The Kids of Laurel School—A Future Full of Promise

Do you want to catch a glimpse of the compassionate and humane future we are working towards? Look no further. At Rescue Village we say “In Kids We Trust” and to back that up we are devoted to our education program led by our own Humane Educator extraordinaire, Mary Carney. Her programs, at Rescue Village and in schools in Northeast Ohio, reach over 5,000 people a year.

This year a special bond was deepened between the girls of Laurel School and Rescue Village. Frances Bachman, a student’s mom, said, “The Laurel School girls have enjoyed a long love affair with Rescue Village. Since kindergarten, many of them have chosen to have birthday parties which celebrate the mission of the shelter, in which they ask guests to bring donations in lieu of birthday gifts…”

Fifteen Laurel middle school students chose to spend their school’s week-long program, called “Intersession,” at Rescue Village learning about the animals and the contributions the shelter makes to the community. The plan was to provide a tour of Rescue Village, presentations, and hands-on time with puppies. Activities included making healthy dog treats and safe toys.

On the first day, Laurel school alumnae and previous executive director of Rescue Village, Timy Sullivan, spoke to the girls. The history of how Rescue Village came to be and what it stands for came alive. “It makes my heart sing!” said Timy. Nikki Coben taught Cats 101 which was purrfect! Maureen Donnellon contributed with her class on dog body language. A visit by 5 certified Therapy Dogs was fascinating. For Emma, Kira, Dylan, Jordyn, Ivy and the other Laurel students, the school motto “Dream...Dare...Do!” captured the spirit of the week.

Of course, the only stars brighter than the kids were the animals themselves. Puppies were gently shared by the class, with oohs and ahhs and questions about how the animals came to Rescue Village and what would be their future? These students, like so many others, care deeply about the animals and want to make sure their future is brighter than what brought them to the shelter.

Do you want to know what the future holds? Just look at these faces, smile, and imagine.

Special thanks to Laurel School and everyone who made this week possible including Frances Bachman, Cece Kysela, and Julie Seders who helped facilitate the program.
To the tune of “Imagine”—
Imagine there’s no shelters
It’s easy if you try
No homeless animals
Left outside to die
Imagine all the people
Compassionate and kind...

You may say that I’m a dreamer
But I’m not the only one...

When my daughter Jennifer was twelve I bought her a button which read, “Dare to Dream the Impossible.” She pinned it to her backpack and wore it faithfully right next to her “Imagine World Peace” button until she was “older and wiser” to the challenging ways of the world. At sixteen, when she declared she had become a vegetarian, her peace button was exchanged for “Imagine World Peas.”

Now she has turned 30 and during her last visit home she smiled when she saw those old buttons pinned to my laptop computer case. She also met my new dog, Piper Rose Peep, whose deep down sweetness is countered only by her fears which, I believe, were brought on by cruelty.

Jenny asked me seriously, “Mom, do you think we can create a humane society and world?” Gone are the days when I would talk and she would just sit and listen. Our conversation was, at once, exciting, intense, funny, and filled with the “we can do anything” power of our younger selves.

I see the challenge every time a dog that has been physically or emotionally harmed is brought into the shelter and we all ask, “How on earth can anyone do that?” It boggles the mind. Like you, I react with horror at dog fighting, or at horses being dumped in Ashtabula, or cats being drowned. It is easy to pack away the old buttons and get cynical and feel defeated.

But, here at Rescue Village, I get the chance to dream, to imagine, to dare, and to do. Along with my cohorts on the staff, among the volunteers, members of the board of trustees, and supporters, we get to “dream the impossible” every single day.

Our vision of a humane world CAN be seen in the faces and actions of the countless kids who start embracing humane values early, before they even know what those words mean. It amazes us to experience adopters who come looking for the oldest dog, the neediest cat, the hardest-to-place animal and it amazes us to experience the thousands of people who adopt from a shelter because it saves lives. You taste the possibility of change when Amish farmers host spay/neuter clinics on their farms. It is the push and pull of every day that keeps the dreams alive. Rescue Village is many things...a shelter...a center for humane education...a community of like-minded animal lovers...and it is a dream.

