



# You Are The Oswego County Humane Society

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*We are immensely grateful*

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We want to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our Clinic Staff and Volunteers, who have stood steadfastly by our side since the early 2010s, demonstrating unwavering determination and dedication to effect positive change within our community. Over the years, many staff members have generously sacrificed their days off from full-time employment to assist in spaying and neutering efforts. Their patience and collaboration during our relocation efforts have been commendable, as we collectively managed to establish a new clinic space that prioritizes safety, cleanliness, and operational efficiency.

Since our clinic began operations, we have spayed or neutered 7,865 cats as of the end of August. We can see the profound impact our clinic has on the community and we are committed to diligently continue our scheduling in order to serve our community to the best of our abilities. Our clinic not only benefits animals, but also helps families. Through spaying and neutering, pets can remain in their homes, ensuring their well-being and the risk of reproductive diseases is much reduced. By preventing unplanned litters, we alleviate stress for families who love their pets. And in the long term, we advocate for spaying and neutering to curb the population of unwanted, abandoned, and homeless animals.

The doctors, technicians, assistants, and volunteers form the cornerstone of our program. Their unwavering support and dedication are integral to our identity and success. We hold immense respect and gratitude for their indispensable contributions. We are so grateful, and yell THANK-YOU to our current clinic team: Dr. Nicole Carista, Dr. Jonathan Gorman, Tracie Backentross, Sam Irish, Sibyl Carnal, and Emilee Harp. The veterinary sector is currently facing challenges in the availability of trained personnel, and our ability to operate amidst these circumstances is solely due to their dedication.

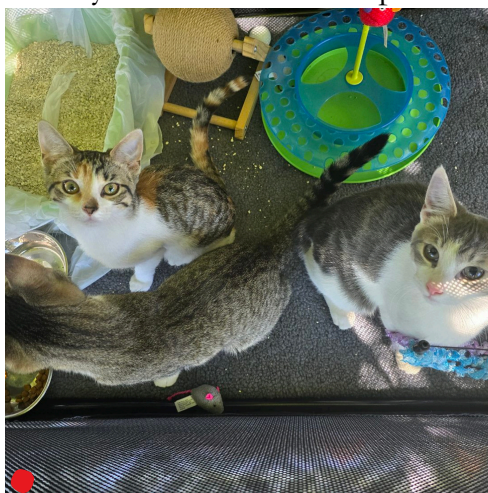
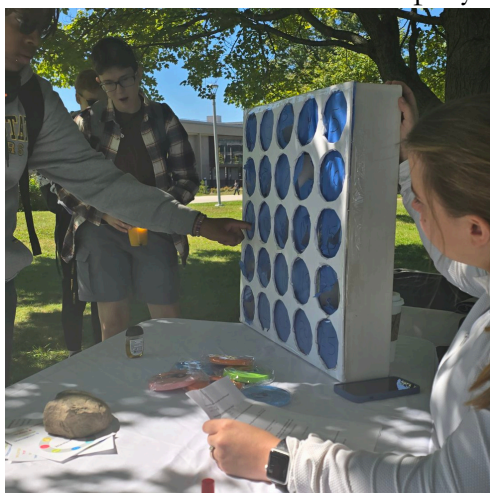


# Spreading wellness all around.. with snuggles!

Every year, SUNY Oswego's Counseling Services Center hosts their Mental Health and Wellness Fair. The Oswego County Humane Society eagerly signs up to promote social and emotional wellness through healthy pet interactions and animal welfare advocacy.

We can see the stress that the start of a college career or new semester can bring. What better solution than to offer some adorable kittens to play, pet, and admire? Sometimes, this is a first-time interaction with an animal, as some students do not have pets at home. For others, it brings comfort while missing their best friends back at home. Our staff welcomes all opportunities to be out in the community. This fair focuses not only on students, but also staff and employees. Participants visit various vendors and tables, collecting stamps for each dimension of wellness explored. They can then enter and win raffle prizes.

Our Poke-Hole trivia is popular among supporters and we geared a new set of questions to challenge and educate students and employees. Everyone loves to win a prize!



The last 2024 Oswego County Health Department Rabies Clinics is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th from 6-8 PM at The Oswego Town Highway Garage

This is by appointment only and you can call 315-349-3564 within one week of the clinic to get scheduled. The suggested donation is \$7.00.



**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
OSWEGO COUNTY

Remember, it's the Law to have all dogs, cats, and ferrets over the age of 4 months vaccinated against rabies!

