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SPCA WORKS TO PROTECT ANIMALS

The Schenectady County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is a nonprofit law enforcement organization that serves Schenectady, Schoharie and Southern Saratoga counties to investigate complaints of animal cruelty. Formed in 2007, the Schenectady County SPCA is now the only sworn law enforcement agency in the county with the mission to prevent, detect, and arrest persons engaging in animal cruelty.

Chief Mathew Tully and the rest of the commanding officers, platoon and squad leaders of this nonprofit organization all work together towards one goal: aggressive animal cruelty detection and prevention aimed at animal abusers so that they do not become violent offenders against humans. They are available 24/7 to assist other law enforcement agencies that lack the investigative or manpower resources needed.

By working closely with various police agencies, the Schenectady County SPCA aims to educate the public regarding animal cruelty laws. Officers with the SPCA primarily conduct criminal investigations, execute search warrants, and make arrests for misdemeanor and felony violations in animal cruelty incidents. In addition, when performing their duties, officers are also able to issue appearance tickets for penal law, environmental conservation law, and recreation and historic preservation law violations.

In addition to the Peace Officers, the organization is quickly building a core of volunteers who engage in fundraising, humane education, and animal population control and homelessness through spay/neuter/adoption programs. These programs, along with the efforts of the Peace Officers investigating abuse and neglect allegations, allow the Schenectady County SPCA to be a well-rounded organization whose goal is to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

Every person working for the Schenectady County SPCA is a volunteer. There is no paid staff and funding is solely based upon donations from the public who believe in the work being done to protect animals. If you would like to make a donation to the SPCA, please visit their website at www.schenectadyspca.org or send by mail to Schenectady SPCA, P.O. Box 9516, Niskayuna, NY 12309.

Also, see the article inside this newsletter on how you can contribute to the SPCA's efforts through donations to bottle and pet supply drives being held in the upcoming months in Princetown.

To report suspected abuse, please contact the SPCA Anti-Cruelty Hotline at (518) 755-9517 or go to www.schenectadyspca.org/file_a_complaint.shtml.