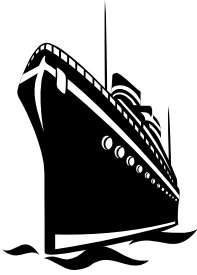
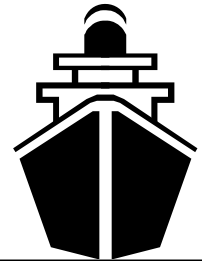




Cardboard Boat Race—June 18

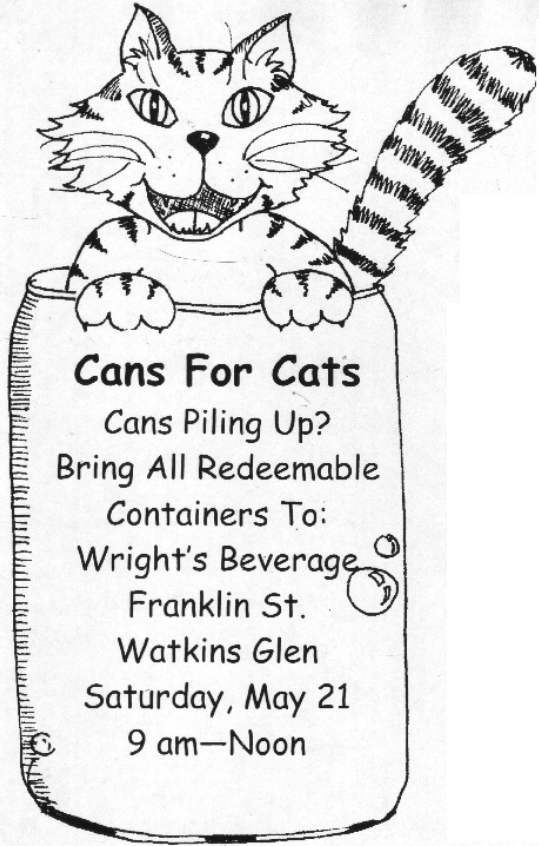
Sink or Swim We want to be there!!!



Calling all volunteers who like to dabble with cardboard, glue and paints!!! Put your childhood talents to work and help us enter this year's cardboard boat race. Join us to plan our entry, or just volunteer to help build our creation.
Contact Georgie at 594-3639

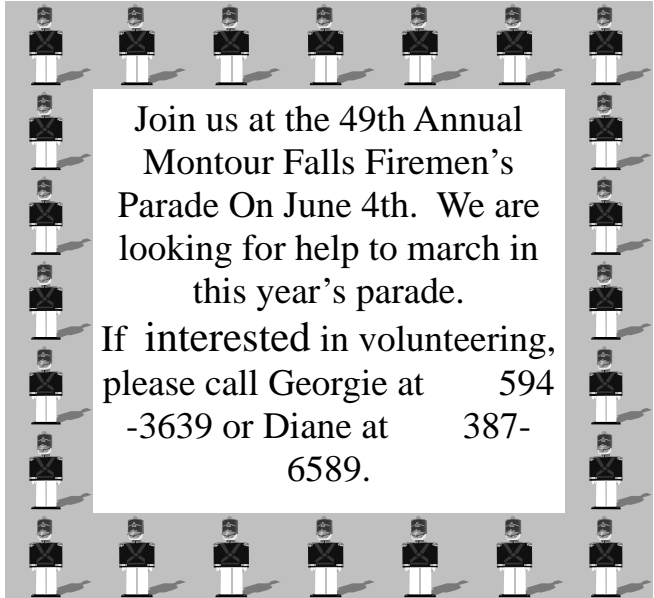
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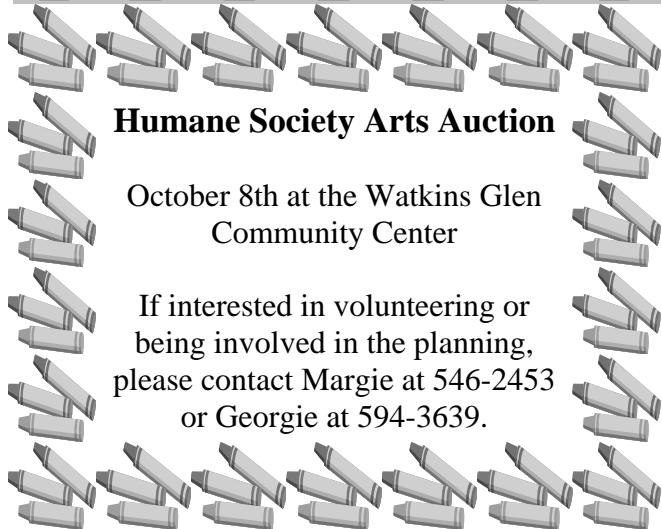


