



P.L.U.T.O. Rescue of Richmond County, Inc.

"Pet Lovers United Together as One"

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Lisa Rooney, Founder

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TOP NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS (MADE BY YOUR DOG...)

I will no longer be beholden to the sound of the can opener.

Circulate petition that Leg Humping be a juried competition in major dog shows.

Try to understand that the cat is from Venus and I am from Mars.

Call PETA and tell them what that surgical mask-wearing fiend does to us when no one is around.

Take time from busy schedule to stop and smell the behinds.

Always scoot before licking.

Grow opposable thumb; break into pantry; decide for MYSELF how much food is "too much."

*January 1st: Kill the Sock! Must kill the sock!
January 2nd - December 31: Relive victory over the sock.*

I will NOT chase that stupid stick unless I see it LEAVE HIS HAND!!!



Dear Fellow Animal Lovers:

I guess many of you are wondering why you have not heard from me in such a long time. I was caring for a longtime friend who became ill this past June. My dear friend of 25 years, Mrs. Virginia Woods, passed away on October 25. During her illness, I was totally absorbed in caring for her and making her last days as comfortable as possible. What bonded us together was our mutual love for animals and our passion for eliminating their suffering. She taught me a lot over those many years and I will miss her greatly. Her legacy will continue through me and my commitment to the welfare of animals.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 5, 2006, when we will be holding our 5th Anniversary Dinner/Comedy Night fundraiser at Circles Restaurant. Another chance to have a fun evening and maybe win one of our beautiful baskets. See flyer page for details. Hope to see many of you there!

Our 4th Anniversary Dinner at Circles this past May was a huge success and many went home with some great prizes. We also marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, and as always, had a blast! This event is always a great way to spotlight our work with homeless animals.

In July we participated in Broadway Barks in NYC and in September we took up residence at the RichmondTown County Fair with our tent to help educate the public about shelter animals and make adoption their first option. The Fair is a great place to make new friends and provide the community with our resources.

The most fun for me, though, is our MEGA yard sales. This year we held two—one in spring and one in fall. Our combined profit was over \$3,800! Wow!! Look for our next sale in April or May.

At this time I would like to thank all of our members, benefactors and friends for their outstanding support and commitment. We have overcome many hurdles these past four years and anticipate many more, but with your continued love, commitment and financial support, we will surpass these obstacles and continue to improve the lives of the beloved animals.

I wish every one a healthy, happy and safe holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Fondly,
Lisa Rooney

Mission Statement

A non-profit, no kill Rescue Group started by people who have a special place in their hearts for the Homeless, Abandoned, Sick and Unwanted Animals. To promote Humane Education designed to increase awareness, compassion and responsible pet ownership. An all-volunteer group dedicated to rescuing, providing medical attention and unconditional love until placed in a permanent and well-educated home.



Tail Mail



Hi Lisa!

It was good to see you and chat with you briefly last month when you passed us on Woolley Ave. We are so grateful to you for helping us get our two poodle friends, Brandy and Prinnie. They bring us continual joy and we are so happy to have them. I have enclosed a recent photo of them for you to keep. Take care. I hope to see you again soon.



Carol Johnston

Lisa:

Enclosed please find my check...I/we have adopted "Lemon Drop" (aka Barble). She is the light of our lives along with Buster, another beagle we adopted....Kudos to you and all involved.

Eric Skau & Scott Johnson

To Miss Lisa:

Me, my brother and two sisters were adopted by a wonderful new mommy. We also have an aunt and a granny that love us unconditionally. What a place, we hit pay dirt, the motherlode and "Merry Christmas"! I was told I lived in a cage, along with my brother and two sisters all our lives. We now have the run of a ten room house, top notch food, soft pillows and tons of toys. We are now spoiled rotten! Every night before I sleep I thank God for our new lives. I also have not forgotten my other friends that have not been adopted yet. So I say an extra prayer that some nice people come along like my new family. I'll be sending photos soon. Thanks for being so wonderful while we were with you. Kisses and hugs to all.

Love, Tucker (Bradley, Rose and Brooke)
(with help from Mom Geri Giordano)



Lisa & Gang -

Here is a photo of Ozzy/Rocky with his new family. He is incredibly happy there. He follows Charley around everywhere he goes in the house or in the yard. He sleeps in Charley's room and goes for walks with Bruce. It's a good life!

Suzanne & Dan

Dear Lisa:

Congratulations on the [May] MEGA yard sale. You DID GOOD GIRL!! Thanks for the phone call—you work so hard. I want to make [the total] over \$2500, so here's a check for payment for the stuff I bought and then some!! Thanks for all you do! God bless ya all.

