

Paw Prints

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SCFA meetings are held the first Tuesday of each quarter: January, April, July and October at the Senior Citizen Community Center.

The next meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. (instead of the usual 7 p.m.) on Tuesday, July 1. Come to enjoy dinner and win prizes!

Message from Lynn Lawson

Five years – A look at the progress the Franklin Township Shelter and Second Chance have made together.



Then: What shelter?

Now: My pet came from your shelter.

Then: No consistent weekend hours for adoptions at the shelter.

Now: Adoptions at the shelter **and** PetsMart every weekend.

Then: Adoption fee is \$5.

Now: Adoption fee is \$40, which includes \$20 that

goes directly to our spay/neuter fund.

Then: All shelter pets receive rabies shots.

Now: All shelter pets receive distemper and rabies shots, are spayed/neutered and all cats are tested for Feline Leukemia and FIV.

Then: No volunteers.

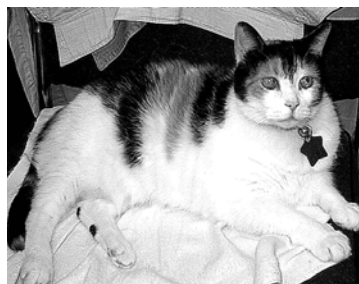
Now: Thank you!

As the saying goes, “you’ve come a long way, baby.” Second Chance has had the kind of growth in 5 years that many groups never reach. This is because of the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. Your love for the animals and commitment to helping them has made it possible for us to find many of

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Vacations: All Family Members Should Be Considered

Phat Girl is back on the job. If you would like to suggest topics or ask her a question, email her at Phat-Girl@secondchanceforanimals.org



The summer months are a great time for families to spend time together, taking vacations, seeing the world. Some pets may be lucky enough to be able to accompany their human families on

trips. Many people choose to bring their dogs along but a vacation involving the family pet should be carefully considered. If you’re going to bring your dog, be sure that your vacation involves your

pooch. No dog wants to spend most of the vacation in the hotel or cabin while the humans go out and have all the fun. So, if you’re thinking Disneyland, maybe it’s better to leave your pet back home.

However, if you’re thinking of a trip that will involve hiking or other pet-friendly destinations, most dogs would love to join you.

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Buda Bar Raises \$459

A fundraiser at the Buda Bar (Somerset St., New Brunswick) on May 9 raised \$459 for SCFA.

Thank you to Jennifer Peppe, who spearheaded this event, where we solicit donations from bar patrons. And thank you also to volunteers Alicia Bottari, Gillian Getzewich and Jaimee Hodge for helping make this event a success.

Patriots Tickets

Tickets are still available for the Somerset Patriots Game on Sept. 6. Tickets are \$8 and money raised helps the shelter animals.

The game starts at 7:05 p.m. Call Joyce Cotay at (732) 873-0853 to buy tickets.

Shake-A-Can

Volunteers are needed to help with the following Shake-A-Can events. There are two shifts between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

September 20 –
Franklin Park Stop & Shop
November 22 –
Franklin Park Stop & Shop

To sign up contact Alicia Bottari at (732) 846-0311.

Thank you Joyce Cotay, Andi Masullo, Mary Romash and Marjorie Romasz for volunteering at the June 7 event and to Gillian Getzewich, Marjorie Romasz, Marilyn Shinski and Jen Watkins for the June 14 Shake-A-Can.

Help Needed for Cat Show in July

This year's Garden State Cat Show is almost upon us and we can still use your help. We all had a great time last year and a few of our furry friends found new homes!! (which makes all our efforts worthwhile!)

On Friday, July 18, help is needed from noon until 3 p.m. for set up. That afternoon is when we set up our tables, cages, food/water, litter, items to sell, etc.

We also need a few people to help

June Moon Run a Huge Success

We had a huge amount of volunteer help for this year's June Moon Run and it helped us get a \$1,000 donation from the Central Jersey Road Runners Club, which holds the annual running event.

Thank you so much Joe Barrington, Karen Behringer, Alicia Bottari, Frank Breen, Nora Breen, Kate Cohen, Shafik El-Sahragty, Gerry Harris, Mary Hudson, Claire Hughes, Stephanie Johnson, Dan Keil, Katie Knobloch, Lois Kroshesky, Sharon Larson, Lynn Lawson, Bill Lutringer, Peggy Lutringer, Marianne Mason, Andi Masullo, Jennifer Merz, Julie Percarpio, Mary Romash, Marjorie Romasz, Brenda Ruetschi and Hillary Sayell.

