

Please Remember the Animals

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At this time of year, most of us concentrate on the Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations. We not only think of our families, but of the well-being of neighbors and those in difficult circumstances. In our immediate area, we have quite a few organizations that care for people and animals all-year-long and who deserve some special help for the holidays. Children are always remembered, but some others in our society are last on the list. As a Christian, I always try to remember that Christ was born among the animals, so if that was good enough for Him, it should be for me.

☛ *Family of Ellenville*, located at **221 Canal Street**, is a wonderful group that takes in clothes, food, and gives assistance to those who need it in our area.

☛ *Canal Lodge Adult Care Center*, also at **221 Canal Street** – You can call and ask if they need pet therapy. Your dog or cat must have all his shots and you must be sure he will not bite or scratch. (647-8461)

☛ *Fur Ever Animals* is a non-profit rescue group – PO Box 261, Montgomery, NY 12459 (457-8147)

☛ *Horse Rescue* – (1-914-657-8178)

☛ *Noah's Ark* – PO Box 275, Stone Ridge, NY 12484

☛ *Pet's Alive* – 363 Darby Rd., Middletown, NY 10940 (386-9738)

☛ *Project Cat* – 571 Co. Rte. 2, Accord, NY 12404 (687-4983)

☛ *Rondout Valley Animals for Adoption* – 4628 Route 209, Accord, NY 12404 (687-7619)

☛ *Sullivan County SPCA* – 104 Rock Hill Rd., Rock Hill, NY 12775 (796-3120)

☛ *T.A.R.A.* is a low-cost spay/neuter van with a veterinarian who will spay/neuter your pet on the spot. Call 754-7100 for appointments.

☛ *Ulster County SPCA in Kingston* – (331-5377).

This is the time of year that I ask you all to help your local animal rescue society. Here is a poem that reminds us why we need to adopt from a shelter.

A RESCUE PET'S CHRISTMAS POEM

by David the Dogman

("David the Dogman" is Dave Gross, a policeman and dog trainer from England. Thank you, David)

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town,
every shelter is full – we are lost but not found,
Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,
we hope every minute that someone will care,
They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,
"Come here, Max & Sparkie – come fetch your new ball!"
But now we sit here and think of the days
we were treated so fondly – we had cute, baby ways.
Once we were little, then we grew and we grew,
now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.

So out the back door we were thrown like the trash,
they reacted so quickly – why were they so rash?
We "jump on the children," "don't come when they call,"
we "bark when they leave us," climb over the wall.
We should've been neutered, we should've been spayed,
now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made.
If only they'd trained us, if only we knew, we'd have done
what they asked us and worshipped them, too.
We were left in the backyard, or worse, left to roam,

now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.
They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye,
"Maybe someone else will give you a try."

So now here we are, all confused and alone,
in a shelter with others who long for a home.
The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,
with so many to care for, they can't stay to chat,
They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer,
we know that they wonder how long we'll be here.
We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads,
of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.
Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears,
our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.

If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn,
could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?
We count on your kindness each day of the year,
can you give more than hope to everyone here?
Please make a donation to pay for the heat
and help get us something special to eat.
The shelter that cares for us wants us to live,
and more of us will, if more people will give.

Here is a dog cookie recipe (cookies for the dog).

2 cups of flour

¼ cup of vegetable or olive oil

1 teaspoon of garlic powder

1 teaspoon of baking powder

Add a little milk to make it soft enough for cookies

Put on lightly oiled cookie pan

Oven at 400 degrees for 15 minutes.

(If you want them to be sweet, just add honey instead of garlic powder.)

Please do not buy or adopt a new pet just before or on Christmas Day. The excitement is too much for a frightened new pet. Guests can also inadvertently leave a door open. Either adopt now or after New Year's Day.

Finally, although it is too late for Thanksgiving, do not give your pets turkey gravy or large portions of turkey. NO BONES and NO CHOCOLATE. Veterinarians get a lot of calls and visits on diarrhea day that comes on the day after the holidays. On that cheerful note, have a wonderful holiday season. ✨



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