Jane Homburg & Sam

Hi Lisa:

Just wanted to give you an update on Simba. He is doing GREAT! We took him swimming in the Ramapo River last weekend with our friends' two black labs. Simba had a great time retrieving large sticks we threw in the water. We play ball with him in our backyard and take long walks with him every day. We just started obedience training with him this week, which he is picking up very quickly...Simba is still annoying Fluffy, even though all he wants to do is play with Fluffy. We are hopeful they will get along sooner than later!

All four of us adore Simba...he is a great dog and a wonderful addition to our family. We do not regret adopting him for one second! Hope all is well with PLUTO.

Brian Schulman

Dear Lisa:

We adopted Shayla from PLUTO several months ago and she's a lovable sweetheart to every cat in the house. Clyde, Wilson and Calvin play, clean and sleep with her the most. As for the others, they love her too. Sukle, who is independent from all the others, let her come over to cuddle and sleep with her and even gives Shayla a kiss or two. As for Kayla, Bonnie and Kall, they hang out and sleep with her. Shayla no longer looks like Eggplant (her former name) since she grew longer and taller with longer hair. Every morning she comes to lay down on me while I'm sleeping, or walks over to my face and lies down on my chest while purring. John and I love this beautiful cat.



Veronica Johannesen

Dear PLUTO gang:

I thought you would be glad to know that Amlga does not have cancer...I am so thrilled, that was the best \$400 I ever spent!

Penny/Gayle Schuster

Dear Lisa:

The fruit "bouquet" was beautiful and delicious. I sincerely appreciated your generous thoughtfulness, but the work you do for the animals is thanks enough. My offering a place to have the yard sale is my way of volunteering. I learned early on what my limitations were, but also learned there are other ways of accomplishing things, so I am glad to help in this way.

Consider me a member of the PLUTO family who wishes no more than that you continue your good work.

Affectionately,
Eleanor Young

The Jokes Are On Us...



**At P.L.U.T.O. Rescue's
Fifth Anniversary Dinner/Comedy Night
...so join us!!**

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2006, FROM 8:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT
AT CIRCLES WEST SUPPER AND COMEDY CLUB**

The last four years were so much fun, we've decided to do it yet again! Join us at Circles for a night of food and comedy as we gather once again at this fundraising event to applaud another successful year of P.L.U.T.O. Rescue's tireless work to rescue, care for and find new, loving homes for Staten Island's stray pet population.

Your **donation** of **\$50** includes **COMPLETE DINNER** (appetizer, choice of entrée, soda, dessert, coffee) **PLUS** a **COMEDY SHOW**. Cash bar. There will also be **raffles, 50/50 and more!**

Don't miss this opportunity to have some fun for a good cause! RSVP by April 20, but seating is limited, so be sure to send in the reservation form below ASAP! For additional info, call (718) 227-0553. We hope to see you there!

Yes, I want to be a part of P.L.U.T.O. Rescue's Fifth Anniversary Celebration! Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ to cover the cost of _____ tickets (\$50 per person). RSVP Deadline is April 20, 2006.

Date & Time: Friday, May 5, 2006 - 8:00 PM to Midnight
Place: Circles West Supper & Comedy Club
300 West Service Road (off West Shore Expressway)
Phone: (718) 983-6333



Please make check or money order payable to P.L.U.T.O. Rescue, Inc. and mail to:

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Your donation is tax deductible.

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Adoption

Center



Here are just a few of our animals available for adoption. Call us at 227-0553 if you are interested in meeting them or to find out what other beautiful animals we have waiting for you!

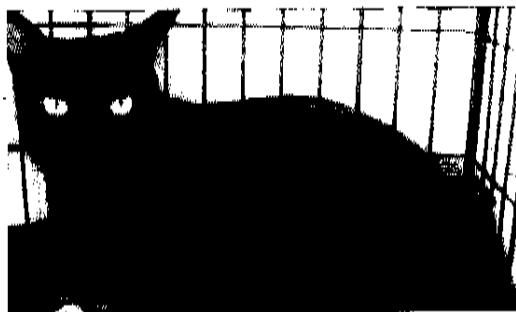


ALLEN — Adorable 5 month old Tabby waiting for his new home.

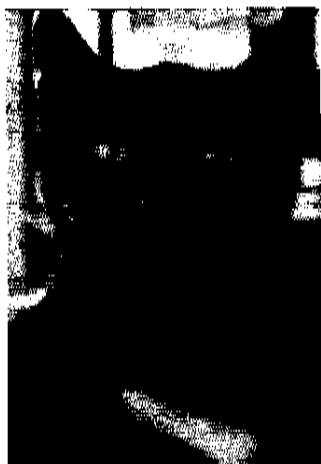
All of our animals are vet-checked, spayed or neutered and are up to date with shots. Cats have been HIV, FeLV tested, and dogs tested for heartworm.



SHELLEY—3 year old Sheltie mix. She came from the CACC with her adorable puppies. Miss Shelley is man shy, women only need apply!!



BUBBA — 1-1/2 year old male solid black domestic shorthair. A real sweetie!