May Adoptathon

This year's adoptathon was a great success.

We could not have had such a wonderful weekend without those volunteers who helped promote the event and those who staffed it.

Thank you to the following people who worked that weekend: Donna Albert, Chuck Augello, Frank Breen, Nora Breen, Janice Carroll, Linda Marie Consolmagne, Gerry Harris,

groom the cats at the shelter that day.

We could still use help on both the Saturday and Sunday (July 19th and 20th). We need volunteers from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday (and people to help clean up at the end of each day).

Please contact Alicia Bottari at either her work - 732-271-3304 or home - 732-846-0311 number to sign up for the show.

Barbara Heath, Lisa Kruger, Lynn Lawson, Bill Lutringer, Peggy Lutringer, Marianne Mason, Jen Peppe, Carol Prevoznak, Leo Prevoznak, Lisa Revel, Robyn Troisi, Carol Wesolock and Maria Wonsettler.

Also thank you to the following people who distributed fliers: Laura Caliguari, Karen Ferguson, Shannon Hunt, Josephine Incardona and Marianne Squire-Maszer.

Help Needed for Super Pet Expo in October

We will need volunteers for the Super Pet Expo at the Somerset Exhibition Center October 10-12. This is an event that attracts thousands of pet owners and is a great opportunity for us to spread the word about SCFA and the shelter animals. Look for details in the next issue or call Joyce Cotay.

Volunteer Spotlight - Lisa Revel

Lisa Revel joined SCFA in June 2002 because she loved animals and wanted to volunteer to help them.



Lisa is a software developer and consults for AT&T. When she's not working or volunteering

A nearby shelter didn't seem to have what she was looking for, so she searched on the Internet and found SCFA through www.volunteermatch.org, a site that posts volunteer opportunities for a variety of groups.

Lisa first made contact with Alicia Bottari via email and Alicia's nice response made her feel welcome. Her first time working at the shelter and meeting Shelter Manager, Katie Nordhaus, sealed the deal for Lisa— SCFA and the Franklin shelter were the right match for her.

"Katie really cares about the animals and it's more than just a job to her," says Lisa. "And believe it or not, that makes all the difference to me."

Since Lisa became a part of SCFA, she has joined the Outreach Committee and also volunteers for adoption days. Recently, she became a Team Leader.

for SCFA, Lisa has lots of interests to keep her busy (as if we don't occupy enough of her time). She enjoys skiing and has tried her hand at pottery but eventually traded her pottery wheel in for a sewing machine, which she enjoys a lot more.

Lisa shares her home with her husband, Pat, and their three cats. Spike (a female) and Stahlin (a male) entered their lives when a friend found them under his mother's porch when they were 6 weeks old. They were Lisa's first pets. Montana (a male), was part of a litter being fostered by a friend. Lisa was supposed to babysit them but she fell in love with one and now he's part of the family.

Thank you, Lisa, for making a difference to SCFA and to the animals.

SCFA Welcomes New Volunteers

We are pleased to welcome the following new volunteers who attended the April, May and June training sessions:

April

Peter Call
Marye Boyce

May

Mika Bair
Linda Marie Consolmagne
Carol Eland
Stephen Ogden
Taryn Roberts
Brenda Ruetschi

June

Daniela Blumenfeld	Elizabeth Richards-
Kate Cohen	O'Grady
Amy Donner	Toni West
Vasco Leong	Judith Wilk
Anna Miles	Dina Zimmerman

Next general volunteer training session will be 6:45 p.m. on July 23 at the library. If you would like to attend, please call Alicia Bottari at (732) 846-0311.

Remembering Special Friends

Second Chance For Animals gratefully acknowledges these gifts made in memory or in honor of a much-loved person or pet. We are honored to carry out our important mission in their names.

