



of York County  
*A New Leash on Life*

# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

June 3, 2021

## THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

### DOG WALKER GRADUATE

Congratulations to our newest graduates from our Dog Walking Class!  
From the left to right, we have Trystin, Paige, and Ali.



### NEW CAT CUDDLERS

Help us welcome our newest additions to the Cat Cuddling team!!  
From the left to right we have Juline, Karine, and Diana.



### THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION

Volunteers Dana and Liz both made some great donations this past week. Thank you Liz for the pools and water buckets for the outside play yard, and Dana was able to bring in a few more pools as well. This will be helpful to have the pools out and about for the animals to enjoy!

Thank you for helping the dogs stay cool throughout the summer!



### ANIMAL COUNTS as of June 1

Total Number of Animals: 231  
Adoptions Last Month: 78  
Adoptions Last Week: 21

#### Dogs

Total Canine Count: 85  
Available for Adoption: 27

#### Cats

Total Feline Count: 119  
Available for Adoption: 34  
In Foster: 24

#### Rabbits

Total Bunny Count: 16

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

## PLEASE KEEP FINGERS OUT OF CAGES

We typically talk a lot about keeping fingers away from cages while around the dogs, but this also includes animals in the lobby, the clinic, or other areas.

As every animal responds differently to being in a cage, please refrain from placing hands and fingers in or on cages. This is a safety measure for you and the animals.

## ADOPTION STORY: ED THE TURTLE

We received the adoption story about Ed the Turtle, and it sound like he found the perfect home.

His adopter tells us:

We have named him Turt Ed Russell.

He's happy and very energetic. We have him in a 40 gallon aquarium and he loves it. He swims almost all the time, he chews on his plants... It drives me nuts but whatever makes him happy. He loves strawberries. Not a huge fan of pineapple.

He could be sleeping in his rock but the second he hears us he jumps in the water and swims after us. Sometimes I think he's drowning when he gets crazy with his swimming but he's fine. Haha.

He was in the yard over the weekend wondering around and I personally think he hated it.

Oh the cat... She enjoys watching him swim. I'm impressed she leaves him alone.



## 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–

### We are in a high need of help at the clinic.

- **Registration (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 (2pm-4pm):** The clinic is looking for volunteers who would 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

- **PetCo:** We are looking for volunteers who can help consistently at this satellite site on Monday mornings, Friday mornings, and Friday afternoons.



If you are interested, email me at [bbisch@ycspca.org](mailto:bbisch@ycspca.org) for more information.

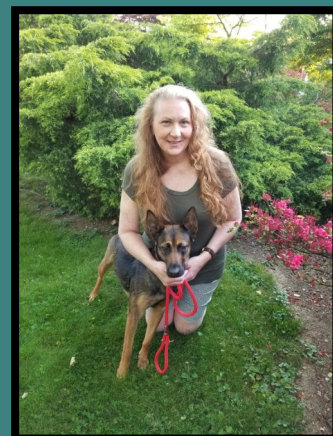
## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: DEBBIE

Debbie is an accountant who has been volunteering with us for 6 months. She says, numbers, like dogs, don't lie. As a dog walker, she quickly became confident in this role, and she has started assisting with the Dog Walking Trainings.

You may have also heard, that Debbie was the lucky one to adopt Rose, who is now known as Cali (Caliope). Debbie says, Cali has been an absolute joy to have, and she has stolen the heart of everyone in her family.

Debbie has truly enjoyed her experience as a volunteer, and she tells everyone it is the best 2 hours of her week. She loves working with the dogs and seeing the joy it brings to the dogs.

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

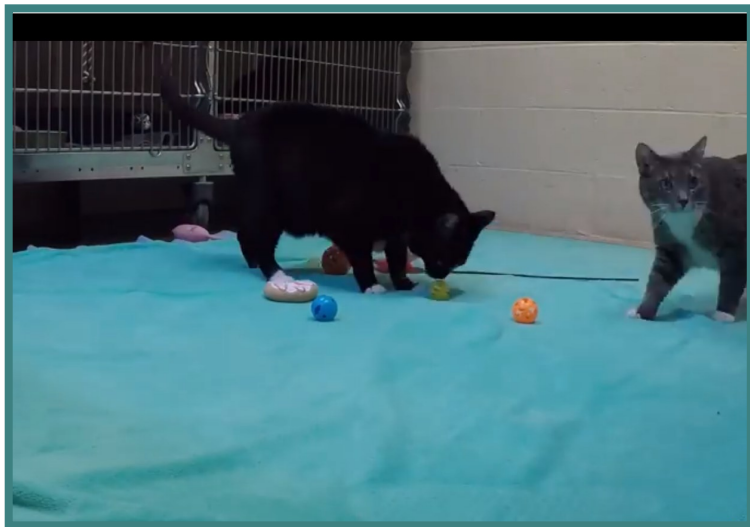




## CAT BEST FRIENDS

What happens when you set up a cat cam and let out two best friends to play? [Check out the video here!](#)

Gilly and Oreo did not come to the shelter together, but after spending several weeks across from one another in our vet wing, they connected. Whenever we would let one out to play, the other would cry and beg to be join. When they were both healthy enough to meet, they instantly fell in friend love. Now, Gilly and Oreo have regular play dates as they await their adoptions.



Oreo has taught Gilly how to tunnel under a blanket and reach his arms through the other cat's doors to steal food. And Gilly has taught Oreo how to play with a feather toy and jump onto counters. Their favorite spot to jump on is where the clean dishes sit out to dry right after they've been washed. Fortunately, Oreo has not yet taught Gilly his favorite trick – using his paw to open his door from the inside and sneaking out.

Learn more about our available cats and apply to adopt on our website! <https://ycspca.org/adopt/available-cats.html...>

## WAIVERS ARE DUE JUNE 15

This is just a reminder that we need to collect the new Liability Waiver signed from all volunteers by June 15.

Thank you to all who have already turned their waivers in! However, I understand if you are waiting to review it prior to turning it in. You do still have some time.

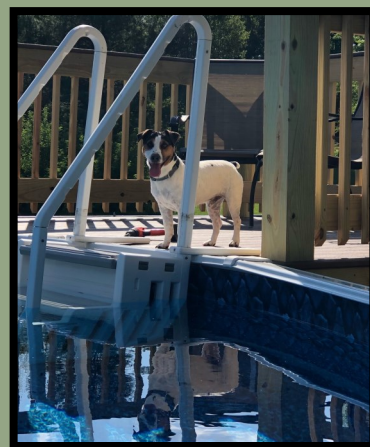
There are still blank waivers in a blue folder next to each Sign In Binder. Once you have signed it, you can turn it in with that same folder, or you can email it back to me.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

## ADOPTION STORY: GIZMO

Baxter, formerly known as Gizmo, is doing wonderful and loving life in his new home!

His adopters tell us, they absolutely adore him and he is a perfect fit for their family. He is so gentle with their three boys and loves to give kisses. He has a nice big fenced in yard to run around in and has even made his way into their pool. He's a great swimmer!



They have a few camping trips planned for the summer, and he will be coming along. Lots of adventures ahead for him!

