

# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

September 13, 2022

## THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

### WELCOME!

Thank you new Canine Enrichment Volunteers James, Nichol, Rebecca, Maria, and Shawn (pictured left to right)!



Welcome new Cat Cuddlers Melissa, Jesse, and Jen!



Congrats new Clinic Volunteer Liz and PetSmart Volunteer Lauren!



### ANIMAL COUNTS

#### As of September 13, 2022

Total Number of Animals: 300  
Adoptions Last Week: 32

#### Dogs:

Total Canine Count: 77  
Pending Adoption: 5  
Available for Adoption: 30

#### Cats

Total Feline Count: 177  
Pending Adoption: 3  
Available for Adoption: 43

#### Small Animals

Total Rabbit Count: 13  
Total Guinea Pig Count: 3  
Total Bird Count: 7  
Total Chicken Count: 11  
Total Duck Count: 7

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.
- They are pending adoption.
- They are too young for adoption.



## REMY'S DOGS DAY OUT WITH VOLUNTEER IVY

This past Saturday, I was minding my own business waiting my turn to be taken out when I met a new friend who said we were going for a Dogs Day Out. Unfamiliar with the term, I did my usual business and got to run around in the play yard a bit while I got to know my new friend a bit better. You see, I LOVE meeting new people. People are my favorite. I get excited to see other dogs too, but people are my jam. After a few minutes, my new friend took me to the parking lot where she told me to hop in her car. Look lady, we just met, and I am not entirely sure I trust you. But then, her husband got out and sat in the backseat. A new human friend – woo hoo! I hopped right in and made myself comfortable and was told we were going on a hike. Not entirely sure what a hike was, I agreed and off we went.

I liked riding in the car a lot. I got to stick my nose out the window and smell all the things. We drove past a baseball field where there were lots of people and I started getting very excited for our adventure. We turned into Rocky Ridge Park, and they put a cool bandana on me that told everyone I was adoptable. The yellow looked pretty sweet with my shiny black coat and I didn't mind a new accessory. We made it into the woods, and I knew I was in my element. I walked nicely on the trail and saw my first mountain biker! It looked super fun, but I made sure to get out of the way and give them space – they go super-fast. We came across some other nature lovers on the trail and I was very excited to get pets and told how handsome I am. We hiked across lots of rocks and I had my picture taken. We came across a creek which is essentially a big freshwater dish, but I wasn't too keen on getting my feet wet. My humans needed a few breaks, so I waited for them to catch their breath and had some water. I wasn't pulling hard, I just walk fast. When the humans had a hard time keeping up with me, I would slow my pace and turn around to make sure they were still there. We saw another dog on the trail but I didn't pay much attention to him. I even saw two people running! Man, that looked super fun – I wouldn't mind if my new family did some running.



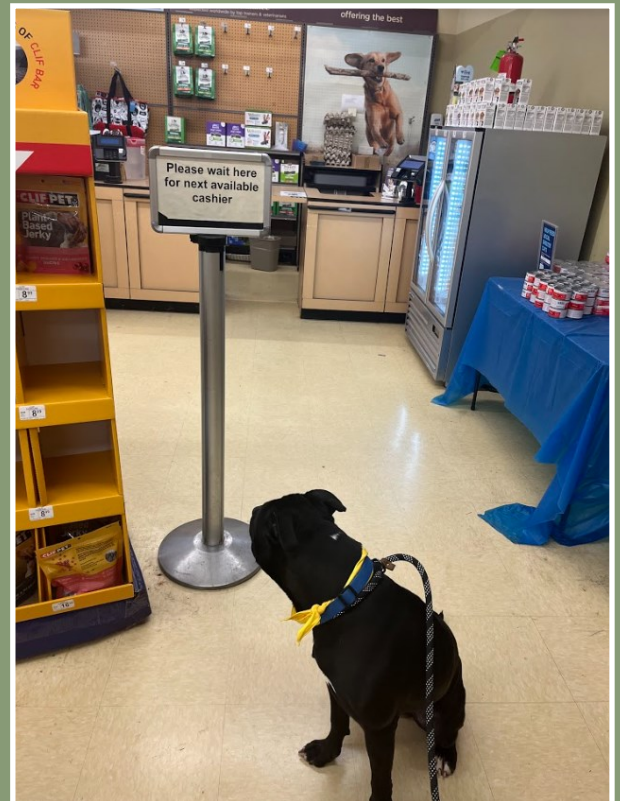


## REMY'S DOGS DAY OUT WITH VOLUNTEER IVY cont...

After our hike, we went to the PetCo to get a new toy and some treats. I rode nice in the car again and made sure to give my human companions lots of slobbery kisses on the ride to the store. I was such a good shopper in the store, but I was more interested in greeting more people than picking out toys. I was told I was such a good boy and sat nicely for any new friends I met. I told my companions I was over the shopping trip, so we got checked out and headed downtown for lunch.

