

## Executive Director's

## Note

Dear Friends,

As announced in September, I plan to depart the APF the end of this year. For the last six years, it has been my privilege to lead this amazing team of dedicated volunteers and professionals, while serving the pets and people of our community. An executive search committee is hard at work to find my replacement and I am confident you will be in good hands.

This year has come with many challenges; none of us expected the impact COVID-19 would have on our daily lives. These challenges have inspired the APF to think creatively about how to provide essential services for pets and their owners in our community. Virtual adoptions have been a success, the Pet Food Pantry has supplied an estimated 4,500 pounds of pet food between March and September through delivery and on site pick-ups, and the Spay and Neuter Clinic initiated a curbside drop-off/pick-up for pets. Staff continue to work on creative ways to serve the community.

**The \$100K Pet Care Challenge** is underway and will run until December 31. Your donation made to the APF through the Challenge will be matched dollar for dollar. This challenge match is critical to us as donations enable us to provide quality care, nutritious food and safe shelter for pets at the APF. Please be as generous as you can! Consider making a donation using the enclosed envelope or click on the "donate" button on our website: [www.animalprotective.org](http://www.animalprotective.org).

Thank you for all that you do to support and advocate for APF. I wish you the best for a safe and healthy holiday season.

With gratitude,



Deb Balliet, Executive Director



## Creative Gifting

Here's two creative donation ideas to help in the care of shelter pets while easing your tax burden. Gifts of **appreciated stock** can help you avoid paying taxes on the gains. Donating these securities to the APF will enable you to receive a tax deduction for the fair market value and eliminate the capital gains tax on the future sale of the securities.

Have a qualified retirement plan such as an **IRA** plan that has been growing tax-free? Once you begin to receive payments from qualified plans the distributions are taxed. Consider donating a portion of these distributions to the APF to keep them from being counted in your taxable income.

Please note that neither the stock nor retirement distribution should be cashed out; you receive the tax benefit when these gifts are made directly through the investment vehicle. Please speak with your tax or financial advisor for details.

Questions? Call Nancy Benz, Senior Director of Development at (518) 374-3944 x 122 or [benz@animalprotective.org](mailto:benz@animalprotective.org).

Thank you!



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

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## 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, volunteers 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. To the extent possible, services are provided virtually and curbside to ensure the continued health of all community members. Please visit 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 102 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.

## Community Spay/Neuter Clinic

The Clinic is now open for curbside drop off. Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm. Appointments can be made by calling 518-374-3944 ext. 107 or 125.

**53 Maple Avenue  
Glenville, NY 12302**

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

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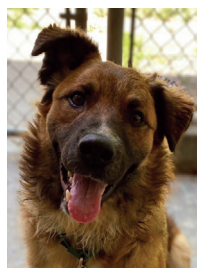
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## Tucker

Tucker, a one year old mixed breed, was surrendered to the APF in June 2020. When he arrived at the shelter he was scared and anxious. Staff worked tirelessly with Tucker to help him feel more secure and confident. Unfortunately, traditional opportunities for training, like outings and meeting volunteers, were suspended due to COVID-19. These real-life scenarios are important to help staff learn how a pet will respond in various situations. Tucker was placed in a temporary foster home to receive the individual, specialized attention he needed to succeed.

First time foster parents, Ashley and Matt, were thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Tucker and his unique needs. At times it felt like a losing battle, but they worked closely with Jessica Bukovinsky, APF's Training and Behavior Manager to focus on the small wins. Day by day Tucker



Tucker

made incredible improvements, and eventually Ashley and Matt knew the time had come for Tucker to find his forever home.

It wasn't long before Sandy read Tucker's bio and knew he was the dog for her. Upon meeting they immediately fell in love. Sandy says Tucker is everything she was looking for in a companion pet and he has her wrapped around his tail.



Tucker and Sandy

We are proud of the outcome of Tucker's story and owe his success to the many community members who helped him along the way, volunteers, his dedicated foster parents, trainers who partnered with our Behavior Support Program, and the APF team of Animal Care Coordinators. To learn more about our foster program visit: <https://www.animalprotective.org/dev/become-a-foster-parent/>.

## We Found Our Forever Home!



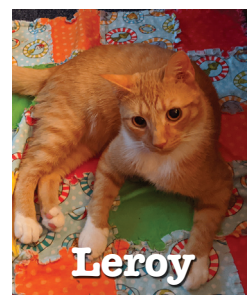
Rosie



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Enzo



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## \$100k Pet Care Challenge

### APF's 100k Pet Care Challenge is going on now!

Thanks to generous gifts from a number of longtime supporters, every gift we receive before December 31 will be matched — **DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR** — up to \$100,000!

There has never been a more powerful time to give. Just think of how many more animals will find homes this winter when you double your impact today! Your gift will provide safe, warm shelter and lifesaving medical care to twice as many pets in our care.

**Donate today using the enclosed envelope, visit our website at [www.animalprotective.org](http://www.animalprotective.org) and click the 100K Pet Care Challenge button or call 518-374-3944 ext. 122. Thank you!**