



New Rochelle Humane Society

From our home to yours

Summer/Fall 2014

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

John Feldtmose

The New Rochelle Humane Society is a pretty terrific place, as I'm sure most of you already know. In this newsletter we'll update you on some of the wonderful things we are doing for the animals, and also tell you about some of the things that wonderful people have done for the animals and for us.

In May we rescued almost 70 cats from a hoarding situation and are now working hard to place them in forever homes. This was a heroic effort on the part of our staff since the shelter was already chock-full of kittens and cats during "kitten season." But we were aided hugely by the outpouring of support from the public. In addition, many volunteers are fostering cats in their homes while they await adoption. Thanks to everybody for your generous donations to our Cat Rescue Fund. See the stories inside.



After a bad winter, I hope everyone has been enjoying the pleasant weather over the summer. But, just in case, we're getting prepared for fall storms by installing a generator to keep the shelter running at full speed in the case of a power outage such as we had a couple of years ago. Our generator is ordered and should be installed on the roof within the next month or two. Again, thank you to the many people who contributed to funding the generator!

And last, we have many events and activities planned, as listed below. Of particular note are our annual Paws for a Heart gala on September 18th at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle, and our 6th annual Dog Walk-a-Thon/Festival a month later on October 19th, also at Glen Island Park. Check inside for details on both of these exciting events – and please plan to attend one or both of them!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, August 16th to Saturday, August 23rd – Black Cat Appreciation Week – 10am – 4pm

See News and Event on our web site , newrochellehumanesociety.org for more information.

Thursday, September 18th - New Rochelle Humane Society Paws for a Heart Gala - 6:30pm - 9:30pm

See page 4 and insert for details.

Sunday, October 19th - 6th Annual Hounds on the Sound Dog Walk & Festival - 10am - 3pm

See page 5 for details.

Sunday, October 26th, 2014 Free Rabies Vaccination/Low Cost Microchipping Clinic - 11am - 3pm

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Sunday, November 2nd and 9th - 10am - 3pm - Holiday Pet Portraits at New Rochelle Humane Society

Celebrate the holidays with your pet! \$20 for a 5x7 Christmas-themed or Chanukah-themed photograph.

Saturday, November 8th - Howliday Shopping - 11am - 3:30 pm

Stop by the shelter to shop for the holiday.

Saturday, November 8th 10am to Friday, November 21st - 8pm - NRHS Facebook Online Auction

Mission Statement

The New Rochelle Humane Society is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to promoting the human/animal bond through the compassionate care and treatment of animals throughout the communities we serve in Westchester County and beyond. To that end, our goal is to create a living environment that is not just a shelter, but a transitional home for stray, lost, abandoned, injured, and abused animals, until they can ultimately be placed in loving permanent homes.

Through promotion of successful pet adoption, animal population control, and public education of animal welfare issues, we advance our belief that pet ownership is a lifetime commitment.

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Pet Therapy

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FROM OUR SHELTER MANAGER

Dana Rocca



On May 20, 2014 the New Rochelle Humane Society and Greenburg Animal Control removed almost 70 cats from a condemned home. Inside a small fly-infested, garbage-strewn room we found dozens of cats imprisoned in small cages. The cats lived in the dark, except for a few minutes each day when one small light was turned on.

The first weeks after their arrival the cats were overwhelmed with the dramatic changes in their lives that they did not understand. They hid under blankets, cowered in the back of their cages and huddled with each other for comfort. It is times like these that we wish we could explain to them that they were safe and in good hands. We kept most of the cats in a quiet room that had soft natural sunlight to help them acclimate slowly to their new surroundings.



Groups of volunteers and staff visited each day, sitting quietly in front of their cages. One of our volunteers brought a CD player to play soft music for the cats.

Eventually the cats began to move forward towards an out-stretched hand. When they did finally make contact with us, they immediately began purring and leaning into our hands as if they just could not get enough. It brought tears to seasoned staff and volunteers to witness the transformation. Years of being confined to living in cages left the cats unsure about the big world beyond their prisons. As a result, when we would open their cages and give them the choice to leave, most were too terrified to come out.

We now refer to this group as our Sunshine Cats: leaving a dark past behind and moving toward a bright future. Time, patience and the incredible support from people like you made this possible.

Throughout this newsletter you will find individual stories and pictures of some of these amazing cats.

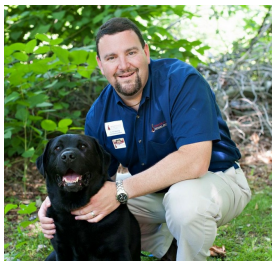
Who would believe such pleasure from a wee ball o'fur? Irish Saying

ADOPT A **KITTEN!**

Babe



Be sure to visit the **New Rochelle Humane Society Thrift Shop** at 54 Centre Avenue. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Visit us on Facebook "**Humane Society Thrift Shop**" to see the amazing things you can find. Be sure to think of us when you are cleaning closets or downsizing all the unwanted things you have accumulated over the years.



