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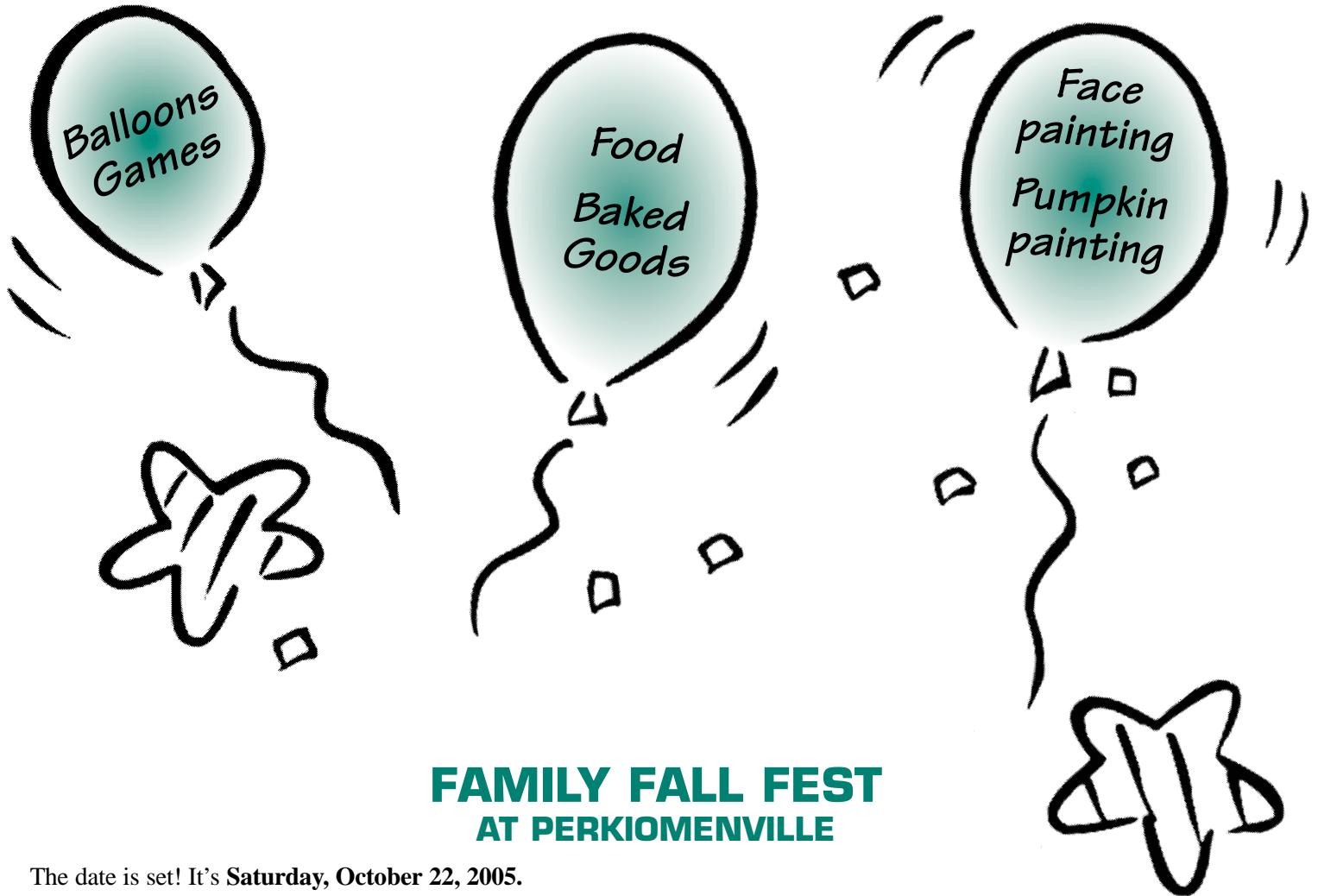
Shelters At  
Perkiomenville  
Conshohocken  
Abington

# REPORTER

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## FAMILY FALL FEST AT PERKIOMENVILLE

The date is set! It's **Saturday, October 22, 2005.**

The time is set! It's from **Noon to 4:00 P.M.**

The place is set! It's the **Upper County Branch of The Montgomery County SPCA**  
**Little & Sweisford Roads,**  
**Perkiomenville, Upper Frederick Township.**

In addition to the planned items advertised in the above balloons, shelter tours will be led by **Kim Bonanni**, humane educator. Pet items for sale. A DJ on site. Children who come in costume will receive a treat. K-9 demonstrations.

There will be a **Dog Costume Contest**. Prizes will be awarded to the funniest, scariest and most original dog costume. Alumni dogs will be welcomed. A ten dollar donation to our Society will serve as an entry fee. Sign up dogs by **1:15 P.M.** as the contest will begin at **1:30 P.M.** Dogs must be on leads.

