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Reigning Cats & Dogs: Chocolate Tasting & Auction

It's time to dust off your party hats and get ready for the 3rd Annual Chocolate Tasting and Auction to benefit the animals at SCRAPS.

On Friday, March 28th the festivities will begin at 6:30 at Center Place at Mirabeau Point. Prepare your taste buds for wonderful chocolate desserts from many vendors. This year we are working especially hard on getting fantastic items for both the silent and live auction. County Commissioner Todd Mielke has agreed to be our auctioneer.



Get ready to put your party hats on and feast on a delectable selection of chocolates and desserts!

“This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come out, eat great food, listen to live music, and support the animals,” said Nancy Hill, Di-

rector of SCRAPS.

Thanks to our sponsors, which include Toyota and ALSC Architects, we will have another successful event.

“We still need many volunteers to help with the event.

Volunteer jobs include event planning, collecting items for the auction, and helping on the day of the event. We cannot do this event without our volunteers!” said Jackie Bell, Development Coordinator.

If you are interested in helping or donating an auction item, please call SCRAPS.

Dog Fighting in Our Community!

You may be aware of the story of Michael Vick and his horrific acts relating to his dog fighting kennel. What you may not be aware of is dog fighting is happening right here in our community.

In early February, Washington State's first case of dog fighting is being brought to trial here in Spokane thanks in large part to the dedicated Animal Protection Officers (APOs) at SCRAPS.

SCRAPS APOs completed their investigation and are working with Spokane County Prosecutor's Office to bring justice for these animals.

Thanks to donors that support SCRAPS, our APOs have received extra training to advance their investigative skills and make them aware of what to look for when they are in the field.

If you suspect dog fighting is

happening in your neighborhood, please contact SCRAPS or your local law enforcement agency. Signs to look for include:

- Dogs with scars on head, throat, legs and ears
- Treadmills for exercising dogs
- Dogs forced to pull heavy items such as chains and tire rims to strengthen muscles

For more information contact SCRAPS.



Nancy Hill
SCRAPS
Director since
1995

Dear Friends,

We are committed to protecting both people and pets along with offering progressive programs that directly help the animals. Our goal in 2008 is to be the best we can be and we need your help...

This year SCRAPS is truly looking at a bright future. We have hired Jackie Bell as our Development Coordinator. She is working hard to raise money to help fund SCRAPS special programs such as our animal medical fund, free training classes and our popular ask the trainer program – just to name a few. Patricia Simonet, the only applied animal behaviorist in our area, is working hard to evaluate, train and adopt out our impounded shelter animals. Additionally, we are partnering with the ASPCA as a Mission Orange™ Target Community. Hopefully, with the additional funding, training and support that the ASPCA brings – we will be successful in ending the euthanasia of adoptable pets in our community.

SCRAPS volunteers are busy walking dogs, petting cats, socializing the animals and helping us with our special programs and events. We would love to have you join our team of volunteers and welcome you to attend one of our orientation sessions. Don't have time to volunteer – then you can still make a difference through your tax deductible donation.

Please join me in working towards a better tomorrow for both the community and its pets.

Help Us Help Them!

-Nancy Hill

Looking for Love



On February 14th all three Spokane animal shelters are launching the innovative Meet Your Match™ program thanks to the ASPCA®.

You could be gazing at the animal of your dreams, but you just can't tell what she's thinking behind that furry face. What if you knew a little something about her personality and habits before you moved in together? The ASPCA's Meet Your Match™ program won't let you go home without knowing who's in that carrier or on the end of that leash.

Dogs are tested on their friendliness, playfulness, energy level, motivation and drive, and placed into one of nine color-coded Canine-alties. Some pooches are laid-back "Couch Potatoes," others are curious "Busy Bees," and then there are the action hero "Go-Getter" types.

As an adopter, you also get a color based on your preferences and lifestyle. On your visit to SCRAPS, you're given a purple, orange or green pass to match the pets who might suit you best. You don't have to go with your own color, but at least you'll know who you're mixing with!

How You Can Help Us, Help Them

JOIN FRIENDS OF SCRAPS!

Friends of SCRAPS is our membership program. The dollars raised from membership go directly to supporting our programs and our animals.

It's easy to join! It also makes a great gift to someone who might already have everything they want. See our membership form on page 5 of this newsletter.

There are several levels of membership including Volunteer, Individual, Family, and Corporate. Join today and help us, help them!

SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP

Do you like to shop online? If so, do we have a great opportunity to shop and do good at the same time.

Go to Igive.com and you can choose from over 688 retailers, make a purchase, and a percentage of your sales will go to your favorite cause, SCRAPS!

