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Poor Pup Can't Catch a Break

The summer is an incredibly hectic time for shelters. There is a significant rise in stray intakes, humane investigations, and reports of/requests of aid for injured animals

In June, one such call was received for a "stray" dog with a broken leg. An officer responded and was met with a roughly one-year-old shepherd whose rear limb was just dangling.

Because of the location and severity of the break, the only two options advised by a vet were to repair the femur through complex surgery to add plates and pins at a specialist (estimated at a cost of \$4,000-\$7,000) or to amputate the limb (estimated cost at \$2,000). Between the sheer volume of animals and increasing costs/decreasing donations, the decision had to be made to amputate the limb.

This sweet pup was so relieved to be out of pain and learned how to navigate as a tripod almost immediately. He was placed in a foster home for comfort during his recovery process and the foster family has noted that loss of limb does not slow him down and that he is riling up the rest of the animals in the house, just as any other puppy would.

New information became available, and this dog is now part of an active investigation case. Thankfully, despite what he has been through, he is now safe, happy, and on both the road to recovery and to a loving new home.

This is one of many situations the shelter has seen this year where an animal has a great chance at a long, healthy, and happy life, but needs significant medical intervention at intake to get them back on the right track.



Consider making a donation to support our Healthy Homeless Pet campaign and help animals like this receive the care they need!

This year we are raising \$100,000 toward the care of our animals and with matching funds, your gifts goes even further.



\$19,552 of \$100,000

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Volunteer Spotlight – Roxann Freezer



Roxann Freezer has been volunteering for the Lycoming County SPCA for 9 years and in those 9 years has made a wonderful impact on this community.

Roxann is an avid dog walker at the SPCA. Most days you will see her at the shelter, walking her usual suspects (everyone has their favorites). Roxann is the Volunteer supervisor for Wednesday evening volunteering. Her strong love for dogs not only helps new volunteers find their groove here at the shelter, but strengthens the human/dog bonds to help prepare them to transition to adoptive homes.

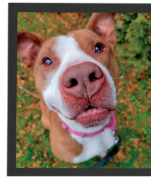
Roxann was nominated by the Lycoming County SPCA for the Hometown Hero award, presented by Woodlands Bank, for the work she has done with TNR and the feral community. Roxann was awarded runner up and a prize donation was awarded to her charity of choice, and she kindly designated it to support and sustain the TNR program.

Roxann and her husband live near a mobile home community and started seeing tons of stray cats and kittens in the area and they wanted to be part of the solution. Roxann worked with Lycoming SPCA staff, offering to trap, monitor, and transport these unwanted animals so they could live a healthier life and wouldn't give birth to even more kittens outside. Roxann and her husband are a wonderful addition to the TNR world and have also set up a feeding station and insulated winter housing units in the trailer park. Roxann herself has trapped close to 130 cats and kittens in her community and continues the work to aid the outdoor cats of Lycoming County.

Roxann and her husband are truly heroes to the shelter dogs and community cats they care for all year round. Thank you, Roxann, for you all do!

The Lycoming County SPCA would not function without its wonderful volunteers. They donate their time in so many different ways: fostering kittens and dogs, walking or socializing the animals at the shelter, office work, and at off-site events or fundraisers. If you are interested in volunteering with the Lycoming County SPCA, you can find more information and fill out an application at Lycomingspca.org.

DOG TRAINING CLASSES



Per month **\$75**

Class fees benefit the



Donna Elkin, Pro Dog Trainer

What to expect?

- ✔ The Treat Me Nicely training program will not involve dog sports, but will work with good manners in the home and community. It uses games to shape the dog's brain to come up with good answers, solutions humans like, so that you can have the dog you always dreamed of having.
- ✔ Students receive unlimited phone access to pro trainer, Donna Elkin, for questions and advice.

📅 Mondays
🕒 9:30 am - 10:30 am

-OR-

📅 Tuesdays
🕒 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

📍 The Lycoming County SPCA
2805 Reach Rd., Williamsport, PA

Space is limited!
To enroll, please email
trainer@lycomingspca.org



Treat Me Nicely, LLC

How to Volunteer:

Complete and submit a volunteer application to get started!



www.lycomingspca.org/volunteer

Community Partner – Sarah Morehart, PA State Dog Warden for Lycoming County



How long have you worked in the animal field?

