



## *New Feline Pavilion Opens at the SPCA of Westchester*

by Mary Prenon

According to the feline residents of the SPCA of Westchester, the new Feline Pavilion provides the purrfect setup for kittens, mother cats with newborns and adult cats that need more space for carousing.

The recent renovation project involved transforming the former SPCA adoption office into a spacious cattery for kittens and a peaceful, quiet maternity ward for nursing mother cats. The construction of two new doorways, a divider wall and a front porch were generously donated by contractors Kevin McKenna Associates, Inc.

“Cats generally give birth when the weather is warm, and many people bring us stray pregnant cats or litters of kittens that have been abandoned,” said Steve Diller, SPCA Executive Director. “Often these newborns must be bottle-fed and cannot be adopted until they are at least seven weeks old.”

In addition to reconfiguring the space, other improvements include new flooring, exhaust fans to keep the air circulating, air conditioning, repainting, landscaping and an outside porch.

“Basically, we went from office space to animal space,” said Steve. “We also installed modified cages with more height so that kittens can climb up and down and have much more freedom to move around. In addition, we’re piping in classical music, which has proved to be very soothing for the animals.”

Also in the works is a large, three-season, pre-fabricated building with an attached screened enclosure,



The SPCA has over 150 cats and kittens in need of loving homes. These kittens enjoy toys and scratching posts inside of Kitten Corners.

allowing the cats to roam both inside and out. The structure can accommodate up to 30 adult cats, and features carpeted cat furniture, several feeding stations and litter boxes. By housing cats in this facility for the summer and fall, the SPCA will be able to make needed renovations to the older cat building, which will house the felines during the winter months.

“This is all about continuing to enhance the lives of these animals while they’re here,” said Steve. “We want to make their temporary home as comfortable as possible until they can be adopted into loving families.” 🐾





# Feel The Sunshine

A NOTE FROM  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Steve Diller**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the SPCA board of directors, the staff, volunteers and Westchester community for their kind support of my appointment as executive director of the SPCA of Westchester. The past few months have been exciting around here as we continue the SPCA's commitment to helping the homeless animals in our county. We have renovated an entire building to house our adoptable kittens and created a maternity ward for our feline queens so that they have a quiet, safe place to deliver their offspring. As the summer brings warmth and sunshine upon us, we will work to spread some of that sunshine on our shelter population. The SPCA is producing an open area to house a large portion of our cats into a three season indoor/outdoor enclosure. This new structure will allow them social opportunities and freedom to express their inner feline dreams. While our cat population is housed in the new enclosure, the current cat building will be renovated and prepared for the coming winter months.

The SPCA Humane Law Enforcement department has been very busy. This highly specialized group is being led by Ms. Paula Kennedy. Detective Kennedy is a licensed veterinary technician as well as an attorney and we are pleased to have her expertise and commitment. Detective Kennedy is building a dynamic team to ensure the finest humane law enforcement possible. We are lucky to have her with us; she is a terrific investigator and is establishing positive relationships with many local police departments in our jurisdiction.

The volunteer group known as Train To Adopt has been quite busy as well. Currently, there are close to one hun-



## THANK YOU!


A great big thanks to Wendy Masserman and everyone at For Kids Only for raising \$1,595.00 for the SPCA's animals! Wendy organized the Spring Into Action fundraising day which included a dog wash, a car wash and a raffle. On the same day, the SPCA held Kids Day at the shelter as well as an Adopt-a-thon in which several dogs and cats found loving new homes. The money raised from Spring Into Action went towards purchasing the new SPCA sign on North State Road. It was a wonderful day for the animals.

Extra special thanks to Kevin McKenna Associates for donating their time and materials to undertake renovation of the SPCA Feline Pavilion.

dred volunteers lending their time to help our animals. Trained, well socialized, well exercised animals make the best pets and these folks provide for our animals and we greatly appreciate their efforts. This group has recently developed a visitor greeter program. Visitors can be escorted through the facility by a volunteer greeter who can answer questions posed by potential adopters.

I hope that by the fall issue of Paw Prints I will have news on our Humane Education Outreach Program. We are working on bringing information into Westchester schools to hopefully reduce not only the pet overpopulation problem but also reduce the incidence of abuse and neglect. The future of animal care will be in the hands of our children. This

important program is a giant first step towards a better day for the animals.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support of my appointment and your commitment to the SPCA. 

