



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

*There was an old lady that lived in a shoe,
who had so many children,
she didn't know what to do.....*

Hi everyone! My name is Chloe and I'm the volunteer spotlight for this issue of the Humane Society newsletter.

Volunteer, my eye, I think I was drafted!!!!!!!

Don't get me wrong! These people are great, and my kittens and I were lucky to have found them when we needed them most. I wasn't in great shape, homeless and had six mouths to feed.....**Cadbury, Willy Wonka, Half Moon, Oreo, Milk Dud and Hershey.** We were soon well fed and cared for. I'm a pretty good mama, if I say so myself, so with a little extra help from the HSSC, I soon had my babies healthy and big enough to be eating on their own so that they could move into a foster home until adopted.



You can't get to me here, guys!
At last! A bath and nap in peace!

I was scheduled to be spayed, but lo and behold——**Larry, Curly and Moe** needed my help. Their mama had been hit by a car. They were still newborns, so since I was still able to nurse, I took care of them. Three little orange boys, and all cute as a button. They were great, but also little hellions, so by the time they moved in with their foster mama, I was ready for some peace and quiet.

I had my surgery and was looking forward to finding an adoptive home of my own, when I was needed again, this time to teach the ropes to **Tom, Jerry, Lucy and Lydia.** These were a little bit older, so just needed me to pass along a little cat knowledge till they were ready to move on.

Finally, time for a rest! Hah!! My good mother reputation is getting me in trouble. **Annie and Abner** came next for some motherly advice before they were adopted by a lovely family.

These were almost immediately followed by the little monsters I've been watching for the past few months——**Shotgun, Bogart, Mooch and Sassafras** who just moved into their foster home. I'm proud of them all and they will all be wonderful companions once they are all adopted——but, five tours of duty is enough.



And now, to add insult to injury, two of my kids temporarily moved back in with me——**Willy Wonka and Milk Dud.** A mother never rests.

Someone please adopt me!!!!

I've had enough!!!!

But you know what's scary? If I had been living in the southern half of the country with longer seasons and warmer winters—— I could have had three litters and all of these guys could really have been mine!!

Boy am I glad I'm spayed!!!!

Humane Society Picnic held at Havana Glen Park

For our July meeting last year, we decided to have a picnic to celebrate our volunteers and all our hard work for the Humane Society. It was such a great time, that we did the same this year. July 12th, Havana Glen park, was host to our Volunteer appreciation picnic. Everyone brought a dish to pass and took time to relax and visit with other members and volunteers. We all work so hard the rest of the year, that this was a special treat. Folks had a delicious meal, took walks up to the amphitheater of Eagle Cliff Falls to try and sight the eagle on it's face, or just had a chance to sit around and be lazy.

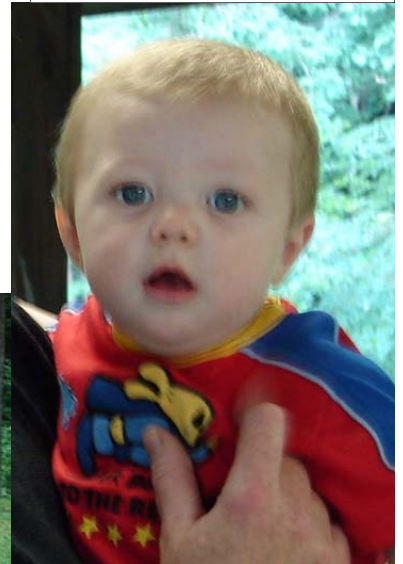


There really are dogs here. We're not just looking at our feet.

Family dogs were invited and had a great time, although none of us were brave enough to bring our cats.

A special youth volunteer award was given to Chanda Brown for all the help she gives us with our events. People that often work different events were able to meet each other for the first time.

Our volunteers are great. We are an 'all volunteer' organization, so couldn't do the work we do without them manning the spay/neuter clinics, adoption days, rabies clinics, rummage sales and other fundraising events. We are very lucky to count them as friends.



Our youngest member, or at least we suspect he is. Grandma Joyce Amisano, our one woman membership drive, hasn't let a family member escape yet.



What picnics are meant for—— Rose Gillimot and Fay Gillette relax on a warm night.



Sara Soloman and Barbara Berghoff with their pals.

