

# Paw Prints

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**This is your Spring membership renewal newsletter. Thank you for caring for the animals.**

## Passing on the Love

This past fall, one of Save-A-Pet's favorite human friends passed away. Ann was 87 years old and had shared her home with her husband and 15 animals. Unable to care for all the animals, this wonderful couple made previous arrangements for Save-A-Pet to care for their faithful companions when they no longer could.



Their 11-year-old dog, Cricket, knew the folks at Save-A-Pet, which she visited frequently. It was only natural for our Director, Dori to take the little Chihuahua mix home to live with her and her family. Dori had known Ann for over 25 years.

Cricket fit right in with the Scofield Gang.

All the cats adjusted wonderfully to life at Save-A-Pet. However, we were concerned about Mary and her son Peter. They are 27 and 25 respectively. Yes, that is YEARS old!

But with tons of love and care from the volunteers, Mary and Peter are looking forward to their next birthday parties!

### 2006 Children's Summer Program: Critter Camp Where Kids Get In Touch With Animals

**Sessions Begin**  
**July 10, 2006**

**Sessions last for one week**

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### Save-A-Pet Bequest Program

Our pets spend their lifetime giving us unconditional love and acceptance. However, every year thousands of pets are orphaned in the United States. Our own beloved pets may be included in this tragic statistic if we fail to provide for them in the event that we pass away or become incapacitated. Providing for your pets can be as simple as making a request in your *Will* or *Living Trust* that your pets be placed with a willing friend or family member. A "pet trust" usually appoints a trustee to care for your pets or to find them the loving, permanent home they deserve and it provides the trustee with funds to be used for the pet's benefit. Another option is to make a gift of funds directly to the new caretaker for the pet's ongoing needs and care. All you need to do is ask your attorney to include your pet in your *Will* or *Living Trust*.

If a pet owner bequeaths funds\* to Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue and Adoption Center, we will accept the pet upon the owner's death. The pet will be placed in the Center with the goal of finding him a new home.

In the meantime, we will provide a temporary home for as long as necessary until the pet is adopted.

Remember - when we choose to bring a pet into our family, we have made the choice to care for that pet for the rest of its lifetime - not just the rest of our own lifetime.

\*According to Save-A-Pet's Bequest Program

### Mission Statement

At Save-A-Pet we believe it is our moral responsibility to protect and improve the lives of abused, abandoned and homeless animals, and to place them in loving, permanent homes. We provide spay and neuter services and any necessary medical care. We work diligently to educate the public, especially children, on the importance of pet sterilization and responsible pet ownership.

# THE 6TH ANNUAL EVENING FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS

Last fall's event was held at The Old Field Club in Setauket and raised over \$20,000 for orphaned animals — a record amount for our annual dinner dance! Animal lovers united for a wonderful evening of food, dancing, silent auction prizes and conversation.



Save-A-Pet Founder Dori Scofield presents award to attorney Audrey Bloom for her efforts to fund a new spay clinic at Save-A-Pet.



Save-A-Pet volunteers relax for a change.



John Jay LaValle speaks in support of Save-A-Pet.



Eleanor Schneider enjoys her silent auction prize.



Bobby Hull and his band kept the dancing going.



Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Rose and the staff at Jefferson Animal Hospital enjoy a night out to support Save-A-Pet.

## Join Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue For the 1st Annual Ruff Riders Rally



**SUNDAY JULY 16, 2006**

**Registration begins 9 a.m.**

**Brookhaven Amphitheater at Bald Hill**

**All Bikers Welcome!**

**\$20 Registration fee**

**Raffles, Give-A-Ways and Lots of Fun!**

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# DORA - A Dalmation's Tale

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So many of our animals come to Save-A-Pet with special needs such as cats with three legs, dogs with heartworm, kittens who are blind and dogs who are deaf. The list is endless and it is up to us to find the necessary medical care and then find these animals forever homes. It takes time and it takes money. But it's always worthwhile.

