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APF
Animal Protective Foundation

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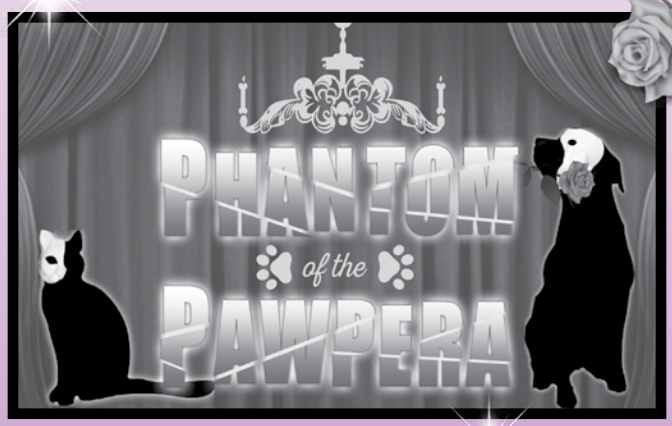
Tails by Twilight Gala Success!

The APF's Tails by Twilight-Phantom of the Pawpera was the most "barked about event of the year!"

With the support of our amazing sponsors, more than 310 guests and donors filled the gala room and celebrated their love for animals. Emceed by Liz Bishop and Steve Caporizzo, the event raised more than $110,000 for our companion animal shelter and Community Spay and Neuter Clinic so that we may give medical attention, housing, food, and behavioral assistance to the thousands of cats and dogs who come through our doors.

We were extremely proud and honored to recognize both Peppertree Rescue and Spaying Capital Region Unowned Feral Felines (SCRUFF) with our 2017 Animal Advocacy Awards. Celebrity auctioneer LeGrande Serras brought the crowd to their feet with his exciting live auction and Grand Central Station had everyone dancing and twirling to the amazing music. We are truly thankful to all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers and guests who all made this gala a night to remember!



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Many shelters in the Northeast, including ours, have found that the nature of the pets that are coming to us has changed. For example, the success of spay and neuter surgery programs has effectively reduced the population of homeless dogs. It is rare for us to get a litter of puppies these days. We are much more likely to see a one to two-year old dog with moderate to severe behavioral issues.

At the APF, we are adapting to the changing times. Since 2015, we have been providing our staff and volunteers with weekly dog behavior training class in which we learn to recognize and address unwanted behaviors. Now, our Animal Care Technicians are keenly aware of canine body language with both humans and fellow canines. Once behavior issues are identified, modification plans are put in place to help the homeless pet adapt and overcome their issues. These issues are most likely the reason they ended up at the shelter in the first place.

A recent advancement to our canine care and behavior program is the addition of daily canine playgroups. Playgroups allow time for off-leash exercise and socialization for our shelter dogs. Playgroups allow dogs to express normal behavior and, if they have not already done so, learn how to be more appropriate in their interactions with other dogs. For our staff, playgroups teach them more about the personalities of each dog, which then helps us, make a great match with their new family.

We are seeing wonderful results from our playgroups in terms of quality of life and improved behavior while in our care. This is helping us make better matches for our dogs and their new pet parents. If you want to know more, volunteer, or improve the lives of dogs in need, please contact Brianne Doherty, Shelter Team Leader and Volunteer Coordinator at 374-3944 x 118.

Your financial support helps us improve the lives of homeless dogs each and every day. Please act now and make a donation to help with this vital and effective work.

Sincerely,

Deb Balliet, Executive Director

PetGazette is a publication of the APF, a not-for-profit corporation in Schenectady County, New York. It is published three times a year for supporters. We welcome your comments.

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We accept unwanted animals, preferably by appointment. Please call 374-3944, ext. 101. A contribution of $25 per animal is requested to offset the cost of care that we provide, an average of $200 per animal.

