

Paw Prints



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Dear Friends,



The holiday season is upon us. It is a season of hope, joy and love. Save-A-Pet is filled to the brim with sad faces longing for a home this holiday. Like the misfit toys in the animated tale of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," these beautiful companion animals, through no fault of their own, landed on our little island of "misfit" pets. Here, they wait with hope in their eyes for "Santa" to swoop down, scoop them up and take them on their journey to a new home where a family will love them forever.

As the holidays approach, maybe it is my imagination, but these beautiful companion animals seem sadder than ever. Each year, on Christmas Day, I walk into the cat and dog kennels with a lump in my throat and a heavy heart, knowing that those not fortunate enough to get a home will be with us for the new year. Although I know they are safe with us, it still takes a toll on all of us who care for them day in and day out.

Running an animal shelter is a 24/7 job, 365 days a year. December is the month of tallies. How many came in this year? How many found homes this year? How many didn't survive the cruelty and neglect bestowed upon them...and how many will continue to wait for their "Santa" to swoop down and scoop them up?

So, as the tree and the candles are lit and the merriment of the season fills your hearts, I only ask that you add a silent prayer for God's creatures, those without a voice or a home...a prayer that will turn their hope into joy and love.

This holiday season, I wish you and your family's hearts are filled with the spirit of love...may it be the same love that fills the hearts of every animal...every day, year round.

May peace be with you, your family and furry friends,

Dori Scofield

Dori Scofield
Founder/President
Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue



The economy has hit our shelter very hard this year...

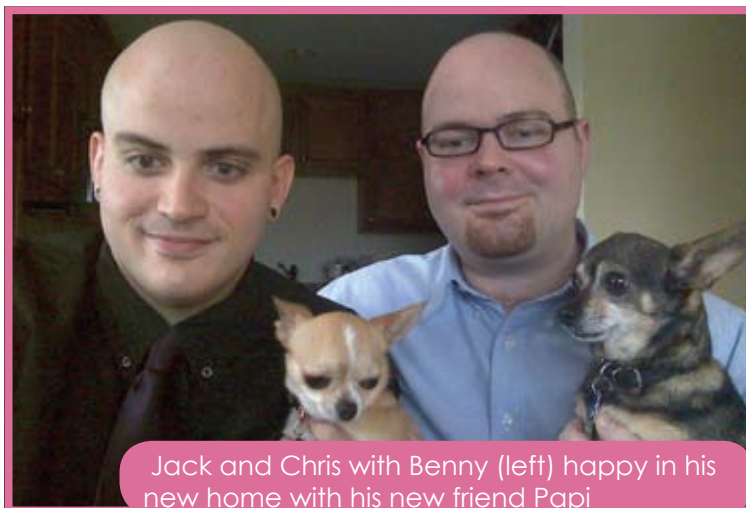
2009 has been a tough year for donations and an even tougher year for the thousands of companion animals left homeless due to foreclosures and downsizing. Some owners brought their pets in with tears in their eyes....owners who pleaded

came to Save-A-Pet this summer. We all fell in love with him and made a commitment to find him a wonderful home. As you can see in this picture, Benny is a lucky dog. He is now king of his new castle and spoiled by his new owners.

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and begged landlords, in-laws and friends to help their pets while they got back on their feet. Other companion animals were simply left inside and outside abandoned houses with no food, water ... or hope.

Such was the case of "Benny," whose owner tried to sneak him into her new apartment. Soon the landlord found out and Benny had to go. He



Jack and Chris with Benny (left) happy in his new home with his new friend Papi

Kids Helping Critters We are back in school!

The autumn leaves bring with them the pitter patter of little feet in the hallways of schools throughout Suffolk County. Sometimes the footsteps pause as their makers stop for a curious sniff or a friendly lick. Yes, it's back to school for Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue's Education Pets, whose mission it is to encourage kindness and compassion in the kids they meet.

Humane education is an important part of teaching children to revere and respect other living creatures, be they animals or fellow human beings. Save-A-Pet's education program

does this by intertwining the ideals of responsibility, citizenship, empathy and compassion throughout the lessons we offer. All lessons are geared to various grade levels.

Many of our schools also hold food drives and collect money for our shelter. This is a bonus. But the real importance of what we do lies in the classroom. We know that teaching kindness to animals teaches kindness to everyone who's hungry or homeless or ill. Isn't that a lesson we have a responsibility to teach?



