

Pet Gazette



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Executive Director's Note

Dear Friends,

First, let me start by introducing myself. My name is Austin Gates and I'm excited to be the new Executive Director at the APF. I have 20 years experience from animal welfare organizations throughout the country including the ASPCA and the Humane Society of Sedona, AZ. I started my career as a vet tech, eventually evolving into the nonprofit side of animal welfare.

The APF has continued to serve the community during these challenging times, and while COVID paused some pieces of our strategic plan other parts were accelerated. The Pet Food Pantry expanded to meet community need and the crematory was relocated. This year we will host wellness clinics for pet owners in need, offer new canine and feline behavioral classes, and continue to build our brand recognition.

2021 marks the 90th anniversary for the APF. Please watch for exciting opportunities to celebrate with us all year! With your help the APF will be around another 90 years helping pets and our community. Please consider making a donation using the enclosed envelope or on our website: www.animalprotective.org and click the donate button.

Thank you for all you have done to help support the APF and I look forward to leading us into the future. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at gates@animalprotective.org or call 518-374-3944 ext. 110.

Austin Gates

Pepper found her forever home

Bea, a beautiful short haired cat with distinct brown markings, was brought to the APF as a stray in late October. The first thing the vet team noticed was that her right eye was injured. After careful examination, Dr. Jackie determined Bea's eye was causing her a lot of pain and it would have to be removed.

The vet team performed an eye enucleation to remove the damaged eyeball. She was a little confused after surgery trying to get used to seeing out of one eye only, but her pain was eliminated and now she will be able to live a normal cat life.

Shortly after her surgery, Bea was adopted by Emmie and renamed "Pepper" to reflect her spicy personality. After adopting Pepper, Emmie got sick and the two were able to recover together. "Her vivacious spirit would bring a smile to my face every day even with the giant cone on her head to protect her eye. We cuddled together until we were both well again."

After a rough start to life, Pepper found her forever home with Emmie. She has dog brothers and enjoys exploring the outdoors on her own "catio." Bird watching has become her favorite

Your
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lives.



Before

After

pastime. Thank you to everyone at APF for helping Pepper and bringing her to Emmie at a time of need.

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

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Movers and Shakers

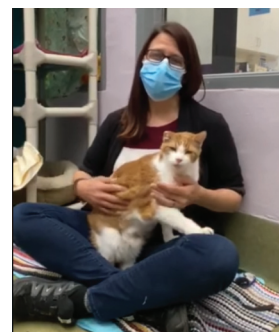
Director of Operations, Amy Duskwicz received her certification as a CAWA which stands for Certified Animal Welfare Administrator.

This professional certificate is through the Association for Animal Welfare Advancement which, through an intensive exam process, evaluates knowledge in a variety of areas, ranging from organizational management and fundraising to animal management and advocacy.

"We are proud of Amy and her continued professional development. She is truly an asset to our team," said Austin Gates, Executive Director.

Behavior and Training Manager, Jessica Bukovinsky received her certification as a CPDT-KA which stands for Certified Professional Dog Trainer-Knowledge Assessed.

The exam and certification process is overseen by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers®, and is a highly respected certification within the field. It is not an easy exam, and passing it attests to Jessica's knowledge and ability to pass it on her first try!



Amy and Tigger



Jess and her two dogs

Drive Thru Sales

APF's Volunteer Coordinator, Hannah Deraway was busy hosting two successful COVID-friendly drive-thru sales. A "take and make" blanket sale was held in November and friends of the APF were able to purchase kits to make two blankets, one to keep for their pets and another to donate back to the shelter pets at APF. Many blankets were made for the APF and pets at the shelter are snuggling up!

In December we sold kicky sticks, little pillows filled with catnip. One of our valued volunteers, Evelyn Gutchell stitched over 200 homemade kicky sticks - just in time for the holidays!



Evelyn and Marc Gutchell

Both sales sold out and raised over \$1,600 to help care for shelter pets. Thank you to everyone who participated in these fundraisers and look for more to come this year.

Furever Friends Needed

Would you like to help ensure the care of shelter pets year-round? Consider participating in our monthly giving club called "Furever Friends." Members of this club are committed to our mission of preserving the human-animal bond.

By spreading out your annual gift into manageable monthly contributions, you give pets lifesaving care every day of the year. Every gift is meaningful and over time, these monthly donations add up! You'll be helping shelter pets live healthier lives and help them find their fur-ever homes!



