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Our adoption clinics are held at the East Greenbush PetSmart store. Evening clinics are 6pm to 8pm Monday thru Friday, excluding Tuesday. Weekend clinics are 12:30pm to 4:30pm.

HELP THE HOMELESS: Raise Your Voice!

Talk to any pet adoption group or shelter and you'll hear the same thing: we're filled beyond capacity. There are over 4000 cats and 4000 dogs available for adoption within a 100-mile radius today. That staggering number doesn't include feral colonies. It's an epidemic nationwide.

Unspayed/unneutered animals are one of the biggest causes of the problem, of course. Please, if you know someone who hasn't spayed or neutered

their pet, tell them to *get it done!* And tell them to keep their unaltered animals away from others until the



surgery's done!

Pet surrender is another huge part of the problem. These are just

some of the reasons we've heard this year: divorce; moving to a new home; death; inability to afford care; birth of a child; allergies; behavioral issues; natural disasters; home foreclosure; loss of a domestic partner or roommate; illness; abandonment; pets not accepting each other.

Surrendered pets are oftentimes older animals and often need vet care. Many adopters prefer young animals.

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WINSTON: Helping Others Through His Memory

Our Winston Norek fund has one purpose: to help senior citizens care for their pet. The fund assists both cat and dog owners, whether adopted through us or not.

For many seniors, a pet is a solace and a companion. The saddest calls we receive are those asking for help with euthanasia costs for a fatally ill pet. Thankfully, we've been able to help, providing the comfort and dignity of that final care.

This year, we've covered the cost of resetting broken bones; of x-

rays, bloodwork, medication, flea treatment, and inoculations; and so much more.

We've provided care for the dog hit by a car; for the cat with a skin rash; for the pets displaced along with their owner.



In loving memory of Winston Norek

Our happiest story is that of Lance, a beautiful stray cat found by a senior couple. The couple's pet didn't want a new brother, so they called us. Our Norek fund paid for his vet care, and Lance is now a much-loved, happy guy living with his Forever Home!

It's That Time of Year...

Pretty soon we'll be filling our houses with holiday decorations. If you have pets in the house, remember to hang fragile ornaments high on the tree! Be sure your critters aren't chewing on electrical cords, tree lights, wrapping paper, or ribbon. Be especially careful with curly ribbon; it can be fatal if ingested!

FOSTERING: Make It a Family Affair!

Thinking about fostering? (We hope so!) Foster Mom Aimee Martin-Vieira shares her experiences:



AL: Why did you decide to foster?

AIMEE: I think fostering is a wonderful thing. I'd adopted a cat from Ani-maLovers. When I saw that the group needed fosters, I decided to sign up!

AL: How much of your time do you spend fostering?

AIMEE: If a new foster needs medical care, I'll need to get the cat to the vet and to monitor its health. The cat will get extra attention until he/she is healthy. Otherwise, the foster just melds right into the rest of the family.

AL: Do your children help foster, too?

AIMEE: Definitely! They help feed and play with our fosters. My husband helps, too. The children are learning to give to others, which is exactly what I wanted.



AL: How do your children deal with letting a foster go?

AIMEE: I've explained to them that Ani-maLovers volunteers make sure all the cats get great forever homes. I've told them that the only way we can continue to foster is if we let the cats get adopted; we cannot keep all the cats that we foster. Since they like fostering the cats so much, they understand and are okay with letting the cats leave to be adopted.



YOU ASK, WE ANSWER!

Question: *Why don't you print the newsletter in color? And why isn't it eight pages anymore?*

Answer: *We'd love to print in color, but we'd rather your contributions go directly towards helping animals. That's why we reduced the size, too. We hope you'll agree!*

Question: *What happened to your dog program?*

Answer: *One of our core values is to house all animals in foster care. No longer able to find foster homes for dogs, we made the painful decision to end the program. Of course, we continue to support dog owners with our Pets Helping Pets and Winston Norek funds.*

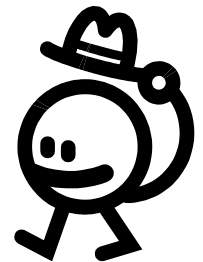
HATS OFF: To Some Very Special People!

There just isn't enough space here to thank every one of you who continue to help AnimalLovers thrive! Here are just a few:

Joyce Purcell, author of a beautiful, picture-filled cookbook called [Recollections and Recipes](#). Joyce decided to donate the proceeds to animal groups, so she included preprinted postcards and pre-addressed envelopes.

Sue Fitzgerald, imaginative Craftswoman. Sue created whimsical earrings and gorgeous Bedazzled bookmarks for us. Her unique gifts were sold out in the first week; more to come soon!

Meryl Norek, founder of the Winston Norek fund. Thankfully, this fund has allowed us to keep pace with the rising number of requests for assistance from senior citizen pet owners.



MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE

Alexander S Kasparian ♥ David Stealey ♥ Garth Crain, BJ Sullivan, Livingston Crain, Nuttin Nash ♥ Mary "Granny" Craig ♥ Our Dad, William DeFelippis and his dog Lucy ♥ Ralph & Alice de Paz ♥ Tallulah Isenberg ♥ Fernando DeAlmeida ♥ Warren Ost ♥ Olga Connors ♥ Merio Silic ♥ Mary T Mosley ♥ Joseph Lue ♥ Irene Raynor ♥ Doris M Abbott ♥ Alice M Edelstein ♥ River Landes ♥

IN MEMORY OF PETS

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PETS HELPING PETS: Denny's Story

One bitterly cold, snowy day, we received a call about a kitten wandering in a parking lot. Despite the weather, our volunteers drove over immediately.

They found the kitten hiding in bushes, too frightened to come out—until they popped open a can of food. All fear suddenly disappeared, and the little guy came racing for that food.

His condition was appalling. He was stick-thin, filthy, full of fleas, and frost-bitten. Yet every time he took a bite, he did an amazing thing: he stopped eating to rub his face against their legs. He inhaled the whole can of food, stopping after each bite to rub and purr.

From that freezing parking lot, the kitten went straight to the vet's. Miraculously, he

was pronounced free of disease. And! he was one year old; his tiny size was the result of starvation.

Denny (at right) won everyone's heart with his outgoing nature. We're so happy to say that he's now safe and content in his Forever Home.

Denny's vet care was paid by our Pets Helping Pets ("PHP") Fund. This fund covers unexpected veterinary costs

and spay/neuter expense. It also offers assistance to those who cannot afford care for their dog or cat. Can you help us save another Denny?



WHAT'S HAPPENING: Here Comes SantaPaws!



Santa love animals, so every year he takes time out of his busy schedule to take pictures with your pets! He'll be at the East Greenbush PetSmart from 11am to 4pm on Sat 12/3, Sun 12/4, Sat 12/10, and Sun 12/11. Your framed picture will be ready the same day! Family and friends are welcome to pose, too. Join us for this truly fun SantaPaws event!

No Pain! Big Gain!

Donate for free? Yes! Just surf to GoodShop.com and designate AnimaLovers as your favorite charity! Download their toolbar and start shopping! Use their coupons for great discounts at hundreds of popular stores. GoodShop, in partnership with 100's of stores, will credit a portion of all sales to us—up to 37%. Even searches add to your donation! It's free, easy, and fun!

VOLUNTEERING: Give the Precious Gift of Time!

Can you donate the gift of your time? We need volunteers to foster cats; work at adoption clinics; transport cats; assist with our newsletters, website, and Facebook pages; answer phone lines; assist with fundraising events; clean at our adoption clinics; and represent us at special events. Call 518-448-5468 or email us at animalovers@empireone.net for more info!



Yes! I'd like to help AnimaLovers continue its mission!

Clip and mail ✂

Pets Helping Pets \$_____ Winston Norek \$_____ General Fund: \$_____

I want to add or renew a Membership: \$_____

Circle Membership Type: Individual (\$15) Family (\$25) Patron (\$75) Senior (\$5)

Membership year is Sept 1st through Aug 31st. Members are invited to our annual meeting and are entitled to vote on proposals presented at that meeting.

My gift is made (check applicable boxes):

- in the name of in memory of person(s) pet(s)

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SPECIAL TRIBUTES FROM OUR CONTRIBUTORS

IN HONOR OF PEOPLE

April Marie & Gretchen Ann Hungerschafer ♥ Dora Patenaude ♥ Elizabeth Gadowski ♥ Emily Howard ♥ Liza Feldman ♥ Lori Harris ♥ Lynn Keyes ♥ Mason Sullivan, Clancy Crain Sullivan, Sawyer Crain, Noel Crain, and Viola Nash ♥ Meryl Norek ♥ Ronnie Lyons ♥

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HELP THE HOMELESS: Raise Your Voice!

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Finding homes for older ones is heart-breakingly difficult.

So what can you do? *Listen and speak!*

Moving: Has someone told you they're moving and can't take their pet? Give them a Renter's Guide! Tell them to say "no" to the landlord who says "no" to a pet! Even some Assisted Living facilities accept small animals.

Birth of a Child: Know a young couple

who's planning to adopt a dog? Urge them to research the breed carefully. Some small dogs can become jealous of infants and young children. Grandparents should consider the issue, too.

Allergies: Friend ready to adopt a first-ever cat? Tell them to handle one before adopting. Warn them to hold the cat close to their face and to watch for allergic reactions.

Taking in Too Many: Help kind-hearted

people who take in strays to understand when "enough is enough". If they can't provide vet care for the animals (including spay/neuter), enough!

If our foster homes are full, we offer pet owners a free listing on our website. Please visit our referrals page at animalovers.org/Referrals.html

And remember...

Your voice is a powerful weapon!

Please, unite it with ours!

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