



THE MEW BARKER

Newsletter of the Chenango SPCA

Summer 2010

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Saturday: 11 am - 3 pm
Sunday: Closed
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Who We Are

Founded in 1907, the Chenango SPCA is a nationally recognized, open-admission animal shelter that provides care for abused and homeless pets, adoption, and education about the needs of companion animals. CSPCA and its Mary Elizabeth Macksey Humane Education Center offer a destination place for animal lovers everywhere.

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Our Mission Statement:

The mission of the Chenango SPCA is to provide and promote care, compassion and respect for our animals and our community.

Walk With Buddy

I'd like to introduce you to an "old" friend of mine. His name is Buddy, but for several months in late 2008 and early 2009 he was fondly known as #80. It is my honor to allow Buddy to share more of his story with you...

Carol J. Hedlund

Dear Friends,

My name is Buddy (formerly known as Pomeranian #80), and I was one of the 76 Pomeranians rescued by the CSPCA in October 2008. It's hard to believe a year and a half has passed since I've been adopted! If you don't recall the incident, we were found living alone in a double-wide trailer in Oxford. Our "owner" visited us on the weekends, and left us to fend for ourselves during the rest of the week.

I can tell you firsthand that it's been so wonderful to experience the simple pleasures of a dog's life: a clean water bowl, regular grooming, getting my stomach scratched, and sleeping in a soft bed with my humans. I don't recall ever being allowed outside before the rescue, so I've had a blast meeting other dogs, and friends—and I've literally had the opportunity to "stop and smell the roses."

But as much as I love my new life and spending time with my family, I really miss the other members of my Pomeranian family. I refer to our group as the "Spirit of 76," for the perseverance and determination we displayed in surviving the ordeal. We share a special bond, and I've been hoping there would be an event where we could all meet up once again. Luckily, I was surfing the Web the other day (I'm still learning how to use the mouse with my paw), and checked out the CSPCA site. To my great joy and surprise, I found out they're having a **Dog Walk on Saturday, October 2nd at Weiler Park in Norwich, from 10 AM-1 PM.**

This is the perfect opportunity to see my canine family members, as well as all of those who have been adopted from the CSPCA.



We can check-in at the **Alumni Tent** to receive a special ribbon, and strut our stuff in the Alumni Parade during the opening ceremonies. **In fact, I want to send a special challenge to the group of Jack Russells who were rescued in the winter of 2008: Which group (Poms or Jacks) will have a higher percentage of returning alumni at the walk? We'll find out.**

There is a pledge form and information sheet included in this newsletter that tells you pretty much everything you need to know (including the prizes for top fundraisers). You can also get the pledge forms at www.chenangospca.org. Just fill out the form, collect a bunch of pledges, put on your favorite fall attire, and show up on the day of the event—it's so doggone easy!

Are you shy about asking for pledges? You can create your own free and easy fundraising page at www.firstgiving.com/chenangospca.

But beyond seeing old friends and making new ones, why else should you all participate? It's great exercise for the dogs and humans. The proceeds that you raise will contribute to the CSPCA's mission of helping the homeless and abused animals of Chenango County.

Whenever anyone says "walk," I'm always raring to go. The fact that I can do my favorite activity while showing my appreciation for the organization that rescued us makes this an event I can't miss. Hope to see you all on **October 2nd.**

A proud adoptee of the CSPCA,

Buddy 🐾

Photo Contest Winner Announced

We asked you to send in your photo for our first annual 'Who is your FURever Friend?' Pet Photo Contest and over 90 images were entered. Cats, dogs, horses and even a donkey joined the contest. It was an engaging race with several participants running up votes. Toward the end we had two particular dogs swapping the lead regularly. If you watched closely, you would have seen how their rank could change several times in a day!

Zulu pulled into first place in the final hour and won the Grand Prize for raising the most votes! At the close of the contest on July 20th, a committee of volunteers and staff came together to vote for the Editor's Choice: 'Best-In-Show' where a photo was selected based on photo composition and content. It was a very tough choice as there were so many wonderful photos. The committee chose one dog and one cat for our Best-in-Show. Congratulations to both Shamrock, the

Irish Jack Russell and Toven, the Tiger Shorthair Cat.

