



of York County
A New Leash on Life

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

August 11, 2021

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

NEW DOG WALKERS

Congratulations to Paola on graduating the Dog Walking Class! We are glad to have another name on the schedule!



NEW CANINE ENRICHMENT

Norm completed his canine enrichment orientation, and has already been out and about to help with some canine activities in the field for dogs passing by on their daily walks.



NEW PETCO VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to Helen Anne and Amelia for joining our Team of Volunteers at Petco!



VOLUNTEERING ON AUGUST 15

At the shelter we will only have dog walking available from 9am-11am on August 15th. There will be no Cat Cuddling on this day. We are holding a staff picnic, and we would like all staff to be available to enjoy.

Volunteer shifts at Petco and PetSmart are not affected by this.



ANIMAL COUNTS as of August 9

Total Number of Animals: 359
Adoptions last week: 21
Out to Rescues: 7

Dogs

Total Canine Count: 88
Pending Adoption: 11
Available for Adoption: 24
In Foster: 11

Cats

Total Feline Count: 237
Pending Adoptions: 9
Available for Adoption: 67
In Foster: 33

Small Animals

Bunnies: 13
Guinea Pigs: 12

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

- They are new to the shelter and undergoing medical procedures, health evaluations, behavioral evaluations, or need some time to decompress.
- 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.
- They are pending adoption
- They are too young for adoption

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.

Clinic-

- **Registration (Wednesday 7am-9am):**
The clinic is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping in the morning for the registration process.
- **End of the Day Help (Tuesday or Thursday 2pm-4pm):**
The clinic is looking for volunteers who can help with clean up and check-out at the end of the day. This will include scrubbing surgical instruments, bringing laundry to the laundry room, and cleaning the areas. You may also be helping with bringing animals out to their owners.

Satellite Sites-

We are looking for volunteers who can help consistently at the satellite site at one or more of the following times.

- **PetSmart:**
Morning Shift: Tuesday and Friday 9am-12pm
- **PetCo:**
Morning Shift: Tuesday and Friday
1-2 hours between 9am-12pm
Mid-day Shift: Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri
1-2 hours between 11am-3pm
Afternoon/Evening Shift: Friday
1-2 hours between 12pm-8pm

Events-

- **Golf Event: AUG 27**
We are hosting a Golf Tournament this year, and we would love to have volunteers there to help out. Please let me know by Aug 6, if you are interested.
- **Microchip & Rabies: Oct 2**
We are looking for volunteers who can assist with registration. We will need people who are comfortable on computers, who can assist with bringing cats and dogs into the Clinic, and who can help welcome people as they arrive.



If you are interested in any opportunity listed above, email me at bisch@ycspca.org

MICROCHIP & RABIES CLINIC

We are looking for volunteers to assist with an upcoming Microchip and Rabies Clinic!

These events are largely supported by volunteers through the registration process. We are looking for volunteers who might be interested in helping at our next clinic. We have a tentative date scheduled for Saturday, Oct 2 from 8am-1pm.

If you have helped in the past, we would love to have you help again! If you are interested please let me know, and I can provide you with more details. We will need people who are good on computers, who can bring cats and dogs into the Vet, and who can help welcome the public and provide direction for check-in.



Your support truly makes these programs possible!

LOST ANIMALS

Did you know that our website lists every lost animal who comes to the York County SPCA? If your pet becomes lost, this is one of the first places you should look. Every cat, dog, rabbit, and other animal who enters the shelter as a stray is displayed on the Found Animals page with their photo, breed, and estimated age.



ADOPTION STORY: ELVIRA

We received an adoption update about Elvira, now named Gertrude.

From the adopter:

Yes we did change her name! Due to her grandma spirit, we have named her Gertrude and call her Gertie :) She has adjusted well to her new home and she seems to love me and Jared without any issues! She gives us snuggles when we hold her and lets us pet her all the time, and she lets us know when she is done being pet. She also loves being brushed! Gertie has taken over my office as her Queen's Throne as she is now the matriarch of the house and she loves being in our bedroom on the bed. She also likes laying in the windows! She also enjoys taking a morning and evening stroll around the apartment, much like a spry grandma in a walking club might enjoy :D

She is still adjusting to the other kitties. We kept them separate for a few days until she felt comfortable enough here to potty multiple times and eat and drink, which didn't take long. We now leave the doors to her area and the rest of the apartment open when we are home to supervise. Your boys have no issues with her, in fact Jeffy (previously Slug) just wants to eat her food, so he goes innocently toward her and can't tell that she's right there, so she will hiss and Kung Fu punch him and then run away. He doesn't seem deterred as he will go straight for the food again :) Arnie (previously Franko) hissed the first day but now he just watches her and tries to get close to smell her. He's smart though and gives her space until she's ready. They're good boys. Our other black cat is still uneasy, but she doesn't seem too bothered until Gertie gets her feathers ruffled. When Gertie hisses, it usually isn't too bad, there have been no all out fights. Just some flailing and scampering away!

We believe they will be friends within a few weeks, we will be as patient as we need to be :) We love her sooo much already and we can't wait to see more of her personality unfold :)



HOW TO ADOPT A PET

How do you adopt a pet from the York County SPCA?

1. Go to ycspca.org/adopt.
2. Click on Available Dogs, Available Cats, or Other Available Animals to see every adoptable animal by species.
3. Click on an animal's picture to learn more about their personality, estimated age, breed, likes/dislikes, temperament, and needs from their profile.
4. Submit an adoption application by clicking the "Apply for Adoption" button on the animal's profile.
5. Our staff will review your application. This process can take 2- 3 days. We will contact you to let you know your application has been approved or to ask any follow-up questions.
6. Once your application is approved, we will schedule an appointment for you to come meet the animal.
7. If the meet goes well, we'll start your adoption paperwork! Some animals may be ready to go home with you that day, and some might need their spay/neuter surgery or up-to- date veterinary exam before being ready to go home.
8. If the meet does not go well, that's okay! Our adoption counselors will work with you to find a pet who will be your perfect match.



Please keep in mind that we often receive multiple applications for one animal - particularly puppies, kittens, small dogs, and highly sought-after breeds such as Labrador Retrievers. When that happens, we list applicants in the chronological order in which they applied, meaning the first applicant is the first to be considered for adoption, second applicant is the second considered, and so on.

Again, thank you so much for wanting to open your heart to a new companion. Thank you for supporting the YCSPCA during these times and for your understanding.

If you have been considering adoption, NOW is the time. Please submit your adoption application today at ycspca.org/adopt.