

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 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

President's Message

It was wonderful to see many of our active volunteers at our Volunteer Party in July. Many of these people weren't strangers to me because many of them are members of our committees, are regular volunteers at the shelter and PetsMart or are among the first to sign up for new projects.

It got me wondering, where are the rest of you? We have nearly 150 volunteers on our roster, yet our core group of volunteers doesn't exceed 30 people.

New Pets for the Holidays

The holidays are coming soon and that's often a time when people consider a new pet, possibly as a gift. But no matter what time of year it is, the ASPCA offers this information on how to choose a pet while considering the children in your household.

Under 3 - Focus on introduc-



ing? Is it your schedule? Do you not know where to start?

We have fundraising projects that always need volunteers (and it doesn't obligate you to become a member of that committee). We have many endeavors that require special talents such as web designers, artists, photography and PR.

Is there any way we can improve your volunteer

ing Baby to your current pets. It's not appropriate to bring in a new pet at this point.

3 to 5 Years Old - Guinea pigs are a good choice, as they like to be held, seldom bite and will whistle when excited or happy. Your child can help fill the water bottle or food dish.

What can we do to get more of you involved? Please do not hesitate to contact me at (732) 227-1033 or gingygrl@aol.com or Alicia Bottari (732) 846-0311 or goodogfred@aol.com.

With a core of 30 volunteers, we have been able to increase adoption fees, spay/neuter all adoptable animals and now we can provide heartworm testing for all dogs. Imagine what we could do if all 150 of us pull together.

And with a planned shelter expansion, we can use every little bit of help we can get.

5 to 10 Years - Choose shelf pets like mice, rats or fish. Kids can help clean cages with adult help, though you should always check to ensure that pets have food and water and cages are secured.

10 to 13 - Your child is now ready for the responsibility of
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Volunteer Appreciation Event

A lot of fun was had by all at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event in July

Pulitzer Prize

Sandy Koehler Lee

For putting together the quarterly issue of Paw Prints

Snuggle Award

Dorothy McGinnis

For helping with the shelter laundry the longest

Taxi Award

Frank Breen

Driving shelter animals to/from the vet or wherever they need to go

Founders Award

Carol Prevoznak

Since helping create SCFA 6 years ago, she has done so much to help SCFA grow, including: forging a strong relationship with PetsMart, ensuring more pet adoptions, and orchestrating a \$25,000 in grants for spay/neuter. "We've done a lot together," said Carol Prevoznak, accepting her award. "And we can do a lot more."

Stress Factor

Nora Breen

For dealing with all the stresses of leading SCFA.

Most Weekday Hours at the Shelter

Janet Mangin

Elizabeth Richards O'Grady

Most Hours at PetsMart

Carol Prevoznak

Leo Prevoznak

Most Hours of Animal Enrichment (Dogs)

Gerry Harris

Valissa Willwerth

Most Hours at the Shelter

Marianne Mason

Nora Breen

Most Hours Fostering

Jes Marusiak

Donna Albert

Frank Breen

Most Hours of Animal Enrichment (Cats)

Eileen Ferreri

Donna Albert

Most Hours FIV/FELV Transport

Theresa Cicalese

Joy O'Reilly

The following volunteers help with the shelter laundry: Amy Anderson, Barbara Heath, Claire Hughes, Sandy Koehler Lee, Lynn Lawson, Judith Lord, Dorothy McGinnis, Andi Orel, Jennifer Powers and Pat Ritz.

Santa Paws Events

We are participating in two Santa Paws events to raise money for the shelter animals. We need help promoting both these events and we will need volunteers to be Santa and those to help with photos.



Shelter Santa Paws will be held at the township's Senior/Community Center on Sat, Dec. 11 and Sat., Dec. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PetsMart Santa Paws will be held at the PetsMart store in Bridgewater on these dates Santa Paws will be 12/6,12/7,12/13,12/14,12/20,12/21. We are waiting to hear what dates SCFA will be there.

