

# Chemung County Humane Society & SPCA, Inc. Annual Report 2009



## What the SPCA was responsible for in 2009

- The shelter took in 1,706\* animals
- Of those animals, 541 were owner-surrenders (representing more than 32 percent of our intakes)
- The shelter provided 42,584 animal care days\*\* to 1,835\*\*\* animals

\* This number does not count the animals that were dead on arrival, or animals who were brought into the shelter by their owners to be euthanized.

\*\* One animal care day is the equivalent of one animal in the shelter for one day.

\*\*\* This number accounts for the animals in the care of the Chemung County SPCA on January 1, 2009 plus all live intakes in 2009.

## What the SPCA accomplished in 2009

- Adopted 680 animals into loving homes
- Reunited 235 lost and stray animals with their families (a nearly 24 percent increase from previous year)
- Transferred 31 animals to breed-specific rescues and shelter partners
- Continued to care for 100 animals into 2010
- Spayed and neutered more than 2,300 animals
- The Chemung County SPCA's Humane Educator visited the classrooms of more than 2,500 children in Chemung and Steuben Counties
- The Chemung County SPCA's Humane Officers rescued 323 animals (a 27 percent increase over previous year)
- Gave 58 animals a second chance thanks to the Animal Rescue Fund (ARF)

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## What Lies Ahead...

Last year we faced down a daunting budget deficit to emerge stronger and more focused than ever thanks to the immense generosity of the public. We are now being proactive with fundraising by starting regular direct-mail campaigns throughout the year and adding a new fundraising event, the Putt fore Paws Golf Tournament. The shelter is now stronger than ever and in the light of these preliminary strides, we have set several goals for this year to continue the vast improvements.

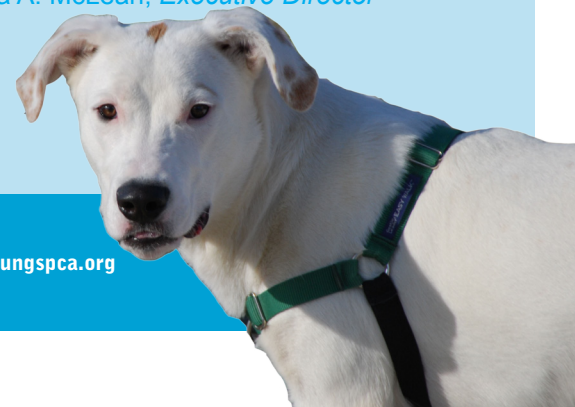
The number one goal is to increase our live release rate. This term takes into account not only animals who were adopted, but also animals that were returned to their owners and those that were transferred. To help with this, we are looking for new and exciting ways to promote our animals and raise our level of visibility within the community. Another large part of our vision is to help owners keep their animals at home, there they belong.

Lastly, we want to increase our partnerships with breed-specific rescues and other animal shelters to make sure that all our animals have the best chance at adoption. These specialized organizations can better place animals with appropriate, more knowledgeable owners who are equipped to meet the needs of specific breeds.

We always strive to improve the quality of life for the animals in our care. Whether through enrichment activities, facility renovations or staff training, we will focus, not only on the animals' physical health, but on their mental health as well. This, coupled with successful adoption promotions and continuing to reunite animals with their owners will positively influence our live release rates.

In order to achieve our goals, we need to continue our fundraising efforts. With strong community support, we can look to the future and continue serving the animals in our care and the community that supports us.

Barbara A. McLean, *Executive Director*





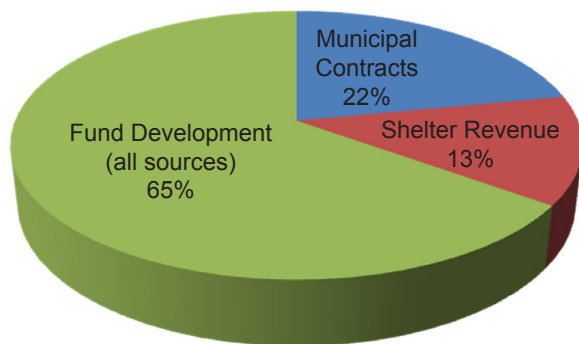
## 2010 Forever Friends Calendar

The Chemung County Humane Society and SPCA called all photogenic rescue pets to participate in its first ever Forever Friends Calendar cover contest. The organization received more than 100 entries in this contest and, after careful deliberation by a panel of judges, one very special dog, Spud, a pit bull terrier mix, won the grand prize of being the cover dog.

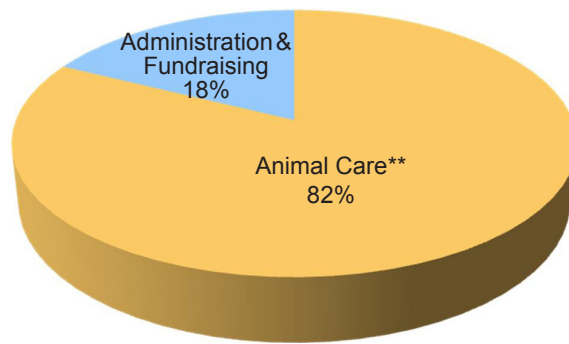
Spud was presented with a framed portrait of the cover picture, live on the ice, at a November 20 Jackals hockey game. This was a fitting venue because it was during one of the two Jackals Pet of the Game segments where he was featured that his new owners saw him and fell in love with him. Also, many Jackals hockey fans had gotten to know Spud during his two trips to the hockey games. Eleven other shelter animals won the honor of gracing calendar pages. Several other honorable mentions also appeared on the back cover of the calendar.

## 2009 Finances\*

### Revenues



### Expenses



\* Please note that these charts reflect un-audited financial information. For the complete 2009 audited financial information, please visit our website at [www.chemungspca.org](http://www.chemungspca.org).

\*\*The largest portion of the *Animal Care* piece of the *Expenses* chart is the salaries and benefits of the animal care staff. We pay staff to care for the animals 365 days of the year, including holidays.



## Humane Rescue

One cold, December morning, the staff at the Chemung County Humane Society and SPCA arrived to find a cardboard box containing two orange tiger kittens and a mother cat sitting outside the front door. The staff rushed to treat the animals and get them fed and warmed up. These cats had suffered in the extreme cold and had most likely been dropped off sometime during the night.

The mother cat, who was named Crystal, and her two male kittens, who were dubbed Frosty and Tiny Tim, were evaluated by our staff. Two of the cats, Crystal and Frosty were healthy, but the smallest kitten, Tiny Tim, suffered the most in the extreme cold. He also appeared to be injured because he dragged his back legs.

Day after day, the staff worked with Tiny Tim to rehabilitate his legs. He was soon walking just fine and appeared completely normal. All three cats were adopted before Christmas. This was surely the shelter's holiday miracle.



## A Rescue Collaboration

It was up, up and away into the wild blue yonder for Gator, a one-year-old Chinese Shar Pei that was surrendered to the Chemung County Humane Society & SPCA in mid-September. The organization worked with Pilots N Paws and the Shar Pei Rescue of Virginia to help Gator get the care he needed to fix his entropion, an eye disorder common in Shar Pei where the eyelashes grow under the lid, and other health worries.

On Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m., Gator was flown by Pilots N Paws, a not-for-profit organization that flies animals in need, from Elmira-Corning Regional Airport to Chesapeake, Va., where the rescue is located. After rehabilitation at the rescue, Gator was placed with a foster family in Philadelphia, Pa., and then adopted into a loving, forever home. This is just one example of the collaborations the Chemung County SPCA seeks to foster this year to help our animals find the best life-long home.

