



Pet Adoption Center News

New Rochelle Humane Society

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Carlette Allen

After a very cold May and June (some say the coldest on record) it turned hot in July just in time for our Annual Dog Wash. This was a spectacular event thanks to former board member Jenny Tatusko, employee, Beverly Press, lots of volunteers and two guest celebrities (see page 3) Thanks go to the City of New Rochelle and our neighbors on Portman and Sharot Roads for allowing us to use the local streets and park in their driveways for this event which was attended by more than 200 people.

We now have started our “Doggie Park” including a brick-lined walk with commemorative tiles and a sitting area. This will continue to be filled with additional bricks, plantings, and a water fountain for animals and people.

We also have a new storage shed to give us more room in our kennel area and help us keep our facility in “ship shape.” The City of New Rochelle provided us with this new building.

We are in the last stages of renovation at the shelter with a lovely tiled entrance area and efficient setup for our lobby and reception area. We even have a new bathroom exclusively for the public.

Great plans are in the works for future events. Look for our fliers at local merchants and on our web site — www.newrochellehumanesociety.org. See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WESTCHESTER PET ADOPTION FAIR & EXPO

This event featuring NRHS cats and dogs will be held at the Westchester County Center in White Plains on Saturday, September 20th from 10:00am to 5:00pm.

DOG ADOPTION DAY

Come to Walter’s Hot Dog Stand located at 937 Palmer Avenue in Mamaroneck on Saturday, October 4th from 11:30am to 3:00pm to see the dogs we will be showing off.

HOWL-O-WEEN PARTY/OPEN HOUSE

A costume party featuring adoptable dogs from the NRHS will take place at the shelter on Saturday, October 25th (rain date Oct. 26th) from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Fun and games for the children and dogs will also be features as well as a tour of our newly renovated shelter. See page 3 for more details.



PARADE OF PETS

NRHS dogs plus others will be featured along with vendors and contests at Webb Field in Richard Presser Park on Central Ave. in Hartsdale from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Sunday, October 12th.

HOLIDAY PHOTOS

Please see page 3 to learn the details of this annual event which will be held at the shelter on Saturday, November 8th from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

The New Rochelle Humane Society is a not-for-profit organization established in 1911 and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Services

Adoptions
Animal Rescue
Lost and Found
Animal Welfare Education
Spay/Neuter Certificates
Dog Training
Pet Therapy

The Society is dedicated to providing individual loving care for lost, abandoned, injured and mistreated stray animals in Westchester. Through the generosity of many caring donors we are able to continue to make our shelter a truly humane place.

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Please note that our web site address has changed. To get the latest information about our shelter as well as the dogs and cats who are available for adoption please visit:

www.newrochellehumanesociety.org



Within the heart of every stray lies the singular desire to be loved.



Our Shelter Manager

By Dana Rocca

The Gift of Animals

Last month while sitting in my car, I noticed a man striding quickly across the parking lot towards me with his dog in tow. I rolled down my window, somewhat puzzled by his urgency. "Nice dog" he commented. My dog was sitting patiently in the back seat. He then motioned to his dog. "This is my dog, Buddy." We chatted a bit about how great our dogs were and then wished each other a great day, each parting with a smile to start our day.

When I think about this encounter with a complete stranger, I realize, that our animals have a special gift they give to those who include them as part of our lives. The gift that animals give is the gift of friendship. Drawing people together who share a common love of animals. These same people may have remained total strangers but this gift from our animals turns strangers into friends.

Our volunteers trek to the shelter each week to volunteer their time caring for our cats and walking our dogs. Though the volunteers come to comfort a shelter animal, they also find comfort greeting their human friends they have made while visiting the shelter. Volunteers are eager to share the news of a recent adoption or discuss a new arrival. This common passion - caring for homeless animals - is the drive that pulls our volunteers and staff together. This drive to join together has another wonderful gift, and this gift is returned back to the shelter's animals: strength in numbers. The more volunteers the shelter has, the better we can improve the lives of the shelter residents.

It never ceases to amaze and delight me the power animals have to bring people together. Our volunteer orientations are held every month. I hope to have the chance to get to know you!



Buy-A-Brick

Our new Doggie Park now has a brick path thanks to the 200 people who have honored or memorialized a pet, as well as some who have donated a brick for an animal-loving friend. The path contains blank bricks which can be replaced with

engraved ones as soon as we get more orders. Please visit our path. Once you do we are sure you will want to be part of this project which has enabled our dogs to have a nice quiet park to enjoy a shaded walk, a pen to play in and a place where potential adopters or volunteers can spend time with them. We still need a drinking fountain for dogs and one for people to enjoy on hot summer days. Your brick will help.





Howl-O-Ween Party/ Open House

Last year the shelter had its first Howl-O-Ween party for our visitors, both 2-legged and 4-legged.