'Cans for Cats' and Dogs

'Cans for Cats', our twice a year can drive, looked like it was going to be a pretty soggy event. Luckily, the rain held off most of the time, with only minor sprinkles. Volunteers sorted upwards of 270 flats of cans. We use funds from this drive to help fund our certificate program which reduces spay/neuter costs at local vets and for our income eligible spay/neuter clinics. Things were a little slower than other years, but anything we can raise to get a few more dogs and cats of county residents spayed and neutered is well worth a little rain.

In addition to Humane Society volunteers, we had help from the Interact Kids——Cody Hughey, Sara Hughey, Shannon Hazlitt and Kelsey Johnson. Help also arrived from Finger Lakes Developmental Disability Services——Lori Harnas, Jimmy Makovitch and David Berry. Thanks to all our volunteers and to Wright's Beverages for making this possible.

ASPCA/Cornell Shelter Medicine Mini Conference

Several members of the Humane Society of Schuyler County took the opportunity to participate in the ASPCA/Cornell Shelter Medicine Mini Conference on October 5 at the Tompkins County SPCA. Although, we are not a shelter, it is our hope that we will some day operate a shelter to supplement the County dog pound, run by the Sheriff's department. We would like a shelter that could take cats, dogs, rabbits, ferrets, lizards, birds etc., but until that day comes, we settle for a foster and adoption program for cats through the PETS Mart store in Ithaca. In the meantime, we take every opportunity to learn what we need to know to ready us for the day when we can open our own shelter.

Dr. Jan Scarlett of the Cornell Shelter Medicine Program and Dr. Leslie Appel of the ASPCA and Shelter Outreach Services hosted this event and gave us updates on their respective programs.

Shelter Outreach Services is a high quality/high volume spay/neuter service that offers spay/neuter help to shelters trying to deal with a population explosion of unwanted dog and cat litters typical of most places in the country. We are proud to say that SOS took root in Schuyler county, as Dr. Appel and Dr. Ohlinger teamed to do a week of free spay/neuter clinics for pets of low income residents in 2001. After that effort, Dr. Appel started a non profit that goes to counties with this need, able to offer low cost spay/neuter in partnership with volunteer power from Humane Societies, SPCA's and other organizations. This model is now being tried in in other counties and other states.

Dr. Scarlett talked about Cornell's Shelter Medicine program—a resource to help shelters meet the many challenges of disease, sanitation and adoption issues. Shelter Medicine DMV's, Brenda Griffen and Stephanie Janeczko talked respectively about enrichment for cats in shelter environments and disease challenges in shelters, particularly related to dogs. Parvo, kennel cough, giardia and coccidia are known shelter problems, but canine flu is a new threat. This respiratory ailment is very contagious and has recently started showing up in southern shelters. Treatment and control is challenging. Other speakers focused on Sanitation, Increasing Adoptions, Assessing Pain in Shelter Animals and Aggressive dog issues. In addition to being great information, it was a chance for area organizations to network.

What Can a Little Red Wagon, Sweat, and Lots and Lots of Iris Do?

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Raise 1700.00 for our spay/neuter clinics.

Cheryl Schaeffer of Schaeffer's Iris Gardens generously offered hundreds of mature Iris, available for the digging, to organizations looking for a fund raiser. She also runs Schaeffer's Yarns in Interlaken and decided to close down her iris business when the two became too much to handle.

Long time Humane Society member and plant lover, Pixie Senesac, wasn't about to see them go to waste—so with a tiny core of volunteers, went digging—weekend after weekend, pickup after pickup of iris.

Volunteers sold them at their respective work places, to HSSC members, and to other 'plant people'. The 'saleswoman of the year' award belongs to Pixie Senesac who did the bulk of the fund raising by selling iris at her job at Cornell Vet School.

She soon found out that carrying dirt laden clumps of iris from Cornell 'A' parking lot to her customers at the Vet School was heavy work, so she soon decided that her Flexible Flyer red wagon did the trick much better. It also proved to be an effective sales tool as she trawled the halls, red wagon in tow to make deliveries, as people poked their heads out of offices to order even more. Who could resist?

Thank you Pixie, for seeing what a great fund raising opportunity this would be for us.

Red Wagons Rule!

