



# rescue village reporter

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## The Kids of Laurel School—A Future Full of Promise

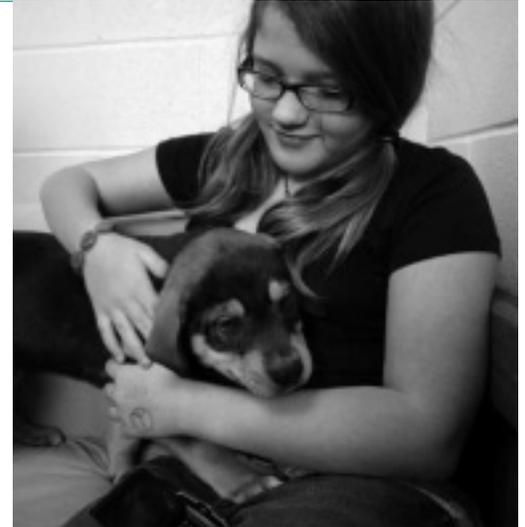
**Do you want to catch a glimpse of the compassionate and humane future we are working towards?** Look no further. At Rescue Village we say “In Kids We Trust” and to back that up we are devoted to our education program led by our own Humane Educator extraordinaire, Mary Carney. Her programs, at Rescue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



*Emma Bachman* photos this page: Amy Sancetta

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.*



*Kira Vecchione-Koval*



*Laurel School students listen to Rescue Village’s Education Coordinator, Mary Carney.*

what it stands for came alive. Mix bright, enthusiastic, and curious girls with animals and learning and you have magic. “It makes my heart sing!” said Timy. Nikki Coben taught



*(back row, left to right) Dylan Hoffman, Jordyn Parks and Ivy Kasper, (front) Kira Vecchione-Koval*



## Make a Difference... Become a Cage Sponsor

Think about this: by sponsoring a cage for one year, you can help change the lives of as many as 14 dogs or 21 cats. That's the average number of animals that pass through one of our cages each year. Your Cage Sponsorship of \$15 a month provides food, medicine, and veterinary care for the animals while they are at Rescue Village. As a Cage Sponsor, you receive monthly letters and photos of the animals you are helping.

### Rescue Village Hours

Monday: noon to 7:00pm

Tuesday: noon to 5:00pm

Wednesday: closed

Thursday: noon to 7:00pm

Friday: noon to 5:00pm

Saturday: noon to 5:00pm

Sunday: noon to 5:00pm

adoptions stop ½ hour before  
posted closing times

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# from the executive director

## 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."



Hope and Piper Rose Peep photo: Amy Sancetta

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

# in the barn

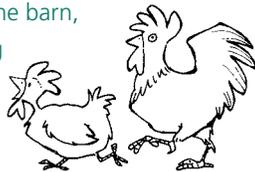
## Is it a Barn or is it an Ark?

**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.

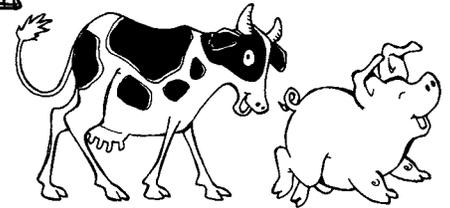


When the pigs enter our pasture we are struck by their sheer size and amazing ears. The two move slowly, rub against fences, and sleep in the sun, together.

Later in the afternoon it takes six people to get the llamas back into the barn. They're not so sure about sharing their digs with the pigs.

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.

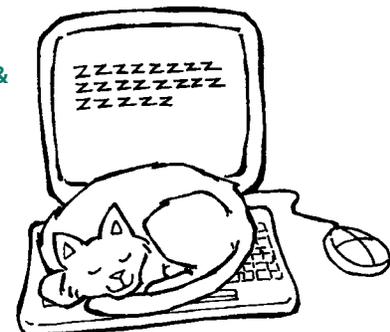


## Recycle the Love — Dispose of your Old Electronics for FREE!

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—

- General Operations  
 Cage Sponsorship  
    *All cages are \$15 per month*  
     cat cage    dog cage  
 Honor/Memorial

### Donation Amount

- One-time donation  
 Monthly donation for \_\_\_\_\_ months  
    (credit card only)

Total Pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- Check Enclosed (payable to Geauga Humane Society)  
 Credit or Debit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_

**If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a special person or animal, please fill out the information below.**

- In Memory \_\_\_\_\_  
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     person    animal

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Geauga Humane Society  
PO Box 116 Novelty, OH 44072

Your gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Double your donation with a matching gift—see your employer for details.



