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Shelters At
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Conshohocken
Abington

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Law Enforcement at Work

In early March, **Cheltenham Animal Control Officer, Mike Good**, brought a stray Staffordshire Terrier into the Abington Shelter. The dog was emaciated and weighed only 53 pounds. We immediately started Veterinary care for the dog because of its deplorable condition.

Even after Officer Good located the owner, we did not return the animal. Instead, **HSPO Rhonda E. Thomas** filed animal cruelty charges against the alleged defendant. In early May, a hearing was held in Magisterial Court 38-1-03, and **District Magistrate Christopher J. Cerski** found the Cheltenham resident guilty of ill treatment of an animal. Judge Cerski fined the defendant \$200.00 plus court costs and also awarded custody of the Staffordshire Terrier to the Montgomery County SPCA.

Happily by the time of the hearing, the dog gained 11 pounds. We did find that the dog is blind in both of his eyes but with our continuing care he is on the road to good health even with his visual impairment.

Carmen J. Ronio, Executive Director, reminds all of us that when the Montgomery County SPCA was Organized and Chartered one hundred years ago, one of the first nineteen articles in the Articles of Incorporation stressed the fact that the fledgling organization would enforce the sections of The Pennsylvania Penal Code that were applicable to acts of cruelty to animals. Currently, our Humane Society Police Officers continue to actively investigate, enforce and prosecute, so that we can fully protect the creatures that cannot speak for themselves.



When we got the dog.



After a few weeks in our care.

Via The Humane Educator

The following schools conducted drives to raise money and pet supplies for our shelters: **Colonial Middle School SPCA Club, Knapp Elementary (Mrs. Milles), McKinley Elementary, Roberts Elementary and Willow Hill (Mrs. Jedlinski).**

These pre-school groups also helped: **Abington Presbyterian Church, Crossroads Church, Grace Lutheran Church, Kindercare of Conshohocken, Presentation B.V.M., Trinity Lutheran Church and Unitarian Universalist Church of the Restoration.**

Plus, **Girl Scout Troop 7504, Roslyn and Brownie Troop 77131, Indian Valley.**

Thanks to each group. *Steven Conway, Humane Educator.*

Here's a great idea. As we stand at the dividing line between a century of major accomplishments and a new century of new challenges, it may be the perfect time for you to remember the animals in your Will. Gratitude and motivation are the incentives!

MAY DAY!!

On Friday the first day of May, Perkiomenville Manager (and HSPO), **Christopher Langiotti**, received calls about a new-born calf and its possibly dead mother. Both creatures were lying in a Harleysville farmer's field close to a main road in that area. Clearly visible to passing motorists, several of these concerned people called to tell us about the seemingly tragic situation. They thought the calf desperately needed assistance.

Christopher immediately drove to the scene and on the way he radioed the Harleysville Police for any possible assistance. Both Christopher and the police arrived within a minute of each other. Together they quickly evaluated the situation. The farmer was not on the site. The cow was dead and the calf needed special help.

As there was nothing the police could do at that point, Christopher said he would do his best to aid the calf. From his training, Christopher knew that the calf would not survive much longer unless it could get its mother's milk, which was now impossible. He quickly climbed a fence and retrieved the calf. Hoisting the creature on his shoulder he re-climbed the fence with the newly-born animal and ran down the road a short distance to his ambulance. Before leaving the site, Christopher left a note on the farmhouse door stating where the calf would be.

From there, Christopher went to a local feed store and was able to purchase a specific formula for the calf along with a large feeding bottle with an equally large nipple. Back at the Shelter, the calf received our best care.

Late that day, the grateful owner claimed his revived calf from our Perkiomenville Shelter. With the calls from concerned people and with our staff's rescue and care responses, the calf received a new lease on life on that first day of May, 2009!



Calf receives care at the Perkiomenville Shelter.

“Middler” Melodies - Prominent Proceeds

In early Spring, **Perkiomen Valley Middle School West Students** presented a musical play, “Into the Woods.” The theme involved Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th grade) actors and actresses portraying fairy-tale characters who entered the “Woods,” believing that each of their wishes would then come true.

