



Annual Report

2018



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"SAVING ADOPTABLE PETS AND BRINGING LOVE TO YOUR HOME ONE TAIL AT A TIME"

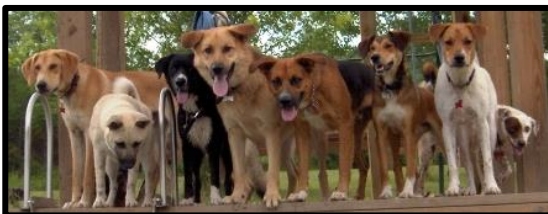


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1. About Joyful Rescues, Inc.

Letter from Joye Turock, Founder & Executive Director:

What A Wonderful Life!

I am sitting at my desk wondering what to say to all of you as Joyful Rescues enters its 16th year of operation in 2018 with over 12,000 pets saved so far. As I look around, there are several dogs playing out back, two dogs curled up sleeping on my desk (one is a Great Pyrenees mix!), and one sitting and staring me down asking for a pet with her paw. There are also 10 curled up napping on the blankets under and around my desk right now, everything from a Rottie to a Shih Tzu. In the next room, Mia Lily's gorgeous eight pups (several pictured below) are doing their best to be good since mama Mia is laying nearby.

Then, among all the wonderfully very mixed dogs of random shapes, colors, and sizes, we have our typical bevy of Beagles and an average large array of Chihuahuas. Yes, what an odd life – what a wonderful life!

Every minute of every day I'm reminded why Joyful Rescues began as I watch the current collection of dogs play, sleep, eat, and ask for love. I realize how amazingly lucky I am to have found my husband, Jeff, who realized I had a passion brewing. I've also been blessed by the enormous number of volunteers that willingly give up a part of their lives to help all of these homeless souls – most who have had very bad beginnings and need to understand that these humans are never going to hurt them.

Joyful Rescues also manages to find a wonderful staff that truly loves those they care for. Then, to complete the circle, there is YOU – our loving adopters and supporters! None of this would be possible without YOU! I may not thank our volunteers, supporters, adopters, and staff often enough or always come across very flowery as I normally have a lot on my mind, but year after year, Joyful Rescues continues because of all of YOU! THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!!! *Joye*



Our 2018 Board of Directors:

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| Katie Bratek (President) | Julie Raymond-DeCarlo (Vice-President) | Jeff Turock |
| Shelby McPherson (Secretary) | Chris Radigan (Treasurer) | Kelly Strade |
| Katie Yudikaitis | Carrie Callahan | Mary Williams |
| Mike Gonska | | |

2. Mission, Vision and Commitment to Quality:

Our Mission:

- To operate as a no-kill rescue (never euthanizing for space or time served).
- To take in cats, dogs, puppies and kittens in need, within our means (“in need” meaning abandoned/owner surrenders, saved from high kill shelters, strays from animal control officers or removed from puppy mills).
- To provide safe housing, quality food, medical care (including vaccinations, de-worming, flea treatment and spay/neuter) and love to all pets in our care until suitable, responsible and loving, permanent homes can be found through a strict screening process.
- To educate the public on the importance of spaying and neutering which controls the pet overpopulation, responsible pet ownership, and the humane treatment of animals.
- To educate the public on the horrors of puppy mills and pet store/internet puppies for sale.
- To assist in spaying/neutering pets for low income families, as funds allow, which will aid in population control.



Our Vision:

We would love to see an end to pet overpopulation, kill shelters, puppy mills, and homeless pets as the results of our mission.

Our Commitment to Quality:

Joyful Rescues is a Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity. Achieving BBB Charity Accreditation means that an organization has met BBB's 20 Standards for Charity Accountability. This rigorous test evaluates charities based on a set of holistic standards, so donors can view information about that charity and feel more confident in their charitable giving decisions. Detailed information about BBB's 20 Standards for Charity Accountability along with Joyful Rescues charity's full report can be found online at www.bbb.org or www.give.org.

3. Financial Report:

| JOYFUL RESCUES FY 2017-2018 | |
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| FY ENDED 3/31/2018 | |
| | 2017-2018 |
| | Actual |
| Revenue | |
| Adoption Fees | \$258,158 |
| Donations | \$289,460 |
| Contributed Services | \$21,000 |
| Other | \$43,392 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 612,010.00 |
| Expenditures | |
| Program Services | \$446,441 |
| Management and General | \$55,829 |
| Fund Raising Expenses | \$10,742 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 513,012.00 |
| Net Operating Profits | 98,998.00 |
| % of total revenue | 16.18% |
| Net Assets at End of Year | \$ 206,990.00 |

4. Key Fundraising Activities & Donation Programs:

"PetFest":

On August 3rd & 4th 2018, we celebrated our 14th PetFest & Rescue Reunion at our main site in Cuba, NY. PetFest 2018 certainly came with the perfect weather! Saturday is the best day for our reunion visitors, and we welcomed SO many of you! This event is a lot of work for staff and volunteers, but the joy we get from visiting with our amazing adopters and hearing how well their Joyful Rescues' fur companions are doing is surely worth it.

We take so much pleasure in seeing how much they love you and how well they've filled out – we love the shine in their eyes and fur! The band “Sticktights” gave a wonderful family party atmosphere where dog lovers could share stories, show off their beloved dogs – and in some cases, cats in strollers – and enjoy the country setting while watching the antics of SO many dogs!

This event included opportunities to meet Joyful Rescues adoptable dogs and cats who await their “forever” homes. On August 4th, tours of Joyful Rescues facility, eight-acre property and a self-guided pond tour were held, followed by a parade and our perfectly imperfect dog show.

Event sponsors included Original Field Roast Company with their Artisan Vegan Grain Meats, Dina's, Tops and Williams Restoration Construction Company. PetFest helps us to raise funds we require to save so many lives. PetFest is a yearly family friendly, including your leashed pet, event!



