

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

March 22, 2022

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

The End of the Quarter is around the Corner!

The end of the quarter will be March 31st. Please make sure your timesheets are current and in the appropriate binder so that they may be collected by this date.

Always be Aware of your Surroundings

Between Volunteers, Community Members, Staff, and Animals, there's always a lot going on at the shelter. Please do your best to be aware of your surroundings **AT ALL TIMES**. Also pay particular attention while entering new spaces or turning around corners.

Do your best to give animals as much space between each other as possible between. Just because your animal is friendly, doesn't mean that others in surrounding areas are.

Below is a list of signals communicating that an animal needs extra space:

- Dogs with double leashes.
- Dogs in a any sort of harness or harness wrap.
- Dogs being walked by two people, aka "Buddy System" dogs.

Finally, please make sure to listen for and respect any communication coming from volunteers or staff handling animals.

Sign Up Genius

For those of you who use Sign Up Genius for your shifts, please make sure to sign up at least 48 hours before the shift occurs. This way, we'll be best able to fill in any gaps.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED WORK AND
SUPPORT!**



Learn more about adoptable cat, Oreo, [here](#).

ANIMAL COUNTS

As of March 22, 2022

Total Number of Animals: 259

Adoptions Last Week: 46

Dogs:

Total Canine Count: 80

Pending Adoption: 7

Available for Adoption: 28

In Foster: 8

Cats

Total Feline Count: 113

Pending Adoption: 2

Available for Adoption: 44

In Foster: 39

Small Animals

Total Rabbit Count: 10

Total Rat Count: 44

Total Bird Count: 5

Total Guinea Pig Count: 3

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

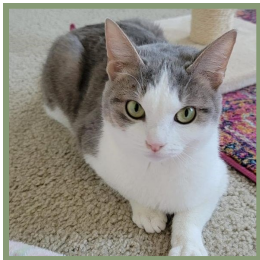
- They are new to the shelter and undergoing medical procedures, health evaluations, behavioral evaluations, or need some time to decompress.
- They are undergoing a mandatory hold
- They are a SafePet animal seeking refuge in our shelter
- They are protective custody animal cruelty investigation. These 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

MEET HANSEL

Estimated to be around 10 years old, Hansel might be considered a senior - but don't tell him that! Hansel has plenty of pep in his step and is ready for a new family that will love him for the long haul! Brought in by our Humane Officer in very poor condition, Hansel is happy, healthy and officially ready to start a new life with an experienced, Rottie-loving family!

Hansel could use some work on his basic manners as he is a strong guy who pulls on lead and likes to jump up. We're sure he'll gain great manners in no time though as Hansel is very food-motivated and already knows sit, stay AND down! Hansel is looking for a home with older, dog savvy teens that can help him adjust to a new life. Hansel would also prefer a cat free furever family and may do best as the only dog in the home.

Hansel is a super sweet guy who loves spending quality time with his favorite people. As soon as his nub starts to wiggle, you can't help but fall in love with him! If you're an experienced Rottweiler home and can give Hansel the love, exercise and consistent positive reinforcement training he needs - please consider opening your heart to him. For more information on how to adopt, just go [here](#).



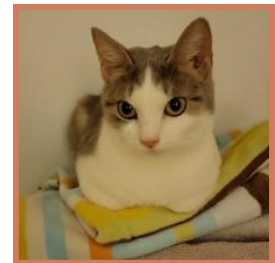
UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

March 23rd – National Puppy Day

March 23rd – Cuddly Kitten Day

March 28th – Respect Your Cat Day

Learn more about adoptable cat, Balor, [here](#).



A NOTE FROM VOLUNTEER SABRINA

"I love serving an organization that does everything they possibly can to save and get as many animals as possible adopted. I see the dedication from the staff that work hard to keep this amazing organization running. They are all dedicated, passionate, and give nothing less than 100% to the animals. They are kind, supportive, and helpful to their volunteers and pleasant to be around. There is one dog in particular that has stolen my heart and she has been here as long as I have and I pray daily that she will eventually find her furever home. I see such amazing potential and beauty in her so I know that the right person will come along soon. "

Thank you, Sabrina, for your continued support of the York County SPCA and all of our animals!



LONGING FOR HOME CHALLENGE

Sugar has been with us for 11 months. This sweet and spunky ittie bittie pittie is hoping she doesn't have to hit her one-year mark in the shelter. Can you help make sure that doesn't happen? [Apply to adopt today](#) or share this information! Thank you so much for your support.

