

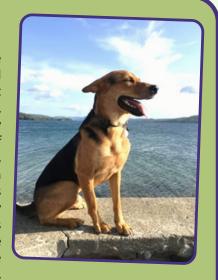


## PAW STREET JOURNAL

### Letters from Home...

### REESE

At the onset of the pandemic we found ourselves facing a lot of sudden changes. Amongst the many was the sudden loss of our recently rescued, 10 year old golden boy; his name was Mars. Though we only had a couple of years with him, we were devastated to lose a part of our family.



When we were ready to adopt again, we searched aimlessly for the right pup with no luck. Almost every shelter we contacted gave no response. Frustrated we were ready to give up. On a whim, a family recommendation lead us to the Wyoming County SPCA and we found our boy, Reese.

A spunky, yet shy, just short of a year pup who had some uncertainties of the world, but was willing to give us a chance. Five months later we are happy to report back, though Reese is a Buffalo bound city dog- our summer has been spent hiking- camping- swimming (which was quite a BIG deal to learn!) As Autumn sets in, he seems to find comfort around a campfire, an abundance of sticks, or better yet squeezing his way between our covers and the kitty. Something tells us- heavy snuggles, snow zoomies, and cross country skiing are going to make an exciting next chapter! We can't thank the staff at the Wyoming county SPCA enough for helping bring this beautiful boy into our life.



### **MOCHA & KINSLEY**

Going into our adoption process, my wife and I knew we were looking for a companion - or set of companions - that we could bond with and shower with affection throughout our time working from home. On the Wyoming County SPCA site, we were interested in both Mocha and Kinsley and the WCSPCA staff graciously set up a meeting for us to meet the pair.

When we met Kinsley, she immediately warmed up to us, and my wife and I were stunned at how such a gorgeous and loving cat would still be available. We then asked about Mocha and went to meet her. From the moment we met Mocha, it felt like she had known us for years. She snuggled up to each of us and purred emphatically. We then learned she was FIV+ and found out that numerous folks came in to meet Mocha but chose not to adopt her due to her condition.

The WCSPCA staff kindly took the time to explain to us the misconceptions about FIV and that FIV+ cats can live a long and healthy life, without any limitations. WCSPCA was amazing through the process and we likely would not have had the courage to adopt Mocha without the information and insight. We knew that given her FIV+ diagnosis, many would be turned off to bring her into their homes and she would be left wondering if her forever family would ever be a reality. When we left Mocha's room, I looked back and saw that she slumped down on her window sill and just looked down at her

### Letter from the President:

Dear Friends of WCSPCA,

What a year 2020 has been so far! The year is now winding down, and the dawn of a new year upon us. With that comes hope of a successful and productive start to 2021 making an impact in our community. Certainly 2020 has presented itself with many challenges, trials and tribulations. This unprecedented pandemic has impacted almost every aspect of our day-to-day operations. Early on we had to make the difficult but necessary decision to close public open hours. With limited in-person interactions, our adoption team continues to work with potential adopters via online applications and personal phone interviews. Once preapproved, appointments are made for the potential adopters to come in and meet the pets. We look forward to getting back to a "newer" normal very soon, but in the meantime we continue to stand steadfast and carry on with our mission which is to make a difference in the lives of those who need us most. What has been inspirational is that during this crisis people have been so understanding and supportive, and continue to open their hearts and homes to adopt animals in need! Check out our centerfold of our "adopted during Covid" and our Letters from Home! They're sure to bring a smile to your face and warm your heart reading the impact we have had.

Think back to when you were a kid, remember that family pet? The one who gave you so much unconditional love? Remember the joy and happiness it brought, always there for you and at your side? The consolation received when you felt blue, and the comfort you had in a forever friend?

What if that loving childhood companion had never crossed your path? Think about the hole that would have left in your childhood memories... All of us at WCSPCA have a desire to make an impact in the lives of those around us. Both four legged and human. Our goal is to help people connect with new friends, but also to keep those current friends in their homes.

We wanted to thank you for your generosity and support you have shown us in the past. Like many, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to cancel and postpone all of our in person fundraising events for the year. The change of our largest and most relied upon 35th Annual Basket Raffle to an online event brings uncertainty. The lost income from this was vital in helping us sustain our daily operating expenses for the shelter, along with providing care needed for our animals.

With much needed support and help we are able to give unwanted, stray, sick and injured animals the care they deserve, the shelter they need and the hope that they will find the loving home they deserve. Your donation helps in so many ways. It provides food, medicine, housing, spay/neuter surgery, microchips and so much more. With your support we

can continue to save and change lives. Please help us with our mission.