EDGAR — 5 month old black male. Gorgeous coat and personality!



FOSTER CARE OPTION....

Wouldn't it be great to have a friend who's always ready to play, lives close by, and doesn't need to go home before dark? Well, if you have a pet or are thinking of getting one, that's exactly what you have! Pets are great companions, playmates and friends. All they ask in return is some regular playtime with you, and to be cared for properly by you and other members of your family. Pretty good deal, don't you agree?

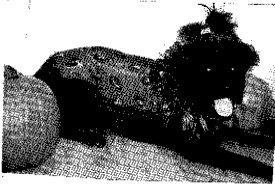
But if you're not sure you're ready to make a 12-15 year commitment to be a pet owner, many shelter-rescue groups need safe, clean homes for animals to recover from an injury. This can be a short-term commitment of only a few weeks.

Foster care can give you a chance to test pet ownership by seeing how other family members react to an animal in the house. Also, foster care is flexible—either you are or are not available to help at a particular time.

For more information on fostering a pet, give us a call and we'll see if it's right for you!

ADOPTION DAYS!

We will be outside Petco, 1756 Forest Avenue (ShopRite Plaza), every Saturday from 11 am to 2 pm. We will have many beautiful animals available for adoption. You are sure to meet a loving companion just right for you!

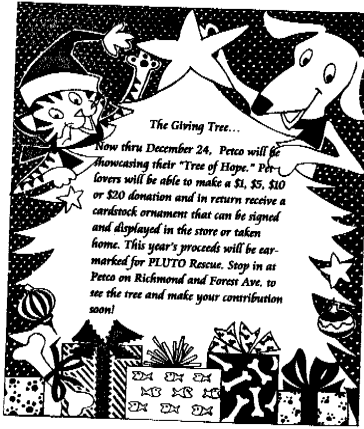


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CHANGE... TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES



Throw your nickels, dimes, quarters and even pennies into a pail and give us a call when it's full! We'll be glad to come and pick it up! We greatly need and accept any donation and are very thankful to the people willing to give. Change collected to date is \$1,568.82. Let's



The Giving Tree...
Now thru December 24, Petco will be showcasing their "Tree of Hope." Dog-lovers will be able to make a \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 donation and in return receive a cardstock ornament that can be signed and displayed in the store or taken home. This year's proceeds will be earmarked for PLUTO Rescue. Stop in at Petco on Richmond and Forest Ave. to see the tree and make your contribution soon!

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Matching Gift

MANY EMPLOYERS MAKE "MATCHING GIFTS" WHEN THEIR EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR FAVORITE CHARITY. NEXT TIME YOU MAKE A DONATION TO PLUTO RESCUE, CHECK TO SEE IF

PHOTO GALLERY



Here are some photos of former PLUTO animals which we'd like to share with you.



Volunteers Erna Vetro and Annie Christopher at our weekly Petco Adoptions, with Brianna, who is receiving some much-enjoyed attention. (Brianna has since been adopted, lucky girl!)



Bosco and his new family, Mr. & Mrs. Hoon Park.



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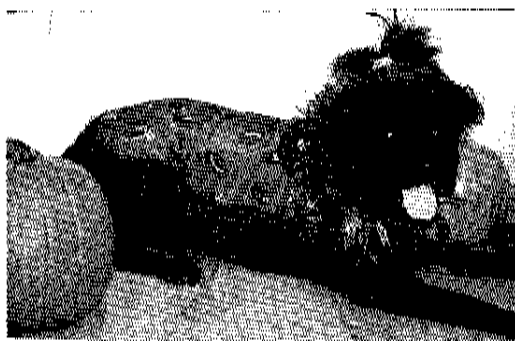
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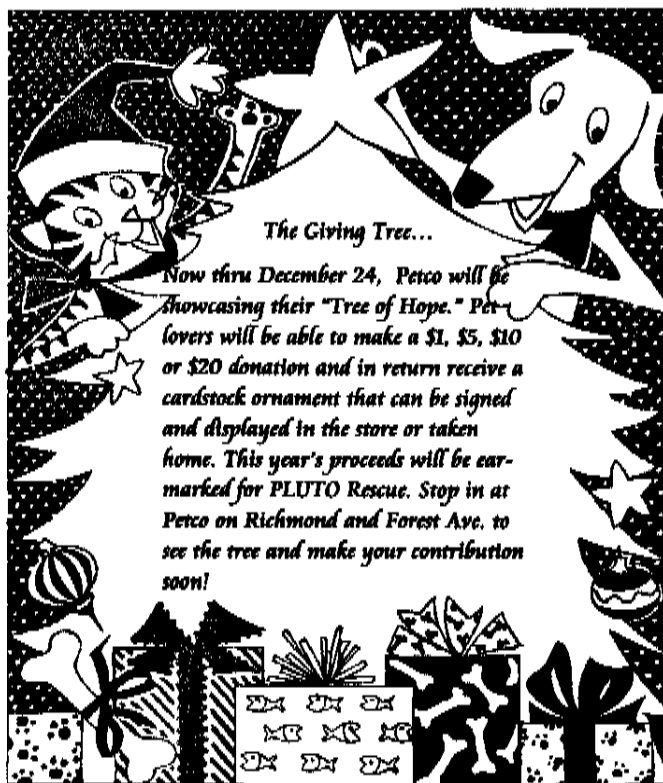


