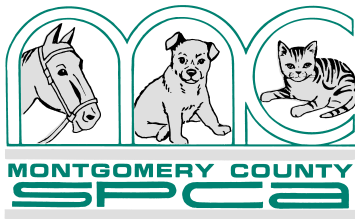


# MONTGOMERY COUNTY



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### FOOD WINTER T A L I A N S T 2005



Fun doesn't have to end with New Year's Eve. It will at least continue to **Friday Evening, January 28th, 2005**. That's the date set for the third annual *Winter Italian Food Fest and Pasta Contest*.

A good time will be had by all who attend this gala event designed to combat the winter doldrums and to raise funds for the sheltered animals of the Montgomery County SPCA. Food Fest Committee Chairwoman, **Sarah C. Smyth**, promises to members and friends who attend, the following:

*Great Italian Pasta prepared by many area restaurants*  
*Favorite pasta voting will be from 7:00 to 8:30 PM*  
*Other delicious food for all Food Fest attendees*  
*DJ and dancing from 9:00 to 11:00 PM*  
*Great raffle prizes as in past years*

The 2005 event will be held at the **Spring Mill Fire Company**, 1210 E. Hector Street, Conshohocken. Pre-event registration tickets are **\$30.00 per person**. Tickets at the door on January 28th will be **\$35.00 per person**. For more information and to sign up, please contact Sarah C. Smyth at telephone, **(610) 567-0929** or at her email, **mcspcfaiend@AOL.com**.

### A Hero Dog

A few weeks ago, executive director, **Carmen J. Ronio**, received the following stirring letter and a donation from one of our members, **Mrs. Emily Cressman**, of North Wales.

*"This donation is in honor of **Jager**, an El Preso Canerio breed, who barked at 2:00 A.M., thus waking my daughter and alerting her to the fact that the house was on fire.*

*Jager saved the lives of my daughter, son-in-law and their baby. They and Jager safely got out of the house, which was completely destroyed in about a half hour.*

*Thank God for this wonderful dog."*

Carmen thanked Mrs. Cressman for the donation, and also acknowledged the unique act of canine heroism that saved family lives.

A reminder to **all** dog owners. It's that time to buy a 2005 dog license. You may need a new one, or you may need to renew one. The Pennsylvania Dog Law mandates that, "All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed." Dog licenses may be purchased at any one of our three shelters – Conshohocken, Abington and Perkiomenville.

**Kimberley Bonanni**, Montgomery County SPCA Mardi Paw coordinator, regretfully announces that the **2005 Mardi Paw**, scheduled for Saturday evening, February 26th, is **cancelled**.

## True Talent For Her Favorite Charity

**Sarah Schwartz** of Horsham, sent this following note through our Abington Shelter.

*"I began my Bat Mitzvah project about three years ago when I decided that I wanted to do something special to be really involved in this wonderful event. As a talented artist, I thought it would be a great idea to create the centerpieces for the reception. I knew it would be a difficult ordeal, but I was prepared for this great endeavor. I worked hard at art school and in my own art studio in my house, and I made 25 centerpieces. They varied in style and design: some were sculptures, some were glass designs, and some were candles. I even made one porcelain doll/marionette. Then my parents came up with the great idea of having a silent auction during the party and donate the proceeds to my favorite charity. Since I was planning to spend some time at the S.P.C.A., I decided to donate the proceeds to this wonderful organization.*

*The silent auction was a hit and all but three centerpieces were purchased. The final bids ranged in value from \$10.00 to as much as \$85.00. We raised almost \$700.00 for the S.P.C.A. Some of my mother's clients (she owns Hamilton Animal Hospital) thought this was such a great idea that they made some generous contributions. I think the mitzvah project was a great success and people got to enjoy my artwork as well as contribute to a good cause."*

**Carmen Ronio**, MC SPCA executive director, congratulates, praises and thanks Sarah. He congratulates Sarah on her religious accomplishment, he praises her for her marvelous creativity (see photos) and expresses his gratitude for her concern for the animals in our care.



*One of Sarah's lamps.*



*Sarah's glass design.*

### COMMUNITY CAPITAL

The board of directors and staff of the Montgomery County SPCA thank the following community groups and individuals for recent donations:

*Donation from the **Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.***

*Fish bowl donation from **Upper Dublin Community Day.***

*Third cash donation in 2004 from 11 year-old **Katherine Peterson.***

*Pet Show proceeds and pet supplies from **Mount St. Joseph Academy.***

*Cash proceeds from **Donna Sommers and Whole Foods Store Community Day.***

*And from these kids in lieu of birthday gifts:*

***Carly Waldman (7),** cash and pet food.*

***Madeline Napierkowski (10),** cash donation.*

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## First 2005 Feline Spay/Neuter Day

The first 2005 feline spay/neuter day will be held on **Saturday, February 12, 2005**. The surgical procedures will be performed at the Conshohocken Shelter, 19 E. Ridge Pike, Conshohocken. The veterinary staff will be able to neuter **40 male cats** and **30 female cats** that day. The cost will be **\$25.00 per female cat** and **\$20.00 per male cat**.

Humane educator, **Kimberley Bonanni**, and staff veterinarians **Dr. Trina Russell** and **Dr. Theresa Woodard**, are coordinating this special public service for Montgomery County residents who have not had their pet cats altered. Each eligible cat is required to have a current rabies vaccination certificate.

