



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

Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark, Inc.

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50th Anniversary Celebration

It doesn't seem possible that we will be celebrating fifty years of service to our community this year. Where did the time go? We began when Robert Kleinstuber saw the need to help the animals of our area who were lost, abandoned, mistreated or in need of re-homing. He found other passionate people who felt the same way and they founded the Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark.

Our shelter had the most humble of beginnings on a small piece of land on Big Pond Road in Huguenot. We moved to our current location in the early 1960s and have remained much the same, only larger. We believe the founding members would be pleased that their legacy is sound and looking ever forward to the future.



Our shelter circa 1960

It gives us great pleasure to announce a Community Open House Celebration at our shelter on Sunday September 13, 2009 - almost 50 years to the day that we were issued our official papers and we became the Humane Society of Port Jervis/Deerpark.

Although we are in the planning stages as of this writing, it promises to be a grand affair complete with cake,

music and plenty of memories. We are planning to have a large scrapbook for all to browse through (don't forget to send your photos, memories and memorabilia to Webmaster@pjhumane.org for inclusion in this book) and many more fun activities.

Since that day is also Grandparent Day, bring everybody with you to the party. We're sure that Grandma and Grandpa will have a few stories to tell as well about the pets they shared their lives with from our shelter over the years.

We want this day to be your day as well as ours. If it weren't for the support and generosity of our community, we wouldn't be here. From folks who donate money to folks who adopt our animals, we are all together in this endeavor to enrich our lives through the welfare of animals who need us the most.

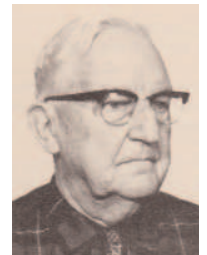
From the cats and dogs of 50 years ago through the cats, dogs, horses, goats, gerbils and hamsters of today - we thank you for being a part of our family. Where would we be without you?

For more information on the 50th Anniversary Celebration, please go to our website www.pjhumane.org or check your local paper as we get closer to the date.

We hope to see you there!



*First Board President
Bertha Feigenheimer*



*Robert Kleinstuber
Founder*

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In Memory

Morgan
7/23/93 - 1/12/09
Long May You Run

DJ our Honey Girl
We love you
Kathy & Patrick Clark

Shawnee our perfect cat, who brought us happiness
for over 16 years. We miss you and love you.
Forever in our hearts. Mommy & Daddy

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 **Mei Wang**

In memory of **Dave Norris**

In memory of **Robert Cunningham**

In memory of **Marshall Eldridge**

In memory of **Frances Simpson**

In memory of **Bernice Szescula**

In memory of **William Latze**

In memory of **Lillie Florio**

In memory of **Thomas Norris**

In memory of **Evelyn Soudant**

In memory of **Jim Baumgardner**

In memory of **Ann Ziffino**

In memory of **Margaret Polak**

In memory of **Rocky Meloi**

In memory of **Rita Carroll**

In memory of **Carol VanDunk**

We honor the life and service of

Janet Innella

Janet Innella, the President of our Board of Directors for the past 28 years recently passed away, much to our deep sadness.

Janet was the consummate leader, advisor and firm hand that any good organization needs to be at their helm. She was thorough, organized and steadfast in her belief that what is done today will reflect upon the future.

A strong woman, Janet knew that every penny that came to us needed to be spent wisely. She had to make the difficult decisions about what we absolutely needed at that moment and what we could postpone until we had a bit more money. She would always hold a Board Meeting with her list of facts in hand. The meeting was never over until all the business was taken care of even if the discussions did get lively at times.

We will always remember Janet as a person who lived for our Humane Society. It needed to survive for the generations that would follow her no matter what it took. No matter how tightly we had to pull in our belts, no matter that we couldn't afford to have the extras, no matter how hard we had to fund-raise, we had to keep the doors open for the animals who needed us so desperately. It was what was *supposed* to be done.

Our sympathies go to her loving family whom she treasured dearly. There will not be a day that she isn't missed by all those who knew her.

Every animal that has come to through our doors was helped because of Janet's willingness to to ensure they got the best care possible while they were in our shelter. All the future animals that are in need of care and comfort will have a place that they can come to for refuge because she also had an eye to the future.

We will miss her guidance, her humor, her devotion. We will remember her until the last one of us is gone.

And someday someone will come across this newsletter in the shelter's archives and marvel over how much love we had for this woman of compassion and purpose.