**Deposit Proceeds will be used to fund
spay/neuter services for dogs and cats.**
If you can volunteer, call Diane at 387-6589.

Another way to volunteer?? Collect cans from neighbors that can't make it down on Saturday and drop them off for them.



Join us at the 49th Annual Montour Falls Firemen's Parade On June 4th. We are looking for help to march in this year's parade.
If interested in volunteering, please call Georgie at 594-3639 or Diane at 387-6589.



Humane Society Arts Auction
October 8th at the Watkins Glen Community Center

If interested in volunteering or being involved in the planning, please contact Margie at 546-2453 or Georgie at 594-3639.

More Volunteer Opportunities

Rabies Clinic Update

The Humane Society of Schuyler County will soon be providing volunteer help to man the tables at all of this years County rabies clinics. If you are willing to volunteer to fill out rabies certificates, keep the lines moving, or give out spay/neuter information, we need your help. **If you can volunteer, call Ginny Yeager at 535-4367.**

Schuyler County Health Department RABIES CLINICS for cats, dogs and ferrets

You may bring your pet to any of the following clinics:

Tues, May 31st	Hector Fire House State Rte 414N	6-8 PM
Weds, June 1st	Hector Fire House County Rte 23	6-8 PM
Weds, June 8th	Catharine Highway Barn Grant Rd., off CR 228	6-8 PM
Tues, June 14th	Reading Town Barn State Rte 14A	6-8 PM

Please bring documentation of your pet's most recent rabies vaccination with you.

The animal must be at least three months old in order to receive the first vaccination.

Future Clinics will be held in Watkins Glen on October 2nd at the P & C, Reynoldsville on October 5th, Cayuta on October 6th , Montour Falls on October 13th and Monterey on October 20th.

Call Schuyler County Public Health at 535-8140 for more information

Spay/Neuter Clinic Wish List

**We are always in need of supplies.
If you can provide:**

- Old Bath Towels
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Simple Green cleaner
- Spray cleaner with Bleach
- Envelopes
- Paper clips
- Rubber Gloves

Call Georgie at 594-3639 or Diane at 387-6589

Animals spayed or neutered for income eligible families since July 2003 at our twice a month clinics

Female dogs	109	Male Dogs	145
Female Cats	427	Male Cats	421

Picture if each of these 538 unaltered female dogs and cats had two litters a year, every year, and each of their offspring had two litters a year every year, and each of their offspring had two litters a year every year.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you are interested in volunteering at the clinics and have an occasional Wednesday free, call Georgie Taylor at 594-3639. We help with check-in, check-out, recovery after surgery, cleaning cages, mopping floors, scrubbing surgical instruments, and take home the laundry. **We know this is no different than you already do at home, but think about the impact it has for your community.**

We appreciate your help!

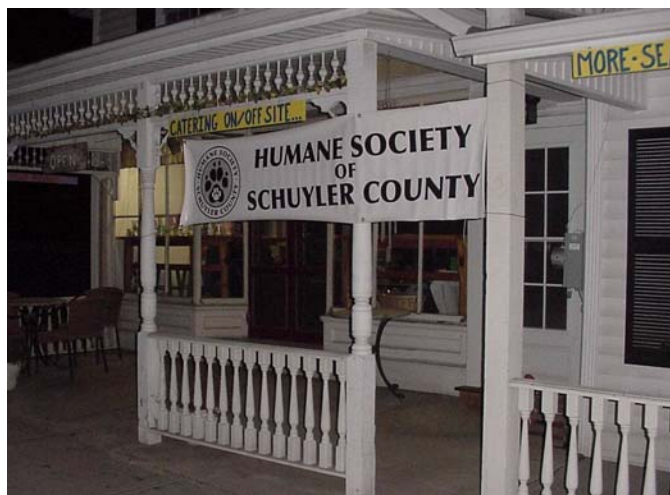
**Humane Society Meetings are the second Thursday of each Month
7:00 at the Watkins Glen Library**

