

# PAW PRINTS

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## Tossed from a Moving Car, Dog Survives to Find a Better Life

Rescued by a Good Samaritan and brought to the SPCA of Westchester



While caring for the animals at the SPCA of Westchester, we are often reminded of the Yin and Yang of life. Although there are those who neglect, mistreat and abuse animals, we are grateful for the many others that respect, protect and care about companion animals. Luckily, a Good Samaritan was nearby the day that

Troy, a young mixed-breed dog, was thrown out of the window of a moving car. She carefully bundled the hurt dog in a blanket and drove him to the SPCA for help.

"Amazingly, Troy's injuries were not serious, other than a broken toe, which was surgically corrected," said Shannon Laukhuf, Executive Director of the SPCA. "However, there was evidence of neglect — an ear infection, Lyme disease that was left untreated and, understandably, fearful anxiety." After being neutered and treated by our veterinary team, our behavior and enrichment coordinator evaluated Troy and put together a behavior modification plan just for him. The plan included anxiety medication, sleeping in the trainer's office for awhile, positive reinforcement and a whole lot of love.

Erin and Jim Buttrick were married this past July. They bought a house and, being ardent dog lovers, knew that their home

would not be complete without one. A visit to the SPCA resulted in love at first site when they met Troy. The dog that went home with the Buttricks was not the same animal that had arrived at the shelter months earlier. And now, after experiencing the joys of a loving home, Guinness' (Troy's new name) transformation of shelter dog to family member is complete. He has lost his fear of veterinarians, no longer reacts aggressively with other dogs and embraces new adventures with his family.



"The one thing I would really like people to know is how lovable and wonderful a pit bull can be. Guinness loves laying around with us and follows us wherever we go."

— Erin, New Dog Mom

Guinness is one of the many animals adopted through The Way Home program generously sponsored by the Tortorella Family Foundation. Your support helps us to not only rescue animals from cruelty and neglect, but to work with them to improve their chances of finding that forever home.



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# Happy Tails



Hey guys, Zook here! You knew me as Blacktail. Just checking in. I had a really good time at the SPCA. I learned lots of things I never knew before, like not to pull on my leash, and how not to let other dogs upset me. Anyway, life in my new home is pretty *woof*. Know what I mean? Good food. Exercise. Car rides. And lots of hugs. Man, do I love hugs!

I'm Oscar, and I went home for the holidays! Lots of people think we cats are too cool to enjoy the season! Me, I'm so excited about my new toys (check out the wind-up mouse in the photo). Yeah, the hat is a little corny, but it made my humans happy, so it's the least I could do. After all, they adopted me, and I just love this place!



## Back by Great Demand: SPCA Walkathon and Pet Fair



Emmy award-winning journalist, Tim Cassidy gives thumbs up at the starting line of the SPCA of Westchester's 2016 Walkathon and Pet Fair.

### Saturday, May 6, 2017

The SPCA's Annual Walkathon and Pet Fair will be held once again at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Yorktown Heights.

To register as a walker or to learn about sponsorship and vendor opportunities, please visit our website: [www.spc914.org](http://www.spc914.org).



SPCA alum Maisie and her family enjoying the 2016 event.

# 14th Annual Top Hat & Cocktails Gala Rocked the Ritz!

The Ritz Carlton in White Plains was once again the venue for the SPCA of Westchester's annual gala. Our top hats have been tipped in appreciation of our many generous sponsors, guests, their furry companions, auction donors, journal advertisers, vendors and the many volunteers who helped to make the event run smoothly. Thanks, too, to Maria Milito, Q104.3; Liza Wallis Margulies, SnootyDog Photography; Geoff Tischman, Tischman Photography; and Joe DiMauro, Mount Kisco Seafood, for helping us to put on the dog in grand style.



Renee Bayha Gossett, DVM, of the Pound Ridge Veterinary Center, and companion pose for a quick photo op.



Luna the Pomeranian hams it up for the camera, while Kate Stringfellow and John Roos hold back their laughter.

Kudos to our 2016 award recipients Carrie Bloom and Family, Mount Kisco Veterinary Clinic, and the young women of LAB Soaps, Livy Bergstein, Ariel Koff and Becca Dubin.

## The Year in Review

### In 2016, the SPCA of Westchester:

- Found forever homes for 1,319 cats and dogs, plus 19 birds, ferrets and reptiles
- Rescued 591 puppies and young adult dogs and 28 cats from high-kill shelters
- Reunited 136 lost dogs and cats to their relieved and grateful families
- Altered 747 cats and dogs through our Simpson Spay/Neuter Clinic
- Fixed 617 feral cats through our TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) Program
- Treated 1,584 furry patients through our Clinic's community wellness program
- Received 1,653 calls through our Confidential Animal Cruelty Hotline
- Investigated 820 cases of cruelty through our Humane Law Enforcement (HLE) Unit
- Removed 65 animals from harm's way
- Welcomed more than 400 volunteers who donated nearly 30,000 hours of their time
- Visited 65 healthcare facilities dispensing joy through our Golden Outreach Pet Therapy
- Continued to make friends on social media and now more than 50,000 followers and growing. We invite you to join in!

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Rob Thomas, Grammy Award-winning former lead singer of Matchbox Twenty, has a new fan he met at the holiday event.

# Shopping Event Goes to the Dogs

Tara and Scott Mikolay, owners of Desires by Mikolay in Chappaqua, held their Annual Charity Shopping Event to benefit the SPCA of Westchester. Guests, some accompanied by their four-footed friends, enjoyed seasonal cocktails and savored little bites while shopping for family and friends. Shoppers benefited as well, receiving a discount off their purchases and knowing they helped to save animals in need.


# Receive \$250 in SPCA Critter Credit When You Adopt a Dog or Cat Who Needs Extra TLC



Whether it's due to a serious medical condition, advanced age, excessive shyness or the need for continued training, some cats and dogs have a harder time than others finding their forever homes. Thanks to the generosity of Kim Charlton and Stephen Meringoff, nearly 50 orphaned dogs and cats were adopted during the first two months of the promotion. Critter Credits may get you a \$250 gift certificate for pet supplies, or may be applied to training sessions with a professional trainer.

For more information, please visit our website, [www.sPCA914.org](http://www.sPCA914.org) or call Lisa Bonanno at 914-941-2896, X54.



**SPCA of Westchester Humane Law Enforcement**



*Rescued by SPCA HLE*

**Because animals can't dial 911**

# We're Driven to Protect Animals

If you have a gently-used SUV you no longer need, please consider donating the vehicle to the SPCA. Our Humane Law Enforcement (HLE) officers need a reliable vehicle when investigating claims of animal cruelty. Not only will you be eligible for a tax deduction, but your donation will help protect innocent animals. For more information, please call the SPCA Development Department at 914-941-2896, X54.

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