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President's Message

Thank you to Cheryl Conway for stepping up and taking on the challenge of this edition of the newsletter. Remember, it is a lot of work to put one of these editions together, so if you are interested in helping, please contact Cheryl.

Some good news regarding the Thursday Night socialization program: we've changed the orientation sessions for the program - it used to be only one night, the 2nd Thursday, to get an orientation...now you can get an orientation on any Thursday socialization night. Hopefully this will allow more people to join in on the fun of socialization! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time.

This is a bittersweet edition of PawPrints for me, as this will be my last President's message. My term expires in July, but don't think you won't be hearing from me again. I will be shifting my focus from all things SCFA to ... you guessed it... spay/neuter! I will be starting up the Animal Enrichment committee once again and hope to concentrate on several important projects - expanding our spay/neuter program, making follow up calls to adopters, and putting together educational materials for adopters and potential adopters. I will be soliciting help in the near future, so if you're interested in making these projects work, please join me! 🐾

2008 Dog Walkathon: Call For Volunteers!

The Fundraising Committee is planning a 2008 walkathon that will allow dogs and their owners to walk and be sponsored. This will be lots of fun, as well as being a good fundraiser and public outreach event for SCFA. But adding dogs will require more preparation and planning. We need to find out now how many of you are willing to commit to working to make this event happen.

We need people for planning, publicity, location, fundraising, safety and legalities committees, and **we need to start working now** if we want this event to be a success. If you are interested in working on this project, please **contact Chuck Augello**, chairperson of the Fundraising Committee, catsinspace_2000@yahoo.com 🐾

July'07 Elections

Board of Directors **positions up for re-election** in July are: **President (Nora Breen)**, **Vice-President (Carol Prevoznak)**, **Secretary (Jenny Kershner)**, **Directors Marianne Mason, Katie Nordhaus, Frank Breen, and 1 vacant seat.** Candidates should be SCFA members in good standing and be familiar with what SCFA does and how it works. All members will be receiving a nomination letter in May and a ballot in June. 🐾

Springtime Is Tick Season

(REMOVING TICKS EASILY)

Ticks multiply in spring, so be ready for them! Here is a school nurse's procedure for removing them:

- Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball.
- Cover the tick with it, and swab for 15-20 seconds.
- The tick will come out on its own and be stuck in the cotton when you lift it away.
(It really works!)

🐾 Adoption Days 🐾

Remember: SCFA has adoption days at FTAS and at Bridgewater PetSmart every Saturday (except holidays) and on the 3rd Sunday of each month at PetSmart.

Shelter Hours are 10am - 3pm. PetSmart hours are either full day (9:30 am - 3:30 pm), morning shift (9:30 am - 1pm), or afternoon shift (1-3:30 pm). To sign up to work an adoption day, contact Lisa Revel at (732) 566-3511 volunteer_scheduler@secondchanceforanimals.org, or sign up in the "For Members" area on the SCFA website. 🐾

SCFA Website

www.secondchanceforanimals.org

Click "How To Help" for ways to help Second Chance For Animals help homeless and abandoned pets.

"What's Going On" for info on upcoming events!

DON'T FORGET TO RECORD YOUR HOURS!

(Click on "For Members" at the top and then log in with your username - usually your email address - and password to get to the 'member's only' area.)

Then, click "Shopping" to reward yourself with some "retail therapy."☺

WANTED: Photographers, Writers, Artists, Cartoonists

Are you curious? Do you like talking to new people? Do you like to be 'in the know'? The newsletter can always use more reporters to cover local events. Are you creative? Let us showcase your artwork, cartoons or photography! Do you have a way with words? Let us publish your stories or articles! We can always use more help - whether writing, proofreading, working on the newsletter's overall "look"... or distributing each edition (a mass mailing to SCFA membership: stuffing, stamping, addressing, envelopes and mailing them out.) Are you a crossword puzzle or word search "maven"? Why not try your hand at designing them for the newsletter! You name it, we need it! Pay is pretty lousy, but the perks are great! You can make your own hours, work as little or as much as you want, show off all over the place, win friends, influence people, become an instant overnight success, and a hero and celebrity to all your friends! And, no matter how much or how little you contribute, you will feel good knowing you are helping to support and encourage your fellow SCFA volunteers, and by doing so, that you are doing a lot to give our township's surrendered and abandoned pets a better life. Volunteers who are interested in contributing to the newsletter should contact Cheryl Conway at cheryl1.conway@verizon.net. (Let's get out there and have some fun!)



