

# Spay and Save

## Volunteer Newsletter

**ADOPTIONS**  
*Adoptions for 2022*

**Cats 302**  
**Dogs 35**

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## Old Acquaintance Not Forgotten

**From Toni Dougherty**

*Altheda Anduze has been a longtime volunteer for Spay and Save dating back some 20 years. Just about the time I too started with Spay and Save which at that time only encompassed one PETCO store in King of Prussia. I asked Altheda to reminisce about her experience and she sent me the following.*

- 1. "How long have you been with Spay and Save as a volunteer and what kind of things did you do?"**

21 years (2001) I started fostering; I helped out filling in at various stores all around to clean cages (KOP, Limerick, Trappe, and Malvern which became Exton PETCO); transported; coordinator for Perk Valley Pet Eatery (after helping previous coordinators Laura Allen and Janet Lynch). **Continued P 2**



*Simon's Cat is an animated cartoon series created by Simon Tofield. The humor depicted is definitely cat. Watch his cats antics on Facebook and tumbler or at [WWW.SIMONSCAT.COM](http://WWW.SIMONSCAT.COM)*

## Naming Your Foster Cat or Dog

**By Toni Dougherty**

Fifty to sixty cats and dogs are adopted each month through Spay and Save which produces a problem when naming the animal for adoption. We often will find several animals with the same names and differentiating them in our records is near to impossible. This conundrum is faced by all our volunteers who foster. In this article I hope to give you some resources and ideas to make it easier. Everyone is familiar with T.S.Elliot's poem about cats having three names. This probably holds true for dogs too. In my January 2012 newsletter I published his famous poem and for the sake of space I will not do so in this article. **Cont p 4**

# An Old Acquaintance Not Forgotten

## 2. *What did you enjoy most about your experience?*

Fostering kittens (I only had a few, but they were fun) and placing my fosters in the right forever home was always a joy. I usually fostered 1-2 cats at a time who might have had behavioral issues. (I say 'might', because depending on how we humans handled or treated the cat many times determined if a behavioral problem would occur or disappear.) I liked learning the personality of the cats and figuring out how to get the best out of them, then making sure the applicant was aware of how to best handle that cat, passing on tips to them. It was always a great feeling and easier to let go emotionally of a long term foster when I would make my 1 week follow up call to the adopter and find out all was well. "YES" Thumbs up

## 3. *What will you miss most now that you're leaving us?*

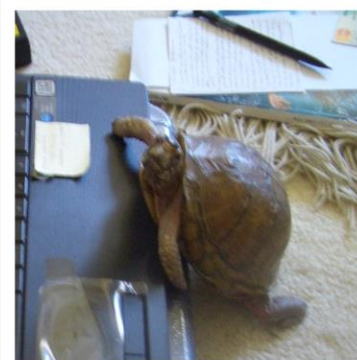
I will miss cuddling and playing with the kitties and laughing and joking with the PVPE Staff about the personalities of the kitties on display in the store ---- and hearing about their own pets at home.

## 4. *I was also looking for past emails from Altheda and it seems she had sent me this interview last January.*

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 too. 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 don't 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 didn't like other cats, but loved my husband. My husband now had his first pet. Both lived a long time with us.

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 all the projects that have been put on hold for the past couple decades.



*Perk Valley Pet Eatery,  
Rebook the turtle, and  
Luella the rabbit above  
and Altheda Anduze below*



# Happenings



**Left:** Pet Photos with Santa at Plymouth Meeting Mall \$89

Bloom Box \$166.91

Wrapping at Boscovs

- ♥ Natalie Coughin \$56
- ♥ Erin Thomas \$39
- ♥ Ragen Durante \$107

Maria would like to thank all the volunteers who helped by bringing animals to the mall, wrapping, and helping with set up and breakdown.



**Right :** Limerick Adoption Day

Merritt Hansen, Joe Schlosser, and Paula Ulrich Wenke along with Betty, Maddy who are looking for a new home. Joe is holding his dog, Toby, a Spay and Save alumni!



**Above:** Ragen Duran and Husband Chris with the three biggest cats Pascal, Basilo, and Cheetah. Regan is the coordinator of Paoli Petco

**Right:** Chris's adoption room a creative gift from Denise Knaecke who not only donated the cat tree but assembled it.

**Far Right:** Chris, and Mylene and her husband Bob at the Spay and Save Holiday Donation Party.



# Naming Your Foster Cat or Dog

The poem can be found on the web I am sure by looking up the phrase "Naming of Cats". In this article I disagreed with him. TS Elliot is wrong cats actually have four names. The name we give them before they find their forever homes. We have to be creative for, I for one, have fostered numerous cats and kittens. For example: (See Below) Askew is now Oreo and Amiss is now Alice. Guinness and Carling were adopted but I do not know their present moniker. Saucy and Squeak from the Germantown Gang were Kathy Tierney' Fred and Ginger. I named these cats as I did for something that related to their rescuing. Askew and Amiss were found near Crooked Lane in King of Prussia. Carling and Guinness were from a 6 pack of kittens found in Exton and Saucy and Sweet were from a Siamese cat that was turned into us at an adoption day in King of Prussia Petco.

It's been 11 plus years ago and it is not unlikely that all these animals have gone over the rainbow bridge at this point.

Following is an article and some websites that might help you make naming the dog or cat a lot easier.