Would you consider becoming a Faithful Friend in our Monthly Donor Circle of Friends? If you cannot donate, volunteer so that we can save as many of these precious lives as possible! You can also donate supplies that we are in need of directly. Visit the "wish list" page of our website at www. wyomingcountyspca.org for a complete list of all of the daily supplies that we are in need of. We also have an Amazon Wish List under Wyoming County SPCA. Thank you for all of your generous and continued support and remember that all donations to WCSPCA are 100% tax deductible to the extent allowed by law

It is a joy to share this newsletter with you, and I thank you for your continued caring and support. Please visit our website, and keep up with us on Facebook or Instagram. We want you to see the wonderful work that you make possible. There's something for everyone to do in our ongoing work to enrich the lives of homeless animals in our community! Get involved, be a part of something that matters and help build a better and brighter tomorrow for this shelter that needs YOU most!

With hope and thanks, Julie Long, President



a state of the art animal shelter that serves the community unlike any facility currently in Wyoming County and one which provides spay neuter services in a fully functional surgical suite to pet owners whose income limits this service by the private sector.

It will take a team to make a dream of a facility like this come to fruition. How nice it would be for families to have the option to spay/neuter their pet within their financial means. This is the most frequently expressed concern we hear when speaking with folks in Wyoming County!!!

How can YOU help???

## "Giving is not just about giving a donation... it is about making a difference. ~Kathy Calvin"

These are the gifts that a loving companion provides every day. Will you help the Wyoming County SPCA continue to place loving, deserving, homeless animals with people who will love and care for them?

### **Tributes:**

You can be a part of the many adoption success stories that our supporters make possible thru their gifts. The Wyoming County SPCA offers many opportunities to celebrate a milestone, honor a loved one and mark important life events, all while supporting the care of homeless animals in great need! Birthdays, weddings, anniversary and graduations all present great opportunities.

### **Bequests:**

Honoring the life of an individual or pet with a bequest donation is a wonderful way to acknowledge the legacy of a pet or person.

### **Monthly Giving:**

"Faithful Friends" monthly contributions provide WyomingCounty SPCA a consistent and reliable stream of income. It is a great way to support the animals and assure Wyoming County SPCA will be there to help when the need arises.

Wyoming County SPCA's sole source of income is from contributions and fundraisers. We receive no government funding. We are not affiliated nor do we receive funding from any parent organization.

### Contributions can be mailed to

Wyoming County SPCA, PO Box 269, Attica, NY 14011 Also accepted online at www.wyomingcountyspca.org

### 2019 Donations

Diamond Furry Benefactor \$5000

Patricia Cole

Platinum Loyal Companion \$2500

Mighty Taco - East Amherst

**Golden Angel Paws \$1500** 

United Way of Buffalo & Erie County Elaine Grant Anonymous

### Silver Rescue Club \$1000

Pamela & Casimer Trybuskiewicz Lavina & Allen Schuessler

### **Bronze Happy Tails \$500**

Bonnie & Roger Chainani Charlotte Goodenrow Agnes Larsen Jason Rattle National Fuel Foundation Tracey & Dean Smith Patricia & Walter Pidgeon Karen Nosbisch

### Faithful Friend Monthly Donor

Karen Nosbisch Pamela Doore Elizabeth Crittenden Julie & Ian Long Marcia & Thomas Hudson

### **Levels of Giving:**

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Gold Angel Paws \$1500
Silver Rescue Club \$1000
Bronze Happy Tails \$500
Faithful Friend Monthly Donor

### **Board of Directors:**

Julie Long – President Marcia Hudson – Treasurer Teresa Gibson – Secretary

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### Social Media

Social Media is so important to all of us and a most viable format for us to spread the news about our animals and events. We continue to enhance our Facebook page and Website, and if you are on Facebook /Instagram we urge you to like us, follow us and share us! You'll find details of our four -legged friends up for adoption, upcoming events and happy updates from pets adopted!







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feet. It was as if other people came in to meet her, only to walk away never giving her a chance and that my wife and I were just another pair of people she would never see again. At that moment, I knew Mocha would be part of our family for the rest of her days. If her FIV+ diagnosis only gave us a month - year or few years with her, it would be the best years possible - for both my wife and I and Mocha.

We formally adopted Mocha a few days later, fostering Kinsley during that time. We fostered Kinsley and fell in love, but wanted to make sure she did not produce undue stress for Mocha. A mere 48 hours later, we knew Kinsley would be perfect for Mocha. From the moment they both were brought home, they warmed up to one another quickly and have since become fast friends, playful sparring partners and cuddle buddies. They groom each other regularly, rarely are apart and Kinsley's playful nature keeps Mocha happy and active.

As a special needs cat, we found Mocha is exactly that - special. She is the sweetest, most well behaved and loving lap cat I have ever had. She looks after Kinsley and spends regular lap sessions with my wife and I. To not have given her a chance due to her FIV + status would have robbed my wife and I from the best feline companion we have ever had, along with Kinsley. We love them both very much and our home would not be complete without Mocha.

