

# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

June 28, 2022

## THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

### WELCOME!

Thank you to new Canine Enrichment Volunteers (from left to right) Tammy, Rachel, Kathy, Kaelynn, and Samantha!



Congratulations new Cat Cuddlers Yuri (left), Tammy and Bridget (right)!



### ANIMAL COUNTS

#### As of June 28, 2022

Total Number of Animals: 280  
Adoptions Last Week: 27

#### Dogs:

Total Canine Count: 77  
Pending Adoption: 10  
Available for Adoption: 21

#### Cats

Total Feline Count: 178  
Pending Adoption: 5  
Available for Adoption: 57

#### Small Animals

Total Ferret Count: 1  
Total Rabbit Count: 7  
Total Guinea Pig Count: 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.
- They are pending adoption.
- They are too young for adoption.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CARNIVAL

Join us for an evening of fun and games on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5-7PM!

Bring your families and a dish to share for the potluck style meal. There will be games, music, and plenty of food. Come meet with other volunteers, staff, and board members!

Please RSVP [here](#) by Friday, July 22nd at 5PM.



## MEET PRINCESS!

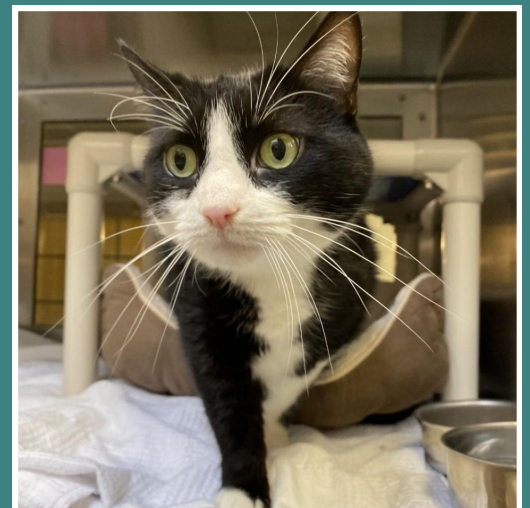
Princess has been at our shelter for 326 days. Come August 12th, she will have been here for a full year. Why has Princess still not been adopted??

Well, to be honest, she IS quite the diva. In fact, Queen might have been a more fitting name. Princess knows that the world should revolve around her. She expects to be spoiled with lots of treats, toys, and most of all, catnip. At around 6 years old, Princess is a sophisticated (albeit a little sassy) lady who demands excellence. She will be very clear about when and from whom she requires attention, so you never have to worry about Princess being passive aggressive. There are no guessing games with this woman - she knows what she wants and she will be sure to let you know, too.

Not only is she adorable, but she's also a fashionista, as you can see, and she knows how to work the catwalk. Princess likes to stay active and would benefit from a home that can provide her with healthy stimulation outlets such as interactive playtime or food puzzles. If you haven't already guessed, this beauty likes to be the center of attention. So, we recommend a home with no other animals. She has proven to be a rather anti-social queen in the past. Since Princess does have a slight attitude at times, we would also recommend a home with cat-savvy kids only if the prospective home has children.

This girl is not only our longest-term feline, but she is also one of our longest-term shelter residents. Therefore, Princess is the spotlight of our current Longing for Home Challenge! That means her adoption fee is **WAIVED**. We're calling on you to help us find the perfect home for this perfect girl. If that might be yours, please apply to [adopt](#) her today!

Or, Princess would be delighted to find a foster family! You can [apply](#) to become a feline foster on our website.



## TONKA UPDATE

We love hearing updates from our adopters. Here's one from Tonka's family at his one-year adoption anniversary!

"Tucker (aka Tonka) is doing really well. Amazing, actually. He's such an amazing pup. His personality has really blossomed since we met him a year ago. When he first came home as a foster, of course, I bought him lots of toys. He would hardly play with them. I thought, "Oh well, I guess we'll give them away." Worse, I realized by happenstance that he was afraid of anything I held in my hand - the broom or even a fly swatter, he would cower and run away.

Fast forward... now he wakes up happy every - single - day! He plays with all his toys (his fave is a crazy, squeaky orange octopus that his Godmom gave him for Christmas.) He loves to throw them in the air and run crazy laps around the house. He enjoys exploring his 1 acre wooded yard and his weakness is chasing the squirrels. Now he doesn't flinch when he sees the broom. Actually, I usually have to sweep around him laying in the middle of the floor. He helps with the cleaning, though. He cleans up every crumb.