## From Kittenslair.net (no longer on the web)

The name you choose says as much about you as it does about your cat or dog. It shows how you view your pet and your relationship with it. Some names can cause people to judge the animal and react positively or negatively/fearfully when meeting it. For these reasons it is important to use a name that conveys the proper image. Sometimes it is your pets behavior, personality or appearance that gives it a name. In fact a fifth (20%) of names are based on the pets appearance or personality for example a black cat or dog becomes Sooty or Midnight. It may be surprising, but more than half (50%) of all pet names are either human names or nicknames. People name their animals as they would name themselves.

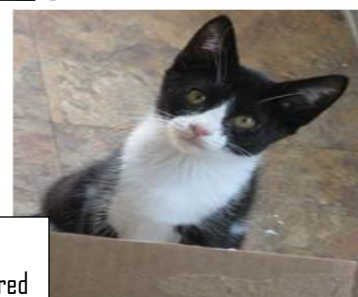
## Choosing a Name for Your Cat or Dog

Here are some useful tips in choosing cat or dog names:

- ♥ Pick a name that the pet can easily recognize. Animals respond better to one or two syllable names. (In multiple pet households differentiate considerably the sound of the name from pet to pet.)
- ♥ If choosing a long name keep in mind the shortened version. A long name will inevitably be shortened, but it may ruin the effect that you were originally looking for. (Think about how it sounds to you too. For example do you want to be calling in a wayward animal by the name of Tootsie)
- ♥ The pet's breed heritage can provide some useful inspiration. For example Orientals (Siamese and Burmese) often use Asian inspired names.
- ♥ Waiting a few days to study your pets' behavior can help pick the right name. The personality and appearance may assist here.
- ♥ Pick a name that will grow with the pet. For example "Kitten" may be less appropriate for a full-grown cat.

This article goes on to list some great ideas for naming, but room prevents me from publishing it. Contact me at [Tonidoct@gmail.com](mailto:Tonidoct@gmail.com). I will forward the list to you.

WEB SITES: [Paesitivelytexas.com](http://Paesitivelytexas.com) Nature inspired names, [farmersalmanac.com](http://farmersalmanac.com) Popular Pet Names, [rover.com](http://rover.com) Top 100 Dog names, [allaboutcats.com](http://allaboutcats.com) 135 Coolest Cat Names. **Also see p 5 for sample of Kittenslair suggestions.**



Crooked Lane Gang Amiss and Askew and Kathy Tierney with her Famous Fred



# Volunteer Community Corner

## Ann Slowik New Co-coordinator of Paoli PetCo

By Ragen Durante

Ann started volunteering with Spay and Save at the Gateway PetValu, but when the store closed, she came to volunteer at the Paoli Petco -- and I have been lucky to have her help since I started as volunteer coordinator! Ann does weekly cage maintenance and Saturday adoption days at Paoli Petco, handles the laundry and monitors supplies, and she also trains new volunteers and meets potential adopters as needed. Ann has been there to help me and support me for the last few years, and I would say she has been my unofficial co-coordinator for a while now. Ann is reliable, dependable, knowledgeable and cares about the kitties -- she's a wonderful resource and I am incredibly grateful for her. Ann, welcome to the Paoli Petco Co-coordinator position, and thanks for everything you have done and continue to do for the cats at Paoli Petco!



## Naming Your Foster Cat or Dog

*Cat Name Categories - A Few Beautiful Examples from Kittenslair.net*

Affectionate: Angel, Joy Cuddles

Appearance: Shadow, Bandit Smokey

Art & Literature: Aslan, Plato, Dante

Beanie Babies: Blizzard, Slither, Bongo

Cars: Beemer, Ferrari, Thunderbird

Check our Data Base before using a foster name.

## We are getting calls for us to take in kittens

Is there anyone who is interested in fostering kittens It would be a 1-3 week commitment depending on the age of the kittens and when we have a store opening.

We are also looking for someone to foster a mom with her five 4 week old kittens. This would be a 3-4 week commitment until the kittens are able to eat solid food.

Kimberly Shaw <kshaw3636@gmail.com>

Editors Comment: I have a playpen cage for anyone willing to foster and come and get it.

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## Get Ready and Volunteer

Possible partnership with Montgomery Mall. Ginny Shaffer and Cathy Natalini are working on scheduling adoption days there at least once monthly for Ginny's fosters and Cathy's fosters and for anyone else who wants to join them. Details will follow in the coming months.

# Calendar of Events

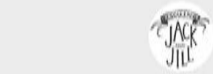
| Date                     | Event Location                | Coordinators               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday | Limerick PETCO                | Alicia Ferraioli/Gaby Bold |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday | Paoli PETCO                   | R.Durante/A Slowik         |
| 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/B Licata     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday | Ruh Ro Pet Store Conshohocken | Beth Licata                |



### **By Chris Daniels**

*J. Light is a poet par excellence! She has a blog that she sends to me, and I wanted to share it with our volunteers. This poem especially touched me.*

*Check out her book of poems Squirrel and read a clip on Amazon Smile.*



## Dog Texting Codes



- BOL - Bark Out Loud
- OMDT - Over My Dead Toy
- HAW - Humans Are Watching
- OMD - Oh My Dog
- TTTP - Talk To The Paw
- ROFB - Rolling On Floor Barking
- SMB - Smell My Butt



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