Spring Fling Benefit Dinner at the Grist Mill Cafe

The Spring Fling Benefit dinner of March 19th was a marvelous event, thanks to the talented staff of the Grist Mill, and the organization and floral talents of member Margie Ditmars.

They served a beautiful meal choice of filet mignon or vegetarian lasagna, accompanied by Caesar salad, vegetables, fresh breads and a choice of their specialty desserts. With seatings at 6 and 8 pm., we had a full house.

What was even more amazing than the meal, was that the Deb, Kerry and Jean of the Grist Mill managed to keep a group of Humane Society Volunteers organized as we played at being wait people, bused tables and washed dishes. I think we all actually managed to make it through the evening without up-ending lasagna on anyone.



Satterly Hill (Tim Dunlap, Joe Chicone and Tom Farrell) provided old time musical entertainment, as did Chuck Carpenter, playing guitar and singing a selection of songs from the 60's and 70's. Not only did these wonderful musicians donate their time and talent, they also donated their tips. Many thanks to them for helping make the evening a success.

A silent auction was also part of the night's events, with area merchants donating an array of items—ranging from cheese and wine, painted gourds and jewelry, all the way to horse and human massages. We are grateful for their generosity.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it a possibility and special thanks to all the diners who came out and supported us. We had a ball!!! We hope to do it again, and also promise not to drop the lasagna.

Humane Society Annual Meeting

The Grist Mill was also the scene of our annual meeting on Saturday, February 5th.. We were very pleased to see new faces and volunteers that can't make it to our evening meetings. We shared coffee, conversation and some of the Grist Mill's fabulous pastries. President Georgie Taylor spoke about what the Humane Society is—about our past accomplishments and future goals.

She also surprised some of the attendees with the fact that we are not connected with the County-run dog shelter. Our efforts are without a building or paid staff—just with a group of dedicated volunteers working out of their homes. We try to spread the word about spaying and neutering your pets, foster animals needing adoption, and hope to eventually be able to afford a shelter. We are able to hold our twice a month spay/neuter clinics due to the generosity of Dr. Frank Fielder of Odessa opening up his facility for our use. **Our plans are big, and with a few more volunteers like those we met Saturday, we'll get there.**



**May 1-7 was
Be Kind to Animals Week
Let's celebrate it year long!**

- Make playtime with your pet a daily routine
- Get your pets spayed and neutered. They will be healthier and happier for it.
- Update their ID tags
- Make sure their shots are up to date and that they have regular vet visits.
- Plant a tree or bush for butterflies
- Put up a bird feeder or a bat house
- Garden humanely, using fences and natural deterrents.
- Donate time or funds to humane organizations and shelters

Don't ignore cruelty to man and animal

Early in their history, an 1894 American Humane National convention noted:

“the man who would be cruel to his beast would be unkind to his wife and child”

Remember the statistics:

- More than one million children become victims of abuse or neglect each year. Many of the animals in these same households suffer abuse.
- Children are 10 times more likely to abuse animals if they witness abuse.
- 88% of child abusers abuse animals
- 70-80% of spousal abuse cases involved animals
- 100% of serial killers abused animals
- The US spends \$400-450 billion annually investigating, prosecuting and housing violent criminals, but spends little on prevention.

**If you want to learn more about “the link”
between animal and human abuse, visit:**

**American Humane at www.americanhumane.org.
(They also have links to additional sources)**

**Humane Society of the United State at
www.hsus.org and learn about their ‘first strike’
program**

**American Society for Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals at www.aspca.org**

Summer Safety for your Pet

Make your summer safe and enjoyable for both you and your pet by following some basics.

