim & Carol Tasa
Karen Thompson
Lucy Dojcsak
Margaret Luker
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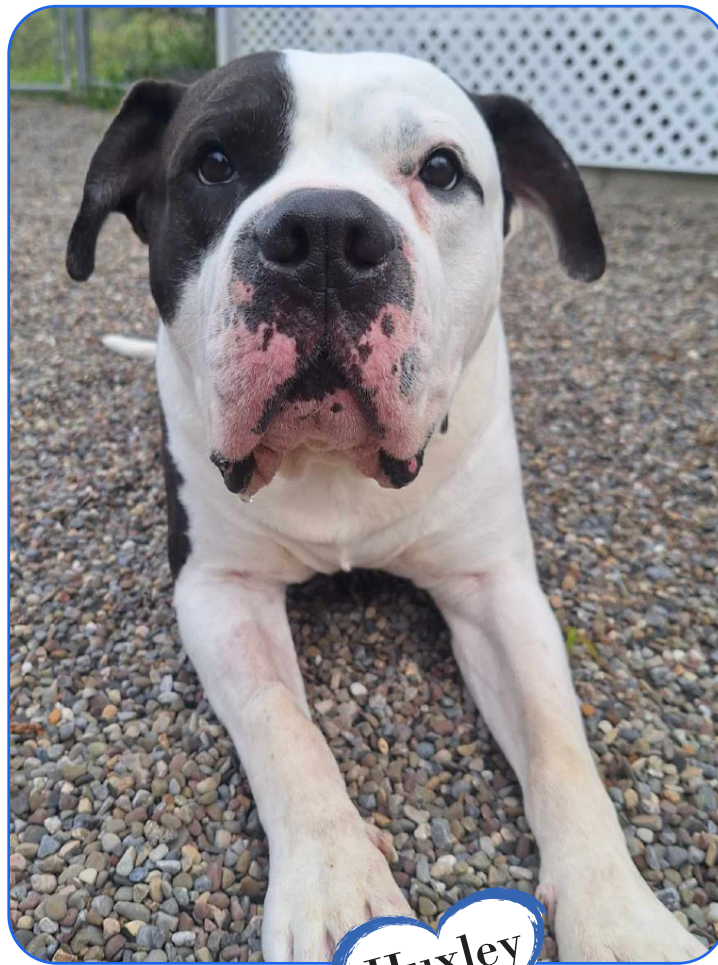


Pet Memorials

- Susan Schell
Nueman & Crosley
Cynithia Appleton/Warsaw Fire Dept.
Bunker
Virginia Bloom
Annie & Scout
Joan Mithell/ Paula L Jones
Jeeter & Rem
Maud Charpin
Blu and Lou



The Spotlight is on HUXLEY!



Huxley



Huxley is a 3-year-old neutered American Bulldog mix weighing in at about 85lbs of pure goofy love. Huxley absolutely adores being around his people. He has a fun-loving personality and a heart just as big as he is. Huxley came to us as a stray transfer from dog control after no one came forward to claim him. Sadly, no one recognized him or knew where he belonged. While we may never know much about his past, we do know one thing for sure — he deserves an incredible future filled with love, comfort, and a family to call his own.

WHAT'S UP WITH...

OSCAR

Oscar, now lovingly named Frank, is a 10-year-old Mini Terrier/Yorkie mix whose journey has touched many hearts. When he first arrived at the shelter, he was in extremely poor condition, but today he is thriving in a home filled with love and care. Frank especially enjoys spending time outdoors. His family even got him a clear bubble backpack so he can join them on hikes, something he absolutely loves. Although he continues to face neurological issues and has an enlarged heart, Frank is receiving medication that is helping him feel better each day. His mom, who works at York Animal Hospital, first met him there and quickly fell in love. Sweet, gentle, and full of charm, Frank is adored by everyone who has the pleasure of meeting him.



And PRINCE



Prince was a 9-year-old border collie who was diagnosed with Lyme disease. We had him in foster for 2 months as he was shutting down in the shelter. He did not care for other dogs, so it was hard to find the perfect home for him. He just recently found his forever home and has gotten comfortable in his new living situation. He has also enjoyed several walks already!

AND WE CAN'T FORGET SPENCER!!