Dog Day Yappy Hour at Silk O'Loughlin's:

Special thanks go to Kim DiMaggio and Sarah McKeon for their dedication and hard work to help Joyful Rescues' pets find new homes! Founded in loving memory of their dogs, Frank and Jammer, this year's event raised over \$29,000 for Joyful Rescues, bringing their eight-year total to \$169,000, making them directly responsible for saving thousands of lives!

These two amazing women once again organized Dog Day Afternoon at Silk O'Loughlin's on August 26th, 2018 whose owner graciously allows his waterfront restaurant go to the dogs! The music was amazing and donated by Giuseppe Scungili and the Screamin' Seagull Revue!

The sponsors for the event were: Tito's Handmade Vodka, Ken and Candy Gerew, Harris Funeral Home Pets at Peace, Bob Johnson Chevrolet, The Bonadio Group, B & B Automotive, Regain Physical Therapy, Bob Alessi Personal Training, USA Payroll, Sarah Fuller CFP CASL, and Dr. Joe Carbone.

Our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and every furry friend at Joyful Rescues wish to thank Sarah, Kim, Mike and his staff, who are on board for us every year hosting this event and welcoming many guests who share their desire to support animal rescue at Silk O'Loughlin's scenic, waterside restaurant and pub in Irondequoit (NY). We hope they'll continue to be there for us, working together to help homeless animals have a chance for a brighter tomorrow. **Thank you all!!**



Our Annual Newsletter:

Each year, a small team of volunteers and Board Members work together to create our yearly newsletter. This newsletter, usually mailed in the fall, allows us to communicate with our adopters, donors, friends and followers alike. It represents a unique opportunity to share the year in passing; our accomplishments, our happy ending stories as well as the ones who have deeply touched all of us. It is also an opportunity to introduce and thank our staff, our volunteers, the many veterinarians & their staff who all went above and beyond each day for the dogs and cats in our care.

This newsletter is also a great way to share our short-term and longer-term plans, introduce new programs, upcoming events & share our "wish list" for items in need. Lastly, a special thank you to all our donors complete the newsletter along with a donation card and return mailing envelope for year-end donations.



United Way of Rochester:

Each year, Joyful Rescues' benefits from generous donations from our friends and supporters via the United Way of Greater Rochester's Local Campaign. Donations can be made via payroll deductions and dedicated to Joyful Rescues. Our United Way Donor number # 3313.

Thank you for your continuous support!!



Gizzie's "Kiss it Better" Fund:

On Valentine's Day 2017, Joyful Rescues proudly announced the launch of the "Gizzie's Kiss It Better Fund" to help provide medical care for animals taken into our rescue with extensive, special and / or critical needs. The fund is named after Gizmo, a dog happily adopted by Michele Alessi of Amherst, who was originally surrendered to Joyful Rescues suffering from a gangrenous leg that had to be amputated the following day.

Sadly, Gizzie passed away this year after 6 loving years with her wonderful owner. Alessi recently said: "When Gizmo and I were together, despite her physical and mental challenges, we were complete – and the simple joy watching her thrive and play just being a dog, honestly, is one of most cherished memories of my life. Gizzie has made me a better person."

To this day, this special fund has helped several pets in our care with many critical needs/ emergency surgeries such as hip issues, kidney stones, broken legs and so many more. From time to time, Joyful Rescues uses Social Media to share a story of a pet in needs and asks for donations towards the Gizzie's Kiss it Better Fund, to make sure it never goes empty and that Gizzie's memory lives on. **Thank you for your generosity!**



Giving Tuesday: “ROC the Day”, “Razoo” (“MightyCause”) and “#NYC Gives”:

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events; Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focuses on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

This was Joyful Rescues’ fourth year participating in “Giving Tuesday” which included a “ROC the Day” and a “Razoo” online fundraisers. “ROC the Day” is a 24-hour, online event sponsored by the United Way of the Greater Rochester area while Razoo (now called “MightyCause”) is an organization who helps raise funds across America for world-changing causes. Joyful Rescues participated in both and is very grateful for the funds that were generated.

Additionally, it was also our second year participating in the “#NYC Gives” online program. Launched two years ago, #NYC Gives is a day dedicated to giving back to nonprofits throughout New York State by way of a 24-hour fundraising challenge that works to raise awareness to build support and increase shared philanthropy throughout communities that span the vast state of New York. We would like to thank our generous donors who participated in all these online events. **Thank you!**



PetSmart Charities:

Our collaboration with PetSmart started shortly after Joyful Rescues was established in 2003. We couldn’t be where we are today without their continuous and generous support. Each week, our teams of dedicated volunteers are showing our adoptable pets at the PetSmart locations in both Orchard Park and in Webster, NY.

For several years now, Joyful Rescues has benefited from special donations from the PetSmart Charities. These donations have been put to good use under our veterinary care expenses. PetSmart Charities and Joyful Rescues share the same goal; find a lifelong, loving home for every pet.

PetSmart Charities believes the solution is to get pets adopted and prevent unplanned litters. To that effect, they help support nationwide animal welfare groups, such as Joyful Rescues, to address these two issues. The primary goal is that by working together, we can end pet homelessness.



Chewy.com:

Chewy Inc. is a subsidiary of PetSmart. Joyful Rescues partners with them and our adopters can place their first order (new customers only) at Chewy.com and Joyful Rescues will receive a \$20 donation.

Please visit: <http://www.chewy.com/rp/8367> to participate and help Joyful Rescues. Thank you!!



Hill's Food, Shelter & Love Program:

Joyful Rescues is grateful for its partnership with Hill's Food shelter program. Hill's goal is to ensure that every pet goes home healthy and happy. That means nourishing every pet that arrives at the shelter with quality nutrition.

Hill's also provides pet owners useful adopter bags which includes a small bag of food the pet has been eating to help with transition, coupons as well as several pet parent tips at: <https://www.hillspet.com/new-pet-parent>. Hill's believes that making premium nutrition accessible to every shelter – and every pet – helps send them home faster.



