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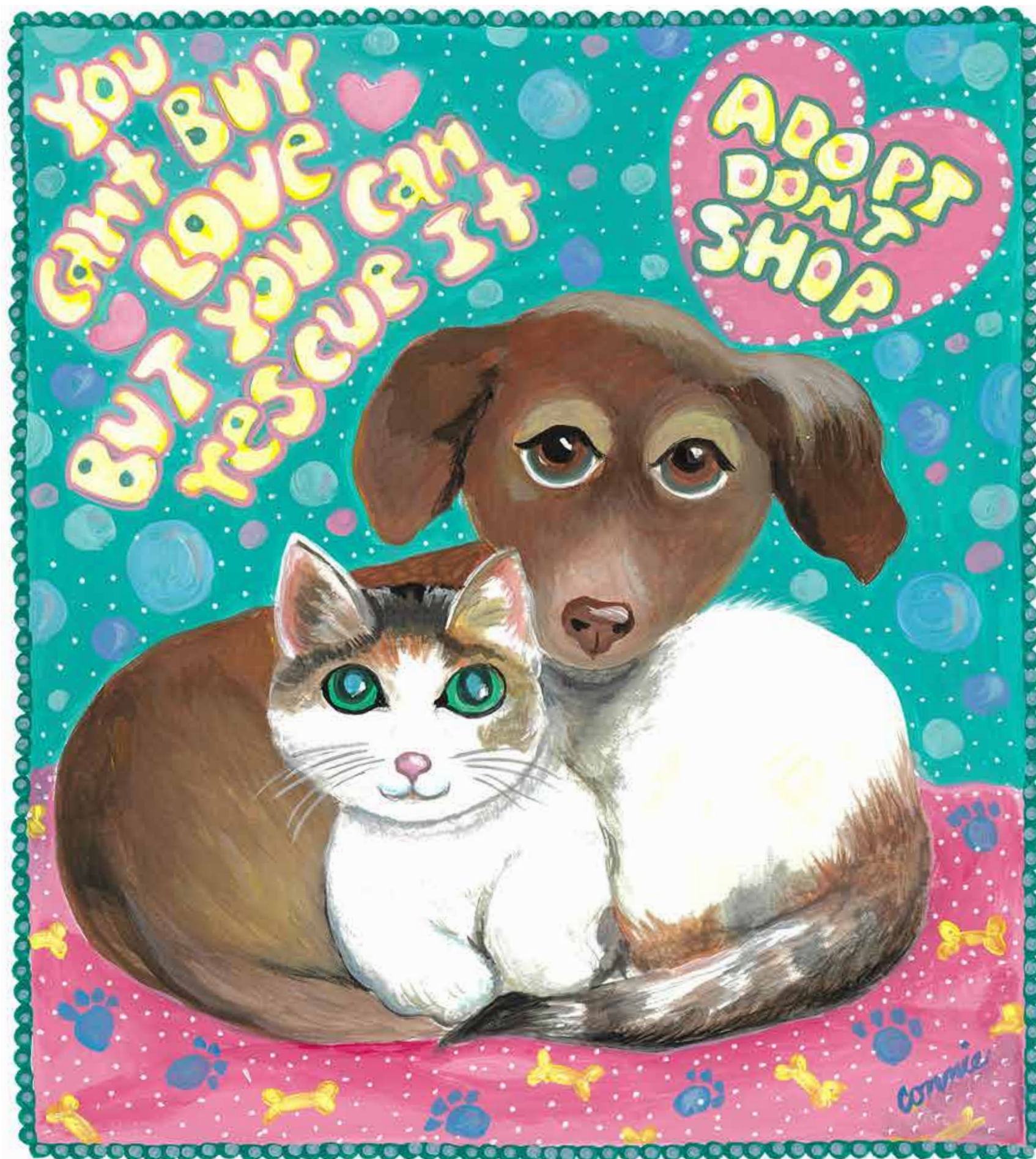
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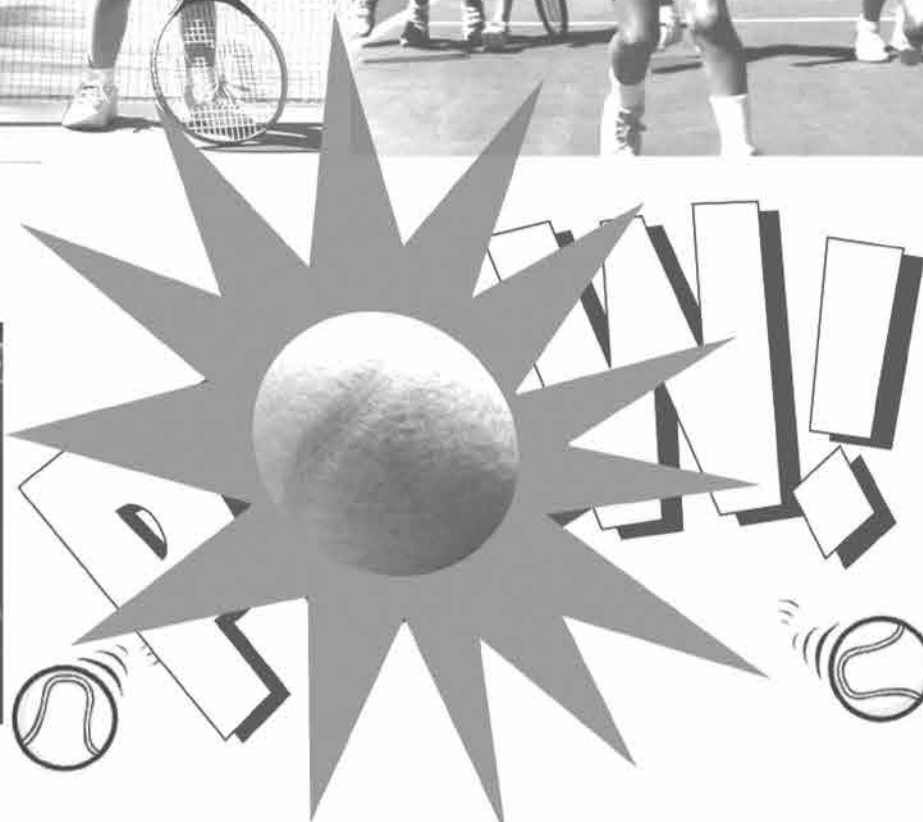
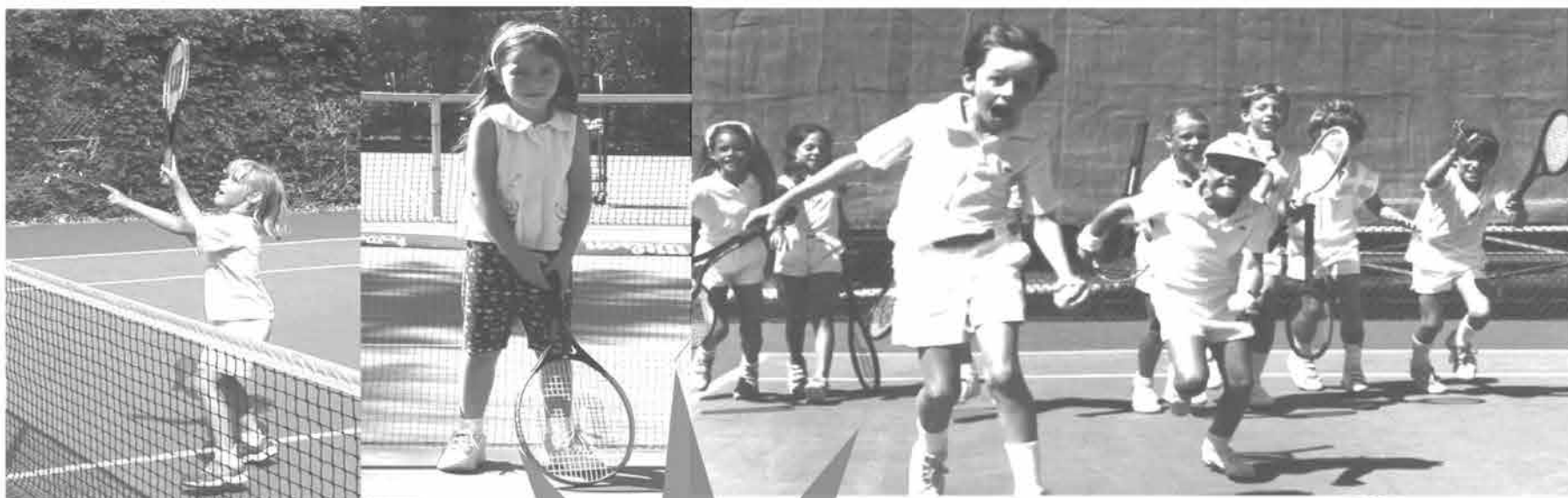
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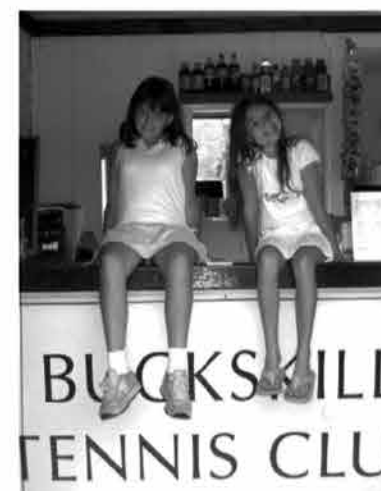
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Dear Readers,

