



PET GAZETTE

NEWS FROM THE ANIMAL PROTECTIVE FOUNDATION

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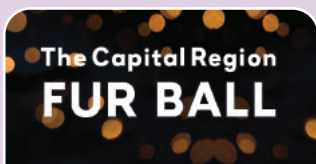
Save The Date



March 1–May 24



June 2



October 5

Rescued and Given a Second Chance

Josie was a rescue who came to us from NYC. This poor sweet girl was found horribly neglected and abused, with terrible burn injuries on the skin of her face, legs, and upper body. Despite her traumatic past, when she came in she was very sweet with all the staff and wanted all the love and attention.



After a couple days at the APF, our team did a temperament test on her and noticed some resource guarding with food and toys. This isn't abnormal for pets coming from a situation like hers. She had been through significant trauma and had been in the shelter system since she was five months old. Our animal care staff started a behavior modification plan for resource guarding. Together, Josie and our staff members worked hard on changing those behaviors.

We are elated to share Josie was able to be adopted into a home that would give her all the love, cuddles, and attention she deserves.

Sawyer's Happy Ending



Sawyer was a five-month-old kitten found as a stray on the side of the road.

When he came into the APF, he had a severe eye infection requiring immediate medical intervention. The infection had caused his eye to rupture, and it needed to be removed. The APF made sure Sawyer got the treatment he needed to have a comfortable and happy life.

We are happy to announce that following his recovery, Sawyer found his forever home and is doing great. He adjusted right away after surgery, and we could all tell that he was feeling much better. He is now able to have the life he deserves, pain-free and in a loving home.

Thanks to our amazing community of supporters, 2023 was a great year for the animals and people served by the Animal Protective Foundation. Following are a few of the highlights you made possible:



Our Pet Safety Net program launched four Community Pet Wellness Clinics throughout the region. These clinics helped more than 200 vulnerable animals and provided free vaccinations, exams, and care for those whose owners are struggling financially. In addition, the Pet Safety Net's Pet Food Pantry provided more than SEVEN TONS of food to struggling families.



For the first time since the APF opened the current shelter in 1993, we gutted our aged dog housing and rebuilt every inch to meet the standards of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians. Rather than a large single room, we now have created a room for each dog that is separated from disease, lowers noise, and creates a calmer environment so they are more comfortable until they find their forever home.

Our Community Spay/Neuter Clinic continues to be the largest public provider of spay/neuter surgeries in the region.



And, despite our dog housing being out of commission for more than four months during construction, we were able to find homes for 624 animals – only two less than 2022.

We are excited to continue improving the lives of companion animals through all our services in 2024 and beyond. Thank you for making all this possible.



Joseph Lisella, CAWA
Executive Director

Check Out Our Wish Lists

Support the APF pets by purchasing something for them off our wish lists! Many supplies are needed to be able to provide the best care for the animals at the shelter. When you donate an item from our wish list, you help us to use our funds more effectively to better care for the animals. This is a wonderful way to support pets in need and ensure we receive the items needed most.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Please visit www.animalprotective.org/wish-list to view our Amazon and Chewy Wish Lists as well as what we can and cannot accept as donations to our pets.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Pet Calendar Photo Contest

The Pet Calendar Photo Contest is back! This is a great way to have your pet featured for other animal lovers to see while supporting the APF pets. Enter your pet and encourage your friends and family to vote to ensure your pet gets the recognition they deserve!

The official voting period for the contest began on March 1st and will end on May 24th, 2024. This means you will have almost THREE MONTHS to ensure your pet receives a page in the calendar or becomes the overall cover winner. The top 5 in the dog and cat categories and the top 2 in the other category will be featured in their own month. All contest entries will earn a place in the calendar's collage and receive a free calendar just for entering!



This is the third year we are hosting this contest to raise funds for the Animal Protective Foundation and the animals in our care. This fundraiser helps the APF touch the lives of thousands of animals each year, and your participation in events like the Pet Calendar Photo Contest is critical to supporting our mission. We enjoy seeing all the images of your pets and reading more about them through their bios. Please visit www.animalprotective.org/petcalendar to enter your pet and start voting!

We are thankful for all our supporters from last year and encourage you to submit your pet with hopes they will make the cover.

Our 3rd Annual Woofstock is returning to Mohawk Harbor on June 2nd, 2024!

Woofstock is one of the Capital Region's largest outdoor fundraising festivals for dogs and their owners. Our 2024 event promises to be bigger and better than ever as we return to Mohawk Harbor in Schenectady for our third annual event with a 5K Run and 2K Walk-A-Thon to kick it off!

Grab your leash, furry friends, and family to join us in the morning for a 5K Run and 2K Walk-A-Thon around Mohawk Harbor! Walk solo, with your pet, or as a team, and fundraise for the animals at the APF.

Following the Walk-A-Thon, join us at the harbor for our **Woofstock Music Festival** to enjoy live music and entertainment, pet-friendly shopping, beer, wine, food vendors, and so much more! This fundraiser helps the APF touch the lives of thousands of animals each year.

Join us at
Woofstock!

Scan the QR code below to learn more.





PET SAFETY NET PROGRAM*

WELLNESS CLINICS

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WELLNESS CLINICS

80

CATS RECEIVED
VACCINATIONS AND
CARE

147

DOGS RECEIVED
VACCINATIONS AND
CARE

PET FOOD PANTRY

317

FAMILIES SERVED BY PET
FOOD PANTRY

14,600

POUNDS OF FOOD
GIVEN TO PETS IN NEED

624 ADOPTIONS

529

CATS

121

DOGS

44

OTHER



105

VOLUNTEERS COMPLETED

7691

TOTAL VOLUNTEER
HOURS

CANINE ACADEMY

246

TOTAL CANINE ACADEMY
GRADUATES FROM

43

CLASSES



SPAY AND NEUTER

2848

TOTAL SURGERIES

373

SURGERIES FOR
SHELTER PETS

2475

LOW-COST COMMUNITY
PET SURGERIES



*Launched Community Pet Wellness Clinics providing veterinarian exams, vaccinations and care at no cost to financially struggling pet owners.