To help promote the event, contact Sandy Koehler Lee at outreach@secondchanceforanimals.org or (732) 356-0722. To volunteer for either event, contact Alicia Bottari at (732) 846-0311.

Holiday Pets (Cont. from Page 1)

a dog, cat or rabbit.



10 to 13 – Your child can help feed the pet, walk the dog, clean the rabbit cage and clean the cat litter, but you should always check to be sure pets have everything they need. Participation in dog Training classes is an excellent learning opportunity for children.

14 to 17 - Your child may have more activities and less time to spend with a pet. Birds or aquariums are a good choice. Remember, you will have the pet once they leave to go to college.

If you don't want to wait until the holidays, October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month.

Shake-A-Can Events

On Saturday, September 11, 2004, Second Chance had a record Shake-A-Can event at the Easton Avenue Stop-n-Shop.

This event broke our all-time record for the amount of money raised during a Shake-A-Can.....

\$536.10

WOW!



And so far this year, our volunteers have helped raise \$2,545.11 by "shaking their cans." Thank you to:

Amy Anderson, Anne Boshe (2X), Joyce Cotay (2X), Paula Hammons, Claire Hughes, Margot Hutchins (2x), Pat McBride, Andi Orel (2x), Pat Ritz, Mary Romash (2X), Marjorie Romasz (5X), Marilyn Shinski (2X) and Jen Watkins.

We have two more! If you can help, contact Alicia Bottari at (732) 846-0311.

Franklin Park -- Nov. 13 and Easton Avenue -- Nov. 20.

Cat Show

Alicia DeSordi organized our participation in the annual Cat Show held July 17th and 18th at the Garden State Exhibition Center. T-Shirt sales were tremendous, but it was the adoption of 3 cats that really made this weekend a huge success.

Thanks also to Alexis Bennett, Anne Bosch, Nicole Bredefeld, Nora Breen, Florence Coffaro, Alicia DeSordi, Josh Dunst, Kate Gezewitch, Pam Glantz, Betty Good, Claire Hughes, Tim Jones, Jane Kiernan, Gillian Kuplent, Lynn Lawson, Janet Mangin, Anna Marusiak, Jes Marusiak, Marianne Mason, Karen McMenemy, Jen Merz, Tim Powers, Jennifer Powers, Mary Romash, Marjorie Romasz, Marge Schmidt, Dereck Taylor, Robyn Troisi, Mary Ann Vastino and Carol Wessolock.

Gertrude Hawk Holiday Fundraiser

Second Chance has kicked off its first Gertrude Hawk Holiday Fundraiser.

Gertrude's candy sells itself and we're hoping the Holiday event will be just as successful as our Spring fundraisers have been.

Catalogs are available at the shelter or you can call Joyce Cotay at (732) 873-0853.

Take a few and give a catalog to your friends or family members and put them to work too. Every little bit helps. You won't know how easy it is until you try!!!

Order Due Date: October 31st, 2004

(Your orders, **along with payment in full must be received by this date**).

Payment can be in Cash or Checks made payable to Second Chance For Animals. Please submit your order and payment to Joyce Cotay, 10 Bayberry Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873.

Order Pickup: Saturday, December 4th, 2004

Place of Pickup: To Be Determined - (Details will follow with directions and time)

2nd Annual Somerset Patriots Game

The Patriots weren't the only winners on Saturday, September 11, 2004. Second Chance held it's 2nd Annual Fundraising and Awareness Event at Commerce Bank Ballpark, home of the Somerset Patriots. It was a perfect night for a ballgame and a perfect opportunity for Second Chance to promote the Franklin Township Animal Shelter and our volunteer group.

We not only raised \$392 from ticket sales, but we also raised the awareness of the community. More people now know that the Franklin Township Animal Shelter exists. It was a win-win-win for the Patriots, Second Chance and the Franklin Township Animal Shelter.