For generations, families have adopted dogs and cats into good homes across the United States of America. They are filled with compassion and kindness, and rescue pets give love back tenfold. This issue is about local adoption centers all over North and South Fork of Long Island that do such great work saving lives and healing dogs and cats and their love of animals goes beyond words. They are a bunch of angels that go unnoticed and do such great work.

Sincerely,
Eric Wald

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History of Animal Shelters in the United States

by Rosemary Szczygiel



If you, or someone you know, ever visited an animal shelter to adopt a pet, you are part of a history of helping animals in America that is over 150 years old. You are part of the history to protect and shelter animals that began in the late 1800s. How did animal shelters get started?

In the early years before shelters, many stray dogs and cats survived in the streets. Horses, used for transportation, were often overworked or mistreated. At the time, a man named Henry Bergh could see that life for these animals was not very good. In 1866, he started The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) in New York City to change and improve conditions for them. It was the nation's first animal welfare organization, and an important step. On April 14, 1869, Caroline Earle White and a group of caring wom-

en established the Women's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Pennsylvania. A big name for an important mission! By 1874 they officially started our country's first animal shelter, in Bensalem, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. The Women's Society began as an organization to protect horses, but quickly expanded "to provide as soon as possible, a refuge for lost and homeless dogs, where they could be kept until homes could be found for them..." Their goal was not only to provide care, but to promote adoption and teach people about responsible pet ownership.

Into the 1900s, many cities had animal humane society shelters. They started caring for cats, too. Shelters didn't always have enough space or supplies back then, and didn't have things like toys, beds, or proper medicine for the animals. But people who loved animals were dedicated to making shelters better. By the 1970s, veterinarians were fully involved in shelter programs to provide humane medical treatment.

Some cities and towns still put stray animals in "dog pounds" as part of their animal control services. This is very different from the mission and work of humane society shelters. Today we have no-kill shelters, which means shelters promise to care for animals until they find forever homes. That's a big improvement from the way things were 150 years ago! Shelters now are amazing places. They feed and care for animals, give them check-ups with the vet, help them get adopted, and even train them to be good pets.

Some shelters have play areas like "catios" that are patios where cats can play together. They found that when they socialize, it can help stray cats be better pets. Volunteers assist with walking shelter dogs, and help them get used to being with people. Shelters are great examples of caring in our communities, and their future keeps moving forward, bringing healthy pets to happy homes.

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Dear Ms. Spiral Notebook,

With summer on the horizon, I would love it if my upper elementary child read more.

Any ideas on how to "incentivize" this without it being money focused?

As a teacher, I love this question. I would start by finding the types of books and genres that your child is in love with. Also, if your child connects with a peer or group this helps make it something they look forward to. Local libraries also offer some clubs. An idea is to have your child write one-page book reviews. They can get super creative with this using digital apps. You can then share these reviews with the local or school library. These can be inspirational for other children. What if you asked your library if they could display them? This would be a great symbol of recognition for your child.



This edition is about Pet Adoption. The ASPCA has a great collection of books for little ones about this. Here are some as listed: ASPCA kids: Pet Rescue Club Collection: Books 1- 3
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Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation

By Debbie Tuma

The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation is a great place to adopt a pet! It is located at 102 Old Riverhead Road West, on a big beautiful area of grassy land in Hampton Bays. Unlike most other shelters, they take dogs that are harder to adopt, like older dogs, dogs with medical and behavioral challenges, and they rehabilitate them so they can get adopted more easily.

This shelter is also one of the only ones that takes dogs that people need to “surrender,” or give away because they can no longer care for them. The Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation has an incredible 95 percent success rate in finding homes for these dogs. They also find homes for “bonded dogs,” meaning they come with a sister, brother or another dog they love.

