



MONROE ANIMAL LEAGUE

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AN INDEPENDENT, ALL VOLUNTEER, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HELPING THE ANIMALS IN MONROE COUNTY SINCE 1943

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2003

LANCASTER COUNTY IS THE PUPPYMILL CAPITAL OF THE EAST COAST

There are over 200 puppy mills in Lancaster County.

Tens of thousands of dogs suffer in puppy mills in Lancaster County.

Mills are distinguished by the inhumane conditions and constant breeding of unhealthy and genetically defective dogs solely for profit.

The Dogs in puppy mills are usually kept in cages with wire floors for their entire lives. They are never let out of the cage.

Dogs in puppy mills are constantly bred from the time they are 6 months old.

The food in puppy mills is usually so devoid of nutritional value that their teeth start to rot at early ages. Dogs who are over 3 years old often have lost most of their teeth.

Many dogs in puppy mills suffer serious medical problems that lead to blindness, deafness, and death because the mill will not spend money on medical care.

Dogs at most puppy mills are kept in outside cages even in the freezing cold, snow and rain.

Two young children are responsible for caring for over 70 dogs at one Amish mill.

One Amish farmer testified at a zoning hearing that he wanted to breed dogs because his old chicken coop was too small for chickens. His permit was approved by a zoning board that had no compassion for the dogs.

Dogs in puppy mills are sometimes debarked by sticking a metal pipe down their throats and hitting it with a hammer.

When the dogs reach the end of their breeding life, they are often killed or sold to laboratories.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP THE MISERY? BOYCOTT LANCASTER COUNTY

Local and state officials have refused to help the dogs – they said the dogs don't have any money and don't vote. But **YOU DO!**

Send a message to state and local officials. Tell the stores, hotels and restaurants that you will not visit a county where such suffering exists.

Prisoners of Greed Puppy mills Breed Misery



Her Name is Hope.

She is a 6-year-old Maltese from a puppy mill. She weighed 2 pounds. She was extremely malnourished. Her teeth were rotten. Infection had spread through her body. Her long hair had fallen out. It was time for her to be killed. Hope has been saved. She asks you to give HOPE to millions of dogs suffering in puppy mills.

WHEN MONEY WALKS, MONEY TALKS.
Take your money and walk away from the County of Cruelty
Info provided by Hearts United for Animals

PET HEALTH INSURANCE

Several months ago, I was researching the subject of pet health insurance as a topic that may interest many of our readers, and was hoping to have some helpful information on choosing a provider.

Most basic policies seem to range in the \$10 to \$20 per month fee, but actual pricing depends on many factors such as the type of pet(s), number of pet(s), their age(s), breed(s), etc. There are policies that have a yearly deductible and others that are per incident. Co-pays also vary.

I have come to the conclusion that there are so many variables, only you can decide if pet health insurance is beneficial to you and your pet(s), and which pet health insurance carrier is best. PETS, or www.petinsurance.com, PetCare Pet Insurance offers coverage in 45 states and can be contacted at 1-866-275-PETS, or www.petcareinsurance.com. These are two of the largest providers of veterinary pet insurance.

GOODBYE SKUNK AROMA

Mix together the following:

1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide
¼ cup baking soda
1-teaspoon liquid soap

Soak the dog with water and then work the solution into a thick lather on the dog. Leave the lather on for 3 – 5 minutes and then rinse off. Make certain you do not get any of the solution into the dog's eyes.

The Neponset Valley Humane Society of Norwood, MA printed this recipe in their April 2003 edition of the NVHS News as a tried and proven method of removing skunk odor from dogs.

NBC FITFEST AT PHILA CONVENTION CENTER LINKS PETS & GOOD HEALTH

The PSPCA Mobile Adoption Unit was the most popular site at the NBC FitFest last April where families learned how pets contribute to a healthy lifestyle. The list of reasons to own a pet can go on for a long time.

Pets not only boost emotional well-being, they also play a special role in physical health and in recovering from an illness.

Seniors learned the special benefits of having a pet when you are 60 years of age or more. Studies have shown that seniors who own dogs go to the doctor a lot less than those who do not. In a study of 100 Medicare patients, even the most highly stressed dog owners in the study had 21% fewer physician contacts than non-dog owners. The activities of daily living of seniors who did not currently own pets deteriorated more on average than those respondents who currently owned pets.

Seniors who own pets cope better with stress without entering the health care system. Pet owners have lower blood pressure and lower triglyceride and cholesterol levels than non-owners. Animals can permit an elderly person to be alone but not lonely and give seniors a nice sense of security.

Studies show that contact with pets develops nurturing behavior in children who may grow to be more nurturing adults. Children exposed to humane education programs display enhanced empathy for humans compared with those not exposed to such programs.

Children develop positive self-esteem with pets. Children's cognitive development can be enhanced, and youngsters with pets are more involved in activities such as sports, hobbies, clubs or chores.

Excerpt from Animaldom

COMING EVENTS

West End Fair – Aug. 24 - 30 Be sure to visit our booth and sign our petition for animal control.

The Monroe Animal League will have our usual space at the fair courtesy of Creature Comforts. We hope you will continue to show your support for the needy animals of Monroe County by stopping by and patronizing our booth. There are many **free handouts and guides** covering all aspects of pet ownership, and you can also **enter our annual free guess the amount of dog bones contest**. There is something at our booth for all ages to enjoy, so don't delay, visit us first. Try your luck at winning the **\$500.00 first prize offered in our raffle**. Tickets are sold for \$1. each or you may prefer to get 6 tickets for \$5. **Raffle tickets** will be on sale every day right up to the last night of the fair when the winning tickets will be drawn.