Hope Brustein, Executive Director
Is it a Barn or is it an Ark?

Spring is underway! Oh how we all have been waiting for the sunshine, longer days, and renewal. Walking by the barn pastures most people do a double take. In the barn a 30 year old thoroughbred named Lex resides. He came to us caked with mud, underweight, with hooves the size of dinner plates. Lex’s diet is being carefully monitored by large animal veterinarian, Dr. Hess. When the farrier came, Lex, without prodding, lifted each hoof for trimming. He is a friendly soul who arrived at RV with a Pony of the Americas named Tuaca (now living with Dr. Myrna Papurt).

On this day, Lex is sharing his pasture with, of all things, llamas! It is a Rescue Village first. The two males and two females are about 12 years old (which is old, but not ancient). Their thick coats are dappled by wood shavings and they are due to be shorn once the weather turns warmer.

There are many alpaca and llama farms in Geauga County. Rescue Village staff, including Humane Agent Joyce Rice, who oversees the barn, are on a fast learning curve about these beautiful animals. We know they spit and it is green and we do not want to be a target! We are learning their sounds, from lovely humming to louder cries and screeching.

Enter into the mix two VERY LARGE farm pigs. Minnie (!?!?!) and Cricket were rescued from the Wiles hog farm in central Ohio, the focus of a new HBO documentary on the cruelty of factory farms.

The amazing thing is how the animals, all so different, end up being able to live together.

By the time you read this the characters sheltered at the Rescue Village barn may have changed. Our purpose is to rescue horses and farm animals from cruelty, neglect, and from circumstances where owners simply cannot continue to care for them. Our goal is to find them new homes. While they are here, they grace our shelter.

Recycle the Love — Dispose of your Old Electronics for FREE!

Simply drop your old electronic items into a recycle container that has been placed at Rescue Village and help us provide care for Northeast Ohio’s homeless animals! The container is located in the BACK PARKING LOT AT RESCUE VILLAGE. You may drop off items June 27–July 11 from 10am–7pm weekdays & 10am–5pm weekends. Proceeds benefit Geauga Humane Society’s Rescue Village. For questions or more information call 440.338.4819 ext 19.

Electronic items accepted include:
Computers, Monitors, Typewriters, Radios, Stereos, CD Players, Cell Phones, Fax Machines, Copiers, Projectors, VCRs, CB Radios, Camcorders, Cameras, DVD Players, Plotters, Circuit Boards, Radios, All Batteries, Cables/Wiring, Electric pianos, Game Consoles, Generators, Electric Lawnmowers, Video Cameras, Telephones Speakers, Electric Wheelchairs, Printers, PDAs, Microwaves, Calculators, NO TELEVISIONS PLEASE!
I want to make a gift to help the animals

I would like my contribution to benefit—
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Looking Forward
Mark you calendar for these upcoming events and activities.

A Doggone Purrfect Night
Come join us under the beautiful white tent for the 2nd annual Doggone Purrfect Night on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Rescue Village. For more information call 440.338.4819, ext. 19

Hoof-en-anny
Join us at Rescue Village for a Potluck on Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 4-7pm to celebrate our 35th Anniversary. For more information call 440.338.4819, ext. 19 or visit www.geaugahumane.org

Art in the Garden
You’re invited to Rescue Village’s Kranz Family Celebration Garden on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 10am–5pm. Join us as local artists offer their beautiful creations for sale. While you’re shopping, stroll around our grounds and visit the animals in the shelter and in the pasture.

Woofstock
Join us at the beautiful Holden Arboretum on Sunday, September 27, 2009 for a festival of people, paws and pledges. See pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter for all the details.

Adopt-A-Thons
Looking for your Purrfect match? Rescue Village is offering you a chance to find a four-legged friend. Join us at one of our special adopt-a-thons for fun, activities, and adoption specials.

