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2009 HOLIDAY DINNER

Here are some excerpts from four letters that Executive Director, **Carmen J. Ronio**, and Board Member, **“Cricket Roberts,”** received last year concerning the 2008 Holiday Dinner for the Animals:

“Enclosed please find our check for the Animals Holiday Dinner. It is so nice of you to make the dinner for them and I’m sure they enjoy it very much.”

Richard & Joan H.

“Mrs. Roberts, Thank you for not forgetting all the homeless animals during the Holiday Season. You really are a wonderful person for hosting the Holiday Dinner.”

The J. Family

“Carmen, please convey our heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Noma Ann Roberts (Cricket) for her time, effort, energy & loving devotion this year & throughout the years to prepare & serve the Animals Holiday Dinner.”

Jean & Doug W.

“It’s a heartwarming feeling to know that some animals in shelters get to have a special celebration for the holiday. I contribute to this cause every year and would not want to miss my chance. Will be thinking of the creatures.”

Helen F.

We feel these sincere words are creatively germane as we get ready for the 2009 Animals Holiday Dinner. Cricket Roberts will be preparing the initial feeding on Wednesday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Conshohocken Shelter.

It is our hope that many members and friends will join in this special tradition that has been observed for more than forty consecutive years. If you would like to participate in the 2009 event, you may forward your contributions to:

Holiday Dinner

Montgomery County SPCA
19 E. Ridge Pike, Box 222
Conshohocken, PA 19428-0222

A “Do Not Acknowledge” note with your gift will save return postage. THANKS.



Mrs. Roberts will also have holiday gifts available for members and friends to purchase for people or pets. The holiday tables will be set up in the Conshohocken Lobby starting on December 12 & 13, and be there through December 19 & 20. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the sheltered animals. Montgomery County SPCA sweat-shirts and T-shirts will be included as some of the possible people-type gifts.

STAFF MEMBER EARNS HER RANK AS OUR NEW HSPO

Kristina Machalette, was sworn in as our newest Humane Society Police Officer by The Honorable Thomas C. Branca. Judge Branca is a Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Judge. The appointment was made on August 10, 2009.

Two basic courses are required by law before a candidate can be appointed as an HSPO. Kristina (Tina) completed the first course, Police Officer Training One, on May 7, 2009. This training was offered by The National Animal Control Association and The Federated Humane Societies of Pennsylvania.

The second course, Pennsylvania HSPO Training Two, involves the study of Animal Husbandry. Part Two was offered by The Pennsylvania State University College of Agricultural Science. Tina completed this requirement on May 26, 2009.

Tina was hired by Executive Director, Carmen J. Ronio, in 2005. Her responsibilities included ambulance work and handling sick and injured animals. She also worked in the office area with animal adoptions along with other customer services.

Prior to her employment, Tina attended Temple Police Academy and received a Diploma in Pennsylvania Act 120 Certification. She is currently studying for an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice at Montgomery County Community College.



Executive Director, Carmen Ronio (l), and our new Humane Society Police Officer (r), Tina Machalette.

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MOTIVATED KIDS

We continue to be amazed and encouraged by the way children and young people are raising funds and supplies to help the sheltered animals in our three kennels. Many youngsters conduct special projects (including school, religious or simply, just personal), some request donations to the animals instead of birthday gifts and others have sales of various items and goods. We commend the following:

Remi Alewijne • Ellie Anders • Joel Arteaga • Haley & Mitch Bader • Olivia Bartrand • Nick Biden • Megan Bray & Sarah Witman • Emily Bwint & Erin Flynn • Becky Cohen • Noah Cox • Caroline Cramer • Nicole Drummond • Kayla Fencl • Libby Field • Maddie & Anna Gamburg • Sara Glass • Mackenzie Glassner • Grace Guie • Sophia Haegley • Maddie Henry • Lailah Israeli • Maya & Cory Keren • Leelee Kirkpatrick • Leann Kleintop • Jillian, Colin & Mallory Koble and Danielle & Mikayla DeFrancesco • Izak Kron • Dillon & Morgan & Taylor Laverdiere & Olivia DiCiccio • Samantha & Danielle Lelko & Myranda Armstrong • Chris McCauley & Lori Harrison • Allegra McKenna & Carter Castillo & Danielle & Rebecca Grafton • Ariadne Miller • AJ Murgia • Taylor Nearon • Savannah Oviedo & Elle Cagnoli & Anneliese Gergen • Mary & Allegra Pacini • Kristen Pancoast • Olivia Potok • Avery & Katelyn & Kristen Rexroad • Mikayla Ridge • Amanda Ruppert • Lila Saligman • Caroline & Anna Shelly • Fernando Spadea & Darby Spina • Susie Valerio • Victoria Walters & Brittany Vandeleur • Michael Webb and Marley Yambor.

Please see two pictures on page four.