Professional photos provided by [The York Dispatch](#).

THANK YOU SPRING GROVE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

A huge thank you to the Spring Grove Area High School Student Council for collecting items for our shelter! Your support will go directly to helping save and enrich animal lives in need. We're so grateful for youth who make a difference in our community, just like these students. From the bottom of our hearts and paws, thank you!



LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO BE INVOLVED?

If you see an opportunity you are interested in, please email Bekah Smith at bsmith@ycsPCA.org for more details.

CLINIC

The clinic is looking for help during the following times. We do ask the volunteers helping in the clinic commit to a weekly shift.

Registration (Mon, Tues, and/or Fri 7am-9am):

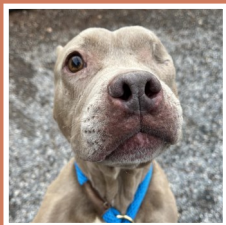
Help in the morning with the registration process.

End of the Day Help (Monday and/or Tuesday 2pm-4pm):

Help at the end of the day with cleaning surgical equipment, laundry, cleaning cages, and other operational tasks as needed.

DOG WALKING

Volunteers are needed to walk all of the dogs in our kennel each day. Walking provides the dog with the exercise, socialization, and outdoor time that they need. A dog walker's commitment to and impact on our animals well-being is invaluable. This is a strenuous, but necessary, role.



KENNEL GREETING

We are looking for Volunteers who can manage the flow of community members touring the kennel during public hours. This is a great position for someone who is not comfortable standing or walking for long periods of time.

Hours assistance is needed:

Tuesday through Thursday
from 10:30AM until 12:30PM

This incredibly necessary role ensures the safety of our volunteers and provides a positive experience to all guests!

PETCO SATELLITE

2420 Eastern Blvd, York, PA 17402

The volunteers at our satellite sites truly take care of the cats. They feed them, change their water, scoop the litter, and maintain the cleanliness of the condos. They do all this while also socializing the cats with cuddles and attention. These volunteers really become a huge part of these cats' lives until they are adopted. In this role, we do ask for a weekly commitment in order to volunteer in this role. Although we do understand you may occasionally need your shift covered.

Hours Assistance is Needed:

Monday Morning, between 9AM and 12PM
Thursday Morning, between 9AM and 12PM
Monday Afternoon, between 12PM and 3PM
Wednesday Afternoon, between 12PM and 3PM
Thursday Afternoon, between 12PM and 3PM
Friday Afternoon, between 12PM and 3PM
Saturday Afternoon, between 12PM and 3PM



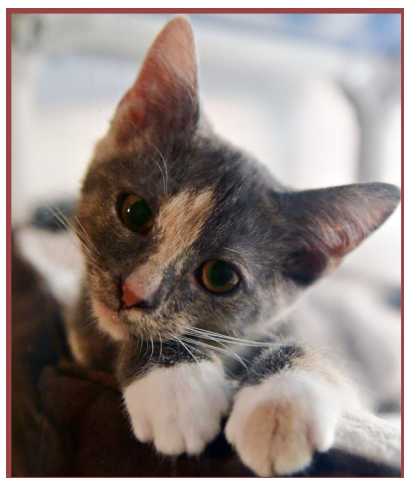
Learn more about adoptable cat, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, [here](#).

CAT FOSTERS NEEDED

Kitten season is coming and we're working hard to expand our feline foster program! Fostering is critical to our mission of saving as many animal lives as possible. It saves two lives. Not only does fostering provide a temporary home for a pet, but it also opens up space in our shelter for the next animal coming in who needs our help.

[APPLY ONLINE HERE!](#)

While we are working to increase the number of feline foster caregivers on our team, we also understand that not everyone in our community is in the position to foster. If that's you, know that there are other ways to help save and improve the wellbeing of cats and kittens in our community - donate items to the Feline Foster Program through our [Amazon Wish List!](#)



ITS NATIONAL PET POISON PREVENTION MONTH!

March is National Pet Poison Prevention Month. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), they received [213,773](#) calls to their Animal Poison Control Center in 2018. [Here](#) is a document that walks you through all rooms of your house, listing substances that are potentially dangerous for your animals. Is your home as safe as it can be for your furry family members?



Learn more about adoptable dog, Pepino, [here](#).



SHARE A VOLUNTEER STORY

Some of you may have seen volunteer stories shared in our York County SPCA Newsletters. If you are interested in sharing a story or you know someone who has a good story, let Bekah Smith, our Volunteer Supervisor, know at bsmith@ycspca.org.