



ANIMAL ALLIANCE OF GREATER SYRACUSE

*Making CNY a safer and more humane home for animals
and the people who care about them*

PO Box 94 · Liverpool, NY 13088
aags@twcny.rr.com www.animalallianceofgreatersyracuse.org

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN AN ANIMAL IS HURT OR ABUSED?

I was scrubbing a saucepan at the kitchen sink when I looked out the window and saw him...a dog had staggered into our yard. He was a skeleton with skin that sank in deeply between his ribs. His body was covered with scars. It was a miracle he was even alive.

I called my neighbor to help me. But we didn't know what to do! Maybe feed him? Call someone? But WHO?

Would you know what to do?



- If you or anyone you know sees an animal being hurt or abused within the City of Syracuse, make a call to Officer Tara Kalil, Syracuse Police Department Cruelty Investigator, at 315-442-5336. If the need is immediate, call 911. Your call is confidential.
- Outside of the City (Onondaga County), if the need is immediate, call 911; otherwise call CNYSPCA at 315-454-3469. Your call is confidential.
- Some towns and villages do not contract with CNYSPCA. In that case, call 911 or law enforcement. Please don't hesitate to call as all information is confidential.
- [With 911 calls and outside of the City, you may need to persist or ask to speak with a supervisor if you are not receiving help.]
- To report the abuse of a child, call State Child Protective Services at 800-342-3720.
- To report adult or elder abuse, call Onondaga County Adult Protective Services at 315-435-2815.
- For adult or domestic violence, call Vera House at 315-468-3260.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!



ANIMAL ALLIANCE OF GREATER SYRACUSE

*Making CNY a safer and more humane home for animals
and the people who care about them*

PO Box 94 · Liverpool, NY 13088
aags@twcny.rr.com www.animalallianceofgreatersyracuse.org

STAR'S STORY

By Joan Antczak

It's too monstrous to imagine and too heartbreaking to see: a sweet kitten, found alive on the City's near-Northside, with her front legs missing and multiple stab wounds to her small body. She was named "Star" by those who found her. They wanted to honor her, her terrible suffering, and her very short time on this earth. Because of the extent of her injuries, Star had to be euthanized.



As the shock—and anger—over the torture of this innocent kitten grew, the Animal Alliance tapped their "**Keeping Faith**" Reward Fund, and the call went out for donations. Over several weeks, the response from caring—and outraged—community animal lovers brought the amount raised for the capture and conviction of Star's murderer to a significant reward total of \$5,000.

Who would do something so senseless and cruel?

The answer is: someone who has witnessed cruelty and violence themselves and who has most likely been the victim of violence and abuse. It has been widely researched and documented that when an animal is abused or mistreated, humans are also likely to be in danger. Those who tortured Star are a threat to their families, acquaintances, and to each of us. This person (or persons) is out among us, free to hurt and maim again, whether it be an animal or another human.

AAGS is a strong believer in "the Link" and the work of the **National Link Coalition** (see their website at the end of this story). The Coalition speaks to the ways that animals and humans are interconnected and to "the Link" between animal cruelty, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, elder abuse, and other forms of violence. The Coalition notes that, "Mistreating animals is no longer seen as an isolated incident to be ignored; it is often an indicator or predictor crime, a "red flag" warning sign that other family members in the household (and the community) may not be safe".

AAGS seeks to be an ever-present voice for our animals and for the people within our community who care for and about them. The urgent message is, "**If you see something, say something!**" Perhaps, someone "saying something" might have saved little Star and, before her, might have stopped the person who hurt her.

Continued on Page 3



ANIMAL ALLIANCE OF GREATER SYRACUSE

Making CNY a safer and more humane home for animals and the people who care about them

PO Box 94 · Liverpool, NY 13088
aags@twcny.rr.com www.animalallianceofgreatersyracuse.org

Above all, in its advocacy over the last ten years, the Animal Alliance of Greater Syracuse has always sought to honor the specialness, the beauty, the innocence, of our animals and to celebrate the joy and the love they bring – they enliven and enlighten our lives.

As so often happens, Star’s torturer has not yet been found. The reward remains in place on her behalf or for future use.

To learn more about “the Link”, go to www.NationalLinkCoalition.org and sign up for their free monthly e-Newsletter.

Joan Antczak is a founding AAGS member, a former AAGS Board member, and now assists by way of AAGS’ Advisory Board.



NATIONAL LINK COALITION

Working together to stop violence against people and animals



STAFFWORKS SAVE A LIFE CAMPAIGN

For the last several years, the Staffworks Fund in Utica has held a matching campaign to help NYS animal welfare groups raise funds. This year's campaign raised \$1,844,350 for animals

through community donations made to 29 Central New York animal welfare organizations in 13 counties through the month of December!

Thanks to each and every one of you, and thanks to Staffworks, this year AAGS' portion of that came to - drum roll please - \$18,981!



Jacqui Foss and Donna Chambers share their “check” from the 2020 Staffworks Save A Life Campaign.

