



The APF works hard every day to do everything we can to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of the pets in our care. Our goal is to find each companion pet a new home and loving family, but our commitment does not end there. With the skilled and passionate leadership of our Board of Directors, Leadership team and staff, we have plans to expand our services to help more pets and pet owners in our community.

An important area of increased focus will be to proactively assist pet owners who love their pets and want to keep them in their home but are facing behavioral issues that could ultimately force them to transfer ownership to the APF or another person or organization. In recent years, we have strengthened our response to the increased medical and behavioral issues of shelter pets and have seen greater success in placing these pets.

The APF at a Glance

Who	The Animal Protective Foundation (APF) is an animal welfare organization providing services to Schenectady County and the greater Capital Region since 1931.		
Mission	The Animal Protective Foundation promotes and protects the human-animal bond by providing resources to our community and humane care to companion animals.		
Vision	Our vision is a community where all companion animals are loved, respected and receive exceptional care.		
Values	Collaboration, Compassion, Excellence, Integrity, and Respect		
Board of Directors	Howard Halstead, President * Otto Zamek, Vice President * Lawrence Curran, Treasurer * Betsy Aliberti, Secretary * Courtney Davis * JR George * Robert J. Fazio * Ruth Leslie * Judith Ann Mysliborski * Robin Sevinsky * Theresa M. Tommell, DVM * Randall Woessner		
By the Numbers	2019 Intake Total:	1,178	
	2019 Intake by Species	Cats: 766 Dogs: 326 Other: 86	
	Live Release Rate (12/31/19)	93%	
	2019 Adoptions/Transfers/RTO	1,084	
	2019 Spay/Neuter Total	3,908	
	2019 Spay/Neuter by Species	Cats: 3,304 Dogs: 587 Other: 17	
Compliance	The APF is governed by the laws of the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Our facility is inspected annually. Inspections in the last five years have indicated we are in compliance, free from violations.		

What We Do

<p>Veterinary Medical Care</p>	<p>The APF provides a veterinarian exam and basic care to all shelter pets. Included are all required vaccines, deworming, flea treatment, and when advised by our veterinarian, blood, urine and other testing. All of our pets are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.</p> <p>The APF offers affordable microchipping for publicly owned animals to help ensure pets are returned to their family should they ever be lost. In 2019, the APF began offering free or low-cost Pet Wellness Clinics in partnership with community organizations to targeted, underserved neighborhoods.</p>
<p>Spay & Neuter Services</p>	<p>We provide low-cost, high-quality spay and neuter services to pet owners in our community who do not have a veterinarian and for those who find the fees at for-profit veterinary clinics to be a financial hardship. We offer subsidized rates for low income individuals and special rates for dog and cat rescue organizations.</p> <p>In 2019, the Clinic celebrated its sixth anniversary and 21,000th surgery, preventing over one million unplanned pets.</p>
<p>Rehoming Program</p>	<p>The APF follows an open admission policy, helping all pets regardless of age, breed or other criteria. In alignment with best practices, admissions to the APF are on an appointment basis to ensure adequate resources are available for each owned pet entering our care. Additionally, the APF contracts with several area towns to provide dog stray holding services resulting in some strays being rehomed through our adoption program.</p> <p>Once pets have received the necessary behavioral and veterinary services to prepare them for adoption, APF's trained Adoption Specialists step in to help them find a home. A focus on making great adoption matches that meet the needs and preferences of both our clients and our pets is at the heart of our adoption program. APF's Adoption Specialists achieve this by building relationships with our clients through informal conversations and by using their knowledge of the pets in our care to make connections.</p> <p>All cats and dogs are spay/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped prior to being adopted. Some pets benefit from additional veterinary services, such as treatment for eye or ear infections, dentals, and mass removals, thanks to donors supporting the APF's Veterinary Care Fund.</p> <p>Adoption discounts are available for adopters 60+ in age and for Veterans.</p>
<p>Canine Academy</p>	<p>Our Canine Academy classes are designed to help promote the bond between owners and their dogs. We help ensure dogs are able to stay with their loving families by providing affordable, positive training support for dog owners. These public classes run throughout the year and offer Basic Manners 101 & 102, Canine Good Citizen, and Therapy Dog certification programs.</p> <p>In 2020, we added a free Pet Behavior Helpline to provide the public with access to knowledgeable trainers and resources.</p>
<p>Volunteers</p>	<p>Through a wide variety of roles, our 125 volunteers enhance the care we provide for homeless pets sheltered at the APF and the services we offer the community. Whether volunteering on-site or off, hands-on with pets or helping in other supporting roles, our volunteers are part of the APF team. Volunteers are provided with regular training through webinars, newsletters and on-site workshops.</p>

Foster Care	Foster volunteers help us provide high-quality care to better meet the needs of individual pets. They provide temporary in-home care for pets including: (1) mother cats with kittens too young to be placed for adoption; (2) kittens without a mother cat that need bottle-feeding or those who are eating on their own, but are not large or old enough for spay and neuter surgery; (3) cats or dogs undergoing medical treatment and those waiting for or recovering from surgery; (4) dogs who need training or who have been at the shelter a while and need a break.
Lost & Found Pets	The APF has Stray Dog Holding contracts with four municipalities, Duanesburg, Glenville, Niskayuna and Princetown, for the purpose of housing lost and stray dogs from these communities. We also assist lost and stray pets from other communities. Our facility makes it easy for pet owners to find their lost pets. We use many tools to reunite lost pets with their owners including checking for microchips, Facebook posts, and the Lost and Found section of our website.
Canine & Feline Enrichment	The APF strives to provide the very best for the animals in our care. Dogs, cats and small animals benefit from daily enrichment and exercise with staff and volunteers. Our training philosophy focuses on positive reinforcement methods. All staff have graduated from the Fear Free Shelter Module training. These activities help the pets in our care remain happy and healthy physically and mentally while they await their new homes.
End of Life Services	<p>Every animal that we handle for end of life services is treated as if she/he was our own. In partnership with Adirondack Pet Care, we offer cremation services for companion animals, including private cremation with the option to retain the ashes of your pet. The APF offers affordable euthanasia for community members in need and hosts a monthly free Pet Bereavement Support Group.</p> <p>The public is also invited to find peace and contemplation in our beautiful tribute garden whose brick walkway honors beloved pets and people.</p>
Our Partners	The APF is keenly interested in community collaboration. Here are a few of our partners: ASPCA * Best Friends Animal Society Network Partner * Hill's Science Diet * Jackson Galaxy Project: Cat Pawsitive * James Brennan Humane Society * Million Cat Challenge * Montgomery County Humane Society * Schenectady County SPCA * SCRUFF * Shelter Animals Count * Washington County Animal Control * YWCA of Northeastern NY Pet Guardian Partner * Schenectady Inner City Mission * Schenectady Community Action Program *
How Your Donations Help	Your generosity enables us provide a temporary home, veterinary and behavioral care, spay/neuter services, and hope for thousands of pets each year. Donations come from individuals, businesses, and foundations with gifts designated for unrestricted/operating needs or restricted needs, i.e. a service or program. Your tax-deductible donation is our lifeline and is put to the very best use for the animals. (EIN: 14-0472728)

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