IN HONOR OF – (DONATED BY)

In Honor Of
Jack Dolan's Birthday - Mary Dolan, Patricia and Thomas Abruzzo and children

IN MEMORY OF – (DONATED BY)

In Memory Of
Joan Anthenelli's dog, Nicky – Deborah Beards, Larry Imboden, Peggy & Jim Mombert, Linda Reiner and Ed Ringel

THANK YOU

SCFA would like to thank the following individuals for their generous donations (monetary and non monetary) to the organization:

Bronwen Per-Lee
Walter Gregory
Jacquelin McGill

Pet Sitting Business For Sale Great Opportunity!

SCFA Member is selling her established pet sitting business, which includes a client list and established processes.

\$17 K, part-time gross.

**Client base of 35. Will train. Located in Somerset area
Member of NAPPS.**

CALL MARY HUDSON FOR MORE INFO. (732) 940-7927.

Katie's Korner

With the upcoming July 4th celebration and fireworks at the municipal complex, we need foster homes for our shelter dogs for a 24 hour period, with the dogs being brought back to the shelter by 9 a.m. Saturday,



July 5. If you have an area in your home, such as a basement or garage, where you could house a dog, separated from your own pets, please call Katie at the shelter (732-873-2500 x255) and let her know of your availability (remember, if using a garage, you may need a fan for cooling it in July). Also let her know at that time if you will need a dog crate for the dog. We need to arrange for these ahead of time.

While the cats fare well during the fireworks, your help with foster care for the dogs will be greatly appreciated by our tail wagging friends.

When at the shelter, if you take a towel or blanket out of a pets cage and it has not been soiled, it should be returned to the same pets cage. Please take extra care not to mix them up. A mix-up is an easy way to pass germs from one animal to another.

When cleaning up at the end of the day at PetsMart, all food, water and litter that was in a cat cage must be discarded, even if the litter has not been used. Again, saving unused litter for the following week is an easy to spread airborne illness between cats.

Your help with these issues will help to keep the cats healthy and adoptable.

Foster Volunteers Are Always Needed

The shelter often becomes overrun with kittens during the summer months. Many of these kittens are too sick or young to be immediately adopted and need to be placed in foster homes until they are ready for their future homes.



spare bedroom or bathroom where they can be isolated from household pets.

To become a foster parent, you must be an SCFA volunteer for at least six months. Also, you will need to complete a foster care agreement before taking home your first litter.

Depending upon the age and needs of the kittens, foster care typically ranges from two weeks to a couple of months.

Because of possible illness, the best place to keep these little ones is in a

For more information or to sign up as a foster parent, please contact Katie Nordhaus at the shelter at (732) 873-2500, ext. 255.

Adoption Statistics

Below are the adoption statistics from January through June 2003:

	<u>PetsMart</u>	<u>Shelter</u>
January:	9	22
February:	9	18
March:	8	20
April:	9	9
May:	<u>10</u>	<u>24</u>
Total:	45	93

Calendar of Events

July

July 1 - Volunteer Appreciation Meeting, 7:30 p.m. senior center
 July 18-20 - Cat Show

September

Sept. 6 - Somerset Patriots Game at 7:05 p.m. \$8 per ticket.
 Sept. 20 - Shake-A-Can, Franklin Park

October

Oct. 10-12 - Super Pet Expo
 Oct. 18 - Op-Cop Day (rain date Oct. 25)

THANK YOU

SCFA would like to thank the following individuals for their generous donations (monetary and non monetary) to the organization:

Jack Dolan Plumbing & Heating (Buck-a-Week club)

A \$500 Verizon donation on behalf of Marianne Mason's volunteer hours to SCFA.

Sherry Koo, who donated \$250 and her employer, Exxon, matched her contribution.

Message from Lynn Lawson (cont)

them forever homes, to make their time at the shelter more comfortable and to provide medical care that would not have been available.



Do you want to know what the next five years will bring?

Give me a call and I'll give you a peek into the future and how you can be a part of it.

Do you want to do even more to help out?

Lynn Lawson
(732) 271-1291

Happy Ending - Scooter

Wendy Andrus knew instantly she had found the right dog for her family when she spotted Scooter, a German Shepherd mix, at the Franklin Township Shelter two years ago.



companion to Andrus' 6-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son.

But there was one little problem, they soon discovered: he had a fear of grass!

"We didn't know what we were looking for, but we knew he was the right one," recalls Wendy. "All the other dogs were barking and he was just sitting there, looking up at us. We looked at him and just fell in love."

