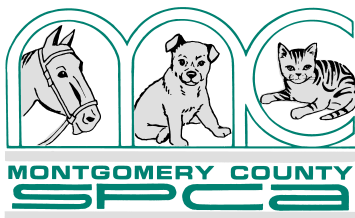


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Shelters At
Perkiomenville
Conshohocken
Abington



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Excerpts...

Executive Director, **Carmen J. Ronio**, wants to share part of his recent incoming correspondence with you...

"This past summer we lost our precious Sammy. We were devastated. In his memory we enclose a check. Thank you for all you do for the animal population." M/M S.R.W.

"Last year (2003) right before Halloween, we visited your shelter and adopted a small mixed breed, we renamed Dakota. We loved our other dog very much and her death had left a large hole in our life. Dakota has gone a long way towards filling that hole." MRS. C.H-S



Charlie



Mitzi



Cali



Tucker Gresh (l) & Cricket Roberts(r)

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of The Montgomery County Society For The Prevention of Cruelty To Animals will be held at 10:00 A.M., April 21 at Society headquarters, 19 E. Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, in the Kent Catherwood Center.

There will be elections to the Board of Directors and members in good standing are invited to attend and vote.

Reports of the year's activities will be given.

Mrs. Frank E. Clawson
Secretary

Animals' Holiday Dinner

For over forty consecutive years members of the Montgomery County SPCA board of directors have prepared and cooked a special holiday treat for the sheltered animals. A ceremonial batch is prepared prior to the year-end holidays, and then the specially ordered foods are combined, cooked and then fed to the animals in the shelters during the last week of December, and later, if quantities hold out.

Mrs. Noma Ann Roberts (Cricket), has chaired the unique fund-raising event for the last few years. **Mrs. W. Perry Gresh (Tucker)** served as assistant chef for the 2004 Holiday Dinner. Television channels 6 & 10 featured the initial preparation on several of their news' segments. Many local newspapers used press releases about the "dinner." Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Gresh extend thanks for the media coverage and also gratitude to the many members and friends who supported the 2004 culinary event for the sheltered pets.

Santa/Pet Photos

After several years' absence, Santa Claus returned to the Kent Catherwood Center last December. He was back to again pose with peoples' pets. Montgomery County SPCA members and friends had a fun time as Santa sat with their prized and priceless pets.

The event was organized by our humane educator, **Kimberley Bonanni**. Kim was ably assisted by staffers, **Christopher Langiotti**, photographer, and **Rhonda Davies**. Kim extended special thanks to **Howard Lownes** who donned the bright red garb along with white beard and wig.

PERKIOMENVILLE, 2005

Remarkable insight? Yes, that's what it was! In the mid-twentieth century, the late **Mrs. Charles Harper Smith (Helen Stubbs Smith)** was president of The Montgomery County SPCA. The organization had one site (Conshohocken) and Mrs. Smith with foresight and acumen, persuaded the board of directors to buy a second site, a 60 acre farm in Upper Frederick Township at the western end of Montgomery County. The cost? \$32,500.00! Today, 45 years later, the site and services play a vital role in the mission of The Montgomery County Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals.

The buildings in the central section of the property illustrate the types of services at this site. The former farm house has been modernized to provide quarters for a resident manager whose on-site presence is essential for the operations, that also include being on call after hours for large or small animal emergencies. An animal ambulance plus a horse trailer stand ready to roll at a moment's notice.

A large barn features stalls that house the equines that have been placed in our perpetual custodial care from cruelty cases initiated by our humane society police officers. These horses and ponies will enjoy the rest of their lives in our ample pastures and facilities. They can run, romp, graze or just walk around and enjoy the pastoral scene. Other farm animals also call the barn and pastures their home as well. Some of these animals were lost and have never been claimed while others may also have been placed in our custody by the court at the conclusion of their animal cruelty cases.

Our shelter center includes the following: thirty indoor/outdoor kennel runs, a small animal room where visitors may view any puppies, kittens, cats and other small mammals, two isolation rooms as needed, a veterinary clinic area in which our veterinary staff perform spay/neuter surgeries for adopted pets and handle any necessary animal emergencies, a board room, plus sufficient office space for the successful clerical support required in our Perkiomenville operations.



