



PET GAZETTE

NEWS FROM THE ANIMAL PROTECTIVE FOUNDATION

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ANNOUNCING THE ANGEL FUND

To ensure that the APF can always help all shelter animals in need of extraordinary medical care, we have created the APF Angel Fund. This fund will enable us to have the financial resources available to help each of the animals who are in need of special care.



Chili is a stunning kitty with beautiful tiger markings. Despite his young age – he’s not even 2 years old – Chili was on his second go-around at APF. He was returned with some medical issues and it was obvious he was in pain. Our veterinary staff examined him and found serious issues with his hind legs, and X-rays confirmed that he needed femoral head ostectomy surgery to alleviate the pain.



Lulu, a 6-year-old Chihuahua, who has the most remarkable ears, was surrendered to the APF because her owner had health issues that made it impossible for her to provide care. Again, our veterinarian noted an unusual gait and discovered she has medial luxating patellas on both of her hind legs which also required surgery.

These are both relatively young animals with many years ahead of them, but without these surgeries, it is unlikely they would have been adopted.

Our shelter veterinary team is well known as one of the Capital Region’s largest providers of spay/neuter surgeries, but they also provide lifesaving care for the shelter animals. They are able to handle the vast majority of the treatments and minor surgeries in-house, but often the shelter animals need next-level care that requires a specialist, and those procedures are an extreme expense to the APF.

“Unfortunately, more of the animals that arrive at the APF are injured or in need of advanced medical care,” said Veterinary Medical Director Jackie Kucskar, DVM. “Our shelter is equipped for basic care and simple surgeries, but for X-rays, diagnostic testing from specialists, or more complex surgeries that require a board certified surgeon, we depend on veterinarians in the community. Our goal is to give each of the animals in our care the best opportunity for a pain-free, healthy life in their forever homes.”

Please consider donating to the APF Angel Fund and help all shelter animals like Chili and Lulu. You can support the Angel Fund by going online to www.animalprotective.org/apfangelfund or mailing your gift to the APF at 53 Maple Ave., Glenville.

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**FUR BALL
GALA 2022
September 29**



RUPPERT AND ROSIE: SEEING THE WORLD FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE

Earlier this year, two one-year-old Dobermans were surrendered to the APF. They had spent most of their young lives in a basement and were not exposed to new things, people, or the daily socialization that puppies need. Kathy Snowden, a certified dog trainer, and Carolyn Decker, Animal Behavior College Student, volunteered their time to work with Rosie and Rupert.

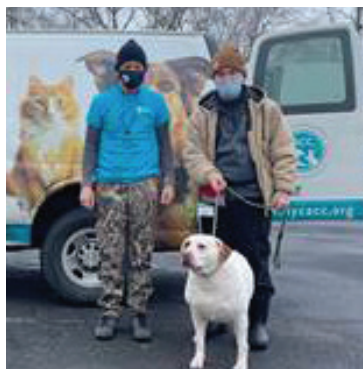


Here is what Kathy and Carolyn had to say about their time with these two special dogs: “As dog trainers for some of the APF shelter dogs, it’s incredibly and fabulously rewarding to have worked with Rupert and Rosie! Recently we had the honor and pleasure to work with these two Dobermans that had a rough first year. They were both unsocialized and very afraid of pretty much everything in the world around them. In addition to the love, guidance, and care from the APF staff, we came each weekend to try to socialize, build confidence, and do some training. We saw lots of improvement each week. They are showing signs of trusting people, environments, and sounds, which makes all of us so very happy and hopeful. Their socialization will have to continue with their new owners along with positive guidance and training, so they can trust people and enjoy their future in our world.”

While receiving training from kind volunteer trainers, APF staff also worked with Rosie and Rupert. Kaitlyn Kieser, an APF Vet Assistant, spent special time with the dogs every day to work on their training routine.

