

# Spay and Save

## Volunteer Newsletter

**ADOPTIONS**  
*Total Adoptions for 2020*

**Cats 355**  
**Dogs 43**

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## Should Old Acquaintance Be Forgotten?

*By Chris Daniels and Toni Dougherty*

This is essentially a reprint of an article I did in 2014 and a lot has happened so I thought it might be a good idea to revisit some of the good and bad things that have occurred. Since 2020 has been rather a downer for most of us but, as our numbers this year show, not for the animals we have been dedicated to helping.

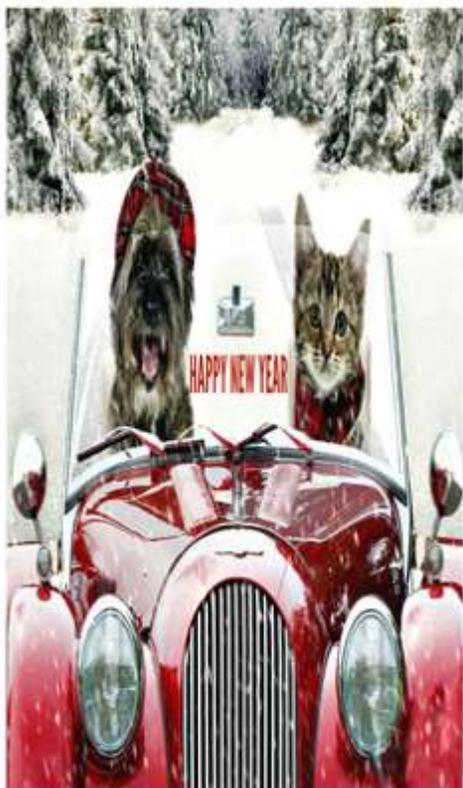
Things have changed this year a lot so let us take stock of how they have changed.

### **Volunteers lost as a result of the closing of Pet Valu :**

- ♥ Roxborough Pet Valu Coordinator: Natalie Lebair and Joan Carr
- ♥ Gateway Pet Valu Coordinator: Janet Lynch and Ann Slowik
- ♥ Conshohocken Pet Valu Coordinator: Beth Licata
- ♥ Thorndale Pet Valu Coordinator: Sarah Sikora and Karah Davis Doxtad

See a more detailed list included as a separate document. Hopefully, many of these volunteers will continue to participate in other locations.

### **The Places:**



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- ♥ With the closing of the Pet Valu stores this summer we have lost 4 adoption locations and were working with 2 others to get them up and running when COVID-19 shut them down. The Canadian company that owns these stores just could not outlast the Pandemic. My hope is that we might see a reappearance of something like the Pet Valu stores in the future.
- ♥ Petco and Perk Valley Pet Eatery are still our strongest partners in rescue and let us hope they will come out of this Pandemic even stronger.

## The Vets:

Despite the fact that the veterinarians have taken the brunt of this Pandemic with some creativity and keeping the pet owners sitting in their cars while the pets get their checkups, they seem to have fared pretty well. Following are the list of vets we have added since the 2014 issue of this article.

- ♥ The Animal Clinic, Exton Pa.
- ♥ Wissahickon Creek Vet Hospital, Philadelphia Pa.

## Special thanks:

These are just a some of our volunteers who despite the Pandemic placed the needs of the animals first. They deserve special recognition.

- ♥ **Kathy Tierney**, who has been valiantly working in the Paoli Petco until the coordinator, Ragen Durante, was finally enlisted. Kathy's family's health has kept her COVID-19 house bound as of late but hopefully when things recover, she will reappear among our volunteers.
- ♥ **Ginny Shaffer**, the coordinator of the Dog Division and Treasurer who fosters so many of our dogs and works sometimes 60 hours per week in a brain injury center.