Are you in need another option for immediate vaccination or basic care?



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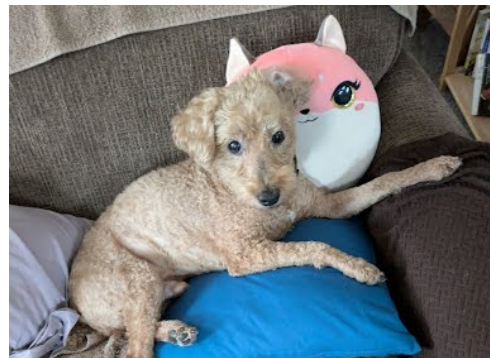
Held commonly at local Country Max and Tractor Supply Stores, visit their website for dates, times, and services.

[www.vippetcare.com](http://www.vippetcare.com)

# Where do our adoptable animals come from?

In every newsletter we feature heartwarming adoption updates to showcase some of the loving homes and happy pets in our community. But before animals are ready for their forever homes, before we get to know them, they each come with a story all their own. We do not always show how animals come into our organization or about the caring families who make difficult decisions to surrender based on their circumstances, so here we have highlighted how pets find their way to us!

Did you see Stewie on the CBS-5 Pet Segment in August? Stewie was surrendered by his owner due to his need for expensive medical care for his chronic dry eyes. Even though his yearly care became too much, he was always much loved. The owner made the difficult decision to give Stewie a chance at the stress-free life he deserves. And Stewie did find the best home in Sackets Harbor, with a family with both poodle and eye care experience!



Charlie and Millie were transferred from another organization, the Oswego City Animal Shelter! After a previous adoption, we had a foster home available with no pending intakes for kittens. Charlie and Millie were juveniles in the shelter who could best benefit from a foster home environment, with lots of enrichment, socialization, and one-on-one care. They were adopted at the beginning of September!

Jasmine and her litter mates were surrendered back in February due to a common issue: the lack of access to affordable spay and neuter services. Managing the care of two cats can already be challenging, but imagine the struggle of handling nine after one of the adults gave birth to a litter of seven! The family did provide everything they needed but it was too much to have that many cats long-term. Jasmine has since found a great home and her 4 sisters are still looking!



Little baby Chlli was a spicy orange kitten surrendered during a clinic. She was a lonely abandoned singleton with no mom or other cats around her. She was brought in by a caring person and it was clear that she needed some love and care. Despite her spiciness, there was an instant connection with one of our clinic staff members and Chili had a foster home and future forever home before her paperwork was even submitted into the system!

# Support for OCHS comes in a variety of forms, shapes, and methods!

Over the summer, we have welcomed support in many different ways! Novelis held a multi-month supply drive, collecting many items, including pet food, treats, toys, litter and scoopers. We also received cleaning supplies, from soaps and multi-purpose cleaners to brushes, sponges and bleach! Each item has a use that helps support our programs and services. Food and pet supplies in our pantry continue to serve our adoptable animals and foster home needs, and the needs of families in our community. Cleaning supplies play a crucial role in helping us uphold sanitation standards both at our facility and in foster homes.

Are you looking for a way to help?  
Becoming a Constant Companion simply means committing to regular donations, at an amount that you are comfortable with!

This not only assists us with budget planning but also can make charitable giving more convenient for you!

And it helps animals.

[www.oswegohumane.org/donations](http://www.oswegohumane.org/donations)

Raby's Ace Home Center generously donated a new utility tub to our building, which will serve multiple purposes. This tub enables us to wash large items such as crates, carriers, and litter boxes. Its depth, along with a pull-out faucet, makes it perfect for giving small baths to our furry fosters and allows for pre-soaking items before laundering them.

We are incredibly grateful for this kind of support. Every contribution, big or small, truly matters.

**OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY EVENT IS IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!**

## Crafters & Creators Wanted

FOR OUR **HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

AN OSWEGO COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY BENEFIT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

OSWEGO ELKS LODGE 10 AM-4 PM

**\$30.00**

ONE SPOT & DONATION TO RAFFLE  
8 FT TABLES AND CHAIRS PROVIDED

FOR THE APPLICATION, PLEASE EMAIL

[KATRINA@OSWEGOHUMANE.ORG](mailto:KATRINA@OSWEGOHUMANE.ORG)

OR CALL 315-207-1070

SET UP STARTS AT 8 AM

VENDORS MUST STAY THROUGH ENTIRE EVENT



\*Adoptable animals will be present