Once we got downtown, my handler and I popped out of the car so the husband could find a parking spot. I really liked the city – lots of sights and sounds and tons of people. We stopped at the Holy Hound Taproom where we could sit outside for lunch. I settled in nicely, had some water, and enjoyed getting pets from our waitress every time she passed by. I saw other dogs and was interested, but pretty wiped from my hike. Once lunch was over, we walked around a little bit and I saw the weirdest looking dogs I have ever seen. My walker said they were “llama’s” and not really dogs, so I got to say hello.

Back in the car, I gave the husband lots more kisses on the ride back to the shelter and thanked him for my presents and lunch. I really enjoyed the hike and spending time with my new friends. I can’t wait until I get to meet my new family and we can go on more adventures together.



## A CONVERSATION ABOUT COMMUNITY CATS

Join us for a conversation dedicated to one of our most controversial topics – saving community cats.

In 2020, the York County SPCA implemented an innovative new life-saving policy for these animals. We're excited to welcome Audrey Lodato, Senior Strategist with Best Friends Animal Society, a national leading animal advocacy group, to discuss the impact of this policy, the challenges we've faced in its implementation, and how you can help us move forward.

### TIMELINE:

- 5:15 - 5:30 PM - Welcome and introductions
- 5:30 - 6 PM: Brief talk from York County SPCA Executive Director, Steven Martinez and Audrey Lodato, East Region Senior Strategist with Best Friends Animal Society
- 6 - 7 PM - Question and Answer

This event will be hosted IN PERSON in the Bill Simpson room at Martin Library, 159 E. Market St., York, PA. The event is free but [registration is required](#).

This meeting will function similarly to a town hall. You will have the opportunity to ask questions to our panelists related to our focus topic. However, if you send us your questions prior to the meeting, we may be able to provide more thorough answers. So, please use the questions box in the registration link to submit any questions you may have, and we will answer as many as possible. You may also email questions to [community@ycspca.org](mailto:community@ycspca.org)

### About Audrey Lodato:

Audrey is the East regional senior strategist. Through her role at Best Friends, she helps shelters maximize their lifesaving potential by providing support and empowerment in operational efficiency, relationship building, strategic planning, and program development.

Audrey has served in a leadership capacity in several shelters in both New York and North Carolina since 2006, including Brother Wolf Animal Rescue. As the Director of Animal Care for Brother Wolf, she began a mobile spay and neuter program, supported logistics for disaster response, provided operational support and assessments to municipal shelters, and managed the organization's flagship adoption center and five chapter locations.

A bonafide shelter nerd, she enjoys all aspects of animal welfare and believes that success in the field requires being both a student and a teacher at all times. She has a particular fondness for mentoring individuals new to animal welfare, programs that keep pets with their families, grumpy old dogs, and watching teams achieve their goals together.

Audrey lives in the beautiful Hudson Valley with her husband Greg, her dogs Rumble and Mac, and her cats Paper and Shoshi.

### A CONVERSATION ABOUT COMMUNITY CATS

Bill Simpson Room, Floor 3R  
Martin Library  
159 E. Market St., York, PA

Thursday, September 15  
5 - 7 PM





## THE GOOD DOG ADVICE COLOMN: THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING YOUR DOG

Whenever you bring a new dog into your home, whether a pup or an adult dog, they will need to learn what is expected as a member of your household. That means you need to decide what your expectations are from the very beginning. It is better to be proactive and teach a dog what they should do instead of waiting until they do something you do not like and then trying to correct it.

Read about the importance of training your dog in the [latest segment](#) of our Good Dog Advice Column!



Learn about adoptable dog,  
Sugar, [here](#).

## WAGS ON WRIGHT 2022

Join us on Sunday, September 18th from 11-3 for the 10th annual WAGS ON WRIGHT!

The York County SPCA will be present with a community engagement table and adoptable dogs. Further, proceeds from the event will go to benefit the SPCA and our animals!

Learn more [here](#).

# Wags On Wright 2022

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> | 11-3pm



For more info, contact Heather at [heather@jwrpa.com](mailto:heather@jwrpa.com) \*Dogs must be on a leash

# LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO BE INVOLVED?

If you see an opportunity you are interested in, please email Bekah Smith at [bsmith@ycspca.org](mailto: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 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thurs 7am-9am):**

Help in the morning with the registration process.

### **End of the Day Help (Wednesday 2-4PM and Friday 10AM-2PM):**

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



Learn about adoptable dog, Freight, [here](#).

## KENNEL GREETING

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