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## Upcoming classes (in the Rescue Village classroom)

Visit our website at [www.geaugahumane.org](http://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.

**Mondays, July 20 thru August 24, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Thursdays, August 20 thru September 24, 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

## Looking Forward

Mark your 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](http://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

## Rescue Village wish list

- Laundry soap
- Paper towels
- Dry cat food
- Dry and canned kitten food
- Name brand peanut butter
- Large Kongs

## RV Education wish list

- Dog/Cat Fancy magazines
- Fleece (to make blankets for the animals)
- Light weight cloth (to make bandanas)
- Permanent markers
- Poster board in bright colors



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(from left) Mel Bowden, Tyler Somersfield, Diane Wright, Tyler Payne, Linda DeCredico and Lauren Payne. photo: Amy Sancetta

## Meet the Saturday Morning Homeward Bound Volunteers

They are notorious. It is 8:00 a.m. and they are on time. They have been showing up every Saturday morning for seven plus years. They have touched and improved the lives of literally thousands of dogs. They have gotten muddy, icy, snow-covered, wet, dirty, poopy...and they keep coming back. They rarely stay out late on Friday nights just so they can be sharp the next morning, so they say. They joke around... a lot... but never forget that their job is really important. They are Melodee Bowden, Linda DeCredico, Ty Somersfield, and Diane Wright. They are all Homeward Bound (HB) trainers. And, yes, they even like each other!

Linda described a typical Saturday. "We walk dogs... Ty talks politics and the economy... we initiate/enhance HB behavior with the dogs... Ty talks about more economy issues... we buddy dogs in the pen areas... Ty talks about how he'll be working until he's 90... we take dogs out for a second walk and training... Ty talks about world events... we go visit the staff and the "cat people" before leaving... Ty harasses everybody... especially Susan!"

This crew loves what they do and enjoys the camaraderie that has grown. While they occasionally get together for dinner and drinks, the glue is making a difference for the animals at Rescue Village.

**Inspired?** So are we. We have 40 Homeward Bound members and over 400 volunteers at Rescue Village. Look for their stories in coming newsletters and on our website.

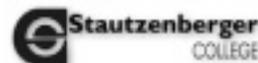
# EMPTY BOWLS

Presented by Black Lab Corporation

Empty Bowls 2009 raised more than \$62,000 to ensure that animals of Northeast Ohio have a safety net today and in the future. Held for the seventh time, Empty Bowls brought together over 300 guests who enjoyed an evening filled with wonderful soup, an amazing live and silent auction, and the first ever Rescue Village skit.

**Thank you to our area sponsors:**

Stautzenberger College  
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**Thank you to our table sponsors:**

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## Special thanks to...

**Lori from Diane Joseph's Salon** for donating money from massages

**Jim Jung** for building our staff mailboxes and more

Special thanks to **ALL shelter staff** for their friendliness, helpfulness, kindness and flexibility when campers and visiting groups are at RV! So VERY much appreciated!

Thank you to **all Ambassadors, camp helpers, and those who donated much needed camp/education supplies**

**Jim Hubbard** for his quiet excellence in caring for and supporting dogs at Rescue Village and in the community

**Ron Carlton** for transporting large animals and teaching horse handling

**Nancy Parker** for teaching volunteer training: Dog 3-4

**Tami Thurman and Wendy Lewis** for teaching the volunteer training: Disease Control in the Shelter

**Tami Thurman, Wendy Lewis & Shawn Russell** for teaching volunteer training: Cat 1-2

**Emily Kohn** (in conjunction with John Carroll University's Students in Free Enterprise)

**Ardis Danicic and Marcia Grout**, administrative volunteers, for being dedicated, loyal and helpful

**Trish Kilroy** for donating a couch for the Get Acquainted Room

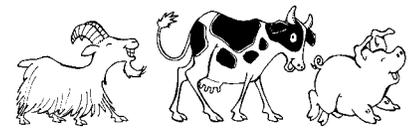
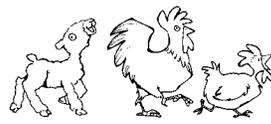
**Bonny and Rob Vadas from Accoyo Alpaca Farm** for loaning their trailer to haul the pigs to New York.