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Katie's Korner:

Springtime is here, and that means kittens, KITTENS... and MORE KITTENS!! But **kittens** are delicate, and until their tiny immune systems mature, they can catch colds from the older cats at the shelter. We **need volunteers willing to foster** them (care for them temporarily in your own home.) For more information on fostering, contact **Frank Breen** at fbreen1919@aol.com.

Please: **keep front cat room supplies in the**

front of the shelter - it really helps the cats stay healthier!

And don't forget Animal Socialization Thursdays 5:30-7:30 pm. The shelter cats & dogs need their snuggles from YOU! Contact Nora Breen at gingygrl@aol.com for more info.

YOU DID IT AGAIN!
March 27th Wiggles



went home to a new family, thanks to all the volunteers who



helped make this happen!

1ST QUARTER 2007 ADOPTION STATISTICS

In 1st quarter 2007 (Jan thru Mar) new owners adopted 78 Franklin Twsp. pets: 21 from Petsmart + 57 from FTAS. (Average of 26/mo.)



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\$45 1/2 page
\$75 full page

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Third Annual Tricky Tray – 2007!

Our two annual Tricky Trays have been huge successes. We are expecting to hold this fundraiser again in early November. For those of you new to the world of Tricky Trays, here's a primer. The premise of the game is simple. New gift items are placed in rows on tables, with a bucket in front of each item. Players purchase numbered tickets, and then place tickets into the buckets corresponding to items they hope to win. At a set time, the players return to their seats, and the fun begins!

"Runners" bring each item and bucket to the "caller", who then reaches into the bucket to select the winning ticket. The ticket number is announced, and the lucky player yells that they've got the ticket. The runner then delivers the item to the winner, first verifying that the number on the player's main ticket matches the number pulled by the caller. Sounds easy, doesn't it?

Lots and lots of planning goes into the 6 hours of fun and merriment described above, and we need EVERY volunteer to participate in some way - even if it's just to donate gifts or come to play on the night of the game. Here's what we need:

Gift Solicitation

All gifts need to be NEW. Check your closets for that birthday gift you can't stand and don't know what to do with. We'll also need you to visit as many merchants as possible (with a letter of introduction describing the Tricky Tray – available now on the SCFA

website) to obtain merchandise donations AND gift certificates. Feel free to purchase items to donate, too! We are making up baskets of related items, so, for example, you might want to pick a theme (like a Chinese dinner), and each time you go food shopping, pick up an item from, for example, the Chinese food section, and put it all in a wok! Or a cat food/ toy basket combined in a cat bed. We'll need at least 10 major gifts (value at least \$100), such as a 27" TV, DVD player, digital camera... Players love baskets and gift certificates, but we need at least 200 items worth a minimum of \$15 each, too. Finally, we'll need small "giveaway" type items to put together and give to the players when they arrive. For example, those free greeting cards different charities send out unsolicited, key chains, freebie cosmetics from hotel stays -- you get the idea! If you work for a cosmetic company, they'll often donate tons of goods.

Transport

The afternoon of the game, volunteers with vans or SUV's are needed to help pick up the gifts and get them to the game location.

Game Workers

We'll need help to set up all the gifts, starting at about 3 p.m. then to work the game from about 6 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and finally, to clean up. We'll need lots of runners -- this is where the under-18 set can help out, including scout troops. However, runners must be at least 12 years old.

Food Committee

This committee makes sure we have a constant supply of beverages and snacks for the players. All food items we offer must be packaged, per Board of Health regulations, so we'll need lots of donations of those individual sized bags of cookies and other pastries, crackers and similar snacks.

Please call Alicia at (732) 846-0311 or gooddogfred@aol.com) to discuss the many ways you can participate! Let's top our 2006 success in 2007!! 🐾

Give the Gift of Comfort



I would like a warm bed while I am waiting for my forever home. The floor here at the shelter is hard and a Kuranda bed would enable me to have a soft, elevated bed to lie on during long nights. Some of my friends already have a donated bed, but I don't have one yet...

