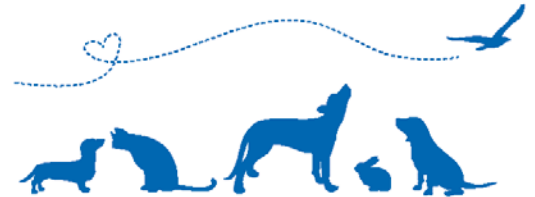


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Happy Endings

Those cute little puppies in your local pet store are most likely the product of puppy mill parents who live a horrendous life in stacked wire cages. Their only purpose is to produce offspring until they are no longer profitable.

The SASF showed the film "Madonna of the Mills," a documentary about the efforts of two women who have succeeded in rescuing over 2,000 puppy mill parents from being destroyed or sold for medical research. The women, both named Laura, have formed "No More Tears Rescue" and often travel to the Amish country in Pennsylvania where the puppy mills are located.

SASF is proud to be one of the partners in helping to rehabilitate, socialize and medically care for these animals. Many of these dogs have never felt the cool tickle of lush green grass. They are malnourished, nervous and fearful. They have never heard the words "good dog." A blank stare and fear is their only emotion.

SASF is regularly receiving dogs from No More Tears Rescue. We are patiently turning these dogs lives around. It is most rewarding to see them healthy, rehabilitated, socialized and wagging their tails for the first time. At last, a happy ending: a forever loving home.



Carol and John Ryan going home with Tulip and Petunia.

Dear Staff,

First let me start off praising you for the job you do. To care for animals that have been abandoned, neglected, or abused. It takes a special compassion to assist any animal in need of help, whether it be injured or sickly, to feed, clean up after, and try to get a caring person or family to adopt. Hopefully, in some cases they are reunited with their owners because they were lost or picked up as a stray.

We had adopted two shelter dogs, a sheltie and a Pomeranian. The latter passed away. We recently adopted a pair of Pomeranians that S.A.S.F. has rescued from a Puppy Mill. We decided not to separate them. They had always been together. We now have three dogs that all get along very well.

Whether you choose to adopt a cat or a dog, remember you are responsible for their shelter, food and health.

Carol & John Ryan

Dear Cathy,

That Friday morning in August we put on News 12 and discovered a "Dog Days of Summer" segment, where the Southampton Animal Shelter was showing various dogs available for adoption. Most importantly, they were showcasing in particular a Boxer mix named Lady. When I saw Lady, something clicked with me. I told my husband, "that's the dog I want."

Hurricane Irene was about to hit the Island that Saturday, so of course we decided to take a drive out to the shelter and check Lady out. Your facility was more than welcoming to us, even bringing Lady into a separate room so we could get to know her better, for as long as we wanted. What a sweetheart! We were more than happy to bring her home with us that day.

She is an amazing dog, and everyone she meets falls instantly in love with her.

We would highly recommend your shelter (and have recommended it to several people), and could not be more happy with Lady.

Thank you!, Heather Ross



Lady at leisure

Dear Friends and Supporters



As 2011 comes to a close, the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation will have completed our second year running the Shelter. It has been a very rewarding first two years. Our dedicated staff and volunteers have cared for and placed over 2,000 companion animals. Whether it be finding a loving home for one of our playful cats, or reuniting a lucky dog with his thankful family; we're so pleased to report that we've had many wonderful success stories. We're also involved in many human success stories. We hear regularly from adopting families, volunteers, and staff, that their experience with SASF (and our really cute dogs and cats) has changed their lives.

SASF has the one of the finest enrichment training programs in the country, proven by our live release rate of 96%. We provide all of the necessary medical care for our dogs and cats. Every animal is medically cared for: spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and micro-chipped. We offer low cost spay/neuter clinics to the public, and **we always offer Free Spay/Neuters to our Community Pit Bull/Mix Dogs.**

We're doing our best to meet our financial needs. Each year we hold a number of fundraising events, and we receive some support from the Town; but the overwhelming majority of our funding, greater than 75%, comes from individual donors. Our donors generosity and support for SASF both inspires and enables us to do all of the good we do. As you consider your yearend giving, please include Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation. We never grow tired of caring for the homeless animals that come our way, and we hope that we can continue to count on you to make it all possible.