“iGive.com”:

This program helps Joyful Rescues every time someone shops at over 1,800 of the most popular online stores and select our organization as the beneficiary. To participate, individuals must sign in at: <http://www.igive.com> and then select Joyful Rescues as their favorite charity.



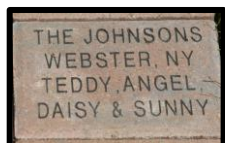
“Amazon Smile”: “You shop. Amazon gives.”

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to registered charitable organizations. Joyful Rescues is on the list! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon everyone knows. Same products, same prices, same service. Donors can support their favorite charitable organization by shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com>.



“Buy a Brick” Program: It’s Time for a WALK!

- What a PURRFECT Birthday, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Anniversary, Wedding, Memorial, Retirement, etc. Gift for ALL your animal loving friends & family!!
- Be a part of it! Dedicate a brick to your favorite canine, feline, human, business or family name... Whether over the rainbow or still among us... With an inscription of your choice.
- Our Walkway is being designed to provide attractive, meaningful and more stable footing for those who come to visit and tour our facility and improve ease & safety for staff and volunteers carrying animals to and from the buildings.
- The design also includes “A Place to Paws” brick wall / bench area for guests to sit and enjoy watching the dogs frolic beyond the fence! The walkway is now in and the bricks can be purchased at any time at <http://www.joyfulrescues.org>. Get your brick before it fills up!



“Sanctuary Pets” Program:

This program was created for those who cannot adopt now but are interested in donating to a specific pet awaiting adoption or to a group of pets of their choice (dogs or cats). We do have pets in our care that will live with us until they pass the “rainbow bridge”. We are always looking for monthly donors to support their specific needs and care. The process is simple and can be found by visiting our website at: <http://www.joyfulrescues.org> and click on “donate”. Some of our permanent residents are shown on the next page. From left to right: Chloe, Strawberry, Henry & Dottie.



Other Donations - “Wish List” Items, Birthday Presents, Donation Jars, Proceeds from Item Sales, etc.:

Each year, Joyful Rescues is in needs of items for the adoptable pets located at our main site in Cuba, NY. In 2018, people came in large numbers to donate multiple items to keep our pets happy and cozy. A complete and updated list of items needed is always available on our home page at: <http://www.joyfulrescues.org>. Instructions on when and where to drop off your donations is also provided.

Our “Donation Jars” program has always been very successful. Jars can be found in several Monroe Counties businesses and offices. Any amount is appreciated. Donations in lieu of birthday presents are becoming very popular as well as bake sales. We have the most wonderful group of followers who never hesitate to help when we are in need. **Thank you!**





5. Pet Adoption:

Joyful Rescues' thoughts regarding Pet Adoption:

- By adopting a pet, you are not only helping the pet you adopt but also others in or needing to come into rescue. Your adoption helps us to keep doing what we do to help animals stop reproducing and find quality homes for the homeless while providing them the best care we can.
- Think before you adopt! Just “loving animals” is not a good reason to adopt a homeless pet. Before you decide to bring a pet into your home, make sure that you have the time and can afford the care. A pet is a lifetime commitment and a loved part of your family. A pet is a MAJOR responsibility & expense.
- Each Joyful Rescues pet has been “thrown away” at least once and/or lived a horrific life so far. Pets are not disposable because your life has changed.
- Before you decide to bring a pet into your home, make sure that it will be a lifetime commitment. When our pets leave us, we want them to go to their forever homes.



Our Wonderful Team of Volunteers:

Since 2002, Joyful Rescues has grown into an organization with dozens of volunteers located all over Western New York. Founded by four compassionate women in New York's southern tier who had a passion to save homeless animals. Since then, one adoption has grown to over 12,000. Adoption events are held weekly in the Orchard Park (Buffalo), Webster (Rochester) and locally in the Olean area. In the past two years, our wingspan stretched further to include events in Buffalo's north towns, sending a record number of companion animals into loving forever homes.

These animals are alive because they have angels: OUR VOLUNTEERS! They often conquer and divide to work multiple events in a single weekend, and those smiling faces in these photos only represent a portion of the dedicated, compassionate volunteers who make it possible for Joyful Rescues to continue our mission to save lives! They are the reason we are strong and successful. Saying "thank you" seems inadequate, and they don't do it for thanks.

One of our volunteers recently said the following: "Volunteering for Joyful Rescues has changed my life. I have met so many wonderful people; I have also met and seen the joy of people who adopt from us."

Our Volunteers do it because they BELIEVE, because they CARE and because they are DEDICATED to be a voice for those who have no voice... HOMELESS ANIMALS. To our amazing, tireless family of volunteers, we thank you and the animals thank you!

