



of York County  
*A New Leash on Life*

# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

July 21, 2021

## THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

### NEW DOG WALKER

Congratulations to Maria on graduating the Dog Walking Class! She had the exciting opportunity to walk the puppy at the shelter.



### NEW CLINIC VOLUNTEER

Thank you to Brooke for joining our volunteer team in the clinic. She will be helping with our morning check-in process.



### 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!**



### ANIMAL COUNTS as of July 19

Total Number of Animals: 327

#### Dogs

Total Canine Count: 79

Available for Adoption: 28

Pending Adoption: 8

In Foster: 11

#### Cats

Total Feline Count: 223

Available for Adoption: 57

Pending Adoption: 5

In Foster: 34

#### Other Animals

Total Guinea Pig Count: 8

Total Bird Count: 6

Total Bunny Count: 0

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

## 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.

## HIGH NEED FOR HELP IN THE CLINIC

### Clinic-

- **Registration (Tuesday 7am-9am):** The clinic is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping in the morning for the registration process.
- **End of the Day Help (Mon, Thurs, and Fri 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-

- **PetCo:** We are looking for volunteers who can help consistently at this satellite site at the following times.
  - ◇ Morning Shift: Tuesday and Friday 1-2 hours between 9am-12pm
  - ◇ Mid-day Shift: Sun-Sat 1-2 hours between 11am-3pm
  - ◇ Afternoon/Evening Shift: Friday 1-2 hours between 12pm-8pm

### Golf Event-

- **Day of Volunteers:** We are hosting a Golf Tournament this year, and we would love to have volunteers there to help out. If you are interested, save the date for Aug 27. I will be in touch with more details as we get closer.
- **Silent Auction/Raffle:** We are looking to form a committee for those who are interested in asking the community to donate items to a silent auction or raffle. If interested, please let me, Brandi, know.



If you are interested in any opportunity listed above, email me at [bbisch@ycspca.org](mailto:bbisch@ycspca.org) for more information.

## ANIMALS UNAVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

Please remember that not all of the animals at the shelter are available for adoption. On the first page of the newsletter we talk about all the different reasons why an animal could be unavailable for an adoption.

For these reasons, we need to be careful to not recommend an animals to the public, including friends or family, if they are not available yet.

We have had a few applications come in for unavailable animals. This is time spent explaining why the animals are unavailable, when the staff could be encouraging adoptions for those that are currently available.

We appreciate your support and understanding with this process.

## VOLUNTEERING ON AUGUST 15

At the shelter we will only have dog walking available from 9am-11am on August 15th. There will be no Cat Cuddling on this day. We are holding a staff picnic, and we would like all staff to be available to enjoy.

Volunteer shifts at Petco and PetSmart are not affected by this.

The York County SPCA

# WE ARE HIRING!

- **Veterinary Technicians**
- **Customer Service Representatives**

All available  
positions can be  
found on Indeed!



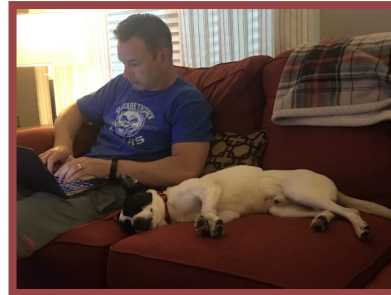
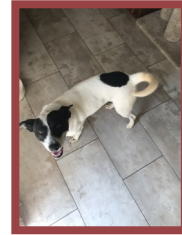
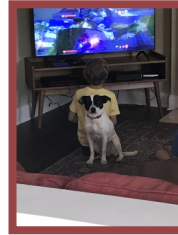


## ADOPTION STORY: BO

We received an adoption update about Bo.

From the adopter:

Bo (we kept the name) is doing amazing!! He is so sweet, and snuggly, and such a good boy. He loves our kids and is scared of the cat (ha!) It feels like he's been a part of the family forever. We love him so much!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: JEN

Jen is one of our Volunteer Supervisors for Dog Walking. She has been a great addition as she has past experience in training dogs. She has raised 7 guide dogs for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. As a raiser, she taught the dogs basic commands, how to walk on a leash, and most importantly socializing to prepare them for anything they might encounter as a working guide dog. Jen says, it was the perfect preparation for working with the dogs at the shelter.

Although, Jen does not currently have any animals of her own. She says, she gets her animals fix from the dogs at the shelter. She truly loves learning everything about each dog and their personalities—favorite toys, the treats that motivates them, where they like to be scratched. She has enjoyed seeing their improvement each week and knowing that she is helping them get closer to finding their forever home.

Her favorite moments at the shelter is coming into the laundry room and seeing A's on the board. She came to walk dogs on her birthday and Clara and Mega had been adopted. She said, that was the best present ever!



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