I would encourage all future adopters to give special needs cats a second look - I guarantee they will find the most gracious, loving and loyal companion they could have ever hoped for.

-Ryan





# Help Us BREAK THE CYCLE of unwanted animals

### "One Paw at a Time."

Become a Faithful Friend Monthly Donor.

12 Gifts in 12 Months...You can save lives all year long.

We are excited to save even more animals in 2021 and we hope you are too. If you are resolved to help our furry friends, we have an easy way to do it. Join our compassionate group, Circle of Friends as a monthly "Faithful Friend."

Our Faithful Circle of Friends are very important to WCSPCA. In fact they are the backbone that sustains our work, and "Faithful Friends" are more than just kind, they're critical thinkers. They know that giving each month allows us to spend less time fundraising and more time rescuing animals. And in the end, that's what it is all about!!

Find our special Monthly Gift donate button at www.wyomingcountyspca.org or scan the QRC code or mail your gift to WCSPCA, PO Box 269, Attica, NY 14011 (designate as a monthly gift)



### **BIG THANK YOU!**

To all of our adopters, donors, volunteers, and business owners who have supported us.

Save-a-Lot Warsaw - Round Up Campaign
KJ Klever - replacing our drainage pipe
Yummies - Sundae and Kayak fundraisers
Mighty Taco - corporate support
Harding's Furniture - Harding's Days
Sam Reiner/Blades of Glory Landscaping
stones for driveway

**Donation bank businesses** 

Twilight Meadows, Sinclair Pharmacy, Stefano's Pizzeria

Marco's Pizza

Fundraiser Celebrating their 32nd year in business Elementary and HS students at ACS for donations

Warsaw/Attica Pennysaver

West's Bookkeeping

Bailey and Friends/Golisano Foundation

**Petfinder Foundation** 

**ASPCA SNIP Grant** 

Allstate Foundation / Prusinski Financial

Walmart Community Grant, Warsaw - Microchips

Warsaw Walmart - donation of mulch

Purina - food and treats

**Paws Perrydise** 

**Amber and Shawn** 

Bluebird's of Courage - Inkind donation drive

**Suzanne McAndrew - pictures** 

NYS Animal Protection Federation for your support

SPCA Serving Allegany for your support

## "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." ~Helen Keller

### WCSPCA Team of Volunteers Making It Happen!!

Elaine Grant, Mary Cooley, Diane Forgnone, Sierra Houghton, Caitlyn Barlow, Heather Shaw, Vicky Lambros, Pam Doore, Barb Higgins, Lisa Simmons, Shirl Clark, Brina Fox, Evelyn Aubrey, Nicki Ennis, Heather Christie, Kelly Mazurski, Bob Graham

### Volunteer Spotlight: Pam Doore

I like to help where I can. I have always loved animals. After some arm twisting (because I knew this was a serious commitment) I checked out the SPCA to see where I could help. I started off doing vet runs, and then added cat cuddling, and then the Red Rover Reader's program. I served a term on the board as well.

I get a lot of out going up to the shelter and spending time with the pets to make their day the best day it can be. It is a huge reward to be able to connect with a pet. It doesn't feel like work to go in and give extra TLC to a fine feline who needs some extra loving. It is the best feeling seeing one of these kitties graduate from shelter life to family life. It is very exciting be a part of their journey. Each adoption is a celebration.

#### CHANCE'S CHANCE

Chance came to the shelter as an owner surrender at six-years-old. She had been mishandled by young children for several years and was clearly distressed by that so her family felt that it was best for her to be surrendered and hopefully go to a home with older children.

Chance was not thrilled with her new address. She was very alert to all the

smells and sounds at the shelter. She was not very trusting of hands coming into her cage or at her. I met her there while I was volunteering. I wanted to build a bond with her to help her settle in so she could be adopted. I started using a feather wand toy. She was nervous at first and was more focused on my hands than on the feather toy but after two days she was hooked. She knew that when I approached the cage and headed to the back corner near her bed, that it was playtime. If she was ready for playtime before I was, she would jump up on her bed and yell in her commanding voice.

She was the first cat I visited during my shifts and then again before I left. One shift she stole my phone and laid on it so I could not leave and another night she laid in front of the colony room door so I could not leave!

Chance struggled with meeting new people which made it hard for her to find her forever home. After celebrating her 1st anniversary at the shelter, I was approached to see if I would consider bringing her home as it was clear we had a bond. Chance came home. She is not the same cat that she was at the shelter. She has celebrated her two-year adoptaversary April 2020. She still is a talker. She still makes her point known. She had found hugs are a good thing, getting brushed is wonderful, and laps are a good place to settle. She has a sister who keeps her on her toes but when the game of tag is over, they are always laying down next to each other.

As a Red Rover Reading program certified teacher, I always incorporate Chance's story into our sessions because Red Rover is about teaching critical thinking, compassion, and empathy. Chance's earlier life is an example of how not to treat a pet. The children empathize with how Chance felt being grabbed at and not treated gently. The children do not want to cause another pet to go through what Chance did but are all very happy that her story has had such a great ending.



