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Summer 2016

SPCA of Westchester teams up with the Soi Dog Foundation to rescue victims of the illegal meat trade

When Honey Blue, an adorable sheltie mix, gazes up with her trusting brown eyes, she could easily be mistaken for any dog who has been cherished her whole life long.

Yet just months ago, Honey Blue and hundreds of other dogs were slated to be killed for the meat trade in Thailand. While illegal in that country, dogs are snatched from the streets, backyards and family farms, crammed into wire cages and driven across the borders to be barbarically butchered for human consumption.

Fortunately, the Soi Dog Foundation, together with the Thai government, is working to end this atrocious practice. However, their efforts are sadly limited to dogs for whom they can find shelter, which is why they reached out to the SPCA of Westchester for help.

We gladly partnered with them to accept Honey Blue and her traveling



Honey Blue

companions, Carmel and Indy. To cover the expense, we set up a special fund called *Ticket to Freedom*. The price of freedom for these three sweet dogs was covered through the generosity of caring community friends.

When they reached our shelter, the dogs enjoyed a nice meal, plenty of water, and a good night's sleep. Examination by the SPCA's veterinarian revealed that Indy was suffering from an old hip injury. The only one of the three not yet adopted, Indy is making great strides with her physical rehabilitation, training and socialization skills. The SPCA's behavioral and enrichment coordinators are working with Indy to bring her out of her shell, and to prepare her for her forever home.

Honey Blue, or "our little princess," as her new family calls her, was the first to be adopted. She loves long walks in the park, playing with her new toys and enjoying sun-filled days on the patio. Carmel—now Carli—is discovering the joys of chicken jerky and liverwurst fed to her by the loving hands of her new family members. She recently enjoyed vacationing with her family in their motor home.

Across the country and around the world, the SPCA of Westchester continues to save the lives of thousands of companion animals from high-kill shelters. Working in partnership with rescue groups, and with community support, the most vulnerable animals will be forevermore protected and loved.



Carmel



Indy



AVAILABLE
for
ADOPTION





Dreams Do Come True



For years, the behavioral specialists at the SPCA have been dreaming about a dedicated space in which to hold “real life” training for dogs and cats. The true purpose of the space would be to prepare cats and dogs for their forever homes by acclimating them to the sights and sounds of houses or apartments.

Enter Michele and Bruce Stone, long-time supporters and friends of the SPCA of Westchester. Michele volunteers her time regularly by working with shelter dogs to increase their social skills for a successful family life. “As I work with the dogs, I see the need for a special place in which to carry out this important training piece,” explains Michele. Thanks to a generous donation from the Stone family, we have purchased and installed the Real Life Space and are in the process of finishing the inside, making it feel like home sweet home.



Adoptable Cat Talk



Please don't judge me by my name, Oddball. I'm really not odd at all, unless you think an affectionate ten-year old cat who loves to be petted is strange! Come visit me, and I will show you how friendly I really am! *Love, Oddball*

P.S. I'm not the only one waiting for a good home. There are lots of great cats and yes, even dogs, who would make terrific pets. Why don't you go on the Internet and visit spca914.org? You'll see me there!

Happy Tails

Wherefore art thou, Juliet?

Right at home with her new family. Juliet is thriving on nutritious food, plenty of exercise and play time and—best of all—lots of hugs, kisses and belly rubs.



Now that's the Spirit!



Since I was adopted in December, my mom named me for the spirit of the season! She says I was the best gift ever, and I think she and dad were, too!





A DOGGONE GOOD TIME FOR YOU AND YOUR FURRY FRIEND!

On Friday, October 14, we'll be puttin' on the Ritz with a festive evening of great music, good friends, delicious food and drink and fabulous canine companions!

In addition to celebrating our four-legged friends, we would also like to show our appreciation to some very special humans for their unwavering support of our organization. This year we are pleased to honor:

Carrie Bloom & Family
John W. Beach Memorial Award Recipient

Mount Kisco Veterinary Clinic
Distinguished Service Award Recipient

Livy Bergstein, Ariel Koff & Becca Dubin
of LAB Soaps
Humane Education and Youth Service Award Recipients



Some of the ways to support this event are— become a gala sponsor, place an ad or message in our Gala Benefit Journal, submit an auction item or make a donation. For more information on how you may get involved with the biggest SPCA fundraiser of the year, log on to SPCA914.org or contact Lisa Bonanno at Lisa@spca914.org, 914-941-2896 ext. 54.



Kind Kids

Thank you to the many young people who helped our animals! Below is a partial listing.

In lieu of Bat Mitzvah gifts, [Rena Lieberman](#) requested that her guests make a charitable contribution to the SPCA of Westchester.

Laura Cunningham, Symantha Ehnes, Alexa & Rachel Kitaygorodsky, Aleah Inoue, Irvington Girl Scout Troop 1559, Katonah Village Kids, Inc., Nixon Merino, Franklin Quizhpi & Michael Rivera, Ossining Girl Scout Troop 1606, Rye Country Day School 4th Graders, Maya Solnick, Temple Israel of Northern Westchester, Todd Elementary School 2nd Graders



[Charlotte Brodbeck](#) raised thousands this year for the SPCA Walkathon, and volunteers her time welcoming new animals, like this cute pup, transported to our shelter.



The SPCA of Westchester has once again been recognized by Charity Navigator as a four-star charity, its highest rating, for transparency, accountability and financial health.





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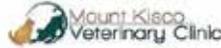


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[Hudson Fusion](#) in Ossining, for the gift of a redesigned, modern website. See for yourself at www.SPCA914.org.



[Shannon Laukhuf](#), left and [Garrett Cobb](#) hold a donation of \$25,000 from [Two's Company, Inc.](#) while Sammy enjoys the hug.