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Tuesday	12:00 - 4:30 pm
Wednesday	12:00 - 4:30 pm
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775 New Loudon Road, Latham

Cat and dog adoptions every 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The Animal Protective Foundation was honored once again to be selected as the recipient of Capitaland Subaru's annual Share the Love Campaign. Howard Halstead, President of the APF Board of Directors, was presented with a check for **$46,391** that will help the shelter continue its efforts to help homeless pets in our area.

THANK YOU to Al Rullo and Regina Grego, owners of Capitaland Subaru in Glenville, for supporting the APF and making such an impact on the lives of animals!

Scotties Facial Tissues Cat and Kitten Event

Sylvester and Flynn with their new mom

The APF was thrilled to partner with Scotties Facial Tissues for a very special cat adoption event. Scotties covered all cat and kitten adoption costs during the first week in June! We are happy to say that so many wonderful deserving cats found their forever home and benefited from the adoption sponsorship.

Thank you to Scotties Facial Tissues for all you are doing to help shelter cats!

PEARL THE PUG

Pearl was a beautiful Pug that came to the Animal Protective Foundation at 9 years old because her owner was ill and she had nowhere else to go. Poor Pearl had a big list of medical issues: she is deaf, was weak in the hind legs, had a head tilt likely due to a neurologic condition, skin issues, needed dental surgery, and the removal of mammary gland masses.

Pearl has great personality and is full of life, despite her issues. A foster home was found for her and with her foster mom, Pearl started walking, very short distances at first, but longer walks later on. She would occasionally lean on the family cat to help her support herself along the way. Afterwards, she napped with the family dog when she was pooped out. With every step, Pearl became stronger.

Over time, it became clear that Pearl could become strong enough to undergo the needed surgeries. Her spay was done and the masses were successfully removed. Pearl did well and gained 10 lbs. In early Spring, Pearl found her forever home and in addition to her pet parents, has two pug siblings! Pearl is forever thankful.

In Honor and In Memory *of People and Animals Who Have Touched Our Lives...*

Listing reflects gifts made between January 10, 2017 to June 5, 2017. While gifts of any amount are genuinely appreciated, due to space constraints only gifts of $25 or more are published. To make a donation, you may use the enclosed envelope, donate online at animaprotective.org or call 374-3944, ext. 113.

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Tribute Garden Bricks

Bricks engraved with loving tributes line the path to our beautiful Forget-Me-Not-Garden. It's a thoughtful way to honor special people and pets, past or present. For more information visit our website at **www.animalprotective.org/garden-tribute** **or call Colleen Keating at (518) 374-3944 Ext. 122.**

Join these Charter Members of the APF Legacy Circle

We are delighted to welcome the following charter members of The APF Legacy Circle, which was launched in late 2013. The APF Legacy Circle members have included the Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady, Inc. in their wills or other estate plans. In doing so, they have made a commitment to continue the legacy of providing care and comfort to animals in need. APF Legacy Society members are invited to an annual recognition event.

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I give the Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady, Inc., Federal ID No. 14-0472728, 53 Maple Avenue, Scotia, NY 12302 (the sum of $_____ or _____% of the residue of my estate), to be used for its general purposes.

For more information, please contact Colleen Keating, Director of Development (518) 374-3944, Ext. 122 or keating@animalprotective.org

"Paw-Parazzi"

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Canine Academy: We Can Help!

Training your dog is important for a number of reasons, and topping those is the strengthening of your relationship.

Training helps to build a stronger relationship between dog and pet parent by fostering mutual understanding and trust. "Our dogs are a part of our family and we want to start their training early on so that they are socialized and comfortable around people and other animals," says Sheila Leguire, APF Canine Academy instructor. "In order to take our dogs on walks, to a park, or to an outdoor venue or restaurant, we need them to be good listeners and well-mannered. We need to know that they can encounter another dog or person without conflict," says Sheila. This is where a great training program comes in handy.