I have been with the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement as a State Dog Warden since December of 2022. Prior to that, I was a Certified Veterinary Technician for 10 years. I attended SUNY Delhi for Veterinary Science Technology and shadowed at an animal hospital through some of my high school years.

What is your "why"?

I have always been passionate about animal care. While I am no longer offering medical help to patients in a hospital setting, I still get to ensure that the dogs I work with are in a safe place and have the best opportunity to be in a loving environment, be it with a licensed kennel, shelter, or personal family.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

The most challenging part is not being able to clone myself and resources infinitely.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

The most rewarding part of my job is reuniting a lost dog with its family or seeing a stray I rescued be adopted into a new home.

What is your dream pet?

My dream pet as a little girl was always to own my own horse. Now I have one!

What do you want people to know about your role?

I would like to make the community more aware of the benefits of licensing their dogs. If they get lost, it is the fastest way to get them back home and keep them out of the shelter. The funds from dog licenses allow the PA Department of Agriculture's, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement to provide other services throughout the state. We inspect more than 2,500 state-licensed kennels, a minimum of twice annually, and investigate and prosecute illegal kennel operations. We help control the spread of infectious and contagious diseases. We track and monitor more than 600 dangerous dogs across the state. We pick up stray or abandoned dogs and reimburse shelters for holding stray dogs, and we can also reimburse farmers for damages to livestock caused by dogs or coyotes. By licensing your dog, you are protecting them as well as all dogs across Pennsylvania.

Summer School - Staff attends Shelter Medicine Conference



"The day I stop learning is the day I shouldn't be here anymore", said Missy, a 20-year Lycoming County SPCA staff veteran.

Since Cornell University is a hop, skip, and a jump from Williamsport, eight staff members were able to attend the national Shelter Medicine Conference, hosted by Maddie's Fund and the ASPCA, and take advantage of the valuable learning opportunity.

This year's conference was particularly important because the Association of Shelter Vets recently released the second edition of the *Guidelines for Standards of Animal Care in Shelters*. This document is the evidence-based best practice guide to meeting the housing, medical, and behavioral needs of animals in shelter care.

Animal sheltering is unique for the quantity of opportunities to problem-solve it presents from day-to-day. Employees are animal body language translators, medical investigators, grassroots organizers, fundraisers, emergency responders, matchmakers, grief counselors, and human punching bags all at once. So, it is no wonder the conference's training opportunities were just as varied.

Staff were able to gain knowledge about the current state of animal population trends across the country, improved fostering practices, how to identify the difference of whether an animal needs a vet or behaviorist, new enrichment practices for shelter animals, how to better leverage volunteer aid, more efficient intake procedures, improved respiratory disease treatment and prevention, and disaster response procedures.

This opportunity allowed the staff of the Lycoming County SPCA to continue to evolve and improve to best serve the animals of Lycoming County.

The Q2 Report from the Shelter Animals Count National Database found that animal intakes for shelters and rescues is expected to reach "a 3-year high with outcomes still not keeping pace." Nationally, stray canine intakes have increased 26% above 2021's rate. The current national Population Balance Calculation is 93%. A rate of 100% means there is a balance between animals entering shelters and leaving, therefore more animals are entering than are leaving.

Learning and evolving is crucial for surviving the current animal intake crisis and continuing to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Thank You to Supporting Businesses & Organizations:

Loyalsock Township Supervisors
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 Loyalsock Township School
 District Wolf Run Veterinary Clinic

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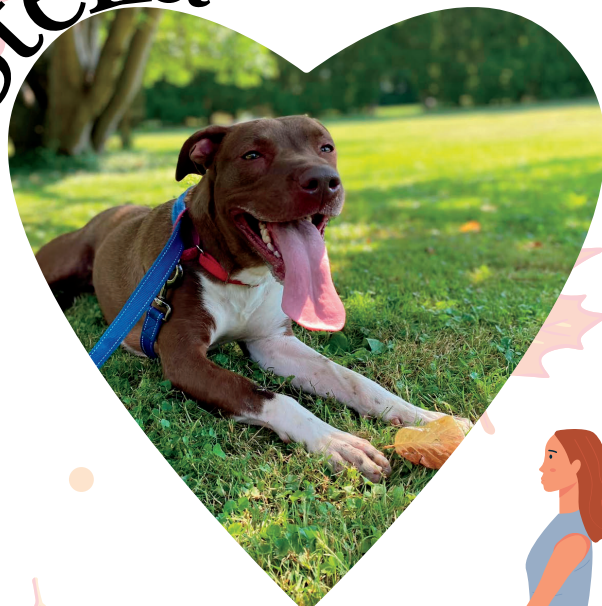
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Betty



Artemis



Stella

October is
Adopt a Shelter Dog Month!



