



*A Friend of the Friendless—  
A Voice of the Voiceless.*

**Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark, Inc.**

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## **Newsletter:**

**Lynne Tears,**

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## **Two Tons of Holiday Magic**

There it was, on the front page of the Gazette... a small article that changed the lives of us all. A plea had gone out for pet food because our pantry was getting low on the basic necessities. What came next was nothing short of amazing.

Within the first 14 business hours, there was a steady stream of vehicles pulling into our parking lot. You might think of it as a very long sleigh, laden with all manner of gifts for our animals. People arrived with bags, boxes, cans of food for our pets and lots of cleaning supplies until the front office was filled to capacity.

Once those donations had been put away, it all began anew.

People came through the doors with smiles on their faces and laid their donations amongst the others. The pile continued to grow and that pile was put away. The scene repeated over and over until there was over two tons of bag food alone!

We received bags of dry food for the dogs and cats, cat treats, dog biscuits, pouch food and canned food. There were gallons of bleach, rolls of paper towels and even a few rawhide chewies in the mix. It was incredible to see each "pile of hope" grow by leaps and bounds.

This writer was present for one mere hour and I needed a box of tissues to dry my tears of joy. One gentleman told me that he and his wife decided to donate food instead of buying each other Christmas gifts. Another woman said that her donation gave her spirit a much needed lift. "If I can help an animal," she said "it makes me feel whole."

I did get a chuckle when I saw a small car pull up. A woman and two children got out and proceeded to empty the car of it's contents. There must have been bags and cans of food in every nook and cranny. In fact, the car raised about a foot off the ground when it's weight was reduced!

Our shelter's staff was touched very deeply by our community's support and generosity. They know how difficult it is to feed our average 30 dogs and 50 cats in residence every day of the year. We rely on donations but often have to shop for supplies and pay for them out of our operating budget. Skyrocketing prices for utilities alone leave much less in the budget for food and cleaning supplies.

What touched the staff and volunteers most though was the feeling of family. Those were not just bags of food, but bags of support for the work we do. The cans represented the faith that people have in us to take care of unwanted, neglected, abandoned and homeless pets in our community.

On behalf of all the animals in our care and all those who will need aid, comfort and a full bowl in the future - we thank you!



*Just a few of the donations!*

## *In Memory*

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| In memory of <b>Chip</b><br>2000-2007<br>The Gales Family                 | In memory of <b>Bebe</b><br>Everyone's Sweetheart                                   |
| In loving memory of<br><b>Molly &amp; Pete</b><br>Sally Taylor            | In loving memory of<br><b>Buddy</b><br>Josephine Amarosa                            |
| In memory of <b>Cookie</b><br>We miss you & love you<br>The Siegel Family | In Memory of <b>Sadie</b><br>1994 - 2007<br>Gary Maltby                             |
| In loving memory of<br><b>Hershey</b><br>1992 - 2007<br>Liane Carpenter   | In loving memory of <b>Sam</b><br>The Aram Family                                   |
| In memory of <b>Blackie</b><br>Who wandered into<br>our home and heart    | Beloved <b>Wally</b><br>1/90 - 10/05<br>Janet & Rick Shevlin                        |
| In loving memory of <b>Taz</b><br>The Gulla Family                        | In memory of <b>Freckles</b><br>John & Cecelia Jordan                               |
| In loving memory of our<br><b>Maxwell</b><br>Dan Bain                     | In memory of <b>Brooke</b><br>10-16-07<br>Brandon & Ryan Phillips                   |
| <b>Gwyddion Baker</b><br>Our beloved Kitty<br>We will always love you     | Always in our hearts<br><b>Shaqucea Heater</b><br>10/14/95 - 12/31/07               |
| In loving memory of <b>CJ</b><br>7/28/94 - 1/6/07<br>Tabaka Family        | In memory of <b>Sheba Saul</b><br>1/13/08<br>Allyson, Shelly, Kathy<br>and Families |
| In loving memory of <b>Sam</b><br>4/13/86 - 3/28/00<br>Tabaka Family      |   |



