

# Schenectady County SPCA Newsletter



## August 2009

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The Schenectady County SPCA will be holding its monthly volunteer meeting on **Thursday, August 20 at 6 p.m.** at the **Tully Rinckey Law Offices at 411 New Karner Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.** The meeting lasts approximately a half hour. Gathering together gives those in attendance an understanding of what's happening in the world of both the sworn and civilian divisions of the SPCA.

Once the meeting is adjourned, the HLE officers and civilian volunteers will gather separately to discuss their agendas for approximately another half-hour to an hour.

Your regular participation is strongly encouraged.

### FUNDRAISING & DEVELOPMENT



Supplies are still and always needed of the maintenance of the SPCA programs. Please don't be afraid to ask your local merchant, veterinarian, shopkeeper, etc. if they'd be interested in making a tax-deductible donation of pet supplies or other pet-related goods to the SPCA.



**Grantwriting** ~ Anyone interested in or has experience with grantwriting is asked to contact Darla Gullotta. Volunteer Rayn Boncie has been working with Kim Tully on grants but additional help is needed.



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***It's soooo easy*** ~ All you need to do is shop using the link shown, and a percentage of your total purchase will be automatically donated to the SPCA. It really *DOES* work! Please share this opportunity with family and friends.

[www.iGive.com/welcome/warmwelcome.cfm?c=46652&m=464579](http://www.iGive.com/welcome/warmwelcome.cfm?c=46652&m=464579)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING



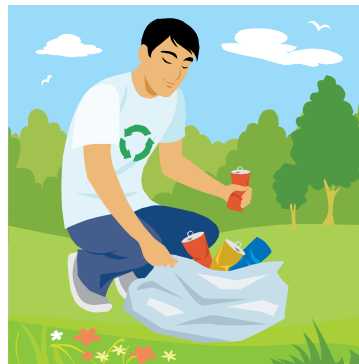
### ***Bottle Drive ~***

Can you sell S U C C E S S???? From our July Princetown Bottle drive, we raised \$168.65, and from the Cobleskill drive, we raised \$72.93.



***MANY THANKS*** to Lieutenant Matthew Johnson and Rotterdam resident Terry Kimball for their help at the Princetown bottle drive. Also, thanks to volunteer Cindy Matthews and Princetown resident Rose Norkus, who ran the Cobleskill Bottle drive in July. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Two volunteers are still needed for the Cobleskill bottle drive in August and the Princetown drive in October. Please contact Darla Gullotta or Linda Brown to help.








***Save the Date*** ~ The Albany Vegetarian Network is again sponsoring the NY Capital Region Vegetarian Expo on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We gained a lot of exposure at this event last year and would like to see the SPCA be in attendance again in 2009. [www.nyvegetarianexpo.org](http://www.nyvegetarianexpo.org)



## **VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED**

Please contact Darla Gullotta if you have interest in any of the following areas:

-  Grant-writing – Do you have any interest or experience in this area?
-  Humane Education – Can you captivate a crowd and teach them about pet ownership and how to identify animal abuse or neglect?
-  Fostering - dogs, cats, horses, small animals
-  Trapping feral or stray cats
-  Fundraising committee members – we need your time and talents!

## **WELCOME!!**

**The SC-SPCA's newest volunteers:**

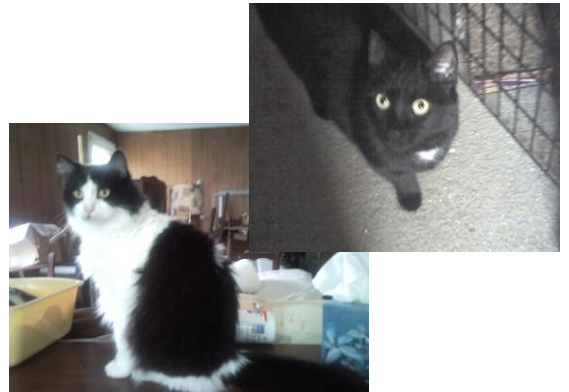
Amanda Blyth  
Lori McBride  
Anne Sombor

## **HUMANE SERVICES**

 ***Needed ~***

Can you find place in your heart to care for two kitty sisters (Angel & Foobie) whose family has been temporarily displaced.

Please contact Darla Gullotta as soon as possible to discuss.