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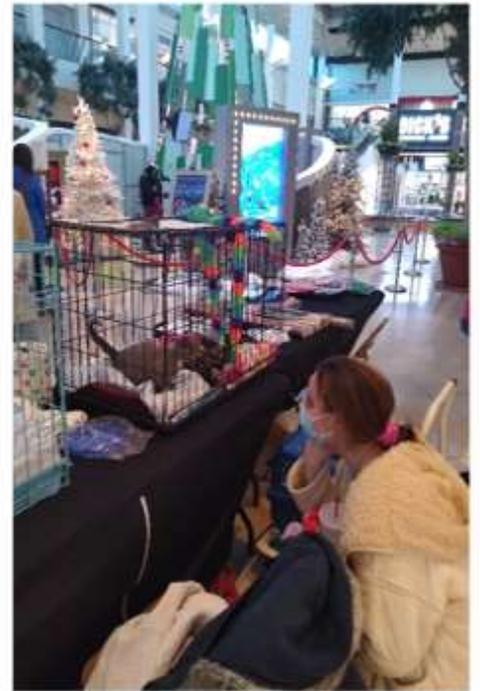
- ♥ **Gaby Bold**, who has been invaluable at the Limerick Petco maintaining our kitties, fostering dogs, and meeting the transport team from Georgia each month.
- ♥ **Alicia Ferraioli**, the assistant coordinator of the Limerick Petco who is the most dependable assistant ever!
- ♥ **Ragen Durante**, who in a few short months as coordinator of Paoli Petco has managed to fill all of her volunteer spots and adopt out 20 cats since she started with us.
- ♥ **Cathy Natalini** is another of our dog foster moms who does a magnificent job preparing the pups for new homes.
- ♥ A Special thanks to everyone, this year has been especially difficult.

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# Holiday HAPPENINGS



Left: Ellie. Kathy O'Brien and her husband, Charlie, adopted Ellie about 4-5 years ago in spite of Ellie's history of seizures. Thanks to their good care, she has been seizure free for over ONE YEAR. Kathy Obrien has been a dedicated volunteer with Spay and Save for many years . She was the original author the Volunteer Newsletter back in 2004 WHAT A LUCKY LITTLE DOG.



Left and Above: Maria Robb has been busy this Holiday season with Photos with Santa and Adoption Days at the Plymouth Meeting Mall. They netted a total of \$70, an adoption application the previous week and the mall invited us back in the spring for photos with the Easter Bunny.



On January 2<sup>nd</sup> Spay and Save had an adoption day in the King of Prussia Mall with both dogs and cats. It was most successful with adoptions of all the dogs and three of the cats and donations of 120.00.



**Should Old Acquaintance be Forgotten** *continued*

♥ **New Horizons:**

We look forward to 2021 with the hope that the human population will recover but most of all that all the adopted animals that, sorry to say, benefitted from the changes this year will continue to remain in happy homes for years to come.

Auld lang Syne from the Scottish song may be translated into English literally as "Old Long Since" or "Days gone by". We are moving into a new year and hopefully 2020 will not long be remembered.



*Congratulations are in order to Lindsey Maiale, daughter of Cathy Maiale, on getting called for an interview at Penn Veterinary School. Although Lindsey has been accepted at many other veterinary schools in the country, her first choice would be Penn. We are counting on you Lindsey to become Spay and Save's official veterinarian.*

## Pets and People Are in A Housing Crisis



*From USA Today December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

"The U.S. is currently under a temporary nationwide eviction moratorium that stops landlords from evicting roughly 43 million rental households if tenants can't afford to pay rent due to the COVID-19 crisis. The moratorium was recently extended until the end of January — which is a compassionate step — but once it expires, the considerable



*This woman has been through a 9.0 earthquake, a killer tsunami, a nuclear power plant that is emitting radiation, has nowhere to live, is hungry and cold... And she STILL HAS HER DOG!!! We think we have problems!*

impact on evicted renters may be exponentially more tragic if they own animals. August, we released data showing that more than 4.2 million pets in the U.S. are likely to enter poverty due to the COVID-19 crisis. Consequently, the total number of animals living in poverty with their owners could rise to more than 24.4 million dogs, cats, horses, and other animals — a 21% increase compared to pre-COVID estimates.