### From Rags to Riches...

An awesome SPCA graduate update to share! One of our volunteers was fortunate to be able to visit one of our former kittens Sheldon - now Houdini who was adopted back in 2018. He is doing so amazing, is absolutely gorgeous and is one the friendliest most outgoing cats! A true success story!

Sheldon had been found abandoned on our doorstep, in a box, on a very hot day. He was a mess, flea infested and his mouth had an injury. A lot for such a tiny young kitten to overcome! The before and after pics speak volumes!

It is only with the support of generous donors and our amazing volunteers who dedicate countless hours caring for these animals that allow these stories to become reality - together we are Saving One Paw at a Time!



## Happy Fall, everyone!

## Pickles here; touching base from my new furever home!

I wanted to reach out to all of you to let you know how I am doing. I can't find enough human words to explain how great life is! I am doing so well.



If you remember, I started out alone in a flowerbed and a kind woman brought me inside, kept me safe and warm, and delivered me to the Wyoming County SPCA. That is where my documented journey begins. The wonderful staff knew right away that I was quite the character that required special attention (and special soft food, to meet my picky tastes). Staff and volunteers alike took the time to care for me, talk with me (I really do love to talk), and make sure I was in tip top shape to start the lookout for my new home. They even came up with the perfect name, Pickles. I mean who doesn't love Pickles?! They're a food and a drink in one; a great way to describe my personality! So, once I was named and healthy, it was time to start looking; I am told I became somewhat of an internet sensation, and my Facebook post generated a lot of interest. The staff at the Wyoming County SPCA went right to work, vetting all of those applications to find me the purrfect home. And boy, did they hit it out of the park! I have a wonderful family with a mom, dad, boy, and girl. I even have my own feline sister, Wishes, and a few dogs that I have grown to love to taunt!

I settled right in at home and loved all of the attention from my family. They let me have my space, but I really enjoy being with them. My favorite pastimes with my humans are cuddling, being read to (I really enjoy the book The One and Only Ivan), and watching WWII plane documentaries. I can be found riding in a play shopping cart, sitting in doll houses, and I absolutely love Build a Bear boxes; they have a built in peephole! I enjoy playing chase with Wishes and I am told we often sound like a herd of elephants running down the hall; we have so much fun together. When I am not spending time with my humans or feline sister, I can be found basking in the sunlight (on my lazy days) or on chilly nights, I get right under the covers of my boy's bed, it's so cozy. On my not so lazy days, I really enjoy playing in water. I play in the sinks and tubs, and if I'm lucky, I get to sometimes play in the toilets when the humans leave the lids up. I find splashing around so delightful. Because of my love of water, I now have my very own cat fountain! I can get a drink of fresh water whenever I want, but I

also love to bat at the flowing water.

Most recently, I have had the experience of working and learning from home. I have found this to be a blast. The pens, pencils, keyboards, paperclips, oh how I could go on with all of the fun goodies I get to use! My girl even made a project out of pipe cleaners; that was so much fun to play with after everyone went to bed (she did have to rebuild it in the morning, though)! I really enjoy having everyone around and found I prefer it when my humans get to work and learn from home. I am told this won't last forever, but I am going to enjoy it while I can.

I am so very thankful for the lovely woman that took the time to save me and bring me to Wyoming County SPCA. I am thankful for the staff and volunteers who took the time to love me, feed me, and nurse me back to health. I am thankful for all of the interest from the community when it came time for my adoption; you all really know how to make a guy feel loved! I am also thankful for my new family; they give me everything I need and more. To everyone reading this, take a minute to donate to the Wyoming County SPCA, whether it be a cash donation, fulfilling an item or two on their wish list, or sponsoring an adoption, every little bit helps! To those of you with your own pets, make sure they are spayed and neutered; while my story is a great one, not all of them are. Stay healthy and be kind to one another!

Love, Pickles

## Thank you to Walmart Warsaw Community Grant!!



Pictured is Dr. Kendra Sims, veterinarian at Perry Pet, and Emilia Long, Staff at WCSPCA with Kaydence, one of the first pets to have a microchip inserted as part of our new initiative.

Thank you to Walmart Warsaw for supporting WCSPCA with an award of a \$600 Walmart Community Grant used to purchase low cost microchips through a program supported by the Michelson Foundation. We are proud to announce that all animals adopted from WCSPCA are now microchipped as part of our adoption package!!

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### Golisano Foundation Awards Grant to Wyoming County SPCA

Wyoming County SPCA was the recipient of a \$2500 Golisano Foundation Covid-19 Response Grant through a new trust component of the Foundation, Bailey and Friends. It was a great honor to partner with Bailey and Friends and we are thankful for their support during the recent unprecedented times.