 ***In the Hopper ~***

We've been contacted by a student at Niskayuna High School interested in assisting elderly residents in our community in caring for their pets. We are in the very early stages of planning, but any input you may like to offer, we'd certainly appreciate.



## *Adoptions ~*

Due to an increased demand of requests to place unwanted/homeless companion animals, we are looking to launch our very own petfinder.com site.



Petfinder.com has helped find homes for *13 million pets since 1995* – let's add to that success! Stay tuned!



## *Gentle Ben ~*

Remember Gentle Ben, the bruised and battered buff tabby who was looking for a forever home? He has now found his forever home with a new family and has quickly adapted and taken over the hearts of his new humans. We are so happy we were able to help Ben and the Werblin family find each other.



<http://www.ahaworks.org/programs.php>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMzW3LIkNLA>

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



***HVCC Animal Outreach*** – Please check out this local resource for animal cruelty prevention. [www.hvcc.edu/deptweb-animaloutreach](http://www.hvcc.edu/deptweb-animaloutreach)



***Humane Society University*** – This site has been found to be a valuable training tool. [www.humanesocietyu.org](http://www.humanesocietyu.org)

<http://www.discoverschenectady.com/news-and-events.php>

<http://www.schenectadycounty2009.com/events.php>

# Upcoming SC-SPCA Dates/Events

## **Saturday, August 8 from 9AM–3PM – Princetown Day/Town-wide Garage Sale**

Volunteers needed to help set up the day before and man the sale tables during the day of the sale. Please contact Darla Gullotta or Linda Brown asap.

[www.schenectady2009.com/events.php](http://www.schenectady2009.com/events.php)

## **Tuesday, August 11 – Sunday, August 16 – Altamont Fair**



Volunteers are needed to provide respite to volunteers who will be manning our booth throughout the week; please contact Darla Gullotta with your availability.

[www.altamontfair.com](http://www.altamontfair.com)

## **Saturday, August 15 from 10AM–1PM — Bottle Drive**

Princetown Town Hall and Cobleskill Wal-Mart, volunteers always welcome to sort and count.

## **Monday, August 17 at 6PM — Wags & Whiskers Fundraising Meeting**

More volunteers are welcome to assist the W&W Committee with this project. Please consider lending your assistance. Meeting will be held at the Rotterdam Public Library on N. Westcott Road.

## **Thursday, August 20 at 6PM — Volunteer Meeting**

All volunteer are encouraged to attend these monthly meetings to familiarize themselves with SPCA current events. Meetings are held at the Tully Rincky Law Offices, 441 New Karner Road from 6–6:30PM. Discussions include upcoming events, fundraising results, welcoming new volunteers, Humane Services/Education department updates, administrative updates, etc.

Saturday & Sunday – October 10 & 11 – 2<sup>nd</sup>-Annual Fall Festival  
Craft Show @ Maple Ski Ridge



[www.MapleskiRidge.com](http://www.MapleskiRidge.com)



Thank you to  
**PODS** for



donating four

months worth of storage space in preparation for the Town-wide Garage Sale in August; **Rose Norkus** of the Town of Princetown for donating her time at the Cobleskill bottle drive (since she isn't even an SPCA volunteer); **Cindy Matthews** for



helping out at Cobleskill and her continuous efforts at work to obtain bottle donations which have netted us several hundreds of dollars; the **Town of Princetown** and **Cobleskill Wal-Mart** for allowing us to use their location month after month for bottle drives; **Lieutenant Matt Johnson** for his unending donation of time to community outreach at events such as The Altamont Fair, Strawberry Festival, Celtic Faire, Niska-Day just to name a few; **Linda Brown** for being such a fundraising trooper - for taking on PODS, the Cobleskill bottle drive and the Wags & Whiskers project along with **Gigi Giorgio**; the

**Schenectady Redemption Center** at 1032 State Street – for their consistent support in our fundraising efforts; the service they so kindly provide saves us volunteers countless hours of counting, sorting and schlepping our monthly donations; **Bailey Quinn Curtis** for her perfectly-prepared and separated regular monthly can and bottle donations.

This is not meant to be a comprehensive list of thanks, as so many of our volunteers donate their time when and where they can. These folks deserve special mention for their incredible dedication and support of the SC-SPCA.



Strawberry Festival – June 2009



Lieutenant Matthew Johnson at Princetown Town Hall, July 2009

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*Our success depends on you! Thank you for your continued support of the Schenectady County SPCA- we are doing great thing in our community.*