With much appreciation,

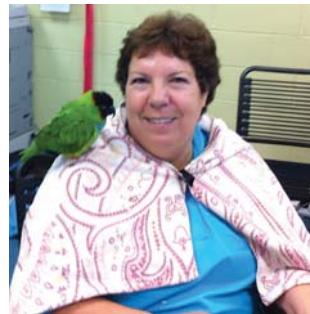
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Matt Valentino

We Are One Big Family

2011 was a great year for S.A.S.F. We have so much to be proud of and so many people to thank. Two people who gave us great exposure: Mark Ambrico of channel 12 and Linda Shapiro. You put us on the map. You are the best. Thank you. Our volunteer benefit committees worked tirelessly. The Madonna Committee and the Boardy Barn Committee were both financially successful, as well as fostering greater community awareness of our shelter.

Dan's Papers will be presenting us with an award, "the best in sheltering." Thank you Dan's Papers. This award is made possible because of our wonderful staff, who love and care for our animals as if they were their own. Bravo S.A.S.F. staff. Volunteers we thank you for your time which is priceless. Finally, we thank the board and all those who contributed in many different ways to the Southampton Animal Foundation. We are one big family!!



Laura Flynn, Melanie Kahn, and Kelly Colbert



Second Annual Boardy Barn benefit Sept 17, 2011

OUR TERRIFIC TEENAGER

Where Eagle Scouts Dare



Brendan Sheil graduated from Pierson High School in Sag Harbor in June and in September he entered York College in Pennsylvania. He is a music major and plays the bass guitar and trumpet. Besides being an eagle scout, Brendan enjoys fishing, water skiing and sky diving.

Brendan and his mother found a stray dog along County Road 39 and took it to the Southampton Animal Shelter in case someone would be looking for it. When the dog was not claimed, Brendon and his mother adopted him and named him *Frisco*.

Brendan wanted to thank the Shelter for *Frisco*. This summer he gathered a bunch of his fellow scouts, and under his guidance they built two beautiful picnic tables for us to enjoy as well as five bird feeders and three dog houses. They also repainted the agility course. Bravo and Thank You.

Wish List

Office Supplies

Canon GPR 23 ink cartridges
HP 901 black and tri-color
ink cartridges

Xtra special donation!

New digital camera

Volunteers for Thrift Shop & Shelter

Pet Supplies

6 ft. leashes
cat and dog treats
peanut butter
kongs
pet shampoo



Brandon Sheil second from right top row

WINTERTIME PRECAUTIONS

As the cold weather approaches we need to give some consideration to how best to protect our pets from the changing environment. For those dogs and cats that only go outside for few minutes there doesn't need to be any drastic change to the routine. Short coated smaller dogs might have a winter coat or sweater. Dogs with furry feet should have their feet wiped down to remove encrusted snow or salt from between the toes. When walking your dog on salted city sidewalks keep in mind that salt water conducts electricity - be mindful of stray voltage on sidewalk.

Dogs, cats and rabbits that live outside must have adequate shelter, nutrition and water. Pets lose body heat by conduction, convection and radiational cooling. This means loss of heat by contact with colder surfaces, cold wind and to the open sky. Providing a house or nest box that is well insulated, raised off the ground and out of the wind is best. Remember not to make it too large - they need to heat it up with their own body heat! Styrofoam coolers with a hole cut on the side and some straw inside work well for feral cats. Place them in a sheltered area out of the wind. Because these animals live out in the elements full time they need more calories to burn to stay warm. Additional food is required in winter and be sure to check that their water has not frozen solid.

Claude Grosjean, DVM, Olde Towne Animal Hospital



THE HUMAN FACTOR

Let's say you are walking down the street one day and you see someone walking two dogs. One dog is small, short, has big goofy ears, and looks kind of like a cross between a dachshund and a corgi. The other dog is bigger, has a squarish blocky head, and a short brindle coat. Which dog do you pet? Which dog do you maybe avoid?

I can safely say that many of you would pet the corgi mix and avoid the "pit bull looking dog", because the dogs I just described to you are my own two dogs, and this is a scenario that I am faced with almost every single day. Most people we come across make the assumption that the small cute little dog is going to be the more friendly, while the bigger muscular looking dog may not be trustworthy. In actuality, my pit bull-type-dog is a certified Therapy Dog who thinks that all humans were put on this earth to adore him, while my little corgi-looking-mix is unpredictable with strangers and not a dog that would be safe for most people.

In this scenario, we clearly have a case of mistaken identities, and an inaccurate assumption that the appearance of a dog reflects his/her personality. It is this false assumption that has disparaged an entire group of dogs that have a certain body type and coat color, regardless of their actual temperament (and frequently regardless of what their actual genetic make-up is) and has resulted in the discrimination and death of thousands of innocent dogs. There is not one single behavioral trait that is specific to any dog, let alone pit bull dogs, and all dogs are simply a product of our own actions. No matter the breed of the dog or how a dog looks, there is one factor that ultimately affects the overall demeanor of all dogs: the human factor.

