
HUMANE SOCIETY NEWS

Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc.

Spring/Summer, 2022

On-Going Work by the HSWC

Again this past year, the Humane Society has operated under less than optimal conditions. Despite everything, we continue to serve animals and their caretakers in Wyoming County.

- Our humane officer continues responding to the sad number of calls we receive on domestic animal abuse, neglect, and mistreatment. One recent case: a woman in Lake Winola was found guilty of neglecting two cats which badly needed veterinary care. Some cases required additional investigation by county detectives and/or police working with our humane officer.
- We receive approximately 20 telephone calls each week, including reports of abuse, requests for spay/neuter information, and dozens of animal-related questions (some of which must be referred to another appropriate agency or to a veterinarian).
- Our spay/neuter program continued, assisting low-income pet owners in obtaining spay or neuter services for their dogs or cats, and helping spay or neuter some feral cat populations.
- The HSWC received two grants last year: one from the Sheldon Family Foundation to help support the cost of our humane officer, and one from the Robert H. Spitz Foundation to help fund our spay and neuter outreach. Thank you to those foundations!
- Severely injured animals for whom no owner could be found were provided medical treatment.
- As always, administrative work continued, with more grant applications being submitted, tax returns filed, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania required paperwork submitted, and an audit of our Pennsylvania Workmen's' Compensation filing successfully completed.
- Pet food was supplied to local food pantries to assist struggling pet owners. **If you find yourself in an emergency**, pet food is available at Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Wyoming County Food Pantry/CEO (all of Tunkhannock), the Factoryville United Methodist Church, and the Lake Winola United Methodist Church.

Rabies Clinic Update

The Humane Society of Wyoming County reminds all dog and cat guardians that rabies vaccinations are **mandatory** in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. World-wide, more than 59,000 people die from rabies every year. Thankfully, our country is not a major contributor to that awful statistic, thanks to mandatory pet vaccination requirements.

We are hoping to be able to run a low-cost clinic this summer. Please watch for updates on date, venue, and times. We will have information on our answering machine (570-836-4745), on our webpage (www.hswcPA.org), and on our Facebook group page as soon as information is available.

New Facebook Page Information

Due to many on-going technical difficulties, our old Facebook page is not currently operating. We have started a Facebook group. Keep up on events, news, lost and found pets, etc., by logging on to:

www.facebook.com/groups/517303382695548

Help us help them:

- * Contact us (or local police) if you witness animal abuse. Calls are confidential.
- * Make sure your pet is always wearing an I.D. tag. (We receive many calls on found pets, and would be able to return them home quickly if only they had on proper ID!)
- * Prepare a disaster plan that includes your pet.
- * Be sure all your pets are spayed or neutered to fight pet overpopulation.
- * Adopt your next pet from a shelter or rescue rather than purchasing one.
- * If you shop on Amazon, indicate our name under the "Amazon Smile" program, as we receive a donation for each purchase made.
- * Consider a bequest to the HSWC in your will.

Check Your Mailing Address Label

Do we have your correct mailing address? Please check your label. Also, if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, we will remove your name. All changes may be left as a message at (570) 836-4745.

Important Reminder . . .

2022 dog licenses were due by law on January 1st. If you haven't yet purchased your dog license, please do so immediately. This will help you avoid a fine and provide identification should your dog become lost. Wyoming County dog licenses are available at the courthouse, as well as designated area businesses. All dogs 3 months and older must be licensed each year. Discounts are available for spayed or neutered pets, and for senior or disabled owners. (Yet another reason to spay or neuter your dog!)

Humane Society members and volunteers desperately needed!

Animal Abuse Affects People as Well as Pets

Statistics show that 48% of domestic abuse victims delay leaving abusive situations because they can't take their pet with them. 70% of women in domestic violence shelters report that their abuser threatened, injured, or killed a pet as a means of control. The Purina Company and Red Rover have joined forces to address this issue by working to create more pet-friendly domestic violence shelters. Currently 48 out of 50 states have at least one domestic violence shelter that allows pets. For more information, search "The Purple Leash Project" on-line.

Help birds and wildlife! Keep cats indoors to protect songbirds and wildlife. Be extra careful this time of year when driving, as many animals are on the move and younger animals are abundant. Stay alert and safe!

