



MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Shelters At
Perkiomenville
Conshohocken
Abington

REPORTER

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CELEBRATE

The One Hundredth Anniversary of The Montgomery County
Society For The Prevention of Cruelty To Animals

Date: September 21, 2009

Place: Talamore Country Club
723 Talamore Drive
Ambler, PA 19002

Event #1 - Golf Outing, Four Person Scramble
Check-in from 10:00 A.M. to Noon
Tee Time: 12:30 P.M.
Cost: \$150.00/person which includes
Box Lunch, Cart & Dinner

Contact: Jaclyn Macchionne or Becky Pellini at email address:
golf4pets@yahoo.com, for complete information.



Sponsorships are also being solicited for the Golf Outing

Deadline is: September 5, 2009-----Check for the Cancellation Policy

Event #2 - Dinner & Auction
Time: Approximately 6:00 P.M.
Cost: \$45.00/person

Entry Forms and Ticket Forms are available at each of the three shelters:
Conshohocken, (610) 825-0111
Perkiomenville, (610) 489-7510
Abington, (215) 886-8802

Checks are to be made out to: Montgomery County SPCA
And mailed: Golf For Pets
PO Box 41032
Philadelphia, PA 19127



Plan an afternoon on the greens and/or an evening dinner at Talamore Country Club celebrating one hundred years of service to animals and people by the Montgomery County Society For The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals!!! Proceeds from the day will benefit the sheltered animals.

Notes To The Satellites

Both our Abington and Perkiomenville Shelters received these thoughtful notes concerning the work at each site.

Executive Director, **Carmen Ronio**, appreciates the supportive words from our members and friends, especially on the occasion of our hundredth anniversary.

To Abington:

"We adopted our white pit bull mix (Sawyer) on Valentine's Day. How fitting is was because Sawyer has stolen our hearts and become an irreplaceable member of our family. We could not have asked for a better or more loving pet. Thank you all for doing a fabulous job finding forever homes."

Kate & Bill O.

To Perkiomenville:

"You are all a truly amazing group of individuals that should be applauded and appreciated for all you don on behalf of the innocent creatures you care for on a daily basis.

The animals in your care are so fortunate to have you watching over them and taking great care to place them in appropriate 'Forever Families.'

Thank you for believing in us and allowing us to adopt Lucky. He is a sweet fellow and truly loved."

Mary & Daniel H.



FALL PET TIPS

The fall season can also have hazards for your pets, so to ensure a safe and happy time, the following tips should be utilized.

Outdoor pets need to have dry shelter and fresh, clean water.

Some dogs and cats shed their summer coats during the fall. Pay special attention to hair coats and frequently brush your pet to avoid matting.

Outdoor cats and kittens will search for a warm place to sleep, which includes car and truck engines. Before starting your engine, knock on the hood or honk your horn.

Antifreeze smells and tastes sweet. If an animal ingests even a small amount, it can fatally harm your pet. Thoroughly clean up any spills, and store antifreeze in tightly closed containers where pets cannot get into it. If you suspect antifreeze poisoning, immediately contact your veterinarian or poison center. The Poisoning Control Hotline is 1-888-426-4435.

Leaving your pets outside on Halloween is not a good idea. Dogs and cats can scare easily with all the trick-or-treaters coming to your house. As much as your dog or cat may beg for your Halloween candy, it is not good for your pet. The wrappers can get stuck in your pet's digestive tract and make them ill or cause death. Don't leave any lighted candles or Jack-O-Lanterns where pets can knock them over by a swinging tail or by a curious cat. If you dress your pet in a costume, remember that unless the dog or cat is extremely receptive to it, you could be causing it discomfort and stress. They will be under stress with people at the door constantly, so eliminate any more added nervousness. If you have an indoor party, make sure that you put your dog or cat in a room where they won't be disturbed with their own food and water. Check on them occasionally. Be careful your cat or dog does not dart out through the open door as you hand out candy. Your pet should always wear its collar or tags.

Theresa Woodard, D.V.M.
Chief Veterinarian

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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.

