



Spring 2018



WYOMING COUNTY SPCA

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It's the Pitter Patter of Tiny Paws!



Kitten season is upon us. It refers to the time of year when many litters of kittens are born. Each year, shelters throughout the country are flooded with momma's, babies and strays during the months of April-October.

So what causes kitten season?

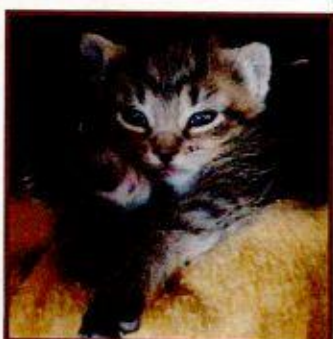
Did you know that a female cat can become pregnant at 5 months and can have several litters in one year. With each litter averaging 4 to 6 kittens per litter, that amounts to 12 to 18 kittens. That's a lot of babies in one year! Unfortunately, all of this breeding is one of the main factors contributing to the overpopulation problem.

What can you do to help?

The best way to help with kitten season is to ensure that your cats are spayed or neutered. This is true even for indoor-only cats. As we all know, cats can be sneaky. The door only has to be open for a moment for your cat to escape and come back pregnant.

You can help us at the Wyoming County SPCA navigate this time of year in several ways! We could always use more hands on deck with volunteers.

Also, we greatly rely on monetary and item donations to support our work and mission. You can drop off donations at the shelter, shop our wish lists at Amazon.com, or donate online via our website.



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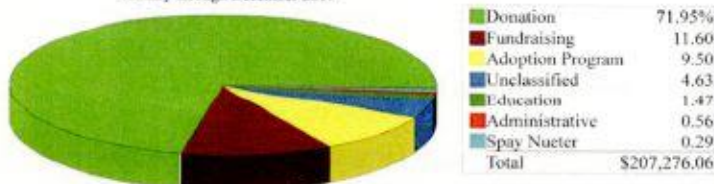


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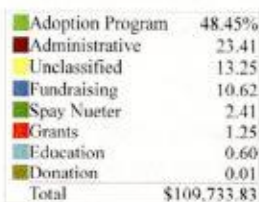
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Income Summary
 January through December 2017



Expense Summary
 January through December 2017



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A friendly face at the end of the day. Unconditional love. A feeling of home....

These are the gifts that a loving companion provides every day. Will you help the Wyoming County SPCA continue to place loving, deserving, homeless animals with people who will love and care for them?

Tributes:

You can be a part of the many adoption success stories that our supporters make possible thru their gifts. The Wyoming County SPCA offers many opportunities to celebrate a milestone, honor a loved one and mark important life events, all while supporting the care of homeless animals in great need! Birthdays, weddings, anniversary and graduations all present great opportunities.

Bequests:

Honoring the life of an individual or pet with a bequest donation is a wonderful way to acknowledge the legacy of a pet or person.

Monthly Giving:

"Faithful Friends" monthly contributions provide Wyoming County SPCA a consistent and reliable stream of income. It is a great way to support the animals and assure Wyoming County SPCA will be there to help when the need arises.

Wyoming County SPCA's sole source of income is from contributions and fundraisers. We receive no government funding. We are not affiliated nor do we receive funding from any parent organization.

Contributions can be mailed to

Wyoming County SPCA, PO Box 269, Attica, NY 14011
 Also accepted online at www.wyomingcountyspca.org

Levels of Giving:

Diamond Furry Benefactor	\$5000
Platinum Loyal Companion	\$2500
Gold Angel Paws	\$1500
Silver Rescue Club	\$1000
Bronze Happy Tails	\$ 500
Faithful Friend Monthly Donor	



FIV cats are Pawsitively Adoptable!



FIV stands for feline immunodeficiency virus. FIV typically weakens the cat's immune system. It can be shared between an FIV+ nursing mother and her kittens but more typically is it caused by deep bite wounds from an FIV+ cat biting another cat; the kind of bite wound that occurs in fights between two un-neutered male cats fighting over an unsprayed female.

