



# PAW PRINTS

## Winter 2021-2022

[www.StLawrenceValleySPCA.org](http://www.StLawrenceValleySPCA.org)

### Shelter Hours:

Tues-Sat 1:00-4:00 By  
Appointment Only  
Closed Sunday, Monday &  
Some Holidays.

### Location:

6718 SH 68  
Ogdensburg NY 13669

### Address & Phone

P.O. Box 594  
Ogdensburg Ny 13669  
(315) 393-5191

### Adoption Fees:

Dogs- \$90.00

Cats- \$65.00

This fee includes spay/neuter  
distemper, parvo, rabies &  
upper respiratory vaccinations.  
Animals will be checked for  
worms, fleas, ticks and other  
parasites and treated if  
necessary. Cats can be tested  
for feline leukemia for an  
additional \$25.00 fee.

### Shelter Wish List:

- Litter, Litter & More Litter
- Laundry Soap & Bleach
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- 13, 45 & 55 Gallon Heavy  
Duty Trash Bags
- Purina Cat Chow/Indoor/  
Outdoor (Green Bag)
- Purina Cat Chow (Blue Bag)
- Purina One Cat Chow  
Urinary Tract Health Formula
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Pedigree Small Dog  
Breed Hard Food
- Purina Dog Chow (Hard)
- Cat Treats
- Soft Dog Treats

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### Shelter Notes

In 2021 the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA with the assistance of Town & Country Veterinary Clinic (Ogdensburg) sponsored two rabies clinics for the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department. A total of 145 pets were vaccinated (97 dogs, 43 cats and 5 ferrets). The Public Health Department provided the vaccine for the clinics and tags for the dogs. Staff members Pattie Olson and Kindra Cousineau, with the assistance of local town clerks and the Ogdensburg City Clerk's Office (Cathy Jock, City Clerk and Brittany Kelso, Deputy City Clerk) oversaw the pre-registrations for the clinic participants and the distribution of the Rabies Certificates after the clinics. Thanks to each of them for their assistance in providing this service to County residents and their pets in our county-wide effort to reduce the possibility of rabies in our domestic population.

Town & Country staff members administered vaccinations and assisted with animals: John "Jack" Zeh, DMV; Lindsay Duda, DMV, Jodie Bell, Practice Manager; Alicia Dunn LVT, Michaela O'Reilly LVT, Laurie Beggs, LVT, Jessica Manson, LVT, Stefanie Griffith, LVT; Allison Parker and Lisa Pray. Thanks to each of them for providing this valuable service to local domestic pets.

Thanks to the volunteers from the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA who handled check-in, traffic control, verified documentation, distributed dog tags and brought cats and ferrets to the inside vaccination site: Ingrid Baltradis, Karen Cunningham, Joanne Denny, Timothy Dibble, Patricia Edwards, Joseph "JT" Lalonde, Tom LaRose, Dawn Merna, Jeff Smith, Kasey Smith, Sue Watson, Karen Wright and Tim Wright.

### 11th Annual

A Hearty North Country Dinner

January 23, 2022-3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

at

The Freight House Restaurant

20 Market Street (Off New York Avenue)

Ogdensburg

315-393-9088

Sponsored by Caitie and Keith Morgan  
to Benefit the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA

### Take Out Only

Masks/Social Distancing Recommended

Dinner & Dessert -\$10.00 at the Door (no pre-sales)

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Bread & Dessert

If cancellation of the event is required, notification will occur by  
Sunday January 9, 2022

# Animal Helpers Deserve Thanks

The dedicated people who work in our country's open-admission animal shelters-shelters that welcome every needy animal that comes through their doors and never turn animals away-deserve our thanks and support for the difficult work they do.

Working in a shelter is physically demanding. Employees heft heavy dogs onto examination tables, unload vans full of food and supplies, scrub down soiled kennels and cages, launder load after load of bedding. They get scratched-and sometimes bitten-by animals who are confused and terrified at arriving at the shelter. Many shelter workers wear scrubs because there's a good chance they will be covered with slobber, muddy paw prints, cat hair and some even less-appealing substances by the end of the day.

