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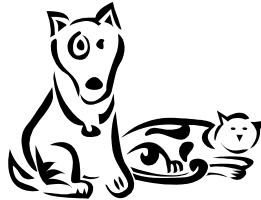


SCFA meetings are held the first Tuesday of each quarter: January, April, July and October at the Senior Citizen Community Center.

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President's Message

Wow, did 2004 fly by or what? The New Year is always a time to reflect on the past year and to plan for the new one. How did SCFA grow in 2004 and how do we plan to continue that growth in 2005? I'm glad you asked!



WHAT WE ACHIEVED IN 2004:

- **68 new volunteers joined**
This brings the number of volunteers to 176. That's a lot of volunteers on paper.
- **All dogs are heartworm tested**
This is a critical test to ensure the health of all the dogs at the shelter. Dogs that test positive are treated. Funded by SCFA.
- **Bought new cages for the feral cats**
The new cages are safer for the staff and much more comfortable for the cats. Funded by SCFA.
- **Extended Socialization hours**
Thanks to Katie Nordhaus, the Thursday night socialization hours are now 5:30-7:30.
- **Guest speakers attend the quarterly volunteer meetings**
We've heard from a vet, an animal cruelty investigator, and a Tellington Touch therapist.
- **Acquired our gaming license**
We can now have games of chance to raise money!
- **3 miles for 4 Paws**
Our first Walk-a-thon.
- **SCFA Santa Paws at the Senior Center**
Our first very own Pictures with Santa.
- **269 animals were spayed/neutered**
Do the math: 1 female cat and her mate and their offspring can produce 420,000 kittens in 7 years. 1 female dog and her mate and their offspring can produce

67,000 puppies in 6 years. Think of what we've prevented with our spay/neuter program! Funded by SCFA.

- **371 animals found adoptive homes**
One of the main missions of SCFA.
- **All shelter dogs are microchipped**
An important safeguard that allows lost pets to be reunited with their families. Funded by SCFA.
- **Medical care for the animals**
Helping the injured and sick animals at the Franklin Township Animal Shelter. Funded by SCFA.

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2005:

- **Microchipping of all cats.**
Cats are less likely to be reunited with their families – this will increase their chances tenfold. To be funded by SCFA.
- **Adoption follow-up calls.**
A program to ensure the adoption process was a success and that adopter and adoptee are happy.
- **Shelter expansion**
Still on the horizon – all hopes are for '05.
- **Outfitting of the new shelter.**
Provide funding to ensure the new shelter has all the equipment and materials it needs.
- **Tricky Tray fundraiser.**
A great new fundraiser made possible by our gaming license.
- **Expanded adoption and fundraising efforts.**
Finding new places to showcase our animals and new ways to raise money.

SCFA's growth for 2005 depends on the volunteers. We had a great year in 2004 and with your participation in fundraising, adoptions, special events and committees, SCFA will achieve even more on behalf of the animals of Franklin Township in 2005.

Help Wanted

Board Secretary Needed

SCFA needs a secretary for the Board of Directors.

The main requirements include attendance at monthly board of director meetings and taking and distributing minutes and agendas.

For more information, please contact Nora at gingygrl@aol.com.

Do You Have a Lot to Say?

Then speak (or write) on behalf of SCFA! The Outreach Committee is always looking for volunteers to help write stories for the newsletter, gather information for newsletters and help promote events through advertising, newspapers and other media.

If you want to be even more involved, the committee is looking for a new chairperson.

To help with stories, contact outreach@secondchanceforanimals.org. To volunteer as chair or for more information, contact Nora at gingygrl@aol.com.

Drivers Wanted

No. We're not selling a VW.

But no matter what kind of car you drive, we can use your help on Monday afternoons. The shelter has a standing appointment at noon on Mondays at the Easton Animal Clinic on Easton Avenue. We need drivers who can spare 1 to 1.5 hours to take animals from the shelter to the vet, wait for their FeIV/FIV tests to be completed, and then drive them back to the shelter.