To donate a Kuranda bed for one of the Franklin Twsp. Animal Shelter dogs, go to the SCFA website, click on "How To Help", and click on the Kuranda dog bed link at the bottom of the page. Cost per bed donated is:

- Kuranda Double Sided Luxury Fleece Pad, 35"x23", **\$23.50**
- Poly Resin Bed with Heavy Duty 40 oz. Fabric, 35"x23", **\$52**
- Poly Resin Bed with Heavy Duty 40 oz. Fabric, 40"x25", **\$54**

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Personals



Cruella is an adorable 4 yr old grey & white short-haired domestic cat. Her eye was injured and had to be removed.

She is **spayed**, has all routine **shots**, is quite **playful**, and has a **wonderful personality!** Know anyone who is looking for a really special little kitty-cat?

Snowball (below) is a small buff 3½ yr old neutered male domestic short-haired cat. He is **friendly and social**, and **has lived with cats and dogs**. (He was surrendered because he would bring ticks inside!)



Tiger (above) is a **gray and white**, 7½ yr old neutered male tabby. He is **friendly but reserved** unless you have food in your hand. (He was surrendered because the dog was terrorizing him, causing him to pee on the bed.)



Skippy is a gorgeous **medium-size, black, 4 yr old neutered male Chow**, (who was surrendered

because owner's wife didn't want him anymore!) He needs a home **without** small animals or children (teens and older, medium-size dogs his size and larger – only, please!)

Trapper is a **beautiful, large, black-and-tan 3 or 4 yr old neutered male German Shepherd**. He was found as a stray, is **very friendly**, and has all **routine shots**. He must be the only pet in the household, and cannot be placed in a home with small children either (teens or older, please!).

If you or anyone you know is interested in adopting one of these animals as a pet, please contact Franklin Twsp. Animal Shelter, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873, (732) 873-2500 ext. 255, franklinShelter.475@juno.com Shelter hours are Mon.-Fri. 10 am to 4 pm, and Sat. noon to 3 pm 🐾

Newcomers

Please join us in welcoming the following new volunteers to SCFA:

January:

- Jessica Floyd
- Hilary Molnar
- Sigrid Quabeck
- Pat Revel
- Linda Tatem
- Kent Van Wagenen
- Dawn Van Wagenen
- Rose Zayco

February:

- Cheryl Conway
- Bob Pezzano
- Kerrie Visscher
- Kevin Witkowski

March:

- Irene Califiore
- Jean Fritz
- Patricia Kaufhold
- Marie Martino
- Kurt Schreckengost
- Barbara Zalesky 🐾

Walkathon'07: Save That Date!

SCFA is planning a Walkathon for September 9, 2007. Last year's Walkathon was a great success, and we anticipate another big day this year. Volunteers and participants will be needed, so mark your calendars and look for more information in the coming months... 🐾

Can't Volunteer?

Maybe You Can...

Over the years, many of our volunteers' lives have changed so they can't volunteer on Saturdays, yet many still want to help. If this is you, here's a list of ways you can continue volunteering and helping the animals, the shelter and SCFA:

- Create a flyer for a fundraiser.
- Make follow-up calls to adopters to see how they're doing with their new pet.
- Open newspapers before you donate 'em to FTAS so they're ready to use (saves **lot's** of time!!)
- Foster a kitten or a whole litter of them!
- Write an article for the newsletter.
- Read, summarize and review a dog or cat book for the newsletter.
- Draw a cartoon for the newsletter.
- Help schedule volunteers for events, or call new volunteers to schedule them for new volunteer orientation.
- **MAKE PHONE CALLS.**
- Research items SCFA needs to buy (for options, cost, where to buy, etc.)
- Try doing grant writing!
- Send FTAS info to new area homeowners.

For more information, call Lynn Lawson at (732) 271-1291. 🐾

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Volunteer Spotlight



≡Kent & Dawn Van Wagenen≡

Dawn and Kent Van Wagenen are a friendly, 30s-ish couple who became interested in animal shelter volunteer work about a year and a half ago, after adopting their first “retired” Greyhound.

Dawn had married and had children early in her adulthood and had spent most of her time as a single parent supporting her 2 children and several pet cats. She as well as her kids have been vegetarians - for ethical reasons - for quite a long time, and have also been animal rights activists for years, so (as Dawn explains) “We were already sort of active in this type of thing, even at that point.” But owing to the demands of single parenthood, she was unable to volunteer much of her time. Once Dawn’s two children were 18 and 20 and in college, it was finally possible for Dawn to get more involved volunteering in shelter work.

