



### Genesee County Animal Shelter

Adoption Hours

Mon, Tues, Fri and Sun 1-3 p.m.

Wed 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Sat 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Closed Thursdays

3841 West Main Street Road

Batavia, NY 14020

Shelter Phone 585-343-6410

## Santy's Supports with Car Wash

Santy's Tire and Service graciously held a car wash, a raffle and collected donations for the animals at the Genesee County Animal Shelter on August 6th. We visited with a few dogs, enjoyed hot dogs and the staff washed lots of dirty cars. It was a

fun day for everyone. Santy's and their staff raised almost \$500 for the animals that day! A huge thank you to Santy's and to everyone who came out that day to support the animals.



## Dave's Ice Cream Goes to the Dogs

Everyone had a great time at Dave's Ice Cream. Some old friends stopped by and we met some new friends. The humans enjoyed hotdogs and cookies but the dogs got the treat of the day,



ICE CREAM! It was a beautiful day to sit in the grass and enjoy ice cream with a friend.

Many thanks to the kind folks at Dave's Ice Cream for having us. They raised over \$200 for the animals at the Shelter. We could not help the animals without the good people in this community. Thanks!

## 4 Paws Up for Stan's Harley Davidson

HOGS for PAWS sponsored by Stan's Harley Davidson of Batavia, NY was a huge success. It was a beautiful sunny day and all of our friends came out to visit us. Stan's raised more than \$1200 for the shelter plus another \$500 worth of do-



nated items! Check out some of our friends who stopped by to say "Hi."

Thanks to everyone at Stan's for making this such a successful event. We look forward to next year (mark your calendar for 8/18/12).

When you adopt a shelter pet you help to save two lives: the one you bring home and the one who takes its place.

# Home for the Holidays

In 1999 Helen Woodward Animal Center organized 14 animal shelters in San Diego County, California for the first, "Home 4 the Holidays" pet adoption drive. Our goals were to encourage families to save lives by adopting their pets from animal shelters and rescue groups and to take business away from puppy mills and backyard breeders while shelter pets died. That holiday season the participating shelters found loving families for 2,563 orphaned pets. That was only the beginning!

In 2000 Home 4 the Holidays grew to include 130 groups in five states. That second holiday season we matched 20,000 orphan pets with their new families. (Okay...it was actually only 19,998. But still...it

helped to lower or even stop euthanasia at the participating shelters!)

## 2011 Home 4 the Holidays Results

Adoption Goals / Actual Adoptions

Dogs 80 / 62

Puppies 10 / 15

Cats 50 / 29

Kittens 90 / 119

During this holiday season, we were able to get 225 cats and dogs home for the holidays! Thanks to everyone who came out to adopt, help spread the word and stopped in with donations.

We greatly appreciate the community's support.

Word of our success spread quickly and the third annual Home 4 the Holidays campaign grew to include 450 groups in four countries. We were reminded that animals have no borders. Working together we completed more than 100,000 adoptions, making H4TH the largest and most successful pet adoption drive in history. Since then it's been full speed ahead!

In its first twelve years Iams Home 4 the Holidays has united over 5.7 million orphan pets with their new families. This year our goal is to find loving, lifelong families for 1.5 million orphan pets.

## A New Kind of Birthday Party

The picture on the right is Sophia from Bergen, NY. She was having a birthday party and opted to receive gifts for the animals at the shelter instead of herself.

Here are some of the items her friends and family donated. Thank you, Sophia.



## Newfoundland Dog Found in Snow

Jack is one lucky dog, thanks to many people. He was near death on a cold winter's day. The owners of the Wolves Den Smokeshop on the reservation called to say they found a large black dog wandering around. They were worried about him because they didn't recognize him as a local dog and someone had reported seeing him dumped a few days earlier. They saw some bleeding from a wound on his mouth and they were afraid he'd



been shot.

When volunteers went out to get him, they found him frozen to the ground. It took 2 people to pick him up and carry him to the car. He was able to walk into the shelter from the car, as he probably thawed during the drive to the shelter.

Volunteers got busy grooming Jack. He was so matted, it took 5 people at 3 different times to get the job done. He had a urinalysis and some bloodwork done as he drinks lots of water. Jack will be up for adoption soon.

## The Fur 'Flies' at the 2011 Furball

Thank you for helping to make the "9th Annual Fur Ball" held on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at The Days Inn the best Fur Ball ever.