*Steven Diller*

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## HAPPY TAILS



Push Push (above)

### Dear SPCA,

In the Summer of 2000 I lost my dear cat Footloose, a sweet, loving boy. I was so sad, the house was empty. That is when I went to the SPCA shelter and saw **Push Push**. The first time I brought her to the veterinarian he laughed at her name but realized instantly that it was the right name for a pushy and very independent girl. Independent indeed. She is nothing like my former cat was, but I take her for who she is. She is now 5 years old and just recently moved from New York to Virginia and adapted instantly to her new and bigger home. I love her dearly and my home again is not "empty" any more. Thank you Briarcliff!

MARIANNE CRAWFORD

### Dear SPCA Staff,

Three years ago we adopted **Charlie**, a 7-week old pit mix puppy, from your shelter. At that time Java Bean, our then 3-year old Doberman, became Charlie's nanny and tutor — watching as he slept, rolling him over with her nose to play, or pulling on his hind leg to keep him from climbing on the sofa. Eight months ago the tables turned when Java had leg surgery, and Charlie laid down by her side to watch over her and keep her company when she couldn't run and play. Java has helped Charlie grow up, and Charlie has kept Java young and playful. They are inseparable friends, often curling up together to sleep, sharing their toys or drinking from the same dish. Both are happy and healthy and enjoy wrestling and romping together every day.

We and Java send our thanks for Charlie who has brought a little joy to each day.

THE NASSER FAMILY



Charlie and Java Bean



## DONATION INFORMATION



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TOP HAT AND TAILS

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Save The Date: November 19, 2005  
5th Annual SPCA of Westchester Fall Event ~ "Top Hat & Tails"

## It's that time again!

SAVE THE DATE FOR **TOP HAT & TAILS**. CHECK FIDO'S CALENDAR AND DON'T FORGET TO PRESS HIS TUX.

**D**on't miss the most stylish and exciting event of the year! The SPCA invites you and your favorite canine to our annual *Top Hat & Tails* benefit event to be held on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at the Tarrytown House in Tarrytown, NY. Once again, dogs and their people will step out in style for an evening of dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions and an awards ceremony.

Last year not only did our guests have a "howling" good time with cherished pets and friends, but over \$150,000 was raised to support the SPCA's life-saving animal rescue programs.

It's guaranteed to be an event you and your pooch will not want to miss! Please call (914) 941-2894 ext. 19 to purchase tickets or for sponsorship, journal and auction information.

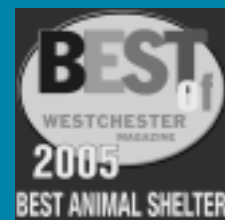
(at right) Drew McFadden with Bronwyn in matching colors at last year's event



## Barn Homes Needed

**I**f you have a rodent problem in your barn or stable and are looking for a couple of furry exterminators, we have the experts for you! The SPCA of Westchester is looking for a few barns and stables in order to re-home feral cats. While most of the cats who come to the SPCA are socialized and able to be placed into loving homes, the shelter sees many feral cats who are not adoptable as family pets. Feral cats have either been born to homeless mothers or have lived their lives without a home for so long that they are unable to accept the human touch and do not trust people. All the cats need in return is food, water and shelter. They come prepared to go to work and are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and FELV/FIV negative. In addition, they come with the SPCA's full support and advice on how to successfully relocate them into their new environment. For more information, please call (914) 941-2894 ext. 19.

## SPCA voted Best of Westchester



**L**ots of woofs and purrs to the readers of *Westchester Magazine* for

voting the SPCA of Westchester the "best animal shelter" of 2005! The honors were bestowed at the fifth annual Best of Westchester Party held on July 28th at the V.I.P. Country Club in New Rochelle. "We're so pleased to have received this prestigious honor," said Chairman of the Board, Deb Mehne. "It's always wonderful to be recognized for the services the SPCA provides not only for pets but the people who love them as well."



# Looking for love...

The SPCA of Westchester has a large selection of homeless dogs and cats, each waiting for a second chance. Come by the shelter or visit some of our adoptable animals on-line at: [www.SPCA914.org](http://www.SPCA914.org).