Noted Golisano Foundation Director Ann Costello, "Bailey and Friends, named for Tom Golisano's rescue dog Bailey, is dedicated to supporting animal welfare in Western New York and Southwest Florida. This new initiative, launched just November 2019, is committed to working with shelters, rescue groups, veterinary clinics and other lifesaving programs to promote wellness, ensure safety and keep family and pets together, particularly during the restrictive and difficult period."

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

 36 cats and 97 dogs spayed/neutered through SNIP program funded by a \$12,500 grant from ASPCA from January 2019 to April 2020.

Special thank you to our partner, Perry Pet for helping to bring this service to qualified pet owners.

- WCSPCA adopted 140 pets to loving families in 2019
- Every pet adopted from WCSPCA is altered and microchipped PRIOR to adoption
- Just like your home, WCSPCA has monthly bills including heat, electric, garbage pickup, insurance, internet/ phone, lawn care/ snow removal



### IT IS ILLEGAL TO ABANDON ANIMALS IN NEW YORK STATE



### Cate -

Cate was left on our doorstep (this is abandonment), taped up in a box with a note attached. Besides being left on that cold winter day, she had a bad bite wound.

She has now been adopted into a loving home where she lives with another WCSPCA "graduate", Audrey and will never want again for a safe life.

PLEASE DO NOT ABANDON DOMESTIC/COMPANION ANIMALS. They do not know how to care for themselves!

## petfinder

### Petfinder Foundation Awards Grant to Wyoming County SPCA

We want to thank Petfinder Foundation for awarding WCSPCA a Covid-19 Operation Grant of \$250.00 to help with veterinary expenses during this difficult time," said Wyoming County SPCA Board President Long. We are always thankful for our partnership with Petfinder and the Petfinder Foundation in helping us continue to find loving homes for pets in need.

Petfinder operates the largest online pet adoption website serving all of North America. The company reports that it currently lists "more than 315,000 adoptable pets from nearly 14,000 animal shelters and rescue groups. Founded in 1996, Petfinder has facilitated more than 22 million pet adoptions in its first 15 years of service.

























































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Sabrina





































### **Kids That Care**

### **Caring Community Kids Alert!!**





We want to send a sincere thank you to ALL involved in this project! It means SO much to us to be the recipient of such gifts and kind acts of service...

On Monday, March 2nd - 19 members of the Donate Life Club from Attica High School, along with their advisers Mrs. Girdlestone and Miss Koepsell stayed after school to complete their annual community service project. This year, they made cat toys and treats to be donated to the Wyoming County SPCA. In total, the group made 73 rope toys and over one hundred cat treats. The group would like to thank Mrs. Cayea for donating the fleece material and the use of her classroom.

On a nice August day, Connor held a Little Hug and chip stand with proceeds to benefit the Wyoming County SPCA. Connor (and his parents) were overwhelmed by the generosity of not only those who visited the stand to enjoy the treats, but also of others that heard of the



stand and donated from as far away as Florida. Connor said it best that day when he said, "Thank you - the animals appreciate you."



Brody and Bryson and their family not only adopted two furbabies Wilbur and Rufus from WCSPCA, they also wanted to help those still at the shelter waiting for their family to come. These amazing boys ran their own veggie stand this summer and donated the proceeds. Thank you so much Brody and Bryson for all your hard work!!

### Helping Folks in Need and the Pets They Love!

Carload of pet food delivered to Community Action of Wyoming County/Angel Action.

WE STRIVE TO KEEP PETS
WITH THEIR LOVING FAMILIES!!





## Thank You For Choosing WCSPCA!!



My husband and I have had such a wonderful experience with Wyoming County SPCA in conjunction with adoption of our two cats, Harley and Davidson (now Carly and Simon). We had never adopted an animal from a shelter, but would recommend this one so very highly. Our 19 year old cat had passed away two months before we took the two hour journey to Attica to visit Harley and Davidson. They fit the criteria we were looking for: a bonded indoor pair who were between 8 and 10 years old (due to our ages - mid 70's we didn't feel it would be responsible of us to adopt younger than that). We were impressed with the cleanliness of this SPCA shelter and after meeting these two wonderful cats, we knew immediately they would be part of our family. Our veterinarian confirmed that they had received wonderful care for the five months they were "guests" there. We will be eternally grateful to this organization. We can't help volunteer physically due to the logistics of where we live, but do try to help out monetarily when possible. We can't say enough good about the Wyoming County SPCA and how well taken care of Carly and Simon were as they awaited our adopting them.

Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottoms of our hearts.



Challiss and Jim W.

### **Primordial Pouch**



Have you noticed that your cat has a saggy belly? Kitty hasn't eaten too many treats; it's actually a normal part of your cat's anatomy! The technical term for this belly flap, which can often be seen swaying from side to side when a cat moves, is called the primordial pouch.

