



ANIMAL ALLIANCE OF GREATER SYRACUSE

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

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The safety net for our community's animals has gaping holes in it. Innocent animals fall through.

Let me tell you about three precious lives. Your compassion for animals prevented two of them from falling through the safety net. One was not so lucky.

That's why your help is needed more than ever.

- Holly (right) was found in Oakwood Cemetery with a large fracture of a rear leg. Pain medication kept her comfortable while she waited in vain for a family to claim her. With no one to pay for her care, her situation was dire. We appealed to you for help, and you responded. With the funds provided by you through our Leg Up program, and care provided by local vets, Holly lost her leg, but gained a life with a family of her very own.



This is the power of your giving!



- A Dog Control Officer found Oyster abandoned on a city street. He was near death . . . Parvo. It's a brutal killer. Would he/could he survive? Turns out he was a fighter. With your support, as well as collaboration from Veterinary Medical Center of CNY and HumaneCNY, he beat it. He is no longer sick or homeless.

Your heartfelt donation brings a pet home!

- For the third dog, it was too late. Justin's emaciated body was found stuffed into a blue duffel bag. All we could do for him was attempt to find out who had done this to him. With assistance from you, AAGS' Keeping Faith program added \$2,000 to a pot offering a reward to identify Justin's abusers.

Much has been accomplished, but so much remains to be done. There is no question that times are difficult for us all. We know that. But the animals are depending on us.

Please see if there is a matching donor program where you work, then dig just a tiny bit deeper into your pockets to send that extra dollar or two to help them. They will never know that you went the extra mile, but you will.



Having a tough time getting a vet appointment lately? **WHAT'S GOING ON?**

A CNY animal rescuer, I had been going to the same vet since he opened his doors over 30 years ago. He was on speed dial. I could usually get an appointment the same day or the next. I was shocked when I called to make an appointment recently for my sweet Josie, who was feeling poorly, but hardly in crisis.

"I have an opening in two weeks," the receptionist said.

Say WHAT?

In 30 years I'd never had to wait that long! What was going on?



Veterinary staff shortages across the country recently hit crisis proportions. WHY?

- COVID is at the top of the list. Following safety precautions made everything take longer. Many techs and receptionists, often mothers, left jobs to stay home with children. The risk was too high, especially considering that wages tended to be low, often on a par with McDonalds' staff.
- As staffing dwindled, the number of clients unable to find timely appointments increased. So did their impatience. Clients became angry and abusive. Worker satisfaction diminished. Turnover grew. AAHA's 2020 Compensation & Benefits survey lists average veterinary employee turnover as 23%.

Research indicates that more than half of all veterinarians experience burnout, which can lead to suicide. Female veterinarians are 3.5 times as likely to die by suicide as the general population, and male vets are about twice as likely, according to a 2018 CDC study.

Again, we have to ask why?

- Overwork due to fewer staff is a major, but not the only, reason. Staff shortages mean some pets must be turned away or provided with less than optimum care. This can lead to feelings of guilt even though they have done their best under the circumstances.
- Vets at emergency hospitals are especially susceptible, as overwhelmed general practitioners often utilize them as overflow options.

So what can we do?

- **Plan ahead.** Book vaccine and wellness appointments or elective surgeries at least a month in advance. Vets leave openings for the critical emergency/sick appointments. Last minute callers have to wait their turns.
 - **Be flexible.** For same-day urgent care, you may not get the time slot or doctor you want. Staff go out of their way to fit you in.
 - **Accept a drop-off** if offered. They are doing their best to accommodate you.
 - **Be considerate.** Show up on time. Curbside service makes it hard to stay on schedule. Latecomers force staff to go on to their next task. Verbally abusing staff is never an option.
 - **No-shows.** Don't do it. If it is absolutely unavoidable, at least call ahead. That's a slot someone else could have had.
- Apply for a job** as an assistant or receptionist at any practice. We bet they are hiring. Even part-time will help!

Be kind! Be patient!



Hey New York!

Let's make as much noise as possible to push the Puppy Mill Pipeline Bill to the top of Gov. Hochul's desk and get her to sign it!

Just say Governor Hochul, please sign the Puppy Mill Pipeline Bill TODAY!

Call Governor Hochul's office at: 1-518-474-8390
Office hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Or send a message by using the contact form. Just google "Contact Governor Hochul"

Or send a written letter to:
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Established in 2015, LEG UP 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, B & R Bunkhouse. LEG UP patients suffer from serious but treatable illnesses and injuries. Adoption is the goal.



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- Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that will allow you to work quietly behind the scenes while making a huge contribution to the organization?
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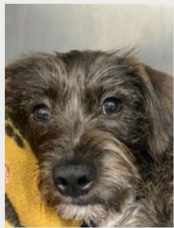
If bookkeeping is your forte, AAGS is looking for you!

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Since 2010, the Animal Alliance has been advocating for the neglected, abused, and homeless animals of CNY.



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NATIONAL LINK COALITION

Working together to stop violence against people and animals



AAGS is a huge supporter of The Link!

“What is the link,” you ask?

Animal abuse, cruelty and neglect are often considered isolated incidents wholly separated from other forms of family violence. Today, professionals involved with victims of family violence are not surprised when they learn that often these acts are linked, and that various agencies are working with the same families. They no longer excuse animal cruelty as “boys will be boys” or “it was only a cat.” Instead, they see animal abuse as a sentinel indicator, “the tip of the iceberg” and often the first sign of other family and community violence. Intentional abuse in any form should be taken seriously. Knowing that there is a Link, agencies involved in preventing family violence need to work together for a more effective, species-spanning response.

Acknowledging The Link between animal abuse and domestic violence, child maltreatment and elder abuse provides professionals with an important tool. By working together, professional and public awareness will be raised which, in turn, will lead to safer and healthier communities and more effective programs.

To join the National Link Coalition (*it's free!*), to find a speaker to address your organization or to receive our monthly e-newsletter about Link activities, please contact:

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Not so many years ago, homeless animals in Central New York were euthanized in large numbers. AAGS pledged to strengthen the safety net for our community's animals. Through collaboration with others, we continue to work toward the day when there are no more homeless pets.

- Leg Up Program sponsors treatment for ill or injured strays brought to the municipal shelter.
- Keeping Faith offers rewards for information about unsolved animal cruelty cases.
- Court Observers attend court hearings for animal cruelty, abuse, and neglect cases in CNY.
- High-Volume, Low-Cost Spay/Neuter will someday serve those with the greatest need. It continues to be our goal.

Your support is essential if we are to maintain these programs and the goals we continue to work toward. Please donate generously today!



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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: _____

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