APF Canine Academy Instructor Sheila Lequire and Blossom

"At Canine Academy, we believe that there are often very simple solutions for very frustrating problems," says Sheila. "Sometimes all it takes is an outside view of the relationship and a little guidance." Whether you are having issues with loose leash walking, reactivity to other dogs or humans, or even just basic commands, the APF Canine Academy can help. "We have certified dog trainers, diversified class options, and small class sizes which allows us to provide one-on-one attention and to better understand each dog that comes through our classes."

From Puppy Preschool and Basic Manners to Therapy Dog International and Canine Good Citizen, the APF has the right class for you and your canine companion. "Call us!" says Sheila, "we will help you find the right class for your specific needs and work with you and your dog to address any issues. Our goal is to keep dogs happy, safe and in their homes."

Visit our website at **www.animalprotective.org/dev/canine-academy/#** to register for any of our upcoming classes and to learn more about the Canine Academy program, our trainers, and details of each class. Remember, by registering for a Canine Academy class, you are not just helping your own dog, but community dogs in need! 50% of every class registration fee goes back to the shelter to help provide for the dogs in our care. "We cannot wait to meet you and your dog!" says Sheila. "There's nothing we love more than watching the relationship between dog and pet parent grow and flourish."

WAYS TO GIVE

Gifting Appreciated Securities

You may be able to help the homeless pets of our community in a substantial way by making a donation of appreciated stock to the APF. Since the APF is a qualified charitable organization and your donations can be deducted on your federal income tax return as an itemized deduction, you may want to consider donating appreciated stock from your investment portfolio.

Many investors who bought individual stocks are very likely to own shares that have substantial unrealized gains this year. If an investor has held an appreciated stock or mutual fund for more than one year, they can donate those securities to a charity and receive a tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities AND eliminate any capital gains tax on the future sale of the securities. These rules create a "double play" of tax benefits: a charitable deduction AND avoiding tax on the unrealized capital gains of the donated property.

Be mindful, however, that this will not work if the stock has not been held for more than a year. Please speak with your attorney, accountant, and tax advisor for additional information on how gifting appreciated securities can fit into your portfolio.

If you are interested in making a gift of stock, please contact Executive Director Deb Balliet at (518) 374-3944 Ext 110 or balliet@animalprotective.org.

Pet Guardian Program

On May 22nd, the Animal Protective Foundation was recognized by the YWCA of NorthEastern NY at their Annual Membership Meeting as a Collaborative Partner. The partnership is focused on the APF's Pet Guardian Program in which the APF to help victims of domestic violence being served by the YWCA by housing their pets.

Research shows that offenders of domestic violence often have a pattern of abuse involving all members of the household – including children and pets. When victims of domestic violence seek to escape their abusive homes, they are not only faced with the challenge of finding shelter for themselves and their children, but also for their pets. Many victims are left facing the tough decision of either leaving their pets behind or remaining in the abusive environment.

The APF housed 5 pets for 4 victims in transition in 2016 and 3 pets for three victims in transition thus far in 2017 in the Pet Guardian Program. While in our care, these pets also receive vaccines, daily care, medical treatment, and love.

The APF is honored to be recognized and proud to be a safety net to help the victims keep their pets and get to safety during a difficult time.

The APF Announces Healthy Pet Center Adoption Clinics

Healthy Pet Center

The Animal Protective Foundation will be at the Healthy Pet Center in Latham every first and third Sunday of the month from 11a-3pm with adoptable cats and dogs who are just so eager to meet you!

THANK YOU to Healthy Pet Centers for hosting these wonderful adoption events and for including the APF! We are so lucky to have friends like you.

Healthy Pet Center
775 New Loudon Road, Latham
(518) 785-7387

We've Found Our Forever Home!

Linda

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Please share photos and news on how your APF pet is doing. Send them to info@animalprotective.org. We LOVE updates!

Visit our website to see photos of available animals for adoption.

Butterball

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