This loose skin and padding at the belly provides extra protection for the abdominal area during fights when "bunny kicking" with their hind legs. It insulates and protects internal organs and allows a cat to store extra food in its belly. (Important for our ferals who sometimes go days without eating.) It also allows a cat freedom of movement to fully stretch and extend the back legs when running at high speed or jumping.

Some people believe that spaying or neutering causes this primordial pouch. This is a myth. All felines, regardless of their size, shape, or sex have this extra flap of skin (including lions and tigers). Even cats who lose weight due to diet or illness still have these belly flaps.

### Theo & Matao

Theodore was born on March 23, 2018. Matao was born on April 4, 2018. I started my search for my "companion kids" in June 2018. I was lonely and totally empty inside. Suffering from depression from things that happened while I was deployed in the Persian Gulf War, I made the decision that adopting 2 fur babies and raising them as brothers would be the best thing to help me get through a many things. I was living in Avon at the time and started my search. I found the Wyoming County SPCA and fell in love with Theo and Matao, two domestic short hair tabby kitties.



Theo has orange fur, with white rings on his tail and Matao is cream/tan colored, with similar white rings on his tail. They were just turning 4 months old when I started to foster them. They both had their share of health issues due to the conditions they were rescued from. When I met them for the first time, I thought that Matty was going to be "Daddy's' boy", shy and quiet and Theo was going to be the rambunctious one. Turns out just the opposite. They both are Daddy's boys in their own aspects. While they were still tiny they made me laugh and I took a crazy number of videos and pictures. One cute thing they did together (once they finally settled and were exploring the entire house), was getting into the bathroom sink with each other and sleeping together. Theo is very loving and adores hugs. He sleeps with his Dada on the pillow nightly! Matao, is more picky. Once he was big enough to jump up and down on his own it took him almost a year to sleep on the bed. However, they both will lay down and take naps with their Dad if I am sick and are near me constantly to give me comfort. Both have their little quirks that make me laugh and giggle. They get a ton of love and attention.

Adopting the boys and raising them as brothers even though they are about 2 weeks different in age was the best thing that could have happened. They are my children and get spoiled to death. They keep me busy but the reward is the pictures and videos that I have taken of them both for the past 2 years. The personalities they shared with me when they were such little babies made me feel like the luckiest guy in the world. Even though we all don't cuddle together a lot, each of them enjoys having their Dad to themselves for cuddles and love.

Adopt two kittens even if they are not from same litter or mother. I guarantee you will have tons of laughs, smiles, cuddles and so many fun-loving memories. They have truly impacted my life and made my life a happier one!

## THANK YOU TO ALLSTATE VOLUNTEERS FOR EMPOWERING PEOPLE AND OUR COMMUNITY!!

Brett Prusinski, Allstate Agency Owner (located in Williamsville, NY), and coworkers Alyssa Werner (center) and Sarah Ford (right) gave their time and helped us to receive a \$500 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grant. The Allstate Foundation



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**Foundation** 

supports the causes that Allstate agency owners, financial specialists and employees care about most by providing Allstate

Foundation Helping Hands Grants to nonprofits where they volunteer their time to help communities thrive.

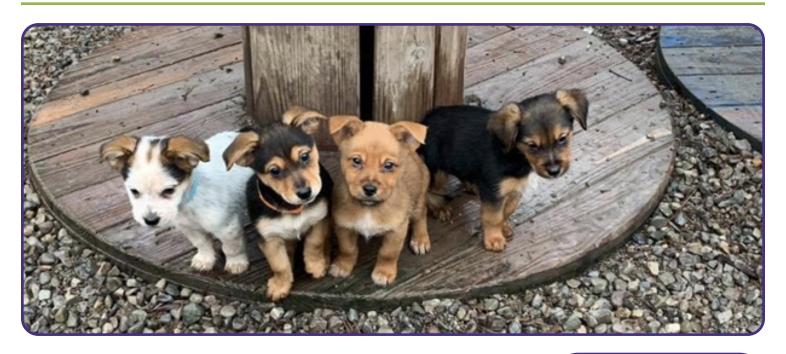
This active crew was able to apply for a grant by volunteering their time to rake and seed after our pipe was replaced to correct the constant basement flooding. Besides this wonderful gift, Brett, Alyssa and Sarah have collected inkind donations, hosted a money collection box for the animals and have helped with a Kayak Fundraiser. It is beyond words to say we are humbly grateful!!!



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Make a difference in the life of a shelter animal today.





Gus \*

Aurora 📽

### Happy Birthday to the "Mighty Nine" Puppies!

This past January we took a call looking for help to take in and rehome nine little 8 week old puppies. As with most it was an accidental and unplanned litter and while not ideal, the end goal was to do what was right moving forward and to find them loving, stable, forever homes. All of the puppies were properly vetted with us including flea treatments, deworming, vaccines, micro-chips and most importantly they all left spayed/neutered to ensure the cycle would not continue with any more unnecessary litters. Spay and Neutering is so important for ALL pets and it's part of our mission to practice this in our shelter, as well as to educate the community when and where we are able. We'd like to thank Paws Perrydise for all your help and guidance with these guys, we couldn't have done it without you.