MEMBERSHIPS

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Benefactor \$100.00 Life \$500.00

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ALL FOR THE ANIMALS

The following children and young people made cash donations and donations of pet supplies for our sheltered animals. They conducted all sorts of projects and donated funds and goods from their own allowances and birthdays.

Mary Balla • Mary Bardy • Olivia Bartrand • Taylor Beyer • Will Byron • Casette, Maddie & Allie • Ryan Cramer • Miss Doebly & Friends • Victoria Fasold • Brittany Fazio & the C.E.S. Animal Club Cluster • Ben Forman • Natalie Fried, Ally & Emily Giangiulio & Emma Cullen • Reed Garrett • Brittney Gehringer • Amanda Geiser • Susan & Ori Ginsberg • Claudia Gold • Naomi Grigorhan & Jillian Condran • Derek Herman • Sarah & Christine Hill & Isabella Merry • Hanna Keane • Heidi Klass • Alina Koniiencki • Adam, Alexandra & Hannah Kuper • Charlotte & Madeleine Stahlecker • Laura Levy • Megan Linderman • Maddy & Katie Little • Andrea Ludivico • Clarissa Marks • Sammy Mason • Morgan Mifflin • Sean Monaghan • Gage Monsell • Athena Marie Nazzaro • Julia Picchioni & Evan, Lindsey & Natalie Berman • Olivia Potok • Heather & Shannon Regan & Angela Henkel • Mia Ressler • Julia Robinson, Olivia St. John & Montana Tierney • Gia Sanders • Grace Scheuser • Jacob Schiel • Peter Sena • Jacob Shapiro • Alison Stelling • Hailey & Hannah Stock & Kyla Broggi • Kyle Stuart & Kevin Vandegrift • Meridith Sugita • Maia & Nadia Taramta & Mattie Peck • Three Girls from Trinity Lutheran Church • Dona & Claire Timmeney-Trecy • Anna Vogel • Maddie Ward • Michael Webb • Jillian Williamson • Emma Wilson & Jillian Poppert and Thomas Wodley.

CARE CONQUERS CRUELTY

Beaten Puppy Finding a Better Life

On June 16th, the **Norristown Police** responded to a call regarding a man who was beating a dog on a Marshall Street parking lot. Witnesses later testified that they saw a young man beating a puppy with a stick, but when the perpetrator saw that he was being watched, he fled the scene.

When the police arrived at the parking lot they found the severely injured dog lying on its right side. The puppy was still breathing but obviously needed special care. The police alerted our Conshohocken Shelter that they were bringing the injured canine to us. Care started as soon as the young canine was admitted. Later the police searched the area for the described attacker but could not find him.

Subsequent x-rays showed that the puppy suffered broken front and rear left legs, which explained why she was lying on her right side. As specialized orthopedic surgery was needed we took the puppy to a local veterinary specialist who performed the orthopedic surgical procedures for the young tan and gray mixed German Shepherd. Executive Director, **Carmen J. Ronio**, states, "The cost of \$3600.00 for the surgery assures the positive recovery of this cruelly treated creature placed into our protective care." Mr. Ronio added that we will continue to do everything possible to aid the puppy.

Staff members give the daily required attention to the puppy, plus their own TLC, and report that her progress is encouraging, happy, and typical of a maturing puppy. Staff members are calling the dog, "Rain," because the friendly canine came to us on one of the many recent days of inclement weather. Her accompanying picture shows how well she is doing.

Abigail Silverman, Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney, informed Carmen that her office will cooperate with us if there are any future developments regarding the beating of the puppy.

Update: A ten-year old boy was apprehended and charged with beating the puppy.



Rain

Community Contributions

The following organizations presented cash donations and/or contributions of pet food and pet supplies.

1. Altec Advance Lane Training & Employment Corporation, Colmar, Karen Hollenshead & Diane Geary.
2. The Corner Shoppe, Gilbertsville, Lisa-Emery-Fogel.
3. Doctor Drill Instructor Program, Lansdale. (see picture)
4. Horsham Valley Golf Club, Harry Barbin
5. The Shoppes at Upper Hanover, East Greenville, Rachael Demeter
6. West Laurel Hill Cemetery, R.R. Bringhurst Co., Bala Cynwyd, Sarah Bonice
7. William Jeanes Library, Whitmarsh

We are most grateful to these organizations and their directors for their interest in animals.