Dora came to us from the town shelter where she had been picked up as a stray. She was suffering from a painful ear infection, and she had a lot of allergies. But she had so much love to give, and so many kisses to share.



Everyday, Dora stood still while we cleaned out her ears — a procedure nobody likes. She still loved everyone.

But Dora couldn't find a home. She wanted a lot of attention; she didn't really like to share her person with other pets. And ... Dora was deaf.

We hated to see her wait day after day in her kennel. So we let her live in our new personnel lounge. She slept on our sofa under her own special blanket. She greeted everyone who came in. She gave them kisses, too. We hated to see her go, but we wanted to see her go, to her own home.

After many months, Dora finally found a home — a really good home with a rookie police officer who just wanted someone to love. Her grandfather had been a NYC fireman and had a special connection to Dalmatians. We can see her now, not racing off to a fire, but lying on a soft sofa, covered in her special blanket, dreaming her own dreams, hearing whatever she wants to hear in her own, safe home *at last*.

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## ***Top 3 Reasons to Adopt Pets With Special Needs***

1. THEY **NEED** YOU.
2. THEY WILL **LOVE** YOU.
3. YOU WILL HAVE **SAVED A LIFE**.

## ***Who are We?***

Out of concern for the devastatingly surplus population of domestic animals here on Long Island, Dori Scofield founded Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue with the help of many dedicated volunteers and veterinarians. Since 1994 we have cared for dogs and cats until they find new homes, no matter how long it takes. All of the animals are spayed and neutered, vaccinated and tested for diseases. Today our no kill rescue and adoption center is located in Port Jefferson Station, New York.

# The Healing of Pets

A letter from supporter Sue Ellen Sardzinski, written during her painful recovery from a back injury:

Dear Dori,

My rescue animals consist of 5 cats and 3 dogs. Without them, I wouldn't get up in the morning. They were abandoned strays and adopting them has helped me to recover. They give me so much love and attention when I am down and out. Somehow they sense it and come over and nuzzle my hand for a pat on the head or snuggle on my belly, as if to say, "Thank You, you were there for me and now we are here for you." Thank You Save-A-Pet!

Love, Sue Ellen

*FOOTNOTE: Sue Ellen and her family opened their home to two elderly German Shepherds from Save-A-Pet, both of whom were neglected by separate owners. Although their lives with Sue Ellen were short, they received more love and care than they had in their entire lives. Thank you Sardzinski family for the unconditional love you gave to Beau and Dutch.*



## Chester- A Golden Oldie



Chester lounging with his buddies.

"Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver, and the other's gold."

Chester was old, how old we don't know because this handsome Golden Lab had a lot of grey hairs when he was rescued from the streets, begging for food and eating out of garbage cans. No one claimed him from the town shelter, so we brought him to Save-A-Pet. Not a lot of people want older dogs, but one family was willing to take the chance. They had recently lost their own Lab, and his companion was spending too much time alone.

The children weren't quite sure about this "addition" to the family. In fact, they thought he slept an awful lot for a "new" dog. But he fit perfectly into the household - he was well-mannered and so proud to walk around his new neighborhood on a leash.

A special bond grew between the "master" of the house and his dog. One day his master had to leave for an art-history conference in Europe. On a beach in Portugal, a small yellow mutt befriended the master — playing in the surf and sleeping by his side. That same day, Chester passed away — sleeping by the front door as he had every day while waiting for his master's return. They never got to say goodbye. A year later, another Golden Lab was found roaming the streets, unwanted and unclaimed. Guess where he lives now?

# Patrick

The animals who touch your heart the deepest are the ones with special needs.

Patrick was one of these. A handsome orange and white cat, he was affectionate, he was playful - and he was a prisoner in his cage, sentenced by his diagnosis of FIV. This is the feline version of HIV, but it absolutely cannot be transmitted to human beings.