FIV+ is diagnosed through a blood test that is done at your veterinarian's office and you will have the results in 10 minutes. A cat can test positive as early as two to four weeks after exposure, but in some cases, it can take up to eight weeks.

*Kittens under six months of age may test falsely positive after having received antibodies from their mothers, either in utero or via milk. (Discuss with your veterinarian.)

FIV+ cannot be treated but, it can be handled by treating any secondary illnesses. There is a vaccine available for FIV. Discussion with your veterinarian will help you decide if this is the right choice for your cat.

Can FIV- and FIV+ cats live together?

This should be a discussion between you and your veterinarian

Can FIV+ cats have a good and long life?

Yes, FIV+ cats can live normal lives, both in quality and duration. They just need to be monitored for infections and dental issues. If FIV+ cats are well cared for, they can be healthy, happy, wonderful pets.



Red Rover Program in the Schools



I have officially started the Red Rover visits to two of the Warsaw YMCA's SACC (School Age Child Care) programs, Pioneer Central School, Attica Central School and my own preschool class. We read the book Max Talks to Me

by Claire Buchwald and Karen Ritz. The second book was The Forgotten Rabbit by Nancy Furstinger.

Max Talks to Me introduced the children to listening with all of your senses, being alert and knowing your pets' needs so you recognize them as did Max's owner. The boy knew when Max was hungry, wanted to go out, when he needed his water bowl refilled, etc. The boy also learned to know how Max showed the boy that he loved him. At the completion of our session, I sent home a page with the children that showed a happy dog, fearful dog, and angry dog so they could learn how to know the signs of when a dog is approachable. The story also reinforced that one never approaches a dog without permission from the dog's owner.

The Forgotten Rabbit is about a rabbit born on a farm, taken to a pet store, and sold to a family at Easter Time. The kids in the story thought Bunny was real cute and fun for a while. But by wintertime Bunny was living in a hutch with a frozen water bottle, no food, and no shelter in her hutch to keep the weather out. One cold night, Bunny was rescued by a little girl named Roselita who had permission from Bunny's owners to take her and adopt her. Roselita fixed up a new house so Bunny no longer had to live in a cage. She lived inside with the family and ate healthy food. Roselita gave Bunny a new name, Belle which means "beautiful". Roselita trained Belle in an obstacle course and had her compete with other rabbits where she won a prize. Roselita told Belle that she was an unforgettable rabbit and she would never be forgotten again.

During the reading of the book, we imagined with how we thought Bunny was feeling when the kids were paying attention to her and when they had forgotten to play with her. We talked about how Roselita asked the family if she could have Bunny and didn't just take her. We looked at the differences between Bunny's care from the first family and Roselita. One of the children in the group asked, "If the kids were not going to play with the bunny and love her, why did they even bother to adopt her in the first place!"

Each teaching site will have three more visits with a book discussion and a craft/activity. ~Pam D.



Jacob and Fred

Adoption can be a fun and wonderful experience but it can also be a long and emotional process. I would know I am someone who recently adopted two wonderful kittens from the Wyoming County ASPCA.

The journey to finding these two handsome gentlemen was a struggle. I had many obstacles in my way. My biggest one was my fiancé. He was gun hoe on absolutely no more kitties as we already had 3. Then I gave him the charm, the puppy dog eyes and sent him a picture of Fred. Once that picture was sent I knew I won the battle but not the war. Now how I found Fred is a pretty funny story. I was looking through ads on Craig's List to see if I could find myself a kitten. I found Fred's ad and sent the email. That's when I came in contact with Melissa who was a great person to work with on my search. We set up a date and time and my 45 minute to an hour journey embarked.