This event proved to be such a great fun, for our visitors, volunteers and shelter dogs that we decided to do it again this year. The dogs were eager to show off their costumes as well as bob for wieners. Children enjoyed our craft tables and face painting. Join us for a repeat performance this year on Saturday, October 25th from 1pm to 4pm. In case of rain this event will be held



the following day, on Sunday. Costumes for you and/or your dog are not required, but you may win a prize if you compete in a costume contest.

Our shelter has gone through a major renovation. We now have a new lobby, new front office, new cat rooms, new dog room, animal viewing rooms, a kitten room, a doggie park and a path paved with bricks from people who donated to honor or memorialize a pet or animal-loving friend. Volunteers will be conducting tours through our facility. Pet sitting service will be available when you visit our kennel and cat rooms, but your dogs are more than welcome to visit our new Doggie Park.

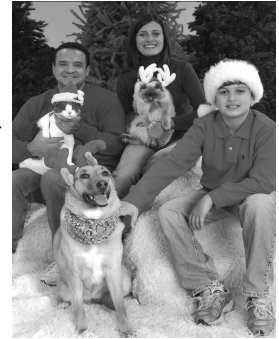


We are pleased to welcome Lee Anne Veley as our newest board member. Lee Anne lives in Pelham Manor with her husband and two dogs and has been a NRHS volunteer for five years. She is an executive at IBM in Somers where she recently celebrated her 25th service anniversary.

Lee Anne spends her time at NRHS mostly with our dogs although she has fostered a few kittens over the years. She walks dogs and is involved in our Train-to-Adopt program that works with dogs who have behavior problems. Lee Anne teaches the Green Dot dog walking class to new volunteers helping them to become familiar with our kennel environment and to interact safely with our dogs. She participates in our major fundraising and adoption events including the annual dog wash and the Westchester Pet Adoption Fair.

Holiday Photos

It may be too early to be thinking about Christmas and Chanukah but it is time to mark your calendar for our annual holiday photo fund raising event. This will take place on Saturday, November 8th in plenty of time for you to order holiday cards



for family and friends. We'll take your picture with or without Santa or just your pet alone with Santa. Bring your dogs, cats, rabbits or even your guinea pigs. A 5x7 photo costs \$20, and additional photos as well as the holiday cards can be ordered. Please come and enjoy this event while helping the animals at our shelter.



Dog Wash

This year's dog wash was bigger and better than ever before. In addition to washing over 100 dogs, double what we have done in previous years, Cheri and Ann cut nails on 75 of them and Dana microchipped 25. For the first time we had vendors selling merchandise, information tables, raffle prizes, dog contests, food wagons and guests of honor. Beverly Press, a staff member, and Jenny Tatusko, a volunteer and former board member, worked extremely hard to make this all happen for which we thank them very much. A former employee (now part-time), Jennifer



Sarasky, who works for the New York ASPCA arranged for Annmarie Lucas, an ASPCA animal control officer who stars on Animal Planet to attend and sign autographed pictures. She was a big hit. Thanks to Jenny, Goomba Johnny, disc jockey on WKTU(FM 103.5) also came and likewise had a line waiting for autographed pictures.

If you missed this great day be sure to join us next year when we will surely hold this event again and, it will be even better!



ASK THE TRAINER

Ann King

Q: How can I let my dog off the leash to run and be sure he will return?

A: "Come" may well be the most important behavior you can teach your dog. A reliable recall will give your dog the freedom to play off leash and also give him more of an opportunity to work off more energy than he could on-leash. A very important thing to remember is to NEVER punish your dog for coming to you. You want him to think that coming to you is the greatest thing in the world so you MUST ALWAYS make sure that his recall is positive.

We tend to use the recall at the wrong times without actually teaching it to the dog first. We will call the dog when it is time to leave the dog park (in essence, you are punishing the dog for coming to you by ending her fun). Try using other methods when it is time to leave the dog park, etc. – bounce a ball, or run from your dog and try to have her chase you. Try NOT to use the word "Come." Instead try just calling her name and see if she will come to you. Otherwise, just go and get her.

Start teaching the recall exercise indoors at first with no distractions. You can start the first few times by just calling her name – while standing away from her at a short distance - and offering her a treat/reward when she comes to you.

Another way to practice this is to elicit the help of some friends or family. Each person stands at a different part of the room and calls the dog to come. Dogs love this game and don't even know the importance of what you are teaching them! Gradually add distractions indoors (doorbell ringing, etc). Increase the distractions very gradually.

Every day put 10 or so treats in your pocket and get rid of them throughout the day by calling your dog and giving him a treat – do not give them all at once and wait until the dog isn't around before calling him. DO NOT call your dog unless you are prepared to reward him when he comes to you and that you are absolutely sure your dog will come.

"You can say any fool thing to a dog, and the dog will give you this look that says, 'My God, you're RIGHT! I NEVER would've thought of that!'"



