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*In honor of
Vicki S. Mosgrove
for her 32 years of dedication
to the Finger Lakes SPCA
and her great love and care
for all God's creatures
great and small.*



Gazebo Dedication In Thanks For Vicki

On Saturday, June 24, a new Gazebo was dedicated in honor of Vicki Mosgrove, in thanks for her 32+ years of dedicated service to the Finger Lakes SPCA. It was a rainy day, but the enthusiasm of those who gathered for this special event was not dampened. Several speakers spoke of Vicki's passionate service to the organization, her dedication to the well-being of all animals, and her selfless determination to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Thanks Vicki!

THE Pet Gazette



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SUMMER 2023

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SERVING STEUBEN COUNTY



We Need Your Help!

Dear Friends,

Bath Police called at 4 pm this past Thursday. A cat was found in a carrier next to a garbage can in the park where East Morris and East Steuben meet. As rescues go this was an easy one, but it is the proverbial tip of the iceberg. Shelters across the country are reporting record numbers of abandoned cats and dogs. And everyone is overrun this year with kittens.

Mid-summer finds the Shelter at full capacity. It has been a banner year for cats and kittens, including one rescue that involved 27 cats. Our cat census as of August 4 is at a record high, 190 cats! Many of these cats are "community cats" (see related article inside), who often need special care. They are far more likely to be injured and malnourished. We are also housing 11 dogs involved in court cases, most of whom we have had since early February. Our staff is truly stretched to the limit, and so are our resources. It is hard to deal with, but it is why we exist.

We need your help! We have many cats in need of spay/neuter. Many of them we can do on site, but it is impossible to do all of them. All our dogs are done off site. We get good prices from our local vets and fellow shelters, but it still costs us. Cats are generally \$70-\$100 each; dogs \$100-\$150. And our food bill is approximately \$75 per day (not including our farm animals). Can you please help us provide the care each one of these animals deserves?

There is some good news in this busy-ness. Despite being in a leadership transition, we are moving forward. (For an update on the transition, see inside). Our excellent staff keeps doing what they do best, taking great care of the animals given into our care. Our dedicated volunteers continue to serve and are a vital part of the work we do. I've been serving as Acting and now Interim Executive Director for over three months, and I can tell you the Shelter is in good shape. Yes, our resources are stretched, but we remain passionate about our mission.

We are in need not only of your financial support, but also other important ways you can serve, all of which you can find more information about on our website: we need foster homes for both cats and dogs; we can always use items on our wish list (newly updated); and we have more job-specific opportunities for volunteering (also on our website). You can also adopt and encourage others to do so! We love all our animals here at the Shelter, but we love it even more when they find new forever homes!

However you choose to help, you are an important part of our team! Animals like those pictured here need you! Thanks in advance for your support! You are truly a part of the team that speaks for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Michael Hopkins
Interim Executive Director

What Is The Law Regarding Stray Or Feral Cats?

Unlike dogs, which are regulated by the government with licensing requirements, New York animal care and control officers (often referred to as DCOs) and municipal animal shelters are not required to take in cats whether they be domesticated or otherwise. The Finger Lakes SPCA is not a municipal animal shelter, and we do take in cats of all types, as we have capacity to do so.

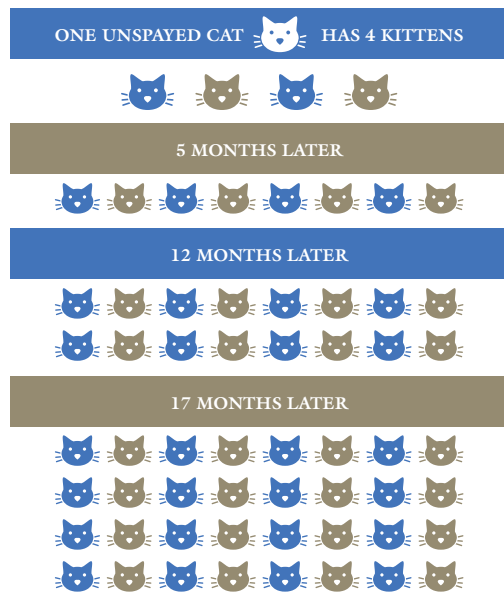
Feral cats are not considered wildlife in New York. All cats, whether domesticated or feral, are considered companion animals under section 350 of New York's Agriculture and Markets Law and are protected by the animal cruelty provisions set out in sections 353 and 353-a. It is a crime under the law, to kill any cat, domesticated or feral.

If you believe a cat is being abused, you should call 911. The Sheriff's office or other law enforcement agency will do the initial investigation, often bringing the SPCA's expertise to bear on the situation. Frequently the Finger Lakes SPCA houses animals about whom court cases are in process.

The law defines a "feral cat" as "any animal...born in the wild... and is not socialized; is the offspring of an owned or feral cate... and is not socialized; or is a formerly owned cat...that has been abandoned and is no longer socialized." (Public Health Law, section 2140(13).

If you feed feral cats can you be considered their owner? New York law does not address this issue directly. However, if you regularly feed feral cats, and, in particular, if you provide them with veterinary care, you could be considered their owner.