"His previous owners had kept him in a room with a cement floor before they dumped him at the shelter and never let him out, so he wasn't real sure what grass was and was a little confused and afraid of it," she says.

Ever since she took that 5-month-old puppy home that day, Scooter has fit right into the family, going along on their hiking trips and being a constant

companion. "But now, he loves it. When he sees them get his leash, he's right there at the door. "He's the happiest dog I've ever seen."

Volunteer Appreciation Meeting

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., July 1 for our SCFA meeting, which will include our Volunteer Appreciation event.

Dinner will be provided.

Awards will be given.

Prizes will be won.

We hope to see you at the Community/Senior Center on July 1.

Call Alicia Bottari to RSVP – (732) 846-0311.

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Animal Spotlight



I'm Princess and I'm a 3-year-old black and brown tabby.

I am very friendly and love to be petted. But I had to share my original home with several cats and I would like to be the only princess in your castle. Won't you come visit me and take me to my new home where I can reign supreme?



My name is Magnum and I'm a 1-year-old Belgian Shepherd Malinois.

I am a very active young man so a home without small children would be a perfect match for me. I also would prefer not to share my new owners with any other pets. I want you all to myself.

Phat Girl Column Continued



When planning your trip to include your pet, be sure that any accommodations do allow pets. *Vacationing With Your Pet* by Eileen Barish offers pet-friendly locations nationwide and also has great tips for vacationers.

Two sites to try are www.petswelcome.com and www.petsonthego.com. Because some places change their policies or may have size or breed restrictions, always confirm that your pet is allowed when making your reservation.

When traveling to your destination, also take your pet into consideration. Make regular stops for potty breaks. You might also want to carefully plan feeding times because some pets can get carsick (yuck!). And be sure your pets wear ID tags while traveling.

There are some cats who enjoy traveling and they should be kept in their carrier to keep them safe. And remember not to leave any pets in the car unattended.

Now there are many pets like myself who think the real vacation is having the house all to themselves – so wonderful not to have to fight to watch Animal Planet. One of my favorite shows is Animal Precinct and... ahem...anyway, if your pet is not going with you, he still needs careful consideration. Are you going to have a pet sitter come to the house? Or are you going to board your animal?

Cats, in particular, are more comfortable in familiar surroundings so the best option would be to have someone come to the house rather than move them. You may be lucky enough to have a friend, family member or neighbor who can take care of your pet while you're gone. Or you may have to hire someone. Either way, try to have the caregiver come to your house before you leave to meet your pets and get a quick tour of where things are. This also is a good time to give them a key to the house. You also should leave written instruc-

tions (in case they forget anything from the first meeting) that include basic information, your vacation contact numbers, your vet's information and any special needs your pet may have.

If you need to find a pet-sitter, try asking your pet-owning friends for recommendations. Or you can find a local sitter at www.petsitters.org, the website for the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters. Just make sure that a professional sitter is bonded and insured.

If you decide to board your pets, make sure they are up-to-date on their shots and also include written instructions and contact information for you and your vet. Recommendations are a great way to find a place, but you also should tour the location to ensure that it meets your pets' specific needs. The American Boarding Kennel Association's website (www.abka.com) can also provide you with some

Spotlight on SCFA - Animal Enrichment Committee

Members of this committee meet the second Friday every other month to discuss various ways to enrich the lives of animals at the shelter. Issues include spay/neuter, socializing the feral cats and providing basic training for the dogs at the shelter in an attempt to make them "adoptable" and ways to keep all the animals in the spotlight.

The committee also hosts time every Thursday, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

at the shelter where volunteers can socialize and spend time with the animals. Volunteers work with the feral cats to socialize them, walk dogs and give them basic training, and groom those who need a little sprucing up. It's not for the weak of heart - but the rewards of making a formerly terrified, feral cat purr or seeing a stray dog sit on command are priceless!

All of this helps the animals become more adoptable. You do not need to

sign up to attend the Thursday socializations, but you do need to go through the dog orientation if you want to work with the dogs. Your first time at socialization, you will be given a brief orientation on shelter cats. Come and experience the joy.

To learn more about the Animal Enrichment Committee, contact Nora Breen at Gingyrgirl@aol.com or (732) 302-1044.