There are a huge variety of stores from Barnes & Noble, to Best Buy, to Home Depot and Petco. So many to choose from! All you have to do is register and select SCRAPS as your cause, then shop until your fingers can shop no more!

Did you know you can sponsor one of our adoptable pets? Go to, petfinder.com!

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

SCRAPS is always in need of great volunteers. Our volunteers help us in everything from walking and socializing our dogs, playing with our cats to helping with data entry and fund raising events.

It's easy to get started. SCRAPS offers a monthly volunteer orientation the second Saturday of the month. The orientation takes place at our shelter and begins at 10:00 a.m.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back to your community and even to spend quality time with family members or friends. For more information call Patricia at (509) 477-2752.

Happy Tails



Molly and Baylee, two Dachshunds who came to SCRAPS in June, 2007, found a loving home. However, it wasn't an easy journey. Molly was surrendered to SCRAPS after spending much of her young life in a very rough place. Terrified and extremely unsocial, her owner's profile of her read: "aggressive with food, other dogs, and unsuited for a family."

Molly had been at SCRAPS only a week before her angels walked through the door. They had children and other dogs – a terrible match! SCRAPS' applied animal behaviorist recommended against the adoption. Undaunted, the fam-

ily would not give up. They felt confident they could take on Molly and include her as part of their family. They adopted Molly.

Just minutes after Molly's new family left SCRAPS another dachshund, Baylee, was brought into the shelter. She was being surrendered by her owner because of housetraining problems. Baylee was very young and eager to please. SCRAPS' behaviorist called Molly's family right away.

The behaviorist told the family about the puppy, and how she thought it would be a much better choice for their family than Molly. The tele-

phone line went quiet

for a moment, then the mother said, "I need time to consider this." When the new family called back they said, "We made a commitment to Molly." The behaviorist's heart sank just a little, they continued, "We will adopt both."

The family came back to the shelter and picked-up Baylee that same day. SCRAPS recently received a letter from Molly and Baylee's family who wanted us to know, "Molly is the perfect dog!" SCRAPS says, thank you to all the families who have adopted their new best friend from SCRAPS!

A Day in Their Lives... Meet your Animal Protection Officer

If you have any stereotypical images of a "dog catcher" I'm sure you are imagining a mean individual driving around picking up your beloved pet with a net. Today, the term "dog catcher" really no longer applies.

I am one of six Animal Protection Officers (APOs) employed by Spokane County and commissioned by the Spokane County Sheriff's Department. My responsibilities are to protect public safety and ensure animal welfare through compassionate, responsive, professional enforcement of laws and public policy.

I have been employed by SCRAPS since April 2004 and have found my purpose in life. Coming from a Veterinary Assistance and Law Enforcement background I have seen many things, none of which have prepared me for the horrific situations I've seen animals placed in

by mankind.

Just imagine getting a call to check on the condition of guinea pigs and rabbits at a trailer in the Spokane Valley and arriving to find a horrible sight. Lying on the porch are five dead guinea pigs, a dead rabbit, and a dying guinea pig. This poor little creature takes one last breath and then passes into a world much better than where it was. I look around and see dozens of guinea pigs and rabbits living in filth without food and water. The owner of the animals is nowhere to be found.

I decided at this point that the situation was an emergency and the animals had to be removed immediately. Another APO arrived on location with a pickup truck and small animal crates. It took us over two hours to remove the animals. In all, 45 guinea pigs and rabbits were taken along with one emaciated dog that jumped out an open

window of the trailer.

The animals were taken back to SCRAPS where they were examined by a veterinarian, provided medication, food, water and a clean cage. The volunteer group HEART was activated and assisted with the setup and care of the animals.

I returned to the trailer the next day with my search warrant to find two more dogs and a guinea pig living in filth. The owner of the dogs was contacted and subsequently charged criminally with Animal Cruelty. The guinea pigs and rabbits were placed with River's Wish Animal Sanctuary and eventually adopted out into loving homes.

This was one call, one day in the life of an Animal Protection Officer.



Meggie is owned by Animal Protection Officer Nicole Montano, the author of this article.

No More Pets Sold on the Side of the Road



“When people buy pets in parking lots, they typically don’t do any research and often end up with something they can’t or won’t care for. These pets end up in shelters, dumped in the woods or pregnant. It’s a problem for everyone.”



**Volunteer
Kim Lytle,
Creator of
the FIDO
program**

Spokane County has a new ordinance that makes it illegal to sell, barter, give away or advertise the availability of cats or dogs upon any public property or private property open to the public.

“Private property open to the public,” is defined as including any parking lot, sidewalk or empty lot. This

will mean no more puppies being peddled at your local super store or on the side of the road.

