



of York County
A New Leash on Life

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

May 4, 2021

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

"Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask not questions; they pass no criticisms." -George Eliot

NEW CAT CUDDLERS

Help us welcome our newest addition to the Cat Cuddling team!! They all enjoyed a nice time with Princess as well as a few other cats in our condos. From the left to right, we have Ali, Pam, and Jen.



DOG WALKER GRADUATE

Congratulations to Casey in graduating her Dog Walking Class! Here is Casey with Dixie.



ANIMAL COUNTS as of May 3

Total Number of Animals 179
Adoptions Last Week: 19
Pending Adoption: 7

Dogs

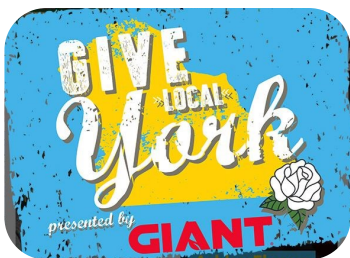
Total Canine Count: 58
Available for Adoption: 18

Cats

Total Feline Count: 86
Kittens in Foster: 27

Animals are typically categorized as unavailable for adoption for the following reasons:

- They are currently being adopted by another family
- They are undergoing a mandatory hold
- They are a SafePet animal seeking refuge in our shelter
- They are protective custody animal due to the result of an animal cruelty investigation. These dogs are technically not our dogs to adopt out. We are going through the legal system to have the current owner or the court to sign the pet over to us.



GIVE LOCAL YORK VIDEOS ON FRIDAY

Staff will be in and around the building on Friday taking videos for Give Local York. Please put your best foot forward this day as you may appear in the background of one the videos.

See more details about the schedule of videos you could see on page 3 of the newsletter.

MEMORIAL DAY HOURS

On Memorial Day, May 31st, we will only be open from 8am-10am for Dog Walkers. We will not be offering Cat Cuddling or other volunteer opportunities on this day.

This is updated on Sign Up Genius to reflect these hours.

Thank you to all those who can come out and help this day.





WE WON THE VIDEO COMMERCIAL CONTEST!

Thank you to all who voted for us in the abc27 30-second commercial challenge. We were just informed that we won! We could not have done it without you!

See our commercial [HERE!](#)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: FRAN

Fran is one of our amazing Satellite Site Volunteers at Petco. This means she helps at an off-site location away from the shelter. The cats and animals at these sites truly depend on these volunteers for their food and daily needs. Fran has been volunteering at Petco since 2017.

She first started volunteering there because she went into Petco to purchase some supplies and met some of our other Satellite Site Volunteers. They explained the position, and Fran got started. She has enjoyed her time there because she gets to be around other people who have a love for animals. Fran is happy to take care of the cats and the best part is when she hears they have found a loving and caring home.

While Fran does an amazing job of helping all of our cats who go through Petco, she also has her own animals. She has a small farm where she takes care of a small dog, 2 house cats, and 2 mini donkeys. She's also had horses since she was in high school. She participated in a riding club, and she was a 4H Horse Club Leader. They were the Mt Zion Mounties.

Thank you Fran for all you do!

Keep an eye in your email for when it is your turn to be shown in the Volunteer Spotlight.



THANK YOU FOR THE SHADE

A big thank you to volunteers, Amy and John for putting the shade over the gravel yards.

This is no easy task, and they spent most of their Sunday helping put this together. The dogs will truly appreciate having the relief from the sun.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are looking for more ways to be involved at the York County SPCA, I will continue to share different opportunities that become available.

The Clinic

- **Registration (7am-9am):** The clinic is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping in the morning for the registration process.

If you are interested, email me at bbisch@ycspca.org for more information.



FELIWAY

We are adding Feliway to the visiting rooms for the Cats.

Feliway is a spray that mimics the natural feline reassuring messages. Feliway helps cats happily adjust, while preventing or reducing urine spraying, scratching, or hiding. This is extremely helpful for our cats, as multiple cats could be utilizing our visiting rooms throughout the week.



RETURNING TO VOLUNTEER AFTER AN EXTENDED BREAK?

Many volunteers need to take a break from volunteering from time to time, but when you come back sometimes things are a little different. Especially during this time with the pandemic, there have been many changes. We want you to be prepared and comfortable when you join us again.

This is why we are offering a refresher when you come back. If you have been gone for several months or more since the last time you volunteered, please reach out to me (Brandi) to schedule a quick refresher before you schedule your next shift. We can go over any changes, and you can receive reminders for anything you might need.

GIVE LOCAL YORK EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, May 7 is York County's biggest 24-hour day of giving!

This Friday, May 7 as we share with you how your donation during Give Local York makes a BIG impact on the lives of the animals that need our help.