## *Passings*

*The following people have recently passed from our lives. Their friends and families have donated to the care of our animals in their honor.*

- In memory of **Irving Rothschild**
- In memory of **Katie Decker**
- In memory of **Iva Northrup**
- In memory of **Charles Cronic**
- In memory of **David Barmann**
- In memory of **Robert Edwards**
- In memory of **Amanda Tooley**
- In memory of **Michael Savarese**
- In memory of **Irene Conklin**
- In memory of **James Neathery**
- In memory of **Tom Hoey**
- In memory of **Linda Wallace**
- In memory of **Barbara Fenick**

## **Volunteers Needed**

We have an immediate need for volunteers to distribute donation banks throughout our community. The banks are a way to help our shelter raise needed funds throughout the year.

You would have to seek out a location and ask for permission to display the bank. The bank will have to be attended to regularly (at least twice a month) to gather the money in that bank.

It would be very nice if you could wrap the coin or trade it in for currency, but that's up to you. You can drop off the money at the shelter at your convenience.

If you would like to be involved in this project, please call the shelter and we will set aside the banks for you to pick up.

Thank you for helping us gather spare change for our animals!

## **A New Service**

So often, the death of a pet leaves us too numb to even think about the final disposition of our beloved companion's remains.

Our Humane Society would like you to know that we now offer individual cremation services for your best friend.

We feel that being prepared sometimes makes it easier to make an educated decision so we encourage you to call us and ask about this service. We can give you details such as the fees involved and how your pet will be taken care of after he or she has left this earth.

We know how difficult these decisions are and we are here to help.

If you would like to have an inscribed plate on our Memorial Plaque to honor a beloved pet, please fill out this coupon and return it with your (minimum \$25.) donation. Not only will you have a lasting tribute, but you'll be helping other pets find a loving home. **We suggest a three line maximum for the nicest appearance on the small brass plate.**

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Memorial Message:

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## **Recent Fund-Raisers**

Fund-raisers are the backbone of any non-profit group. They allow us to raise needed funds while offering something unique and fun in the process. Here's what we did recently:

### ***Walk For Our Shelter Pets***

Our 15th annual Dog Walk was great. Our sponsors enabled us to cover all the expenses so the pledges went to our animals in full.

The sponsors were: Animal Clinic-Dr. Stewart, BRIM Recyclers, Inc., Luhrs Ace Homecenter, The River Reporter, Rozewood Pet Food & Supplies, TD Banknorth, Hudson Heritage Federal Credit Union, Malzahn Gas Co., Inc., M&S Disposal, Inc., Ma's & Papa Joe's, Monhagen Veterinary Hospital, Williams Printing, Laurel Grove Greenhouse, Yogi Sandell, Nicholas Elec. & Mech. Contracting, Fort Knox Self Storage, Dental Care of Port Jervis, Port Java, Dr. Jeffrey Parker, Stacy's Hair Design, Johnson & Conroy Insurance Agency, Susan Miiller, AltecLansing Technologies and In Memory of Hunter at Malzahn Gas Co.

Our new t-shirt logo was designed and donated by Laura Bolle.

We were pleased to have demos by the Orange County Sheriff's Canine Unit, Tri-State Dog Obedience Club, Cindy Urbin and Amir with Baby & Hannah.

Our vendor area increased and each business donated generously to our raffle table.

This year's Walk is scheduled for October 5 at the Neversink Valley Area Museum.

### ***Stuffed Animal Pet Show***

The day turned out to have beautiful weather and the stuffed pets came to our shelter by the carload. Participants proudly showed off their collections, had their faces painted and decorated a few pumpkins along the way.

Thanks to Price Chopper of Matamoras and Face Painting by Heather for their support and generosity. Everyone went home a winner with eyes toward the next Stuffed Show on September 21, 2008.