ASK THE VET

Paul Amerling DVM

We are well into the “dog days” of summer, but there are still plenty of hot days left to warrant a brief discussion about the dangers of summertime for our pets.

First and foremost is the issue of traveling with your pets. If you must bring your dog or cat into the car with you, please do not leave them in the car while you get your errands done. The temperature in your car can rapidly rise to a dangerous level, even in just a few minutes. It is not OK to leave them in there, regardless of how quick you intend to be.

Secondly, the outside temperature can be just as dangerous for dogs and cats. Cats, luckily, tend to lie low in the heat, and seek shade. Unfortunately, dogs are often taken out in the heat to parks and beaches, and can't always find shade or take it easy, even if they want to. They can easily and rapidly overheat in these situations.

Both of these situations can lead to rapid illness, and if untreated, even death. If you must take your pet out, be aware of the temperature, bring plenty of fresh water, and avoid excesses of heat, sun, and activity. If your pet seems ill, remove him from the sun and heat and seek veterinary care immediately.

On a positive note, nice cool summer mornings and evenings are a great time to play with your animals, and get them (and us) some much needed exercise.

SUNSHINE CAT- Handsome

During the rescue described in Dana's letter, we were told there was a mother cat with several small kittens in the garage. While searching for the family, we noticed an overturned cat carrier under some garbage. Inside the filthy carrier we found an extremely thin senior cat.

We shuddered at the thought of how long the cat had been in the carrier and worse, what would have happened if we had missed seeing the carrier.

Upon our return to the shelter, Keri, one of our part time staff members immediately bonded with this old guy that she affectionately named “Handsome”. Handsome now spends his days snuggled in Keri's bed enjoying a forever home where he lives with Keri's other cats and dogs.



SUNSHINE CAT - Champ

Champ is in a foster home with Beth awaiting his forever home. This is what Beth said about his path to recovery.

“For two weeks he crouched in the back of his cage and hissed whenever approached.

However, he liked to be petted, and that's how his transformation began. First his head, then his body, then his belly and finally he came to the opening of the cage and bumped foreheads with me. After two weeks, he learned he was safe and decided to explore. Just stretched his legs and walked, something he hadn't done for years. The next day he ran, jumped up and looked out the window and started to play with toys. He forgot his trauma. He was reborn and now is a well-adjusted, normal cat. He loves to be held in your arms, always presents his belly for tickles, trusts and is confident. He has a name now. It's Champ. He's a survivor.”

SUNSHINE CAT - Journey

Most cats were confined to small wire cages that they shared with up to four other adult cats. Journey lived for years with three cats in his cage (Champ, above, was one of them). Years ago Journey suffered a severe injury resulting in a badly broken leg which never received proper medical care. Consequently the leg healed in an extended position making it difficult to walk or simply lie down.

Funds raised through generous donations to the Help Heal Fund enabled us to provide Journey with an orthopedic veterinarian evaluation where they determined the best course of treatment was to surgically amputate Journey's leg.

Lee Anne, one of our board directors, fostered Journey in her home after his surgery. Without the malformed leg to inhibit his movement, Journey immediately began to move about, exploring his foster home and enjoying the attention of his foster parents.

Responding to Journey's story on our Facebook page, Kris contacted us about adopting him. Kris

has several cats in her home, including Oliver, a blind cat she had adopted from New Rochelle Humane Society. Journey joined Kris's household in June and Kris tells us that he immediately made himself at home.





PAWS FOR A HEART GALA

On Thursday, September 18, 2014 the New Rochelle Humane Society will host Paws for a Heart Gala at the Glen Island Harbor Club in New Rochelle. Tickets and tables range in price from \$150 to \$1,350 and are on our website: newrochellehumanesociety.org - click on Paws for a Heart. For additional information, please contact our Director of Development, Adrienne Vogel at 914-632-2925 or Adrienne@newrochellehumanesociety.org.

At the Gala we will pay tribute to two longstanding and deserving leaders.

Carlette Allen

Special tribute will be paid to Carlette who has just retired as President of the New Rochelle Humane Society Board of Directors. Carlette served as president for 16 years and is continuing on the Board after 24 years. During her tenure, the shelter has seen remarkable growth - in the number of communities we serve, in the number of successful adoptions and in our financial situation. Carlette has been a visionary leader and we look forward to paying tribute to her on September 18.

David McCabe

Dave has been a longtime friend and generous supporter of the New Rochelle Humane Society. He served on our Board of Directors for three years and has been an adviser and advocate of the shelter in discussions with the City of New Rochelle. He is a senior partner of the law firm Wilkie Farr & Gallagher in New York. We look forward to honoring him for his tremendous help to the shelter over many years.