Krista Yerkes, Creative Expressions and Musical Director, arranged and directed the play that ran for three consecutive nights. The Montgomery County SPCA was selected to benefit from the raised proceeds. In mid-April, Ms. Yerkes and three of the eighth grade students who were in the musical, **Brianna Krewson, Jordan Bonner & Sarah Baryan**, visited our Perkiomenville Shelter to give manager, **Christopher Langiotti**, a check in the amount of \$9500.00!

Executive Director, **Carmen J. Ronio**, joined with Christopher to extend sincere thanks to all PV Middle School West students and faculty for their generous gift for the animals.

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

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NINE TO 2009

Countdown To Our Hundredth Anniversary

2005 To Present

1. Expanded veterinary services including surgical altering of feral cats.
2. New pet greeting center at the Conshohocken site.
3. Kiosk at Conshohocken headquarters that shows adoptable & stray animals at all three of our shelters.

The time-lines have shown a legacy of good work. Now we pledge new and greater service to the people and pets of Montgomery County in the next century, 2009-2109!



Middle School check delivered and received at Perkiomenville. L to R, Christopher Langiotti, Manager; Eighth grade students, Jordan Bonner, Brianna Krewson & Sarah Baryan; Musical Director, Krista Yerkes.

**Montgomery County
SPCA (MCSPCA)
100th Anniversary Benefit Golf
Outing Four Person Scramble**

Date: Monday, September 21, 2009
Time: Check-in 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tee Time 12:30
Dinner & auction following golf, approximately 6:00 pm
Location: Talamore Country Club
723 Talamore Drive
Ambler, PA 19002
www.talamorepa.com
Entry Fee: \$150 Per Person Golf Outing Entry Fee (includes boxed lunch, cart, dinner).
Deadline: Registration deadline is September 5, 2009
Teams: Each team will consist of 4 players. Entry forms consisting of less than 4 players will be paired to create a foursome.
Dress Code: Proper golf attire is required. Visit www.talamorepa.com for additional details.

Cancellation Policy:
Prior to 9/7/09 - full refund.
After 9/7/09 - non-refundable.

Thank you for your support. You are making a difference in an animal's life!

*For questions please contact Jaelyn Macchione or
Becky Pellini at email address: golf4pets@yahoo.com*

Sponsorship Tiers

Tournament Sponsorships \$3,000

- Company name/logo on the main MSPCA banner along with other tournament sponsors
- 1 foursome
- 2 sponsored holes
- 2 page advertisement in outing booklet

Dinner Sponsorships \$2,200

- Company name/logo on small banner along with other sponsors at reception
- 1 foursome
- 1 sponsored hole
- 1 page advertisement in outing booklet

1 Hour Open Bar Sponsorships \$1,500

- Company name/logo on small banner along with other sponsors at reception
- 1 sponsored hole
- 1 page advertisement in outing booklet

Beverage Station Sponsorships \$500

- Company name on 3 stations

Company Hole Sponsorships \$200

- Company name advertised on 1 hole

Pet Hole Sponsorships \$100

- Families can sponsor a hole(s) for their pet. The pet's name will be on a hole(s).

General Donation

- Special mention at Auction Dinner

**MCSPCA 100th Anniversary
Four Person Scramble**

Entry Form

Name (Player #1): _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dinner: Yes No

Player #2 Name: _____

Dinner: Yes No

Player #3 Name: _____

Dinner: Yes No

Player #4 Name: _____

Dinner: Yes No

Additional dinner tickets may be purchased for \$45.00 a person. Number of additional dinner tickets: _____

Names of additional dinner guests: _____

**Please make checks payable to:
Montgomery County SPCA**

**Mail form and checks to:
Golf 4 Pets, PO Box 41032
Philadelphia, PA 19127**

Sponsorship/Dinner Ticket Form

Please Check:

- Tournament Sponsorship
- 1 Hour Open Bar Sponsorship
- Dinner Sponsorship
- Beverage Station Sponsorship
- Company Hole Sponsorship # of holes _____
- Pet Hole Sponsorship # of holes _____
- General Donation \$ _____
- Dinner Ticket(s) only \$ _____**

Check enclosed is for the amount of: _____

Please Complete:

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Pet Hole Sponsorship – Pet Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks payable to Montgomery County SPCA
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To celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Montgomery County SPCA, a Golf Tournament and a Dinner are planned for Monday, September 21, at the Talamore Country Club in Ambler. Plan a day on the greens or an evening dinner, or both.