Dog House Program

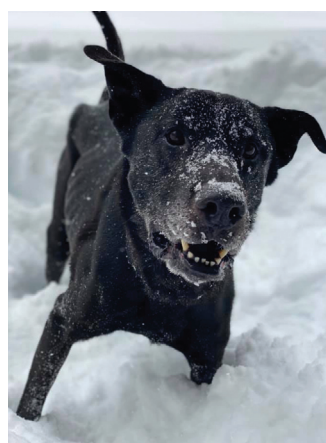
Not sure what to do with your spare change? You may have seen our little purple APF doghouses by the registers at local businesses. Every penny counts, and to prove it last year we raised **\$7,355.63** for dogs, cats and small animals in our care.

Out of 54 locations, one in particular topped them all. The generous customers at **Waterwheel Village** on NY-29 in Galway donated a total of **\$1,024.46**.

Continued appreciation to all of our Doghouse Merchants and Coordinators. APF shelter pets thank you! Interested in participating in the Doghouse Program? Call 518-374-3944 ext. 113.



Laurie and Priscilla (owner)



You may sign up by contacting the APF at 518-374-3944 ext. 115. Your monthly donation will be automatically charged to your credit card. At the end of each year you'll receive a statement detailing your monthly donations.

It's an easy way to provide lifesaving funds to help pets all year long. If you have questions, please contact Katrina Baker at 518-374-3944 ext. 115 or baker@animalprotective.org.

Your donations provide hope to animals.

Tribute Bricks

APF has a beautiful Memory Garden located outside of the shelter. This garden provides an opportunity for lasting tributes to family members, friends and beloved pets through personalized engraved bricks. Choose from the three different sizes available to memorialize your loved one or pet. Bricks will be placed this spring.

Please contact Katrina Baker at baker@animalprotective.org, or at 518-374-3944 ext. 115 for more information. You may order your bricks today on our website: www.animalprotective.org/dev/garden-tribute-bricks.

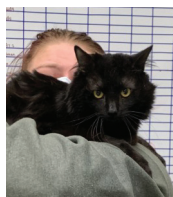
4"x 8" brick • 2 lines of text • \$75
8" diamond brick • 3 lines of text • \$125
12" granite brick • 3 lines of text • \$250



\$100k
Pet Care
Challenge



Thank you for your participation in the \$100k Pet Care Challenge! Our second goal of \$120,000 was surpassed raising over \$128,000! Together, supporters met and exceeded the challenge with their generosity to help companion pets in our community. We couldn't have done it without your help! **THANK YOU!**



Mistletoe

Here at the APF, our greatest hope for every pet is a loving, lifelong home. So we were thrilled to reunite one of the cats in our care, Mistletoe with his original owner. After seeing a photo of Mistletoe, Victoria knew it was her missing cat Jekyll who had been missing for over a month. Black cats can sometimes be hard to differentiate so we thought it would be best for Victoria to come in and see him for herself. When he saw her his whole demeanor changed - he even responded to his name. Tears all around after this long awaited reunion!

If you have lost or found a pet please visit our website: <https://www.animalprotective.org/dev/lost-and-found/> to report it so we can continue to help reunite pets with their families.



\$30 Microchipping & Registration

Microchipped dogs are 238% more likely to make it back to their owner, and microchipped cats are 2,000% more likely to be returned to their owners.

*Statistics courtesy of Petfinder

Available Monday-Thursday by appointment only. Call today!
518-374-3944 ext. 107 & 125

Big Thanks to Grant Partners

We couldn't do all that we do for our companion pets without help from our funding partners! In 2020, we received grants from many funders. With deepest appreciation, a huge thank you to:

The Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust who graciously donated \$26,775 to help subsidize spay/neuter surgeries and provide rabies vaccinations to feral and stray community cats from our rescue partners, SCRUFF & Feline Guardian Angels.

The Smachlo Foundation who gave \$10,000. Their wonderful generosity will help pet owners in need with subsidized spay/neuter services for cats and dogs.

The Kelly Family Cuidiú Foundation for kindly donating \$8,000 for subsidized spay/neuter surgeries for dogs owned by families in need.

These critical funds enable the APF to provide low cost and discounted rates to pet owners in our community. Since opening in 2013, we have provided over 23,000 spay and neuter surgeries, thus preventing over 1.2 million unplanned pets.

Thank you to our sponsors






We Found Our Forever Home!



Pork Chop



Sampson



Rita



Buddy



Sally



Hunter



At Home Euthanasia

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.

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