If you can help, contact Theresa Cicalese at gramyaya@msn.com or 732-545-0358.

Foster Homes Always Needed

Looking for someone to snuggle with?

Well, there are always furry critters who need a little extra time in a foster home until they are ready for adoption. Volunteers willing to devote the time and energy to foster cats and kittens (and occasionally a dog) must meet two requirements:

1. six months as an active volunteer
2. attendance at a Foster Review Session during which you will spend about an hour covering fundamentals of fostering, with time for questions and answers.

If you are interested in attending a session in late January, please call Frank Breen at 732-873-2552 or email on fbreen1919@aol.com.

Animal Enrichment committee

Anne Macaulay leads this very important committee whose focus is on improving the animals' quality of life while at the shelter and ensuring the lifelong home once the animal is adopted.

Programs include spay/neuter, socialization, dog training, adopter information sheets, and soon an adoption follow-up program.

For more information, please contact Anne at anne@ongoodbehavior.com.

Got Detergent?

Doing shelter laundry is a great way to help the shelter staff and animals. It's one day a week (or every other week) - and you don't have to iron!

If you are available, please talk to Lynn Lawson at llawson2711@yahoo.com about what days your help is needed.

Personals

I Want to Be Your One and Only

Gabrielle – Young at heart Rottie seeks to be your only pet. I enjoy long walks, belly rubs and adult companionship. I am a 2 year old, fun loving girl who's hoping to be the only pet for that special family.



Seeking a Playmate

Tessa – I am a 4 year old Shepherd/Rottweiler mix seeking an adult home as your only pet. Hobbies: playing with all kinds of toys for hours
Last Book I Read: Well, I can't read! But I like watching Animal Planet.
Celebrity I most resemble: Some of my friends tell me I look a little like Rin Tin Tin.



Why You Should Get to Know Me: I know basic obedience commands and I'm completely housetrained.

Olivia Seeks Lasting Romance

Age: 10 years old
My best feature: my pretty Calico markings
Favorite Pasttime: lounging with other cats
Preferences: an adult household
Favorite Actor: Morris the 9 Lives cat



We Want a Happy Ending

Romeo and Juliet – We are both 1.5 years old and we want our story to be a love story WITH a happy ending – an adult home that really knows cats. And just like our Shakespearean namesakes, we really want to stay together. We're young but we're old enough to know we want to be your only pets. What light through yonder window breaks? It is the east and a new home is the sun!



Jewelry Fundraiser

A special thank you to the following people who helped to make the Lia Sophia Jewelry fundraiser a success: Amy Anderson, Janice Carroll, Joyce Cotay, Janice & Jessica Curtis, Tracey Fama, Patt Losey, Marianne Mason, Amanda Patterson-Dwyer and Elaine Spurlock.

Holiday Gertrude Hawk

Our total sales for our first holiday Gertrude Hawk fundraiser were \$5,165.50, which means that SCFA received about \$2,000 for the animals.

Thank you to our top 3 sellers:

Joyce Cotay – \$818.50

Gillian Kuplent – \$535

Katie Nordhaus – \$390.50

Thank you also to all of our other sellers who made this a very successful event: Donna Albert, Chuck Augello, Donna Aumack, Alicia Bottari, Nora Breen, Melinda Cano, Dale Caswell, Roslyn Cowan, Laura Eisenberg, Betty Good, Diane Hein, Lori Hover, Susan Jurden, Lois Kroshefsky, Sharon Larson, Judy Lord, Jes Marusiak, Marianne Mason, Sheryl O'Malley, Jennifer Peppe, Dolores Salter and Marilyn Shinski.

Shake-A-Can Events

Thank you to Joyce Cotay, Andrea Orel, Mary Romash and Marjorie Romasz for helping with the November Shake-A-Can.

Dates for 2005:

Easton Avenue – 3/12, 6/11, 9/10, 11/19

Franklin Park – 4/2, 5/21, 8/27, 11/12

Contact Alicia Bottari at (732) 846-0311 to volunteer.

Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser

Our Holiday Fundraiser was a huge success and we're hoping that our Spring event for 2005 will be record breaking.

Catalogs are available now at the shelter or you can call Joyce Cotay. Take a few and give one to your friends or family members and put them to work too. **Every little bit helps.** If you've never sold Gertrude

Hawk before, you won't know how easy it is until you try!!!

Orders, with payment to SCFA, are due to Joyce Cotay by Feb. 19. Order Pickup will be Saturday, March 19th, 2005.

Call Joyce Cotay at (732) 873-0853 for more information.

Santa Paws Events

This was the first year for our Santa Paws at the Senior/Community Center. Each person received digital photos – a 4 x 6 photo and a smaller photo in a holiday frame for \$10 with the option to buy the diskette with all of their pet's photo's for an additional \$2. It was so nice to visit with some of our past residents of the shelter and meet people's pets as they posed with Santa.



Barbara Heath, Jessica Kansiz, Gillian Kuplent, Melissa Rapp, Marjorie Romasz and Laurel Wecker.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with these events: Elizabeth Alexander, Gary Anthony, Susan Anthony, Chuck Augello, Eileen Becht, Anne Bosch, Dale Caswell, Joyce Cotay, Alicia DeSordi, Tracey Fama, Jim Ferrante,

Pam Glantz (Santa!), Margot Hamel, Randy Heller, Gerry Harris, Barbara Heath, Mary Henwood, Elda Hubbard, Claire Hughes, Nancy Indri, Jessica Kansiz (Santa!), Doris Kleissler, Liz Krauthammer, Gillian Kuplent, Sharon Larson, Joe Lee, Sandy Lee, Janet Mangin, Anna Marusiak, Jessica Marusiak, Marianne Mason, Jourdain Masullo, Pat McBride, Stacy Megna, Sheryl O'Mally and her friend Chris, Andrea Orel, Tim Powers, Melissa Rapp, Marjorie Romasz, Deb Ronca, Beth Shamy, Diane Shamy, Marilyn Shinski, Donna Urban-Aumack, Don Vogel, Laurel Wecker and Linda Westmoreland.

We made \$1617 before taking into account our expenses (santa suit, advertising, etc).

And once again, we held our Santa Paws at PetsMart in Bridgewater.

A VERY special thank you to Alicia Bottari, Lynn Lawson and Carol Prevoznak for coordinating these events and the volunteers.

A very special thank you **Margot Hamel** and **Jessica Marusiak**, who helped out during THREE Santa Paws shifts!

A special thank you to those who assisted for two shifts: Eileen Becht,

Shopping Sprees Help Shelter Animals

Ever had one of those bizarre dreams where you're out in public surrounded by people and yet you're wearing your PJs?

Or do you sometimes dread having to get dressed up just to go shopping to get undressed and redressed in changing rooms? Or even having to comb your hair to go to the grocery store for a gallon of milk? Hardly seems worth it, does it?

Well, at iGive.com, you can do all of your shopping from home! Just hop online, go to <http://www.secondchanceforanimals.org/shopping.htm> and check out our link to iGive's more than 240 merchants!

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,

If you can overlook people taking things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

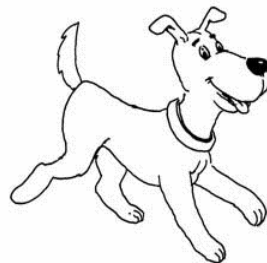
If you can relax without liquor,

If you can always sleep without the aid of drugs,

Then..... You are probably the family dog

At the Mall at iGive.com, you'll find everything from books and CDs, clothing and shoes, to lawn and garden products, computers, software, flowers, pet supplies even everyday items like toothpaste! And guess what?

Think of how much money could go to **SCFA** if supporters did all of their shopping at www.iGive.com/joinLink, where up to 25% of every purchase is donated to **SCFA**! At iGive.com, membership is free! So hurry up and visit the Mall at iGive.com, where you can shop at many of the stores you normally shop, plus more, but this time do it in your jammies!