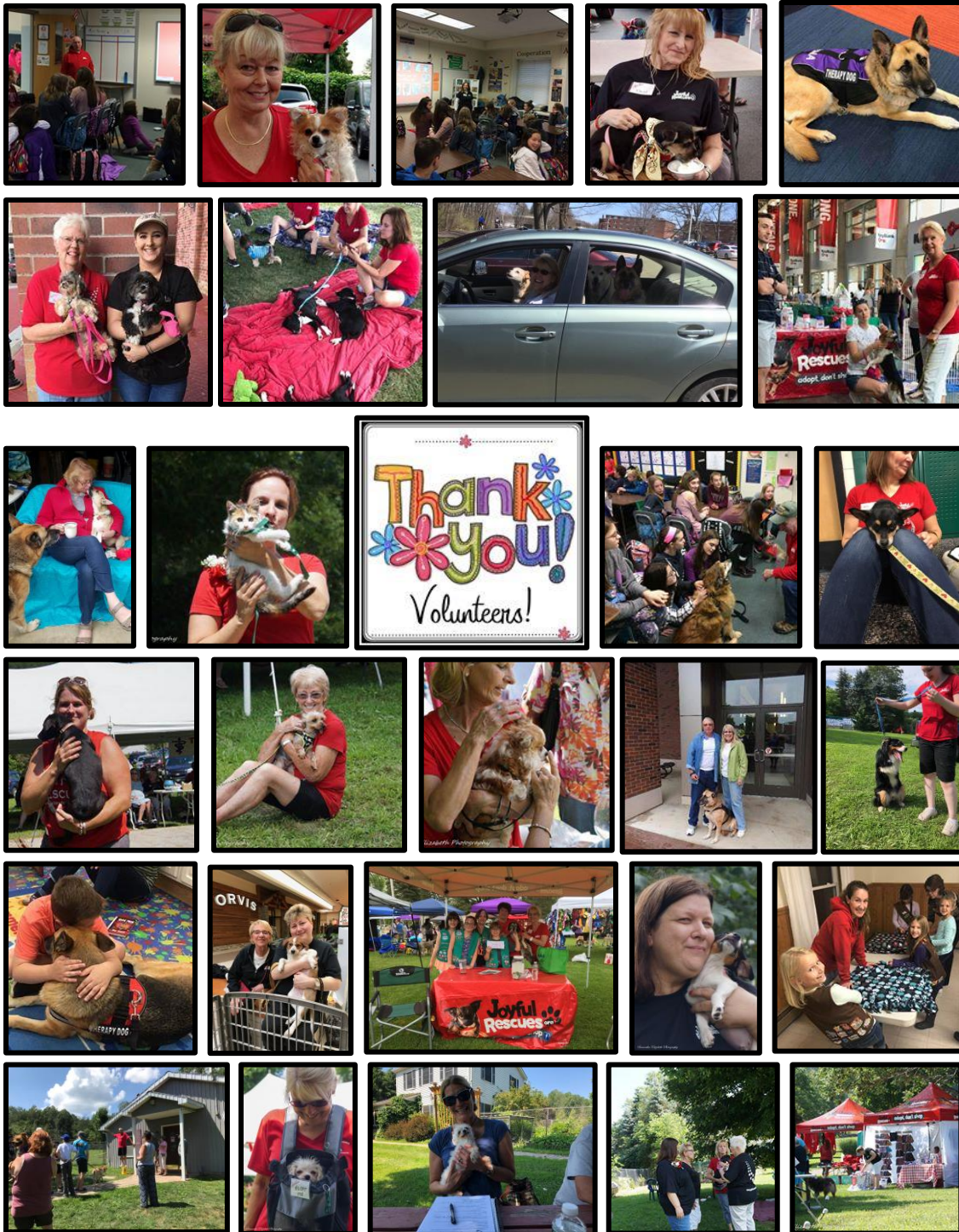


Rochester Team



Buffalo Team





Website “Pet Gallery”:

Joyful Rescues’ website <http://www.joyfulrescues.org> features pets currently available for adoption. The unique personalities of featured dogs, cats, puppies and kittens are captured in fun photographs, animated videos with voice over and biographies. Our Pet Gallery is updated on a regular basis.



Newspaper Publications - Pet of the Week & Pets of the Month:

Each week, the **Olean Times Herald Newspaper** features one of the Joyful Rescues pets that is available for adoption. A short description of the pet along with a picture and a “Tip of the Week” are being published every Friday.

The newspaper also publishes a monthly “Adopt A Pet” page where nine adoptable pets currently available for adoption are also featured. Several of these pets may have been in our care for a longer period of time or may have special needs. We are delighted to be working together with the Olean Times Herald in finding them a forever home.

In 2017, we also started a relationship with the **Western New York Penny Saver**. They have publications in several counties in NY State where we feature adoptable pets every week.

We couldn’t be more grateful to both the Olean Times Herald and the WNY Penny Saver for their contributions and generosity. They have helped many pets in finding their forever home.



Social Media:

In 2018, many of our adoptable pets found their forever home and we would like to thank our volunteers, previous adopters, followers, donors and friends who follow us on Social Media and, in turn, share our posts with their own circle of friends and family. As a result, our increased presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter have helped thousands of animals in our care find their forever home in the past few years and this is just the beginning. Specifically, these wonderful platforms have helped us showcase adoptable pets, advertise adoption events, promote fundraising activities, help with donation items greatly needed at the shelter and create awareness on special needs pets through the "Gizzie's Kiss it Better Fund". This fund was created for pets needing above and beyond vet care, such as broken bones, diabetes, dental work/care, or in the case of a beautiful dog named "Joni", who came to us with a shattered hip joint, one of our vets removed all the pieces, smoothed the end of both bones, wrapped muscle around those bones for a total costs of \$1,854.33. We couldn't have done it without the help of our precious donors. Thank you!

As we write this, Joyful Rescues primary Facebook Page has over 26,000+ followers, over 2,800 Instagram followers and over 500 Twitter friends. Also, in 2018, we created a new Facebook page where our adopters can share updates on their pets. The "Joyful Endings" page already has 600 followers and growing at a fast pace. Every day, cute pictures of pets available for adoption are posted to these social media platforms by a small team of Joyful Rescues' dedicated volunteers and shared amongst friends to help us place our adoptable pets in their forever homes. One of our followers' favorite posts is the "Sponsored Rescue Transport" from High Kill shelters that we do every three weeks or so. It is gratifying to see the transformation of these pets who were once discarded at an Animal Control in a rural area, move to a wonderful local vet's office to get the care they need before being safely transported to upstate NY where Joyful Rescues will take care of them until they are adopted. In 2017, our wonderful volunteers started to do "FaceBook Live" videos from our adoption events, both at PetSmart and at other locations. These videos have been very successful. They provide a way for people to see the dogs and cats in action, in case they couldn't attend our adoption event that day.