Spencer was a stray cat who had a bit of a rough life before coming to the shelter. He was unneutered and had gotten into some fights, and being that he tested positive for FIV, it is never safe for them to be outside competing for resources. Luckily, Spencer was such a sweet and outgoing cat who found the perfect home only one month later. He is now safely inside, loved deeply, and spoiled rotten.

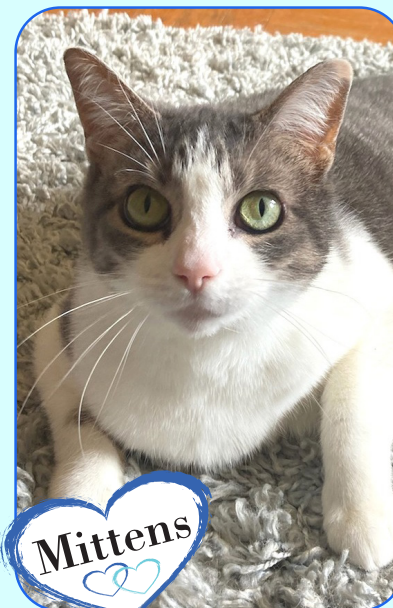


Special Kitties Needing Special Families!



Meet MITTENS & SALSA!

When 7 1/2-year-old Mittens first arrived at the shelter, she received all her vetting, but the shelter environment proved overwhelming. She began to shut down, becoming fearful of humans and depressed.



Mittens

So, one of our staff members, Caitlyn, decided to welcome her into foster care. Mittens is finally starting to accept slow, gentle pets after months of fearing hands. The way to her heart, ultimately, is treat time and shoelaces! Mittens will need a special person with a quiet home where she can continue to build confidence at her own pace. Her ideal home would have: no young kids, no dogs, preferably no other cats or one very calm cat that will not bother her.

Three-year-old Salsa is still waiting for her forever home. As our longest resident, this sweet, fully blind girl has spent far too long hoping someone will finally choose her. Even though she cannot see, Salsa gets around well and has so much love to give, especially if you are lucky enough to earn a spot in her lap-cat circle. She would do best in a home without other cats or dogs, with someone patient and understanding who can see past her sass and recognize what a wonderful companion she truly is. Salsa was featured in our winter newsletter before, and it breaks our hearts that she is still here. We can only hope this is the last time she has to wait in the spotlight before finding the loving home she deserves.



Salsa

Remember Cody, Our One-Eyed Kitty?

Cody, now named Finneas, is still doing great in his home. He even stopped spraying, which was a big issue when he was at the shelter. His owner also mentioned that Finneas has finally decided to curl up with him in bed! We are so happy Finneas was given a second chance at a happily-ever-after!!



Caring for a Blind Kitty

Blind cats can live happy, active lives when they have a safe, predictable environment. They rely on smell, hearing, and touch to map their surroundings and move with confidence. Keep furniture, rugs, litter boxes, food, and water in the same places so your cat can navigate easily. Block hazards like stairs or balconies and use shallow litter boxes for easier access. Help them use their other senses by adding textured rugs near important spots, provide toys with bells, crinkles, or strong scents, and never trim their whiskers, which are essential for navigation. To prevent startling them, speak softly before touching them and avoid carrying them unless necessary. If you have other pets, a small bell on their collar can help your blind cat know when they are nearby. For safety, keep blind cats indoors or allow outside time only in secure, supervised spaces. A pet water fountain can also help by giving them a gentle sound cue to find their water.



Volunteer Spotlight



To our incredible shelter volunteers, thank you. Your compassion, patience, and generosity mean more than words can fully express. Every walk, every clean kennel, every comforting touch, every load of laundry, and every moment you spend with our animals helps bring them hope, healing, and love when they need it most.

You are the steady hands and kind hearts that make our work possible. Because of you, frightened animals feel safe, sick animals receive care, and homeless cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies have a better chance of finding the loving homes they deserve. You are not just helping a shelter—you are changing lives.

But the need is ongoing, and we cannot do it alone. If you have ever thought about volunteering, now is the time. Even just a few hours can make a world of difference to an animal who is waiting for comfort, care, and a second chance. When you volunteer, you are giving more than your time—you are giving hope.

