



Paw Prints

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Help Our Brave Boy, Colt

When Colt, a beautiful young chocolate Lab, arrived at the SPCA of Westchester, he seemed like a happy, healthy dog. Sadly, we soon came to discover that his wagging tail and friendly smile hid a terrible injury.

After being rescued from a high-kill shelter, Colt made the long journey to the SPCA and was so excited when we welcomed him with open arms. The first thing we did after getting him out of our rescue transport van was bring him to one of our fenced-in yards so that he could exercise. It didn't take long for us to see that something was very wrong. A typical pup Colt's age should have kept running around until playtime was over. Instead, Colt lay down after a few short minutes.

Our veterinarian determined that he needed X-rays since nothing was visibly wrong with him. Not only did the X-rays reveal that Colt had been shot, but they also showed dozens of buck bullet pellets throughout his body — in his back, spine and hind legs. The photo captures only a fraction of the pellets inside Colt.

Surgery for this type of injury is not an option. The pellets have all healed in place, and they've caused weakness in the lower half of Colt's body.

There is no way of knowing if his condition will get worse, which is why finding our sweet boy a home has not been easy.

Please consider a donation today to help Colt and others like him who have a harder time getting adopted through no fault of their own. We know the perfect family or companion is out there for him, but in the meantime, **a gift today will help support Colt and his canine and feline friends still awaiting a forever home.**



Calling All Kids!

Love to read, write or play a musical instrument? Then we have the perfect volunteer opportunity for you! We're thrilled to announce two new and innovative humane education programs at the SPCA: **Reading to Dogs** and **Journaling with Cats**. Involving children in our mission is crucial if we want to succeed at creating a kinder and more knowledgeable generation of animal lovers. These programs are proven to sharpen literacy skills and confidence in kids while also providing companionship and enrichment for our animals. It's a win-win! For further details or to get involved, please email Joanne, our Humane Education and Volunteer Director, at Joanne@spca914.org.



Your Donations Helped More Than 4,000 Animals in 2018!



Thanks to you, our loyal friends, we were able to **support more than 4,000 animals last year** through our low-cost veterinary clinic, humane law enforcement division and rescue and adoption programs. Children and seniors benefitted from our Humane Education and Golden Outreach Pet Therapy programs, and over 300 volunteers generously gave more than 20,000 hours of their time to support our mission. We are very proud of our accomplishments in 2018 and want to thank you for supporting us so that this could all be possible!

Adoption Corner



Meet Sadie, Our Longest-Term Resident Dog

Number of Days at the SPCA: 1,580

Our senior brindle beauty is one of the most well-mannered, snuggly pups you'll ever meet. Sadie's

best known for her adorable body wiggles when she greets you. She is eligible for permanent foster, which means you get to take her home and the SPCA will cover her veterinary care through our Simpson Clinic. Sadie's new family will also receive \$1,000 in Critter Credit to be used for training or a gift card to Petco/PetSmart. Come meet Sadie, our wonder girl, today!



Meet Archie, Our Longest-Term Resident Cat

Number of Days at the SPCA: 1,020

Like Archie Bunker, our Archie is a bit set in his ways, but that's also why we love him. He is an independent guy who lets you know exactly how he feels! We'd

love to find him a quiet home with someone who will appreciate our spirited, furry curmudgeon. Archie's new family receives \$250 in Critter Credit to be used at Petco or PetSmart. Spread the love and share his story with your feline-loving friends so he can be "all in the family" soon!



Bruiser Needs Your Support

Bruiser, a sweet 6-year-old pitbull mix, was recently picked up by a good Samaritan after he was found wandering alone, scared and in need of medical attention. Upon arrival at the SPCA, Bruiser shied away when we tried to pet his head, and it became apparent very quickly that his ears were causing him extreme pain. He needed a total ear canal ablation, likely due to chronic infections that his former owner neglected to have treated. He'd probably been suffering for years, but thanks to your support, Bruiser is now on the mend and this good-natured, goofy "lap dog" is ready to find a loving home!

Planned Giving — Create a Legacy

By making a gift to the SPCA of Westchester through your will, trust or other financial plan, you can save the lives of pets for years to come.

Planned giving is a lasting testament to your love of animals.

Please contact **Shannon Laukhuf, Executive Director**, at **Shannon@spca914.org** or **914-941-2896 Ext. 12** for further information.

Thank You for Supporting Top Hat & Cocktails



Dressed to the nines, good friends and their canine companions came out to celebrate and raise funds for the SPCA at our annual Gala, which took place in October at the Ritz-Carlton. On that special night, we honored Megan McClellan Whitten, Ann Whitten and Club Fit

for their continued support and generosity. We'd like to thank our sponsors, guests and donors who, once again, gave so kindly to ensure the success of our most important fundraiser of the year!

Mark Your Calendars

The 2019 SPCA Dog Walk and Pet Fair will be taking place May 4th! Join us at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights for this family-fun event that adults, kids and canines can all enjoy. Log onto sPCA914.org for the date and details. We hope to see you there!



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