We cannot thank you all enough! These funds will go directly to supporting our programs that make CNY a healthier, happier home for all animals and the people who care about them!





ANIMAL ALLIANCE OF GREATER SYRACUSE

*Making CNY a safer and more humane home for animals
and the people who care about them*

PO Box 94 · Liverpool, NY 13088
aags@twcny.rr.com www.animalallianceofgreatersyracuse.org

OUR PROGRAMS



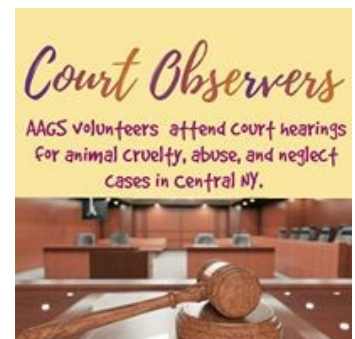
HIGH-VOLUME, LOW-INCOME SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC is AAGS' major focus in 2020. Over 27,000 households in Onondaga County fall below the poverty level and many more are struggling. Grants will allow families with verifiable low incomes to pay as little as \$25 for spay-neuter services!

KEEPING FAITH was established in 2013 in honor of a pit bull posthumously named Faith. She was found severely emaciated, with signs of having been involved in fighting. Keeping Faith raises funds to offer rewards to identify, prosecute, and convict perpetrators of crimes



LEG UP, established in 2015, is a volunteer-run program that sponsors critical veterinary treatment for at-risk unowned dogs and cats found in Syracuse and brought to the municipal shelter suffering from serious but treatable illnesses and injuries.

COURT OBSERVER volunteers attend hearings for cruelty and neglect cases mostly in the City of Syracuse, but they do travel to other counties to keep a vigil for those who have no voice.





ANIMAL ALLIANCE OF GREATER SYRACUSE

*Making CNY a safer and more humane home for animals
and the people who care about them*

PO Box 94 · Liverpool, NY 13088
aags@twcny.rr.com www.animalallianceofgreatersyracuse.org

SHOE DRIVE

Our 2018 shoe drive was so successful that we have brought it back now through June 1!



Just drop your gently-used shoes at any of the locations listed on our website or Facebook site, and Funds2Orgs will send them to third-world countries where they will

be used by entrepreneurs to work their way out of poverty.

Meanwhile, they will stay out of our landfills, and will fund the creation of AAGS' low-cost spay/neuter clinic here in Syracuse.

So EMPTY THOSE CLOSETS!

DRINK COFFEE, HELP PETS!

AAGS has partnered with Grounds and Hounds Coffee so you can support us just by enjoying your coffee or chocolate each morning!

Promocode AnimalAllianceSyracuse15" will get you a 15% discount AND the Animal Alliance will receive a 10% donation from Grounds and Hounds for your first purchase and 5% for every purchase after that!

<https://groundsandhoundscoffee.com/>



ResQwalk is a free mobile app that lets you raise money for the Animal Alliance and all you have to do is walk (or run or bike, your choice!)

- Download the FREE app on your mobile phone and set up your profile.
- When you click on New Walk, you can select the "ResQ" that you'd like to support. We hope you will choose Animal Alliance of Greater Syracuse.
- Start logging your miles and know that you are getting healthy while helping AAGS raise money for the animals of CNY!

ResQwalk
Helping animals one step at a time.



ANIMAL ALLIANCE OF GREATER SYRACUSE

*Making CNY a safer and more humane home for animals
and the people who care about them*

PO Box 94 · Liverpool, NY 13088
aags@twcny.rr.com www.animalallianceofgreatersyracuse.org

A Note from the President

AAGS is 10 years old!

In 2010, a group of friends joined forces to educate a local municipality harassing a pair of cat rescuers who had been quietly spaying and neutering strays in their neighborhood at their own expense for years.

This dispute morphed into further dialogues on behalf of the animals, and almost before we knew it, we were incorporating, filing for non-profit status, writing bylaws, and electing officers!

Over the years we have tackled humane education, animal cruelty, excessive euthanasia rates, and advocated for establishment of the Animal Cruelty Officer position in Syracuse. As founding members of the Animal Welfare Coalition we participated in pet wellness clinics and are also founding members of the CNY Animal Cruelty Task Force.

We are growing, and after heading up this organization for most of its life, this year I will pass on the torch. I could not be prouder of what we have accomplished, and I look forward to seeing the **HIGH-VOLUME, LOW-INCOME SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC** that has been our dream from the beginning, come to fruition!

We invite you to join us in this next part of the journey – support us as a donor or as a volunteer. Help us achieve our VISION in 2020!

Donna Chambers



Yes! I want to help to make our community a safer and more humane place for animals! My donation for \$_____ is enclosed.

My Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

You may donate ONLINE: The DONATE link is across the top of our webpage:

<https://www.animalallianceofgreatersyracuse.org/home>

The DONATE link is on the left side of our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AnimalAlliance/>

BY MAIL: *Please send your check or money order to AAGS, P.O. Box 94, Liverpool, NY 13088