Julia Michaels and Jennifer Combs raised over \$100.00 by doing a supply drive and asking for donations. Both girls have continued their volunteer time at Castaways, our new shop-and-adopt store that opened in Port Jefferson Village in May.

Save-A-Pet thanks Ally, Jake, Shaina and Sammy, who made dog beds for Save-A-Pet. A big thank you! Two very lucky dogs are warm and cozy in their new beds!



Our Own Home for the Holiday!

To all my friends, old and new,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who came to the aid of myself and my family during the days that followed the horrific fire that destroyed my home and took the lives of my seven dogs and four cats on August 5, 2008. Your donations of clothing, food, household items and the thousands of cards and letters were such a comfort to us. I was truly overwhelmed at the outpouring of love and concern from my fellow Long Islanders and even others all over the country.

The time has finally come to move into our new home. It is all so bittersweet, but I know that it will be

a new beginning for us and our newly rescued animals. This year, we welcomed two new Cane Corsos, Dante and Baci along with our Chihuahua Tootsie, who will join our remaining eight cats, four horses, six rabbits and chickens!

In memory of our beloved companions, we have aptly named our home "Halo Farms." May it be a safe haven for all of us this holiday season and for many years to come.

Dori Scofield



Santa Paws Pictures in December

Come one, come all! Bring your family and pets for photos with Santa. A professional photographer will take your family portrait with Santa. Please bring dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier.

Bring your pet down to our new store, Castaways, in Port Jefferson for pictures with Santa Claus.

Pictures are \$10 and all proceeds go to helping our animals in need.

Free gifts for your pet and hot apple cider, cocoa and refreshments will be served.

No appointment necessary! You will leave with your pictures that day!

Dates are December 5th and December 12th, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dori Scofield Honored at Town of Brookhaven's Women's Recognition Awards Ceremony

Dori Scofield, President/Founder of Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue and Adoption Center, was one of 11 women honored by the Town of Brookhaven's Office of Women's Services at the 23rd Annual Women's Recognition awards ceremony on March 26 at Brookhaven Town Hall. Ms. Scofield was honored for her work as a Community Service Professional.

In her speech, Ms. Scofield thanked her family, friends and volunteers at Save-A-Pet. She also talked about her mission to save and protect all abused and neglected animals.



Pictured: Nancy Ellis (left), Member, Women's Services Advisory Board, Town of Brookhaven, and Dori Scofield (right), President/Founder, Save-A-Pet

Hounds on the Sound 2009

It was a beautiful sunny day on June 7 as 100-plus dogs of all shapes and sizes proudly walked through scenic Port Jefferson Village for the 10th annual Hounds on the Sound 3K Dog Walk and Adoption Event. Owners and their dogs competed for best dressed, owner/dog look-a-like, largest, smallest and best trick competitions. Vendors and raffles made for a fun-filled day for all. Proceeds from the event went to help our shelter animals.

The Winners of this year's contests included:

Best Look-Alike — (tie) "Benny," a Westie Mix, owned by Tom Riker of the Bronx, and "Daisy," a Cocker Spaniel, owned by Melissa Lorio of Smithtown

Smallest Dog — "Cally," a Yorkshire Terrier, owned by Karen McGuire of Coram

Biggest Dog — "Thunder," a Great Dane, owned by Mary Ann Harding of Port Jefferson Station

Best Trick — "Rocco," a ball-catching American Eskimo dog, owned by John Tsavos of Holbrook, and "Benny," a dancing maltipoo, owned by Sue Gallagher of Holtsville.



Castaways Rescue store opens in Port Jefferson



In our efforts to curb the opening of pet shops in our area, Save-A-Pet came up with yet another innovative way to spread the message that rescue pets make the best pets. We have opened a retail and adoption store in beautiful Port Jefferson Village. There, you will find t-shirts, magnets and, of course, pet gifts and toys. We have also incorporated fresh, frozen dog food from North West Naturals. The best part of this fantastic little gem of a store is that all proceeds go toward helping homeless animals! Your purchases will give you not only joy, but peace of mind that you will be saving a life as well! **Visit Castaways at 25 Chandler Square, Port Jefferson, NY 11777.**



4th Annual Ruff Riders Rally 4 Rescue!

Bands of animal-loving bikers spent a beautiful July 12th riding their bikes in support of Save-A-Pet. We rode from the Brookhaven Amphitheatre to the scenic roads of the South Shore and landed for a big barbecue at Mulcahy's Pub in Centereach. Proceeds of the event went toward helping feeding and housing the dogs and cats at Save-A-Pet.