The Grand Prize Winner received: a Custom Engraved Glass Suncatcher or Vase of their Pet by Artist David Frye (www.artbydavidfrye.com); a \$20 Gift Certificate to The Houndstooth Bakery and Boutique and bag of doggie treats. (www.thehoundstooth.com); Two Tickets to the 7th Annual Valentine Fur Ball which will be held on Saturday, February 12th, 2011 at the Canasawacta Country Club; A picture of their pet featured on the CSPCA website homepage for one year; and Grand Prize Winning Certificate featuring a picture and story of their pet which will hang for one year at the CSPCA.

The Best-In-Show winners received: a Gift Basket filled with pet items from Tractor Supply Company and the CSPCA; pictures of their pets featured on the



CSPCA website homepage for one year; and a Best-In-Show Winning Certificate featuring a picture and story of their pet which will hang for one year at the CSPCA.

We wish to express our appreciation to David Frye, Houndstooth Bakery and Boutique, and Tractor Supply for their donations for the prizes. And thank you to everyone who participated. Your photos and efforts raised \$3,500 that provided care, compassion and respect for homeless and abused animals during our busy summer months. Thank you!

The Petango Store

Help Our Homeless Animals While You Shop, at no charge to you... Go to www.thepetangostore.com and shop for the pet items you need every day. When checking out, select Chenango SPCA and a portion of your purchase is donated to our shelter!

Volunteers and Foster Homes Needed

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - AESOP

Every day the shelter dogs need to be walked. Every day the shelter cats need someone to spend time with them. Every day the floor needs sweeping and dishes washed. Every day our animals need you.

There are many things to get done in a day at the CSPCA. We have volunteer jobs that can fit your interest and talents. Are you good with dogs? Consider becoming a dog walker. Love to spend time with cats? Volunteer your time to groom and play with our shelter cats and kittens. Have a specific skill you wish to utilize to help animals? Call us today and find out how we can work together to help homeless and abused animals in our community.

We guarantee you will feel good about helping them. They will show you their gratitude with those soulful eyes and kisses of appreciation.

Call us at (607) 334-9724 ext. 2 to find out how you can make a difference in the lives of animals. Junior volunteers need to be at least 15 years old.

Interested in Fostering? Fostering ranges from helping a mother cat and litter of kittens, to helping a single kitten or working with a shelter dog. Call to find out how your home can be a temporary sanctuary for homeless animals needing a little extra TLC.



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SNOOPing Around Town for Coins



As you shop in Chenango County at many of our wonderful local shops, restaurants and stores, you may have noticed new coin boxes for the Chenango

SPCA. After many years, the red and black dog houses have retired. In its place, we have new square containers with a label asking for your coins to help fund our Community Fund, called SNOOP (Spay Neuter Outreach Opportunity for Pets). SNOOP provides financial assistance

to Chenango County families to help cover the costs of spaying/neutering their family pets. We wish to thank Label Gallery for their tremendous assistance with producing the labels. And our many thanks to the local businesses who are hosting our coin boxes.

13 Shelter Animals Found New Loving Homes...

...during Curtis Lumber's Petapalooza on Saturday, June 19th at the Norwich location. It was a sunny, warm day and many visitors came to see who was available for adoption. With a dedicated team of volunteers and staff we found homes for 5 dogs, 7 cats and a rabbit! We are very grateful to Curtis Lumber and WTEN's Pet Connection for this opportunity. With their assistance we were able to put together a very successful adoption event! Please put June 18, 2011 on your calendar for next year's Petapalooza event at the Norwich Curtis Lumber location where we will have many more wonderful animals waiting for their second chance for a new loving home.



L to R: Scooby with the Rybergs, Sephora and Valerie

Music Square Open House

Thank you for joining us at the Music Square Open House on Saturday, June 19th. Our dedicated board of directors raised over \$300

that day by selling pulled pork sandwiches and ice cream while music from live bands filled the air. We are very grateful to Music

Square for the opportunity to raise funds and make new friends during their open house.