Amy Beth Stern, marketing and public relations director, said her shelter does serious reference checks when people come in to adopt a dog or cat.

“We get lots of information about the prospective new owners, and we interview them to make sure they are a good match,” she said. “And we almost never do same-day adoptions because we take time to check and make sure everything is right.”

At the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation, they have around 70 dogs and 70 cats up for adoption, and they have other animals, including rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, and domestic birds like parrots and parakeets. They even have chinchillas.

This shelter has a staff of about 25 people, a veterinarian and vet tech, and is run mostly from community donations. There are also many people who love animals and want to come volunteer their time. Kids can also volunteer, with a parent or guardian, if they are 16 or under. They can go through training to walk the dogs, or they can entertain the cats, help feed the animals, clean cages, answer phones, do adoption paperwork, and help with events.

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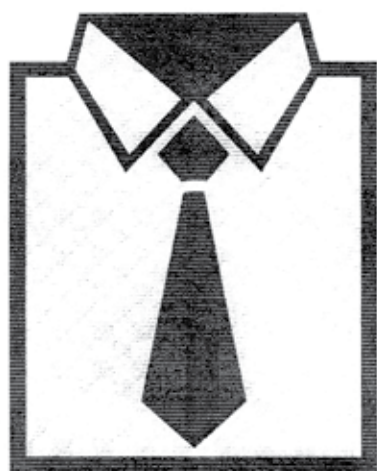
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Linda Cairo, Cat Rescuer

by Connie McGuinness

Linda Cairo is a kind person who has dedicated the last 25 years to helping cats. It all started when she discovered a mother cat and her kittens in her yard. With the help of some friends who were experienced at cat rescue, together they trapped the cats and found them homes. Linda kept one and that was just the beginning.

Throughout the years, Linda has acquired many skills helping cats, including giving vaccines, microchipping, and becoming a master at humane trapping. One of the traps she uses to catch more difficult cats is called the "drop trap". This trap has no flooring and is held up by a stick. The cat is on natural ground, not realizing it is under a trap while eating. Meanwhile, the trapper is far off, watching closely. When the cat is eating directly under the trap, a string is pulled by the trapper, causing the trap to drop, catching the cat. It takes a lot of patience and could take hours waiting. The cat is then carefully transferred into another cage to contain it. The next step is to neuter or spay (which is a surgery so cats can longer have kittens).



When Linda and many others who first started trapping, they brought the cats to veterinarian Dr. Sank. She was one of the first pioneers to start a low cost "neuter and spay" program. Today, local animal shelters offer free neuter and spaying for feral cats in your town. (A feral cat is a cat that is wild and not tame). Linda will then care for the cats in her home until they are ready to go to their forever homes.

Never having been around people, these cats are feral. If they have not reached adulthood, they have a better change at becoming tame and adopted. Linda spends hours socializing them, holding them in a "Kitty Cuddler Blanket" every night to make them feel secure, giving them special treats to get them used to people. Years ago, she would place ads in the local newspaper to find cats homes. Today, she uses the internet, displaying wonderful photos to find placement for these beautiful cats. She takes great pride and carefully makes sure each cat is matched with the right owner. She visits their homes and discusses the needs of each cat.

In 2017, Linda started her nonprofit organization, called the Kitty Nap Rescue with her friend, Debbie Fitzgerald. Debbie now resides in Florida and is working for the Humane Society. Linda has continued working and running the Kitty Nap Rescue. She has gotten thousands of cats and kittens wonderful homes! Unfortunately, some cats are too feral, having already reached adulthood and cannot be tamed. The best that can be done at this point is to neuter or spay and return them back to where they were found. This is called "TNR", short for "Trap, Neuter, and Return". Many times, there are people feeding the cats in the areas they are returned. A small piece of the ear tip is carefully clipped at the time of neutering and spaying. This does not hurt the cat. This ear tip represents that this cat will no longer produce kittens helping end the vicious cycle of feral cats with no homes.

Because of Linda and other people who do cat rescue, they are making a difference. Giving animals a chance, getting them homes where they will be loved and breaking the cycle of cats multiplying by neutering and spaying is hard. dedicated work driven by the love and compassion for animals. Linda has said, "It's all worth it with each cat we save, adopt, and, TNR is an added bonus."

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by Jerry Cimisi

Everyone has seen homeless stray, feral cats trying to survive on the streets, in the woods, hunting for their food and perhaps further sustained by the kindness of those who make it their business to feed these unfortunate animals on a regular basis.

Some of these cats have been abandoned by their owners, but most of them have probably been born on the streets, in lots, near dumpsters behind stores. All of my seven cats come from the streets.

For example, one's my Pierre, a black four-year-old male I took in after I had been feeding him over the summer and autumn. I would put food down at the edge of my property around twilight. In the morning it would be gone. After a week or so, I would hear a mewing from a bush across the street. I left the food, checked it after a little while, the food was gone. Soon I saw this young cat, probably not yet full grown, crossing the street to the food when I withdrew. And a few days after that, I was able to stand some distance from him as he ate.

By then it was the end of autumn; it was getting colder. In December a bad snowstorm was forecast. I knew this cat did not have any shelter. I



put out a trap with food it. He went into the trap; I took him into the house. In five minutes I was petting him. So, he had a new home.

But my Pierre was only one of many born on the streets. My house also harbors a feral family of mom and three kittens. Probably most people don't realize how one cat, female or male, can produce many kittens, kittens without a home, in just a short amount of time

For instance, one female cat, born at the beginning of spring, can become pregnant in October. A litter will be four or five kittens. Those kittens will be born in the cold of December, a hard time to survive. But that same female can have two litters the following year. So from the end of one year to the end of the following year, that one female can produce as many as 15 other cats. And males could impregnate certainly another half dozen females, who in turn will have two litters a year.

So you can see how this problem grows; feral cats leading very hard lives, creating more feral, unfortunate cats.

So what is the solution? It's called TNR, or Trap, Neuter and Release. Individuals or local animal shelters put out traps with food, cats are trapped, then females spayed or males neutered. These procedures remove the animal's ability to reproduce, thus stopping the cycle of endless unwanted kittens. *(Feral cats are also a lethal threat to songbirds. - Editor)*

Some of these cats are put up for adoption, most are released back to the streets or the woods. Spayed or neutered cats are given a small notch at the top of their ears. This is so they won't be trapped again for these procedures. These cats will live out their lives without adding to the cat population.

The Animal Rescue Center of the Hamptons, or ARF, under the auspices of Operation Cat, will offer on selected days to spay/neuter and vaccinate feral cats at no charge to those who bring them into ARF. Animals must be brought to ARF in a trap (one to a trap), not a carrier. If you don't have a trap, you can get one from ARF for a returnable \$75 fee. If you don't know how to use humane traps, ARF volunteers will instruct you.