YOU CAN HELP to keep the momentum going!! Join us on these social platforms of your choice and help us spread the word. Whether your connection helps us find a great home for one of our pets or raises money to care for a special needs pet or helps us find volunteers, so we can be in more places and more events around the area ... All those things will help save more lives! Every little bit count, and it adds up to a lot of collective good for the lives of our four-legged friends.



Partnering with “Love for Paws Corporation” & Saving Lives in Puerto Rico:

Joyful Rescues is in its third year of partnership with “Love for Paws Corporation”, a rescue organization founded in 2015 by five women with a mission to help abandoned and strayed dogs from the streets and animal shelters in Puerto Rico and send them to no kill shelters in the US who will place them in forever homes. Enid, one of the founders, was doing online research about no kill shelters in the US when she found out about Joyful Rescues. She sent us an e-mail and the rest is now history.

In the past three years, several dozens of beautiful dogs came our way from Puerto Rico. Love for Paws has sent us many very friendly, lovely, highly adoptable dogs that have come to the Buffalo area. Some are purebred, but most are “satos” which is slang for a Puerto Rican street dog. These dogs are highly social and make great family pets. “When you take one of our dogs from Puerto Rico, you are usually getting a family member with quite a story” said Enid.

Pets from Puerto Rico are usually fostered by our wonderful volunteers until they are adopted. That way they can feel safe, learn how to be loved, learn how to live in a home and get the special attention they need until they are adopted. Each week you can see some of these beautiful faces on our website along with their story... At least, what we know about them!!

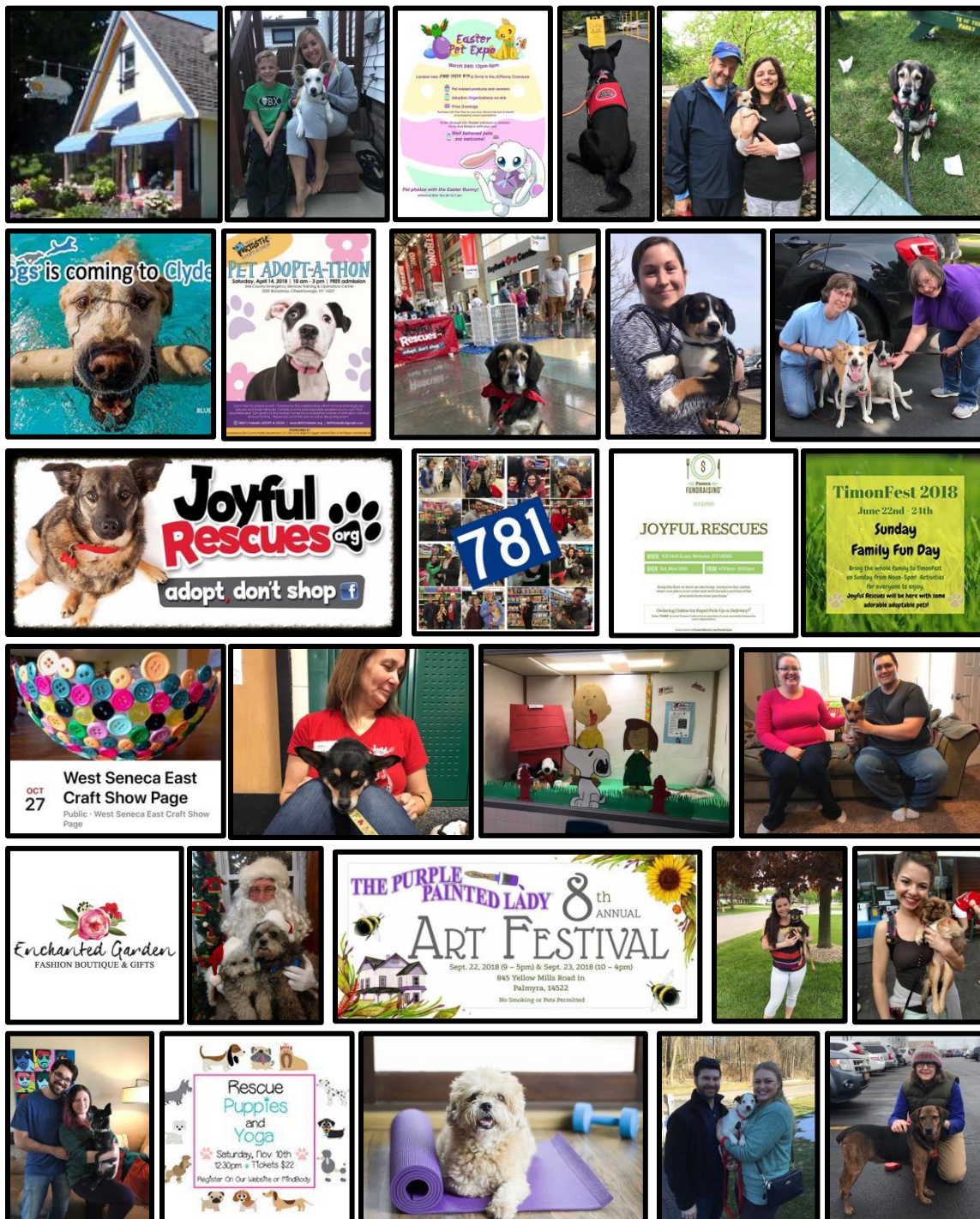


Rescued Pets Awareness & Adoption Days:

In 2018, Joyful Rescues' volunteers have been very busy again showing adoptable dogs and cats every Saturday at the PetSmart locations in Orchard Park (NY) and in Webster (NY). In addition to showing at PetSmart locations, there are many special events where Joyful Rescues shows dogs and cats and / or reaches out to our population to promote our mission, vision and pet adoption. Between 125 – 150 events took place this past year and we adopted 781 pets into their forever home!!

