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Protecting and caring for animals
since 1883. "Your Local Shelter"

Help a Special Animal in Need ... Become a Forever Foster

For many of our senior animals, finding a new home is not easy. So many of our wonderful and deserving dogs and cats are overlooked, which is why we created our *Permanent Foster Program*.

Our philosophy, according to Executive Director Shannon Laukhuf, is that "every animal deserves a forever home." She adds, "With this innovative program, animals having a difficult time getting adopted can now spend their golden years in a home while the SPCA remains their legal guardian, providing medical care at our Simpson Clinic at no cost."

Two of our neediest animals are Doo Drop and Gladys. They are both hoping that someone will embrace them and welcome them into their home as a permanent foster.



Doo Drop

Doo Drop has never met a person whom she didn't love instantly. Don't let her age fool you — she still has a lot of spunk and her tail wags so much it's basically just a blur! She's had two surgeries

since arriving at the SPCA: one to remove a malignant mammary tumor and the other to help relieve an eye that wasn't producing enough tears. She will continue to need daily eye drops, but this doesn't interfere with Doo Drop's zest and love for life. She will make a wonderful companion.

Gladys, whose beautiful eyes and gentle soul will melt your heart, suffers from hyperthyroidism and wasn't receiving proper veterinary care until rescued by the SPCA. Gladys now receives medication twice a day and is feeling so well that she has become quite the "Chatty Gladys." She loves talking to people and just wants a warm lap to curl up in.



Gladys

We hope someone will open their heart and home to one of these special animals. If you're unable to become a permanent foster, we hope you will consider donating to support Doo Drop, Gladys and all the other wonderful orphaned animals in this special program.

Happy Tails



Juliet is the perfect puppy — she is wonderful with the kids and her family can't imagine life without her now.



Socks has clearly made himself right at home with the Cantor family, who couldn't be happier!



Barn Cats in Need of Homes



We have a number of kitties at the SPCA who would love nothing more than a warm barn to call home. These cats are accustomed to being outdoors, can be great mousers and usually enjoy the company of other cats.

William is one of the many barn cats we have awaiting adoption. He is independent and shy with people, but would be very happy (and thankful) to have a safe, warm place to call home.

Come in anytime to meet all of the adorable barn cats we have available!



Planned Giving

If you could write your own life story to be read in 50 years, what would you say about yourself? How would you want your life to be remembered?

What better way to be remembered and to have a lasting impact than by leaving the SPCA of Westchester in your will, trust or other estate plans. Such gifts might include a bequest, appreciated securities, gifts of life insurance, charitable income gifts or an IRA/Pension Plan.

If you have included the SPCA of Westchester in your plans, but have not told us about it yet, please let us know.

By letting us know . . .

- You will be assured that your gift will be used as you intend.
- You will become a member of the SPCA's prestigious planned giving society.
- You will be creating a legacy for the dogs and cats you love that will last forever.
- You will have the satisfaction derived from making a lasting contribution to the long-term success of the SPCA.

If you would like more information about including the SPCA of Westchester in your estate plans, please contact Judy Perrin at 914-941-2896 ext. 19.



Rockin' for Rescues at the Ritz

The SPCA's 15th Annual Gala was a success once again!



The excitement was electric as over 300 people, accompanied by their amazing, well-behaved canine guests, gathered not only to support the great work of the SPCA, but to celebrate and honor our John W. Beach Memorial Award Recipients, **Kim Charlton** and **Stephen Meringoff**, Distinguished Service Award Recipient, **Sherley Weld**, and Youth Service Award Recipient, **Nicholas Bellomo**. Our deepest and heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors, auction donors, journal advertisers, vendors and outstanding volunteers who made this event the success it was.

Year in Review – the SPCA's Accomplishments in 2017:

- Found forever homes for nearly 1,300 orphaned dogs, cats, puppies and kittens.
- Reunited more than 100 lost pets with their loving families.
- Rescued nearly 600 animals from high-kill shelters through our lifesaving Rescue/Transport/Adopt Program.
- Cared for more than 1,500 furry clients through the Simpson Clinic's Low-Cost Wellness Program.
- Provided affordable spay/neuter procedures to more than 1,200 owned companion pets and feral cats in the community, greatly reducing the number of future homeless animals.
- Responded to thousands of calls of suspected animal cruelty through our Humane Law Enforcement Unit.
- Safely seized more than 50 animals who were victims of abuse or neglect.
- Visited and hosted nearly 70 schools and youth groups to teach kids humane education and the importance of animal rescue.
- Trained and organized 50 volunteer/dog teams through the SPCA's Golden Outreach Pet Therapy Program. These dedicated duos went on an average of 65 visits *per week* to local healthcare facilities, spreading love and happiness.
- Welcomed more than 300 volunteers who generously donated 25,000 hours of their time to support the SPCA animals.

With Warmest Thanks



Our heartfelt thanks to the **Sidewalk Angels Foundation** and the many generous supporters who gave so kindly to our recent match campaign. Not only did we reach our goal of \$20,000, we nearly doubled it!



A tremendous and warm thank you to the **Decker Family and our generous and committed supporters** for making it possible for the SPCA to purchase a much-needed new SUV for our Humane Law Enforcement Unit Division. There was an overwhelming outpouring of support for this project, and the Deckers graciously matched each gift up to \$12,500 in memory of their beloved dog, Duke. We put the word out and you came through with flying colors. Enormous thanks to each of you, and to the Deckers once again!



A special thank you to our loyal friends who recently contributed \$25,000 towards our “Mend a Friend” Fund in memory of Carl Bloom. This special fund supports animals like our newsletter cover girls, Doo Drop and Gladys, who have ongoing medical needs or require specialized veterinary surgery outside the scope of the SPCA’s Simpson Clinic.



- **Pawfection in Bedford Hills** for donating their time and talent to giving some of our long-term resident dogs a special spa day each month.
- **Tom Trimble** for his handiwork installing our new fence.
- **Desires by Mikolay** for once again hosting a special shopping event and cocktail party to benefit our animals.
- **PetSmart and the Westchester Food Bank** for a very generous dog and cat food donation.

Drop off your redeemable cans and bottles at the SPCA anytime!

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