Pictured: Lynne Schoepfer (front row, left), Executive Director of Save-A-Pet, and Dori Scofield (front row, center), President/Founder of Save-A-Pet, are joined by Dori's Cane Corsos, Baci and Dante, Save-A-Pet staff members and volunteers, members of Rescue Ink, and local participants in the 4th annual Ruff Riders Rally.

Save-A-Pet Presents The 10th Annual

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Join Us

Join us this year in our tenth celebration of the Fur Ball

**Thursday, February 11
From 7 to 11 pm.**

**Location: Flowerfield
199 Mills Pond Road
St. James, New York**

Dress Attire: **Casual Smart.**

Tickets: **\$100 per guest.**

There will be live music, silent auction, raffles, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, coffee and much much more!

Bring your valentine to our fun-filled annual dinner dance at beautiful Flowerfield Celebrations in Saint James, on Thursday, February 11 from 7-11 p.m. Enjoy a full cocktail hour in the gorgeous Atrium room with delicious hors d'oeuvres while listening to the sounds of Ryan Taliercio on the romantic harp. Then, kick up your heels to some live music while a full dinner is served and, of course, our silent auction prizes help us raise funds for the animals at our shelter. What better way to share love during Valentine's week.

The corporate and individual sponsorships that make this event a success are still available.

Give us a call at 631-473-6333 or go to our Web site www.saveapetli.org for more information.

Sad Lucky Needs Some Luck!



Meet Lucky. He is a beautiful 12-year-old Lab Mix. His devoted 99-year-old owner had to go into an assisted living facility. She and Lucky were the best of friends and wanted to live out their golden years together. He is a real gentleman; sweet and docile. He does not understand why his "person" is no longer with him and he is very sad. We have given him the comforts of food and shelter and as much love as we can, but it's not the same...Lucky feels unlucky right now. With so many young dogs coming and going, it's as if he knows he is the one to get overlooked. It would be a shame for Lucky to live the remainder of his life with us. If you have room in your heart and home for this senior boy, please call us. You will find that YOU are luckier than Lucky!

How YOU can help Save-A-Pet

Our staff and employees often hear the question "How can I help Save-A-Pet?" Well, volunteers are always needed, but there is another important way that we can all help. Save-A-Pet receives no state or government funding and therefore relies 100% on funding from individuals like you. Thus, one of the best ways you can help us is to provide financial support.

Many people intend to give outright gifts such as cash or property, stocks, bonds or real estate. However, outright

gifts cannot be made after your death. One way you can continue to be a part of the wonderful work done by Save-A-Pet is to name Save-A-Pet as a beneficiary in your will or trust. By naming Save-A-Pet as a beneficiary of our estate, you can ensure that your love for animals will continue on and on and that Save-A-Pet will continue to provide food, shelter, medical care and attention to the many animals that depend on it.

A few other ways to provide for Save-A-Pet are:

- 1** Name Save-A-Pet as a beneficiary of an IRA or retirement plan. This will not only benefit the animals, but could help your heirs pay less in taxes.
- 2** Name Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or make a gift of a current policy to Save-A-Pet.
- 3** Create a "transfer on death" or "pay on death" bank or brokerage account naming Save-A-Pet as the recipient at your death.
- 4** Gift the remainder interest in your personal residence to Save-A-Pet. This could provide you with a current income tax deduction.
- 5** Create a charitable trust (note that there are many different types of charitable trusts but most can help reduce the amount your estate has to pay in taxes and provide more to your heirs and to Save-A-Pet.

If you would like more information about including Save-A-Pet in your estate plan or any type of legacy gift, please call us at 631-473-6333. Please consult with your advisor to determine the best estate plan for you. It is extremely important for you or your advisor to use the proper legal name of our organization, which is **Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue, Inc.**



"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

- Gandhi



*"Saving just one dog won't change the world,
but surely the world will change for that one dog."*



We Need Your Help!

If you can donate any of the following items:

- 6 foot stockade fencing
- Asphalt for our driveway (potholes!)
- Dog runs (Agway/Home Depot)
- Have-A-Heart traps (for cats)
- 30-gallon Sterilite beige tubs (from Target \$8.99) for feral cat houses
- Canned dog/cat food
- Purina Cat Chow

**Or, if you are a professional in the following fields,
and would like to offer your services:**

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| Carpentry workers | Veterinarians |
| Fundraising | Vet Techs |
| Electricians | Landscapers |

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