



So much has happened lately, we're getting squirrely to tell you. You're a busy person so we'll keep it short and sweet. Here are a few newsy nuggets especially for you!

The Numbers

WOW! Thanks to you, word is getting out that there's spay/neuter help for low-income pet owners who live in Onondaga County. As of today, [nearly 835 pets](#) have been fixed! It's all because of your donations and your sharing. YOU are terrific at getting the word out.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

And hats off to our trusted veterinary partners at [Spay and Neuter Syracuse \(SANS\)](#). You and SANS and Fixing to Help - what a team we make together!

Let's keep up the great work!

LOOK what your sharing did!

Year Ending	Cats	Dogs	Total
11/18/2019	88	124	212
11/18/2020	288	132	420
05/03/2021	140	53	193
TOTAL	516	309	825

Because of your shares and donations,
825 very loved pets have been spayed or neutered.
THANK YOU!

Your friends at Fixing to Help 315-729-8691



Please help the next family. Pay it "furward!" No amount is too small to make a difference for someone's much loved family pet!

Our Kitty (not the furry type)

Many kind souls have asked how you can donate to help "pay it furward." Finally, there's a Donate button for you right on our Facebook page. Every donation, no matter how large or small, is worth a million to a pet waiting to be fixed. Check it out! Try it out!

*** [Donate Here!](#) ***

And speaking of checking, folks can send checks or money orders to:

Fixing to Help

PO Box 194

Manlius, NY 13104

THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Speak Out or Lose Out!

The Syracuse Police Department is considering getting rid of their Animal Cruelty Unit. Instead, they're looking to outsource cruelty services. That means they'd contract with an outside agency for part-time coverage at best. What a loss that would be to residents of the city - and beyond! [Read about it HERE.](#)

SPEAK OUT OR LOSE OUT

Syracuse's Animal Cruelty Unit is on the chopping block.

Contact these people today!

Syracuse Police Chief Kerton Buckner
315.442.5560 or
kbuckner@syracusepolice.org

Mayor Ben Walsh 315.448.6005 or
Mayor@cityofsyracuse.org

Deputy Chief Joseph Gecic
jgecic@syracusepolice.org

Deputy Chief Richard Trudell
rtrudell@syracusepolice.org

Let them know how you feel about this pending loss to our animals and our community! Do it today!

Outsourcers do important work. But they're peace officers and do not have as much authority as Syracuse police officers. They may make lower-level arrests in cruelty cases. However, NYS law and their agency's contract limit the actions they can take.

Let our leaders know how important the Animal Cruelty Unit is to people and pets alike. [Contact:](#)

* **Syracuse Police Chief Kenton**

Buckner (315.442.5250

or kbuckner@syracusepolice.org)

* **Mayor Ben Walsh** (315.448.8005

or Mayor@SyrGov.net)

* **Deputy Chief Joseph**

Cecile: jcecile@syracusepolice.org

* **Deputy Chief Richard**

Trudell: rtrudell@syracusepolice.org.



What have we got to lose?

1. A full-time animal cruelty officer authorized to deal with any criminal activity she encounters.
2. Full-time connection with neighbors, linking them to services they may need for their pet's safety and health as well as for their own.
3. Full-time work preventing abuse before it starts and helping people become better pet owners.
4. Full-time dedication to bringing animal abusers to justice.
5. Ongoing collaboration with outside agencies, government entities, and animal advocacy groups.
6. Full-time accountability, accessibility, and commitment to the animals and people of Syracuse.

That's too much to lose!



[Cuse Pit Crew](#) has started a Change.org petition to reinstate and fund the Animal Cruelty Unit of the Syracuse Police Department. If you want to add your support, [CLICK HERE](#).