**Sarah Smyth** and her volunteers will direct the fun autumn afternoon. For specific questions, please call Sarah Smyth at **(610) 567-0929.**

## Humane Education Programs School Year 2005-2006

The Montgomery County SPCA offers humane education programs to schools in Montgomery County. Our programs teach children the importance of being kind to animals, the earth and each other. The programs are free. However, we do invite classes to offer a donation to help the animals in our care. Cans of pet food, dry pet food, clean cotton towels, pet toys and spare change are needed and welcomed donation items.

The program titles with age or grade level designations are as follows:

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| <b>Basic Pet Care</b> (Grades K-2)     | <b>Cruelty to Animals</b> (Grades 9 & up)         |
| <b>Pet Safety Awareness</b> (Ages 3-6) | <b>Training Game</b> (Grades 6-12)                |
| <b>Habitat</b> (Grades 3-6)            | <b>Pet Overpopulation</b> (Grades 5 & up)         |
| <b>Pet Budget</b> (Grades 4-6)         | <b>Genetics &amp; Puppy Mills</b> (Grades 9 & up) |

Sometimes, live animals accompany the presentations. For program questions and program scheduling please contact: **Kimberley Bonanni**, Humane Educator  
**(610) 825-0111, ext. 34**  
Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm



*Humane Educator, Kimberley Bonanni.*

### Pop Quiz Answers From The *Summer Reporter*

1. The one hundredth anniversary of organization will be **July, 2009**.
2. The incumbent president is **Mr. F. R. Urwiler**.
3. HSPO is, **Humane Society Police Officer**.
4. **Mr. Carmen J. Ronio** is the executive director.
5. There are **three sites: Conshohocken, Perkiomenville & Abington**.
6. **All adopted animals** that are not already spayed or neutered.
7. **(c) Very busy**. In fact a better adverb would be exceedingly busy.

### Your Talent And Time Are Needed

Many humane societies employ development directors and/or public relations personnel who are dedicated to fund-raising and special events coordination. These employees usually oversee a cadre of volunteers who perform duties related to fund-raising events.

We have considered this method of fund-raising and have not ruled it out. However, it's a step that would greatly increase our annual budget. Our board of directors and staff are doing what they can in this area, but we need to do more and need additional help – hopefully yours.

To this end, we are actively seeking volunteers who are willing to form volunteer groups and/or auxiliaries that will provide support and ideas for fund-raising events. We need dedicated, self-motivated individuals willing not only to assist us in raising much-needed funds, but also to further promote our humane endeavors independently of staff. If you or someone you know has special skills in public relations, fund-raising, event planning, the ability to motivate people and are willing to donate your time and expertise, please contact **Kimberley Bonanni**, Humane Educator, at **(610) 825-0111**, or e-mail me at [mcsPCA@voicenet.com](mailto:mcsPCA@voicenet.com). Thank you.

**Carmen J. Ronio**, Executive Director

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**Perkiomenville Shelter, Pet Cemetery and Horse Farm – 610-489-7510, 610-754-7822**

**1059 Sweisford Road • Perkiomenville, PA 18074**

**Abington Branch – 215-886-8802**

**1006 Edge Hill Road • Roslyn, PA 19001**

**Kindly call or visit the shelter nearest your home for service.**

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Donor contributions help to make The Montgomery County SPCA a viable, leading and trend-setting humane organization in the Delaware Valley and The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Donations during life and bequests after life, permit us to maximize our services to the animals in our community.

## ENTHUSIASTIC CHARITY

The following children, classes and schools presented all sorts of donations including cash, pet food and pet items for the Montgomery County SPCA's animals:

**Ashley Bergin** and **Dawn Carr** donated their savings.

**Natasha Dakota** sold golf balls to golfers.

**Elizabeth Donahoe** made and donated magnets for resale.

**Hannah Fairley** donated her total raffle winnings.

**Emily Fichandler** donated her savings.

**Kiernan McCloskey, Michele McCloskey,**

**Megan McCloskey, Katie Tanner,**

**Jessica Malone, Nicole Mischler** and

**Hannah Mischler** made and sold

bracelets and necklaces and then donated

the proceeds.

**Caitlin McClafferty** and **Sean**

**McClafferty** donated their proceeds from

a lemonade stand.

**Lexi Meister, Kaitlyn Meister, Casey**

**Trautwein, Ryan Breslin** and **Marley**

**Jane Breslin** donated proceeds from a

car wash.

**Julia Murry** donated her savings.

**Kevin O'Connor** turned in all of his

grass cutting earnings.

**Felicia Skalecki** collected funds for the

animals.

**Ryan Smith** asked family and friends to

donate pet food and pet toys instead of

birthday gifts.

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**Ardley Day Care Center** children

saved pennies, donated them for the ani-

mals. Day Care director is **Cynthia L.**

**Clarke.**

**Carmel Presbyterian Church** donated

pet supplies via rummage sale.

Coordinator was **Pat Sorber.**

**Crooked Billet Elementary, K-5th**

**grades** donated pet toys. **Sharon**

**Nalbone,** teacher.

**Hatboro/Horsham High School**

**Students** donated cash and a van load of

pet food and supplies.