Patrick loved to be hugged. When you opened his cage to clean, he'd first roll over on his back to let you rub his belly, then he'd stand on his hind legs and wrap his front ones around your neck. When the cage was closed, he'd



crawl under his blanket and look out through the bars — looking so much like the prisoner he was because we couldn't let him out. Although it's very difficult for cats to transmit the disease to other felines, we couldn't take the chance with the health of our other animals. So Patrick had to stay in his cage, forever, or at least until a compassionate person took him home.

Patrick found his home, with a loving family who had no other animals and who fell in love with this endearing fellow. Patrick will probably live a long and healthy life. He can never be allowed outside, but hey, we all know it's safer indoors anyway - and that's where all the great toys are. Along with lots of hugs and kisses.

## IT'S TIME TO END THE FEAR AND MISINFORMATION ABOUT FIV

FIV stands for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. This virus is in the same family of viruses as FeLV (the feline leukemia virus). They are both retroviruses, but FIV is a "slow virus." Like HIV, which causes AIDS in humans, it is a virus that affects the immune system. FIV is not limited to domestic cats, it is even found in the big cats as well.

FIV is a cat-only disease. You *cannot* catch FIV from your pet.

FIV is spread between cats by bites and blood transfusions. It cannot be spread casually in litter boxes, water bowls and food dishes - not even by snuggling and playing.

FIV cats can live long and normal lives. Many cats live a long time with this virus, with no symptoms at all.

FIV should not be a sentence or a stigma that prevents a delightful feline like Patrick from coming into your home.

# Tree of Life

## Tree of Life Donation Form

You can memorialize your pet in our new Tree of Life. A local artist has painted a heavenly mural in the lobby of Save-A-Pet. The leaves on the Tree of Life serve as a lasting tribute to special pets. With a minimum contribution of \$100, your pet will be remembered with an engraved gold leaf.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Each leaf can have up to four or as few as two lines; character spaces are limited to 18 per line.

Line 1 (check appropriate box):

In Memory of  Dearly Loved  My/Our Beloved/Cat/Dog

Line 2 Pet's Name (limit 18 spaces): \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 Owner's Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Line 4 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like information on including Save-A-Pet In my estate plans.



Make checks payable to **Save-A-Pet** and mail to:

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# THANK YOU!

## *2006 Children's Summer Program: Critter Camp*

### *Where Kids Get In Touch With Animals*

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We have the perfect solution for young animal lovers who find themselves longing for something worthwhile to do this summer-it's Critter Camp! Critter Camp is a place where kids connect with animals. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for children to interact and learn about animals that share our world. An enthusiastic staff of instructors and friendly animals will give your child an enriching experience, filled with hands-on animal encounters, fun activities and crafts. At Critter Camp, campers learn respect, compassion and how to provide a lifetime of care for animals.



Sessions are each one week long and begin July 10 to August 18. Camp hours for Grades K thru 3 are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Cost: \$200 per camper, per week. Call Save-A-Pet at [631-473-6333 ext. 201](tel:631-473-6333) or contact us via email at [saveapetedu@optonline.net](mailto:saveapetedu@optonline.net) for more information or to sign up your child today!

### *A Tale of Two Kitties*

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He was a Long Island boy. A nice family saw him walking across the street and noticed something wrong with his face. They took him to Save-A-Pet. He is a perfect example of the consequences of not neutering pets. He was born a stray and got a bad eye infection which was never treated. He eventually had to have one eye removed and the other eye has glaucoma. He is 95%

blind and gets eye medication every day for the rest of his life. But he gets along just fine! He was named Charlie.

She was a Brooklyn girl. She had gotten herself in trouble and a kind-hearted man found her in a building he was supposed to exterminate. He brought her to Save-A-Pet and she was adopted the same day by a woman looking for a friend for her cat Charlie. She named her Lily. Lily is deaf, but she gets along just fine! Charlie and Lily now live a wonderful life together. Do not hesitate to adopt a special needs pet - they are just as wonderful as any other! And they get along just fine!

# Happy Endings

Do you believe in love at first sight? Soul Mates? Second chances? Happy endings? At Save-A-Pet, we do!