“It was clear from the beginning that Rupert and Rosie would require a unique approach to socialization and acclimation to “normalcy” due to their first year of life being isolated from the outside world. It is critical that we treat each animal that is surrendered to the APF as individuals, with specific sets of needs and unique challenges that they are required to overcome to prepare them for their new life post adoption. In the case of Rupert and Rosie, exposure to new stimuli using positive reinforcement training techniques were implemented by the animal care specialists at the APF to create positive associations with new people and experiences.”

Rupert and Rosie have both found great homes to work with them and continue to grow their confidence. Both dogs plan on attending future Canine Academy courses so they can continue to grow their skills.



APF SHELTER STAFF AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING PATTY

Patty was a long-time APF resident from 2020. In early March 2022, we received a call from the Staten Island Animal Cares Center because Patty was surrendered to them. They asked if we would like to take Patty back. The shelter staff at the APF said yes without hesitation. One of their kind volunteers drove Patty from Staten Island to Glenville so Patty could return to her APF family. Patty was memorable due to her bulky form. She had left the shelter in 2020 with a weight loss plan and was returned to us heavier than she was when she left.



While at the APF, Patty once again became a staff favorite. Dr. Corr, one of our Spay and Neuter Clinic relief veterinarians, kindly volunteered to give acupuncture to APF pets. Patty was the perfect patient and benefited from treatment! During her time here, she enjoyed many outings to local pet-friendly stores as well as our local parks with our dedicated staff and volunteers. While Patty loved all her outings, her favorite place to go was the Glenville Lowes where she loved to look at all the light fixtures. She could usually convince the animal care staff to pick her up a pup cup on their way back to the shelter even though it was not in her weight loss plan.



Patty found her home on April 7th, and we are all very excited for her!

DONATIONS NEEDED

Here is a list of accepted donations:

- Towels/wash clothes
- Twin blankets/ Fleece Blankets
- Toys (Kong/ Tough Chewers)
- Un-opened food for pantry
- Un-opened treats

You can also check out our shelter wishlist below, or donate at: animalprotective.org/give

Amazon: www.animalprotective.org/amazon-list

Chewy: www.animalprotective.org/chewy-list





FIRST APF WOOFSTOCK EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

The Animal Protective Foundation hosted its very first Woofstock music festival at the Mohawk Harbor Amphitheater on June 12th, 2022! This dog friendly music festival kicked off the summer with live music generously donated by the band 20 Ninety-Six! We can proudly say that this was the Capital Region's grooviest dog and animal lover's event! Live music, beer, wine, a chicken bbq, and great items to purchase from local vendors made our first Woofstock a huge success!

"We are proud to announce that we raised \$17,226," says Cassandra Metke, Director of Development. "All proceeds raised from this event will benefit the animals we care for every day. It's great to have local businesses and community members coming together to help support all of the animals in our care."

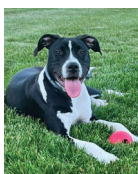
We look forward to an even better festival next summer at our 2023 Woofstock! Stay tuned for a save the date!

OUR WOOFSTOCK SPONSORS



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Adirondack Beverages, Inc., Subway, Hannaford, County Waste, Hill's Pet Nutrition Inc., World Centric, Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits, and TJ's Flightline Pub



PET PHOTO CALENDAR WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The APF held its first Pet Photo Calendar contest and the winners are in! Thirteen lucky pets will have a place in the 2023 APF calendar, with one lucky pet collecting the most votes to win the cover.

Our cover-page winners were Angel and Sadie with an astounding 374 votes! Our winner in the Cats category was Archie with 354 votes; the Dogs category was Luna with 320 votes; and the Other category was Squash with 93 votes! Thanks to your generous donations the APF Photo Contest raised a total of \$7,500!

All entries to the Pet Photo Calendar contest will receive a complementary calendar for their support. We enjoyed seeing all your pets and we are excited to display their photos in our 2023 calendar! Stay tuned for more information on how to get your very own 2023 APF Calendar!