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Since Operation Cat's inception in 1997, over 35,000 feral cats from Speonk to Montauk, and most recently, Brookhaven township, have been altered. A very similar program is the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation's Trap Neuter Release program, called Advo-Cats. ("Advo-Cat" like "advocate.") The program has spayed and neutered thousands of cats, as well as given vaccinations and diagnostic tests. For more information, call 631-728-7387, ext. 223.



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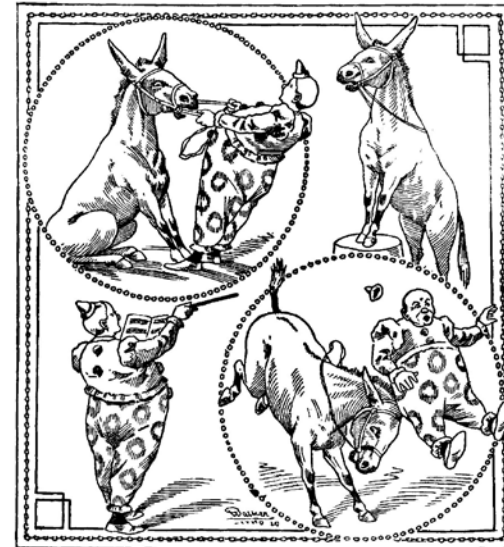
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Herbert & Pretzel

by Eric Wald

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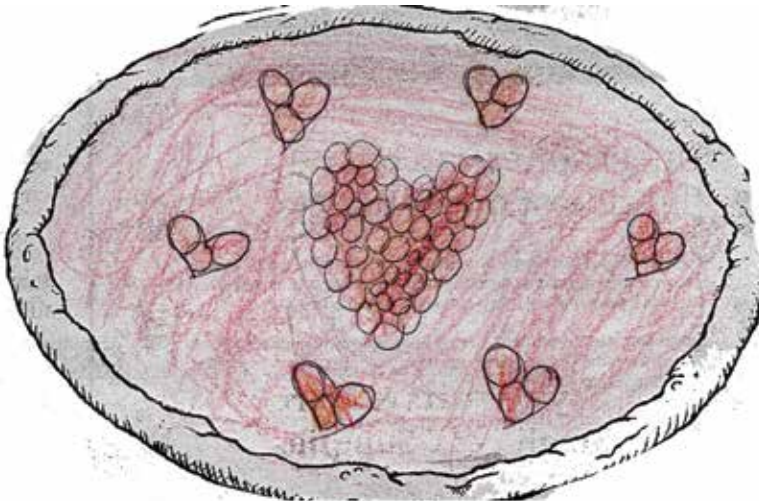
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The Waldo Tribune and Melrose East Pizzeria & Restaurant give out many thanks to all who participated in this fun drawing contest for kids to let everyone know their wildest idea for their fantasy pizza. Going through the many entries, finding a winner was no small task. Congratulations to the winner, Cindy V., the creator of The Cartoon Cat Cookie Pizza. Besides hers are a few of many we also wanted to print. The winner receives a large pizza at Melrose East Pizzeria & Restaurant.

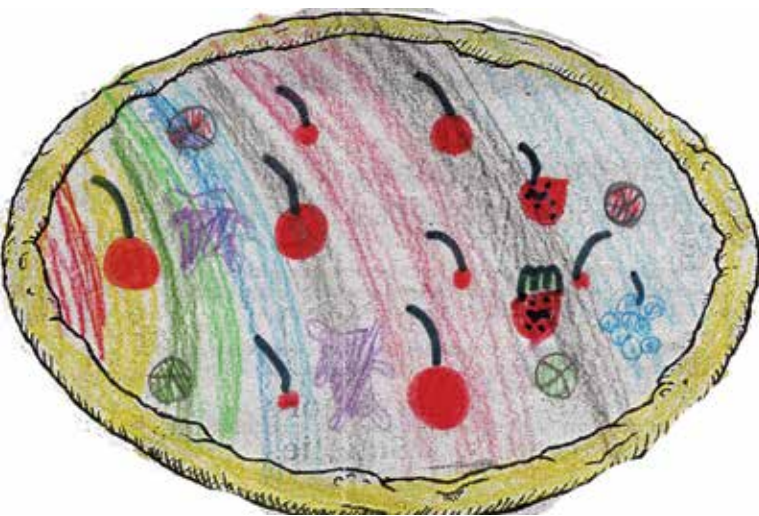
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The North Fork Animal Welfare League

By Debbie Tuma



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The North Fork Animal Welfare League runs shelters in both Riverhead and Southold, for the past 60 years. They have about 60 cats in each shelter, and about 20 dogs in each location. They also have a chinchilla in Riverhead, and two goldfish and two gerbils in Southold.

"We do a lot of outreach in the community," said Gabby Stroup, Director of Operations for the North Fork Animal Welfare League. "There is a food bank at both locations, where people who can't afford pet food can get free food for cats and dogs in these townships."

Ms. Stroup said there is also a trap and release program for feral cats, to help spay and neuter them. There is also a low-cost voucher to help people who can't afford spaying and neutering services.

And for people who might adopt a dog that needs more training, the Animal Welfare League has a dog trainer on hand, Matthew Valentino, who will offer some follow up training for free.

The North Fork Animal Welfare League has a huge volunteer program, which is very active. They can choose from the Riverhead location, at 324 Church Lane in Aquebogue, or the Southold location at 165 Peconic Lane in Peconic.

For more information on the North Fork Animal Welfare League in Riverhead and Southold, visit www.northforkanimalwelfareleague.org.



The ASPCA

by Paula Timpson

The American Society for the Prevention of the Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was the first non-profit animal welfare organization in North America. It was founded by Henry Bergh in New York City, April 10, 1866. He felt animals deserved kindness. The ASPCA operated the first ambulance for injured horses in 1867.

In 1912, the ASPCA opened its first veterinary facility, a horse dispensary on Manhattan's 24th Street. ASPCA vets were first to operate on a horse with a broken kneecap. They first used radium to treat cancer in animals. In 1941, the ASPCA began dog obedience classes. In 1961, they performed the first open heart surgery on a dog.

They help animals so much by preventing cruelty, rescuing animals and promoting animal welfare throughout the U.S. Many animals are left behind in natural disasters. This organization helps find them homes. They help make stronger laws to help protect animals, providing veterinary services, spay, neuter, and behavioral services to animals in need who are scared. The ASPCA offers pet insurance to help make veterinary costs more affordable.