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KATRINA CANINE VICTIM FINDS REFUGE AT PLUTO RESCUE



This boy's name is Noah. He was rescued from a livestock facility in Gonzales, LA and sent here to PLUTO Rescue. Despite what he went through, he has a sweet and lovable disposition. Unfortunately he came to us with many medical issues, one of which is needing hip replacements. He has a very difficult time going up and down steps and is unsteady on his feet. It is very sad to watch this beautiful boy suffer, especially with all hardship he's already faced. Noah has also tested positive for heartworm and is currently undergoing treatment now. All of this treatment is very costly and we are asking for donations to help defray the cost of this surgery and medications. Noah is a silent victim of Hurricane Katrina: he has gone through a lot in the past few months, but with our help and kindness, he can have a second chance at a wonderful, happy life!

As a result of the *Staten Island Advance* article, so far we have received \$1,912 toward his heartworm treatment and bilateral hip surgery. Here are some of the encouraging responses we have received:

Hi! Saw the article in the *Staten Island Advance* and want to help. It was so heartwarming and I've been giving to many animal organizations since Katrina. Wish I could send more. *Virginia Ciringeoni*

Please use this gift towards Noah's medical care. *Regina Moresca.*

I read your article about "Noah" from the hurricane. I am sending a small donation. *Linda Barzone*

I read your article in the *SI Advance* about Ms. Piro's wonderful deed in saving Noah. I wish all of them could be saved. Hope he will be ok soon. Please accept my contribution for Noah, I wish it could be more! Thank you for the great job in saving Man's Best Friend! *Jacqueline Sioen*

Thank you for all you do (donation for Noah). *Pat O'C*

Please use the enclosed donation to assist in Noah's surgery. I have a wonderful Rottweiler for over six years who is also a rescue. Keep up the good work. *Renee Rampulla*

Good luck to Noah and your organization. *Mary Brown*

Enclosed please find my check...please use this donation to help Noah. I know it is not much, but I hope it helps. *Theresa Kellogg*

The enclosed is to go towards medical needs for Noah. We read the article in yesterday's *Advance*. You all are doing a great job! Good luck in your continuing efforts. *Pam Sullivan*

Just a small donation to help in your wonderful work. I hope "Noah" is doing ok. God bless. *Luisa Collins*

As promised, here's a donation for "Noah's Bark". *Linda & David Mercaldo*

I am a regular member of PLUTO and I am sending this check to help pay for Noah's medical problems. I hope it will help and he gets well. *Josephine Cipolla*

I read the article in the *Advance* about the pets from New Orleans. You guys are the best. Hope this helps. *Colleen & Chris Perez*

Get well, Noah. *Joan Zuk*

Donations were also received from: *Renee Rampulla, Mary Ellen Bongailas, Patricia Schaffer, Mr. & Mrs. Markos Platts, Ann Mootz, Karen Hirt, Eleanor Brady, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Vitaglian, Lisa Sofia, Eleanor Cava, John Byrne, Mary Brown., Jacqueline Sioen, Catherine Vargo, Lorraine Reale, Nicole Malliotakis, Natalie Cagiao, and Paulette Wolny.*

We are deeply grateful to all the generous people who have already sent in contributions for Noah's care. His medical expenses are going to be extremely expensive, so anything you can do to help is greatly appreciated.

Memorials and Tributes...

In memory of our beloved animal companions (cont'd)...

Cleo Bullfin (7/4/93—9/15/04): Cleo Baby, I'll never forget the first time I saw you...those big brown eyes, those long floppy beagle ears. You were so small then, just two months old. Dad wanted to pick Jeffie, but "no" I said. I knew you were the one for us when you gave me those little kisses. We were so blessed to have you in our lives. Hard to believe 11 years. You were such a special doggie and we will never forget you or your "wraparound kisses" or how you used to sort through the mail with that paw of yours, or how you'd sit up on a chair all day long on holidays drooling at the smells in the nearby oven. Or all the stones you used to swallow when you were a puppy at the beach...or how you'd trick Daisy into walking away from her biscuit so you could eat it. What a smart girl you were. Cleo! We all love you and miss you Cleo Baby. We hope you are looking down on us from heaven.

Mom, Dad, Ann Marie, Pat, Kathleen, Liam
and your sister Daisy

In memory of "Spanky James Imperato," 4/6/90—12/15/01. I will always love and miss you!! XXXXXXXXXXXX

Kim Imperato

In memory of "Reb", sweet and soft with fur like velvet. Miss you and hope you forgive me. Will try harder with "Beau."