The Fundraising Committee would like to recognize and sincerely thank those volunteers who stepped up to the plate and helped to make this event a success for Second Chance and our Shelter:

Amy Anderson, Alicia Bottari, Frank Breen, Laura Caliguari, Melinda Cano, Janice Curtis, Lynn Lawson, Lauren Levy, Janet Mangin, Jes Marusiak, Anna Marusiak, Marianne Mason, Jane Kiernan-Nelson, Kim Newell, Jennifer Peppe, Melissa Rapp and Mary Romash.



Volunteer Spotlight - Eileen Ferrari

Eileen Ferrari's introduction to SCFA came from Janice Carroll, her neighbor and fellow SCFA volunteer. In the summer/fall of 2001, Eileen was



feeding a mother cat and her four kittens, who wandered into her yard.

During the space of one week that November, all the cats disappeared, except for an all-black male who stuck to her like glue. Not knowing what happened to his family and concerned about the approaching winter, she lured the little cat into her house. Later, a neighbor told her that Janice had trapped the other cats and brought them to the Franklin Township Animal Shelter.

Janice and Eileen met and she explained what SCFA was all about. Luckily, a new volunteer meeting was being held shortly

after their conversation and she signed up.

Eileen began volunteering in February 2002. Last summer, she

joined the Animal Enrichment Committee and became a member of the Board of Directors.

Eileen and her husband, Bill, live in Somerset and have two cats. One of them is the little black male she had found, now three years old, and named Jet. The other is a youthful 12-year-old female tabby named Bear, who also came to them as a stray.

Eileen is a Manager of Desktop Support Services for an insurance ratings company, primarily supporting the telephone issues for more than 400 employees.

Besides volunteering, she also enjoys gardening and reading.

Op-Cop Day a Success

Franklin Township held it's annual Operation Cooperation on Saturday, September 11, 2004 and Second Chance was there to promote the Franklin Township Animal Shelter and raise some money for the animals. Not only did we raise \$244 in donations, but we sold T-Shirts, played ring toss games with the kids, painted quite a few cute little faces and had a great time too. A special thank you to Gillian Kuplent, who organized our participation and also the volunteers. Three cheers for Joyce Cotay, Janice Curtis, Anna Marusiak, Jennifer Peppe (who did our face painting) and Dolores Salter.

SCFA Welcomes New Volunteers

We are pleased to welcome the following new volunteers who attended the April – August training seminars:

April

Erika Herbstman
Kim Newell
Nicole Schmitz
Mamta Suresh

May

Christian Minder
Melinda O'Leary
Andrea Ramsey

June

Joshua Dunst
Linda Flechner
Fred Madison
Denise Malyska
Karen McMenemy
Jane Nelson
Karen Puskar
Dereck Taylor

July

Anpin Hsieh
Jessica Kansiz
Joseph Martelli
Stacy Megna
Sheryl O'Malley

August

Mary Jo Elder
Mary Henwood
Katie McCormack
Dolores Salter
Laurel Wecker

The next general volunteer training session will be at the library. The next dog training session will be at the shelter. 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.

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Kramer Baer – Alane & Donald Vogel

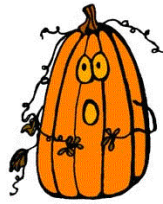
THANK YOU

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)

Board Election Results

Congratulations to Board Of Director members Carol Prevoznak and Gerry Harris. Carol has been re-elected Vice President and Gerry has been elected Treasurer. Current members Joyce Cotay, Alicia DeSordi, Eileen Ferreri, and Lynn Lawson were also re elected to the Board of Directors and Alane Vogel joins the board as Secretary.



Animal Spotlight

Betty



Trick or Treat?

Well, I'm certainly a treat! If you think you might want to be my companion, ask for me at the shelter.

New Information for Volunteer Sign Ups

Alicia Bottari has handed over the responsibility of scheduling volunteers for the shelter and PetsMart to LISA REVEL. For all scheduling needs, please contact Lisa at: Home: 732 566-3511 larev@optonline.net Work: 732 457-3896 lrevel@att.com. Lisa will be contacting you in the near future to schedule you for Petsmart and Shelter needs. Also, the on-line scheduler is just about here. Look soon in your email inbox for instructions on how to use this great tool!!