Upcoming Events— Fun for Pets & People

The Lycoming County SPCA presents:



- 🐾 Red Carpet Strut
- 🐾 Food Sampling
- 🐾 Silent Auction
- 🐾 Prize Raffles



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
18TH**

HOLIDAY INN, WILLIAMSPORT

*Formerly, "Sweet Temptations"

For the Love of Paws - Save the Date!

For the Love of Paws was created from the legacy of "Sweet Temptations", a 20+ year-old annual fundraiser for the Lycoming County SPCA. Tastes change and, in addition to the traditional sampling of sweets, we know that savory; spicy; salty; and boozy treats can be just as tempting!

Being held this November at the Holiday Inn in Williamsport, all of the fun shelter supporters have come to know and love will continue, with a few new additions.

A red carpet strut of animals adopted from or available at the Lycoming County SPCA always ensures a star-studded attendee list. The array of tasting options is sure to please every palate. And the silent auction and raffles are the cherry on top of this undeniably sweet evening.

If you are interested in becoming a featured culinary partner; sponsor; auction supporter; or volunteer of this event, please email lycospca@lycomingspca.org.

Pints for Pups @ New Trail Brewing

What better way to cool off during the dog days of summer than to grab a cold pint of *Trail Ale* and hang out with your pup?

On **Saturday, August 26th** you can support the Lycoming County SPCA by doing just that! For every pint of beer purchased at New Trail Brewing, all day long, 25 cents will be donated to the shelter. Volunteers will be onsite with adoptable dogs during the afternoon.

Food trucks like Real Taste and can help keep you going when the hunger hits. Other activities will include a raffle, live music, and doggie pools for splashing!



Volunteer Orientations

Wed, August 23

Wed, September 27

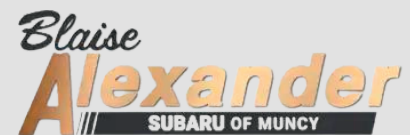
Wed, October 25

All volunteer orientations begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Lycoming County SPCA.

Fill out a volunteer application at lycomingspca.org/volunteer.

Subaru Loves Pets - October

October is Subaru Loves Pets month and Blaise Alexander Subaru is kindly donating to the Lycoming County SPCA for each pet adopted! If you've been thinking of getting a new furry friend with whom to enjoy the fall foliage, October is a great month.



Pet Holidays:

- 8/1 - Universal Shelter Pet Birthday
- 8/8 - International Cat Day
- 8/14 - International Lizard Day
- 8/15 - National Check the Chip Day***
- 8/19 - International Homeless Animals' Day
- 8/26 - National Dog Day
- 8/28 - Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day
- 9/16 - Puppy Mill Awareness Day
- 9/17 - National Pet Bird Day
- 9/23 - International Rabbit Day
- 9/28 - World Rabies Day***
- 10/16 - National Feral Cat Day
- 10/28 - National "Pitbull" Awareness Day

****Make sure your pets are chipped, their chip information is up-to-date, and their rabies vaccinations are up-to-date**

Mister Brightside - "Destiny is Calling Me"



Mister had been running around Brandon Park in Williamsport for a week before police were able to secure him and bring him to the shelter in March of 2022.

After settling into the shelter, we learned that he is an incredibly socially confident pup who loves walks, toys, and food!

This 2-year old terrier mix already has a good grasp of basic commands (sit, shake, and come) and is very keen to please.

Mister does "open up his eager eyes" when it comes to food. He is currently fed using a slow feeder so he doesn't inhale his meals. For playtime, while he loves every toy we offer him, Mister's favorite thing to do is herd the giant Jolly Ball around the shelter's play yards.

For his future home, Mister knows that his owners "gotta gotta be down" for lots of playtime and walks, because he wants it all. Because of his size and his excitability, a home with older kids (16-ish +) would be best.

Please consider adopting and helping Mister come out of his cage so he can do just fine! 🎵

Update for Members & Supporters

Due to the rising cost of postage and printing and our continuous effort to maximize our funding for the care of our animals, effective February 28, 2023, we are making the following changes to our donation reply letters.

