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Open Your Heart and Home

SPCA reunites pup with owner after three years on the loose!



Left to Right—Marlene Nolan, Sharyn Novak, Lauren Dinneen, Angela Tortorice

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Microchipping & Vaccination Clinics:

- * Clinics to begin April 1st, First Tuesday of the month. 5/6-6/3-7/1-8/5
- * 555 Sandy Bank Road from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- * Vaccines: Rabies \$5.00, Distemper, \$5.00 and Microchip \$25.00 includes registration
- * Vaccinate and Microchip your animals today!

Chandler Bing the cute, fluffy pup, was not so cute and fluffy when he was found on the Widener Campus this past November. Three students noticed the lost pup wandering around campus. The concerned students took him in, cleaned him up and brought him to the Delaware County SPCA to be adopted to a good home. Little did they know what a good deed they had done. Sharyn Novak, front desk manager, scanned Chandler for any signs of a microchip, and up came his microchip ID number. She promptly called the company that stores the owners information. Sharyn immediately called the dog's owner, Mrs. Marlene Nolan, who couldn't believe her ears! "I don't believe it" she said, "it can't be Chandler after all these years". Chandler Bing had been missing for three years. Marlene and Chandler were out walking in Rose Tree Park in November 2004, when Chandler saw a bunny and he bolted after it, leaving his owner holding his leash with collar still attached. Checking with the SPCA on a regular basis with no luck, she gave up. When asked where she thought he was, She said "he went to college".

SPCA Partners with Media Theatre for 101 Dalmatians in April



Disney's delightful classic "101 Dalmatians" will be seen live onstage at the Media Theatre weekends throughout April. Children and teens will portray the Dalmatians, Boxers, Chihuahuas, Poodles and Scotties. This musical will be fun for the whole family. Broadway actress, Therese Walden Murphy, will play Cruella DeVil in this production, and Bill Tyson, SPCA Board member, has fun as one of her henchmen. The SPCA's outreach volunteers will be at the theatre each week before and after each performance with wonderful animals for adoption. "101 Dalmatians" can be seen Sunday, April 6th at 3:00pm, and Saturdays, April 12, 19, and 26th at 11:00 am. For ticket information call the Media Theatre at 610-891-0100, or visit www.mediatheatre.org.

Left to right—Fran Franchi, SPCA Director of Development, Nicole Wilson, SPCA, Executive Director, Bill Tyson, SPCA, Board Member, Jesse Cline, Media Theatre, Artistic Director, Patrick Ward, Executive Director, Emily Smith, Media Theatre Student, Pierce the Dalmatian was adopted from the SPCA.

What's new at the SPCA from the Executive Director



Nicole Wilson, Executive Director

During 2007, we made numerous strides toward becoming a greater community resource for Delaware County residents. In 2008, we are building on these achievements with a number of new initiatives.

Perhaps the largest immediately visible change is our creation of an animal control service for local municipalities. In an effort to streamline animal care services and establish a continuity of service for the animals, we have submitted contract proposals to a number of municipalities for animal control. Currently, we have nine municipalities with more signing on every month. Additionally, we are working with Delaware County's Consortium of Governments (COG) group to provide a unified animal control code for county municipalities.

Our surgical suite and isolation renovation project is a source of great anticipation for staff and volunteers alike. More than just the structural changes we have created, a much needed ventilation system has been installed in order to provide a better system of circulating fresh and thereby healthier air for our isolation areas as well as the surgical suite. This should reduce the spread of certain illnesses and thus improve overall health of our animals in isolation.

Our foster and volunteer program has grown leaps and bounds within the past year and we look to even greater numbers this year. This could not have been accomplished without Linnea Hermanson, our volunteer coordinator, and Dayna Boginsky, our foster coordinator. Due to the dedication of these individuals and those who work with them we are providing better services for our animals and their adopters.

