



of York County
A New Leash on Life

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

May 18, 2021

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

DOG WALKER GRADUATE

Congratulations to Leslie in Graduating from our Dog Walking Class! Here she is with Pops.



NEW CAT CUDDLERS

Help us welcome our newest addition to the Cat Cuddling team!! Sam has been helping at Petco, but has now started helping at the shelter as well.



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 at the shelter 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.



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.

ANIMAL COUNTS as of May 17

Total Number of Animals: 183
Adoptions Last Week: 18
Pending Adoptions: 10

Dogs

Total Canine Count: 64
Available for Adoption: 24

Cats

Total Feline Count: 91
Available for Adoption: 28

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

EXPERIENCED FOSTER NEEDED

At just over one year old, Junior was not given a fair chance in life. He spent most of that year in a crate, and was never taught proper training, manners, or any sort of daily routine. His parents lived in the same home, but they were kept separated from Junior. He had no guidance to learn how to become the best he can be. But beyond the lack of learning, Junior was suffering from neglect.

Our Humane Society Police Officer rescued Junior in March and brought him to the shelter.

Junior is a big puppy with an even bigger heart, but he needs someone who is able to work with him. We are looking for an adult only home with large breed experience. If that someone is you, please apply to become a [dog foster on our website](#).



[See Juniors full story & details on facebook.](#)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: ASHLEIGH

Ashleigh has been volunteering as a Cat Cuddler since December 2020.

She first got started because of her love for cats and wanting to help the cats in the community. She actually adopted her current cat, named Carly, from the SPCA 13 years ago!

Since Ashleigh started volunteering with us, she has enjoyed meeting the new cats each week and seeing their different personalities. Ashleigh has also been known for helping with many of our sassier cats. She is able to assist in their progress as they become more comfortable around people. She loves seeing the growth the cats make from when she first meets them to when they are finally adopted.

Although Ashleigh spends many hours with us volunteering, she is also majoring in Chemistry at Millersville University, and she just finished her Freshman year! Congrats Ashleigh!

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



ADOPTION STORY– MOE

Moe was our Flemish Giant, who took over one of the meet and greet rooms for his home while he was here.

His family says he is fitting in really well!

As soon as they let him out of the carrier crate, he sniffed around, and went to the food bowl, and ate a huge plate of fresh greens.

It took a bit for Mona, their 5 month boxer to get use to him. She keeps wanting to play, but Moe is so chill with her.



He loves exploring, and checking out the place.

LOST AND FOUND

We had a volunteer witness a heart warming lost and found story, and we wanted to share it with all of you.

"I was out front weeding and two ladies got out of their car with a dog. They had found it wandering on the road. They stopped, called it and, amazingly, it came to them and got into their car. They brought it to us and a CSR checked for a chip. It had one and they were able to contact the owner. Shortly thereafter a very happy and grateful owner arrived for the dog. It's a story with such a happy ending. It just demonstrates the importance of having pets micro chipped. It is also a wonderful example of the outstanding work the YCSPCA on behalf of animals in our community.

Thought this would brighten your day!!"

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.

Satellite Sites

- **Pet Smart:** We are looking for help with this satellite site on Friday mornings and Saturday afternoons. This involves feeding the cats, checking their litter, spending some time with them, and providing any other care they may need.

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