

New Rochelle Humane Society

From our home to yours

Spring 2014

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

John Feldtmose

Well, it's finally Spring! And with Spring comes renewal and change. Several volunteers and board members have spent hours and days scrubbing and cleaning cat rooms and generally spiffing up the building and grounds. Also, we're in the early stages of planning a number of renovations to the shelter, hopefully enlarging and upgrading our cramped space. These improvements are made possible by several generous donations and legacy gifts we have received in the past year or two.

But the most significant change is that our beloved and admired President, Carlette Allen, has retired after 16 years as "the boss." Taking over the organization during very challenging times in the mid 90's, she invigorated the shelter with new board members, a new manager, improved finances and an overall positive culture and spirit. She has left a distinctive paw print on the Humane Society. Carlette will continue on the board after serving for 24 years.



The new officers of our Board of Directors, aside from me, are Vice President Carol Marinaccio, Treasurer Lee Anne Veley, and Secretary Diane Wade. We, and the whole board, hope we can continue the outstanding model that Carlette has set for us and keep the Humane Society moving upward and continuing to be the best animal shelter in Westchester County and beyond.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 17 to Sat May 31 – Facebook On-Line Auction.

Saturday, June 14, 2014 - Cat Adoption Day at Larchmont Floral Designs (11am to 2pm)

Come meet our adoptable cats and kittens at 114 Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont, NY

Sunday, June 22nd, 2014

New Rochelle Humane Society Fostering Workshop (10am) & Open House (10am to 1pm)

Shelter Manager Dana Rocco will be holding a free one-hour workshop describing the New Rochelle Humane Society's foster care program. Tours of the shelter from 10am to 1pm.

Sunday, July 20th, 2014 - New Rochelle Humane Society's 14th Annual Dog Wash (10am to 3pm)

Thursday, September 18th, 2014 - Paws for a Heart Gala (6:30pm to 9:30pm)

See page 4 for details and mark your calendar!

Sunday, October 19th, 2014 - 6th Annual Hounds on the Sound Dog Walk & Festival (10am to 3pm)

See our Fall newsletter for more details but save the date!

For more information call the shelter at (914) 632-2925 or go to www.newrochellehumanesociety.org

Mission Statement

The New Rochelle Humane Society is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to promoting the human/animal bond through the compassionate care and treatment of animals throughout the communities we serve in Westchester County and beyond. To that end, our goal is to create a living environment that is not just a shelter, but a transitional home for stray, lost, abandoned, injured, and abused animals, until they can ultimately be placed in loving permanent homes.

Through promotion of successful pet adoption, animal population control, and public education of animal welfare issues, we advance our belief that pet ownership is a lifetime commitment.

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

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Look for us on Facebook



We sadly say good-bye to Chris, one of our beloved house cats who was with us from 1996 to 2014.

FROM OUR SHELTER MANAGER

Dana Rocca

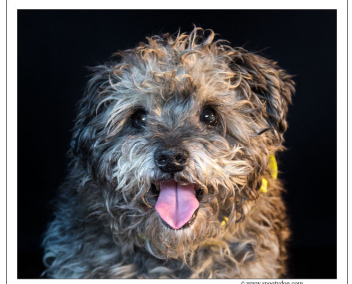


Beauty's first experience in a shelter was when she was a tiny kitten.

Everyone who walked by her cage at NY City Animal Care and Control

wanted to adopt her. Not surprisingly, Beauty was quickly adopted. Sadly, after providing companionship for an elderly woman for almost ten years, Beauty found herself back in an animal shelter cage, this time at our shelter.

Peppie was an adorable scruffy terrier mix when he was adopted from our shelter in 2004. Peppie and his owner enjoyed taking long walks together and often cuddled together on the couch on cold winter nights. After ten years of living with his family, Peppie, now a twelve-year-old senior, was surrendered to our shelter when his owner died.



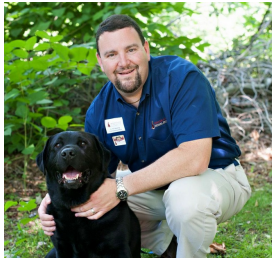
Both Beauty and Peppie share an all-too-common type of surrender we see at the shelter: senior pets whose senior owners have either passed away or for other good reasons are unable to care for their beloved companions. These senior pets are usually turned into the shelter by family or friends unable to accept them into their homes. Peppie and Beauty are now seniors in an animal shelter, competing for homes alongside much younger dogs and cats.

Who will look past the grayed muzzles and see a potential friend who is already a trained and devoted pet just wanting what we all want, a friend for life?