FOUNDATION GRANT

Montgomery County SPCA Executive Director, **Carmen J. Ronio**, announced at the beginning of Summer, 2009, that our Society received a grant from **The Philadelphia Foundation**. The grant came from the **Arthur E. Pflaumer Fund**, managed by the Foundation and totaled, \$90,729.94. The Philadelphia Foundation's President is **R. Andrew Swinney**.

Mr. Ronio and the MC SPCA Board of Directors applied the grant funds to the highly effective Spay/Neuter program for all of our intact adopted animals. Each year thousands of adopted pets are surgically altered by our veterinary staff at no cost to the pets' new owners. Mr. Pflaumer's posthumous gift enables us to continue this beneficial program for both owners and pets alike.

Mr. Swinney's recent correspondence to Mr. Ronio included the following statement: "The Philadelphia Foundation, a public charity, is Southeastern Pennsylvania's leading center for community philanthropic engagement and is committed to improving the quality of life in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties through funds established by its donors. Established in 1918, The Philadelphia Foundation continues to help donors harness their generosity and vision by providing tools, knowledge and financial stewardship directed to maximize the strategic impact of charitable contributions. Grants from more than 775 charitable funds strengthen the effectiveness of nonprofits and support programs that are vital to the people of this region."



Executive Director Carmen Ronio with Kim Muenzel from Doctor Drill Instructor Program.

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Humane Education Programs *School Year 2009-2010*

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 and grade destinations are:

Pet Safety Awareness (Ages 3-6)	Animal Myths (Grades 4-6)
Basic Pet Care (Grades K-2)	Training Game (Grades 6-12)
Habitat (Grades 3-6)	Animal Cruelty (Grades 9 and up)
Pet Budget (Grades 4-6)	Genetics and Puppy Mills (Grades 9 and up)
Overpopulation (Grades 4-6)	

Sometimes, live animals accompany the presentations. For program questions and scheduling, please contact **Steven Conway**, Humane Educator

(610) 825-0111 ext. 34

humaneed@voicenet.com

Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

A viable charity consists of two groups of people dedicated to the chartered tenets of the organization. The first group consists of motivated directors and staff. The second group is made up of people who believe that the first group is doing a superlative job to attain the organization's goals and missions. With this belief, the second group financially supports the charity.

Hundreds of dedicated staff and board members gave their energy and exuberance to promote animal welfare during the first one hundred years of the Montgomery County SPCA. Likewise, thousands of members and friends shared their current and posthumous finances from 1909 to 2009.

Both groups with some new faces, new personalities, new ideas and new finances are in place for the animals of the Montgomery County SPCA at the start of a second century of humane service.

We therefore trust that one hundred years from now, our successors will also write about the two Montgomery County SPCA groups that made great advances for the animals between 2009 and 2109.

From The Educator's Desk

The following schools, groups and preschools made donations of cash or pet supplies to our shelters since the *Summer Reporter*:

Abington Friends School, First Grade
Arcola Intermediate School - 7th Grade
Belmont Hills Elementary, Chores for Charity
Beth Tikvah B'Nai Jeshurun, Preschool
Brookside Montessori School,
Bechtlesville, PreK & Kindergarten
Christ Lutheran Church, 4th Grade
Sunday School, Kulpsville
4-H Kit Kat Club, Pottstown
General Nash Elementary - Fifth Grade
Goddard School, Schwenksville
KinderCare of Gulph Mills
Norristown High School, Key Club
St. Christopher's Day School, Gladwyne,
Workathon
St. Mary's School, Spring Mount, First Grade
The Schoolhouse in Flourtown
Springside School for Girls
Spring-Ford Middle School, 7th Grade
Builders Club
Upper Perkiomen High School, Leo's School Club
West Broad Street Elementary,
Souderton, 5th Grade Students
York Avenue Elementary School,
Lansdale, Four 5th Graders Carnival
Girl Scout Brownie Troop #7040
Girl Scout Troop #7069

Also, special thanks to Addicted to Dance Company, Aubrey Conley, for making a Donation on behalf of Bella.



Steven Conway, Humane Educator