They have their own veterinary hospitals. They treat animals who are hurt or sick. They offer training and research for animal welfare professionals. Adopting animals is a great way to help animals in need. Seventy five cents of every dollar goes to their lifesaving programs. Animal homelessness is reduced greatly by the ASPCA. Thousands of animals are saved each year. More than 34,000 animals are placed in homes throughout the year. More than 63,000 animals are spayed and neutered across the country.

ASPCA officers are on the TV show *Animal Precinct*. Officers search and find people who mistreat animals, and arrest them. Subaru is the largest corporate donor to the ASPCA. Adopt animals from pet shelters. Tell others about the ASPCA. Volunteer at animal shelters. Love animals and help protect them.



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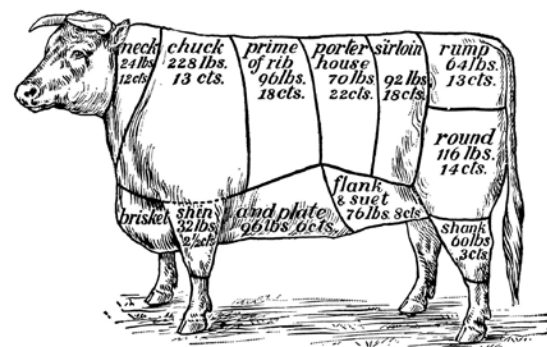


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Pictured is Star. In 2022, she was the first bulldog to win the AKC National Championship. (There's more to getting the top prize than being just another pretty face! - Ed.)

American Kennel Club National Championship

by Christopher Clark

The American Kennel Club was founded in 1884, is one of the most influential and recognized organizations dedicated to the registration, promotion, and protection of purebred dogs in the United States. It was established by a group of 12 dog clubs who saw the need for a national governing body to oversee dog shows and standardize breed rules, like that of the Kennel Club in the United Kingdom. Since its founding, the AKC has become a central institution in the world of American dog breeding and canine sports.

One of the AKC's most significant contributions is maintaining the nation's largest registry of purebred dogs. This registry allows breeders and owners to track pedigrees, uphold breed standards, and ensure the integrity of purebred lines. The AKC also establishes official breed standards, which describe the ideal characteristics, temperament, and appearance of each recognized breed.

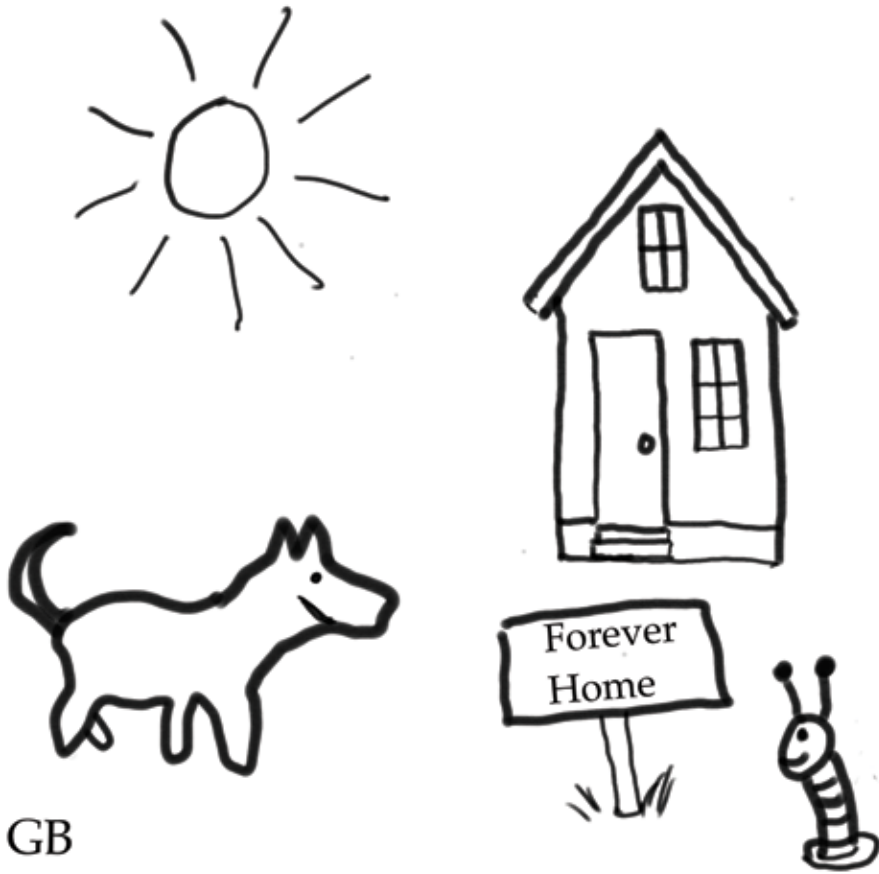
Beyond breeding, the AKC is a major promoter of dog-related events, including conformation shows, obedience trials, agility competitions, and field events. These activities not only highlight the skills and beauty of different breeds but also foster a deeper bond between dogs and their handlers. The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, one of the most prestigious dog shows in the U.S., operates under AKC rules and guidelines.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) National Championship is one of the most prestigious dog shows in the United States. First held in 2001, this annual event takes place in Orlando, Florida, attracting top-tier dogs from all over the country. It is considered one of the largest dog shows globally, showcasing a wide array of purebred dogs competing in various categories, including conformation, agility, and obedience. Dogs from nearly every recognized breed are eligible to compete, with groups such as sporting, hound, working, terrier, toy, non-sporting, and herding represented. The AKC National Championship is a celebration of breed standards, with an emphasis on the physical qualities, temperament, and overall quality of each dog.

The competition includes both breed judging and special events, such as the AKC's Agility Invitational and the Junior Showmanship competition. In 2024, the title of Best in Show was awarded to a Smooth Coat Chihuahua named Pebbles, marking a notable victory for the breed. The event not only honors the winners but also serves as an opportunity for dog lovers to gather and appreciate the beauty and skill of these remarkable animals. With hundreds of dogs competing, the AKC National Championship is a cornerstone of the American dog show circuit and a highlight of the year for canine enthusiasts.

The AKC is also deeply committed to canine health, education, and responsible dog ownership. Through its affiliated organizations, like the AKC Canine Health Foundation, it supports research into genetic conditions and promotes best practices for breeding and care. The AKC also advocates for animal welfare legislation and provides resources for pet owners nationwide.

Overall, the American Kennel Club plays a vital role in preserving the history, health, and quality of purebred dogs in the U.S. Its efforts continue to shape public attitudes toward dogs, not only as show animals or working companions, but as cherished members of the family.