**Mitzvah Club at Perelman Jewish Day**

**School** donated all collected funds for the

animals.

**Pine Road Elementary School, Third**

**Graders,** year-long project making cat

beds for the shelter.

**Pottstown Middle School, Sixth Grade,**

drive to collect pet food and pet supplies.

**Kristen O'Dell,** teacher.

**Upper Perkiomen Middle School, UPMS Community Service Club,** donated pet food and pet supplies. **Tracy**

**James,** teacher.

**Upper Perkiomen High School, LEO**

**Group,** cash donation plus pet food

and supplies.

## Millwrights Right Carport

Weather, wear and age caught up with the door on the carport at the Perkiomenville Shelter. Happily help arrived. And, to make it even better, the help was volunteer professional help.

Three members of the Millwrights Local 1906 went to Perkiomenville and rebuilt the entire carport door. In addition the millwrights straightened and stabilized two stalls in the barn. The three men were **Victor Idelson, Eric Schmitt** and **David Violon,** all of Millwright & Machinery Erectors, Local Union 1906.

**Carmen J. Ronio,** executive director, and **Christopher Langiotti,** Perkiomenville manager, expressed their thanks to the volunteer trio of millwrights for the excellent job they performed.



*Rebuilding the carport door.*



*Millwrights (l to r) Victor Idelson, Eric Schmitt and David Violon.*

## VETERINARY WISDOM

*A Continuing Series For Our Members And Friends*



### **How To Pick The Right Pet For You And Your Family**

So you have decided you would like a pet. Here are some tips to consider before you adopt or purchase a pet.

Take your time. Do not rush a decision. Responsible ownership is important.

Renters should always check with their landlords to see if pets are allowed. Homeowners should check with their townships, neighborhood associations or development bylaws. For dogs, certain homeowner insurance plans may be restrictive based on breed.

Members of a family should consult with all family members who will be living with the pet.

Research the type of pet you want and why you want that type. You should ask some of these following questions:

1. Dog or cat?
2. Large dog, small dog, purebred or mix?
3. Longhair or shorthair cat?
4. Bird, hamster or rabbit?
5. Young or mature animal?
6. How much time do you want to spend with your pet?
7. How much time can you spend with your pet?
8. Do you travel a great deal?

Certain answers to these questions will help you choose. For example, training a puppy can be very time consuming. An obedient pet is always a more pleasant addition to your home. A small animal such as a rabbit or bird may be better if your time is tight.

Understand that pet ownership comes with responsibilities. So, take your time and hopefully you will make a decision that will last a lifetime for your new pet.

*Trina Russell, V.M.D.*



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## OCTOBER IS NATIONAL ADOPT A DOG MONTH

*Stop In At One Of Our Three Shelters During October.  
It's Not Too Early For A Year-end Holiday Pet Adoption.*

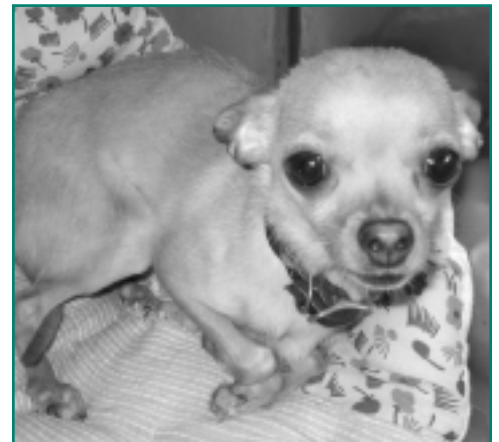
October would be an ideal time to adopt a dog from any one of our three shelters.

Often, year-end holidays are filled with excitement that translates into parties and people. Does a new pet canine need extra excitement after you bring him or her into your living quarters? Answer...NO.

Socializing the new dog with your immediate family, partner or self, will give the dog a head start to get used to its new environment before the holidays.

Don't put your new pet through holiday busyness right after you adopt it. Enough of Canine Education I for now.

Finally, a picture is worth a thousand words. So here are two pictures of sheltered dogs and these appealing photos show you the types of dogs we may have for adoption at our trio of shelter sites.



P.S. Here's a great endorsement note from a recent alumnus:

*Dear Christopher and Ashley and All My Friends at Perkiomenville.  
I left the shelter in mid-July with my new people, and I am SO HAPPY! I was very shy and timid in the kennel, and I'm still pretty scared of loud noises (and men with deep voices), but I love my new home and I've been very, very good. I haven't had any accidents at all, and I haven't chewed anything. My people took me to the vet last night and I got my long, floppy ears cleaned out, and I'm taking medicine so I can be healthy and live a long and happy life in my new home. Thank you for being so nice to me while I was there, and for helping me find a good home with a family who loves me.*

Love,  
Chloe K.

*Canines in our shelters, Summer 2005.*