That will be her legacy... and ours.

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:

Goodbye Dear Mei

In March of this year, we were stunned and saddened by the untimely passing of our dear friend and member of our Board of Directors, Mei Fan Wang. She will be remembered as one of the shining lights of our organization.

Mrs. Wang was the type of woman who you could always depend on to help at an event. If she said she would be there, she meant it. She would always say "what needs to be done?" and the task would be done without hesitation.

Mei always had dogs in her home, all rescued from lives that were not the best. She said that the love she received from them was bountiful and it gave her joy to see them thrive.

Mei and her husband, Dr. Chii Chuang Wang often traveled to China and brought back stories of a land filled with tradition and strong family roots. These family values were very important to Mei and we were honored to be counted as extended family members in her life.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Dr. Wang, Betty and Wesley, Mei's two children and to all who knew her. Mei will be greatly missed.

Oh Lord:

Make me kind to helpless things
The birds that in my garden sing
The little dog that cannot say
How much he loves me, Lord I pray
That I may speak a kindly word
To all Thy creatures, beast or bird
May my touch so gently be
That they might find a friend in me.
Amen

A prayer from the cover of the 10th Anniversary Report - 1969



Office Business
circa 1965

Thank You Dr. Roeder

One of the jewels of our area is Dr. Delores Roeder who has always been a good friend of our shelter, its animals and to the animals in our area. Dr. Roeder opened her practice at Roeder's Ark and offered a full day of free spay and neuter surgery for all the cats who reside in Otisville. Because of her surgical skill, her generosity and her belief in this essential surgery, many cats will never contribute to the pet over-population problem.



I just wanted to tell everyone at the Humane Society how pleased I am with Twist (the Lab mix.) He is so well behaved, is completely potty trained and walks wonderfully on a leash. He knows commands, has no food aggression, hardly makes a noise and once he realized that the cat was not amused by him, he left him alone. Thank you to everyone who helped care for him while he was there.

- Ashley Stratton

I recently adopted two kittens from your shelter. I just wanted to thank you for taking such good care of them while they were there and share a few photo of them in their new home, loving every second!



Thanks so much and I appreciate everything you all do for these animals! I am so happy I found my baby girls, Bella and Gracie!

- Danielle Rosa



This is a picture of Eddie Schoonmaker who volunteers at your shelter. He has been there for about 3 years. Maggie May has been with us since 2006.

We then adopted Kilo in 2007. Slash Gordon has been with us since 2008. We feel very blessed to have these pets in our lives!

- Melissa Schoonmaker

Our Animals Thank You!

A big thank you goes to the Gazette and to the great folks in our area who learned about our cat food shortage and responded with generosity.

Our cat/kitten population explodes several times a year and we frequently find our cupboards bare. When we have so many mouths to feed, we can go through more than 3,200 cans of cat food in a four month period.

You brought hundreds of cans of cat food, bags of dry cat food, bags and cans of dog food and some cleaning supplies that will hold us in good stead until the next time our resources are taxed to the limit. Price Chopper of Matamoras also had a huge food drive for us for which we are eternally grateful.

Thank you for easing our burden and for always thinking of our animals!

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

Thank you to **Sherwin Williams** who donated all the paint for our cat room! Lisa and Carla did a beautiful paint job and now the kitties have walls that are fresh and pretty while they await their forever home.



Newspaper Ad in the mid-1960s



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: A good household vacuum, small cat litter pans, non-clumping litter, terry/paper towels, bleach, stainless steel pet bowls, collars, leashes, office supplies, newspapers (no glossy sections please,) can, bag or pouch pet food.

**** Upcoming Events ****

Farmer's Market

at our shelter 10AM to 2PM
Sunday July 19 & 26
Sunday August 2 & 9

September 13

50th Anniversary Celebration at our shelter

October 4

Annual Dog Walk at D& H Canal Park

October 11

Stuffed Animal Pet Show at our shelter

November 14

Tricky Tray Location to be announced

Thank You Westfall Wal-Mart!

A big thank you goes to our friends at the Westfall PA Wal-Mart who donated \$1,000 to our shelter as a matching grant for our Dinner and Variety Show this past June. Our animals thank you all for your constant support!



Pictured from left: CB Chant with Sandee, Nicky Owens, Assistant Manager and Carolyn Susanowicz

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: _____

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City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____

We accept Master Card or Visa:

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