Daddy, Bruce Campbell

"Winnie the Pooh"

Shirley Barstow

"Honey Bunch" and "Pumpkin"

Louise Baccari

"Remmy" beloved Rottweiler of Saady & Nell.

Sally Stilwell

"Cheech" Bocchino, beloved dog of Principal Mary Ann Bocchino. Adopted from Lisa Rooney 12-1/2 years ago and passed over the Rainbow Bridge on 10/20/05.

Charlotte Savlon & the PS 95 Family
Christine Schneider, PTA President on behalf of Parents & Students

In memory of Bentley, "My Little Guy" - 8/12/05. My dear little son, you were always a source of joy to me. As my first dog, you taught me all I know about canines. Your beautiful smile, wagging tail and constant jingling after me will always be remembered. Even though you were probably older than 16, you always had the spirit of a puppy. My little guy, all your brothers and sisters miss you. No one will ever take your place. You gave us so much love and companionship. We will all see you again one day. Watch over us and keep us in your heart. Mommy misses you terribly and will love you forever. You will forever be "my little guy."

Dawn Cucciniello

In memory of "Gypsy Girl," equine pet of Jessica Katz. You will always be remembered as a faithful friend and companion. Always in our hearts.

Dawn Cucciniello

In memory of "Beauregard", Mr. Beau, 6/1/05. canine friend, companion and son of Bill Siebert. Throughout your 14 years you were a wonderful, faithful pet. You are terribly missed by your Daddy. One day, you will be with each other again. Always in our hearts.

Dawn Cuccinello

In memory of "Calle" beloved dog of Joseph Riccardi.

Joseph Riccardi

"Alice" beloved dog of Paul Toth.

Paul Toth Excavation Inc.

In loving memory of two loving dogs, Sunny and Cody. Sonny and Cody, you are now with Darby running around and having fun. Sonny, you are without pain now. You will always be in your parents' hearts. Until we meet again.

Debra Ryan and John Zacca

And a donation has been made in honor of the following:

"Theodore" for Iva & Lance Hermus.

Dawn Cuccinello

Donations will be accepted in memory of a loved one or pet, as well as in tribute or to celebrate a special occasion. In this way, remembering and honoring the ones we love will help the ones in need.

Our Very Special Heartfelt Thanks Go to the Following...