On the way down to meet Fred I was nervous. Is the kitten going to like me? I asked myself all these questions as cats are very people oriented. When I arrived, one of the volunteers Laurie was there to greet me and she took me to meet Fred. Let just say it was love at first site and I said.... this is my cat! After spending some time with Fred I kept hearing this meow as if someone or something was yelling at me. In this case it was Fred's brother Jacob who was in his own cage as he was a little under the weather. Once I saw Jacob I thought... I need to adopt him as well. Let me just say the new battle began. I took a lot of pictures of both, more so of Jacob than Fred since I already knew he had his forever home. The battle for Jacob was short and sweet as I took a bazillion adorable photos to be able to get him.

Now that I had submitted my application and was approved for both these handsome gentlemen the waiting game began. Due to their age and their little kitty colds I was taking trips down to Attica from Rochester to see my little guys every weekend up to the time that they were able to get "snipped." Jacob was able to get snipped first and wound up being the first kitten to come home with us. I will be honest.... I was sad that it wasn't Fred. After all, I was the one originally looking for a new cat first. But, I was glad he was coming home!

On the days leading to the time I was getting ready to pick Jacob up we were given some GREAT news. His adoption fee was going to be waived as he was sponsored by one of the volunteers at the shelter! Upon receiving that news we decided to give back as well. On the day I picked up Jacob I paid my adoption fee for Fred and we went ahead and sponsored our little guys mother Callie (Who by the way was adopted and found her forever home as well).

Once home with Jacob my fiancé, Lucas, was so excited to see his little guy he just about cried. We opened the carrier and we just waited and let Jacob come out all on his own. His first friend on his first day was my Maine Coon and Matriarch of the bunch, Belle, took him as her own. Once everyone was use to him and he was adjusted we started seeing a side to Jacob that showed his true personality. He is a true character and loves to play. The first night all you heard was what seem to be a heard of elephants as all 4 cats were playing their favorite game, race and chase. We knew then Jacob was home but were sad that our little man Fred was still at the shelter. It broke our hearts.

During the time it took till Fred could come home, I was still going down to the shelter every weekend to see him and visit him and love him. It was a long month till the vet would allow him to be operated on and snipped. Once I received the news that he was able to get fixed I was so excited that my baby boy could finally come home. The day finally came and I was able to go and get Fred and bring him home to his family. On the drive

home someone kept talking to me and wanting to come out of his carrier. When we finally got home and opened the cage a familiar face peaked in and that was all it took. Fred knew then he was home and was very glad to see his brother Jacob and his brother was so glad to see him.

We have now had both of these crazy kids for almost 6 months and it has been the best 6 months. They, along with our other fur babies, are one big happy family. Fred and Jacob like to test the limits of the older cats who put up with them quite well. They are trouble makers, like to make messes and create havoc. They're also the most loving kittens in the whole world.

Fred is such a lover that I was told by my fiancé I can be dead asleep and Fred will come on the bed crawl on top of me and just go to sleep. Jacob likes to be held like a baby and get tummy rubs. The purrs these two produce can cause any person to take a nap with no problem. All they want is all the love and affection in the world and they get that. They are just the most playful loving creatures I could ever ask for. I love them both with all my heart and they are the greatest cats in the world.

As I write this I am still thankful for the day I clicked on the ad on Craigs list and saw these two gentleman. They have brought so much joy in so little time and we love them to pieces. When the time comes (which won't be for a long time) I will adopt again and adopt each time I am looking for a fur baby. I am one who would rather help an animal in need and make sure they get the greatest home in the world and know that they will be loved. Wyoming County SPCA made that happen for me in a crazy way and they can definitely help anyone looking for an amazing animal. ~Jason





Vet Tech Spotlight - Nicole Gasiewicz

One of our newest volunteers to the Wyoming County SPCA is Nicole Gasiewicz. She is a Vet Tech who is volunteering to help with our animal care and treatment. We are very lucky to have had her join our team! Read on for Nicole's bio...