Event planners are seeking sponsors, golf participants and dinner guests. You may use the forms on this page, or pick up a brochure at any of our three shelters.

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Executive Director's 2008 Annual Report Highlights

This year (2009) as we celebrate our One Hundredth Anniversary, we have much to be proud of and many to thank for the successes we have achieved for animals and the community within Montgomery County. Our founders and present members of the Board of Directors have held true to the Society's Constitution, By-Laws and our mission. Our members and supporters recognized that we were truly a committed and dedicated animal welfare organization.

As an employee for the past thirty-eight years I have seen the expansion of our programs and the addition of two facilities. Most importantly I have witnessed the reduction of our annual intake of animals from over 25,000 per year in 1971, to our present intake of fewer than 12,000 per year. We now enjoy an increased adoption rate which rose from a meager 12% to an astounding rate of 96% in 2008. We attribute this to our aggressive approach to spay and neuter all pets adopted from our shelters.

Are we making a difference for the animals? The answer is unequivocally, yes! We are witnessing a dramatic increase in the community's involvement to support our work. Area schools and community service organizations too numerous to mention held fundraisers for our benefit. Our Humane Education Department had much to do with this, as did our Shelter Managers.

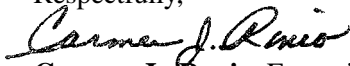
We continued to demonstrate to the community during the Riverwalk Apartment fire in Conshohocken this past August, that we are capable of responding rapidly to those animals and people who needed our help. We arrived at the fire scene at 7:00 P.M. (the fire started about 5:00 P.M.) and quickly set up an aid station. The following day our command post obtained information from the residents who had not been able to retrieve their pets from their apartments. We maintained a presence at the scene for five days. Our staff accompanied firefighters into burnt-out buildings, at great risk to themselves, looking for injured animals and rescuing several frightened pets. In all, we rescued twenty-two cats, six dogs, one turtle and one rabbit.

Our Pet Aid Program has been able to help more financially stressed pet owners maintain their pets properly during these financially troubled times. We expanded our Feral Cat Neutering and low cost Cat Neutering programs.

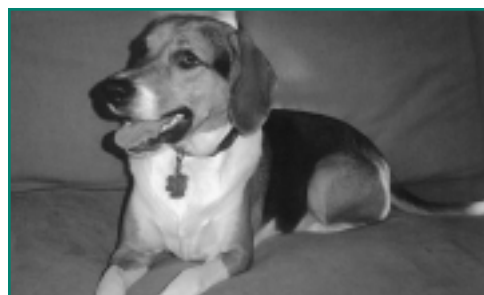
Disciplined use of donated funds including holding the line on our expenses continued in 2008.

I am pleased that we achieved solid results for the animals in 2008. We all need to remain intensely focused on achieving our goals in 2009, as they hinge on growing revenue and containing costs in this uncertain economic climate. We need to do this so that our efforts for animals and the community can continue for another century.

Respectfully,



Carmen J. Ronio, Executive Director



Alumnus, Jake



IMPORTANT SUMMER TIP

Parked Cars - Never leave your pet unattended in a parked car in the warm weather. When a dog or cat's internal body temperature rises above 104 degrees F., damage to the brain and other organs can occur, or possibly death from heat exhaustion and/or stroke. Signs of heat stress are: loud, rapid panting; rapid pulse; glazed eyes; excessive salivation;

elevated temperature; excessive whining or agitation; unsteadiness, a staggering gait, and vomiting. If your pet becomes overheated, lower the body temperature by applying ice packs or cold towels to head, neck and chest or run cool water over the body. Take your pet to a veterinarian right away. If you see an animal in a car showing signs of heat stress, call your local animal care/control agency, or call the police immediately.

Theresa Woodard, D.V.M.
Chief Veterinarian