Yet another year in a row, we have raised more money than the prior year for the animals at the Genesee County Animal Shelter. We had 100 businesses and individuals donate over 140 items for raffle and auction. With your help, we were able to raise almost \$9000 all of which will go to spay and neuter the cats and dogs at the Genesee County Animal Shelter prior to adoption.

At our very first Fur Ball in 2003, we raised \$1600. Our event continues to grow and help the animals in Genesee County. The most effective way to reduce the number of homeless pets is to spay and neuter. Our goal has been and continues to be to spay and neuter all animals prior to their adoption. None of this would be possible without the support of the community.

Once again we held our Chinese Auction and Silent Auction featuring a wonderful selection of donated items. Our featured raffle item was a bicycle from Adam Miller Toys. The winner of the bicycle was Cheryl Gates of Batavia. We also offered 50/50 Raffles and Door Prizes. We expanded our foods to nibble on for the evening. Main St Pizza, Kravings Kafe, Tops Friendly Markets, US Foods, Alabama Holley Farms as well as The Days Inn all donated food to make the evening delicious. Pudgies and Harrington's Produce donated mums and pumpkins for decorations and many people pitched in to help make

the evening a huge success. For entertainment, the GCC Vet Tech students put together a fashion show featuring adopted and rescue pets showing off Halloween costumes.

We celebrated Fur-Ever Homes this year. We had three guest speakers to share their adoption stories. Tom Ryan is a current volunteer who started with VFA after adopting Ivan, a German Shepherd. Dee Neilans and Kirsten Cultrara adopted Mel, the cat, after helping to rescue him from a dangerous situation. Ivan and Mel are both quite fortunate and we are happy to have had their stories shared with everyone.

In 2010, we found homes for 221 dogs and 456 cats. We also pulled 116 dogs from high kill shelters in OH, TN, KY & MS as well as 28 local dogs, all rehomed in the area. Over 210 cats and kittens were fostered in volunteers homes until they were old enough or well enough to be adopted at the Shelter. Volunteers For Animals spent almost \$65,000 on veterinary care, medications, tests, and spay and neuter surgeries in 2010. We are pleased to say that over 90% of all the animals, including kittens and puppies, are spayed and neutered before they go to their fur-ever homes. None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the people who volunteer at the Shelter, everyone who came out to support our events like the Fur Ball, and the caring people who take a homeless pet into their family. Thank you - the animals appreciate it. It takes a pack to help a cat or a dog. And we will see you at the Fur Ball next year!



## 10th Annual Furball Date Set



The 10th annual Furball is already in the planning stages. It will be held at the Days Inn on Saturday, October 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. Please join us for lots of food, loads of laughs, great prizes, and best of all, a chance to meet with fellow 'fur' addicts!

## Carlson's Studios Pet Portrait Days

Carlson's Studios will once again hold Pet Portrait Days on March 10 and 11. The past 2 years have been so successful that the appointments always fill up quickly. Call early as the spots fill up fast.



# Helping our Cats and Dogs

We sent out a plea for cat and dog food for the animals at the GCAS. The support from everyone has been overwhelming! We want to thank everyone who stopped in with food, The Daily News for printing our request and The Batavian for posting our request. Our food room is now brimming with food for the animals.

One group that has helped us out greatly is the Alexander

Junior Honor Society at Alexander Central School. Their first load brought in was full of litter, toys, food, etc. They have continued to collect for us, and it is much appreciated. We would also like to thank Alexander Central School National Honor Society for choosing the GCAS as the recipient of their Dress Down days for November and December.

Also, a big thank you to the First Grade at St. Joseph

School in Batavia for collecting food for our animals. Mrs. Mary Case and her students collected many bags of food, which was badly needed at the time.

And a final thank you to the Akron Elementary School students from various grades for collecting items during the holiday season for the shelter. It took a couple vehicles to get all the items transported to the shelter. It is greatly appreciated.

## In Memory of...

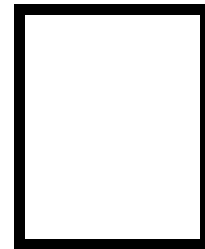
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Angel Baby, by Kathy Schwenk  
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Duncan, by Maxine Ferroux  
Brian Kapperman, by Edna Mae Wenhold  
Gerald Ridley, by Paul & Sharon White and Thomas & Sarah Sauka & Grace  
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Pet Portrait Day, March 10 and 11, Carlsons Studios, Wyoming

Garage Sale, June 14-16 on Rt. 33, Corfu

Hogs for Paws, August 18 at Stan's Harley-Davidson

Furball, Oct 13 at the Days Inn

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