· *Memorial and In Honor Of*

Acknowledgements will be mailed on the last weekday of each month to the recipient families/individuals.

· *Membership & General Donations*

*will be mailed in a summary report with a compiled list of all donations received.

*For members with email addresses in our system, we will email thank you letters and acknowledgments as usual.

*If you want donation letters with each donation, send your email address to development@lycomingspca.org.

JOIN NOW

Save Lives - Become an SPCA Member

Member Levels & Perks

(\$45) Regular.....	Quarterly Newsletter
(\$100) Cat Kennel Sponsor.....	Quarterly Newsletter Name on Cat Kennel (1 yr)
(\$200) Dog Kennel Sponsor.....	Quarterly Newsletter Name on Dog Kennel (1 yr)
(\$500) Adoption Advocate.....	Quarterly Newsletter 10% off SPCA Store 1 Small Animal Sponsor
(\$1,500) Rescue Partner.....	Quarterly Newsletter 10% off SPCA Store 10% off Adoption 1 Cat Sponsor
(\$2,500) Faithful Friend.....	Quarterly Newsletter 15% off SPCA Store 15% off Adoption 1 Dog Sponsor
(\$5,000) Humane Hero.....	Quarterly Newsletter 15% off SPCA Store
Lifetime Membership*.....	Quarterly Newsletter (existing member for at least 7 years) Cat or Dog Kennel Sponsor (5yr)*
Memorial Membership.....	Memorial Brick

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Wish List

Current Emergency Needs

1. Dry, dye-free dog food
2. Wet or dry, dye-free kitten food
3. Cat litter

Cats

- Dry or **wet cat food**
- Non-clumping cat litter

Kittens

- Dry kitten food
- **Wet kitten food**

Dogs

- **Dye-free dog food**
- Kongs

Small Animals

- Rabbit food
- Timothy hay
- Guinea Pig Food

Why dye-free?

With the volume of shelter animals, many end up encountering diarrhea from foods with dye. This can cause weight loss and dehydration, which means vet trips. We all want to keep the animals safe and healthy.



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Wishlist



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amazon



Walmart
Registry for Good

General Supplies

- Laundry detergent
- Printer Paper
- Dish soap
- Paper Towels
- Pet Store/Grocery Store Gift Cards

You can drop off items directly at the SPCA or have them shipped through our Amazon.com and Chewy.com wish lists.



It's okay to be excited! There are a lot of great animals to adopt. ♥

-- Jada

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Happy Tail Adoptions for Kraken and Jubilee

A fluffy little butterball, Kraken is just about as cute as possible. Her finder discovered her and her six siblings when they were two weeks old. They were living outside with their mother in downtown Muncy. All the babies were plump and healthy - a significant feat for an outdoor mama!

A generous foster family opened up their home to Kraken and her family. Seeing babies explore the world for the first time is incredibly magical. These kittens were no exception - they delighted their foster family as they wobbled and pounced into the world.

At about eight weeks old, the SPCA spayed and neutered the kittens and their mother so they could be adopted. Of course, it did not take long for Kraken to be scooped up into a loving, forever family.

Her adopter had previously adopted a cat, Riah, from the Lycoming County SPCA and saw Kraken's photograph on the SPCA website. "Something about her face" drew her in, she says. "I felt the same way about Riah when I saw her on your site, and it worked out great. You have a lot of cats I could love, but there is something about her." It is the beginning of a lifetime of love for the tiny Kraken.

Jubilee, as her name suggests, is the life of the party. Her finder was surprised to find her wandering alone in Newberry late last summer. At just one-year-old, she was full of energy and simply the "cutest, sweetest stinkin' dog," as her caretakers raved.

"Jubilee loves to have a good time romping around and playing fetch, but she also loves cuddles. She's incredibly gentle and very, very sweet," they said.

She was infamous for her awesome hugs, often hopping onto the shelter's benches to give her caretaker a good, long, five-minute hug. At the Lycoming County SPCA, Jubilee grasped her basic commands, like sit and shake, and graduated to the next level: not pulling on her leash when on a walk.

All her hard work paid off this July. Her new family saw her on the SPCA website and came for a visit. "She looks like a good fit for our family," they shared, and behold, Jubilee is now safe and snug, settling into their home....forever.



Little **Kraken**, has found her home sweet home.



Jubilee has a family to cuddle forevermore.