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## Harley and Tater Get Medical Care

In March we received Harley, a one-year old Sharpei who couldn't breathe properly due to excessive skin folds and malformed nostrils. Her inability to breathe disabled her from doing normal dog activities. With your help she was

able to have the necessary corrective surgery and has recovered beautifully. Harley has since been adopted by a family who has experience with her breed.

As per Nichole, Harley's new mom, "When we first got her she was anxious. Now she is relaxed and loves to play with other dogs. She is also friendly toward people, and her skin and fur are really starting to shine."

Tater (renamed "Bella"), a 6 - 8 year old Pittie mix came to APF as a stray with serious infections and masses in her ear canals. She underwent successful surgery to remove the masses to alleviate her discomfort and pain. She was subsequently adopted by the caring

family that fostered her. According to Dr. Jessica Durham, APF Vet, "Her ears may never be normal, but her care can be managed

effectively to alleviate her discomfort."

These success stories can only happen with the support and understanding of donors and the families who foster and adopt the pets.

Thank you to all who partnered with APF to ease the pain of these needy dogs. We greatly appreciate your generosity and care.









## It's kitten season!

Apply as a volunteer foster parent. They need your love and care!



www.animalprotective.org/dev/become-a-foster-parent



Deb Balliet, Regina Grego and Anne Robillard-Esposito from Subaru. \$43,169 was donated by Capitaland Motors and Subaru.

## Tails by Twilight Gala Success!

The Springtime Bow Wow Meow Luau was enjoyed by 325 guests at the Glen Sanders Mansion. Emceed by Liz Bishop (CBS 6 News Anchor) and Steve Caporizzo (WTEN Meteorologist), over \$123,000 was raised for APF. LeGrande Serras, auctioneer extraordinaire, lead the live auction. We are grateful to our sponsors, donors, volunteers and guests who made this a memorable night.



"I brought my dog, Bambambino, to the APF Clinic to be neutered. Staff were professional, friendly, and answered all my questions about the surgery and post-care. APF has a great reputation in the community and their pricing is lower than other places. I would recommend this service to anyone needing to get their cat or dog fixed.'

– Jessica Diaz

For spay/neuter info call 518-374-3944 x121



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### Pet Adoption

Our adoption program is focused on making great matches that meet the needs and preferences of both our clients and the pets in our care. This is accomplished through meaningful conversation and relationship building with each potential adopter, and getting to know each APF pet individually.

### **Rehoming Services**

Pets in need of a new home can be admitted to our adoption program by appointment. Please call 518-374-3944, ext. 101. A contribution of \$30 per animal is requested to offset the cost of care that we provide, an average of \$200 per animal.



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Tuesday through Saturday 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm Closed Sunday and Monday



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### Please Contact

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Dear Friends,

At the APF, we continue to have tremendous success in placing pets with loving new families. This success is a result of many people working together – volunteers, adopters, staff, donors and funders, community organizations and leaders.



Earlier this year, our Board of Directors initiated a strategic planning process. Proudly, our last plan led to the opening of our high volume, community spay/neuter clinic in 2013 - the only one of its kind in the greater Capital Region. After five years of clinic operation and over 18,000 spay and neuter surgeries, we see 125 fewer pets coming into the shelter annually and made progress on the dog overpopulation issue.

One of our goals is to make an even bigger impact on the feline overpopulation problem. Please help spread the word about our community spay/neuter clinic and our affordable rates. On a personal note, consider making a donation to the APF to help fund the clinic so that we may do our part in curtailing the number of unwanted kittens and cats.

That leads to the question of, "what will be our strategic focus and future services for the pets and people in our community?" We are fully immersed in considering the future needs of pets in our community through our strategic planning process. Watch this column for more information later this year.

I welcome your interest and engagement in our work for pets in need. Call me at 518-374-3944 ext. 110 if there is something you want to discuss. Thank YOU for caring.

Sincerely,

Deb Balliet Executive Director We couldn't do it without you!

## Employee Break Room Gets a Re-do

Thank you to Towne Decorators and owner Dave Tomasek for donating the materials and installation of the staff break room floor. Volunteers from Scotia, Glenville and Schenectady Rotary Clubs designed and installed cabinetry, countertops and plumbed. Our friends from KeyBank helped by offering their painting skills. Thank you to all who helped!