MAL tee shirts and sweatshirts will be offered for sale at our booth or by phoning 570-476-8444, 24 hrs.

Entertainment Books will be available at the West End Fair or also by placing an order with the League at 570-4768444, 24 hrs. The N.E. Pa books are \$25, & Lehigh Valley books are \$30.

Nose At the Window – Our children's book will be offered for sale at the West End Fair or by placing an order with the League at 570-476-8444, 24 hrs. The price is a mere \$8.

RABIES CLINIC - Please phone in with name and number to volunteer and get starting point and time.

PET PHOTO WITH SANTA – Details will follow at a later date as to where and when our annual pet photo with Santa will be held. Please check the local newspaper and watch for flyers as to when this annual event will take place.

TRAVELIN' SANTA – Santa and his photographer will be making house calls for all the pampered pets in Monroe County. Children and adults may also enjoy the pleasure of a photo with Santa at home. Details will be in our winter newsletter, along with an ad in the local newspaper and flyers about town.

PETITION – MONROE COUNTY RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

FACT:

When cats and dogs are roaming the streets, stranded in the middle of a pond or on a rooftop, there is no group or agency in Monroe County besides one Dog Warden to help. Most rescue groups are not trained to handle these situations nor do they have the equipment to do so; no local agency is staffed to take care of these matters.

SOLUTION:

The Monroe Animal League believes we, along with other Monroe County Residents and Property Owners, can help alleviate this situation by

- (1) Urging the Dept. of Agriculture to provide an additional Dog Warden to serve Monroe County, and
- (2) Asking the Monroe County Commissioners to establish an Animal Control Agency to humanely address the plight of animals injured, distressed or abandoned in Monroe County.

SUPPORT:

To show your support, please sign below. Be sure to complete address, phone number, and date.

Thank you.

Please click [here](#) for the downloadable petition.

PET ALERT

Bunchers: People in our area making a profit by using our pets in unethical ways.

Pet Peddlers prey on people who can no longer keep their pets (beware of a white van in our area).

“VULNERABLE PETS”

1. Pets in the FREE column (are sometimes sold to laboratories).
2. Beagles (because of their good temperament).
3. Unattended pets in yards.
4. Pedigree animals (can be sold or bred).
5. Black cats, white German Shepherds (Satanic cults prefer).
6. Pets tied to the front yard (are easily seen by Bunchers).

WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR PETS

1. When running your FREE pet ad, put also “no Bunchers” and “contract must be filled out.” (Make sure you are able to visit the pet if you want to. See if it’s okay with the new owner).
2. Background checks are public information at local courthouse (civil & criminal).
3. Make copies of this flyer available to other pet owners.
4. Bunchers use vans; it lets them hide dogs and cats inside.
5. Call the prospective adopter’s vet before giving away your pet; find out about past and present pets and how the people are with their pets.
6. Pet Rescues will help you find an appropriate home for your pet.
7. Spay and neuter your pets.
8. “Bunchers” will put on a good act; they will play with your dog and cat. They may also be in a hurry to leave your house.
9. Watch for any suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood. Get a description and license number.
10. Visit the adopter’s home.
11. Pet shops might take your 8-week-old kittens (call them first).
12. Form a neighborhood watch. Keep an eye out for each other’s pets.
13. Pet peddlers will give you the wrong directions to their house and may provide a disconnected phone number. **YOU TAKE THE PET TO THE NEW HOME YOURSELF TO CHECK IT OUT. AT FIRST, LEAVE THE PET ON A “TRIAL RUN” BASIS FOR 30 DAYS!**

LET US ALL COME TOGETHER TO STOP THE BUNCHERS IN OUR AREA!

Thank you, Pet Rescue

A HUGE THANK YOU TO:

Jumpin Jeff Walker & The Wackjobs and 98.5 KRZ for the very generous donation they made to the Monroe Animal League from the proceeds of the sale of their CD called Highly Contagious. P.O. I would advise you to run out and purchase their CD as I think it’s great.

Many thanks to Grand Rental Station of East Stroudsburg, PA for donating the use of their tables for our annual yard sale, and to all who helped make our annual yard sale a success. This includes everyone who donated items for the sale, helped pick up and deliver donations to the barn for storage, priced things, worked at the sale, etc. We just couldn’t do it without your help.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of – Gloria Burnett, Anna Ezzo, Keith R. John, Joseph A. Lebzelter, David Metzgar, Rafell, and Ruth Mae Rinker

In Honor of – Corky & Ms. Kitty

REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR MR. Z’s and KINSLEY’s REGISTER RECEIPTS!!!

Help Stop the Killing of Dogs and Cats!



1. If you have a dog or cat, have the animal spayed or neutered to prevent reproduction.
2. Don't buy from breeders or pet shops.
3. Adopt from a shelter. Wonderful animals of all kinds including purebreds, are waiting for caring new owners.

Millions of animals have to be killed each year in the nations' shelters because of dog and cat overpopulation. Help stop the killing!

For more information, contact International Society for Animal Rights Inc.,
Clarks Summit, PA 18411
Phone: (570) 586-2200 FAX: (570) 586-9580 Email: contact@isaronline.org



MONROE ANIMAL LEAGUE 2003 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME _____

MAILING _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ DATE _____

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE \$ 10.00

DONATION (optional) \$

ENDOWMENT FUND (optional) \$

TOTAL \$

I AM INTERESTED IN BEING A VOLUNTEER _____

Please make checks payable to: **MONROE ANIMAL LEAGUE**
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