Our shelter and staff serve the entire western end of Montgomery County from Colledgeville to Pottstown and from Colledgeville to Pennsburg. The unique geography of western Montgomery County includes urban, suburban and rural areas. We get calls to rescue a lost pony or horse, to pick up an injured animal in a suburban development, calls about adopting a new pet, calls regarding lost and found pets, calls to investigate alleged large animal and small animal abuses, or calls to just assist large animals in some manner. There are numerous calls for directions to our Perkiomenville site, as well as many calls for general information about care of domesticated pets.

Christopher Langiotti is our current resident manager at what some call our Upper County Branch, or others, the Perkiomenville Shelter. Christopher was promoted to this post as a result of his excellent work at our newest shelter and site in Abington, He and his staff invite you to visit the farm for whatever reason during regular business hours.

Montgomery County SPCA executive director, **Carmen J. Ronio**, expresses his gratitude to all of our members and friends who support our total mission at all three sites. Mr. Ronio also pledges that the foresight and humane work started by Mrs. Smith forty-five years ago will continue to grow and flourish at our Perkiomenville location.

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Christopher Langiotti

In Memoriam

The Board of Directors wishes to express its deep appreciation for receipt of legacies and bequests, some in the form of income interests, in 2004, from the following estates.

KATHRYN H. BARTHOLD
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HARRIET T. CANTOR
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Gwynedd

NATALIE S. TYSON
Plymouth Meeting

PHYLLIS S. WRIGHT
Chester County

The names of the above individuals have been placed on a permanent memorial plaque board in the lobby of either the Conshohocken Shelter, the Perkiomenville Shelter or the Abington Shelter.

The decedents knew that the needs of the animals would continue past their own lifetimes and that through their posthumous gifts necessary animal welfare work would be perpetuated.

If it is your intent to remember the animals in your Will, please be sure that the Society's corporate name and address, The Montgomery County Society for The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 19 East Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, PA 19428, is listed that way. Please contact the executive director, Carmen J. Ronio, if you have specific questions. Mr. Seibert L. Dorner, Huntingdon Valley, is Board Chairman of Wills & Estates.



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Our equines.

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2004 ANIMAL STATISTICS

<u>ADOPTIONS</u>	<u>DOGS</u>	<u>CATS</u>	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>
Conshohocken	589	1330	192
Perkiomenville	581	870	119
Abington	349	760	185
Totals	1519	2960	496
<u>OWNER CLAIMED</u>			
Conshohocken	492	374	24
Perkiomenville	272	203	6
Abington	185	79	4
Totals	949	656	34
<u>ANIMALS HANDLED</u>			
Conshohocken	1845	3620	368
Perkiomenville	1269	3097	272
Abington	766	1852	321
Totals	3880	8569	961

Included with the total number of animals handled at three sites were 1698 aged and infirm dogs and cats whose owners requested euthanasia for their family pets.

Persons served, Conshohocken Shelter, 10194
Persons served, Perkiomenville Shelter, 7873
Persons served, Abington Shelter, 5122

Ambulance calls, Conshohocken: 206 – Police assistance: 434
Ambulance calls, Perkiomenville: 110 – Police assistance: 257
Ambulance calls, Abington: 76 – Police assistance: 179

Classy Charity From Kids and Classes

Dana Cabey, saved her money and donated it for the animals at the Conshohocken shelter.

Crooked Billet Elementary School, conducted Food For Furry Friends Drive, Part 2. Turned in a large quantity at our Abington shelter.

Riley Dugery, donated pet food, pet toys and treats to celebrate her eighth birthday.

Girl Scout Troop 2522, Glenside, donated pet food and pet supplies to our Abington shelter.

Sami License and **Danielle Lorandean**, both nine, raised money and collected pet food for the animals.

Meadowbrook School, First Graders, donated cat food and dog food and delivered the items to our Abington shelter.

Taylor Mushinski, requested gifts of pet food and pet supplies to give to our animals on her ninth birthday.

Daniel and **Molly Shopper**, saved and donated their money for the sheltered animals.

Emily Winters, donated 90 tennis balls as toys for the sheltered animals.

Madie Zimmerman and **Cristina Shipe**, fifth graders at the Baldwin School, conducted their own pet food and pet toy drive and delivered items to the Conshohocken shelter.

Thank you to all of these youngsters. We also appreciate the fact that the parents and teachers of these children encouraged the projects and gifts.



*Crooked Billet
School Food For
Furry Friends,
Gregory Macartney (r)
Danielle Ray (r)*



Emily Winters