Animal Shelter Facts

compiled and illustrated by Greg Bullock

1. Henry Bergh formed the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in 1866. (ASPCA)
2. The first animal shelter in the United States was established in Bensalem, Pennsylvania on April 14, 1869.
3. The first animal shelter was originally created to take in unwanted horses. Later it took in dogs.
4. After World War II, the suburbs grew in America and home ownership increased. Pet ownership increased with growth of home ownership.
5. In the 1960s and 1970s, the problem of abandoned pets increased, and the number of animal shelters grew.
6. There are currently 5,000 animal shelters running nationwide.
7. The popularity of adopting or "rescuing" pets from shelters has increased, rather than purchasing them from pet stores.
8. The ASPCA was preceded by the RSPCA, an organization formed in England and Wales to prevent and prosecute cruelty to animals. At the time of its founding, the emphasis was on humane treatment of animals, particularly horses, rather than rehoming dogs and cats.



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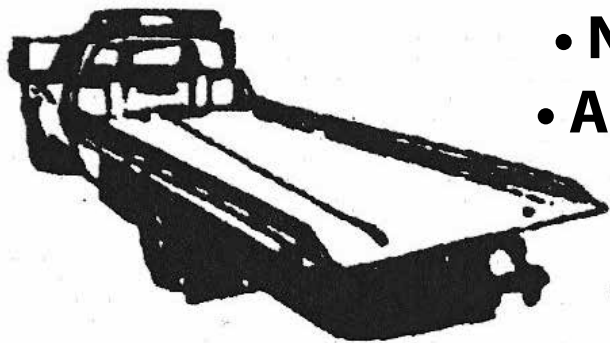
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“Harry the Dirty Dog”, a Book Review

article by Eric Wald

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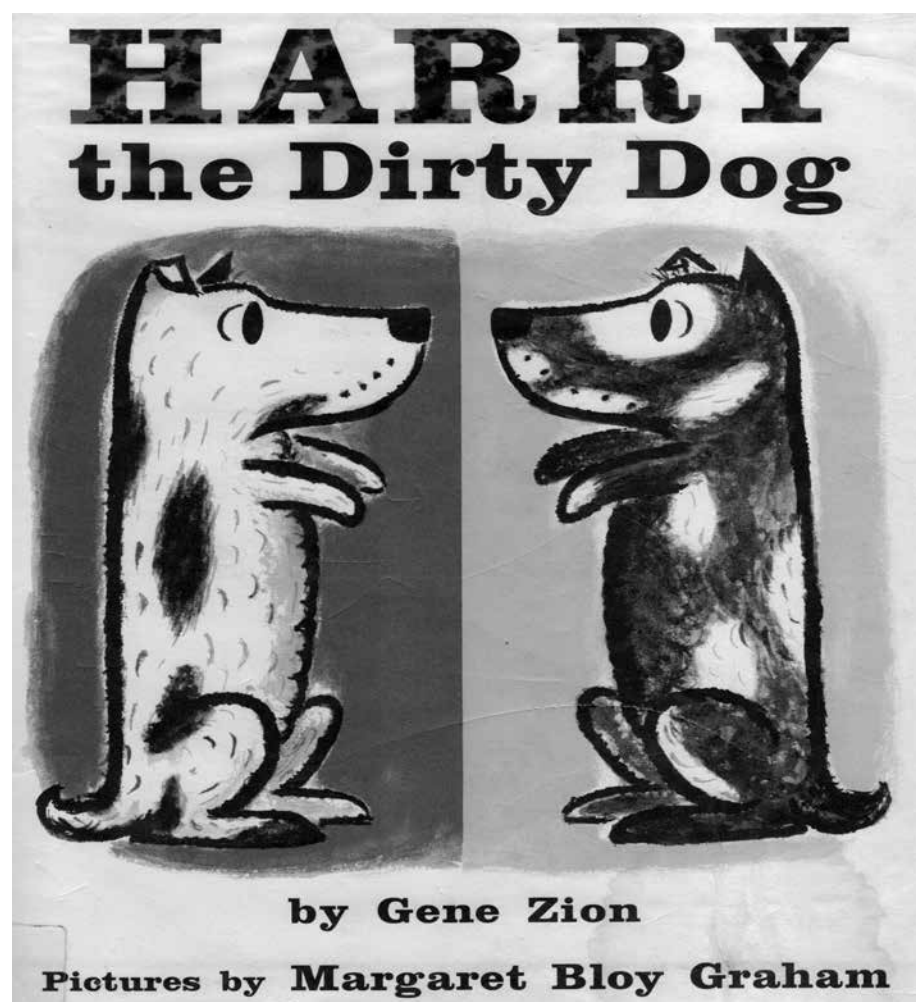
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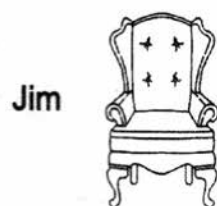
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What a beautiful story for boys and girls who are learning to read! It is wonderful, and kids will love this book and remember it for the rest of their lives, as it is filled with love, compassion and tenderness. In the end, everybody loves Harry the Dirty Dog, and so will the readers. It is a beautiful story, beautifully written and illustrated.

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The Waldonian Movement

written by Eric Wald

In the history of music, there have been many movements -- the classical movement, the baroque movement, the impressionist movement, and the avant-garde movement, to name a few. Yet today, we bring you an even greater movement-- the Waldonian movement.

The Waldonian movement was very popular many years ago, when being a clown meant being a creature much like a stand-up comedian today, for clowning is one of the world's oldest and greatest art forms. It means being silly beyond the imagination. It means doing anything for a laugh. It means being crazy at the risk of losing one's own reputation.

The picture above is an example of Wal-

donianism at its prime; a bunch of clowns coming together just to see if they may tickle some funnybones. The band, known The Purple Hippopotamus, played well-known songs and took requests like "I Want You To Play Far, Far, Away!", of course, "Humpty Dumpty and the Story of Scrambled Eggs" and who could forget, the famous, "Razza-Mataz"?

Today, street theater has come to a all-time low, mainly because clowns are considered by many adults as people who are totally out of their minds. We hope one day that in a country as great as ours that anyone can act, speak, sing, or dance in a comic way or manner so as to make those who are truly over-serious and totally uptight laugh till they drop to the floor.

Bideawee Animal Rescue

by Jerry Cimisi



Bideawee Animal Rescue has an adoption center, a hospital and memorial center in Westhampton Beach, where it was established almost 70 years ago, in 1956. This grew out of its founding in 1903 in New York City. After a trip to Paris, Mrs. Flora D'Auby Jenkins Kibbe saw the Barrone d'Herpents Dog Refuge, whence she took the idea of a "no kill" shelter to Manhattan, in which she founded a similar program operating out of a small building near her home in the city. With the help of a number of liked minded women, Mrs. Kibbe officially incorporated Bideawee as a not-for-profit organization in 1906.