It's hard to believe, but they celebrated their 1st birthday on October 28th! We occasionally get updates from some of their parents and hope you enjoy seeing some of the before and afters - what a difference a year can make!





### It Matters To Me

Author Unknown

As I walked along the seashore This young boy greeted me. He was tossing stranded starfish Back to the deep blue sea. I said "Tell me why you bother, Why you waste your time this way. There's a million stranded starfish Does it matter, anyway?"

And he said, "It matters to this one. It deserves a chance to grow. It matters to this one. I can't save them all I know. But it matters to this one, I'll return it to the sea. It matters to this one, And it matters to me."

I walked into the shelter, The owner greeted me. She was helping Misty learn to trust. She was struggling I could see. I said, "Tell me why you bother, Why you waste your time this way. Misty's only one of thousands, Does it matter anyway?"

And she said, "It matters to this one. She deserves a chance to grow. It matters to this one. I can't save them all I know. But it matters to this one, I'll help her be what she can be. It matters to this one, And it matters to me.

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### Save-a-Lot Warsaw Helping to Save One Paw at a Time

Over the months of August, September and October, Save-a-Lot Warsaw ran a "Round Up" to benefit Wyoming County SPCA in Attica. THE DONATIONS WERE OVERWHELMING!!!!







520 Save-a-Lot stores participated in this program with each store selecting a local charity to help. Our Save-a-Lot Warsaw with the support of the Wyoming County community raised **MORE donations** than any other store in the company, **\$9288.67!** WOW!

Thank you Dan Eichelberger, Save-a-Lot Warsaw store manager, your wonderful staff and our community for making this program successful and helping animals in need!

### Thank You Yummies Ice Cream!

Hope everyone had a chance to stop out at Yummies Ice Cream to taste a "Fi-dough's Sundae" this past summer! They were delicious and \$1 of each sundae was donated to help the animals at Wyoming County SPCA.

And the generosity didn't stop there....Yummies Ice Cream donated a kayak that was raffled off October 10th!!

Thank you to
Valerie, her
Yummies family
and all the
supporters
for your kind
generosity!







### Why is it important to volunteer?

- Find a purpose
- Enjoy a meaningful conversation
  - Feel involved
- Contribute to a cause that you care about
  - Use your skills in a productive way
    - Develop new skills
    - · Meet new people
    - Make New Friends
    - Build self confidence
      - Build pride
      - · Build identity

The more we give the happier we feel; you are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment.

### Join Us and Make a Difference.....Volunteer!!

### Do you have one of these skills to share?

- Animal Care
- Fundraising
- Accounting
- Grant writing
- Story telling
- Development
- Information Technology
  - Graphic Design
- Board of Directors experience



### In Memory of Persons

November 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

In Loving Memory Of	: Given By:
Anna Fuest	Brett Alexander
Bob Smith	Agnes Larsen
Carol McClurg	Mr Steven Modica & Mrs Lorrie Modica
Dean Lawrence	Barbara Ahl
Denise Lehmann	Ms Christine Dailey
Gloria Burek	Gerald Phillips
Greg Wagner	Mr & Mrs Dana Blujus
Joan Harkness Santopi	ritoTheresa Pellegrino
John Higgins & Trixie	Barbara Higgins
John Mooney Bo	onnie Mathews & Christopher Matthews Diane Mundion
Kathy Koers	Dana & Linda Blujus
Lois Bowling	Arnold Sprague
Nancy Boss	Barbara Ahl
Nicole Ruck	Mr & Mrs Dana Blujus
Nicole Scott	Mr & Mrs. David Ferris
Richard Eck	Mr & Mrs Dana Blujus
Robert Lars Tyler	Mr & Mrs William Laffin
	Mr & Mrs Theodore Dhuy Occam Capital Management
	Mr & Mrs Ronald Grutzner
	Mary Walker
	Jeanne Morey
•	Mr. & Mrs Mark Ewell
	Irs Mark Petre, Mr & Mrs Thomas Hudson Irs Roger Reiner, Mr. & Mrs Timothy Embt
	Ars Don Kirsch, Mr. & Mrs. Roland Glosser
Mr & Mı	rs David Mager, Mr. & Mrs Gary Appleton
Sue Neeley	Mr & Mrs Lynn Tedford
Sue White	Joan Mitchell
	Eugene & Sharon Anderson Joyce Klein
Tammy L. Pickard	Mr Mark Pickard
	Mr & Mrs Lance Adams, James & Cathy Wayland-Cohocton Central School
	Linda Jones, Mr & Mrs David Dimatteo
	Mr & Mrs Hans Kunze, Five Bank
	Cheryl Bell, Mr Scott Pickard
	Wayland Cohocton Teachers Association
ilmothy Bey .	Mr & Mrs James
NAPID NAT OF	Rohauer
william Wolka	Mr & Mrs Brian Anauo Patriot Towers, Dennis & Sandra Hagen
	Catherine Mistal



