

Spay/Neuter Clinic is Open!

APF Team Hones Skills at Training with Humane Alliance

The APF Community Spay/Neuter Clinic is now open and hundreds of surgeries have already been performed on both shelter pets and owned animals. Our new surgical center will enable us to further our commitment to high-quality, low-cost surgery with the singular goal of reducing the number of homeless and unwanted animals in our communities.

To prepare for the increased surgical volume and pace, the APF's veterinary and support team traveled to Asheville, NC for hands-on training with Humane Alliance (HA), a nationally recognized not-for-profit organization that focuses on high-volume, high-quality, low-cost companion animal sterilization.

The training objectives were to polish the surgical sterilization technique of veterinary staff, (the high-quality piece), and to enhance organizational skills to make the most efficient use of time (the high-volume piece).

Following the four-day training, staff from Humane Alliance came to the APF clinic to complete the onsite portion of the program aimed at ensuring smooth implementation of everything learned in Asheville.

According to Dr. Nellie Goetz, Medical Director for the National Spay/Neuter Response Team, "The APF's vet staff was definitely one



Dr. Nellie Goetz from Humane Alliance (right) works beside APF veterinary assistant Heather McNamara in the new clinic.

of the most well prepared in terms of what they took away from the training and brought back to their own clinic. They were not only open to learning, but also had a very strong knowledge base, which

is the perfect combination. The administrative staff was equally strong."

Lorin Loffredo, the clinic's licensed vet tech commented, "I learned so much in so little time. Everyone was professional, yet approachable and helpful. I thought I was a very competent tech before the training, but this really helped me to fine-tune my skills. We all learned a great deal about the importance of focus on the post-op phase. They taught us ways to bring animals out of anesthesia more supportively and safely. The layout of the new clinic helps us to do that as well."

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The clinic offers two fee structures: one for the general public and one for those who can demonstrate proof of public support through a NYS Benefit Card or as a recipient of HEAP. Additional discounts are available for shelter and rescue groups. Fees are as follows:

Standard Fees		Income-Qualified Fees	
Female cats	\$60	Female cats	\$25
Male cats	\$50	Male cats	\$15
Female dogs under 50 lbs.	\$80	Female dogs under 50 lbs.	\$45
Female dogs over 50 lbs.	\$95	Female dogs over 50 lbs.	\$60
Male dogs under 50 lbs.	\$60	Male dogs under 50 lbs.	\$25
Male dogs over 50 lbs.	\$70	Male dogs over 50 lbs.	\$35



Shiloh is loving life in his new home. Meet more happy pets on page 8.

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OUR MISSION

The purpose of the APF is to address pet overpopulation and animal suffering through education and appropriate action, to enhance human/animal relationships, and to provide care to animals in need.

From the Executive Director

Dear friends of APF,

When you think of saving animals, uniting unwanted pets with the perfect new home, and spaying and neutering thousands of community animals so that the challenge of overpopulation can be defeated – what organization do you think of?

If you're like most in our community, you think of the Animal Protective Foundation. Why? Because you know every abandoned or neglected animal will receive the very best of care and that each animal will be treated with dignity by dedicated, compassionate staff in a caring environment.

Your contributions have helped make APF the rescue organization that it is and we are so grateful to you for supporting our committed team of caregivers.

Today we are pleased to introduce a new way to give that will help to ensure that the APF will be able to continue its work for decades to come. By considering the APF in your will, a legacy gift will convey your values, enabling us to achieve long-term financial stability and sustainability.

Please look for more information on legacy giving in this newsletter on page 7.

The APF is your community animal shelter. We exist to serve you and to provide hope for those animals that have no one. If you would like to know more about legacy giving, please contact Vladia Boniewski, Director of Development, at 374-3944 extension 122, or visit our website at www.animalprotective.org.

Thank you,

Michael Daugherty
Executive Director

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We place safe, healthy animals in responsible homes with the expectation that adopters will provide quality and lifelong care. Our process includes an adopter questionnaire and an agreement detailing the care every animal should receive.