CSPCA Celebrates Seniors with Low Cost Adoptions



L to R: Linda and Ray Miles and Bargs, Harris Family and Mollie, Buffy and Francisco Family, June and Yuri

Thanks to a generous grant from the RC Smith Foundation, the CSPCA was able to unite many adult cats with those 60 and older through low cost adoptions. The adoption fee was a very affordable \$5, which is helpful for seniors on a limited income. All of the cats adopted were already spayed/neutered (another savings for our adopters), up-to-date with their vaccines and went home with an SPCA Pet Identification Tag.

We spoke with a few of our happy adopters to see how they were doing:

- Doris Francisco adopted Buffy, an orange tiger cat. Doris heard about the Senior Adoption Program through her daughter Joan. She had been thinking about getting a cat and found this was the perfect opportunity. Doris shared with us that Buffy is doing well and has adjusted to her new home. She loves to wake Doris every morning at 4:30 am for breakfast.
- The Harris family adopted Mollie, a black and orange tortoise shell cat. They report that Mollie is a great talker and is quite the boss around the house.
- June Kenney adopted Yuri, now named Baby, a gray and white cat. Baby also has settled in well at her new loving home. In fact, according to June, she has taken over the house. June discovered she knows a trick – she likes to play catch with her toy mousie.

We are grateful to the RC Smith Foundation for their support of this program and so pleased to see such deserving cats find their way in to new loving homes where they will be cherished. Are you 60+ and thinking of adopting a cat? Watch for future ads on our Senior Adoption Program.



Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

Our Many Thanks to...

...P&G for their years of helping the shelter. We sadly said goodbye to our many friends who have helped the shelter animals so much under the P&G umbrella. As they closed down their offices, they kindly gave one last time. We received donations of office supplies, medical supplies and office furniture. We are very grateful for their last gift and wish to express our sincerest thanks to everyone who worked there. Our best wishes to all in their next adventure.

...Pizza Hut for hosting a fundraising evening for us on Wednesday, April 14th. Pizza Hut donated 20% of its profits for friends who brought in a ticket for the SPCA. We raised over \$175. Thanks to Pizza Hut and to everyone who joined us that evening.

...Sew Nice Quilters Football League for their beautiful quilts for our shelter cats. They are so vibrant and soft and the kitties love sleeping

on them. Thanks to all of the ladies and Sew Nice!

...Gilligan's Island for hosting a fundraising evening for us on Monday, March 29th. Gilligan's donated 20% of profits that evening from friends who said "I am eating for the SPCA." We raised just under \$250. Thanks to everyone who joined us and Gilligan's.

...Mike Schowe of Tamarack Hill Trucking for his donation

of mulch for our gardens. We also received a donation of bags of mulch from a private donor who remains anonymous. Thank you both for making our gardens look so nice!

...the Francis J. and Elizabeth Brisson Macksey Charitable Trust, the Herbert H. and Mariea L. Brown Charitable Trust and the RC Smith Foundation for their funding support of our Insulation Project which was completed this spring.



Thank You!



Top L to R: Anne Shaffer Nolan Homeschool Group, Calvary Baptist Church, Sew Nice Quilters Football League, Perry Browne Student Council, Middle L to R: Smithville Jr. Grange, Insulation Project, Sherburne Candy Club, Bottom L to R: Perry Browne Student Council, Marley Pohli, Mike Schowe, Tamarack Hill Trucking, Girl Scout Troop 602

...the many groups such as Girl Scouts Troop 602, Perry Brown Student Council, Sherburne-Earlville Candy Club, Calvary Baptist Church Kids4God, Anne Shaffer-Nolan's Home School Group and to the super kind kids who asked for donations for the animals for their birthday, such as Morigan Begeal, Maya and Katie Blaisure, Erin DeVinne, Sierra Gregory, Scarlett Newman, Marley Pohli. Thank you everyone for your thoughtfulness! (We apologize if we inadvertently left out any names or groups that kindly brought us donations.)