Water and Shelter

- If your dog is chained out during the day, make sure there is access to plenty of fresh water and a place to get some shelter from the heat. Those should be basic care requirements for any outdoor pet.

Heatstroke

- Be careful leaving your cat or dog in a parked car for an extended period of time. If you must leave it, park the car in the shade and check on your pet regularly. If you can't check on them, it's probably best to leave them home. A temperature of 85 degrees outside can translate to 120 degrees in an enclosed car in just 30 minutes. Your cat or dog's internal temperature can reach higher than 104 degrees (normal is between 100.5 and 102.5), possibly causing brain damage, damage to other organs, or even death. Pets don't perspire as people do. They primarily cool themselves by panting, so in the hot air of an enclosed car, your pet can reach an unsafe condition in just minutes. Signs of heatstroke are heavy panting and drooling, glassy eyes, deep red gums, vomiting and excessive weakness. Heatstroke is also a possibility for dogs that get too vigorous exercise on a hot day, overweight or elderly animals. If you suspect heatstroke, you must quickly bring the animals temperature down. If possible, immerse in cool (not cold) water. If it's not possible to immerse your animal, cool it down with a garden hose or with towels soaked in cool water and changed every five minutes. On the way to the vet, keep close to the air conditioner to keep your pet cooled down. It is very important to get your dog or cat to the vet as soon as possible.

Memorial Donations have been made in made in memory of the following people and pets

Leda Bardeen

Annie Getman

Mary Guild

Dunkin, Canine Companion of Perry McGee

Fleas

- Check your pets regularly for fleas and use a flea control if necessary. One female flea can lay up to 50 eggs a day, so a small flea problem can quickly become a big one. Keep an extra close eye for fleas on young kittens and puppies. A large flea infestation can cause flea anemia and kill a young animal.

Vacations can quickly turn to nightmares if you don't plan ahead for your pet.

- If your pet is going on vacation with you, make sure your pet has identification tags so that you can be contacted if your pet becomes lost. Keep your pet secure in the car when traveling or on a leash or in a carrying case to minimize the chance of getting separated from you.
- If your pet is staying home, plan well in advance to make arrangements with a boarding kennel, a pet sitter or family friend. Leave numbers where you can be contacted and give detailed instructions as to care required for your pet, emergency vet care guidelines and the like. Both you and your pet caretaker will feel more comfortable knowing just what's expected. You will also have a more enjoyable vacation if you take the time to find a caretaker you can trust and feel comfortable with.

Earth Day 2005

Earth Day had a change of venue this year. Normally celebrated at Firemen's field in Montour Falls, this year Earth day was held at the Montour Fire Academy. Rain didn't deter crowds from still turning out—programs just moved indoors.

Some of our younger volunteers—Marisha Munroe (shown setting up the display), Amanda Jaynes and Jacqueline Cilley helped Beth Begany and Susan Weiner give out coloring books and 'Be Kind to Animals' stickers, rabies facts and information on spay/neuter help. Marisha, Amanda and Jacqueline know first hand the importance of spaying and neutering, having volunteered at several clinics. They also had a great time visiting the other displays.



June is Adopt a Cat Month

Visit our website and see some of the adoptable cats available in our community

www.geocities.com/humanesocietyschuylerscounty



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Or visit
www.cafespress.com/HSSCNY



If you haven't yet renewed for 2005, we would appreciate your support. If you have already renewed, pass this along to a friend. Please Volunteer!!! Become a Member!!!

Yes! I want to join the Schuyler County Humane Society to help improve the welfare of animals in Schuyler County.
Yes! I want to renew my membership for 2005. (I've checked the membership level below)

\$20 Single (\$5 for each additional Family Member) \$50 Friend \$100 Sponsor

Additional donation to support: Building fund Spay/Neuter Fund

Feed and care for animals Where needed most Kit Cat Connection Racehorse Retirement Program

I am willing to volunteer time. Please call me to find out how I can help.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address _____

All donations are tax deductible

Please make the check payable to Humane Society of Schuyler County and mail to: Humane Society of Schuyler County, PO Box 427, Montour Falls, NY 14865-0427