



COMPASSION IN ACTION



NEWSLETTER OF THE SPCA SERVING ERIE COUNTY

SUMMER 2024

STRONG SUPPORT, STRONG RESULTS: SPCA SERVING ERIE COUNTY BEATS THE ODDS

Nationally, dog adoptions decreased by 5% last year. Innovative programs at the SPCA like Doggie Entourage and If the Fur Fits have become adoption game-changers! More adoptable dogs are finding their homes thanks to these creative initiatives.

The good news doesn't stop there. Our efforts to keep families and their beloved cats together are proving successful, as evidenced by a slight decrease in cat surrenders and adoptions. This means more cats are thriving in their existing homes thanks to the SPCA's dedicated resources and support for owners.

Your unwavering support empowers the SPCA to prioritize the well-being of both pets and their people, as well as help homeless pets and ill, injured, or orphaned wildlife. Recognizing the challenges loving owners face, we offer a range of resources to help them keep their furry companions happy and healthy, fostering lasting bonds within their homes. Our programs not only preserve the vital human-animal bond but also ensure our shelter has the capacity to care for the most vulnerable animals.

Free or low-cost vaccination clinics: Held throughout spring, summer, and fall, these clinics provide essential preventative vaccinations and other veterinary care for dogs and cats, helping keep pets with their owners. In 2024, clinics will be held throughout Erie County, including at the Fairgrounds in Hamburg, True Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo Botanical Gardens, the Salvation Army, Kleinhans Music Hall, and more! Find dates and times near you on our website, YourSPCA.org.



Pet Food Pantry: The SPCA operates a Pet Food Pantry, offering temporary assistance when unexpected challenges arise for pet parents.



No proof of hardship is required to utilize the pantry, ensuring quick and easy access to essential pet food. Depending on availability, we also provide cat litter, collars, leashes, and other supplies. This program relies on generous donations from the community, and thanks to this support, we can help keep families and pets together during difficult times.

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for current adoption hours.



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Mission

At the SPCA Serving Erie County, our mission is to create a more humane community through: education; rescuing; protecting; and enhancing the lives of animals; and nurturing the bond between animals and people.

The SPCA Serving Erie County is not affiliated financially in any way with any other animal agency — including the Niagara County SPCA, the ASPCA, or any other humane society or animal welfare group. Our protocols, policies, and procedures are unique to this organization, a completely independent humane society that does not receive any city, county, state, or federal tax dollars. The important programs and services of the SPCA Serving Erie County are possible only due to the caring people and organizations that support us.

FROM PRESIDENT & CEO CAITLIN DALY



Imagine a community where every animal has an extensive network of people looking out for them, from the cat wandering your neighborhood to the dog next door to the bird chirping outside your window. Imagine a system where shelters and rescues in Erie County work together to help the animals needing it most, because community members are taking ownership for the animals who may need help, but don't need to

be in a shelter environment. That is the safety net community we are trying to create for all animals in Erie County.

In the animal sheltering world, we long embraced "savior" and "hero" as self-awarded titles of honor. Here is the thing, though: the true heroes for the animals and those who love them are people just like you! **Every time you pick up a stray dog and find their family or put a fallen bird back in their nest, YOU are taking an active role in making our community a safer and happier place for the animals who live here.** Every time you temporarily help someone by housing or watching their pet, and every time you place a fence around a newborn family of bunnies, YOU are creating a more humane community for all! By reuniting a family, you have saved a much-needed kennel space at your local shelter or SPCA for animals who truly NEED to be overseen 24/7 by devoted shelter staff.

Some vulnerable animals desperately need the expert medical and behavioral care that the SPCA offers. Recently, we brought in two emaciated dogs who required round-the-clock fluids and care. We brought in three horses who were living in filthy conditions, without access to proper shelter or water. These animals need us, and we are committed to caring for them.

However, many animals need a helping hand from local heroes like you. If you are wondering how you can help us reach our community's goals or if you have found an animal who is not in desperate need but who needs help, please visit our website for tips, tools, and resources.

We are hanging up our hero capes. By becoming a valued resource and taking on a community support role, the SPCA can do so much more for our community, and knowing you're on board makes us unstoppable!

Caitlin Daly, President & CEO



STRONG SUPPORT, STRONG RESULTS



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Every pet deserves a full bowl. If you're facing food insecurity for your pet, please don't hesitate to visit our Pet Food Pantry located in the SPCA. Learn more at YourSPCA.org/petfoodpantry.

The Lipsey Veterinary Clinic: The clinic, located inside the SPCA, offers affordable, high-quality veterinary care for cats and dogs. The clinic offers non-emergency comprehensive veterinary services dedicated to helping the animals in our community who need us most.