Andrea visited our shelter and decided very quickly that she would seek out and adopt an older pet. Andrea said "I want an older pet because I am an older person. I think we will fit together well." Andrea adopted Beauty and found, as most people do, that an older pet settles immediately into your home. Andrea said "it felt like she has been here forever".

As this newsletter is going to print, Peppie is still awaiting a home, as are almost a dozen homeless senior pets at our shelter.

**Please make your wishes known to your family and friends in writing as to how you want your pets cared for if you should die before they do.*



ASK THE VET

Spring is the perfect time for me to begin my “Ask the Vet” column. Spring is the universal season of new beginnings, and so it is for me as well.

I have recently re-joined the Board of Directors at the shelter, after a hiatus of several years. I was lucky enough to be involved with the last renovation, and hope to be involved for years to come making the shelter the best it can be. My role on the board is not just to be active in shelter management and happenings, but also to oversee the health of the animals under our care. However, you the supporters, can benefit from my expertise as well!

I would like to use this column as an opportunity to answer questions that the public may have, relative to shelter animals, or perhaps your pets at home. “Ask the Vet” will be just that, an interactive column that I will use to respond to your questions. Any inquiries can be submitted to the shelter to its email address – petadopt@verizon.net. I will select one or two to respond to in each newsletter

I look forward to meeting you all, and helping to keep our furry friends happy and healthy!



WAYS TO HELP

Our dogs love their Kuranda beds. When you visit our web site—

www.newrochellehumane.org and select “Donate” you can

choose to donate a dog bed which will be shipped directly to us to be enjoyed by our dogs.

You can also find our Wish List, an application to Sponsor-A-Pet or Buy-A-Brick. You can donate a used car, donate to our Help Heal Fund or our Feral Cat Fund or make an In Honor Of or In Memory of donation. Every donation helps the animals at the shelter.

TRAP/NEUTER/RETURN

“Kitten Season” is the unofficial name for the mating season for cats, which takes place between the months of March and November, that is, most of the year! During this time, animal shelters and rescues groups are overwhelmed with countless numbers of kittens born of feral cats. Many of these kittens arrive at the shelter sick or injured, in need of socialization, or without a mother, requiring round-the-clock care in order to survive. TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) is a globally recognized initiative that aims to prevent feral cat reproduction and allow these “community” cats to live out their natural lives in their outdoor colonies in the healthiest possible way.

Our Humane Society has been very active with its TNR Program. Studies have shown that feral cats that are neutered and then returned back into their colonies have much longer and healthier lives than un-neutered cats. Colonies that are fully neutered will diminish in population size over time and other issues, such as spraying to mark territories and cat fighting, are minimized.

Shelter Manager, Dana Rocco, has held several informative classes open to the public on this subject. The classes explain the importance of TNR and how you can help your own community reduce the number of feral cats.



Volunteers are making a difference! Volunteers have been working to TNR several colonies throughout the towns and villages that we service. We are fully committed to working with volunteers to reduce the feral cat population while increasing their quality of life. We hope you’ll agree that this is a “purrtastic” approach to community cat welfare!

Anyone interested in donating to the New Rochelle Humane Society Feral Cat Fund, please contact the shelter at 914-632-2925.

PET CATS - OUTSIDE VS. INSIDE

Keeping pet cats inside is not cruel. That is where they should be - they’re pets after all. Too many left outside are killed or injured by cars or other animals or pick up fleas and diseases. In addition they kill many birds that are becoming endangered. The best place for pet cats is in your loving home. They will soon find out that inside is where the food is delivered, not hunted for, where it is dry on rainy days, warm on cold days and cool in the summer. There is also plenty for them to do indoors. All cat owners should think about the risks of letting their wonderful pets out and instead keep them inside where they are safe, and you can have peace of mind that they are OK.



PAWS FOR A CAUSE

On Thursday, September 18, 2014 the New Rochelle Humane Society will host Paws for a Heart Gala at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle where we will pay tribute to two longstanding and deserving leaders.

Carlette Allen

Special tribute will be paid to Carlette who has just retired as President of the New Rochelle Humane Society Board of Directors. Carlette served as president for 16 years and is continuing on the Board after 24 years. During her tenure,

the shelter has seen remarkable growth - in the number of communities we serve, in the number of successful adoptions and in our financial situation. Carlette has been a visionary leader and we look forward to paying tribute to her on September 18.

David McCabe

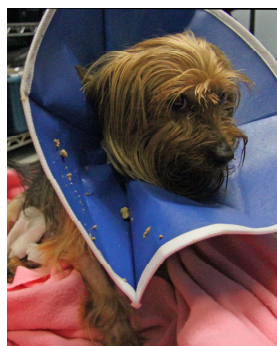
Dave has been a longtime friend and generous supporter of the New Rochelle Humane Society. He served on our Board of Directors for three years and has been an adviser and advocate of the shelter in discussions with the City of New Rochelle. He is a senior partner of the law firm Wilkie Farr & Gallagher in New York. We look forward to honoring him for his tremendous help to the shelter over many years.