Their work also takes an emotional toll. Shelter staffers assist animals in every condition-from strays who are screaming in pain because they've been hit by a car and orphaned new born puppies and kittens who must be bottle fed every few hours to bone-thin dogs who are aggressive after being kept chained outside their entire lives and bewildered, frightened cats who have been removed from the only home they've ever known after their elderly guardian has passed away or entered a nursing home.

Shelter workers also have to hear the many excuses that people give for surrendering their animals: He barks too much, he doesn't bark enough. She's too friendly, she isn't friendly enough. We're moving and it's too much trouble to bring him with us. He's getting old and the kids want a puppy. Her fur doesn't match the new furniture-and on and on.

People who work in shelters handle all this because they're committed to providing a safe haven for animals who have no other place to go and because they love animals. That's what makes another aspect of their job so wrenching; the need to euthanize animals in order to accommodate the never-ending stream of cats and dogs who pour through the doors day after day. It takes a brave and selfless soul to feed, walk, play with and love a dog or cat for a short time, knowing that you may soon have to give that same animal a painless release from a world that has no decent place for him or her to go. Until breeders, puppy mills and pet stores stop pumping more puppies and kittens into a world that's already short on homes and until spaying and neutering are the norm everywhere, euthanasia will remain a sad-but merciful-necessity for open-admission shelters. It's painless for the animals, but for the workers who must perform it, it's anything but.

On top of the heartache of having to euthanize animals, workers at open-admission shelters are increasingly attacked by anti-euthanasia campaigners and put under tremendous pressure to end euthanasia at all costs. But the alternatives-keeping animals caged indefinitely, turning them away to suffer and die slowly in the streets or handing them over to anyone who will take them (including hoarders)-leave animals in peril.

As much as they might wish for one, shelter workers have no magic wand they can wave to create homes for all the animals who need them. But each of us can save lives-and make life a bit easier on shelter workers-by preventing more animals from being born in the first place. Spaying and neutering our animal companions-and encouraging and helping our friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to do the same-is the key to ending animal homelessness and the resulting need for euthanasia. It's also the best way to say "thank you" to the kind people who care for our communities' lost and abandoned animals every day.-----Lindsay Pollard-Post, Senior Writer with PETA

## You Know You're a Dog Person When. . . .

- You have a kiddie wading pool in the yard but no children.
- You can't see out the passenger side of the windshield because there are nose prints all over the inside.
- You have more photos of your dog in your wallet than anyone else.
- You carry dog biscuits in your purse or pocket at all time.
- Your dog has more blankets than you do.

## Bottle & Can Redemption Benefits the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA

A quick and easy way to help the Shelter is to return bottles and cans to area redemption centers and ask that the deposit proceeds be donated to the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA. Those in the Ogdensburg area are:

**Dasher LLC**  
205 Cedar Street, Bldg B  
(315) 393-1750

**Perry's Place**  
7211 SH 68  
(315) 393-5106

**Call ahead for Open hours**

Our sincere thank you to all who support the Shelter and our work caring for homeless animals.

Thank you to David Mitchell of Hammond, NY who built and donated a cherry mantle clock which is 1st prize in the 2021 Winter Madness raffle.

## Winter Pet Care Tips-Advice for the Colder Winter Months

**HOUSING:** Be sure to provide proper shelter for your pets. If yours is an indoor pet, his bed or crate should be kept in a warm, draft-free area, preferably elevated slightly off the floor. If your pet is kept outdoors, provide a warm insulated pet house or shelter. The house should be elevated enough so that moisture cannot accumulate inside. If possible, provide a "door" (perhaps of canvas) to keep out the winter winds. If your pet is in a pen, you should block the wind and weather with bales of straw and stretch canvas over the top of the pen. **No animal should remain outside in severely cold weather or wind chill. Bring them inside the house or a garage with proper shelter and bedding.**

**FROSTBITE:** Remove ice and snow from your pet's paws and coat at once. Frostbitten skin may turn reddish, white or gray, and it may be scaly or sloughing. If you suspect frostbite, take your pet to a warm place immediately. Thaw out frost bitten areas slowly by applying warm, moist towels that are changed frequently. Continue until the affected areas become flushed. Contact your veterinarian as soon as possible; he or she will probably want to evaluate the seriousness of the condition.

**SNOW REMOVAL SALT:** Some substances produced to melt ice and snow have low to moderate toxicity, depending on the ingredients and amount ingested. Read the labels and take necessary precautions. Keep these products stored in tight containers out of your pet's and children's reach and be sure to remove salt from your pet's paws immediately.

