



May, 2023 Newsletter

April Showers Bring May Flowers....and kittens!

We hope that you are enjoying the lovely spring weather and all the glory it brings. As happens in most years, we are experiencing an influx of kittens coming into the shelter, an increased number of strays and continued requests for owner surrenders of both dogs and cats. We are not alone. The most recent data from Shelter Animals Count for the first quarter of 2023 tells a similar story for many shelters around the country, with, of course, some variation geographically and from shelter to shelter.

- **Total community intakes increased 3% compared to Q1 of last year.** Outcomes, on the other hand, did not keep up — seeing only a 2% increase.
- Compared to Q1 of last year, there was a **2% decrease** in dogs surrendered by their owners and a **14% increase** in dogs who arrived as strays (while, nationally, cats saw a 4% decrease in stray intakes). **Over the past three years, as the owner surrender rate has decreased for dogs, the stray rate has increased significantly.**
- Animals transferred between organizations decreased nationally from a rate of 15% in Q1 2021 to 12% in Q1 2023. However, for us, the requests for transfer continue to increase.
- **Nationally, non-live outcomes for dogs nearly doubled in Q1 2023** compared to 2021 nationally, while cats remain largely unchanged. That said, however, 90% of dogs and cats had live outcomes in Q1 2023. We work hard to manage our intake so we can remain a no-kill shelter.

BISELL PET FOUNDATION'S
**empty the
shelters**
NATIONAL ADOPTION EVENT

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Empty the Shelters- May 1 – May15

Our friends at the Bissell Pet Foundation understand the difficulties shelters face. Through donation and the purchase of Bissell products, the Foundation funds reduced fee adoption events around the country. We are proud to, once again, have been selected as one of 350 shelters to participate in this amazing event. Since 2016, the Foundation has supported 140,000 adoptions.

From May 1-May 15 the adoption fee for all eligible pets is just \$50 with approved application. Applications and more information can be found on our website at www.schuylerhumane.org. If you, or someone you know has been considering adopting a furry companion, what better time to do so!

Applications should be general in nature and not specify a particular pet.

Pup, Pup and Away!

As we've mentioned, the requests to transfer animals continue to increase, but our staffing and physical capacity is limited. We work primarily with two transfer partners, Shelter Transport Alliance of North Carolina, and the Bissell Pet Foundation, from whom we had recently taken dogs, leaving us little room at the inn.

Our friends at Shelter Transport Alliance were in a real bind, trying to relocate a mom and her three pups. Given their vulnerability, it was thought best to not transport them with the 50 other dogs destined for shelters in Pennsylvania, New York and Canada. So, Founder and Transport Manager Natasha arranged and paid for a cargo flight to Elmira at which point they would be transferred to a shelter in Pennsylvania. (Yes, she is an amazing, generous and crazy woman!) However...at the last minute the destination shelter was unable to take them.

At capacity ourselves, we reached out to the members of the NYS Animal

Protection Federation asking for help. Within hours the Jefferson County SPCA, located in Watertown, identified a foster home who would welcome mom and her pups.

So, while we couldn't house the precious cargo, we were able to help with transport. It takes a village after all! Meet the members of this village who made this possible!

First leg pilot, Conor with two little seniors who were scheduled to be euthanized the day of flight climbed on board. They spent a night with us before completing their journey to the Allegheny County SPCA.



Mom boarding the plane in Asheville, N.C. ~ 9am



After a transfer and layover in Charlottesville, Va., pilot Valerie took the helm to complete the trip to Elmira.



Arrival in Elmira after a bumpy, windy ride.



Anthony and Jenn who drove from Watertown to Cortland to meet us for the last leg of the trip.



Mom and pups at home with their foster family ~ 8 pm.

Featuring Just a Few of the Many Cats Available During Empty the Shelters



This lovely group of cats arrived in February when their owner passed leaving no one to care for them. Sadly, this happens more often than any of us would like to think possible. All needed significant veterinary care and time to adjust to their lives in the shelter. All have all settled in and are now ready for the next chapter of their nine lives.

Visit our website www.schuylerhumane.org, call us at 607-594-2255 or email us at info@schuylerhumane.org for dogs and cats for adoption. Or stop by on Saturdays from 10am-1pm or on Sundays from 11am-1pm without an

appointment. Or call us to schedule a time to come by outside of those hours.



Paisley



Violet

Wags to Riches Celebrates 14 Years!

Hard to believe that it was 14 years ago that we opened our resale boutique on Franklin Street in Watkins Glen.

Thanks to your generous donations and loyal patronage we celebrate our 14th year on May 15th.

This month you'll enjoy 25% savings on all artwork and this huge collection of fiesta ware!



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iGive.com allows shoppers to donate to their favorite charity through 2,000 stores using the iGive.com website, or through the iGive app. Visit iGive.com for a complete list of retailers. We'll be registering The Humane Society of Schuyler County as a receiving organization soon.

313 North Franklin Street
Watkins Glen
Hours: M W Th F Sat 10 – 5
Sunday 12 – 4
Closed Tuesday

***All proceeds from
Wags to Riches benefit
the care of shelter
animals***

To keep you abreast of all the latest treasures to be found at Wags to Riches, we have launched an Instagram page.

Find us at
@wags_to_riches_wg.

Please follow us!

Or [Check out our Facebook page.](#)



Caroline Considers Upping Her Game



Caroline is always on the hunt for redeemable cans and bottles to help to feed her friends. She stopped to check out this golf cart to see if it would make her efforts more efficient. She can always use your help.

She's sending a huge thank you for all of your help! It's easy and convenient

and the shed is open 24 x 7 on the west end of our property! Every bottle or can helps to feed and care for Caroline and all of her friends.

It's just amazing how those nickels add up!

Thank you!

Our small, dedicated staff and volunteers work tirelessly to find permanent, loving homes for every pet who crosses our door and to serve the needs of our community. We couldn't do the work we do without your generous support. For that, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

**Please direct all mail to:
The Humane Society of Schuyler
County
124 Marina Drive
Montour Falls, NY 14865**

**Our phone, fax and email all
remain the same.**

Phone: 607-594-2255

Fax: 845-501-3211

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Info@schuylerhumane.org

Other ways to help:

- Visit **Chewy.com** to see our Wish List and make donations of Alpo canned dog and Fancy Feast/Friskies cat food. The cats prefer non-fish flavors and pate (not shreds or chunks)! Chewy will ship directly to us and shipping is free for orders over \$49.00.

The Humane Society of Schuyler County is a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation dedicated to advancing animal welfare in our community. All contributions are tax deductible. You can donate **online, via our PayPal account**, or send checks to us directly at 124 Marina Drive, Montour Falls, NY 14865

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