**The Conlon Family (Debbie, Chris, Halyn, and Holden)**. Chris helped us load the pigs and Debbie and Halyn used their truck to haul the pigs to New York

**Carol and Jim Eiswald from Tusk & Bristle Pig Sanctuary** who are housing Minnie and Cricked at their incredible facility!

**Bob Reitman** for donating "50 years worth" of kennel supplies—crates, leashes, carriers and more

**Dr. Pruefer, Dr. Laskin, Jen Barns and the entire staff at Shaker Animal Clinic** for their commitment to giving animals a second chance and working with Rescue Village to place them into their forever homes



## Adoption hours (Animal intake by appointment)

Mon. & Thurs. from noon to 7pm/Tues., Fri., Sat., & Sun. from noon to 5pm/Closed on Wednesday

## 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.

# happy endings



*Misty with Diane Furiga and Tucker.*

**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.



*from left,  
Brad White  
holding Parsley,  
Jack Frost (inset)  
and John White  
holding Tie Dye.  
photo: Ed Slaby*

**Parsley, Jack Frost & Tie-Dye** each have their own special story about how they wound up at Rescue Village. Parsley had been here for about a year and a half and had been to multiple homes that returned him for reasons beyond his control. Jack Frost came to Rescue Village after he was found outside in the freezing cold, suffering from frostbite on his ears. Little Tie-Dye was one of the many kittens that find their way to our doorstep every year. When Brad White came to RV one weekend, he knew he wanted to adopt multiple cats. He always had many cats, but he currently had none. First he took home Jack & Tie-Dye, and they quickly settled in! Two weeks later, Brad knew he had to go back and adopt Parsley, and that is exactly what he did. Parsley is still a bit shy, but is warming up to life in his new home.



*Black Jack with Dave and Donna Butt and Joey. photo: Ed Slaby*

**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



*Sally with Laura and Scott Greenwald. photo: Ed Slaby*

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.

## In Memory of Friends & Family

**Michele Allen**  
Jan Assini and Peter Grover

**Christian Barbeck**  
Sara and Warren Ledsky

**Bob Bartel**  
Steve Matyi, Jr. and Joan Wohala

**Maurice "Moe" Berlin**  
Leah Eisenburg  
Bill and Sally Goldenberg  
Jim and Leslie Margolis  
Lou Christie, Linda Bann and Kathy Morris  
Anne Kmieck  
Bud and Marcia Finton  
Marcia and Arthur Rosenbaum

**Sally Broome**  
Douglas Broome

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Linda Stein-Luthke

## In Memory of Companion Animals

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# 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:



Jay-Jay before (above) and after (right).

- 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!

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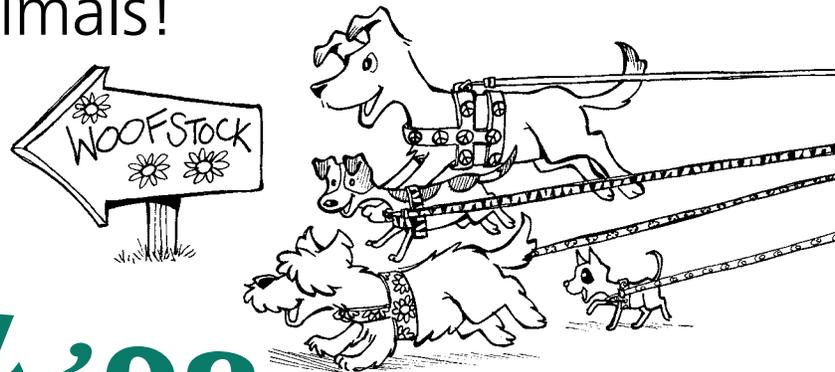
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## A Timeless Devotion to Animals

**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.