June     Adopt a shelter cat month
July     Uncle Sam wants you! Join us on July 4th and 5th. It’s your civic duty to adopt!
August    Kitten Caboodle, August 15th–16th it is all about the kittens

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- Paper towels
- Dry cat food
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- Large Kongs

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- Light weight cloth (to make bandanas)
- Permanent markers
- Poster board in bright colors

Upcoming Classes (in the Rescue Village classroom)
Visit our website at www.geaugahumane.org for class dates and times or call 440.338.4819, ext 10 for more information or to register.

Puppy Preschool A class to start you and your puppy (eight weeks to five months) off on the right track. You’ll learn how to teach your dog basic manners, how to walk nicely on a leash, and how to greet people politely. Cost: $95 ($85 for adopters from Rescue Village). Fee includes a manual and treat pack. Registration is required. No dogs should be brought to the first week of class. Sessions are six evenings.

Thursdays, July 9 thru August 13, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Sundays, September 13 thru October 18, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Good Dog 101 A primer on positive reinforcement training for owners with dogs ages five months to two years. Basic commands are taught. Cost: $95 ($85 for adopters from Rescue Village). Registration is required. No dogs should be brought to the first week of class. Sessions are six evenings.

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happy endings in waiting

Lonely Hearts Club— A club for extra special animals searching for VERY SPECIAL people. Lonely Hearts Club members get focused attention because they might be older, or bigger, or sight-impaired, or need some custom care. But, just like everyone else, they deserve someone to love them forever. This program devotes time to “getting the word out” about our most needy Rescue Village animals.

Tabby, a 1-1/2 year old Tiger cat, was brought to Rescue Village in August 2008 as part of a hoarding case. There were a total of 21 cats rescued with Tabby. Tabby spends her days in our Cat Community Room. She really enjoys wrestling with the other young cats and occasionally chases someone around to see who will play with her. She is very loveable, but is a bit shy when things get too loud. More than anything, Tabby needs to get a new home of her own.

Heidi, a 2 year old Boxer mix, was surrendered to Rescue Village after she and the other dog in the home could not get along. Heidi has been here since December. She is hoping to spend her summer in her new forever home. She loves rope toys and plays tug of war with anyone who will participate. She is a laid back and loveable couch potato when the time is right. She loves to go on field trips to Chagrin Falls, taking in all the sights and sounds of the outside world.

Tessa, a 2 year old Lab mix, was brought to Rescue Village as a transfer from the Portage County APL. Tessa was diagnosed with heartworm by RV veterinarians and has been with us for quite a long time—making sure she receives complete treatment. Taking it easy is not on this girl’s agenda! She is a typical rambunctious Lab that is ready and raring to go at a moment’s notice. She loves to give bear hugs to anyone she can get her paws on!

Jonas, a big Siamese cat, was abandoned at Rescue Village late one winter night. Upon intake we noticed that he had a genetic deformity of his eyes that caused his eyelids to flip inward and his eyelashes to grow into his eyes (common in the Siamese breed). After surgery (by our wonderful veterinary staff), he was put up for adoption! He has been with us for about 5 months, and he is more than ready to find his new home. Jonas lives in our cat community room and loves to sit outside watching the birds — now that he can see them fly around.
Misty lost her first home due to foreclosure and then spent time with a neighbor, which did not work out, and finally ended up at Rescue Village. Diane Furiga came to Rescue Village looking to add another dog to her family of two dogs and several cats. When Diane saw Misty she looked past her frantic energy and knew once in her new home, Misty would be a different dog. Today Misty is best friends with Haley, a Lab/Husky mix, and Tucker, a chocolate lab. All three play outside (Squirrel harassment 101, Vole Acrobatics 102, and Barking for Joy 103). Misty will soon be going to school to earn the coveted, “Canine Good Citizen” certificate.

Black Jack, a young and gorgeous Black Lab mix, originally came to Rescue Village through our transfer program with Portage APL. After a month here, Black Jack became depressed. He did not want to eat or go outside. Staff and volunteers were concerned and desperately waiting for someone special to come into Rescue Village. That person was Donna Butt. After a meet and greet between Black Jack and her resident dog Joey, Donna just knew he would be the perfect addition to her family. He now lives the life of Riley. He sleeps in bed with Donna and is quite the bed hog! He loves having an Invisible Fence so he can run (and run and run) around the yard until he is ready for a nap.