We are also thrilled to announce that **Susan Richard**, 1010 WINS News Anchor, will be joining us as our Master of Ceremonies. Susan is a native New Yorker who has been heard on the radio in the New York area since 1986. Susan also hosts the video web show "All For Animals" which aims to promote the cause of animal welfare in the New York City area by offering resources to pet parents and encouraging the adoption of rescued animals. Check it out at www.allforanimals.tv.

All proceeds from the gala will benefit the Help Heal Fund. So many animals come to the shelter needing expensive medical care. The Help Heal Fund enables us to provide these animals with the medical care they so desperately need. Your generous support of our gala will help to save lives.

Mark your calendar now. We hope to see you there!



WHISKEY

When Whiskey arrived at our door, we had to brace ourselves for what we were about to see. Seized from his home in Port Chester by Humane law enforcement officials, Whiskey's collar had sawed a deep wound into his neck. A collar had been put on the dog when he was just a small puppy, and then it was never adjusted as he grew to a 60 pound dog, creating a deep four-inch wound in his neck! Neglect. A puppy tied in the backyard, fed, but not cared for.

Each day Whiskey was sedated to properly clean and wrap the gaping wound. Over the course of a month, the wound eventually healed enough so that we could suture it closed. Whiskey's wound has healed, though he will forever have a scar to remind us of the neglect he suffered in the past. Currently Whiskey is in our training program where we're teaching him basic manners and a few tricks just for fun.

Despite the obvious neglect Whiskey suffered, he remained sweet and friendly from the first day he arrived.

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David McCabe

David J. McCabe is the senior partner and Chair of the Private Clients Group of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP in New York. He specializes in all aspects of estate planning and administration, with emphasis on the development of sophisticated plans for high-net-worth individuals and their families. David has been a longtime friend and generous supporter of the New Rochelle Humane Society. In addition, he has been an advocate of the New Rochelle Humane Society in discussions with the city of New Rochelle and served on our Board of Directors for three years. We look forward to honoring him on September 18.

Tickets and tables range in price from \$150 – 25,000. If you are interested in attending, sponsoring, purchasing a journal ad or donating an auction prize, please contact our Director of Development, Adrienne Vogel at (914) 632-2925 or adrienne@newrochellehumanesociety.org.

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HOUNDS ON THE SOUND



It's rather hard to believe that the New Rochelle Humane Society and Pet Rescue of Larchmont are about to host their sixth annual Dog Walk-A-Thon/Festival at Glen Island Park on Sunday, October 19th from 10-3. For those who have attended in the past, you know what a fun day it is. For those who have never come, please join us this year for a 1.5 mile walk around this beautiful island in Long Island Sound. In addition to the walk

there will be vendors of all kinds: food, music, crafts for children, games to play with your dog, face painting, souvenir pictures, agility demonstrations, animals for adoption and more.



This is a major cooperative fund raising event for both organizations. The Mount Vernon Shelter will also receive a percentage of the profits. We encourage you to solicit your friends, relatives and neighbors to sponsor your walk with a donation.



A registration form can be downloaded on our web site at newrochellehumanesociety.org. Better still, you can register on-line at houndsonthesound.org and at the same time send out emails asking for sponsors.

Please plan to attend, have a wonderful day and help three organizations raise funds needed to keep our four-legged friends healthy and happy.

COMMUNITY HELPERS

When two shelter volunteers went to the Yonkers Home Depot to price some stones for a shelter landscaping project, they were very surprised to hear a manager, Mike Maciejewski, say they would not only donate the stones but men would come to the shelter to wall-in the area we wanted to plant. Mike (right) Christian Moreno (and Mike Padilla - not pictured) spent many hours building the wall, returned to fill in the area with dirt and even plant some flowers for us.

We want to extend a huge thank-you to Yonkers Home Depot, both Mikes and Christian for the beautiful job they did.



KIDS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Girls from a brownie troop in Rye visited the New Rochelle Humane Society and then did a fundraising event which raised \$850 for our animals. They did this by making and selling gummy bear charm necklaces. With the money they raised they bought ten dog beds, two cat beds and one cat tower, all of which our shelter animals are really enjoying.



We wish to thank them so much for caring about animals and hope one day to have them as junior shelter volunteers.

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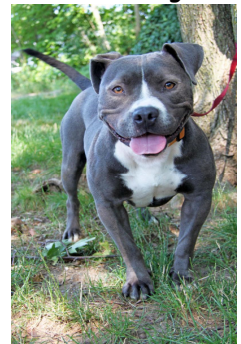
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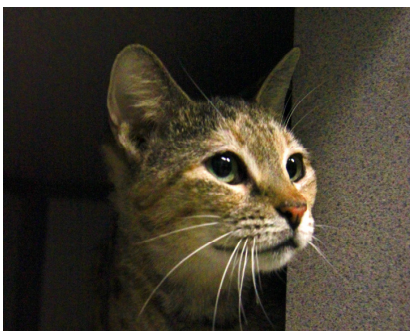
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