STRIPE, SMUDGE, TIGGER & ANGELINA



### Stripe, Smudge, Tigger & Angelina

These 8-week-old babies need special homes with people who will give them a chance at happiness. They have all tested positive for the FIV virus and will need homes without other cats or with other FIV+ cats in the household. Many FIV+ cats live normal, happy lives, requiring no treatment. Please stop by the shelter to meet these playful and affectionate kittens!

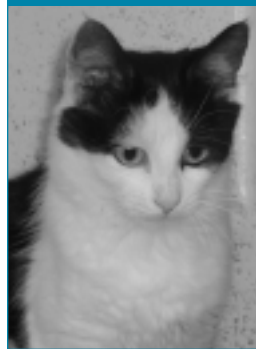
**Snowball** was rescued from the streets after she had ingested antifreeze and was nearly poisoned to death before being

SNOWBALL



nursed back to health by the SPCA. She is beautiful and round and is waiting patiently for someone to take her home. If you're looking for a calm cat who likes to cuddle, please consider Snowball.

HYDRANGEA



and now Hydrangea is hoping that she will catch someone's eye and find a loving new home.

**Champ** is an adorable 3 year old Miniature Pincher mix. She is the perfect lap dog for a single person or a retired couple looking for a loving companion. Champ loves to cuddle and is comical to watch as she plays

CHAMP



and is full of curiosity. She must be the only pet in the household as she prefers to be Queen of the Castle.

**Maggie Ann**, 7 years, is an adorable poodle mix. She recently passed her Golden Outreach evaluation and is now qualified

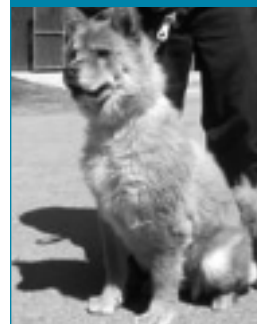
to visit at nursing homes and hospitals. Diagnosed with a heart murmur, Maggie shouldn't be too active but she is light enough to carry around. She will make a great companion and be your life long friend!

MAGGIE ANN



**Ruby** is a beautiful chow mix who is very affectionate and likes to give lots of kisses. She also loves being groomed and going for walks. Ruby was found as a stray,

RUBY



and we just can't figure out why no one claimed this sweet girl. She is more than ready to find a new home.

The SPCA would love to see photos of your animals, especially dogs and cats adopted from the shelter. You can put your pet's picture on our website by visiting [www.sPCA914.org](http://www.sPCA914.org) and clicking on photo gallery.

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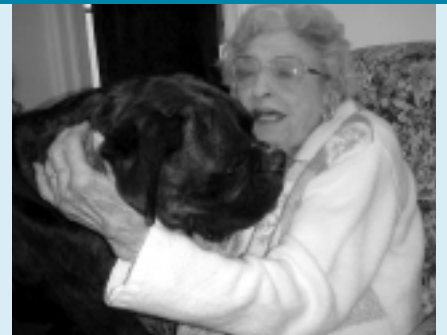
### Go Rockie!

by Dan Kelly

Rockie is a five year old brindle Boxer who I acquired when he was two months old. When he came into our home, he was the companion to Clara, a wonderfully quirky white boxer who was three at that time. Rockie and Clara bonded immediately and Clara deferred to Rockie from the outset.

When Clara had to be put down at age five because of a congenital heart valve problem, Rockie went into a complete depression.

That's when I decided to try pet therapy visits. The SPCA said Rockie was suited for a trial pet therapy visit, so we went to the Victoria Home in Ossining. From his very first visit, Rockie was a real hit with the residents and the staff. With virtually no training, he began day one performing his visits with truly professional canine behavior. He will go to the person he is visiting and let them pet him. And if the person



Rockie with Diantha

speaks to him in a loving voice, he will ever so gently climb up on the person's chair and lick their face.

At Victoria Home, there is one woman in particular who really loves Rockie. Her name is Diantha and she was 102 years old when we first met her. She is soon approaching her 104th birthday!

We expanded Rockie's visiting to the Cedar Manor Home and St. Mary's Children's Rehabilitation Hospital, both in Ossining. I highly recommend pet therapy visiting for anyone who wants to see their pet give something back to the community. 🐾

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