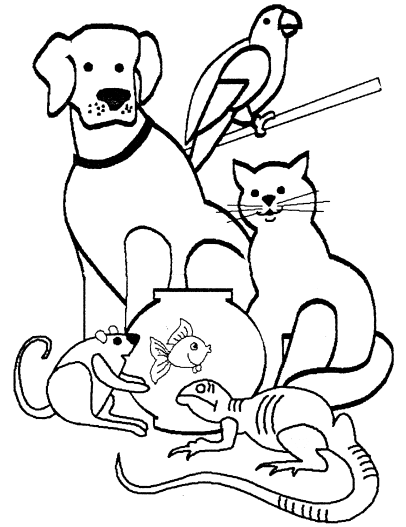
Appointments must be made by calling **(610) 825-0111**. Specific information and directions will be provided to pet owners at the time they call the Conshohocken Shelter office. If you miss this first spay/neuter day, there will be several future feline spay/neuter dates in 2005 that will be announced in this bulletin or through media coverage.

## *In The Saint's Footsteps*

**Saint Francis of Assisi** is the western world's prime example of a human being who exemplified love for animal life. The thirteenth century monk and founder of The Franciscan Order of The Roman Catholic Church is known as the patron saint of animals.

St. Francis' Parish and School in Norristown, offers us a present-day example of the famous cleric's humane concern for animals, not only in name but also in deed. Recently, **The Rev. Father Kevin C. Trautner**, pastor of the church and school, led a parish wide project to donate pet food and pet supplies to the Montgomery County SPCA. He requested donations through his parish bulletin and also via the faculty and students of his parochial school.

When our humane educator, **Kimberley Bonanni**, presented an educational program to the parish school students, Father Trautner had a van-full of pet food and pet supplies ready to give to Kim. In his message to Kim, Father Trautner stated that the gifts were in memory of his late cat, Bridget, (he also has a new pet cat) and in honor of St. Francis. The priest concluded by saying, "We thank you (Montgomery County SPCA) for the kindness that you show to all of God's creatures."



*Clip art accompanying Father Trautner's letter to MC SPCA.*

## **Trooper Vet Fall Gala Helps Our Four-Footed Sheltered Residents**

**Trooper Veterinary Hospital** held an Open House in early October for its clients and friends. The proceeds raised at the affair were donated to the Montgomery County SPCA. Our humane society police officer, **Rhonda Davies** attended the Open House and joined in all of the fun activities at the veterinary hospital site. When all the proceeds for the day were counted, **Wendy Uba**, Trooper Hospital Administrator, forwarded a check in the amount of \$639.00 to our humane educator, **Kimberley Bonanni**.

**Carmen J. Ronio**, MC SPCA executive director, expressed his special gratitude to all of the staff members at Trooper Veterinary Hospital for dedicating the proceeds of their affair to our sheltered animals at Conshohocken, Perkiomenville and Abington. Carmen also notes his appreciation for the friendly and excellent professional relationship between our two organizations.



*Trooper Veterinary Hospital Staff*

## *In Memoriam*

On October 13, 2004, **Lt. Colonel Mark Phelan**, died in the line of duty in Iraq. Col. Phelan had completed a year's tour of duty in Iraq with the 416th Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve Civil Affairs group with its headquarters in Norristown. He volunteered for a second tour of Iraq duty, continuing his work as a civil affairs officer at the time of his death. His Iraqi work involved the development and recovery of small national businesses.

Col. Phelan resided in the Green Lane area of Salford Township. He is survived by his wife, **Brenda M. Phelan** and daughter, **April Klitsch**.

The Phelans loved animals and Mrs. Phelan stated that they had rescued dogs from our SPCA shelter. Before Col. Phelan returned to Iraq, he worked on his Green Lane barn that was to house more animals. After the colonel's burial in Arlington National Cemetery, the family designated memorial gifts to the Montgomery County SPCA.

**Carmen J. Ronio**, executive director of the Montgomery County SPCA, salutes a fallen hero and extends The Society's gratitude to the Phelan family for the memorial gifts being received in Col. Mark Phelan's name.

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## *In This Issue...*

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*And, much more*

## Comedy & Pet Theatre



Gregory Popovich and his trained animals will appear at the Keswick Theatre on Saturday, March 12, 2005. The one Comedy & Pet Theatre Show was so popular in 2004 that in 2005 The Keswick will sponsor two shows on March 12th. The first performance is scheduled for 2:00 P.M. and the second show will start at 7:30 P.M.

The pets are a huge hit of the show and happily each dog, cat and small mammal was rescued from SPCA's and animal shelters across our nation.

In addition to the entertainment, The Keswick Theatre asks all guests to bring and donate canned pet food items to our Montgomery County SPCA at each show. Last year the donated pet food almost filled our Abington ambulance.

Tickets are \$14.50 for adults and \$11.50 for children 12 and younger. The Keswick Theatre is located at Easton Road and Keswick Avenue in Glenside. Theatre phone is (215) 572-7650 or online at [www.keswicktheatre.com](http://www.keswicktheatre.com).

Montgomery County SPCA staff members, **Kimberley Bonanni** and **Christopher Langiotti** are coordinating the event from our side. Keswick Theatre staffers working with us are, **Janice DeMarco** and **Jennifer Geisz**.

In the past, a number of our members and friends thoughtfully left bequests for the Montgomery County SPCA animals. With YOUR help, the future will be bright for the creatures that cannot speak for themselves. Please consider a bequest for the animals in your Will. Thank you.

### Winter Adoption Hours

Monday - Friday	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

*Keep the Humane Spirit Alive  
in Year Two Thousand and Five*