

Executive Director's

Note

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you healthy and safe. We have been thinking of you, your extended family, and those people and pets in need during this unusual time. Following the state and federal safety regulations and guidance, we have continued to provide essential services including care to in-house pets, reuniting owners with lost pets, taking in strays and offering end of life pet services.

I am *proud* to say that services to the community were enhanced to reflect the increased needs of pet owners. Expanded services included our **pet food pantry** that added home delivery options as well as the usual pick-ups. Our pet behavior support emphasized a **dog behavior hotline** and the development of virtual *Canine Academy* classes.

Recently, we restarted spay and neuter surgeries for shelter pets and expanded our services to rescue organizations. Services will be offered to public clients very soon. Watch our website or Facebook page for details.

And, new ground was broken as we began doing **virtual adoptions**. Excitement filled the Shelter as Animal Care Coordinators were once again connecting wonderful APF pets with loving families.

Not to forget those families whose pets passed away at this difficult time, we transitioned our **Pet Bereavement Support Group** to a video conferencing platform. Realizing the emotional toll and grief that some were experiencing, we felt it was important to continue this service. Online support will continue into the future.

These are challenging times for all, and as the APF approaches its 90th anniversary in 2021, we are here for you today, tomorrow and forever. The APF is growing stronger and more community connected every day!

However, this is a huge undertaking and we cannot do this alone. If you feel you are in a position to help, please consider making a donation to support our vital, lifesaving work in the community. Every dollar counts and helps save lives. No gift is too small. Please donate using the enclosed envelope or click on the "donate" button on our website: www.animalprotective.org.

If you would like to chat about your ideas or if you have questions, feel free to contact me at 518-374-3944 ext. 110 or balliet@animalprotective.org.

Thank you for being a supporter and advocate for the APF.

Be kind, be well and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



Deb Balliet
Executive Director



Meet Sammy

This handsome tomcat was brought in as a stray. When he first arrived, he was nervous and unsure of his new surroundings. During Sammy's initial exam our vet team found unknown wounds, so our feline friend had to be isolated in quarantine for 30-days. He still got plenty of love, attention, and floor time.

Upon returning to his cabana, staff noticed that Sammy was experiencing pain and discomfort – it was discovered that he had three large bladder stones. *Poor little guy!* Next on the docket was surgery to remove the stones. Post-surgery Sammy went for a temporary stay at APF vet, Dr. Jackie's house for observation and recovery.

Once available for adoption, this big, beautiful cat showed off his loving side and completely melted into purrs while in the arms of his new owners. It was love at first sight!

The APF is grateful to all our supporters for giving Sammy a new beginning. His purrs and meows are his way of saying "Thank you - I couldn't have been helped without you!"



COVID-19 Procedure Updates

The APF is following state and federal safety guidelines to help stop the spread of COVID-19. For everyone's safety, we are limiting the number of staff and visitors to our building and following the rules of social distancing. A regimented cleaning process has been instituted, and the wearing of appropriate protective gear is enforced. Adoptions, group gatherings and classes are being done online, and pick-up and drop-off of pets is at curbside. Please watch our website and Facebook page for updates.



Virtual Pet Adoptions

See our website for available pets. Our process has changed due to COVID-19 precautions. Please call 518-374-3944 ext 101 for an appointment.

Rehoming Services

Please call 518-374-3944 ext 101 for information or an appointment. A donation of \$30 per animal is requested to help with the cost of care. Our cost averages \$250 per pet.

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

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

The Grey Muzzle Organization donated \$10,000 to help provide diagnostic and medical care for senior dogs to prepare them for adoptive homes. Funding for subsequent tests and treatments ensure that new owners have a clear understanding of their senior dog's health needs. We are very grateful!

The John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation has awarded the APF with a \$10,000 grant in support of a free pet wellness clinic for community members in need. This clinic will be held in an urban location close to pet owners who have transportation issues. We appreciate this generous donation.



Gerdie

Save the Dates for our Fabulous Online Auction!

Sunday, July 12 - Saturday, July 18, 2020

Featuring:

- Southwest Airlines round-trip tickets for two
- A picture of your pet on the APF van - Auction Special!
- Group cooking class at Tara Kitchen
- Zoom Meeting with Steve Caporizzo
- Pet services... and so much more!

Your purchase will help the APF during these challenging times, and shelter pets still need you!

Please bookmark
www.animalprotective.org

Auction preview begins on July 6th

Call 518-374-3944 ext. 115 for info

We Found Our Forever Home!



Koda



Nani



Topaz



Mama



Volunteer Evelyn Gutchell, gets ready to deliver a box of pet food to a community member. During a three-month period, the APF Pet Food Pantry provided 3,000 pet meals that were picked up at the shelter and 5,828 that were delivered to pet owners restricted to their homes. The APF is tremendously proud to help our community during this challenging time.