We are grateful that members and friends in the past created bequests for the animals that were in our care. Legacies provided and permitted great progress for animals in the first century of our operations. Incumbent staff and board of directors now hope that current members and friends will thoughtfully create bequests for the animals of the future that will also need our best attention. If you have questions about posthumous planning, please contact Executive Director, Carmen J. Ronio. His telephone number is (610) 825-0111. Thank you.

Hundredth Anniversary Celebration

Talamore Hosts the Centenary Event

From the Greens to the Buffet Table



Clockwise, starting at the top: Some members of MC SPCA Board of Directors – Golfers wave from the greens – Hors d'oeuvres center – Section of raffle tables – Golfers on the greens – Center picture, "Fore" (the animals)

Photos by Christopher Langiotti

Talamore Country Club, Ambler, hosted a Golf Outing and Dinner that marked the occasion of the Montgomery County SPCA's one hundredth anniversary of its founding in 1909. On a beautiful bright sunny day, seventy-five golfers plied the Talamore Golf Course. Then these golfers were joined at 6:00 P.M. by fifty other guests for a pleasant social hour and then on to a buffet dinner in the club's main ballroom

There were three post-dinner highlights: golf awards, a special award to the SPCA's executive director, and then the raffle activity that featured close to forty donated items ranging from gift certificates to baskets of cheer, to Flyers and Phillies sports memorabilia, plus more.

The golf winners were:

First place: Stan J and Genex

Second place: Pat Murray, Rick Matricardi, Ken Keating & Ray

Third place: Joe Budash, Matt Obrien, Brad Dimming & Fran Salerno

Closest to pins: Bill Ciliberto, Luke Zelten, Bernie Bradley, Brian Trymbiski & Stacey Zelten.

Sarah Ciliberto, President of the MC SPCA's Board of Directors, presented an award plaque to The Society's Executive Director, **Carmen J. Ronio**. Carmen was recognized for his outstanding service and dedication. He has been employed for over 38 years and his responsibilities moved from office manager, to humane agent (now a Humane Society Police Officer) to operations manager, assistant administrator and then to his appointment as Executive Director in the year 2000.

Jaclyn Macchione & Becky Pellini planned and coordinated the commemorative day. They were assisted by **Jessie Cox, Colleen O'Hara, Justin Macchione** and **Mark Matricardi**.

The Tournament Sponsor was **Harro Höfliger**. The dinner Reception Sponsor was Bryn Mawr Abstract, Inc. The Beverage Station Sponsors were **Genex Services, Inc.**, and **Dunconstruction Contracting**. Additionally there were: 12 Company Hole Sponsors, 20 Pet Hole Sponsors, 12 individual General Donations and 10 businesses that presented special items for the major post-dinner raffle.

Sarah Ciliberto and Carmen Ronio expressed a very special thanks to **ALL** who sponsored and/or participated in the 100th Anniversary Celebration.

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Caring for an Older Dog



The point at which a dog qualifies as aged varies. According to published information, small breeds (less than 20 lbs) are considered senior at about 12 years of age; medium breeds (20 to 50 lbs) at about 10 years of age; large breeds (over 50 lbs) at about 8 or 9 years of age. Like people, dogs are individual in the way they age. It is not uncommon for some dogs to live over 15 years of age.

When caring for an older dog, everything should be done to keep the dog feeling as comfortable as possible. Signs of aging in a dog are easy to spot. Most dogs will start to spend more time sleeping and movement will be reduced. Some dogs will develop poor eye sight and hearing. In dark coated dogs, gray areas around the muzzle and eyes will appear. Never assume that a change in behavior or habits is simply due to old age; it may be due to treatable condition.

It is important to give lots of love and affection and keep them warm and safe. The following suggestions are recommended:

- Twice yearly veterinary checkups
- Extra care with diet (senior dog food)
- Pay close attention to teeth and nails
- Exercise depending on physical condition
- Patience and understanding when accidents occur
- Adapt you command signals (clapping can help a blind dog and visual signals can direct a deaf dog)
- Provide a constant daily routine

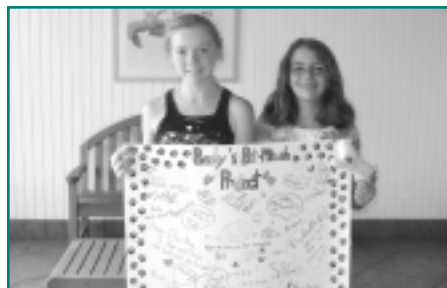
With advances in veterinary medicine and life-staging dog foods, many dogs are able to live longer and healthier lives.

Theresa Woodard, D.V.M.
Chief Veterinarian



Remember "Rain?" She is the puppy that suffered two broken legs during a cruel beating. Now named, "Rhiannon," she enjoys a new home and a new life.

Becky Cohen (r) & friend present her donation at the Conshohocken Shelter.



Nick Biden (r) presents his donations to staff member, Imaly Aponte.