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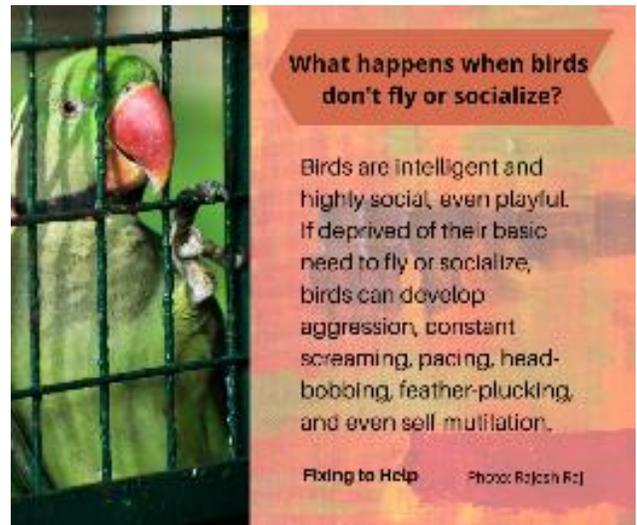
No worries, this isn't really a test and no one's keeping score. Still, it's kind of neat to see whether what we think we know about animal cruelty is on target. We knew a lot of the answers, but definitely not all. We had to toddle over to Google to find some. Boy, did we learn a lot! The pet trade can be a tough place for animals!

Want to quiz yourself? Fixing to Help is family-friendly, so our cruelty questions are a great activity to do with the older kids. (The pages are good conversation starters and there are no gory photos.)

Below is a sampling of the questions and answers. You can tackle all 29 questions or a few at a time right [HERE](#). Go for it!

Fighting animal cruelty **never** gets a day off. As always, if you see or suspect something, say something!

<p>Does intentional cruelty raise any red flags?</p> <p>Intentional cruelty purposely deprives an animal of what it needs to live or it inflicts pain. It signals that abusers may have already been victims of violence themselves ... or are likely to commit more violence on animals or escalate to people.</p> <p><small>Photo by Kelly</small> <small>Photo by Kelly</small></p>	<p>True or False: Reptiles make easy starter pets.</p> <p>That couldn't be further from the truth. Reptiles need lots of space and a specialized diet with foraging challenges. Their home should support varying activities and climates. A heat lamp is not enough. It's hard to detect when they are ill. Surviving is not the same as thriving!</p> <p><small>Photo: Shwath G</small> Fixing to Help</p>



Lights! Camera! Action!

Have you caught What's the Buzz! yet? Now's your chance! Introducing...the world premiere of Fixing to Help's video series, What's the Buzz! The first episode features none other than Animal Cruelty Officer, Tara Kalil.



When Tara agreed to be the guest star of Episode 1, none of us (including Tara) knew that Syracuse's Animal Cruelty Unit would be going on the cutting block. Tara is retiring in July after 20 years of outstanding and life-saving service to the people and pets of Syracuse. We wish her the very best in her new endeavor serving the people of Onondaga County.

Thank you, Tara. We will miss you!

So without further ado, **LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!**

How do I report Animal Abuse?

We leave you for now with this [Link](#) to a larger version of the poster on the right, a listing of who to call or email to report animal abuse in Onondaga County. Remember, your calls are confidential.



How do I report animal abuse?

When an animal or person is in immediate danger, it's an emergency. Call 911!

For all other animal abuse calls:

In Syracuse, call Syracuse Police Department's Animal Cruelty Investigator Tara Kalil 315-442-5336 or email her at animalcruelty@syracusepolice.org.

Outside of Syracuse, in most of Onondaga County and all of Oneida and Madison Counties and the Town of Hastings call CNYSPCA at 315-454-3469 or email crueltyinvestigations@cnyspca.org.

Whenever you cannot reach your local authorities, call 911 for assistance.

Fixing to Help

Your support means the world to us. Because of you, good things are happening for pets and families in our community.

Stay in touch. [Donate](#) if you can.

Follow us on Facebook.

Call if you need (315-729-8691). Send photos.

You're the best and we're here for you!

Your friends at Fixing to Help,

Marcia, Tracey, Danielle, Deanna, and Nancy