In Scottish, "bide a wee" means "stay a little while." As in bide here, a wee bit. In 1912, Bideawee opened its first official shelter in Manhattan on 38th Street and First Avenue. A no-kill shelter was truly a blessing for unwanted animals. Back then, it was common for unwanted animals to be drowned in the East River, so Mrs. Kibbe chose the Manhattan location for its proximity to the river, hoping that those who would otherwise dispose of animals cruelly would pick this kinder alternative.

Mrs. Kibbe believed that pets were family, and so in 1915 created The Pet Memorial Park in Wantagh out on Long Island as a final resting place for cherished pets. Long Island was not very populated then; there was a lot of open land that could be had for very little money.

And more than 40 years later, in 1956, that was still so somewhat. This was when Bideawee opened its Adoption Center in Westhampton. Southampton and East Hampton were considered more posh as summer areas for the rich than Westhampton. At any rate, while serving both summer residents and year-round residents, Bideawee set up its services for cats and dogs through following decades.

In 1882, Bideawee launched one of America's first animal-assisted therapy programs to bring the benefits of the human-animal bond to vulnerable populations. And in 2003, Bideawee expanded its pet therapy to offer the Reading to Dogs Program at its location in Wantagh, as a way to help children gain the self confidence to improve their reading skills.

In 2019, Bideawee took on responsibility for The New York City Feral Cat Initiative, a groundbreaking program helping to reduce the city's feral cat population.

The Bideawee Adoption Center, Memorial Center and Hospital are located at 118 Old Country Road, Westhampton. The number of dogs and cats up for adoption fluctuates. Animals come to Bideawee from owners who can no longer take care of their pets, such as cases where a family has to move into a rental that does not allow pets, or a family member who suffers from an allergy caused by animal fur, or an owner passes away.

There are also situations when Bideawee will take in animals from natural disasters on Long Island and out of state. These animals might remain at Bideawee or Bideawee might be a temporary place until the animals can be placed permanently.

When an owner turns in an animal the fee is \$100. Bideawee in fact spends at least \$1,500 for each animal it accepts. The animal is chipped, spayed and neutered. And the animal is guaranteed a lifetime stay.

There are currently 13 dogs up for adoption at Bideawee in Westhampton; as of this writing, no cats, but that can certainly change by the time you read this.

By going to Bideawee.org you can view each of the animals up for adoption, and get information about their needs and temperament. For instance, some dogs might not get along with other dogs and need to be in a one-dog household.

If you see a dog you would like to adopt, you fill out an application, and Bideawee's "matchmakers" seek to determine if the dog will be a good fit for your household. There is an adoption fee. Younger animals generally require a higher adoption fee, older animals less.

For those renting an apartment or house, a letter from a landlord or leasing company is required to prove that the applicant is allowed to have pets. For a homeowner, a mortgage statement is required.

Bideawee Animal Rescue is one of many animal shelters that seek to care for and adopt animals that would otherwise have no home. If your family is looking for a pet, visit www.bideawee.org.



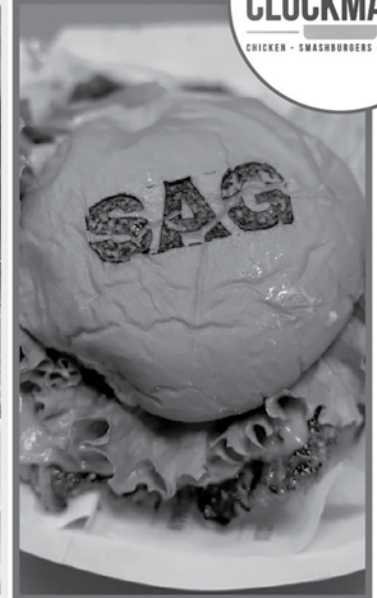
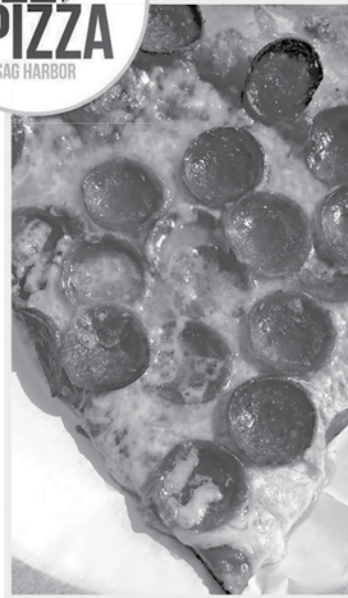
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Letters to Waldo



Dear Waldo,

In my opinion animal shelters and animal rescue centers are important because they help animals. They help animals by feeding them, taking care of them, and giving them a new home. They will even release feral cats back into the wild. It's sad to know that some of these animals have been injured because of us. We have polluted areas which animals call home. The least we can do is to help them. Animal shelters are places that have provided a safe space to feed and nurture the needs of the animals until they get adopted or released, and we are all thankful for them and the people who work and volunteer there.

Emiliana Walsh
Grade 5



Dear Waldo,

Animal shelters are great places to get animals from. They rescue animals from all over the world. You should always try to get your animals from there, whether it is a cat or dog, or even guinea pig!

It is so much easier to rescue an animal than to buy an animal. There are so many animals that need homes.

The people who volunteer at the shelters are so kind and helpful. If you adopt an animal at a shelter, you will make an animal very happy.

From,
Salome Ospina



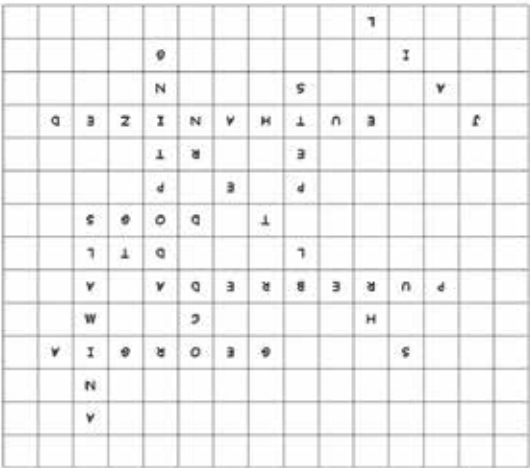
This is a oil pastel painting of my kitty "Dinah Washington". She was adopted from the local shelter when she was three months old.

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Shelter pets are often healthier than *purebred*, store-bought pets because they aren't prone to problems that are common to purebreds.