Meanwhile she had married Kent.

Kent has always loved animals and as a kid had been very attached to his first 2 dogs: a German Shepherd and (especially) a Beagle. As a couple, Kent added, he and Dawn have always shared their love and concern for animals and humane treatment of animals.

They first began volunteering with a local “breed rescue” group for grey hounds shortly after adopting two of them as pets. (Dawn always wanted a really *big* dog!) This first organization did not give them many opportunities


to get involved, leading them to look into other groups. They found out about SCFA through Franklin Township’s newsletter, and joined as volunteers in January 2007.

Dawn began her SCFA “career” as a “cleaner” at the Franklin Township Animal Shelter (FTAS) Saturdays 10 AM – noon, but she was quickly moved to being a “cat person” (cleaning 10-noon, and then assisting potential cat adopters noon - 3 pm) at the shelter, instead. Kent meanwhile began as a “dog person” (walking dogs and assisting potential dog adopters) working at the shelter Saturdays with Dawn. Since then, Dawn has also begun going to adoption events Saturday at PetSmart as a “cat person” as well. Both Dawn and Kent feel that SCFA is much less bureaucratic than other animal groups they’re acquainted with, and there are many, many more opportunities to get involved and “make a real difference.”

Although they have only been members of SCFA for a few months, Dawn spends nearly every Saturday at the shelter, and Kent (who works a rotating schedule at his job) shows up on his days off, helping clean cats’ crates and pens a few hours a day during the week. They both additionally want to get involved and work on SCFA’s “Animal Enrichment” Committee. And they both also want to begin volunteering with a 2nd Greyhound organization.

One of the most exciting things they’ve done so far was holding off-camera FTAS cats and dogs when Nora Breen and the animals appeared on the TV show “Homeless Tails.” Dawn’s favorite part of working with SCFA is when she knows that she’s helped a cat or dog get adopted into a new “forever” home. For Kent, the best part is seeing how happy the animals are to see him.

Dawn says she gets major inspiration from President Nora Breen, and her father Frank Breen - who is incredibly active in SCFA volunteer work, is chairman of SCFA’s foster care committee and who also regularly shuttling FTAS cats and dogs back and forth to the vet during the week. She also gets major motivation from watching FTAS staffer (former SCFA volunteer) Janet Mangin and Franklin Township Animal Control Officer Katie Nordhaus work at the shelter.

When I asked Dawn and Kent what advice they would want to give to other SCFA newcomers, Kent said: “Occasionally newcomers are so enthusiastic that they volunteer *too* often and ‘burn out.’ It’s better to work a bit less so you’re able to stick with it over time. Some of the more experienced SCFA members have already warned Dawn and me about that.” Truly a great pair of volunteers that SCFA members can be proud of! 

Did You Know?

The origin of the saying “to let sleeping dogs lie” originally referred to avoiding waking the town’s guard dogs (who were walked around the sleeping houses during the evening by the town guards) who were notoriously vicious to whomever they encountered. The original version of the saying comes from Chaucer’s Troilus and Criseyde: “It is nought good a sleeping hound to wake.”

The saying “there’s life in the ‘old dog’ yet” dates from the 1700’s, and began the practice of affectionately referring to a fellow who was very adept/experienced at something as an “old dog.” This is also why “you can’t teach an ‘old dog’ new tricks” -- which stems from the same origin (you can’t teach them new tricks because, being very old and experienced, they know all the tricks already! ;-)

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Thank-You!

For the period January through March 2007, SCFA would like to thank the following individuals and corporations for their donations:

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As always, we also thank Jack & Mary Dolan for their contributions as part of the Buck a Week Club for Animals.

The following made donations in honor of Frank Breen:

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Eileen Germain	Jacob Schneider	Andrew Westra

We also thank Paula Mallette for her donation in honor of Alicia Bottari, and Patricia Abruzzo for her donation in honor of Jack Dolan.

Sadly, one of our member's beloved dog, Boomer, passed away. Deborah Beards, Boomer's mom, asked friends to send donations to SCFA. So we thank the following for their donations in memory of Boomer:

Felix & Martha Bauer	Lee Ann Henderson	Julie Sealock
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