- To Susan Brown for all the goodies and surprises you leave at the back door.
- To Penny Schuster for her love and commitment to us. We look forward to seeing you at Petco. Kisses and hugs to Moska, Amiga and of course, Mr. Schuster.
- To Geppetos Sandwich Factory.
- To Ken Donohue, Calvary Presbyterian Church Boy Scout Troop 19 and Cub Scout Troop 19 for supporting our troops in the US Army and for making sure our donations were sent to the military working dogs who are performing their mission right alongside their handlers.
- To Micky King, Sr. for his expertise in setting up our computers.
- To Jane & Dennis Sullivan for being such great friends to us and loving the animals and also for that long haul to Huntington LI to pick up dog food.
- To EVERYONE who donated or worked at our yard sales: (Please forgive us if we left anyone out, there were SO many people involved!) Bette Lippe, Donna Esposito, Mel Ginzburg, Joan Sanfilippo, Mary Ellen Anderson, Elise Arambages, Pati Fal-lacara, Steve Nelson, Patrick Griffin, Roseann Marcus, Pat Sturm, Harriet Lacca, Madeline Doggett, Gerry Giordano, Jayne Lamarche, Lynn Cohen, Lillian DeMartini, Joy Cappucci, John Grabowski, Edgar Chubbins, Mary & Rob Falcone, Eleanor Young, Evelyn Henry, Sharon Shore, Dolores & Joe Docula, Fran & Mike Masera, Pat & Jessica Ryan, Blanche Cincotta, Joe Azzinari, Margaret & Jim Indelicato, Mrs. Pizani, Ariene Braun, Bruce Campbell, Edith Delrossi, Judy Roberts, Debbie Sheir, Sue Friscia, Danny McCarthy, Peggy Swir, Annie Christopher, Susan Fiore, Jane Homburg, Lillian Stromulo and special thanks to Nancy Pfisterer of Home Sweet Home on New Dorp Lane for all the beautiful, brand new linens and items she donated.
- To the ASPCA for the \$500 grant given to us for Trap/Neuter Return.
- To Bernadette Peters, co-founder of Broadway Barks and to Scott Steven's Broadway Cares/Equity Fights Aids and the Mayor's Alliance for their generous donations.
- To Ken Donohue for all those delicious lunches you bring to us at Petco and for going out of your way to pick up those outside cat shelters.
- For all the donations of cat and dog food, toys, crates, blankets, towels, etc. from Mike Masera, Harriet Lacca, Patricia Sturm, Susan Brown, Penny Schuster, Johanna Pecci, Colleen Bradley and Gio, Judy Roberts, Regina Esposito, Lisa Malaspina, Kathy Meyer and Margaret Marino.
- To Lori Armstrong and UBS for their matching grant of \$300, and to Ariene Siemietowski and JP Morgan Chase for their matching grant.
- To Faith Grannis and St. Mary's Episcopal Church for their donations of change to change their lives.
- To Annie Christopher for being so kind in dropping off and picking up the photos for this newsletter.
- To the wonderful PLUTO foster families for all you do for our beautiful homeless waifs: Roe & Michael Catalfamo, Barbara & Bucky Linden, Laura Piro, Bruce Campbell, Jayne Lamarche, Elizabeth & MaryBeth Ferguson, Suzanne Murphy and her wonderful Dan.
- To Nicholas Morcaro, Executive Director of Richmond County Ambulance for his generous donation for the animals.
- To Amy Donohue of Shaggy Waggin Tails Allbreed Dog Grooming for the wonderful grooming she gave Mama dog Shelley.
- To Beggin Dog Bakery for allowing us to advertise our pets for adoption on their bulletin board.
- To the Staten Island Advance and Susan Huus, Steve Hartman and Hilton Flores for the great photography, the weekly adoption page and the media attention given to our Katrina rescue, "Noah".
- To Petco Stores and Petco Foundation for the donation of \$43.00 from the Roundup/Spay Today campaign.
- To PS 26 in Travis: Ms. McCane, Diane Heinz, and the 5th Grade Class Lifesavers for the \$300 donation from the Common Cents Penny Harvest.
- To Marina & Tom of TM Maintenance Inc. for their generous donation and for helping those beautiful puppies.
- To all who participated in our 4th Annual Anniversary Dinner Fundraiser at Circles Restaurant and who generously donated so many great items: Jimmy Max, Curves, Perkins, Mother Mousse, St. Francis Pet Salon, Double Dee's Auto Care, Little Bit Country, Wegman's, Island Treasures, Hair Spa, Starbucks, Blockbuster, Renato's, The Body Shop, Flowers by Us, Dunkin' Donuts, Geppetto's, Java Den, SIVG, Dr. Jack Maliman, DDS, Dawn Cuccinello, Joy Cummings, Wavelengths Hair Salon, Chris' Florist, Burrito Hut, Maria & Lisa of New Dakota Diner, Wendy Quinn of J. Jill, Petsmart, Edible Arrangements, Tina Hilscher-Murphy, Pam Sindle of Scented Cottage, Chocolate Fantasy, Christopher Michael Hair Salon, Golf Country, Superior Chocolates, Sephons, Andrew & Alan's Bakery, Egger's Ice Cream Shop, Mystical Wonders, Clove Lake Bookstore, Julian's Garden, Relax on Cloud Nine, Sue Cummings, Debbie Katz, Lucille Veerito, Geraldine Garvin.
- To all of the dedicated PLUTO volunteers who give so willingly of their time. Please forgive me if I omitted anyone—I love you all! Annie Christopher, Judy Roberts, Jane Homburg, Angelica Caminos, Laura Piro, Lillian Stromulo, Ema Vetro, Mike Masera, Jeff Nugent, Mary Ellen Anderson, Pat Ryan, Jessica Ryan, Lorraine Costa, Roe Catalfamo.



Meow!

WACKY CAT WEBSITE

Check out this silly website, www.kiddies.co.uk, otherwise known as "Tim's Badly Drawn Cat Site." The little guy above is just one of hundreds of sketches, cartoons and caricatures on the site.

Tim invites people everywhere to submit drawings of cats. And now they're all on his site... some are great, some are not, and some are just... well, weird...

So check it out and maybe even submit some of your own handiwork!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Matt Amitrano | Susan Olmstead-Esposto |
| Eileen Archer | Debbie Orlando |
| Melanie Balzano | Anthony Palumbo |
| Pat Benedetto | Roseann Panarello |
| Bruce Campbell | Christine Papasso |
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| Denise Costanza | Joan Pavinich |
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| Mark Drutz | Diane Ragusa |
| Ashley Dwyer | Susan Ruggiero |
| Carol & Michael Fishman | Jim Russo |
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| Trudi Karrin | Denise Scara |
| Heather Klein | Barbara Tanzoswitz |
| Tanya Loffreno | Muriel Van Cleaf |
| Nicole Mallotakis | Judith Vang |
| Suzanne Murphy | Jacqueline White |

Spay/Neuter Fund

Don't forget, if you would like to contribute to our Spay/Neuter fund, please use the Membership Form to send in your donation. Be sure to mark the Spay/Neuter Donation item so your donation will be designated accordingly.

With the help of contributions like yours, we can eliminate animal overpopulation and the needless deaths of thousands of animals. Thank you.