With the surgical suite completed we can now offer more resources to local non profit groups who are assisting with local spay/ neuter efforts for the feral cat population. We will also provide no cost spay/neuters to those individuals on public assistance who provide proof of financial need. We look to these initiatives to reduce the number of stray and owner surrendered animals coming into our facility.

I cannot help but look toward the future of our shelter with great excitement. With your assistance, the new programs we have established and expansion of our existing programs will allow this organization to realize our full potential.

Tips for a Fun and Safe Summer for your Pets

- Make sure your pet has protection from sun and heat, and plenty of fresh water. Heat stroke can be fatal to pets as well as people.
- Leaving your pet unattended outside even for a few minutes, places him or her at risk of theft or harm.
- Take care when exercising your pet, adjust the intensity and duration in accordance with the temperature. Be especially careful with short nosed dogs like pugs and bulldogs. Their facial conformation makes it difficult for them to cool their bodies by panting.
- Don't chain or tether your dog. Chaining allows no opportunity for exercise or socialization and when done for long periods of time can lead to behavior problems.
- Set aside time everyday to walk or play ball with your dog.
- Keep cats indoors. Cats who are permitted to go outdoors are at greater risk of disease and injury from vehicles or other animals.
- Dogs and cats are at an increased risk of contracting heartworm during the summer. Transmitted by a bite from an infected mosquito.
- Never leave your pet unattended in a parked car. On warm days the temperature inside your car can reach 120 degrees, even with the windows slightly cracked.
- Spaying and neutering is important. It helps to reduce the pet population, especially in the spring and summer months when we are filled to capacity with unwanted litters of puppies & kittens.

If you see an animal being neglected please contact our Humane Officer, Bill Vernon at 610-566-1370 X 214

Congressman Sestak visits the SPCA

Dedicated volunteers, Linnea Hermanson and Samantha Fromme, show Congressman Joseph Sestak (D-7th district) and daughter ,Alex, the Cat Adoption Room and kitties up for adoption. Alex a big animal advocate asked her dad to take her to the Delaware County SPCA to see the dogs and cats up for adoption. She arrived with her Dalmatian handbag stuffed with a Dalmatian puppy. Excited and thrilled to be among the puppies and kittens she was a little shy for the camera. Congressman Sestak was impressed with the amount of activity, adoptions and the public there to view the animals on a Saturday evening. **“I am proud of the Delaware County SPCA’s work in ensuring that pets up for adoption will have good homes. It is a very impressive operation. Thank you for all you do,”** said Congressman Sestak.



Open Your Hearts and Homes to a Homeless Animal like China



China, sweet and full of love!

Meet China she is a sweet, lovable, energetic dog. You would never know that China had to have her leg amputated because her owners neglected to give her the proper veterinary care she needed after being hit by a car. Our Humane Officer had to step in and take China in order to save her. She is now warm and safe at the Delaware County SPCA, waiting for a loving and caring family to adopt her. Her incision where the leg was amputated is healing nicely. China doesn't even act like she only has three legs. She runs and jumps with ease, and if you didn't see her from the left side you might not even notice. She is a beautiful tan and white Pit Bull Terrier. Her situation has not broken her sweet spirit! We have many animals through out the year where we spend thousands of dollars on veterinary care for dogs like China, and cats who are neglected, abused or stray. It is because of your kindness and generosity that we are able to care for China and give her the opportunity at a second chance in life. Come out and see China and the many other furry friends here at the SPCA. They are waiting for someone like you!



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Check out our
new website!

History

Board of Directors:

Ann Morris, President
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Save the date

Upcoming Events

April 6, 12, 19, 26th SPCA
and Media Theatre partner
for 101 Dalmatians

April 26th—Fashion Show and
Luncheon, Drexelbrook

May 3rd—Triple Play Cleanup Day
with Comcast, Conoco Philips &
Crozer-Keystone Health System

May 3rd & 4th—Pet Adoptathon

June—Adopt a Cat Month

September—Fall Festival

go to www.delcospca.org for more
information on events

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