Joyful Rescues, represented by our wonderful team of volunteers, has been attending many events this past year including, but not limited to; The Artful Gardener's Annual Cabin Fever, Anthropologie's Sit-Stay-Love Event, Clarence Bark in the Park Event, Clarence's Farmers Market several times throughout the summer, Cuba's Garlic Festival, Dock Dogs at Clydes in Hamburg, Ellicottville's Fall Festival, Pet Palooza at Canalside, The Enchanted Rose Garden Fundraiser, Dog Days of Kenmore, Eastern Hills Mall Pet Expo, Furtastic's One Buffalo Pet Adoption Event, adoption events at the Williamsville Depot in Williamsville and at the Wilkeson Pointe at the Outer Harbor, the West Seneca East Craft Show, the Lewiston Harvest Festival, Timon Fest 2018, ROC & Soul Fitness Yoga with Puppies Fundraiser, Purple Painted Lady Fundraiser, Cause for the Paws Pet Expo and many more!! Thank you to all who made these events possible.









Save Transports:

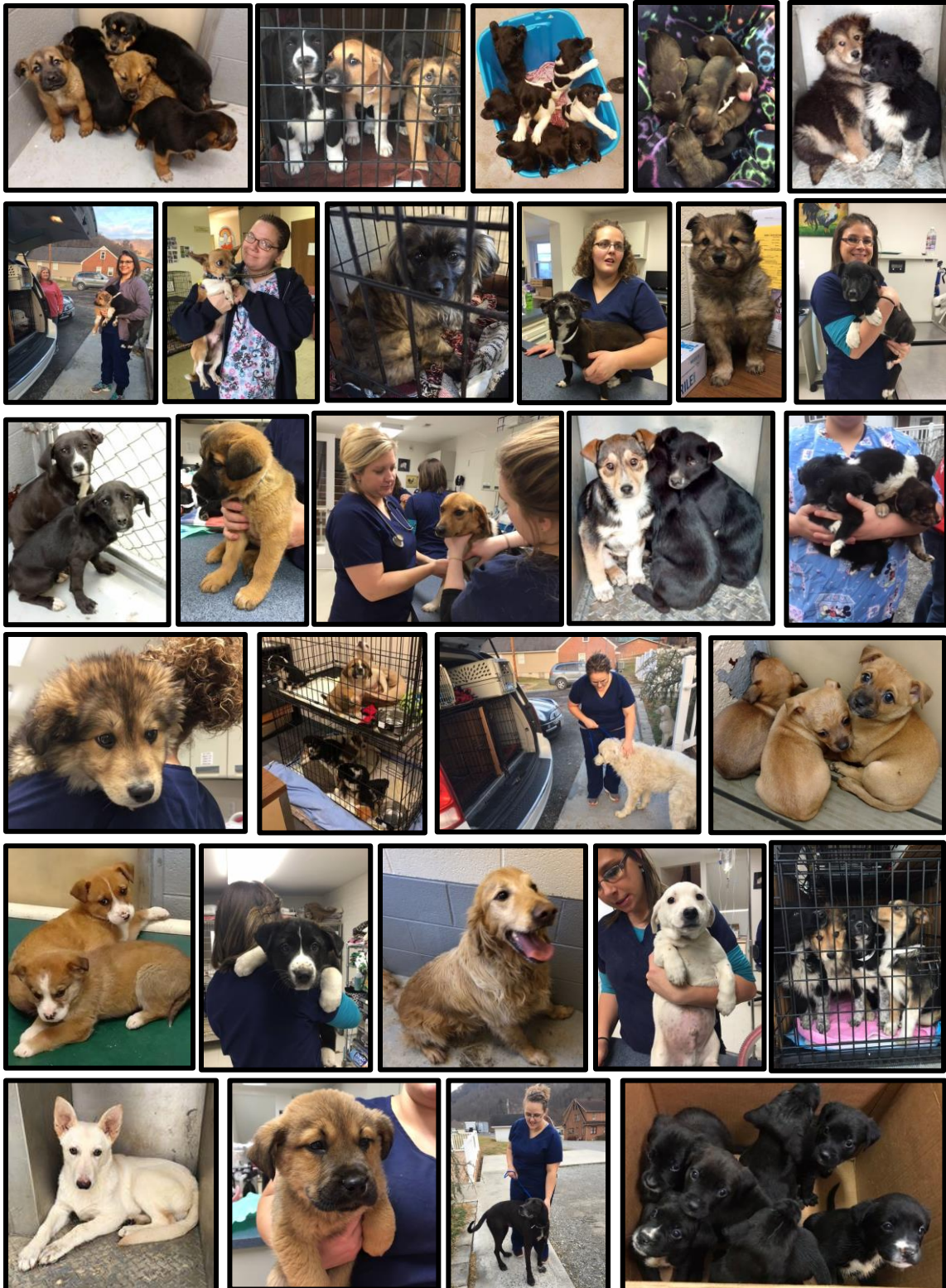
Our first transport from Buchanan County (VA) was in July of 2015. Since then, Joyful Rescues has made approximately 90 trips to their county (21 trips in 2018 alone) saving over 1,500 precious lives to date. These transports were key in reducing the local euthanasia rate from 91% to 51%, and an all-time low of 38% for dogs in 2016. Transporting so many pets from their area has resulted in fewer dogs repopulating and being brought to their shelter. Buchanan County hosted their first low-cost spay/neuter clinic in 2016 and is now doing at least one to two each year.

