

Pet Gazette



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Executive Director's Note

Dear Friends,

Over the last year, the APF has learned a lot about ourselves, our community, and our incredible supporters as we have navigated the COVID-19 pandemic together.

You have helped us make a tremendous impact on both animals and pet owners in need during these unprecedented times and we could not be more grateful for you. As the new Executive Director, I have been inspired to learn about the resilience of our board, staff, and volunteers as we strategically flexed to meet the very real needs of our community.

While our world is getting closer to normalcy, we can move forward knowing that we have supporters like you on our side. Now, celebrating our 90th year of operation, we continue our firm commitment to providing shelter and clinic services to those in our community. As we look toward the future, we are looking at new ways to serve you and our four-legged friends.

In this newsletter you will read about how the APF helped our southern neighbors by rescuing dogs from Alabama after their devastating tornado; recognition received through our local Chamber of Commerce; grant support for our critical subsidized spay/neuter program; and 'save the dates' for our exciting virtual fundraisers.

One of our biggest fundraisers – the Tails by Twilight Gala – will not be held in person again this year due to the uncertainty of Covid-19. Please know your donation is needed more than ever - shelter pets are depending on you! You may use the enclosed envelope to send us your generous donation. All are appreciated!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to get in touch with me. I can be reached at Gates@animalprotective.org or 518-374-3944 extension 110. I look forward to meeting you soon.

With Kind Regards,

Austin

Moving Up!

Cheers to Stephanie Johnson who has recently been promoted to Director of Operations at the APF. She has been with the APF for 12 years, previously working in both the Shelter and Clinic. When asked about the changes she has seen during her term, she responded, "The Shelter intake system has been greatly enhanced so that we can schedule pets for incoming appointments that match with our staffing numbers. This allows for more individualized attention for both the animals and the people surrendering them."

And, what she would like to see in the APF's future? Stephanie replied, "I see us growing our community presence through our outreach programs like our pet food pantry and wellness clinics. Collaborating with like-minded community organizations to provide services to low-income households is another way we will expand our reach to help more families."

Congratulations, Stephanie!



Stephanie Johnson and her dog Victor

The APF Community Spay/Neuter Clinic is excited to announce its new online spay/neuter appointment scheduling feature. Clients can now visit our website and request spay/neuter appointments for cats by completing a quick and easy appointment request form. Visit www.animalprotective.org/clinic for a complete list of our services and pricing and to request an appointment.

COVID-19 Procedure Updates

The APF is continuing to follow State and Federal safety guidelines to help continue stopping the spread of COVID-19. We are continuing to ask that all visitors wear a mask at the time of their appointments.



Pet adoptions are both virtual and in person by appointment only.

See our website for available pets. 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 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. We are now offering online bookings for microchip and cat spay/ neuter surgeries.

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

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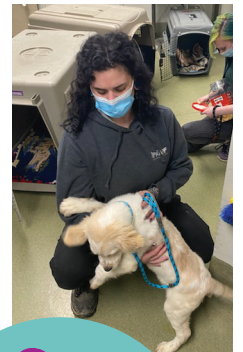
Alabama Dogs

In Late March, disaster struck Alabama. A sequence of tornados devastated the state, displacing so many. Animal shelters in Alabama needed help caring for displaced pets. The APF was contacted by Best Friends Animal Society and asked to assist.

Four dogs made the long journey from Alabama to Elmsford, New York where they were met by our animal care staff. A much shorter 2.5 hour ride was all the dogs had left before making it safely to APF. They all enjoyed the ride and even sang along to Aladin's A Whole New World!

After arriving, all four dogs were evaluated by our vet staff. Two of the pups needed crucial treatment for kennel cough. Our staff worked hard to get them healthy and ready for adoption. The Alabama dogs all found loving homes quickly. Cumberland's adopters says he is the perfect dog, loves his personality and he is a great addition to the family.

Thank you to everyone at Best Friends and APF for making this transfer possible! It was an honor to team up with several local animal organizations to help bring these homeless pets to safety.



Declin

Declin came to APF in early 2021 and found a home quickly, unfortunately as it sometimes happens, this wasn't the best fit for him. Being back at the shelter caused him to have social anxiety and other behavioral concerns. Our staff worked with him to try and ease his anxiety but they knew a foster home would be the best way for Declin to adjust to home life.



Declin with his foster family and his new adopted family.