Tickets and tables range in price from \$150 to \$1,300 and up. If you are interested in attending, sponsoring, purchasing a journal ad or donating an auction prize, please contact our Director of Development, Adrienne Vogel at (914) 632-2925 or adrienne@newrochellehumanesociety.org.

All proceeds from the gala will benefit the Help Heal Fund. So many animals come to the shelter needing expensive medical care. The Help Heal Fund enables us to provide these animals with the medical care they so desperately need. Your generous support of our gala can help to save lives.

So mark your calendars now.

HAPPY TAILS



Many cats and dogs come to the shelter during the year. Many are in good shape and we wonder why no one ever claims them. Others come in badly neglected or abused by their former owners and require extensive grooming or medical attention.

Lil Will, a small Yorkie, was found

one night at the side of the road nearly dead with multiple injuries. He needed several expensive surgeries to save his life and then lots of TLC while he was recovering. He was adopted by the person who rescued him and looked and felt great by the time he left the shelter.



Elliot was rescued from under a car in a busy shopping center. When he arrived he

was severely malnourished but by the time he left he was a beautiful cat. who is making a family very happy.

Nora, totally blind from birth, was found outside in the cold when she was only 6 weeks old. She was adopted by one of our volunteers who says she is a great cat who does not even seem to know she cannot see. She sees with her heart which is filled with love.



PET STORES AND PUPPY MILLS

Pet stores selling puppies are springing up all over Westchester – New Rochelle, White Plains, Mamaroneck and Yonkers just in the past year. At the same time, New York State has just passed a law allowing municipalities to make laws controlling and regulating stores that wish to sell puppies. But why did the State pass this law? The concern of the lawmakers is that most pet stores sell puppies that they buy from puppy mills. So why is that bad?

The ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) defines a puppy mill as "a large-scale commercial dog breeding operation where profit is given priority over the well-being of the dogs." Not only does this often result in genetic health problems in the puppies, but it also means that the breeding parents are confined in poor conditions that offend humane sensibilities and are often without medical care. Most rescue and humane organizations in the country speak out against unregulated puppy mills for these reasons. Everyone in NY State now has a chance to encourage their towns and cities to enact local restrictions of pet stores that source from puppy mills.

So what should you do if you want to acquire a young puppy of a particular breed? Shelters and rescue groups have lots of puppies of various breeds and mixes. By going on-line to petfinder.com you can enter breed, age, gender and your location, and you will be directed to the nearest shelter and rescue group that has what you are looking for. You can also search and find reputable breeders anywhere in the country.

Buying puppies online and through classified ads has the same problems as buying from a pet store – you have no way of knowing where the puppies truly came from. According to the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) "There is no way to know whether you're dealing with a puppy mill by simply looking at a website or talking to someone over the phone. Selling on line and through classified ads allows puppy mill operators to cut out the middleman and sell directly to consumers. It's more profitable and it allows puppy mills in many states to avoid inspection."

The New Rochelle Humane Society is strongly opposed to puppy mills and how they get their puppies to market, including puppy stores, web sites and classified advertisements. We hope that all municipalities in Westchester choose to prevent puppy stores from opening and close those that exist. Your voice with your local government officials can make a difference.

A bequest in your will can be a simple and extremely effective way to make a lasting gift to the shelter. Many people take advantage of various types of bequests to charities to reduce estate taxes for their beneficiaries. You may prefer to specify in your will or trust a sum of money or a percentage of your estate that you wish to give to the New Rochelle Humane Society. Regardless of form, you will know that your generosity will support our mission for years to come. For more information contact Adrienne Vogel, Director of Development at Adrienne@newrochellehumanesociety.org and please consult with your attorney or estate-planning professional.



PILOTS N PAWS

How do you get a mom and her ten puppies from South Carolina to NY on a snowy day in February? There was no room for them in the high kill shelter where she gave birth and the New Rochelle Humane Society decided to take them, but how? Call **Pilots N Paws**, an organization whose volunteer pilots and plane owners assist with the transportation of animals. Thanks to

them mom and all ten puppies arrived safely and have all been adopted.



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Larry and Mario



**One-Eyed Senior &
One-Eyed Friend**

Roger



**Gentle, Sweet and
Very Smart**

Festus



**Will Bond Quickly
To His Human**

Squiggy



**Really
Friendly**

Ivan



**Returned After 9
Years - Moving**

BoBo



**Looking for Love?
She's Your Girl**

Perky



**Mellow 10-Year-
Old Sweetheart**