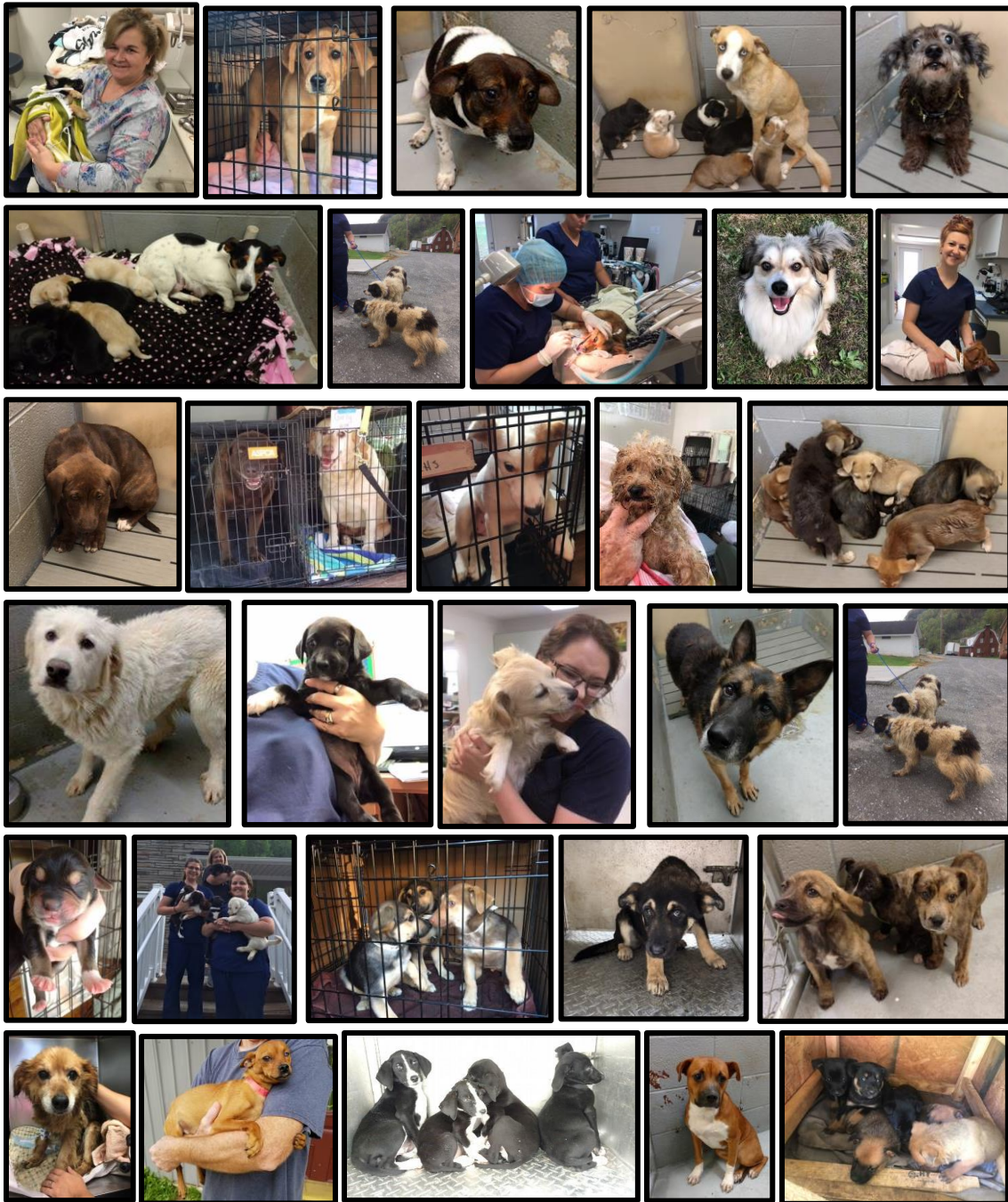
You might say fate played a role when Buchanan County Animal Control, Buchanan County Humane Society, Appalachian Animal Health Center and Joyful Rescues teamed up to transport dogs from their Virginia high-kill shelter to Joyful Rescues but wait, it gets better!!

What if there was a compassionate veterinarian in Grundy, Virginia, who would agree to provide the vet care for ALL the dogs and cats we pull from their County at the same reduced rates generously offered to us by New York State veterinarians; Dr. Robert Rasey and Dr. Nancy Putt of Rasey Animal Hospital in Olean, Dr. Tonia Hite of Camp Road Animal Clinic in Hamburg, Dr. Jennifer Graf and Jennifer Leach, LVT and Operation Pets and the staff at Transit Animal Hospital in Depew? They would all arrive at Joyful Rescues spay/neutered, heartworm tested, vaccinated appropriate for age, flea/tick treated, and often with a variety of other issues tended to? This would save us from scheduling and transporting such a high number of dogs and cats for limited appointment spots with our local animal hospitals. Now enter Dr. Catherine Rasnake, owner of Appalachian Animal Health Center in Grundy, Virginia! She and her staff agreed to do exactly that. Thanks to all of you for making these Save Transports possible.

A tax-deductible donation of \$500 to Joyful Rescues allows you to sponsor an upcoming transport, choose the last name for the lives saved on your trip, be thanked on our FB page and recognized in the website description page of every dog saved on your transport. If you'd like/ can donate more, we could add the medical costs at the Appalachian Animal Health Center to your transport costs and thank you even more!!







Fostering Opportunities:

Joyful Rescues has many volunteers who offer to foster dogs and or cats into their loving homes each year. There is no doubt that fostering reduces the length of time for a pet to be adopted and increases the chances for a perfect match with a future adopter. We are ALWAYS looking for foster families!!

- Do you think you have what it takes to be a foster volunteer? Joyful Rescues only has a small housing facility for overflow. Foster volunteers bring pets into their own homes to foster & provide them with all the comforts of home until we find their perfect match.
- The pets we rescue come in all shapes, sizes, ages & temperaments. Some have been abused and have not been socialized while some are just a victim of circumstance – a move, a family illness, a master's death... Some pets will need more care & attention than others.
- All we ask of our foster parents is to provide love, attention & the best care they can to our pets until they find their forever home. Some transport will be required as well – to vet appointments, to adoption events, etc. Joyful Rescues will provide food & medications (as needed).
- It isn't always easy, as pets are a big responsibility & need guidance and training – fostering should not be taken lightly. Please keep in mind, potential parents will visit your home to meet the pets & adopt from there. Will you be able to say goodbye?