What is TNVR? TNVR stands for Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, and Return. This is a widely used method for gradually decreasing the number of feral cats in a community. It is not an easy process, however, especially considering the capacity of local vets and animal shelters of providing these programs, when it is difficult enough to keep up with the spay/neuter of owned animals. Yet we try when we can, and partner with other shelters and with organizations such as Barn Cat Outreach.



Spay Or Neuter Your Cats Before They Reach 5 Months of Age!



Transition Update Jean Peterson, President

The Board of Directors of the Finger Lakes SPCA has appointed Michael Hopkins Interim Executive Director. While we conducted a wide search for a person to lead us through the transition, we found that the best candidate was already in our midst. Michael's skill set and knowledge of the organization will serve us well as we create a plan to continue the important work of speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves.

A brief biography of Michael can be found on our website under "About Us - Staff."

Should you have any questions, please email me at president@fingerlakespca.org, or call (607) 776-3039 to leave a message for a return call. The Finger Lakes SPCA is eager to hear your questions, concerns, and ideas as the organization continues forward. And as always, we value every individual and the contributions you have made to the Finger Lakes SPCA.



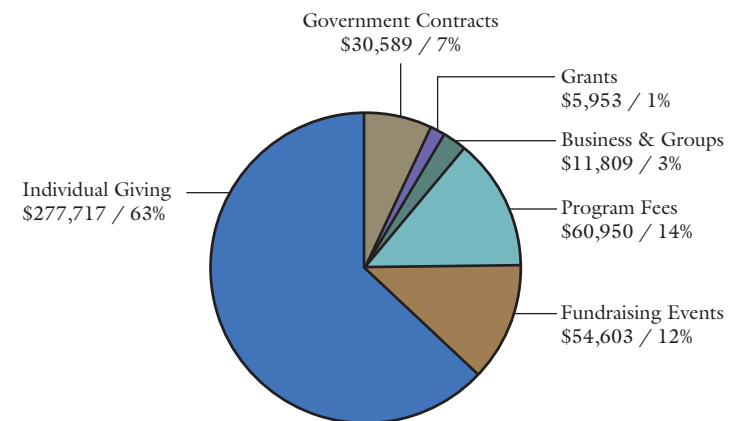
SANTA PAWS HOLIDAY EVENT

December 9, 2023
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
72 Cameron Street
Bath, NY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Cookie Sale (until gone) \$8 per lb, many kinds
- Pictures with Santa 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (for pets &/or people)
- Adoption Specials
- Be an "ANGEL" and bring something from our Wish List (www.fingerlakespca.org) for our orphan animals!
- Refreshments
- Gift Shop Specials & Large Holiday Markdowns
- Holiday Raffle
- Caroling in The Courtyard with Common Ground Choir (Time TBA)

2022 FLSPCA Income



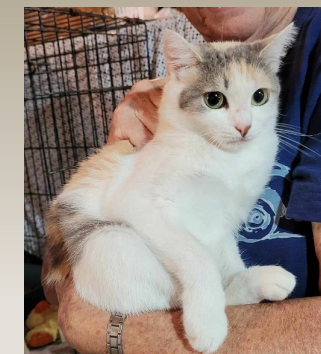
Your Gift Is Essential!

As you can see from the chart, gifts from individuals is almost two-thirds of our yearly income, more than that if you consider that three-quarters of our fundraising event income is also from individuals.

You matter!

Legacy gifts are an important part of our income. You can name us as a beneficiary of almost any type of account you own: your retirement account, mutual fund account, Annuity, Donor-Advised Fund, even your basic checking and savings account. You can also name us as a beneficiary in your will. Just use our full legal name, Finger Lakes SPCA, Inc., and our tax id: 16-0772023. Always consult your tax and legal advisors in making these decisions.

You can also join our monthly giving program and be a Guardian Angel! Find details on our website.



HEALING Chablis

Chablis was part of a cat colony in downtown Bath. A good Samaritan noticed that something was seriously wrong with her tail. In the middle for about three inches, it was swollen to three times its normal size and an angry red. Our trusty trapper Sue worked for a week to capture Callie so she could be examined. It isn't easy to trap one specific animal out of a colony! But she succeeded. Then Dr. Karen went to work. The tail had to be amputated, and we all expected the worst. But then the surprise came. It was not a malignant growth! Now Callie is one of our residents. She's shy, she's been through a lot, but hopefully she's got a good long life ahead of her.



ADOPTABLE Titan

Hello, my name is Titan! I've been at the Shelter since June 2022. Although it's a great place and I am well taken care of, I hope to find my forever home soon! I'm a Terrier Mix and about five years old. When I came into the Shelter I had a bad back leg that needed what you humans call ACL surgery. Thanks to Katie's Fund, I got it and it has been successful. It will remain fine so long as I watch my weight and take joint supplements. Otherwise I'm a very happy boy, looking forward to a family to play and snuggle with!

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Whether you have a million dollar estate or a more modest one, you need an estate plan. A good estate plan provides for your loved ones, minimizes tax liabilities and provides “Planned Gifts” of your assets to support your favorite charities. Many planned giving opportunities exist to suit almost any circumstance. As you consider the final disposition of your assets, please remember all of your friends at the Finger Lakes SPCA.