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No-Kill Philosophy

Animal Shelter Renovation, Inc. subscribes to a no-kill philosophy. We will not euthanize animals to make room for more. Our goal is to find a foster home, rescue, or other temporary shelter for the animal while it remains on a waiting list for our shelter.

We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that is raising funds to build a regional shelter in the greater Westfield area. We recognize that should we contract with any city or town in this region we would be expected to have space available to service these communities and would not turn these animals away. We would make every effort to place surrenders in an alternate location (foster home, sanctuary, rescues). As an organization, we are fully committed to a No-Kill Philosophy which we define as follows:

A No-Kill shelter is a place where all **healthy** and/or **treatable** companion animals are saved and where only those animals that are **non-rehabilitable** are euthanized.

- **Healthy.** Animals that have manifested no sign of disease, injury, or a congenital or hereditary condition that would adversely **affect** their life span. For example, healthy animals may be old, deaf, blind, disfigured, disabled, untrained, or unsocialized. Animals with certain diseases that are not yet exhibiting symptoms are considered adoptable, and it is the policy of the ASRI to fully disclose any known medical conditions and educate potential adopters about the risks associated with adopting any animal with special needs.
- **Treatable.** Any animal that is not healthy but that could become so through the administration of medication, special diet, routine surgical procedures, rehabilitation, socialization, or foster care. An animal shall be considered treatable as long as there is the expectation that such efforts would both improve the quality of the animal's life and extend its longevity, and not just artificially prolong its suffering.
- **Non-rehabilitable.** Non-rehabilitable animals are those that do not fit the criteria above and are not considered healthy or treatable. They include: 1) animals for whom euthanasia is the most humane alternative due to an irreversible injury, a disease that has transgressed beyond a treatable state, or advanced age that has affected the animal's ability to adequately maintain itself in a safe or sanitary manner; 2) vicious animals, the placement of which would constitute a danger to the public; and 3) animals that pose a public health hazard.

These definitions are those adopted by Animal Shelter Renovation, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Westfield, MA. ASRI believes that all companion animals are deserving of life, respect and care and will strive to control local animal over-population through spay/neuter programs and services that focus on education, fostering and adoption.

Halloween Pet Costume Event



The Women of the Moose are hosting a costume parade/party for pets on October 25th. Details were not available at press time but we will keep you posted as to the time and other details of this event as they become available.



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Mission Statement

Animal Shelter Renovation, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of domestic animals who by no fault of their own find themselves abandoned, abused, surrendered or lost.

We will do everything in our power to reunite lost pets with their owners and actively seek homes for those with no place to call home. We subscribe to a no-kill philosophy which means that we would only euthanize as a means of ending an animals suffering or in cases where and animal would pose a safety risk making it unsuitable for a pet.

Two Board Vacancies Filled

Shanna Burke-Clerk

Animal Shelter Renovation, Inc. announces the appointment of Shanna Burke and Gerry Proulx to the Board of Directors.

Shanna has been appointed as Clerk of the organization replacing Melissa Hallock who resigned earlier this year.

Shanna took extremely detailed minutes at our last public meeting making her a shoe in for the job. Here is what Shanna had to say about herself when applying for the position:

Since graduating with a Master of Social Work from Springfield College in May of 2007, I have

worked as a clinician at Valley Psychiatric Services, Inc., and in February of 2009 I became the Program Director for the South Hadley office of Nonotuck Resource Associates, Inc.

While working on my MSW at Springfield College, I specifically focused on animal companion loss and grieving, as well as animal-assisted therapy. I was particularly interested in the relationship between rescued animal companions and children and vulnerable populations.

In my personal life, I have rescued two retriever mixes, as well as three cats and one rabbit. I have fostered cats

Gerry Proulx-Director of Shelter Development

Animal Shelter Renovation, Inc. announces the appointment of Gerry Proulx as Director of Shelter Development.

At press time I hadn't received an opportunity to interview Gerry but as we heard at the last public meeting he is very

interested in helping us design our shelter. What makes Gerry's offer extremely appealing is the fact that he is a proponent of "green building" and is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council.

How exciting to think that our future shelter will be the first "green" shelter in the area as well as the first major

for Womanshelter/Companeras, which has a program that allows women to have their animal companions placed into foster care while they seek out safe housing away from their abusers. In October 2008 I went to Montreal and volunteered at a shelter after two puppy mills were broken up and hundreds of dogs were rescued. I am extremely dedicated to animal rescue, especially when it coincides with a no-kill philosophy.

-Shanna Burke letter of interest dated 8/18/09.

Please join us in welcoming Shanna to the Board.


no-kill shelter in Western Massachusetts on this side of the CT River.


In his new role Gerry has already visited a couple of shelters and is actively pursuing options for the construction of our shelter.

Please join us in welcoming Gerry to the Board.


Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Dinner and Auction





Friday October 23, 2009
Tekoa Country Club
6:00 p.m.
\$20 per person
Something for Everyone
Art • Collectibles • Sports Memorabilia
Gift Baskets • Dinner Certificates
Local Fare



To sponsor, volunteer, or contribute to this event please contact committee chair:

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Pins for Pets!



Canal Lanes
Southampton, MA
Sunday November 9, 2009
4:00 p.m.

\$20.00 Donation includes 3 strings and shoes; additional pledges are encouraged. Pledge form available on our website: www.helphomelessanimals.com

Buddy, can you spare a dime? Maybe a can or bag of food for the guys with nothing?



For more information, please contact Paul Burt: paulburt@comcast.net



Animal Shelter Renovation, Inc. d.b.a. Positive Options
All proceeds from this event will benefit our borderless shelter and pet food bank.

3rd Annual PAWS for a Cause Walkathon



Dark clouds, cold temperatures and rain did not keep 80+ participants from walking in this year's PAWS for a Cause Walkathon.

The Westfield High School Cheerleaders were on hand to get the crowd moving with original routines and cheers.

New this year was the addition of meals to those pledging to walk for the event. A sunny day would probably have brought out a few more participants but all in all another great walk planned and executed by Joanne O'Donoghue and company. This year our media



celebrity (Joanne) shared the spotlight with Bax and O'Brien on Rock 102 to encourage participation. Thanks to all who walked, volunteered and helped make the event a success. We raised just over \$3000.

Positive Options Pet Food Drives



Carmel the Cat a.k.a. Rox

Positive Options Pet Food Bank and Borderless Shelter has been actively soliciting donations to keep the project operating. Vet bills for animals in our care and food for these animals and those in the community that need help is stretching our resources to the breaking point. We have pet food drives scheduled for Oct. 17 at Gateway Farm and Pet and Oct. 24 at Walmart. If anyone is interested in conducting a drive or knows of a group that might be interested please contact Joyce at joystonesjewels@hotmail.com or by phone at 237-9097



Don and Marie talk with a supporter at Stop and Shop

Success Stories



Stashu, Comrad, Genie, Silverado, Chevy and Momma Cat all found their forever homes in September.

We continue to raise funds to help other victims of this economy find their forever home.