SCFA Welcomes New Volunteers

Please welcome our newest volunteers who attended orientations:

September

Laura Eisenberg
Jim Westmoreland

November

Elda Hubbard
Beth Shamy
Diane Shamy

October

Gary Anthony
Sue Anthony
Eileen Becht
Alane Crawford
Linda Westmoreland

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like more information about volunteering, please call (732) 846-0311. You can also check out our group and upcoming events at our website at www.secondchanceforanimals.org

Top Supporting Businesses

Thank you also to our top local businesses for their support, which raised more than \$4,000 in 2004:

1. \$1,048.97 – Nelson's Bar & Liquors
1135 Easton Ave, Somerset
2. \$296.13 – Drug Fair
1760 Easton Ave, Somerset
3. \$263.17 – Cafe Amici
225 DeMott Lane, Somerset
4. \$257.42 – Cedar Grove Wines & Liquors
120 Cedar Grove Lane, Somerset
5. \$221.98 - Bagel Bazaar Dabs Plaza
Route 27, Franklin Park
6. \$212.13 – Deli Stop
285 Davidson Ave, Somerset
7. \$174.04 – Zee Best Bagels
120 Cedar Grove Lane, Somerset
8. \$171.35 – Bagel & Deli
900 Easton Ave, Somerset 171.35
9. \$169.27 – Hamilton Luncheonette
606 Hamilton Street, Somerset
10. \$166.30 – Buy-Rite Liquors
900 Easton Ave, Somerset

Imagine how many animals we could help with the support of more local businesses. Maybe your favorite deli? Or store? And with your patronage, these business can continue to help SCFA. To help with collection cans, please contact Alicia Bottari at (732) 846-0311.

Katie's Korner

Happy New Year!

Our foster care program went well this year. Thank you to our foster parents:

- Donna Albert
- Frank Breen
- Jody Brooks
- Bob & Fran Brunig
- Barbara Heath
- Lynn Lawson
- Karen Longworth
- Janet Mangin
- Jessica Marusiak
- Maryann Mason
- Katie Nordhaus
- Ginger Reechia
- Lisa Revel
- Debbie Ronca
- Marilyn Shinski



We fostered 185 animals this year. Without the help of these foster parents we could not have helped all these cats and kittens.

"Maggie" has now been with us for one year! Time flies when you have such a wonderful dog sleeping under your desk.

I am looking forward to another great year of working together to make the shelter a better place for the animals.

Adoption Statistics

Below are the adoption statistics from January through December 2004:

	<u>PetsMart</u>	<u>Shelter</u>
January:	6	17
February:	10	20
March:	3	15
April:	4	10
May:	10	23
June:	2	22
July:	13	44
August:	10	38
September:	9	25
October:	10	22
November:	10	20
December:	<u>4</u>	<u>24</u>
Total:	91	280

Remembering Special Friends

Second Chance For Animals gratefully acknowledges these gifts made in memory or in honor of a much-loved person or pet. We are honored to carry out our important mission in their names.

IN MEMORY OF – (DONATED BY)

- Myra Feldheim – (Paula Cobey)
- Grace Galambos – (Virginia Mattison)

THANK YOU

SCFA would like to thank the following individuals and corporations for their generous donations (monetary and non monetary) to the organization:

- Autosport Honda
- Ann Carlucci
- Jack Dolan Plumbing & Heating (Buck-a-week club)
- Peggy and Dennis Farrelly
- Fleet Bank
- Garden State Cat Club of NJ, Inc.
- North American Shippers Assoc, Inc.
- Pepsi Bottling
- Marjorie Romasz
- Donald & Tyrene Schilke
- Bill & Jan Schwartz
- Alane and Donald Vogel



Dues for 2005 Due by Jan. 31

Second Chance For Animals (SCFA) membership dues of \$10 per person are due by January 31, 2005. These dues help SCFA defray the cost of insurance coverage.

Therefore, to remain an active SCFA member and volunteer with Franklin Township Animal Shelter, we must receive your annual dues by January 31. Please mail to P.O. Box 5172, Somerset, NJ 08875.

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