I am Nicole and have been Licensed Veterinary Technician for a little over 5 years. I graduated from Medaille College with honors in 2012 receiving a Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Technology. Upon graduation, I started working in small animal hospitals for the first 4 years and am now working in laboratory animal medicine at UB. I have always loved animals, my goal volunteering at the Wyoming County SPCA is to help both animals and people through good veterinary medical practices. I live with my husband Donald, dog Reggie (Australian Shepherd/Lab mix), 2 cats Lil'Grey (Grey Tabby) & Raymond (Orange Tabby) and a few chickens in Varysburg, NY. I enjoy hikes when I get to observe animals in their natural habitat, go mushroom hunting, reading, music, dance, the theater, and spending time with my husband working at our Shiitake Mushroom Farm.

Volunteer Highlight - Emilia Long

Emilia with a SPCA kitten - Cupid



Emilia has been volunteering at the SPCA for 2 years. She started volunteering after coming up to the SPCA with her family who was looking to adopt a new cat into their home. After visiting the shelter, seeing the need for help, and having a love for animals, Emilia and her mother started volunteering on Tuesday nights. As time progressed, she has continued to volunteer more of her time, and is now at the shelter several days a week. She helps to run the public open hours on Tuesday evenings, has a daily cat care shift, works with our Vet Tech volunteer, drives cats to vet runs, helps with the dogs, works at fundraisers, has done the writing of thank you notes, and even fostered baby kittens in her home. She is always willing to pitch in when needed or asked to, with a smile on her face and a yes!

Emilia is currently attending GCC and her future plans are to enter a Vet Tech program and have a career in that field. Emilia has 3 cats - Willow, Mitzy and Shep, all three were adopted from the SPCA. She also has a bunny named Bandit.

When asked why she enjoys volunteering at the SPCA, Emilia said "I really just enjoy being there. I like taking care of the cats, and socializing with them. Kittens are so cute, and a lot of fun even though they are a lot of work! The best part is when you see an animal leave and get a new forever home, especially the ones who have been there a long time."



Zurie asks "Will you please consider helping care for me? Pretty please?!"

Volunteers/Training

Do you have a few hours a week that you could spare? Maybe just once every other week? Would you like to give back and make a huge difference in the lives of the animals at the Wyoming County SPCA while they very patiently await their forever homes? If so, please consider joining our team - we would love to have you, as would our animals who need and love the attention and care! We have a big need for responsible and reliable adults in both the dog and cat areas. Kitten season is coming - there will be lots of babies to care for! Who doesn't love tossing some balls and playing rope tug of war with some cool dogs? Typical shifts run daily between 8 a.m. - 12 noon and from 5-7 p.m. New volunteer training is required. Upcoming cat volunteer training dates are April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, and August 7th starting at 4 p.m. Call to register. Dog volunteer training is scheduled by appointment. Any questions or want more info? Call the shelter, stop in, or fill out a volunteer application today on our website and our volunteer coordinator will give you a call!

Pioneer Credit

We would like to thank our friends at Pioneer Credit Recovery, Inc. for their generosity in 2017. During August and September of 2017 they held several internal events to benefit the shelter.



The events included a chicken bbq, basket raffle, and dress down passes for the employees that raised \$4,309. On October 5th, Melissa Haenle and Julie Long were invited to Pioneer to accept the check on behalf of the Wyoming County SPCA during their end of month celebration. On top of this fund raising the staff at Pioneer also bought countless bandana's, catnip treats, T-shirts/sweatshirts, and Rory the lion to support the SPCA.

We are so grateful for their continued support!

Many Hands Make Light Work

We wish to thank the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts Pack 650 from Alexander for their continued support. These exceptional young men helped with yard work, moving heavy items to storage, spread mulch and put treads on the stairs as part of their community service. Also, a big thank you to Austin, an Alexander Boy Scout seeking to earn his Eagle Scout ranking. Eagle Scout is the highest level of achievement in Boy Scouting. He is donating his time to organize repairs, painting, etc. at the shelter. These gentlemen are an outstanding group. Thank you!!!