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

(A Cat's Rendition)

On the twelfth day of Christmas my human gave to me:
 Twelve bags of catnip!
 Eleven Tartar Pounce treats,
 Ten ornaments hanging,
 Nine wads of Kleenex,
 Eight peacock feathers,
 Seven stolen Q-tips,
 Six feathered halls,
 Five MILK JUG RINGS!
 Four munchy house plants,
 Three running faucets,
 Two fuzzy mouses,
 And a hamste-e-r in a plastic ball!

Congratulations to

Carrie Gibson
 On the arrival of your beautiful baby girl
 Tania Francisco



Tail Mail



Lisa & Gang:

Here are some pictures of Paula...now known as Magda or Mini-Maggie. We think she's pretty happy in her new home



and we thank all of you for taking such good care of her and getting her ready to live with us. She knows that she is in charge, so it all works out fine, even though the dogs don't always appreciate that. She lives to sit on the table by the back widow and just look out at

the world. She also loves to lay by the back door all morning as the sun passes by that door. She eats like a little piglet and loves to sleep on the bed. She's as fast as greased lightning when she decides to go somewhere. We are very happy to have her and thank you so much for letting us adopt her.

Suzanne & Dan

Sorry I couldn't make the show, but please accept this small donation on behalf of myself and my Star (my loving shelter beagle who came to me after I lost Curly).

I admire you and everyone else who give of their time and efforts so unselfishly to help these ever-deserving but often forgotten animals. I thank you for all that and pray that one day they will ALL have a home filled with all the love they can handle.

Nick Marcario

Here's a photo of Sammy, adopted July 2005. We adore him! Thank you.

Jean Marie Levin



Dear Lisa:

Thank you for our Ginger Rose. We love her very much and she really makes herself to home with my dog. They play all day. The boys love her very much and want to walk her all the time. As you can see, she is part of my family. We are so pleased with her. Thank you again.

Helen McCullough & Family

Pat:

Sorry the adoption form is late getting back to you, but I misplaced it or a time. I'm also sending a donation. Willow is having a great time here with me as I am with her. She has become the "Queen" of my home and of my heart. Thanks again for everything.

Mary Kelsch (& Willow)

Dear Lisa:

This check is from a nice lady whose little dog I saved. It was a busy week here, starting with a memorial Sunday with a poor raccoon, then a baby raccoon in Dr. Piazza's office, then a mamma opossum and her babies, topped off in the night with this little doggy who sat in the front yard watching Petey have a fit over it. He had an ID collar... "Tsunami" is his name. The lady was very grateful.

Ken Donohue

Dear Lisa:

Many thanks for making "Gus" a part of my life. He is working out fine and even though he has very few teeth left! Good luck on other placements and adoptions. Your work is so valuable and rewarding.

Marie Backes

His name is Buddy. Yes, we have opened our doors to another four-legged friend, who has quickly become a member of the family. Buddy is a nine-year-old Golden Retriever who comes to us through the Long Island Golden Retriever Rescue (LIGRR) organization. Buddy's former owner was terminally ill.

They began to place Buddy last August. Between paperwork and other issues, Buddy's placement was delayed. He spent much time alone while his owner was battling his illness. Though we were looking for a much younger dog, we agreed to meet Buddy. If it was not a match, we were willing to foster him. As soon as we saw him from the car we thought about how difficult it would be to place an older dog with medical issues and knew he was coming home for good. It clearly was the right thing to do. It not only helped a dog who was bound to be homeless, but would comfort his former owner, knowing his best bud was taken care of. Whether it was coincidence or spiritual intervention, Buddy's former owner passed away the very next day.



Within a month Buddy and Lucy have become great companions. He is great with other dogs, enjoying some rough-and-tumble play dates with neighbor Coalby. He is also very good with children and enjoys his hugs from Sara next door.

Lucy was a rescue as well...placed by PLUTO Rescue. With the experience we have had with Lucy and Buddy, we know that rescue is the way to go when looking for a pet. Buddy is a great example for adopting an older dog. There are no training issues, no puppy-like destructive chewing, and immediate love and affection.

Room for more love in your home? Available pets are waiting on both the PLUTO and LIGRR websites.

John Sinkovich & Herb Roth



Tail Mail



Hi Lisa:

We have a Katrina pooch too; she arrived from New Orleans on October 12, a mixed-breed pup that could be part Dalmatian, or even pointer, and part pit bull—body like a fire dog and nose like a pit bull—but smaller in size than either, white with one big black spot and some smaller ones, very cute face, very sweet.

She's all over the place—when she's inside, it seems as if she's never been inside a house in her life, and when she's outside, it seems like she's never been outside in her life! Almost like a feral dog. She jumped on the couch from over the back, for instance, instead of from the front.

She gets along fine with our 12 year old female Lab mix, Pepper and so far so good with our 8 year old Pit Bull, Mo.