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## Gratitude to Our Funding Partners

APF is appreciative for recent generous grants from the following foundations:

• \$45,000 from the ASPCA for a six-month contract period for spay and neuter services for income-eligible pet owners.

• Grey Muzzle Organization donated \$8,750 to help provide diagnostic and medical care for senior dogs to prepare them for adoptive homes. Funding for subsequent tests and treatments ensure

their new families have a clear understanding of their health needs.

- The Kelly Family Cuidiu Foundation donated a total of \$8,000. The funds were designated as \$6,000 for the spaying and neutering of pitbulls from low income families, and \$2,000 to the Vet Care Fund for Harley and Tater's surgeries (see page 1).
- \$7,000 from the Petco Foundation for spay and neuter services for pets whose owners have financial difficulties. A portion of the grant will be used in collaboration with SCRUFF, one of our Trap-Neuter-vaccinate-Release partners, to spay/neuter and administer rabies vaccinations to feral cats.

Thank you for your generosity and support of dogs and cats in need.



ASPCA and Petco grants include spay/neuter services for pets whose owners need financial assistance.

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# Hooray for the caring volunteers at APF!



Gold level achievers who gave over 250 hours each, are pictured here. L-R: Maria Yocono, Susan Rossler, Winnie Valachovic, Rick Herzog & Pam Garkowski. Not pictured: Christina Burns, Evelyn Phillips-Gutchell and Doris Rickard

A special volunteer celebration dinner was held the evening of May 18th. A total of 109 volunteers dedicated 11.147 hours to APF in 2018.

Thank you! We couldn't do it without all your love and support of the shelter animals.

## Pet Connection on the Road





▲ APF enjoyed a day on-site with WTEN meteorologist, Steve Caporizzo and the Pet Connection on the Road! In addition to lots of dogs and cats available for adoption, we had a bake sale, tag sale, and a raffle. Here we see Steve, Deb Balliet, and NYS Senator Jim Tedisco.

 Longtime volunteers Tom and Charlene welcome the community for this adoption event and are ready to answer questions.

## **Save the date**

4th Annual



Sunday, September 15, 2019

2-5 PM

\$60/reservation

Reserve your spot at the Animal Protective Foundation or call us at (518) 374-3944 x 115

Reservations include two beers, barbeque buffet and 10 raffle tickets. Vegetarian option available with advance notice.

### Live music!

Friendly dogs are permitted on the patio only. See our website for etiquette guidelines.

Wolf Hollow Brewing Company 6882 Amsterdam Road, West Glenville, NY



### New APF Board Members

Welcome two recent board recruits, Courtney Davis and Randy Woessner who both joined us in January 2019. "We are very pleased to have these valued professionals join our board," said Howard Halstead, President of the APF Board of Directors. "Courtney brings a wealth of experience in the field of law and Randy in telecommunications and project management. I look forward to working with both of them."

membership, Randy replied,

"I've been involved with dog rescue and transport groups for the past 20 years," said Courtney, "and made six visits to Best Friends Animal Society. My husband and I own two rescue dogs and we've taken classes at APF's Canine Academy. Joining the board was a natural fit."



Courtney and her husband, John enjoying the Tails by Twilight Gala.



Randy and his wife Mary, at the APF 2019 Gala.

"I started as a Volunteer at the APF and as a result, developed a keen respect for the staff, fellow volunteers and the mission of the organization. I was moved by this early interaction

and wanted to take my volunteering to the next level."

Thanks for joining the board, Courtney and Randy!



### We Found Our Forever Home!













## Garden Tribute **Bricks**

Honor a family member, friend or beloved pet by placing an engraved paver in our beautiful tribute garden. Pavers are available for purchase in three sizes: 4" X 8" brick (\$50), 8" diamond shaped brick (\$100), or a 10.75" granite square brick (\$250).

For information, go to www.animalprotective.org or contact Katrina at 518-374-3944 ext. 115, baker@animalprotective.org.

We'll be placing bricks soon, so don't delay!



At Home Euthanasia

### In the Comfort of Home

Special thanks to Roger Blankfein, DVM for his pet memorial contributions. bereavement support group sponsorship, and for helping pets and their families say goodbye in the comfort of their own home.

(518) 203-3498 www.inthecomfortofhome.com