**ANTIFREEZE:** Even a small amount of antifreeze can be fatal. Precautions are necessary with ALL antifreeze products on the market. Read labels and warnings carefully. Thoroughly clean up spills at once. Keep containers closed tightly and store them where pets cannot get to them.

**NAPPING CATS:** Cats sometimes climb onto vehicle engines for warmth. Before starting your vehicle, knock on the hood and honk the horn. Even if your own cat does not have access to your vehicle, a neighbor's cat might have taken shelter there.

**FOOD:** Staying warm requires extra calories, so feed your pet accordingly when the temperature drops. Talk to your veterinarian for advice on feeding your pet.

**WATER:** Always have fresh, clean water available for your pet. If your pet is kept outdoors, be sure to check his water frequently since it may freeze

Make sure your pet's vaccinations are up to date. Discuss with your veterinarian the options available to combat fleas and ticks and protection against heart worm. Talk to your vet about physicals and how often they should be performed. Usually an annual check up is advised but this number can increase as your pets age. Don't neglect dental check-ups and care. Your pet depends on you!

### Don't Forget Your Dog's Dental Needs!

According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, 85% of dogs have dental problems. Still, many pet owners to whom veterinarians recommend dental work for their dogs say no. The downhill slide begins with plaque and tartar buildup. Over time, they will open the door to gum disease, which in turn can lead to heart, liver and kidney damage.

You don't want to go here. The problem is the animals can't speak up, so their mouths should become familiar territory to their owners. Symptoms of dental problems are:

- persistent bad breath
- sensitivity around the mouth
- pawing at the mouth
- reluctance to chew hard food or toys
- difficulty eating or chewing
- bleeding, inflammation or receding gums
- plaque, tartar, facial swelling
- drainage from one side of the nose or mouth
- loose, broken or missing teeth
- baby teeth that haven't fallen out by 5 months old
- tumors of the gums or jaw

Dogs can also suffer broken teeth. If they're not repaired, these can be a source of constant pain. Veterinarians can provide teeth-cleaning and other dental services, but like human teeth, a great many problems can be avoided by good dental hygiene. The American Kennel Club recommends a diet of dry kibble and regular brushings. Purchase a toothpaste for dogs (do not use the human variety, it will give your dog a tummy ache) or make a paste of baking soda and water. Vigorously scrub the outside surfaces of the teeth, especially in back. Using gauze, gently massage the gums. It isn't necessary to brush the interior surfaces of the teeth.

Have your vet check your dog's mouth for problems at annual check-ups. If your dog is a senior citizen, he should see the vet at least twice a year. If your dog develops an accumulation of tartar, which looks yellow and brown, he should have a professional dental cleaning under general anesthesia. Get into the habit of checking your dog's mouth at least once a week.

## 2021 Memory & Honor Illumination for Pets

During the holidays, the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA, will, for the 23rd year, be sponsoring Memory & Honor Lights for Pets. They will be illuminated from December 11-January 1 at the SPCA Shelter, 6718, SH 68, Ogdensburg. The Shelter is asking a donation of \$1.00 per bulb with contributions to benefit the animals cared for by the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA. Our pets are such an important part of our lives that it is only fitting to remember and honor them during this season of love. Please complete the form below and mail, with your donation, to the **St. Lawrence Valley SPCA, P.O. Box 594, Ogdensburg, NY 13669**. The event will raise funds to cover the ever increasing cost of shelter operation. Thanks to you all who have supported us in the past and will do so this year. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

### 2021 Christmas Memory & Honor Illumination for Pets

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bulbs Sponsored \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

(The SPCA is requesting a minimum of \$1.00 per bulb sponsored) (Please Indicate Species)

Pet Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Cat \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please continue on separate paper if needed. Mail to the St, Lawrence Valley SPCA, P.O. Box 594, Ogdensburg, NY 13669. Please write legibly.**

### 2022 St. Lawrence Valley SPCA Critter Giver 500 Club

The SPCA Critter Giver 500 Club is about to enter its eleventh year. We are continuing to pursue our goal of having 500 members willing to contribute \$10/month to support the efforts of the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA.