She wasn't found until the first week of October, so she was extremely skinny and scratching like crazy. The vet gave her some medicine for the itchies...she also got her shots, was wormed and tested negative for heartworm...Right now we're working on fattening her up and reinforcing house-breaking, which is going OK (not great, but I'm patient). I have to get her picture taken so I can put her on the Petfinder rescue list in case she belongs to someone who might be looking for her.

Her name is Squirt. I don't know how this is going to work out, but I'm willing to give it a try!

Joelle Morrison

PLEASE DON'T GIVE PETS AS GIFTS....



The thought of surprising someone with a kitten or puppy for Christmas is very pleasing; however, there are many things to consider before doing so.

Unless the person receiving the pet is willing and able to provide love and proper care—perhaps for the next 20 years—it's a poor idea for all concerned. For the animal itself, it could prove to be especially tragic.

Animals cost money; the cost of food and medical expenses can add up. They need exercise and socialization in addition to lots of love. It's like getting a new baby.

Only the person who will share his home with the pet should decide on what type of animal, size, sex, color, etc. These are all very personal choices and no matter how much you think you know the person, it would be impossible for you to choose the animal that would with their heart and create that lasting bond that begins with just a glance.

Pets should not be discarded like old toys after the novelty wears off. They need a lifetime of love, not just a day.



THE FUNNY BONE

A man absolutely hates his wife's cat and decides to get rid of him one day by driving him 20 blocks from home and leaving him at the park. As he arrives home, the cat is walking up the driveway. The next day the man leaves the cat 40 blocks away. Driving back up to his house, there was the cat!

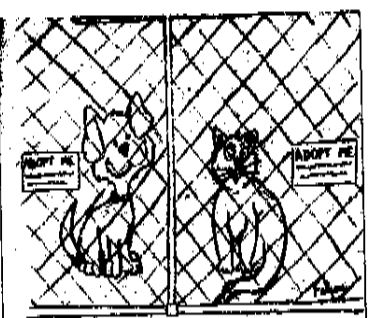
He kept taking the cat further and further and the cat always beat him home. At last he decided to drive a few miles away, turn right, then left, past the bridge, then right again and another right until he reached what he thought was a safe distance from home and left the cat there.

Hours later the man calls home to his wife: "Jan, is the cat there?"

"Yes," the wife answers, "why do you ask?"

Frustrated, the man answered "Put that little beast on the phone. I'm lost and need directions."

HOMeward BOUND



CONGRATULATIONS
on the birth of
Pierce Murphy
to Tina, Craig and
Grant Bilcher Murphy

Adoption

Center



Here are just a few of our animals available for adoption. Call us at 227-0553 if you are interested in meeting them or to find out what other beautiful animals we have waiting for you!

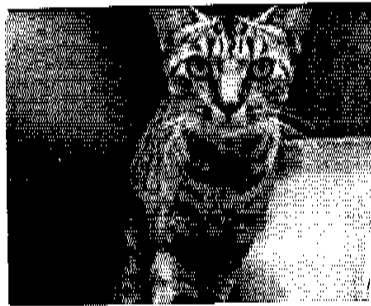


ANNABELLE — 4 month old gorgeous female calico. Young, active and beautiful. She has a coat like silk!

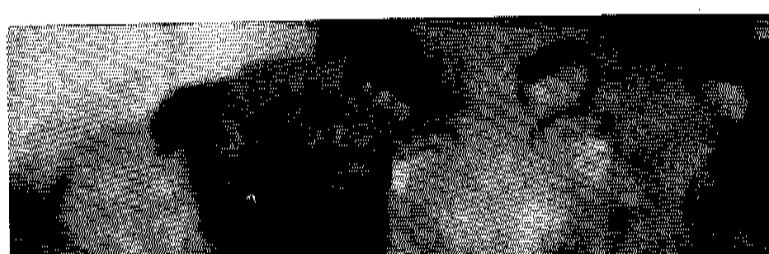
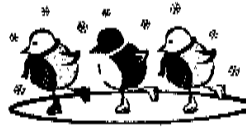


LARRY—10 week old male gray and blonde tabby. Funny to watch, a real cute kitten.

All of our animals are vet-checked, spayed or neutered and are up to date with shots. Cats have been HIV, FeLV tested, and dogs tested for heartworm.



JACKIE—9 month old female tabby. Gentle, sweet adolescent. Will purr forever for you!



FOUR PUPPIES—3 boys, 1 girl. Six weeks old, just sooooo cute and ready to leave the nest.

A Christmas Poem

If under the Christmas Tree you see
A poorly wrapped package from Me
Remember that I have a cat
and upon your box he has sat
If the ribbon on your package is tattered
and the rest looks a little splattered
Remember that I have a cat



WISH LIST...

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| Foster Homes | Dog & Cat Treats |
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| Dog Walkers | Pig Ears |
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