### In Memory of Beloved Pets:

November 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

Beloved Pet:	Given By:
Muffy, Raka, Missy	Francis & Dorothy Beyer
Penny	Joan Mitchell
Fluffy N	Mr & Mrs Steven Owczarzak
Fellow,Cephus,Sophie,Velvet	
Red	Mr & Mrs Thomas Panowicz
Sasha & Sammy	Mr & Mrs David Wazny
SebastianN	Ir and Mrs Allen Schuessler
Coco, Cookie, Lilly	Mr & Mrs Hans Kunze
Bella	Mr & Mrs Robert Martin
Stanley	Patricia Zymowski
Beela	Mr & Mrs Ronald Grutzner
Goldie	Theresa Nicastro
Allie	Ms Gail Barton
Trixie, Trinket, Tippy, Casey	Gerald Phillips
Maggie Mae	Julianne Berwanger
Missy, Muffy, Raka, Lady	Francis & Dorothy Beyer
Ursa & Oreo	Maud Charpin
Casey & T Bone	Mr & Mrs James Grew

### In Honor of Pets:

November 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

Beloved Pet:	Given By:	
Maria III G	B : 'II	

Michelle Sanner ...... Priscilla

### In Honor of Persons

November 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020  $\,$ 

In Honor of:	Given By:
Sherry Ford	. Lawley Service Inc.
George West	Jenny Snow



	Ticket Order Form:	
Name		
Phone		
Email		
	Donation \$20 (for 3 tickets)	
# ticket bundles		
Amount enclosed \$		
	Please print legibly.	
	Mail To: Wyoming County SPCA, PO Box 269, Attica, NY 14011	
Must Be Received by November 17th @4PM		

### 35th Annual Basket Raffle Going Virtual

Due to the restrictions we face in 2020 we are unable to hold our 35th Annual Basket Raffle in person as we have for many years. Being our major fundraiser each year we need to continue the tradition but with everyone's safety in mind. This year we will be having the basket raffle virtual with 40 prizes total of CASH, GIFT CARDS AND LOTTERY TICKETS. The drawings will be via FaceBook Live.

### Drawing November 21, 2020 at 2PM 40 PRIZES!!

### **ALL WINNING TICKETS WILL BE RE-ENTERED!**

You will have an equal chance to win prize #40 as you do prize #1

Donation \$20 for three tickets

### **EACH TICKET CAN WIN MULTIPLE TIMES!!**

25-\$25 Prizes:

Walmart, Tops, Applebee's, Amazon, Cracker Barrel; Warsaw Businesses-Silverlake Restaurant, Stefano's Pizzeria, Save-a-Lot, Sinclair Pharmacy, Yummies, + 15 other prizes of cash or NYS lottery tickets

### 8-\$50 Prizes:

Home Depot, Ace +6 other prizes of cash or NYS lottery tickets

**4-\$75 Prizes:** 

Home Depot, Tops +2 other prizes of cash or NYS lottery tickets

3-\$100 Prizes: CASH



Saving

### Online Purchase: www.wyomingcountyspca.org

Mailed ticket purchases must be received by 4PM, November 17th

Pictures of the ticket stubs will be sent to you via email if you include your email with your purchase.

Winners will be notified. WCSPCA reserves the right to refund all money if less than 120 ticket bundles are sold



Wyoming County SPCA P.O. Box 269 Attica, New York 14011 Non-Profit Organization Standard Mail US Postage PAID Geneseo, NY 14454 Permit No. 29



### In-kind donations keep our shelter running!

We're always thankful for your generous donations. Please read on to learn about items the shelter needs. To make a donation, please drop by the shelter anytime during business hours.

You can also view OUR AMAZON WISHLIST and have items shipped directly to the shelter. Helping the animals is just a click away!

Shop our wish list @ Amazon under Wyoming County SPCA

Donate today via PayPal at our website www.wyomingcountyspca.org P.O. Box 269, 808 Creek Rd. Attica, NY 14011 / (585)591-3114

### General Shelter Wish List:

- Monetary Donations
- Adult Cat Wet Food Cans
- Tidy Cat OR Fresh Step Scoopable Litter (UNSCENTED only please)
  - Non clumping cat litter (UNSCENTED only please)
    - Laundry Detergent
    - Bleach (UNSCENTED only please)
      - Paper Towels
    - Garbage Bags (Large, Black/Strong)
  - Gift Cards to Amazon or Walmart (we can do the shopping!)