ANIMAL SURRENDER

We accept unwanted animals from Schenectady County residents. A contribution of \$25 per animal is requested to offset the cost of care that we provide, an average of \$200 per animal.

VISIT US!



53 Maple Avenue, Scotia

Tuesday	12:00 - 4:30 pm
Wednesday	12:00 - 4:30 pm
Thursday	12:00 - 4:30 pm
Friday	12:00 - 4:30 pm
Saturday	12:00 - 4:30 pm
Closed Sunday and Monday	



Cat Adoption Center
Mohawk Commons, Niskayuna

Monday	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Thursday	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Friday	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Saturday	12:00 - 4:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 - 4:00 pm

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CoCo – A Senior Young at Heart

CoCo came to us in July after his owner passed away. The owner's son, who lived out of state, was unable to keep him. He was tearful as he handed over his father's beloved companion, a sturdy little 12-year-old Parson Russell terrier. CoCo's vet records indicated that he had a mouthful of bad teeth and some other minor problems. We said we would do our best to rehome him, but not knowing his full health picture, we couldn't make any promises.

An exam by our vet staff showed that overall he was in pretty good shape. We were able to remove several bad teeth, clean and polish the others, and rid him of his painful mouth infection.



Although he's 12 years old, CoCo has energy to spare.

CoCo quickly won us all over and even went home at night with one staff member who became very attached. It wasn't until he appeared on CBS 6's Pet of the Week segment with Liz Bishop that there was any interest in him. But that was all it took.

According to his new parents, Angelina and Gary Hollinger, it was love at first sight. Angelina says she wanted him the moment she saw him and his age didn't matter.

She says, "CoCo is so full of life. He jumps in the air when he sees his red leash to go out for a walk. Our lives have been enriched by this little guy. He follows us, gives us love and enjoys being with people."

She claims that she and her husband "... could never laugh more, be happier, or smile more. Our lives could never be filled with better riches."

Update on Sparky and Lucy

In our last PetGazette we shared the story of Sparky (age 13) and Lucy (age 12), a spunky pair in need of a loving home. We had removed a very large tumor from atop Sparky's nose. We're happy to provide this update.

Hi friends at APF! Sparky and Lucy are doing great! They send their love to all their fans. Sparky is on two medications for the tumor on his face and the meds have worked really well at slowing the growth of the tumor. And there have been no side effects.



Both dogs are in amazingly good shape for their ages and love lounging on the couch, playing in the yard, and going for walks. We love them dearly and they have found their forever home, but haven't forgotten that APF is responsible for saving them.

Many thanks,
The Lyden Family

Win A Brand New Car!



The APF is holding a raffle for a brand new, 2014 Subaru Impreza 4-door sedan from Capitaland Motors!

Tickets are \$50 each and just 500 tickets will be sold

- 1st Prize: 2014 Subaru Impreza, 4-Door Sedan
- 2nd Prize: 40" Sony HD Flat Screen TV
- 3rd Prize: \$100 in Lyle's Hoagie's Gift cards

Drawing will be held on December 20, 2013 and announced on our website at www.animalprotective.org, and www.facebook.com/AnimalProtectiveFoundation

Stop by the shelter or call (518) 374-3944, ext. 114 to purchase by phone. Tickets are also available at Capitaland Subaru, located at 37 Saratoga Road in Glenville.

Model, transmission, and color will be determined at time of drawing. Winner assumes and must pay all fees and charges, including tax, licensing fee, and any options the winner chooses. Purchasers must be at least 18 years of age. Send request for a copy of complete rules to pearson@animalprotective.org.

The raffle is being coordinated in memory of Tammy and Jessie McCormack, mother and daughter, who were murdered in Rotterdam in April of 2013. Both were caring animal lovers and this is their friends' and family's way of turning the tragedy into something hopeful for the animals.