Pet Obesity

Recent studies indicate that over 50% of pets in the United States are currently overweight or obese. Talk to your veterinarian about proper pet food types and amounts, and exercise requirements for your particular animal. We all love our pets, but be sure we are not loving them to death with an overabundance of treats and food.

Dog / Cat Bank Program

Thank you to the many merchants who allow us to place our animal bank collection canisters at their locations. Your spare change donated at the check-out helps us a lot. Merchants participating include:

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| Marty's Market (2 locations) | Samario's Pizza |
| Center Moreland Deli | Penn Mart/Dunkin' Donuts |
| Hoagie Hut | Bartron's John Deere |
| Burger King | Creekside Animal Hospital |
| Gay's True Value | Germana's Pizza (Nicholson) |
| Bluhm's, Laceyville | Smith's Country Store |
| Laceyville Hardware | Bowman's Creek Service Center |
| Vern's Agway | Citgo |
| McCain Electric | Cigarette Outlet |
| D&C Fuel (2 locations) | Pump 'N' Pantry (4 locations) |
| NAPA Auto Parts (2 locations) | Kintner's Olde Mill |
| J's Pizza, Lake Winola | Dollar Tree |
| Curry Donuts | |

Please support these fine local merchants. When you have some spare coins, drop them into one of our friendly (and hungry) dog or cat banks. We appreciate it!

2022 Membership Application for The Humane Society of Wyoming County Inc.

Yes! I am interested in becoming a member of the Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc., for the year 2022. My membership will run from June 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023.

I will receive a membership card and newsletter (all membership categories). Individual and family members (adult heads of house within family) will receive voting privileges at the October general membership meeting (for election of officers and board members).

Return the completed form and check or money order (payable to "The Humane Society of Wyoming County, Inc.") to P.O. Box 478, Tunkhannock, PA 18657-0478.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Membership Category: (check one)

_____ \$10 individual

_____ \$20 family membership

_____ \$1 student membership (grade 12 or younger)

\$_____ I wish to make an additional contribution to the Humane Society of Wyoming County (or I just want to help but not become a member)

Your donations fund education, cruelty investigations, emergency response, spay/neuter assistance, pet food donations to local food pantries, etc.

New!!! _____ Please save money for the animals. Do not send a thank you letter or membership card. I will still receive newsletters/voting rights.

Please support your humane society by becoming a member today! We are a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible as provided in Section 170 of the federal tax code. All work performed by officers and Board members is voluntary—no salaries or benefits are provided. (Our humane officer is the only paid employee within our organization.)

Memorial & Honorary Donations Noted

The Humane Society of Wyoming County gratefully acknowledges the following memorial and/or honorary donations:

- * In memory of Constance Scanlon from the following: William Quinn; Susan McGovern; Karen & Thomas Robinson; Joan Hutchinson; Marie Gabura; Sharon Smith; Trish Lawlor & Sherri Bassner; Marcia & Jeff Pelburg; and Bonnie Miner.
- * In memory of Jeanette Corby from Sharon Brody and from David & Trudy Cook.
- * In memory of Toul, the senior goose, from Beth Gallagher and from Catherine Noreika.
- * In memory of Max, beloved dog of Cheryl Sands & Gary VanVraken, from Janet & Bill Shaw.

- * In memory of Snoop, beloved rescue dog, from the D'Ulisse family.
- * "Betty White Challenge" donations from Catherine Noreika, Dorothy Williams, Abington Veterinary Center, and Bill & Gail Sickles.
- * In memory of canine Mattie and feline Brittie Sue, beloved pets of Sheila Clementoni, from Janet & Bill Shaw.
- * In memory of Peabo, sweet guinea pig of the Sickles family, from Catherine Noreika and from Beth Gallagher.
- * In appreciation of the HSWC's care of Melvin Jefferson's cat during his hospital stay, from Anne Balducci.

Please note: If we have inadvertently missed any memorials, please notify us and they will be included in the next newsletter.

And thank you to the following for special donations:

- Wyoming County Democratic Women's Society, for a cash donation and for pet food collected during their food drive.
- Back Mountain Kennel Club for financial support.
- Endless Mountains Veterinary Center in Tunkhannock, for their holiday tree fund raiser, which earned over \$300 for the HSWC.
- Williams Pipeline Company, Tunkhannock and Tulsa, Oklahoma, for donations from their employees.
- Wyoming Country Treasurer's Office, for a \$200 donation from their Christmas stocking project.

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