It was hard to select just a few pictures to share. We've taken 1k+ in a year. I probably have hundreds of pics just of him sleeping. I was never much of a napper, but this pup has made it into an artform. And he's the best cuddler. It's hard to resist snuggling up with him. And he snores, man does this dog snore! Haha!

He is the funniest, goofiest, smartest, most loving, happy-go-lucky, Bob Marley "Don't Worry About A Thing" doggie I have ever met. I could seriously go on and on. Yep, I'm "that person" who shows pics of her dog to people at business meetings. Lol

Ok, so let me try to summarize this past year:

We officially adopted Tucker on June 7, 2021. It was such a joy to write his name on the board of adopted pets in the YCSPCA lobby before we left!

He made lots of human and furry friends immediately when he arrived home, including two coon hounds (also rescues) who live across the street and he visits frequently.

Tucker went to camp last summer! The kids loved him. He served as a therapy dog for kiddos with bee stings, boo boos or just feeling homesick. He also won the award for best bunk. Yes, the kids made Tucker his own bunk. He got way too many treats but also lots of fresh air and exercise in the country.

He's been on too many hikes and explorations to count. He likes the water but isn't exuberant about it. He'd rather be laying in the sun.

He learned to dance! We're still working on his moves, though.

Needless to say it's been a great year and I pray we have many, many more together. I know the vet estimated he's about 10 years old, but I swear he's gotten more youthful in the past year. Even my neighbor remarked about his youthful energy.

And, as the time has gone by, I can also see his physical scars healing and his skin and coat getting healthier! As his physical scars heal, I hope any emotional scars he may have experienced before he came into the care of the York County SPCA are also fading away as well.

I will be eternally grateful to all our friends at the York County SPCA for rescuing him and to my friend Katie for fostering him until we were introduced to Tucker. We lost our sweet Riley, a Fox Terrier, after 16 ½ years. I didn't think my heart was ready yet. And I would have never considered a bully breed. My goodness, I had no idea the love I was missing with this breed. I know all dogs are unique and none are defined by their breed, but I have come to realize that pitties are a misunderstood/misrepresented breed in general. And I feel like I hit the jackpot with my sweet babe.

I know this is a super long story, but what I want to reiterate more than anything is THANK YOU!!!! For saving him, for offering so many resources to the community to make fostering and adoption possible (I so appreciate the training and support materials you provided), for your advocacy and for never giving up on these beautiful souls. They deserve the fullness of life.

I look forward to the best years to come with my sweet Tucksie!

With love,

Elaine and Tucker





## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The York County SPCA will be hosting the first work day of our Beautification Committee. Join us on Monday, July 11th from 9AM-12PM to do some much-needed weeding. If you would like to join the Beautification Committee, please reach out to Volunteer Coordinator Bekah Smith at [bsmith@ycspca.org](mailto:bsmith@ycspca.org). Help us make sure our facilities put their best foot forward while welcoming people and animals to the shelter!



## HONEY'S UPDATE

We love happy endings, just like Honey's here. Sweet Honey (formerly Eevee) was adopted but then returned to the shelter. Fortunately, she was adopted again less than a week later, and it's clear she found the home she was truly destined for. Here's what her adopter said:

"Eevee, who is now called Honey, is doing very well! Never have I met such an active, vocal kitty! She is getting along very well with her big sisters, Poppy and Ivy Marie. As you can see from the one picture, she knows her place in line. She brings laughter and joy to the home."

We're sure Honey is now also filled with joy.

Thank you so much to all our adopters! You are the lifesaving difference for your pets.



## THANK YOU

Last week, we were so grateful to accept a grant from the Petco Love Foundation at their East York Petco location. This generous grant will allow us to expand and strengthen our feline foster program.

Did you know we have cats available for adoption at the East York Petco? Not only this, but our volunteers are what keep Petco adoptions going! Stop in today and see if your furever friend is waiting for you!

Thank you to Petco Love and everyone who donates to help save animal lives!



## JUNE 30TH IS THE END OF THE QUARTER

Please have all sign-in sheets completed so that they may be collected in the afternoon.

# 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 (Tues and/or Thurs 7am-9am):**

Help in the morning with the registration process.

### **End of the Day Help (Mon, Tues, and/or Wednesday 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 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