Now through January 2, 2014, Capitaland Subaru will donate \$250 to the APF for every new car sold or leased. It's part of Subaru's "Share the Love" event which will provide up to \$10 million to five national charities and locally to the APF. Capitaland holds the APF near and dear to its heart because the dealership is home to Yager and Elise, both adopted from the APF. On any given day, these two beautiful kitties can be seen lounging in the showroom or "helping" their co-workers by warming empty chairs and providing desktop assistance.



Yager:
Keyboard Specialist



Elise:
Seat-warming Expert

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Have you considered
including the APF in your
will or estate planning?

Gifts received through
wills and trusts are the
financial foundation that
makes possible the many
programs the APF offers for
both people and animals.

For information please call
(518) 374-3944, ext. 122.

Introducing Dr. Lisa

The APF welcomes Dr. Lisa Potkewitz as its staff veterinarian. Her job will be to oversee care and treatment of the shelter pets, and to perform some of the various surgeries and procedures needed.



Dr. Lisa Potkewitz and Angel

Her journey to becoming a vet started at an early age. She always loved animals and, at the age of 13, she began volunteering at a shelter on Long Island. Every day during the summer and on weekends she was there learning about animal rescue. But she says it was her experience of living for two years in Iran, where her father worked as an engineer, that she learned some harsh lessons that inspired her to continue to help animals.

In Iran there was no animal control and there were many stray dogs. She said that on any given day she would wake up to dogs lying dead in the streets, shot by the military. That experience solidified her commitment to saving lives.

At 17 when she returned to New York, she started working at the shelter where she had volunteered. She credits her hands-on experiences, and not necessarily her grades, with getting her into Cornell Veterinary School, along with a strong work ethic.

Dr. Lisa has an affinity toward the “unwanted” – those defined by some as unadoptable. While not every pet can or should be rehabilitated, many can thrive in loving homes with a little extra TLC and medical support. CoCo, Sparky, and Lucy on page 3 are great examples of this. For these borderline pets, Dr. Lisa is willing to provide ongoing counsel and advice.

Dr. Lisa also keeps a hand in private practice at Parkside Veterinary Hospital, as she feels it is critical to be attuned to changes in the field and on top of skills not used as much in the shelter setting.

Pet Academy Winter Classes

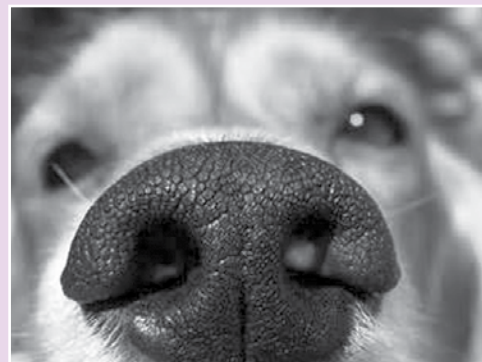
Nosey Dogs

Nose work training for dogs of all ages

10:00 am Saturdays, March 15 - April 5

4 weeks: \$80

Is your dog nosey? Use your dog's love of food and/or toys to stimulate his mind. This class relies on your dog's natural ability to sniff out items hidden in various objects and locations, while building confidence and focus. It's a great way to channel his energy during the long winter months.



Tricks & Games *Fun for dogs and their owners*

7:30 pm Tuesdays, February 11 - March 4, 4 weeks: \$80

A crazy, informal, and fun-filled class that will enhance your relationship with your dog. A dog in the Tricks & Games program will be a mentally challenged, stimulated, happy and fun dog who will be the life of the party. Come join us for some doggone good fun!

To register for Nosey Dogs or Tricks and Games, call (518) 374-3944, ext. 121, or e-mail johnson@animalprotective.org. Please check our website (www.animalprotective.org) for full class schedule and descriptions. Dogs that have completed Basic Manners training or equivalent are welcome in the above classes. As always, 50% of your training fee supports the work of the APF.

Thank You for Supporting the Fireplug

Our 21st Annual Fireplug 500 Walk for Animals, held on September 8, raised over \$40,000 for the animals. Our heartfelt thanks to all of our sponsors, media partners, walkers, vendors, volunteers, special guests and everyone who helped to make the day so successful!



