



PET GAZETTE

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The Fourth Time's the Charm

Georgia was on a lot of people's minds last year. She arrived as a stray who was found in Scotia late in May and brought to APF. She was a rambunctious youngster with a zest for life. After she was spayed, she was quickly adopted... then returned five days later because she was too rough with the existing dog in the house. This time, she was with us more than a month until she was adopted again, then returned four

days later because the adopters didn't realize how much time she needed. Another adopter gave her a third chance and, after three months, decided she wasn't able to give Georgia the time needed to help her become a good citizen. Georgia finally found her forever home with a family in Stillwater

"Sometimes the animals who find their way to APF need extra help finding homes, and we knew we couldn't give up on Georgia," shared Director of Operations Stephanie Johnson. "Our staff worked with her and found the perfect family. We're all thrilled she finally found her forever home."

Charlie Sees a Bright Future

Charlie was surrendered to the shelter last summer. During his intake exam, Dr. Jackie Kucskar, Veterinary Medical Director at APF, immediately noticed a chronic corneal rupture. After initial attempts to treat the condition, it was decided to perform an eye enucleation surgery at the same time as his neuter to relieve the suffering. The surgery was successful, and Charlie was sent to one of our most trusted foster volunteers, Susan, to heal until his sutures could be removed. Susan immediately fell in love with him, and decided to adopt Charlie two weeks later as a beloved addition to her family. Charlie is now best friends with the other cats in the home and spends his days with Susan on her recliner.



UPCOMING PHOTO CONTEST

Your Pet Could be on the cover of APF's 2023 Calendar!
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The State of Animal Welfare in New York



Here at Animal Protective Foundation, our mission is to promote and protect the human-animal bond by providing resources to our community and humane care to companion animals. These are more than words for our team members and volunteers – and of course our supporters.

In addition to our lifesaving work here at the shelter, we also advocate for animals on a state level as a member of the New York State Animal Protection Federation, a coalition of more than 100 animal welfare organizations across the state.

Thanks to the efforts of thousands of people, two important laws went into effect in January 2022. The first law, Legislation S.4254/A.4075, prohibits insurers from refusing to issue or renew, cancel, or charge or impose an increased premium for homeowners insurance policies based solely on the breed of dog owned.

This is especially important in APF's efforts to save animals because half of our incoming dogs would likely fit the description of the breeds that are often excluded including Pit Bulls, German Shepherds, Doberman Pinschers, and others. We advocate for people to evaluate each dog on an individual basis instead of basing assumptions on breeds. This law will make it possible for more people to adopt or keep any dog without worrying about whether they will be able to secure insurance.

The second law, A.5823/S.5023 mandates that veterinarians report suspected animal cruelty to law enforcement and humane law enforcement. Veterinarians examine and treat sick and injured animals and know the signs of animal cruelty better than anyone. This law will enable them to help prosecutors bring those who commit these crimes to justice.

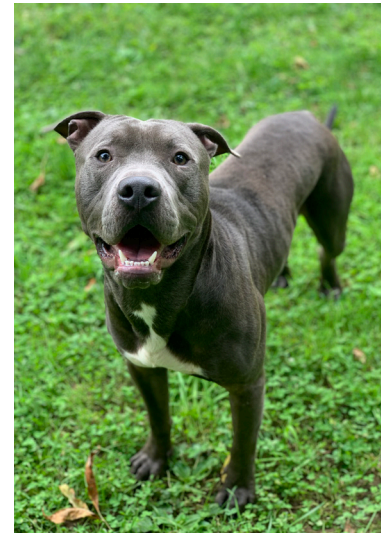
These are great strides forward, but there is more work to be done. One of the most important laws working through the state legislative process is titled, "Stopping the Puppy Mill Pipeline," which will prohibit the sale of puppies, kittens and rabbits in pet stores which will close a large market for the abusive puppy mill industry where these animals suffer in horrific conditions day in and day out.

You can learn more about the many priorities on the state level by visiting nysapf.org/2022humaneagenda/.

Thanks for all you do to help animals in New York State.



Joe Lisella, CAWA
Executive Director





"We are continuously re-evaluating our protocols and techniques to ensure the highest pet and staff safety possible in the Spay/Neuter Clinic setting."

Jackie Kucskar, DVM
Veterinary Medical Director

Community Spay/Neuter Clinic is Back in Business

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic early in 2020, for the safety of pets and clients, the tough decision was made to suspend operations at APF's Community Spay/Neuter Clinic. Unfortunately, veterinary practices across the Capital Region also reduced their capacity to ensure the safety of their staff and clients creating a huge demand for these surgeries. The APF team came together, we established new protocols to protect our staff and clients, and we resumed operations to meet this important need in the community.

As demand increased, APF was able to strengthen the team and currently has three Licensed Veterinary Technicians in addition to a vet assistant, clinic client services manager, and Veterinary Medical Director, Dr. Jackie Kucskar. In addition, we have also been able to secure support from relief veterinarians to bring us closer to pre-pandemic capacity.

"As the primary veterinarian at the APF Community Spay/Neuter Clinic, I am thrilled to come to work each day with our dedicated clinic team. They are organized, professional, highly-skilled, and care deeply about both the individual patients and our commitment to end pet overpopulation."

The clinic also went paperless to protect staff, improve efficiency, and increase surgical capacity. The APF clinic now has a surgical capacity of twenty surgeries a day and will continue raising daily totals to help more pets in the community every day.

Clinic Manager Laura Weiner added, "The Spay/Neuter team has worked very hard to create a place where we can help out the animals in our community. We are growing and finding new ways to help every day! I love working with such compassionate coworkers who have such a great positive attitude about the important work we do here. I look forward to seeing what the future holds."

ADOPTION HIGHLIGHTS

530 ADOPTIONS IN 2021!



BERGERMEISTER
Adopted in June

Berger likes to lay in the sun on the porch and really likes to cuddle with the adopters sister who is currently 9 months pregnant.



CARDI
Adopted in November

Energetic girl that was with the APF for a little over 2 months. She loved playing on the agility equipment in the exercise yard.



DALLAS
Adopted in April

Was transferred in from out of state after a tornado destroyed the shelter he was in. He was adopted within 13 days of being with us and settled in very quickly with his new family.



CHACHA
Adopted in April

Chacha was surrendered because he was a bit too large and overwhelming for children in the home. He was adopted two weeks after arriving at the APF!



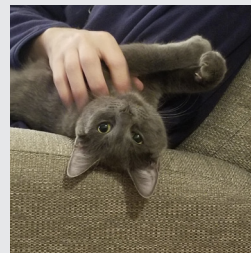
JELLY BEAN
Adopted in September

Jelly Bean was surrendered to the APF after the original owner had a child. Jelly Bean received some necessary medical treatment and was adopted September 18th.



LILY
Adopted in September

Lily was a very sweet guinea pig and was adopted after only two weeks at the APF!



LUNA
Adopted in February

Luna is doing great and getting along with her small dog friend in her new home. Her favorite toy is pompom balls!



ODETTE
Adopted in September

Oddie is doing great! She's settled in quiet nicely and she's even learning her name and some tricks! We've taken her to Anderson dog park several times and she has a best friend names Pixie!! The family stops at the shelter several times a month with her for a visit.



OPIE
Adopted in February

Opie was adopted after twenty four hours at the APF!



ROB
Adopted in April

Rob came to the APF with four other kittens. He was a bit shy: after some special time and Cat Pawsitive with APF staff and volunteers, Rob came out of his shell!

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www.animalprotective.org/chewy-list

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