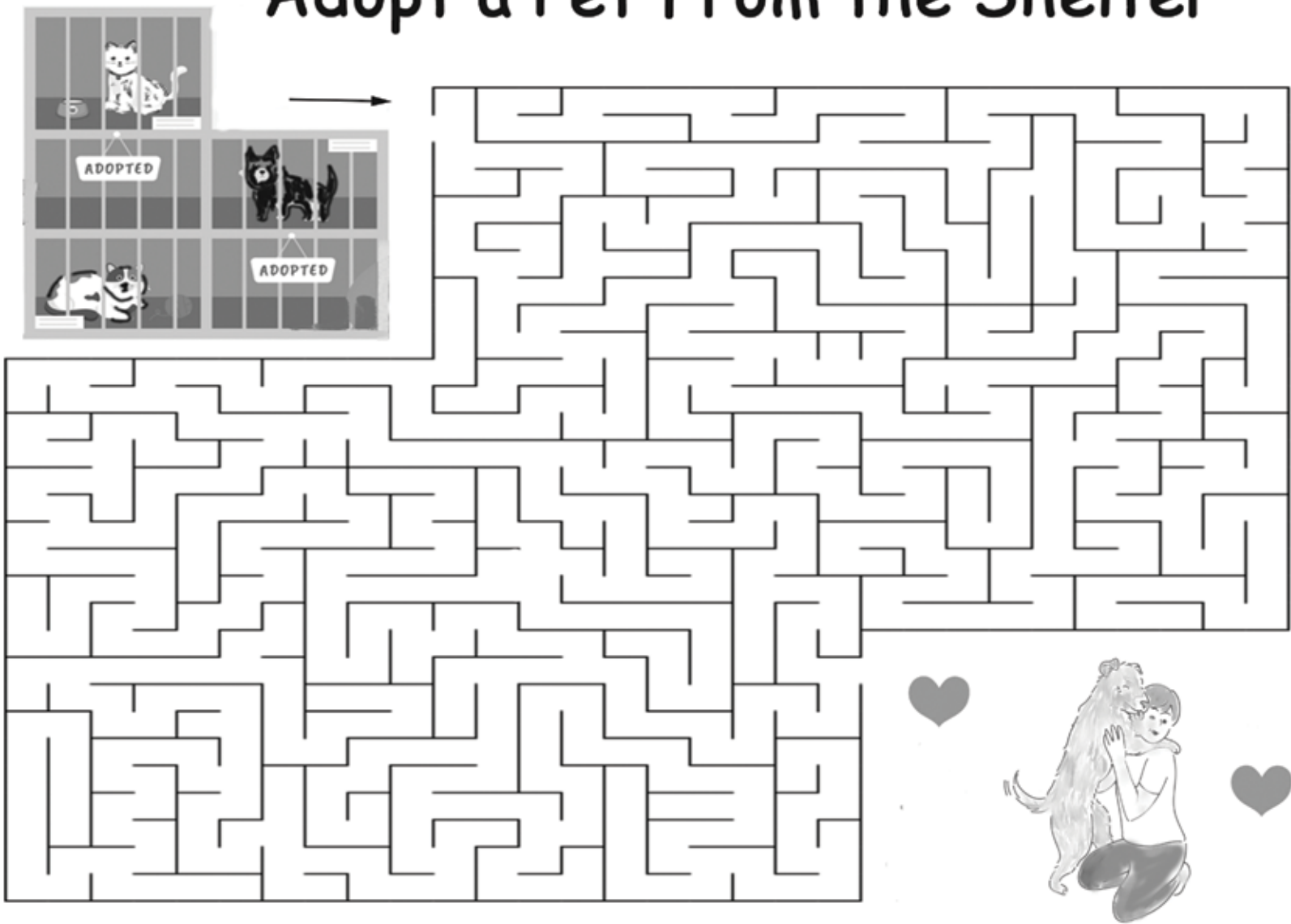


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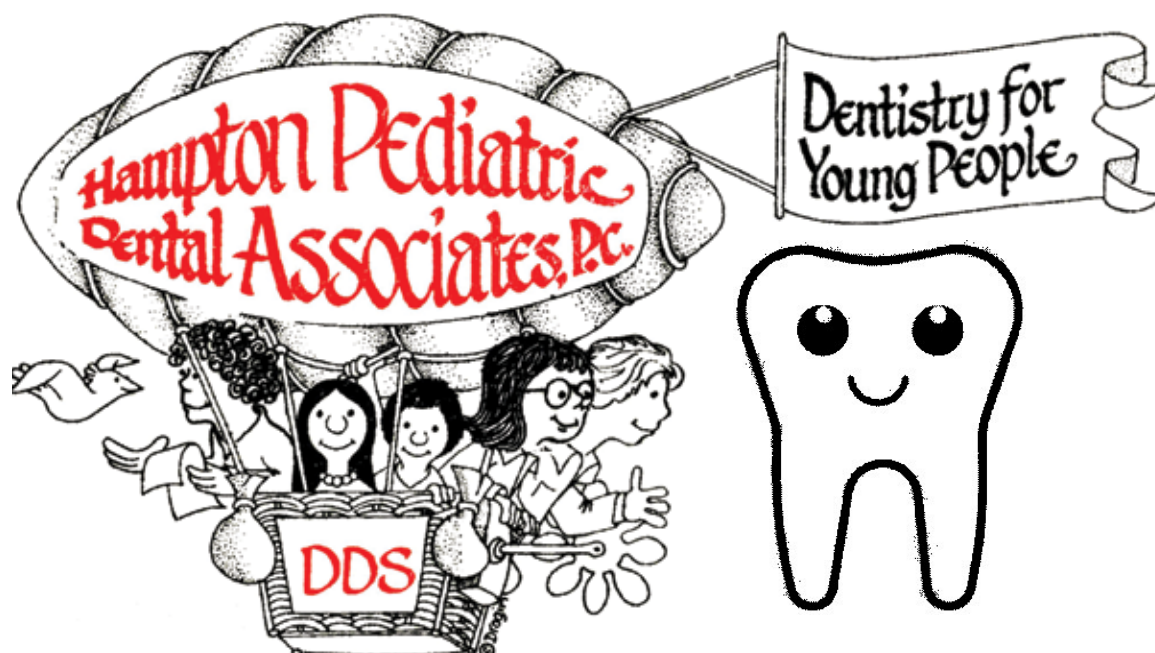
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This is an illustration of me and my grand-dog, Georgia O'Keefe. Her pregnant mother was found on the street by the sheriff, and because the animal shelter was closed at night, Georgia ended up being born in a holding cell of the Polk County Jail.

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