

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

February 22, 2022

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

HELLO!

Thank you so much for welcoming me to the York County SPCA! I've been overwhelmed by your hospitality and passion. I'm incredibly excited to begin working beside each of you as we continue to build a program that best supports the animals and our greater community.

I wanted to take this time to tell y'all a little bit about myself. I have extensive experience in social work, organizing people around shared issues, and building power through volunteer development. I also grew up in a family that always had at least one or two animal members. Sadly, within the last few years, I have been unable to add rescues to my own family. However, in December of 2020, I began fostering through Furry Friends Network. This was one of the best choices I ever made.

Animals have always provided me a sense of warmth and joy. That's why I decided to begin this position as the Volunteer Coordinator. I'm thrilled to begin working, learning, and growing with you!

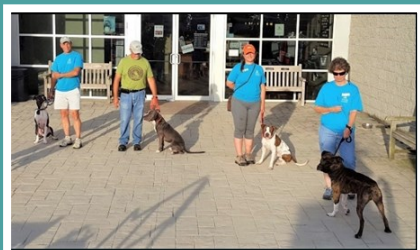
Bekah Smith



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 February 21, 2022

Total Number of Animals: 203

Adoptions Last Week: 20

Dogs:

Total Canine Count: 96

Pending Adoption: 6

Available for Adoption: 30

In Foster: 10

Cats

Total Feline Count: 88

Pending Adoption: 3

Available for Adoption: 42

In Foster: 16

Rabbits

Total Rabbit Count: 11

In Foster: 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 to us.

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!](#)



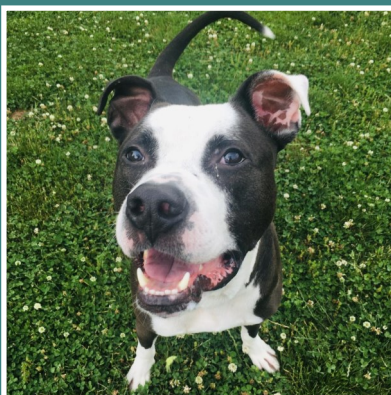
While we are working to increase the number of feline foster caregivers on our team, we also understand that not everyone in our community is in the position to foster. If that's you, know that there are other ways to help save and improve the wellbeing of cats and kittens in our community - donate items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

LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

I've been thinking a lot about the following phrase from our pal Albert Einstein, "In the midst of every crisis, lies great opportunity." Given the context of this global pandemic, the world hit a giant reset button that caused leaders, and the community at large, to shift mindsets from, "this is normal, and we will always be this way," to, "there is no normal and it is high time we reinvent ourselves."

In the midst of this great crisis, the staff and volunteers decided to leverage our collective *change* mindset to improve ourselves internally and eke out great opportunity for all the animals under our care. We have been on a journey of self-improvement and have recently realized significant successes that we wrote about in the second edition of the newly published 2021 Impact Report. We've come a long way over the past two-and-a-half years, and I couldn't be prouder of all the employees and volunteers for their contributions to our organization's transformation. I strongly encourage you to read the Impact Report [here](#). Our progress would not be possible without YCSPCA volunteers playing an active role in supporting the York County SPCA's mission. THANK YOU for supporting us on our journey.

-Steven Martinez



LONGING FOR HOME CHALLENGE

Keep an eye out on [Facebook](#) for this new program intending to get our longest-term animals adopted! We're promoting these lovable friends, waiving their adoption fees, and challenging the community to help us find them their forever homes. Please like and share our Longing for Home posts!

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

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

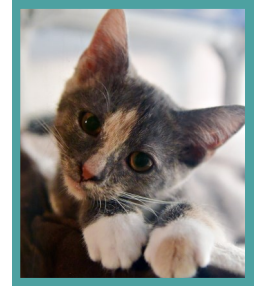
The clinic is looking for help during the following times. We do ask the volunteers helping in the clinic commit to a weekly shift.

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):

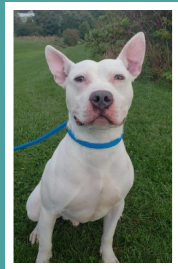
Help at the end of the day with cleaning surgical equipment, laundry, cleaning cages, and other operational tasks as needed.



Kennel Greeter

We are looking for Volunteers who would be interested in helping greet the public and show them around the kennels.

They would help the public to understand safety around the kennel, and explain how they can set up an appointment to visit a dog they are interested in adopting.



Satellite Sites

We are looking for Volunteers who can help consistently at the satellite site at one or more of the following times. The shift generally lasts 1-2 hours within the time frame listed.

- **Petco:**

Thursday: Mid-Day Shift (11am-3pm)

Friday: Mid-Day Shift (11am-3pm)

At the satellite sites you get to help take care of our cats at the store. It is an amazing experience to care for the cats and then see them get adopted.