“This new ordinance strongly reflects our intent to end euthanasia of homeless pets in our community,” said Nancy Hill, SCRAPS director, “the local area shelters are over-

whelmed by homeless pets needing new homes.”

“The animals sold on street corners and at store parking lots are generally not neutered or vaccinated. These pets are creating more and more pets, until they reach a critical mass and end up at the shelters – homeless.”

Legacy Builders

By Jackie Bell, Development Coordinator for SCRAPS:

I was happy when I accepted this position and then I was thrilled when I realized how many donors and supporters of SCRAPS there are in our community. One of my tasks is to open incoming donation checks and to thank the donors.

All throughout the month of December I was amazed to see the generosity of our community.

These caring individuals and businesses make sure that the animals we care for receive the best possible care. Your donations go to supporting many of our programs and services.

One of the challenges I face this year is creating a group of dedicated volunteers who are willing to help with the fund raising. This group will take SCRAPS fund

raising efforts to the next level and allow our programs to expand.

We are looking for people interested in helping to create, plan and implement our events and to help get the word out to the community.

If you are interested in this great opportunity please call Jackie Bell at 477-2984 or jbelle@spokanecounty.org

Inspiring Volunteers

Inspired and inspiring, Kim Lytle has volunteered at SCRAPS for five years. She has personally saved many dogs from euthanasia, but that wasn’t enough for her. Kim created the Federal Inmates Dog Opportunities (FIDO) program at Geiger Corrections facility, where she is also a supervisory

sergeant. Kim designed this program that selects dogs who have reached the end of their stay at SCRAPS. Out of time these fine dogs may have been euthanized. Instead, they are enrolled into FIDO where they are trained by federal inmates to become model canine citizens. Only after passing their Canine

Good Citizen tests are the dogs placed for adoption. Then Kim starts the entire process again with a new set of dogs.

The program celebrates its one year anniversary in February, and the FIDO dogs are in high demand! Kim has placed 27 FIDO dogs into new homes!

Let's Ask Scraps!



Scraps is owned by Patricia Simonet, the author of this Column & SCRAPS' Animal Behaviorist

Barking

Contrary to popular belief, dogs are pretty quiet. It's perfectly normal and reasonable for dogs to bark from time to time, just as children make noise when they play outside. But continual barking for long periods of time

is a symptom of a problem that needs addressing.

To solve a barking problem determine when and for how long your dog barks, and what causes him to bark. You may need to do some clever sleuthing, especially if the barking occurs when you're not home.

Ask your neighbors what they see and hear, drive or walk around the block and watch and listen for a while, or start a tape recorder or video camera when you leave for work. With a little effort you should be able to find out which of the common problems is the cause of your dog's barking.

Why Your Dog Barks

Dogs bark for many reasons. Some of which include:

- Boredom and loneliness,
- Guarding their territory,
- Barking out of fear,
- Barking because of separation anxiety.

Once you have identified why your dog barks you are ready to take the next step. Each of these causes of barking have their own behavioral modification plan which we can help you with at SCRAPS.

We have well-written free handouts that explain how to teach your dog to be "quiet." You can pick them up at SCRAPS or we could mail them to you. We also offer free dog training classes and free one-on-one behavior consultations with our animal behaviorist.

Barking dogs is one of our most frequent complaints, and it is one that can easily be fixed with a little bit of time and effort.

HELP US, HELP THEM!

YES, I want to help the animals today! *(Your donation is tax deductible!)*

I want to become a member of Friends of SCRAPS!

- \$10 Volunteer Membership (for registered shelter volunteers)
- \$45 Family Membership
- \$25 Individual Membership
- \$250 Corporate Membership

I am interested in making a donation of \$ _____ One Time Monthly

PAYMENT TYPE: Check Enclosed

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Discover Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ **Name:** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

I would like information on:

- Volunteering Animal Medical Fund Special Events Sponsorship Kennel Fund
- Memorials/Gift Memberships Payroll Deductions/Employer Matching Gifts

MAIL TO: 2521 N. Flora Road Spokane Valley WA 99216 OR go to www.spokanecounty.org/animal

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Every Dog Should Have A Bed



Kuranda Beds are going to make a huge difference in the lives of our dogs

The dog kennel at our SCRAPS shelter is clean and well-maintained. However, there are very few dog beds to go around.

The shelter used to use blankets and towels to give the dogs something to lay on beside the cold, hard cement floor. The dogs were destroying the blankets and some were ingesting them causing severe

medical concerns. The blankets also blocked the drains in the kennel and caused plumbing problems.