SCFA volunteer and Board member, Frank Breen, is usually known for cuddling with the shelter's fluffier residents. Often, one can find Frank holding a kitten or a cat.

But a snake?

Yep. Recently, Frank made friends with a snake at the shelter. He has since found a home – the snake, that is.

Walk for the Animals

Gillian Kuplent, co-chair of the Fundraisig Committee organized our 1st Annual Shelter Walk held in May. The Walk also coincided with the Adopt-A-Thon Weekend so there was a lot of pedestrian traffic in the area. The Walk raised over \$400.00 for the animals.....thanks Gillian and to those who participated.



Carla



Boo!

I'm not scared of ghouls and goblins. They take good care of me at the shelter, but I'd rather spend Halloween with you.

So come see me at the shelter!

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP ANIMAL SHELTER

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873
Phone: (732) 873-2500 ext. 255
Email: franklinShelter.475@juno.com
Hours: M-F 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
Sat. noon to 3 p.m.

SECOND CHANCE FOR ANIMALS

P.O. Box 5172, Somerset, NJ 08875
Phone: 732-748-SCFA (7232)
Email: scfa1998@aol.com
Website: www.secondchanceforanimals.org

Katie's Korner

Both the SCFA and the FTAS teams have specific roles and responsibilities in our common goal of providing care, compassion and support to the animals. Recently



half of the animals at the shelter. The FTAS staff is fully aware of the many excellent rescue groups and animal welfare organizations that are available when and if needed.

one of our volunteers called a dog rescue group and told the rescue group leader to call the FTAS to see if they could help place a particular dog into a loving home. This type of activity is the responsibility of the FTAS staff, not SCFA volunteers.

If you would like to provide some input to the shelter staff on a particular rescue group that is fine, however, please do not reach out to other rescue groups on be-

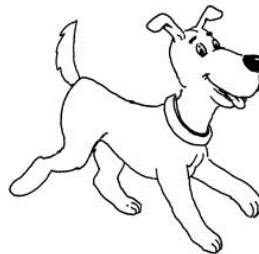
TOP WISH LIST ITEMS!

- Bleach
- Kitten Food
- Baby Wipes

For those of you that volunteer at the shelter, it would be greatly appreciated that when you clean a dog run that all solid waste is put into a plastic bag prior to dumping the solid waste into a dumpster. Please do not dispose of solid waste directly into a dumpster without the plastic bag because it generates a severe case of maggots that the shelter staff has to clean up.

Thank you to our July 4th Foster Families

Thank you to our SCFA volunteers who fostered shelter dogs during the July 4th festivities, which take place at the Municipal Complex every year. Thank you Frank Breen, Nora Breen, Alicia Drakes, Gerry Harris, Karen Longworth and Lisa Revel.



SCFA also participated in the Franklin Township 4th of July Celebration. Marianne Mason and Joyce Cotay braved the heat and humidity to promote the Franklin Township Animal Shelter. We raised \$32.00 in donations and sold \$135.00 worth of T-Shirts. Not bad for a few hours. Plus, they got to see the fireworks.

Adoption Statistics

Below are the adoption statistics from January through August 2004:

	<u>PetsMart</u>	<u>Shelter</u>
January:	6	17
February:	10	20
March:	3	15
April:	4	10
May:	10	23
June:	2	22
July:	13	44
August:	<u>10</u>	<u>38</u>
Total:	58	189

Calendar of Events

October

October 2nd - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Blessing of the Animals - St. Lukes
October 8th - Buda Bar Fundraiser
October 31st - Gertrude Hawk Orders Due

November

Nov. 13 - Shake-A-Can, Franklin Park
Nov. 20 - Shake-A-Can, Easton Ave.

December

Dec. 11 & 18 - Shelter Santa Paws - Pet Pictures with Santa at the Senior Center
PetsMart Santa Paws - Dec. 6 & 7; 13 & 14; and 20 & 21



To find out when other committees hold meetings or upcoming events, regularly check the calendar at www.secondchanceforanimals.org.



"Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this."

~ Anonymous