Once in his foster home Declin thrived. The social anxiety he was experiencing at the shelter virtually disappeared. He enjoyed cuddling on the couch watching Animal Planet with his family and even tried sitting on his families laps while they tried to work from home.

When it was time for Declin to be adopted, his foster family met outside with his new adopters to share stories and give advice on how to help Declin succeed in his new home. The new family was happy to hear how Declin's interactions at home differed from the anxiety he experienced at the shelter and were so grateful for how caring his foster family had been.

Thanks to everyone at APF and our dedicated foster volunteers, Declin is doing great in his new loving home.

APF is always in need of fosters, like Declin some pets do not adapt well to the shelter or require extra attention. If you are interested in becoming a foster please visit our website: <https://www.animalprotective.org/dev/become-a-foster-parent/>.

Cat Pawsitive

“Developed by Jackson Galaxy and a team of animal behavior experts, The Jackson Galaxy Project’s Cat Pawsitive is a mojo-enhancing, positive-reinforcement clicker training initiative that enriches day-to-day life for cats in shelters, builds new skills for cats as well as shelter staff and volunteers, promotes the human-cat bond, and helps improve adoptability. By utilizing positive, reward-based Cat Pawsitive training, a shelter volunteer or staff member can reduce the stresses that might keep a cat from connecting with an adopter.”

<http://thejacksongalaxyproject.greatergood.org/about/cat-pawsitive/>

APF staff and volunteers initially enrolled into Jackson Galaxy’s Cat Pawsitive Program in 2018, with many new faces at APF, both staff and volunteers, it was time to polish up our skills. Luckily, Jackson Galaxy’s Cat Pawsitive Pro Refresher course rolled out in late 2020, and we were happy to jump on board!

Staff and volunteers receive professional training about positive reinforcement, by learning how to train using techniques such as Capturing, Shaping, Luring and Targeting. We focus on the cats struggling to adjust to life in the shelter but we have worked with higher energy cats to keep their minds occupied this helps give them an outlet for their energy. During this process we work with cats in short 10 minute sessions twice a day and reward positive social interactions. Once the cats feel comfortable and confident, our staff starts teaching them tricks like sit, high five, follow, place and more.

Cats enrolled in this program become more confident, have less stress related illness and build more positive connections with people. This program has been an awesome experience for all, cats and humans alike!

We are excited to announce that staff have all passed the refresher program and will soon be receiving their diplomas! Congratulations to staff members: Abby, Jessica, Marisa, Debbie, Becca, Carlee, Emmie, Kaitlyn and volunteers Arylis, Lynne, Evelyn, Linda and Kate!

Together, we have helped 13 cats in the program, completing over 300 training sessions, and totaling over 2,250 minutes of training!



Becca asking Rudy to “target”-touch a part of his body (nose) to an object called a Target Stick. This behavior is used to help teach bigger and more complex behaviors like Sit Pretty



Kaitlyn and Rudy



Simba

Fur-ever Friends

Would you like to help ensure the care of shelter pets year-round? Consider participating in our monthly giving club called “Fur-ever 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 overtime, these monthly donations add up! You’ll be helping shelter pets live healthier lives and help them find their fur-ever homes!

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.



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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Big Thanks to Our Partners

Thank you to **Capitaland GMC Truck - Subaru** and **Subaru of America** for their "Share the Love" donation of \$47,305! We are beyond grateful to you for sharing the love! Your donation will help many shelter pets find a loving home. APF has been participating in the "Share the Love" program for 8 years! Keep an eye out for more information regarding the next "Share the Love" event that will be held 11/18/21-1/2/22!

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.

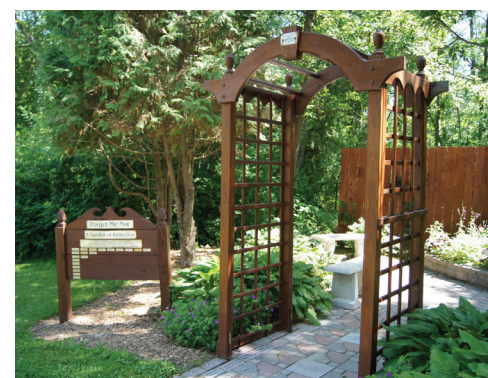
Please contact Katrina Baker at baker@animalprotective.org, or at 518-374-3944 ext. 115 for more information. Order online by visiting our website: www.animalprotective.org/dev/garden-tribute-bricks.



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Rob



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



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