Sally (now Ally), a sweet but oh-so-shy cat, was originally brought to Rescue Village as a stray back in October 2007. She had a rough time adjusting to shelter life, so we let her stay in our administrative offices to help her cope with the stress of the shelter. On February 12th, Sally’s world changed when Laura and Scott Greenwald came and adopted her. Staff was not sure how long it would take Sally to adjust to a new home and new family. The Greenwalds were expecting to give her all the time she needed. Thankfully, Sally quickly realized that she was the lucky one. After spending a couple of days underneath a futon, she started to come out to explore her surroundings. She is still a bit shy around loud noises, but Ally is truly happy and has a family who adores her.
animal answers

By Barnee Woolf & Megan Volpe, DVM

When Jay-Jay, a 6 year old Corgi, arrived at Rescue Village in October 2008 he was without question—loved. With a sad farewell from his owner, Jay-Jay entered the building. The staff’s attention turned to his health and his weight—40.8 pounds (an average male Corgi weighs 25-30 pounds). Obesity is the most common nutrition-related health condition in dogs in our society.

This condition is not uncommon for an altered Corgi or similar breeds. Jay-Jay found it difficult even to walk from his comfy bed in isolation to go outside to potty, needing several rest stops along the way.

Between 25 – 40% of dogs are considered obese or are likely to become obese. Jay-Jay’s owner provided him several meals a day, in addition to many, many treats while working on training.

Motivational treats are an excellent training aid and tiny bites of high value treats are best. We all need to keep in mind that our pets depend on us to keep them healthy and active. If you use treats for positive reward reinforcement, please be mindful to adjust your dog’s food intake by ¼ cup a day on training days to allow for the extra calorie intake.

Jay-Jay’s weight-loss story is inspirational. He quickly found a new home with a family who loves him dearly and is committed to Jay-Jay’s health. His new family followed our veterinarian’s advice:

- Follow up with their veterinarian for a supervised weight loss plan
- Stick to a low calorie diet, with a measured amount twice a day
- Provide regular exercise

Our most recent update on Jay-Jay is that he is very happy, has lost about 12 pounds, and is now tremendously playful!

Around New Year’s, the Pierce family visited a litter of puppies at Rescue Village and adopted Rocky. “We thought we were going to adopt an older dog, but we fell in love with Rocky. I always knew we’d get an Invisible Fence; we have a large yard and wanted to be able to let him run,” explained Wendy Pierce. “Rocky’s Invisible Fence training has been very smooth. It’s been really easy, and the Invisible Fence staff have been very helpful.” Rocky started training indoors and then moved outdoors to learn his boundaries in the yard. He was a little nervous, but is now very comfortable in the yard and loves to chase his tennis balls. “Rocky loves being outdoors and can run and play in the yard a lot longer than if we took him out on a leash.”

Keep your dog or cat safe at home, just like Rocky!

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A Timeless Devotion to Animals

ANNOUNCING A RESCUE VILLAGE FIRST: The 2008 Award for Volunteer of the Year has been presented to a team: Peggy and Alan Bialosky. Their shared love for animals and devotion to Rescue Village is inspiring and can be witnessed every weekend at the shelter.

On Saturdays and Sundays, Alan and Peggy arrive for their volunteer shift working as trained Adoption Assistants. They are expert matchmakers who care about each adoption. We could fill a journal with the stories of happy endings that Alan and Peggy authored. They help people see the best in every dog and the best in themselves.

Since joining the volunteer corps in 2006, Alan and Peggy constantly ask, “What do you need? What can we do?” Their spirit is indomitable. They work on special events, marketing, dog walking, decorating the shelter for adoptathons, and more.

The Bialoskys are dreamers with a humane vision. Yet, they do not hesitate to get their hands dirty with the here and now practical work that makes Rescue Village run. While gentle and funny, they give no quarter to animal cruelty or neglect.

Alan and Peggy Bialosky show us what it means to love. They are, as the song goes, “forever young.” And we are forever grateful.