

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

March 8, 2022

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

RATTIES GALORE!

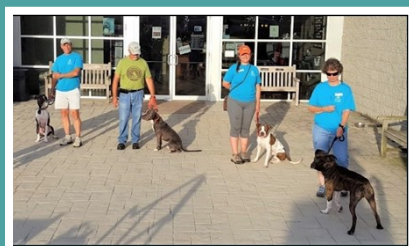
We were recently contacted by a community member who needed help re-locating more than 60 rats. Since we unfortunately don't have the space to take 60+ rats in at once, we will be taking them in groups. Once one group is mostly adopted, we will take in the next. Many of them are young, like these four, who are only 6 months old! And they are just as sweet as they are adorable. Turmeric, Rosemary, Oregano, and Garlic here love to explore, play, be held, sniff out treats, get pets, and be doted on. If you're looking to grow your rat family or start a new one, apply [here](#) to adopt today!

And if you're more of a small animal person, please help us spread the love by sharing this post! We have at least 50 more rats waiting to come to our shelter, so we're looking to find loving homes for these babes as soon as we can. Thank you for your support!



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.



ANIMAL COUNTS

As of March 8, 2022

Total Number of Animals: 188

Adoptions Last Week: 30

Dogs:

Total Canine Count: 69

Pending Adoption: 4

Available for Adoption: 27

In Foster: 10

Cats

Total Feline Count: 101

Pending Adoption: 6

Available for Adoption: 40

In Foster: 18

Rabbits

Total Rabbit Count: 9

Available: 5

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 to us.

MEET DAPHNE!

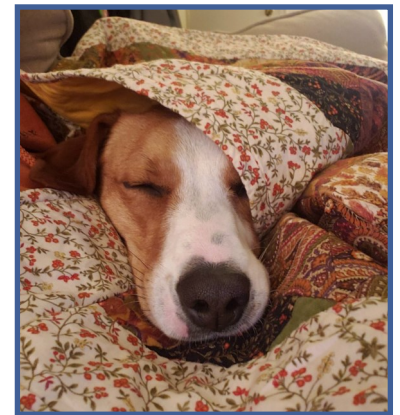
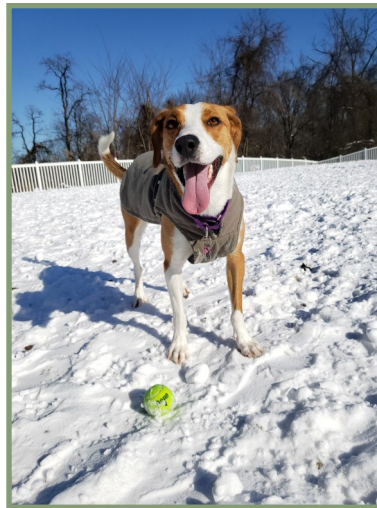
"Hi, my name is Daphne and I'd like to tell you my "rags to riches" story.

Last May I was scooped up off the streets, scared and thin. I was so hungry, I thought grass and gravel were gourmet foods. I assure you, they are not! The nice humans at the YCSPCA took me in, cleaned me up, and even took me outside for walks twice a day. This was a big improvement but new people and the noisy kennel made me nervous. I slowly warmed up to the ladies who worked there and was always happy to see familiar faces. They started to call me a "fan favorite". Cool, huh?

Several weeks later, it happened. My Mom was taking the dog walking class and the Volunteer Supervisor picked me to show Mom how to walk SPCA shelter dogs. Can you believe it?? Me! I walked Mom as nicely as I could and made sure to be on my best behavior. I knew I made a good impression. The next week, she came back but this time with my Dad. With a little convincing (because men made me nervous) I decided to walk him too. We hit it off right away and we realized that I came to the kennel on my Mom's birthday! Obviously, this was meant to be and I knew I wanted to adopt these two humans as mine. The following week, I hopped in the car and was headed home. It was sad to leave the friends I'd made at the shelter but they assured me great things were coming.

Like most dogs, I have jobs to do and I take them seriously. I guard the house against all forms of wildlife, eat any food that falls to the floor, walk my humans daily and keep them warm with cuddles. It's a tough job but I'm up for it. Then each night, after I put my humans to bed, I thank my lucky stars. If I could have just one wish, it would be that all my friends at the SPCA have a happy ending like this."

Daphne's family, Olivia and Chad, are both Volunteer Big Dog Walkers and have assisted with Canine Enrichment. You may recognize the above welcome photo of Chad and Daphne from when Chad completed the Big Dog Walking training in June of 2021!



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](#).



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Norman has been a spectacular Cat Cuddler for five years! The cats hold a very special place in his heart. Coming to see them every Tuesday and Thursday puts a huge smile on his face, as well as the furry little faces of the cats. Norman has hand knit cat toys for our animals to take to their forever homes once they're adopted. Norman has thanked the York County SPCA for taking him as a volunteer, turned friend, turned family. If you see Norman with the cats, make sure to give him a warm hello and grand thank you for all of the work he's done!



CAT FOSTERS NEEDED

This year, we are 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!](#)



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

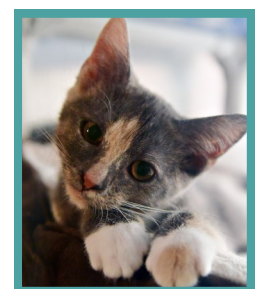
The clinic is looking for help during the following times. We do ask the volunteers helping in the clinic commit to a weekly shift.

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

Help in the morning with the registration process.

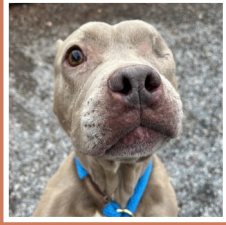
End of the Day Help (Monday and/or Tuesday 2pm-4pm):

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 Greeters

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!