View lots of beautiful photos from the walk by Jim Sack and Connections Photography at www.jimsackphoto.com. There just might be a picture of you!

All who participated in the Fireplug 500 are eligible for \$25 off a portrait session and a free 8" x 10" print. And check out upcoming holiday offers on Facebook at "Jim Sack and Connections Photography." Simply "like" the page to receive the offers.

Spay/Neuter Clinic

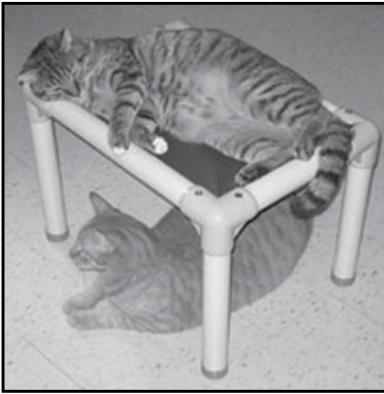
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It is important to note that although the clinic is technically available to anyone, our intention is to serve those who cannot otherwise afford to have their pets altered. It also supports the work of shelters and rescue organizations. It is not a wellness clinic. The limited additional services

we offer are available only in conjunction with surgery. Our focus is on spaying and neutering to address pet overpopulation.

The Community Spay/Neuter Clinic is open Monday through Thursday. Appointments can be made by calling (518) 374-3944, ext. 121 or 125. More information is also available at www.animalprotective.org.

WISH LIST



Our dogs and cats love their **Kuranda beds**. Visit our website's Wish List or order them at Kuranda.com and receive special pricing when ordering for APF.

Our kitties love **Stretch & Scratch scratching pads**.

Order them online at www.stretchandscratch.com.



For the Dogs

- Canned dog food
- New medium or large dog collars and strong clip-on leashes
- Galileo or Dino bones (Nylabone) in souper (largest) size
- Bil-Jac liver treats
- Kong toys in largest sizes, black extreme or red classic



For the Kitties

- Canned cat food (pate preferred)
- Clay (non-scoopable) cat litter
- KMR (Kitten Milk Replacer)
- Small, washable fleece cat beds

For the Small Animals

- Small animal food, treats and toys (especially for rabbits)
- Aspen or pine shavings (no cedar)
- Timothy hay

For the Spay/Neuter Clinic

- Towels (preferably white)
- Fleece blankets (new/gently used)
- Comforters (gently used)
- Wash cloths



Please visit www.animalprotective.org for links to easily order items online.

APF Announces New Bequest Society

The Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady, Inc. (APF) is pleased to announce the creation of a bequest society, the APF Legacy Circle.

"We are very excited to be able to recognize individuals who have included the APF in their wills or other estate plans," said Michael Daugherty, APF's Executive Director.

The APF will be hosting a get-together for APF Legacy Circle members on December 6. Members of the APF Legacy Circle will also be recognized in APF publications, if they so choose.

All individuals who join the APF Legacy Circle through 2014 will be considered Charter Members. "The APF is extremely grateful for the bequests received during its 82-year history. These gifts assist the APF in continuing its vital work in providing care and comfort to animals in need," said Connie Burns, President of the APF Board of Directors. "We also want to be able to personally thank people who have included the APF in their estate plans," Daugherty added.

If you have already named the APF in your estate plans or would like information on becoming a Legacy Circle member, please contact Vladia C. Boniewski, Director of Development, at 518-374-3944, ext. 122.

FAQ's regarding planned giving and bequests:

Question: I've already included the APF in my will or estate plans. Am I a member of the APF Legacy Circle?

Answer: YES! Please call us at 518-374-3944, ext. 122, or write to Vladia C. Boniewski, Director of Development, APF, 53 Maple Avenue, Scotia, NY 12302 to notify us so we can add you to our list of members. And, thank you!

Question: How do I include the APF in my will?

Answer: The following sample bequest language is provided for you to share with your attorney.