Pilot and Paws:

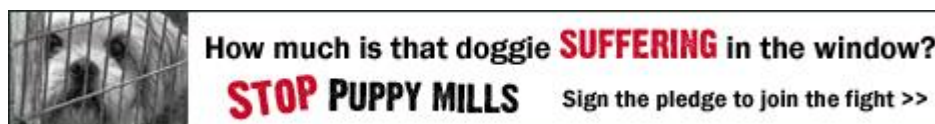
- Pilots N Paws is a group of volunteer pilots willing to transport adopted pets or pets in need. www.pilotsnpaws.org is an online discussion board. It's a place for pilots to find animals in need of a ride.
- Joyful Rescues has had several pets fly in from high kill shelters and “fly home” since February 2009. Thank you PNP!!!



6. Education & Community Outreach:

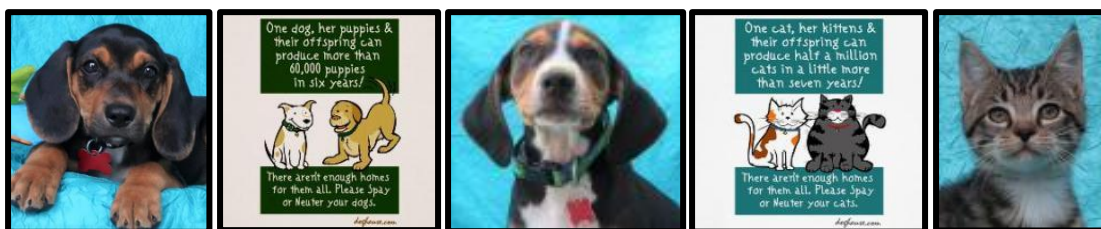
Puppy Mills Awareness Program:

- Joyful Rescues stands for “*MAKING ADOPTION YOUR ONLY OPTION*”.
- Before you purchase a puppy from a pet store, a newspaper ad or off the internet, do some research on Puppy Mills. Beware of Pet Dealers! Joyful Rescues is proud to be rescuing puppy mill dogs that would otherwise be shot or killed in some other inhumane way. We do not & will not pay a breeder to take their dogs but will take them off their hands to find them a true home full of love.
- Puppy mills are nothing new. These mass dog-breeding operations have been around for decades. They continue to thrive because they prey on unwitting consumers who are smitten by too-cute-for-words puppies in pet store windows and on fancy websites. But, behind the friendly facade of the local pet shop, the pastoral scenes on a “breeder’s” website, or the neighborhood newspaper ad, there often lies a puppy mill. These canine breeding facilities house dogs in shockingly poor conditions.
- Life is particularly bad for “breeding stock”, dogs who live their entire lives in cages and are continually bred for years, without human companionship and with little hope of ever becoming part of a family. These dogs receive little or no veterinary care and never see a bed, a treat or a toy. After their fertility wanes, breeding animals are commonly killed, abandoned or sold to another mill. The annual result of all this breeding is hundreds of thousands of puppies, many with behavior and/or health problems.
- Several hundred thousand puppies are shipped cross-country to be sold in pet shops, but many are sold via newspaper classifieds or internet sites and are often accompanied by false claims such as “we’d never sell puppies from a puppy mill” or promise that the puppies are “home raised”, “farm raised”, or “raised with kids/grandkids”. The ploys of the puppy mill are designed to dupe well-intentioned family into buying a puppy and keeping the engine of cruelty working overtime.
- There are still thousands of puppy mills that need to be shut down for good. We need your help to do exactly that: Stop puppy mills. Help stop puppy mills by spreading the word about these horrible practices. For more details on how to get involved, please visit: www.citizensagainstpupmills.org/aboutcpm.php.



Spay/Neuter Awareness Program:

- Joyful Rescues believes that the main thing you can do to help the over population of unwanted animals is to have ALL your pets spayed and/or neutered.
- Each pet adopted from Joyful Rescues will be spayed / neutered before heading to their forever home.
- PLEASE do not add to the overwhelming population of homeless pets.
- Pets that are not neutered or spayed have a direct negative impact on the homeless population resulting in more adoptable pets to die in shelters. Also, by adopting from a rescue or shelter you are rescuing an already homeless animal versus encouraging the breeding of more.
- Unfortunately, MANY purebreds find themselves without loving homes just the same as our mixed friends. 25% of animals in shelters are purebred and yes, are killed just like a “mutt”.
- Look for a breed specific rescue group if you feel you must have a purebred.



Community Support / Education Programs:

With the help of many dedicated volunteers (including four legged ones), Joyful Rescues participates and presents at many local schools, after school programs, groups or affiliations to talk about the many benefits of; saving pets from high kill shelters and puppy mills / adopting / fostering and volunteering opportunities. Through a formal certification process, our volunteers bring therapy dogs on location to have kids read to them, to comfort people going through tough / stressful times, to visit the sick and the elderly, the foster children and the list goes on. Each event is carefully selected and organized by our volunteer coordinators.

Some of the events we attended / places we presented at in 2018 included; RIT Puppy Fest, “Paws U of R” Puppy and Cat Stress Buster, Spry Middle School, Webster Schools District, Victor Schools District, Mildred Millman Radiation Center, Jamestown Community College Finals week, Eden Heights of Olean, Olean General & Cuba Memorial Hospitals, Residents at Underwood, HomeCare Hospice in Olean, Hillside Children Center, Olean Public Library, The Sisters at St-Elizabeth Motherhouse, the WNY Federation of Women’s Clubs, etc.





Tuxedo's K9 Dog Training Camp:

Joyful Rescues has been partnering with Mark Patrick, owner of Tuxedo's K9 Training Camp, for several years now. Some of the services include obedience training services, dog day care and dog boarding. Please visit www.tuxedorsk9.com for more information.



A Day in a Dog's & Cat's Life at Joyful Rescues...