🐾 9:00am – It's cat time! Virtually meet our available cats and find your 'purrfect' companion.

🐾 10:30am – Get a peek into the hustle and bustle of our Veterinary Wing and hear the story of one dog's journey to recovery in this special part of the shelter.

🐾 12:00pm – Get an update from one of the dogs rescued from South Korea. Join us live for an interview with the Give Local York crew with a special appearance from Mochi the dog (formerly Angela)!

🐾 1:30pm – Join us on Facebook Live to meet a handful of the adoptable dogs waiting to meet their 'forever' families.

🐾 3:00pm – We're back and this time we are bringing you into the kennel where you'll meet our hardworking kennel team as they show you how they provide care and enrichment to the dogs in the shelter.

🐾 5:00pm – Join us live to hear directly from a few of our board members about what makes the YCSPCA special to them.

🐾 7:20pm – Relax on the couch and tune into the Give Local York live feed where you'll get to hear and see from York County nonprofit organizations as they come to you live from PeoplesBank Park hosted by the York Revolution. We're live from the ballpark at 7:20pm with a special dog guest to show you how we engage the minds of our furry friends through doggy specific enrichment activities.

**SHARE THE DETAILS ON YOUR
FACEBOOK PAGE**

3 days until
GIVE LOCAL YORK
MAY 7, 2021



**BECAUSE EVERY ANIMAL DESERVES
A NEW LEASH ON LIFE**

LOBBY ETIQUETTE

In the York County SPCA, the lobby is the hub for a lot of traffic in the building. You will see people completing adoptions, surrendering animals, passing animals to the vet wing, and so much more. With all of this commotion there are a few things to keep in mind.

1. Not all animals do well with attention. Refrain from petting or crowding animals that you do not know.
2. The CSR's have a huge responsibility of fielding our public communication, including adoptions, surrenders, lost animals, and so much more. If they are on the phone or working with someone, please allow them to take care of the public first. They will be with you as soon as possible.
3. While we are closed to the public, please do not open the front door to let anyone inside. The front desk will screen everyone to determine if they are allowed to be in the building.
4. For your safety, do not accept or go near animals that are being brought in by the public.

We appreciate your help with all these pieces, as we could not do all that we do without our volunteers.

DOGS DAY OUT ZOOM CALL

We are inviting volunteers who are new and experienced to a zoom call on Thursday, May 6 at 5:30pm.

We will answer questions for anyone who is new to the program. We want to make sure you feel comfortable before you head out with your canine friend.

We would also love to have experienced volunteers join us to give input and ideas of where they have taken some of the dogs for a visit.

Join Zoom Meeting

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AN AMAZING SECOND LEASH ON LIFE

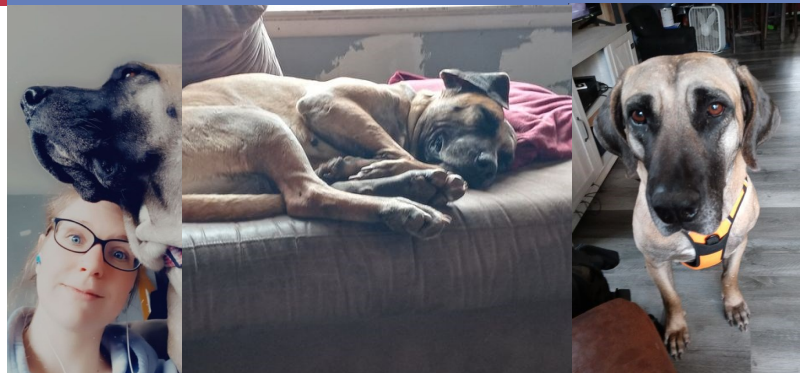
Many of you may remember some of the dogs that were brought to the shelter from South Korea. They were rescued from a brutal dog meat trade by Humane Society International.

Full Story:

[A Labor of Love and a True Second Leash on Life](#)



As the dogs joined us, Sammy, worked with each dog to help them gain confidence, understand communication, learn to walk on a leash, enhance socialization, and learn other basic skills and manners. It was a wonder to see these dogs adapt and eventually be adopted.



Recently we heard back from one of the dogs, Lola, who was brought to their new home.

From the adopter (Ashley):

Hi, I wanted to give you guys a pup date on Miss Lola. She has really come out of her shell. She is absolutely obsessed with belly rubs and she is constantly looking for cuddles. Her favorite thing is car rides. She recently just started to play with the boys it took us a while to earn her trust that we aren't taking her toy's from her. She has a stuffed hedge hog that she carries around where ever she goes. She is my constant shadow. When I do my chores she is right there with me. And with it getting warm out we learned she is not a fan of bumble bee's. She also has a new friend. The neighbors dog Luna and her play in our yard together every morning. Hope you have a great day!!!