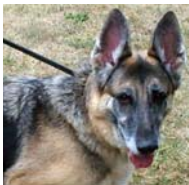


Paw Prints

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SCFA meetings are held 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each quarter: January, April, July and October at the Senior Citizen Community Center.

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President's Message

Grand. Millennium. Kilo. Chiliad.

“G”. “K”. “M”.

These are all ways to express the cardinal number equal to 10 x 100 or 10³ – or more commonly known as ONE THOUSAND. It's a great number – especially when it refers to the spay/neuter program!

That's right! In July 2005, the 1000th animal was fixed as a result of the SCFA spay/neuter program. This is an incredible accomplishment considering SCFA started a very limited spay/neuter program in 2001.

SCFA first started spaying/neutering barn cats. This effort was supported by the donations received in the shake-a-can events held twice a year.

In 2002, SCFA began fixing all animals six months and older. We received a \$5,000 grant from Petco to support the program and the adoption fee was raised from \$20 to \$40, \$20 of which goes directly to the spay/neuter funds.

Throughout this time, SCFA was making follow-up calls to adopters to ensure they had followed their contract and had their pet fixed. You can imagine that this was a disheartening and frustrating project. It was discovered that of those people we could contact, only 50% had actually had their animal altered.

With this disappointing statistic and the knowledge that adopting animals not spayed or neutered was only adding to the overpopulation problem, SCFA began

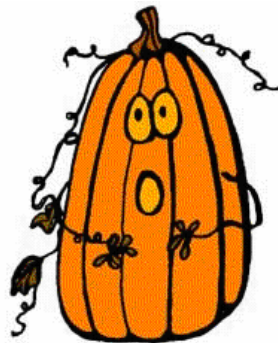
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Township Council Awards Bid for New Animal Shelter

Great News!

We are pleased to announce that on September 27, 2005, the Franklin Township Council awarded a contractor bid for the new animal shelter, which is scheduled to break ground no later than Spring 2006. If we have a mild winter, it is anticipated that the work for the new shelter will begin as soon as possible.

For those of you that may be unaware, our journey for a new shelter began in 1998,



when SCFA highlighted to our local government officials that the shelter was obsolete because it was not meeting the demands of our growing community. To many of our volunteers, the pursuit of a new animal shelter has been a long, relentless, and sometimes very painful and overwhelming task that appeared at times to be unending and questionable at best.

But through it all, the collective partnership of the SCFA Executive Officer Team and Township Council, particularly Mr. Ken Daly, our Township Manager, will make this dream a reality.

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fixing ALL animals at the age of 8 weeks or 2 pounds in February 2003. Since then, no animal (rabbits too!) has left the Franklin Township Animal Shelter without being spayed or neutered. The \$20 from the adoption fee and several grants from PetsMart keep the program going.



What's next? I have a vision of a community low-cost spay/neuter program in which SCFA would be able to help all members of Franklin Township. This project will take a lot of money, time, resources and commitment, but I'm confident it can be done. As you all know, I am a walking advertisement for spaying and neutering – from my sneakers and jeans to my license plate. We will continue to have a phenomenal program that only gets better year after year.

We should all be proud of the accomplishment of 1,000 animals spayed and neutered. SCFA is the only organization in the state that supports a municipal shelter to the extent that we do. Thank you to all of you for your continued support.

SCFA Newsletter Editor Retiring

Sandy Koehler Lee is retiring her position as Editor of the Second Chance newsletter. Since she took the position in 2002, she has changed the newsletter's layout; introduced special shelter columnists such as Phat Girl (former shelter resident), and created a classified page featuring "personals" from pets for adoption.

From Sandy:

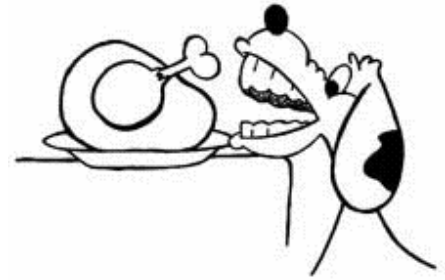
It's been a challenge to produce a quarterly newsletter that was informative but also entertaining to read and. I hope that I achieved that goal. Although this will be my last issue as Editor, I hope to continue to participate as a writer or photographer. I wish the next Editor the best.

Sandy Koehler Lee

So, to those of you on our volunteer team who believe you can make a difference, thank you for your support.

To those of you who may believe that you can't make a difference no matter how hard you try, dreams do not become a reality without a lot of perseverance, hard work, teaming and, most of all, passion for what you believe in. With dreams, the possibilities are endless.

To all of our volunteers, the SCFA Board of Directors would like to thank you for everything that you do, because without you we would not be the great success we are.



And with your support, we will continue to be successful for our furry friends at the Franklin Township Animal Shelter.

SCFA Welcomes New Volunteers

Please welcome our newest volunteers who attended orientations:

July

Jennifer Merz
Paulette Sato
Stephanie Toth

August

Linda Haboush
Adrienne Lingg

September

Jonathan Andes
Kimberly Castellano
Stacey Goode
Laura Gundry
Nicholle Jackson
Tiffany Jackson
Amanda Jagger
Andrew Larsen
Jeanne Snell

Call Alicia Bottari (732) 846-0311 if you would like to attend the next volunteer training or dog training sessions.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like more information about volunteering, please call (732) 846-0311. You can also check out our group and upcoming events at our website at www.secondchanceforanimals.org

Personals

Nellie

I am only two years old but I prefer adult human company. I am front de-clawed. Everyone says I'm cute but I'm modest so give me a little time to get to know you.