The yearly membership is **\$120.00** payable in one payment or members have the option of paying bi-annually (two installments of \$60.00), quarterly (four payments of \$30.00), or monthly (twelve payments of \$10.00). Each member of the "500 Club" is assigned a membership number and receives a membership card.

In 2013 we learned that there were individuals who would like to participate in the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA Critter Giver 500 Club but were financially unable to participate as a full member. Therefore, we began offering an Associate Membership to these individuals. The yearly membership is **\$60.00** payable in one payment, bi-annually (two payments of \$30.00) or bi-monthly (six payments of \$10.00). Each associate member of the "500 Club" is assigned a membership number that they will share with another associate member, as well as receiving a membership card.

**A membership in the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA Critter Giver 500 Club makes a great Christmas gift for yourself or others.** It is an opportunity to support the work of the Shelter throughout the year. These funds are used to meet expenses related to the day-to-day operation of the organization.

If you are interested in participating in the "500 Club", please leave your name, address, e-mail address and phone number at (315) 393-2847 and a membership packet will be sent to you.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN FOR 2022!!

#### Donations to the SPCA through Amazon

By signing up with [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and shopping with AmazonSmilePrime, a donation will be made to the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA by AmazonSmile. A great way to help homeless animals in our community.

AmazonSmile: You shop. Amazon gives.

[SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://smile.amazon.com)

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## Top 10 Deadliest Toxins

### **5-Fluorouracil**

Found in topical skin cancer treatments that may be licked off their owners' skin by pets or ingested from the product containers themselves. Exposures may result in bloody vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, anemia and death. Of the dogs that ingest 5-FU, 64% die or are euthanized.

### **Amphetamines**

Found in prescription ADHD and weight loss medications, and also available as illicit drugs. Exposure can result in hypertension, tachycardia, ataxia, agitation, tremors and seizures in pets.

### **Blue Green Algae**

Cyanobacteria that can be found in large amounts in lakes, ponds and rivers and may appear to be "scum" on top of the water. Toxic blooms occur following warm, sunny weather especially in ponds with runoff from fertilized fields or pastured animals. Ingestion can cause vomiting and diarrhea, neurologic signs and liver failure.

### **Hops**

Definitely a concern for home brewers and sometimes even in supplements. Ingestion of hops (*Humulus lupulus*) by dogs causes their body temperature to skyrocket. Signs can be seen within hours. Dogs become agitated and begin to pant. Their body temperature can get high enough to kill them-up to 108 degrees Fahrenheit.

### **Metalddehyde**

The active ingredient in some snail and slug baits that can cause vomiting, tremors, seizures and death.

### **5-Hydroxytryptophan**

A serotonergic over-the-counter medication can cause depression, vomiting, anorexia, ataxia, muscle tremors, arrhythmia, hypertension and serotonin syndrome in exposed pets.

### **Baclofen**

Pets may ingest their owners' prescription medication and develop vomiting, ataxia, vocalization or disorientation, and potentially, the life-threatening signs of slow breathing/heart rate, respiratory arrest and seizures, possible leading to death.

**Calcium Channel Blockers:** Diltiazem, Amlodipine, Verapamil, Nifedipine, etc.

Prescription medications used in people and pets to lower blood pressure, treat chest pain and irregular heartbeat; as a class, they have a low margin of safety and rapid onset of signs such as vomiting, lethargy, depression, ataxia, severe hypotension, bradycardia, hyperglycemia and electrolyte abnormalities may occur.

### **Lamotrigine**

Prescription anticonvulsant medication-can cause vomiting, lethargy or hyperactivity, tremors, heart rate abnormalities and seizures.

### **Methomyl**

The active ingredient in some fly baits that can cause signs within 30 minutes of ingestion, which include salivation, vomiting, ataxia, weakness, seizures and death.

For more information please visit [aspca.org/apcc](http://aspca.org/apcc)

**ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center**  
**(888) 426-4435**

# St. Lawrence Valley SPCA 2021 Winter Madness Raffle

1st Prize: Cherry Mantle Clock Valued at \$150.00\*\*

2nd Prize: \$100.00 Lowes Gift Card, 3rd Prize: \$50.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card

Tickets: \$2.00 ea. or 3 for \$5.00 Drawing: December 18, 2021

All Proceeds Benefit the Animals of the St. Lawrence Valley SPCA

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