Thanks to a few very generous donors we are well on our way to having a bed for every dog in the kennel. Still, many do not have beds and with the cold weather, their weak immune system and stressful shelter noises this presents a

true crisis for these animals in need.

SCRAPS is asking for donations of Kuranda beds. These beds are extremely durable and easy to clean. You can donate a bed to SCRAPS dogs on our website at spokanecounty.org/animal and clicking on the Kuranda bed link at the bottom of the page. Thanks for making a difference!

Pawsitively Spokane!

SCRAPS, Spokanimal CARE and the Spokane Humane Society are "Working Together, Saving Lives" and are collectively calling themselves as Pawsitively Spokane!

The three organizations all share the same cause and are working together to end euthanasia of adoptable pets in Spokane County.

"We are all working toward the same goal and wanted to join forces so that we can accomplish even more for the animals. It is a rare chance for us all to pull together and really make a difference," said Jackie Bell, SCRAPS Development Coordinator.

The Pawsitively Spokane team has a new website at Pawsitivelyspokane.com which will help send do-

nors, volunteers and adopters in the right direction.

The driving force behind this great idea was receiving the designation by the ASPCA® as a Mission Orange™ target community. Only five communities across the United States last year received this honor.

The ASPCA is focusing the bulk of its resources to aid animal welfare efforts and education in the target communities. In addition to providing such resources, the ASPCA will invest up to \$200,000 in Spokane towards capacity-building and related animal welfare efforts as deemed necessary by the community leaders, to assist these communities in not just becoming, but maintaining, "humane communities." Overall, based

on shelter statistics, the common goal will be to increase the community shelter adoption rate by at least 10 percent by the end of 2008, and toward a 75 percent 'save rate' for the community shelter partners by 2010.

The momentum for working together came when the groups received the Mission Orange designation but it was the positive attitude and willingness to work together that gave birth to the Pawsitively Spokane idea.

You will see us at many events this year including the St. Patty's Day Parade, at Hoop Fest and at three fun events that will happen this year. More on those events in our next newsletter!

"Pawsitively Spokane! is an idea whose time is long overdue. Working together, Spokane animal shelters are going to make a world of difference."

Spokane Pet Resource Information

Answers to your questions
about animals in Spokane

CLIP & SAVE!

- **What do I do if I've lost my pet?**

Call Veterinarians - Your animal may have been injured and turned in.
Call the County's Lost Hotline, 477-8100. This number does not include animals picked up in the city of Spokane.
Visit the shelters every few days. Don't expect office personnel to identify your pet over the phone.
Put up signs in your neighborhood and talk to mailmen, deliverymen, etc.
Place an ad in the paper and check found ads daily. Call if the description is even close. Offer a reward.
Get out and look for your pet. Animals can get stuck in trees or under houses.

Phone Numbers for Area Shelters

SCRAPS - 477-2532, 2521 N Flora (in Spokane Valley)
Spokane Humane Society - 467-5235, Havana & Francis
SpokAnimal CARE - 534-8133, 710 N Napa

- **Where can I find an adoptable pet?**

All three shelters listed above have adoptable pets as do many foster and rescue groups. You can find their information and pictures of their animals on Petfinder.com. This is a great website to search for your next best friend!

- **Am I required to license my pet?**

Yes, both the city of Spokane and county of Spokane have license requirements. If you live in another town please check with your local government. Remember a pet license is your pet's phone call home.

- **What do I do if I have a pet emergency?**

Call or go to your veterinarian. If after hours, Pet Emergency Clinic is located at 21 East Mission Avenue and their phone number is 326-6670. If you live closer to Idaho, you may want to go to the North Idaho Pet Emergency Clinic located at 2700 E. Seltice Way, Post Falls. Their number is (208) 777-2707.

- **Who do I call if there is a loose dog running around or an injured animal?**

You can call Spokanimal 534-8133 or SCRAPS 477-2532.

- **Who do I call if I'm concerned about the care of an animal?**

Same as above.

- **How can I help the homeless animals in Spokane?**

Volunteer your time, donate to a shelter or rescue organization, foster a homeless pet, spay/neuter your own pets.

"A pet license & a microchip are your pet's phone call home when they become lost or get injured."



www.spokanecounty.org/animal

Please visit us on the web at:

Sundays: Closed

W, Sat.: 12 - 4:30

M, T, Th, F: 10 - 5:30

HOURS:

FAX: (509) 477-4745

PHONE: (509) 477-2532

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Spokane Valley, WA 99216

SCRAPS MISSION:

*Protect public safety and ensure animal welfare through
compassionate, responsive, professional enforcement of
laws and public policy.*



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animal](http://Spokanecounty.org/animal)