Here's what makes the clinic so special:

- 🐾 **Affordable care:** We prioritize making essential vet services accessible to everyone, offering competitive prices and flexible payment options.
- 🐾 **High-quality treatment:** Our dedicated team of veterinarians and staff provide compassionate care, ensuring your furry friend receives the best possible treatment.
- 🐾 **Community focus:** We're passionate about serving our community's animals, regardless of their owners' financial situation.

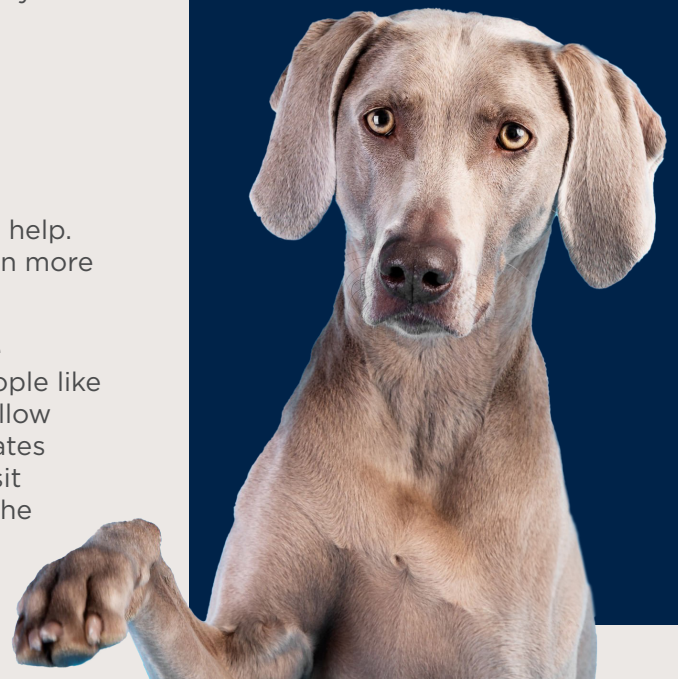
Whether your pet needs a check-up, vaccinations, or other non-emergency care, the Lipsey Veterinary Clinic is here to help. Visit YourSPCA.org/lipsey or call us at 716-531-4700 to learn more about our services and how we can help your pet!

These programs and resources are all made possible by the incredible support we receive from our community and people like you. We are deeply grateful for your contributions, which allow us to make a real difference. Every action, big or small, creates a community where every animal is loved and cared for. Visit YourSPCA.org today and discover how you can be part of the solution! Remember, together, we can make a difference!

What if you want a dog, but now just isn't the right time for you to introduce a dog into your home? Or maybe you just love dogs and want to spend some time with them? If so, then the Doggie Entourage Program presented by Moog is perfect for you!

Doggie Entourage is a program that allows you to take dogs from the SPCA out for a few hours or for the day. This is a great way to help the SPCA learn more about dogs — information that is invaluable to potential adopters! It also gives the dogs a chance to get out of the shelter and have some fun with you!

If the Fur Fits: Unsure if a pet will fit in well with your household? Our program lets you welcome an animal (six months or older) into your home for a trial period. This way, you can see if it's a good fit before making a lifelong commitment.



THE YELP FOR HELP FUND: OVER 20 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR ANIMALS



For over two decades, the SPCA's Yelp for Help Fund has been a powerful force for good in the lives of thousands of animals. This vital fund provides the resources needed to offer essential medical care, including veterinary surgeries, therapies, and treatments to homeless pets before they find their new homes.

The impact of Yelp for Help cannot be overstated. It is consistently a favorite among our supporters because they recognize its direct impact on saving animal lives. Each year, the SPCA holds the Yelp for Help Matching Challenge, a generous opportunity to **double the impact of your donation**. **Bill and Nancy Gacioch and National Property Management Associates** proudly sponsor this year's challenge.

It's not too late to join the movement! Contribute to the Yelp for Help Matching Challenge at YourSPCA.org/yfh24nl, double the impact of your gift, and help the animals who need it the most!



Wine, Wags & BREWS!

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Join us on Wednesday, June 12 for a paw-some social event where you can sip on yummy drinks from local breweries and wineries, nibble on delicious food from nearby restaurants, bakeries, and food trucks, and browse pet-themed goodies — all while helping the animals at the SPCA Serving Erie County!

The good times are for everyone (as long as you're 21 or older)! You can even bring your dog!

Get ready for an unforgettable evening!

- Enjoy exciting raffles such as our 50/50, basket raffles, and wine pull!
- VIP tickets include early entry at 4:30 p.m. to beat the crowds.
- General admission tickets: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- All tickets include a wine glass, a pretzel necklace, and a tote bag.
- New this year! Designated driver ticket for those who prefer non-alcoholic options.

For more info, visit YourSPCA.org/wwb24



SAVE THE DATE AND THE NEW LOCATION!

Paws in the Park presented by Keller Technology Corporation will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Knox Farm State Park in East Aurora!

Find more information at YourSPCA.org!