ASK THE VET

Dr. Paul Amerling

Q: Am I wrong to be reluctant to apply "chemicals" to my animals to control fleas and ticks? Can they do more harm than good?

A: If you do not control these parasites, you can cause real harm to your pets or yourself. All currently available topical insecticides that are sold through your veterinarian (Frontline, Advantix, Revolution, and a host of newer products) are really quite safe. The term "insecticide" means that it is lethal to insects only, not mammals. These products have been around for a long time now and have revolutionized the control of parasites. I can remember when I was a technician before going to veterinary school, giving dogs flea dips and watching as thousands of fleas were killed, and the dried up blood just ran right off the dog/cat. Some cases were so severe that the animal was anemic due to the loss of blood from so many flea bites.

Additionally, fleas will bite people and can cause small red itchy lesions which are quite unpleasant. These bites can transmit diseases to animals and people. Once in the home they can be very difficult to eradicate, typically through the use of insecticides yet again. So the judicious use of topical products will prevent these situations.

The products are also extremely efficient in killing ticks, the other major parasite of concern around here. The control of ticks is extremely important to help control tick borne diseases like Lyme and Ehrlichia (Anaplasma). These diseases are severe, and can even be fatal to affected dogs. Remember an unprotected dog or cat can carry a tick into the home, which can then bite and infect humans. So control of ticks is not only important for the pet's health, but also for the health of the owners as well.

Thrift Shop

Please don't forget to visit the **New Rochelle Humane Society Thrift Shop** located at 313 North Avenue in New Rochelle, across from the railroad station. Lucia will be glad to take clothing, household goods, and jewelry, and give you a tax receipt. The sale of these items will help the animals at the shelter. The store is open from 11 AM to 4 PM Wednesday through Saturday. Parking is available on Garden Street. Call 633-7683 with any questions.



Mindy with Foster Mom

Puppies, Puppies and More Puppies

Although spring and summer bring loads of kittens, it's not too often the Humane Society gets puppies, until now that is.

First they were Mindy's puppies. When Greenburgh Animal Control brought Mindy to the shelter she was dirty and thin.



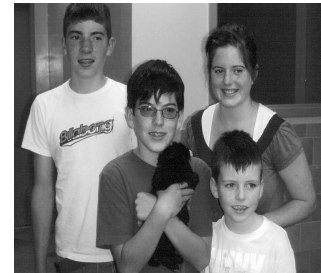
Mindy with Puppies

We didn't know she was pregnant until she went to the vet to be spayed. Karen fostered her for two weeks before six puppies were born and kept them until they were five weeks old. Although Mindy is black and white, she had two black puppies, two white ones and two cream-colored ones. After all the puppies were adopted, Mindy, whose name is now Mandy, was adopted too.



Nina

A white Poodle named Nina was surrendered to the shelter after having her 4th litter of puppies. When she arrived she came with a one-year-old daughter, Betty who was from her last litter. Dad is a Miniature Pincher. Her three babies, all black, were born at the shelter. Mom, Betty and puppies have all found homes. One now has three new brothers and a sister.



Nina's Puppy—Sophie



Adopted

Next came 16 puppies confiscated from a home in Dobbs Ferry where the owner was not able to care for so many animals that he had purchased from a pet store. After this story made the news we received about 500 applications for them. They have all been placed, and we hear they are just great. Three other dogs came with the puppies. The owner wants them back and we are awaiting the decision of the court as to their disposition.



Adopted



Barney and Fred

Our receptionist, Tiffany, has a cousin who rescued two week-old Chihuahua puppies who were being sold on a street corner for \$10 each. We don't know what became of the three others who were already sold but these two spent their days at our shelter and were taken home every night by Tiffany. Fortunately they found a home together.



Adopted



Beagle Puppy

The latest in this line of puppies is a litter of six Beagles found abandoned in a box in Greenburgh. They were dirty with very fat bellies and a skin condition. With medicine and TLC they are doing just fine and will soon be available for adoption.



Beagles Arrive

It's certainly great fun having these puppies although lots of work for our staff who seem to be cleaning cages every time they turn around. However, seeing the happy faces on their adopters makes it all worth while.



Shelter Dog's New Life

Kayla, previously a NRHS Junior Volunteer, adopted a beautiful German Shepherd from us named Abby who went off to college with Kayla. Kayla has graduated and is now working as a dolphin trainer in Key Largo, Florida. Abby, who is allowed to go to work with Kayla at the aquarium, has made friends with Leo and other dolphins in the training program. This shelter dog certainly has a great life now!

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Current ADOPTION GALLERY

Nora



**Happy Go-Lucky
Gal**

Ida



**Big Girl
Big Personality**

Reba



**Please Throw
That Ball**

Rodney



**Super Cute
Senior**

Big Bertha



**Big Girl
Big Purr**

Trent



**A Purr-fect
Gentleman**

Mitzy



**Love
Guaranteed!**

Tigger



**Handsome and
Huggable**