I give the Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady, Inc., Federal ID No. 14-0472728, 53 Maple Avenue, Scotia, NY 12302 (the sum of \$_____ OR all OR _____% of the residue of my estate), to be used for its general purposes.

Question: I've included the APF in my will. Can I remain anonymous?

Answer: Yes. You may choose to remain anonymous. You will still be considered a Charter Member of the APF Legacy Circle.

Question: I've included the APF in my will and wish to remain anonymous. Should I still notify the APF?

Answer: Yes. We would truly appreciate the opportunity to thank you and invite you to special events as well as provide periodic information that may be of interest to you.

Question: Are there any benefits to becoming a Charter Member?

Answer: Charter Members will be identified in any APF Legacy Circle listings. All APF Legacy Circle members will be invited to an annual recognition event, as well as other APF events.

We've Gone Home!

Please share photos and news on how your APF pet is doing. Send them to pearson@animalprotective.org. We LOVE updates!



We just wanted to send you a picture of Simon who we adopted from you in January. He turned one today and we gave him his own party. He has brought so much fun and love to our family. Thank you for the opportunity to meet him and take him home!

*With kitty love,
The Humphreys ... and Simon*



This is Jean a few days after we adopted her in June. What a sweetie!

Cynthia McDowall

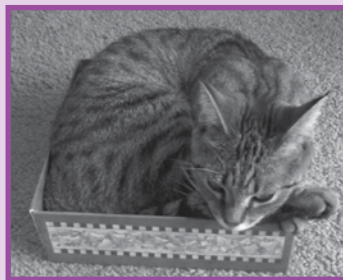


We adopted an adorable Cairn terrier at the Curtis Lumber adoption event in June and we couldn't be happier! Toby is doing extremely well in his new home and getting along great with our other dog, Farley (who we also adopted from the APF about three years ago), and loving life.

He adapted very quickly to his new surroundings and loves cuddling up with anyone who is sleeping.

We are so happy to have him AND Farley in our home. Thanks for everything you do at APF.

*Deanna Mies
Glenville*



We adopted Sophie at PetSmart. She brings much joy to our home, as we have lost two cats to cancer this year.

*Sincerely,
Amanda Corcoran*



Siblings Babette and Jimi Pierre love just hanging out together!

Elizabeth Guerin



One day last July, I asked my mom to take me to the APF to see the dogs. We already had a 5-year-old Scottish terrier at home and we were thinking he would like a small canine friend, but all of the dogs we saw were bigger than Duncan.

We were on our way out of the kennel when my mom walked past the door to a cage we hadn't seen yet. She smiled and motioned me over and pointed to Skippy, a 10-year-old cairn terrier. We both knew he belonged with us.

The people at the APF really cared about finding Skippy a good home and making sure that he would be comfortable with Duncan. He is a real sweetheart and everyone who meets him falls in love with him. Skippy and Duncan are now the best of buddies!

Caroline Purdy



We adopted Buster from you in December of 2012. He has been a wonderful addition to our family and we love him very much. Buster has traveled quite a bit since he joined our family. He spent the summer with me at our beach house in Florida. We drove down and back and he was great company. He has also flown to Florida in his "sleepy pod" carrier. He was so good on the flight that the man sitting next to me didn't realize I had a dog with me.

We adopted Buster shortly after our beloved Old English Sheepdog, Buddy passed away. He brought so much joy to our lives at such a difficult time. We feel blessed to have found such a special little guy and just wanted to say thank you.

Christine Dugan



I adopted Polly in February after seeing her on Pet Connection. Polly is a very good cat. I have two hamsters also and she gets along great with them. We adore Polly so much. About a month or two ago Polly became ill and we brought her to the vet. Her iron was very low and it started to affect her liver. The vet gave her antibiotics, fluids and an iron supplement. Today Polly is doing 100% better. We thank the great staff at River Road Animal Hospital. Thank you for giving me the best cat I could ask for.

Kelly Sharp



I adopted Chloe four years ago. She was tiny and could barely eat. Now she is a healthy princess and loving life.

Elisabeth Visco