Coming Events (watch for dates)

**Nov—HSSC clinic open house
Dec—Pet Pictures with Santa**

Special Home Needed for Two Special Ladies



Edie

Emily



About two years ago my sister Emily and I were strays looking for a home when a kindly older man took us in. Recently, his health began to fail so he called the Humane Society to find us a new home.

We spent most of our time with only our dear friend so we're a little shy around strangers and new things. But, we are loving and affectionate with the special human friends that are fostering us now. We just need a little time to adjust to all the changes that have come our way.

Our preference would be for a quiet home without noisy dogs or young children. Is that home yours? I'm a real

snuggle bug now, but my pretty sister Emily is a little more shy. We can be adopted separately if that's what works for you.

We miss our old friend very much, but we know we could love you too.

Laundry Bag Lou to You!

My name is Laundry Bag Lou. I'm a black cat, so I won't waste time having my picture taken for a black and white newsletter—but I'm a success story. My new found friend, Camille, and I will soon be headed to our new home.

I got my name because someone didn't recognize what a sweet guy I was. They actually bundled me up in a laundry bag, drove by in a car, and threw me up on someone's lawn. The homeowner was so angry that anyone could be that cruel, but unfortunately, couldn't get a license plate to report it.

He got in touch with the HSSC to get me some help. I barely moved for days. They thought I had neurological problems from being thrown. Luckily, I was just shaken, scared, bruised, and afraid to trust anyone after my experience. I soon found out that my former owner was just a bad one, and I'm back to being my sweet self, going to a new forever home with my buddy Camille.

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

Al Thurman Ella Overly

and companion animals

Sequoia, a special cat lady who grew up with Misha and Alex

Romeo

Satin

Angel Wing Ears

The Humane Society lost a dear friend this past June when Albert Thurman passed away suddenly of a heart attack. We will miss him and always remember his love of 'Angel Wing Ears.

We met Al and his wife Donna, when they brought Mrs. Beasley to our spay/neuter clinic. She had decided that their driveway looked like a good place to stop and have her 5 kittens. She must have felt the care and kindness emanating from that house—knowing that they would help her babies. Al loved the way the silky fur in her ears swirled into 'Angel wings.

Having a number of cats of their own, Al and Donna worked with our Kit Cat adoption program to find homes for Mrs. Beasley and her five. Al hated to see



her go, but knew that she could give joy to an adoptive home. As it turned out, she also brought healing. Mrs. Beasley went to PETSMART and was adopted by a lovely woman, recently widowed. It was obvious when seeing them together, that Mrs. Beasley knew where she belonged. Her new Mom had originally come looking for a companion for her dog. His best cat buddy had recently died, in addition to one of his humans, both of which he missed. Although the dog became attached to Mrs. Beasley, he died of a heart attack after three months of their having adopted Mrs. B. Losing most of her household and another close family member all in one year was enough to make Mrs. Beasley's new Mom not want to deal with anything or anyone, including Mrs. Beasley. Mrs. Beasley didn't let her get away with it, becoming even more attentive to her new Mom, as if trying to make up for her loss. She recently called the HSSC to tell us that Mrs. Beasley is

her best buddy. She wanted us to know what a great difference having adopted her has made in her life.

Al had always regretted letting Mrs. Beasley go, but hearing that she was able to pass on the love and kindness she had received, made it easier. However, when it came time for Mrs. Beasley's daughter, Pearl to be adopted, he couldn't bring himself to let another pair of Angel Wing Ears leave, so Pearl soon was officially adopted by the Thurman's—Mrs. Beasley in miniature, right down to the Angel Wing ears.

Al and Donna became volunteers, friends, and our best advocates for spay/neuter—spreading the word about our clinics, rounding up cats, transporting and doing whatever they could to make 'spay/neuter' happen for neighbors and friends dealing with their own drop offs and strays. Al and Donna were there every clinic day helping where they could, religiously picking up the dirty laundry and delivering fresh, or sometimes just playing with the kitties. Al became unofficial handyman as he refinished our tables, build an obelisk for our Art Auction, helped with the rummage sale, or just stopping in to make sure we were doing OK. We are fortunate that Donna is committed to making sure his passion for helping his 'strays' continues.

We will miss his kindness and humor. And I doubt any of us will be able to look at a fuzzy pair of kitty ears again without thinking of Angel wings.



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