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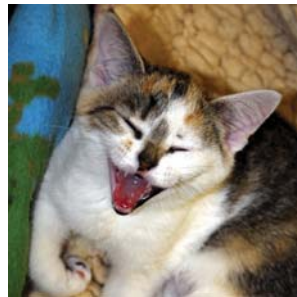
COMMUNITY CATS

Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation supports a lifesaving program for community cats. These are feral cats that roam the neighborhood. They can be a nuisance and are the responsibility of each locality. After all, they originated from un-neutered house cats that ran away or were abandoned.

SASF is happy to supply humane traps to catch feral cats and their young kittens. The feral cat is neutered, vaccinated and returned to live out its life without adding to the homeless cat population. In most communities, they live in colonies and have a caretaker.

In many cases feral kittens received by SASF can be domesticated. These kittens will be weaned, neutered, socialized and put up for adoption. In addition to rescuing and adopting out as many cats as possible, we are committed to the lifetime care of that feline until it finds a forever home.

PUUUURRRRRRRRRRRRFECT COMPANIONS



Mr. Laughs



Blackie



Kitten



Bobaloo



Tango



Murray



EXCITEMENT AT SAN GENNARO

Our wonderful new volunteer coordinator Regina Martini, her husband Lou and Gina's volunteers participated in the San Gennaro festival in Hampton Bays. They made friends with a group of American Legion Veterans from Hand/Aldrich Post 924 who agreed to sponsor a Spring Benefit for SASF called **Vets For Pets**. This will take place in late May of 2012, details to be announced.

Regina Martini



A SHELTER DOG'S DAY

Hi, I am exhausted. My name is "Star" and I just came in from playing with my doggie friends. I go to play group every morning. The trainers watch us romp, rough house and chase one another.

By the time play group ends I am famished and exhausted. I cannot wait to return to my kennel in anticipation of a big meal and a new clean comfy bed to relax on with my toys.

The afternoon is always a busy time. Either a trainer or volunteer will come play fetch with me or take me for a car ride. Maybe a trainer will be helping me become more obedient, or I may have a play date with some of my friends.

Before day's end I go for a stroll in the park and then off to bed. An evening kong filled with snacks will be waiting on my bed. I fall asleep dreaming of a forever home. Dreams come true! I was adopted by my favorite volunteer.



SOUTHAMPTON ANIMAL SHELTER FOUNDATION THRIFT SHOP

The Southampton Animal Shelter Thrift Shop has one goal . . . to provide financial support to the Foundation in its work on behalf of the animals in need of rescue, shelter and new loving homes. To accomplish our mission, we sell merchandise donated by friends of the animals in our community.

Our donation list includes: furniture and accessories, clothing and related items - new or gently worn, vintage jewelry (including costume). Mid 20th century items are of special interest as they have a large following in the market today.

Our thrift shop is in two back-to-back locations at 87 and 85 Jobs Lane in Southampton. Our telephone number is 287-7387 (PETS). We need volunteers and we are open six days a week. Please call for our exact hours of operation. We look forward to seeing you at our shop. We can do our part to Help the Animals!!



Now you can hear **Dog Talk** (and kitties too) right over the air at 11 a.m. on Saturdays on WPPB Peconic Public Broadcasting on Long Island or at 1 p.m. on Sundays on Robinhood radio WHDD from Sharon, Connecticut and heard in Litchfield and Dutchess counties and in The Berkshires. **Dog Talk** with SASF as the show's official shelter.

PAWS FOR DISABILITIES

The Southampton Animal Shelter is working hard to give back to our community. One of man's best friends (dogs and cats) may become your disabled child's best friend.

Many people are surprised by a disabled child's profound spontaneity in the presence of a friendly animal. Children with autism spectrum (and other disabilities) have difficulty with visual and auditory processing as well as being sensitive to loud noises, direct sunlight, touch, smell and taste.

We at the shelter are convinced that assisted pet therapy can make a disabled child feel safe and unconditionally loved and better able to cope with his or her disabling problem. We are encouraging families with a disabled child to plan a family visit to the shelter to share their experience with each other. This shared time is very beneficial to a needy child, who can re-enact and relive at home the time spent meeting the animals. A shelter staff member or volunteer will help the disabled youngster by talking about particular pets or helping the child bond with a cat or dog.

This is a free program for either individuals or families. Animals help disabled children become less withdrawn, less anxious and less irritable. We hope to offer both physical and emotional benefits to the children and their families.

Please call Cathy Duemler for an appointment at 631.728.7387 ext 239.

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