**"Little Albert"** and his five sisters came to Save-A-Pet. How they came doesn't matter, what matters is that they did. The kittens needed lots of medication and even more TLC. They fought as hard as we did to save their lives. Within weeks, the five girls were adopted into loving homes, but Albert wasn't. His little eyes were so inflamed, we feared he'd go blind. Albert hated his medication so much that in order to administer it, we had to hold him in our arms and cuddle him. With all the extra attention, Albert became such a loving cat that he'd reach his paw through the cage bars to pat everyone who passed by. And if you opened his cage, he'd execute a perfect shoulder landing. Finally it happened. Albert's eyes cleared up and he found his forever home. The day this once sick and scrawny little kitten went out the door a happy and healthy cat, there wasn't a dry eye at Save-A-Pet.



**"Libby"** wasn't going to be easy to place. She was a Pit Bull mix, and although she loved people, she didn't get along with other animals. Then an 80-year-old man came in, joined by his daughter and grandchildren. His wife had died and he was lonely. He just wanted someone to share his bed. He had a Pit Bull years before and thought he'd give Libby a try. That night, as if on cue, she jumped into bed with him. And she's been there ever since.

**"Pluto"** was surrendered to Save A Pet by an owner who could no longer give him the care and training that he so desperately needed. As many people have done before, this gentleman had purchased a cute puppy who quickly grew, ate more, required exercise and simply took up too much time and room to keep him. Pluto is a beautiful Labradoodle who was a bit unruly but quickly responded to some simple obedience training that we provided for him. As luck would have it, a wonderful family saw the potential in him. They had been through the puppy cycle before in their lives and were looking for a dog that they could quickly assimilate into their family. Pluto filled the requirements and settled into his new forever home within a few short days. Congratulations Pluto!



At 71 pounds, **"Molly"** was an overweight Basset Hound with limited prospects. Her owner could not care for her and Molly had nowhere to go except to us. The night before their wedding, a young couple came in and saw something they responded to in Molly's sad eyes. They took her home for an overnight trial run to see how they'd get along. They did. On the night they got married, they showed up at Save-A-Pet at 2:00 AM looking for Molly. At 8:00 AM they showed up at our door again, their arms full of toys, to take her home. It seems that Molly was their best wedding present.



Buddy (pictured on left) relaxes with his new bud.

**"Buddy"** had lived with us for 18 months. Several times, this hound mix went home with prospective families, but each time he came back. It wasn't that he was a difficult dog — he was house broken and he didn't bite anyone. He suffered from a condition that many of us face. Buddy was depressed. This happens to animals who have lived in shelters for too long. They become anxious when they are asked to leave their kennels, and they don't engage with the people who are trying to make contact with them. Then one day a family came in with their own dog, looking for a canine companion. It took just one look — one dog looking into a cage and the other looking out. They hit it off — everyone could see it. The papers were signed. Today Buddy and his savior are "peas in a pod." Buddy was a lucky one - one of the chosen — he found his soul mate. How many of us can say the same?

Save-A-Pet is a tax-exempt non-profit 501c(3) organization. It is not subsidized by any person or organization and depends solely on donations for its work to continue.

*If you have a Happy Ending to share, call Kerri Glynn at 631.751.4676*



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## How Your Donations Can Help

\$30 will sponsor a dog or a cat for a month.

\$50 will help spay or neuter a dog or cat.

\$100 will buy a brick in our memorial walkway.

\$360 will sponsor a cage or crate for one year.

\$500 will provide surgery for a seriously ill or injured animal.

*Thanks to you, every animal who comes into the care of Save-A-Pet is given a wonderful new life. Your donation ensures that Save-A-Pet can continue its life-saving work. Your donation of any amount, large or small, helps these animals and gives them the "happily ever after" love they deserve. Please become a member of our Save-A-Pet family.*

I've enclosed a donation of  \$30  \$50  \$100  Other \_\_\_\_\_ to help the animals.

For credit card payment:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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