Jaxon's Story

My friend Danielle texted me about a dog named London who was surrendered to Wyoming County SPCA. She said London was soon going to be available for adoption and she sent me a few pictures of him. I had been looking for another dog because my dog was killed in an accident back in July. We set up a time and my husband Greg and I went to check him out. During our first meeting London acted afraid of us. A couple days later we did a "meet and greet" with him and our dog Duke. They were best friends from that day on! We were able to take London, now Jaxon, home on September 19th.

He is definitely not the same dog I met at the shelter. He's fun and loving. He loves going for walks, playing outside in the snow with Duke or my daughter, camping, swimming and car rides. Jaxon loves my 3 year old daughter. I'm so happy we adopted him. He's my best friend and he follows me everywhere! My husband says when I'm at work he will wait for me in his cage or outside in the garage until I get home. Most days, when it has been cold outside, we stay in and play with toys or he sleeps.

He loves to snuggles with me, my daughter or duke. He has fun with other dogs but is still a little afraid of people he doesn't know.

I'm glad I met him when I did!!

~ Sarah A. and family



Starring Sassy

When I inquired about a cat for our little barn, I was told about Sassy. Sassy was a 13 year old cat that had been at the Wyoming County SPCA for 11 months. He had been an indoor/outdoor cat for his previous owner. I was told he had liked going hunting and he really missed his freedom of coming and going. After some consideration about getting a cat 'that old' my husband and I said that we would welcome the chance to adopt him.

Sassy joined our family Saturday, November 25, 2017. He came to us with his bed, food and a few personal possessions to make him feel comfortable and at home. He is shy of 20 pounds but doesn't really eat that much. He is such a big beautiful black cat! Sassy likes his new home and now that warmer weather is here, he likes to investigate a little outside. Knowing what his past was like (coming and going) I do not want to make him a prisoner, so I force myself to give him a little bit more freedom.

Every morning Sassy gets his dry food by me and a couple treats. Sassy also loves to get brushed every morning and receive some rubbing/petting time. If I go to walk away before he is satisfied with the petting he slaps my leg. This, of course, does work and he gets more rubbing and petting!

In the evening it is usually my husband who gives Sassy his moist cat food, some treats and again some brushing and petting. We do this so when he has total freedom, he will come back home for his dinner and to have the barn door closed for his safe keeping.

We turn a heater on in the barn during extremely cold days and Sassy has a heated water bowl which enjoys very much.

We do have some pet chickens and Sassy prefers the chickens not to enter 'his barn' and he will chase after them if they should walk in. When Sassy goes outside and the chickens are out as well, they all just mind their own business and leave each other alone.

It is like Sassy has lived here his whole life. More people should take a chance on an older cat, as Sassy has brought us so much happiness! He is such a cool cat! He loves the brushing and petting and he rewards us with his purring and talking! He face rubs things in the barn, which to me is a sign of happiness. It is awesome to have him greet us every time we go out to the barn and like our attention because we sure do appreciate his!

My husband and I love Sassy and are happy that the Wyoming County SPCA let us adopt him! ~ Crystal



Homemade dog biscuits:

INGREDIENTS:

- ☐ 1 cup pumpkin
- ☐ 1/2 cup peanut butter
- ☐ 2 eggs
- ☐ 1/4 cup oil*
- ☐ 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- ☐ 1 teaspoon baking soda

GLAZE:

- ☐ 2 tablespoons bacon grease, coconut oil, chicken fat, or any other fat that will solidify at room temperature, melted
- ☐ 1/4 cup smooth peanut butter

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Combine pumpkin, peanut butter, eggs, and oil in a bowl. Add in baking soda and whole wheat flour. Stir until a stiff dough forms. Knead dough or mix just until flour is incorporated.
- Roll out dough with a rolling pin and use a cookie cutter to cut out dog bone shapes, or just bake into little circles like cookies. **Bake for 15 minutes.**
- Whisk the bacon grease and peanut butter until very smooth. Drizzle over the treats and cool till glaze hardens (it does best in the fridge or freezer).

