



# PET GAZETTE

NEWS FROM THE ANIMAL PROTECTIVE FOUNDATION

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### Introducing The Guardians Program-Planning a Future for Your Pets

When my 83-year-old mother recently adopted a cat named Socrates, one of her biggest concerns was what would happen to him if he outlived her?

While she was fortunately able to make arrangements for him to be cared for by a family member, one common reason animals are brought to the Animal Protective Foundation (APF) is due to the death of their guardian without a plan in place for rehoming their beloved pet. And, in many cases, there isn't a friend or family member in a position to take in their pet. Over the years, we've encountered countless pets who arrive with little information, which can make the task of finding a new home a lengthy process.

To make the process more seamless, we are excited to announce a new program that is available to our Legacy Circle members – The Guardians Program.



While we always do our best to help pets in these circumstances, The Guardians Program enables owners to provide detailed information about their pet(s) in advance so we can provide compassionate care and a smooth transition to a new home. Details like medical history, behavior history, whether the pet has lived with other animals, food, favorite toys, and other insights enable us to have a clear picture of what type of home will be best for your pet. Our goal is to fast-track pets in The Guardians Program so they can be available for adoption quickly by avoiding holding periods, evaluations, and other time-consuming processes.

The Program accepts all of the domestic animals the APF helps, including dogs, cats, and small companion animals. Unfortunately, we are unable to assist with feral cats and other animals we are unable to house at the shelter.

The Guardians Program is available to individuals who are members of our Legacy Circle, and renewal in the program is automatic with an annual gift of any size.

Joe Lisella, CAWA, Executive Director



### WHAT IS THE LEGACY CIRCLE?

#### **Save The Date**









## A Legacy for the Future – What Legacy Will You Leave?

Legacy gifts (including the Animal Protective Foundation in your estate plans) reflect your commitment to providing care for our community's most vulnerable animals. The Animal Protective Foundation (APF) Legacy Circle was established to recognize and honor individuals who have included the APF in their estate plans. By doing so, these compassionate supporters continue the legacy of providing care and comfort to animals in need.

You can join the APF Legacy Circle by including the Animal Protective Foundation in your estate plans.

As a member of the APF Legacy Circle, your name may be included (if you choose) in a listing of members in APF publications.

Additionally, the APF Legacy Circle members are invited to an annual recognition event in December and other special events.

If you have not yet notified us of your planned gift, please contact our director of development, Cassandra Metke, at 518.374.3944 ext. 122, so that we may welcome you into the APF Legacy Circle.

**To learn more, visit:** www.animalprotective.org/legacy or contact Cassandra Metke at metke@animalprotective.org or call 518-374-3944 x122



### MISSION MOMENTS







### Wallace's Story

Wallace was surrendered to the APF when his family was experiencing hardship and they were no longer able to care for him. The APF was Wallace's home for almost six months.

During that time, the APF Team noticed that Wallace had a limp, and he was only about 30 percent weight-bearing on his left hind leg. After being examined by our veterinary medical director, Dr. Jackie Kucskar, it was determined that he needed surgery to repair his torn cruciate ligament on both hind legs. Due to the limitations of our clinic facility, we had to get help from an outside veterinarian to give Wallace the best chance for a pain-free life going forward.

With the help of our Angel Fund, which was established to provide the extra funding needed for shelter animals who require special medical care, we were able to do just that! The first surgery on Wallace's left hind leg was performed. His aftercare and rehab were done at the APF shelter with our animal care staff. After a few months to recover and rest from the first surgery, Wallace was ready to have his other leg repaired. The surgeries were a success, and Wallace was able to fully recover in his new forever home with his loving family. Even with generous discounts from the veterinary practice that performed the surgery and doing most of the pre- and post-testing, bloodwork, and medications in-house, Wallace's surgeries still cost \$8,266.58.

Thanks to our Angel Fund and the generous donors who support it, pets like Wallace receive treatment to be pain-free, and they also have a higher chance of getting adopted and finding their forever homes. Wallace is not the first pet at the APF to need medical procedures and, unfortunately, he will not be the last. The Angel Fund provides the financial resources to help each of the animals who need special care in our shelter.

Please support pets like Wallace by donating to our Angel Fund at www.animalprotective.org/angelfund.

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### **WISH LIST**

#### **OUR MISSION**

The Animal Protective Foundation promotes and protects the humananimal bond by providing resources to our community and humane care to companion animals.

#### **OUR VISION**

Our vision is a community where all companion animals are loved, respected, and receive exceptional care.

#### INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND ACCEPTANCE (IDEA)

The APF recognizes that treating individuals with respect and standing up for equity will have a positive impact on the animals, constituents, and communities that we serve.

The APF acknowledges the importance of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Acceptance (IDEA) to better serve our clients, employees, volunteers, and our entire community.

The APF believes that no one should be judged or excluded on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, or level of income.

The APF is committed to enacting deliberate policies and practices to ensure that our facilities, programs, and events welcome differences and diverse perspectives are respectfully heard.

The APF actively responds to bias, harassment, and discrimination in all aspects of its work, its service, and the entities with whom we collaborate.

#### Cats

- Slow Feeders



#### Dogs

- Toys (Kongs and Nyla Bones)
- Pill Pockets
- Peanut Butter
- Stainless Steel Bowls
- Slip Leads
- Slow Feeders



### Small **Animals**

- Food





**Amazon** 

Chewy



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Pet Food Pantry?

The APF is proud to provide pet food to owners in need, so that no bowl goes empty!

Please call us at 518-374-3944 ext. 101 for more information. Our Pet Food Pantry is open Tuesday-Friday, 12pm-4pm, and requires participants to sign up on their first visit!

Qualifications include, but are not limited to...

- Medicaid/Medicare
- SNAP/WIC Disability
- Social Security



\*The Animal Protective Foundation Pet Food Pantry is a limited six month assistance program.