### ***Pet Photos With Santa***

Santa was waiting for his furry friends to come sit on his lap, and they came in droves.

Our largest turnout ever, we served 43 families and their pets in less than 3 hours.

Every sitting with Santa is private so it is more comfortable for the pets.

When Santa (Dean Sinsabaugh) left that day, we heard him say he had the time of his life!

### ***Afternoon of the Arts***

Despite the threatening weather, we had the largest turnout for our benefit performance of beautiful dance numbers than ever before.

Under the direction of Nina Bleicher Fey, her dance company put on a beautiful show just in time to help celebrate the holiday season.

The dance numbers were electric and included excerpts from the "Nutcracker." The cast members are inspired and dedicated to their art.

Our famous Dessert Table was splendid at intermission and helped generate extra revenue for our shelter.

### ***Lasagna Dinner***

What a way to begin a new year!

Our second annual Lasagna Dinner exceeded expectations and was a bright spot in the middle of a dreary winter month.

The total of dinners served (both take-out and seated) was an astounding 260!

Many thanks to this year's donors: D.A.M. Excavating, Pine Bush Equipment, Price Chopper of Matamoras, Talerico Produce, The Gazette, The Homestead School, Shop Rite, Carmine's Bakery, Roma Pizzeria, Gino's Restaurant, Len & Jo's, Jill Schular, Victoria Campbell, Flo & Tar Santini, Main Street Deli, Carol Spofford, the Egan Family, Fedorick Wood Flooring, Reiss Auto Sales, Brother Bruno's Pizza, Mountain View Pizza, Greg Robinson and Arlene & Tom's Restaurant.

We want to thank the dozens of volunteers who help us with various events. From the chairpersons to the people who work not only behind the scenes, but the events themselves - we thank you for your time, your diligence and your love of our shelter and the animals that come through our doors. We would never be able to do these things without you! A big thank you to all who come to the events too.

Your support means the world to us.

**Humane Society Office:**

**845-856-3677**

*(please use this number for emergencies, adoptions, business or cruelty complaints - do not use e-mail)*

**Humane Society Website:**

**www.pjhumane.org**

**Animals Up For Adoption:**

**www.pjhs.petfinder.org**

**Cash Raffle**

Enclosed in this newsletter are three raffle tickets. They are \$2 each or all three for \$5.

The drawing will be held at our annual Dog Walk on October 5. You don't need to be present to win - we will contact you if your ticket is drawn.

This is a great way to help raise money for the animals in our care so please tell all your friends and co-workers that the raffle is ongoing.

If you would like more tickets, please call us at 845-856-3677 and we will send you more.

*If you would like to drop off newspapers, please call us first. Sometimes we have no newspapers at all. Other times our drop-off bin is overflowing and we have no place to store them. Thank you!*

Our shelter would appreciate donations of: Small cat litter pans, non-clumping litter, terry/paper towels, bleach, stainless steel pet bowls, collars, leashes, office supplies, newspapers (no glossy sections please,) canned pet food, pouch food and pet treats.

**\*\* Upcoming Events \*\***

**Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors**

April 8

**4th Annual Dinner & Variety Show  
June 14**

*limited tickets available*

Call CB Chant at 845-856-8458

**Giant Flea Market**

at our shelter

Saturday August 23

**Stuffed Animal Pet Show**

Sunday September 21

**Cash Raffle**

Drawing held on October 5  
at our annual Dog Walk

**16th Annual  
Walk For Our Shelter Pets**

Sunday October 5

News of clinics, special events and other additions or changes can be found on our website:  
[www.pjhumane.org](http://www.pjhumane.org)

We are always in need of volunteers for our events. If you would like to help us, please call the shelter and leave your name, phone number and what event or events you would like to help with.

Thank you!

*Your tax deductible gift helps us to give aid and comfort to animals in need. Thank you for your support.*

I wish to give a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*We accept Master Card or Visa:*

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_