

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

September 8, 2021

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

NEW CLINIC VOLUNTEER

Marty is joining the volunteer team in the Clinic. We appreciate her support as we continue to fill spots for helping in the Clinic.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

We are excited to start attending public events in the community again! I will list the events here in the newsletter for those who are interested in joining us. Please know that typically, we only need about 3-6 volunteers helping at each event, but you are always welcome to come out to the events and say hi while you are there.

When we are able, we will bring adoptable dogs to the events, which is why we will reach out to Dog Walkers first for these events. It helps for the majority of the volunteers to be aware of dog safety, so they can assist as back up. However, occasionally we will ask non-dog walker volunteers to help at the table. If you are interested in helping at upcoming events, please keep any eye out in your email and the newsletters.



WAGS ON WRIGHT

Come out to visit us at the 9th Annual Wags on Wright this Sunday, Sept 12 from 11am-3pm.

**Location: Jon Wright Restaurant (front lawn facing the river)
234 North Front Street, Wrightsville, PA 17368**

We will have a table at the event as the York County SPCA with a few Dog Walkers who will bring a few of our adoptable dogs.

ANIMAL COUNTS as of September 7

Total Number of Animals: 344
Adoptions last week: 44
Adoptions last month: 122
Animals sent to Rescue: 21

Dogs

Total Canine Count: 80
Pending Adoption: 7
Available for Adoption: 24
In Foster: 9

Cats

Total Feline Count: 197
Pending Adoptions: 8
Available for Adoption: 59
In Foster: 40

Small Animals

Bunnies: 12
Guinea Pigs: 3
Rats: 2

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

LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO BE INVOLVED?

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!



Clinic-

- **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-

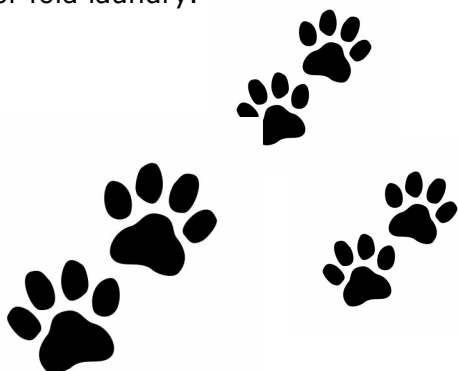
We are looking for volunteers who can help consistently at the satellite site at one or more of the following times.

- **PetCo:**
Mid-day Shift: Tues and Thurs
1-2 hours between 11am-3pm

KENNEL HELP NEXT WEEK

We have a few staff who work in the kennel that are planning to be out next week. We do have some staff filling those holes as much as we can.

If you are walking dogs, staff would appreciate anyone who could offer extra assistance with helping to clean dishes or fold laundry.



HAMILTON ALEXANDER MADE THE COVER

Check out who made the cover of [The York Dispatch](#) adoptable pets photo album - our very own Hamilton Alexander! We mean, who wouldn't want to make that smile the first thing you see? Hamilton's loving, loyal smile could be the first thing YOU see everyday. Having been with the York County SPCA for 8 long months, Hamilton just really wants to find a forever home. He promises to be the most snug-gly, lovey, adorable couch potato you've ever met.



ADOPTION STORY: OLIVANDER

We received an adoption update about Ollivander. He came to us originally in February 2021 as a stray, was adopted in April, and then brought back in July. He finally was adopted again earlier this month and it seems to be a good fit! He is a ridiculously sweet boy and one of my favorites to come through

From the adopter:

Ollivander (we kept the name but shortened it to Ollie), is doing great. He made himself at home from day one. The 2 girls took a little adjustment, but have now warmed up to him and they all seem to be doing well. Attaches are some pictures. We are so happy that Ollie is a part of our family! He fits right in and is so fun and adventurous and loves everyone. Thank you for letting us adopt Ollie.



MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE TO BABY GIRL

Baby Girl, originally known as Haven, was a dog who many use to know at the shelter. She had an amazing story about a fight for survival, and after her recovery and adoption went on to assist volunteers in teaching children about the prevention of animal abuse.

Our very own Volunteers, Peg and Scooter, adopted Baby Girl after spending time with her as her foster parents. As Baby Girl passed away this summer, they shared with us her story. We felt others who knew Baby Girl would appreciate hearing her story as well. This is what they shared:

Baby Girl (Haven) came to the York County SPCA in January 2010. She had a fractured left back leg from being hit by a car, a 12 in stick down her throat, and was left in a trash can. Her spirit to live was what kept her alive until a little girl coming home from school found her and told her mother. They then called the animal control officer, and she was then placed in the hands of the staff at the York County SPCA. She was treated and placed into a foster family for her recovery care. She was a sad and broken little girl but I could see the hope in her eyes that she would make a full recovery. After several weeks, she started to show signs of a happy little girl wagging her tail and staring to play with my other dogs. I knew then that she was going to be my little girl, so we adopted her and she became family. What a great little girl. She loved to travel and to go camping with us. She loved to sit on the deck and watch the neighbor's chickens and goats all day. Every morning she would sit with me to get her little belly rubbed. That would start our day, and at night when it was time to go to bed she would come in and curl up with me and sleep tight up against my back until time to get up. Since we adopted her 11 years ago she has been loved and cared for every day of her life, but unfortunately, we cannot foresee everything and the worst happened to her. She became sick, and we rushed her to the Emergency Hospital where she was diagnosed with kidney failure. We lost her on August 5th, 2021. I will sadly miss her for the rest of my life.



Baby Girl will be missed and remembered by all the lives she touched.