Spay Neuter Assistance Program

Wyoming County SPCA's goal is to help reduce the number of dog and cat births through a proactive Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP). Our SNIP is a voucher-based program, which provides low-cost sterilization services for OWNED dogs and cats. Currently the program is funded with an ASPCA grant money from the NYS Animal Population Control Program.

To be eligible for a voucher under the current WCSPCA SNIP funding you must meet the following NYS ACP criteria:

- The animal must be a cat, kitten, dog or puppy
- The animal must NOT have been imported from outside the state
- The person presenting the animal for sterilization must provide proof of residence in NYS
- The person presenting the animal for sterilization must provide proof of ONE of the following forms of eligibility:

Participation in one of the following programs:

food stamps, supplemental security income for the aged, blind and disabled, low-income housing assistance, Family Assistance, Safety Net Assistance, Medical Assistance or other similar programs suggested by applicants or the ASPCA and approved by the Agriculture and Markets Commissioner OR Adoption from a government shelter or nonprofit animal welfare organization in New York State. (No proof of ownership shall be required given the difficulty in identifying a consistent or decisive form of proof, especially with respect to cats (e.g., barn cats); therefore, only proof of low-income assistance or adoption from an eligible shelter shall be required.

Current SNIP vouchers include spay/neuter surgery; a rabies vaccination, and distemper vaccination and flea treatment if indicated

SNIP Program Details

- Vouchers are issued for use at Perry Veterinarian Clinic locations
- \$20 Cash co-payment per animal must be paid to the Wyoming County SPCA.
- The voucher must be used within 60 days from the date of issue.
- The number of SNIP sterilizations is limited to available funding.

Call 585-591-3114

Monday - Friday
for further details.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 23rd - May 1st - Kitten Shower Campaign

May 5th - Animal Blessing & Family Fun
Warsaw Park, 11-2

May 12th - Terry "Elvis" Buchwald,
A Tribute to the King

April - Sept 30th - Handmade Quilt Raffle
(drawing at Appleumpkin)

June 2nd - Attica Founder's Day

June 10th - Agri-palooza
at Pankow Farms in Castile

Aug. 4th - Bark Bash

Oct. 20th - Annual Basket Raffle

ONGOING EVENTS:

Attica Pharmacy - "RX for Charity Drive"
For every prescription you fill and designate us as your charity of choice, we will receive a donation!

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Did you know?

1408 loads of laundry were done in 2017
127 animals were adopted in 2017
8640 pounds of litter used in 2017
2500+ people follow us on Facebook
WCSPCA pets are seen online on 90+ sites
WCSPCA is registered with NYS RR076
WCSPCA has a silver transparency rating with Guidestar
WCSPCA has an animal transfer relationship with SPCA Serving Erie County
The average shelter electric bill is \$357 per month
It takes 274# of dry food per month to feed the animals
Retail cost to spay/neuter, immunize, deworm,
flea and test one cat \$350-\$400
Cost to adopt one spayed/neutered, immunized, dewormed, flea treated
and tested cat from the WCSPCA is \$40 regardless of age

Wish List:

- Monetary Donations
- Adult Cat Wet food
- Adult Dog Wet food
- Purina Kitten Chow - Dry (Yellow Bag)
- Fancy Feast - Kitten Pate (little cans with pink labels)
- Tidy Cat OR Fresh Step UNSCENTED Scoopable Litter
- Non clumping cat litter (unscented only please)
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Hand Soap
- Bleach (unscented only please)
- Paper Towels
- Fleece blankets
- Small cat beds
- Kongs for dogs
- Martingale dog collars
- Zuke's mini naturals for dogs
- Small dog biscuits
- Scotch-Brite General Purpose Scouring Pads (green)
- Garbage Bags (Large, Black/Strong)
- Gift Cards to Amazon or Walmart (we can do the shopping!)