This housing emergency puts a new tragic face on a truth we have known for some time: what happens to people affects pets, and what happens to pets affects people.

**What can be done?** USA Today says we must invest and commit to programs that help people suffering from economic hardship keep the pets they love and cherish. This effort crucially includes accessible and affordable veterinary care and the provision of free resources and supplies like pet food. Since launching our own COVID-19 Relief & Recovery Initiative in March, the ASPCA has helped more than 320,000 dogs, cats, and horses across the country with an array of medical services and critical supplies.

Consider reaching out to your local shelter to find out how you can help by providing a temporary foster home for a displaced pet or filling other critical needs during this stressful time.

The devastating economic hardships of poverty, the COVID-19 crisis, and impending evictions and foreclosures will create severe challenges and consequences for millions of pets but remember that every pet protected is a person deeply comforted. One's financial situation has no bearing on their ability to give and receive love from a pet, and we should see to it — as a society that values compassion and family preservation — that housing insecurity does not shatter human or animal lives."

# Volunteer Community Corner

## All about Altheda Anduze

*Altheda has been a veteran volunteer for many years with Spay and Save. In volunteer corner we like to feature a particularly dedicated volunteer.*

### By Altheda Anduze

I am married with one son. I have worked 2 jobs over the past 23+ years and volunteered for St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Philadelphia. Thanks to former coworker, Ester Lobb, I got started with Spay and Save June 2001 when my son, who was raised with a box turtle and a rabbit, wanted to

get a cat. I felt that fostering cats would let me know if he was really serious about taking care of a cat or not. Plus, although I grew up with a variety of pets, and I am a certified veterinary technician, my husband was not raised with pets and I needed to consider his feelings. Hope, a feral mama, and her 4 kittens were our first fosters. Three of the kittens were adopted, while Hope and Jackie (the 4th kitten) went to a barn home.

We generally try to foster 1 cat at a time. Taking in the cat who needs more socialization or is hard to handle; who is recuperating from surgery (example broken leg); and a lot who just do not like other cats. Over the years, we have only kept 2 cats: Aspen - who my son wanted (an excellent cat for a kid), and Carol - from Peg Banes house, with special needs and who did not like other cats but loved my husband. My husband now had his first pet. Both lived a long time with us but have since pasted away.

My personal and current pets are a western box turtle, Reebok (now 35 years old), and a lion head rabbit, Luella (10 years old). I am Luella's second owner and feel like she is in her retirement home. She likes watching TV through the night, then sleeps during the day--sometimes with her face in her food dish. I retired from one of my jobs the end of 2020. Hopefully, I will have a little more time to spend with Reebok and Luella, and the projects that have been put on hold for the past couple decades.

## Thanks Susan Trombadore

Not only does our volunteer Susan Trombadore maintain cages at Limerick Petco and coordinate adoption days at Perk Valley Pet Eatery, but also helps our organization financially. In addition to a generous donation to help foster moms and dads impacted by COVID, she has made totes for us to sell at adoption events. We are all in your debt, Susan! Thank you.



*Luella lion head rabbit (top and right) and Reebok the Turtle (Below)*



# Calendar of Events



Date	Event Location	Coordinators
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Limerick PETCO	Alicia Ferraioli/Gaby Bold
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Paoli PETCO	Ragan Durante
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	Limerick PETCO	Madelyn Ferraioli
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Perk Valley Pet Eatery	Susan Trombadore
4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Exton PETCO	Chris Daniels
5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Paoli PETCO	Ann Slowick

**Setting Up a Temporary Pet Guardian Program See:**  
<https://www.awanj.org/temporary-pet-guardians/>



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