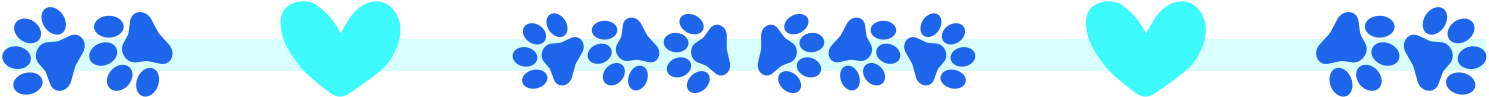
Join us and be part of something truly meaningful. A little love can change everything.



Everyone had a blast at our volunteer bowling party! A big thank you to Bennington Lanes for hosting us and helping make the night so much fun.



Thank you, Mary Cooley, for sharing your time, kindness, and heart with the SPCA every Wednesday morning for over a decade. Your unwavering dedication has touched so many lives, and we are deeply grateful for the love and compassion you bring each week.



Paula has been a dedicated volunteer with us for the past three years, spending much of her time caring for our dogs. She showers them with love, playtime, and plenty of tasty treats, and never leaves without stopping by to say hello to the cats in our adoption

room, too. Paula has also helped rescue cats from a local stray colony, bringing them in for veterinary care and the chance to find safe, loving indoor homes. Her compassion and generosity make a lasting impact, and we are so lucky to have her on our team.

Shawn is truly a volunteer of many talents. From fostering animals to fixing things around the shelter, he is always ready to jump in wherever help is needed. He also creates our custom T-shirts for staff and volunteers, as well as shirts we sell at events. Shawn's willingness to lend a hand in so many ways helps keep the shelter running smoothly, and we are incredibly grateful to have him here.



A big thank-you to John for all he does for our shelter. He helps keep our grounds looking great by mowing the grass, takes our dogs out for walks, and makes their day even more special with occasional Burger King ice cream trips. John has also helped

with important shelter improvements, including painting and installing a brand-new gate to make our dog yard safer. We're so thankful to have John on our team. Featured with him is Huxley, one of our available dogs!

We Welcome Volunteer Groups



We Care Club from Batavia stopped out in March to help us with some everyday tasks! We loved having them and the cats really enjoyed getting tons of attention!



A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Emery and the students from Alexander Elementary School for spending time with us at the shelter. Their compassion and generosity filled our shelter with joy, bringing comfort, play, and love to our cats and kittens, along with many thoughtful donations. Visits like theirs remind us of the kindness in our community, and we are profoundly grateful for their support. We hope to welcome them back again next year.



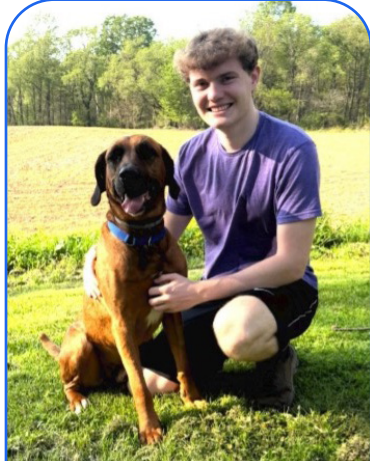
We'd like to give a huge shoutout to the crew from Wegmans for helping with some major spring cleaning last week! They did a wonderful job making sure everything was sparkling clean.

Huxley, one of our adoptable dogs, proudly served as supervisor for the day and even made sure to pause the work for a few well-deserved pet breaks! We truly enjoyed having the team here.

Thank you for giving us some much-needed love ~
Huxley and our kitties

Welcome to the Newest Member of the SPCA Team

Adam began volunteering in May of 2025 when he wanted to help at our shelter as he has always cared deeply for animals. Since starting, Adam has been very willing to help with many different tasks and always has such a great attitude. Recently this month, we decided to officially hire him as a staff member here at the shelter! Adam will be a terrific addition to



Adam and his newly adopted buddy, Rebel.

the team! You never know where volunteering can get you, whether that is gaining more experience for another animal-related job, or a job here at the shelter if we happen to be in need!

Spay & Neuter Clinics for Cats
Help prevent unwanted kitten litters!

Package price to get your cat fixed \$130

Includes spay/neuter, Rabies, FVRCP, and a nail trim! CASH ONLY

Stop in during open hours to pre pay and grab your spot. If you can't make open hours, message/call us to set up an appointment to stop in.



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