Hawthorne

I am not Snoopy but I'm just as cute. I am 7 months old so I need a home that can teach me to grow into a good dog citizen.



Hower

I have a face my mother – and hopefully my new home – can love. I am an 8-month-old boy and I enjoy hanging out with other felines and with people. I'd be interested in a home with older children.



Rocky

I am 5 years old and I'm ready for a new home. I am a Lab/Pit Bull mix but I have the playful temperament of a Lab. Just like my boxing movie namesake, I am very athletic and need a family that shares my passion for regular exercise. I am housetrained and would make a great addition to a family with older children.



Raven

My family lost their home and had to give me up. As you can see by this picture, I have lots of love to give to my new family. I am an 8 year-old female German Shepherd. I am totally housebroken, I know basic obedience and I LOVE to retrieve. I have lived with children and would be suitable for a home with children 15 years and older but I must be your only pet. If you are looking for a sweet, intelligent, well behaved dog, then look no further!



Bandon

I am a 9-year-old Lab mix looking for a new family to love. I am a mellow gentleman who bonds quickly with people. I would like an adult home or one



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Help Wanted

Wanted: Newsletter Editor

SCFA is seeking a new editor for the quarterly newsletter. Knowledge of Microsoft Publisher and a photo editing program are essential. For more details and to sign up, contact Nora Breen at Gingyrgirl@aol.com or call 732-748-SCFA.

Are You Outgoing?

If you like meeting new people and helping raise money for the shelter animals, then you need to check out the Fundraising Committee.

If you're the creative type, your ideas could become future fundraisers or your input could improve a current event. If you just like meeting new people, you could sign up for a Shake-A-Can event.

There are so many ways you can help this committee. For more information, contact Jes Marusiak at moodeeqt@yahoo.com

Trash or Treasure?

Have an old cell phone because you had to get the latest Motorola? Well that old phone is worth something. And before you toss an old ink cartridge, check with the fundraising committee.

There are programs that reimburse groups for these items and that means money for the animals. If you would like to donate such items, OR think you could help with a "drop-off" zone, contact Jes Marusiak at moodeeqt@yahoo.com.

Advertise in the newsletter:

\$15 - large business card size

\$45 - 1/2 page

\$75 - full page

To submit an ad, contact Nora Breen at Gingyrgirl@aol.com.

Katie's Korner

I am happy to announce that Thursday Night Socialization will resume NOVEMBER 17th. Socialization will be available to all current volunteers the second through last Thursday of every month from 5:30 -7:30 p.m... NOT the first Thursday.



732 748-SCFA (7232) with any questions.

All the orientation sessions will be listed on the SCFA Calendar on the SCFA website.

The next orientation will be November 17th. If you are unable to

make one of these sessions, the next orientation is the 2nd Thursday of December, December 8th.

Again, you will not be allowed to participate in the Thursday Night Socialization program until you attend an orientation.

For the outline of the policies and procedures, please see the following link from our website:

www.secondchanceforanimals.org/doc_library/private/67_thursday.doc

Before you will be allowed to participate in the Thursday Night Socialization, you must attend a mandatory socialization orientation session that will go over the policies and procedures. There also is a document outlining all the policies and procedures that you will be asked to sign once you go through orientation.

Orientation sessions will take place the 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please email _SCFA1998@aol.com or call

Adoption Statistics

Below are the adoption statistics from January through October 2005:

	<u>PetsMart</u>	<u>Shelter</u>
January:	5	33
February:	11	19
March:	6	26
April:	9	28
May:	4	23
June:	<u>6</u>	<u>24</u>
July:	41	153
August:		
September:		
October:		
Total:		

THANK YOU

SCFA would like to thank the following individuals and corporations for their generous donations (monetary and non monetary) to the organization:
 Jack Dolan & Sons Plumbing & Heating
 Mary Dolan
 Stephen Macheska
 Valerie Lilien
 Ernestine Brown
 Patti Jo Wilson

Photos with Santa

SCFA is preparing for its Second Annual Pet Pictures with Santa. This year's event will be held at the Firehouse on Amwell Road in East Millstone (not far from the Colonial Park dog park). This event was such an overwhelming success last year that we are more than doubling the number of days it will be held. We also found that we needed many more hands to help out due to the overwhelming attendance.

This is a really fun event and a great way to meet other animal lovers and their photogenic pets. We need the following people:

Santa - hold animals and pose with them

Photographer - take pictures with a digital camera

Photographer's helper - pose pets and help photographer as needed

The event runs Dec 3, 4, 10 and 17 from 11-3. Volunteers are needed from 10-4.

People to staff printing stations (4 per day) - knowledge of photo printing, assist people in choosing photo, print photo, discuss additional sale items

Sale table and refreshments - keep refreshment table filled and sell additional SCFA items)

Runners (2 people per day) - hand out info to people as they arrive, help with any questions, fill in as needed

Cashier - take money & write receipts

We also are in need of people who can lend the use of their photo printers for this event.

If you can help out with this event call Alicia Bottari at 732-873-0311 or for more information contact Lynn Lawson at 732-271-1291 or Marianne Mason at 732-249-2559.

