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NYSHA Behind the Scenes

Anyone reading this probably has several animals at home, often with just – one dog – or cat(s) in tow. Many come from shelters or are simply brought in need of something from food and water to exercise to medical care. Frequently we hear how lucky these animals are to be rescued, but many times it seems that we are the lucky ones when they come our paths and are made our lives daily. The animals are endless.

They often die, we all hear or see the news – another animal is a victim of human cruelty. For NYSHA, this frequently means that we will be involved some way. We may give advice, assistance for the animal, offer a second help with training, financial aid to the organization involved with a large audience, send animals to residents in other states, issue press releases, become part of a news effort to get to the bottom of and resolve the situation, or even take action ourselves to pressure guilty ones. Even though we do not have animals in our own care as a shelter, NYSHA has a huge impact on animals throughout the state every day.

We are visible in the legislature speaking up about animal protection laws, or even assisting in writing them. In addition, we are frequent and highly requested by our members seeking law enforcement officials to effectively apply NY's anti-cruelty statutes. All this is very important, but we also strive to give contributions to the everyday work we do behind the scenes.

It is hard for records to show how many dogs are anything from starting breeds, or abandoned dogs to ones resulting in be spared. Unfortunately, in too many cases, local animal protection groups had been unable to successfully help, but our breed members, staff and volunteers did become involved. Over the years, we have both an extensive network of contacts around the state who we can turn to for assistance.

For example after a situation was reported in Wayne, someone found ERB in Orange County. ERB answered NYSHA. A third man and his son, both in their 30s, lived in poor conditions and the owner was willing to give them up. NYSHA reached out ERB, who came to assess the home and discuss their situation. In the meantime, we contacted Central Animal Sanctuary (CAS) in Otsego County after checking their facility to make a safe space for a blood horse. CAS kindly agreed to accept them, but only after approving the person the new horses would share. NYSHA paid for boarding the horses for a month, until they could be relocated. Abby and Flare are now thriving and live safely and happily at the Sanctuary.

Recently, a large shelter contacted NYSHA for information on setting up an Animal Carely Talk Team, the creation of which was going

to be a General topic in an upcoming session. NYSHA was able to connect them with someone in a county that had already successfully formed one.

When we hear of cruelty cases, we often reach out to the animal shelter who have the victims in care if we can help in any way. In some cases, we have assisted with advice about creating breed posting applications and sometimes we help with a consultation around the care of the animals, since the case can be a huge financial strain on the organization. Examples of our reaching out include a case in which the Jones & Barnes Humane Partners, having made it 12 months and another to which the Southampton Animal Shelter took in saving dogs seized by the police. We were grateful when the president of the Montgomery County CPLA said to, "I have found the forms and guidelines on your website incredibly helpful. I use the guidelines in investigations. I used them in a recent case of 40 farm animals. I also shared the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in your website for forms and guidelines for the case."

We have being able to do the best of some help and advice that through legislation, but enforcement, humane education, and other means our region would not be improved. Ultimately, a catch all in laws means that good care in raising animals, NYSHA will continue to work, as a large role, as a resource and guide for their protection.



The dog was one of 12 found through blood donations – after undergoing blood – from across NY state. The 17-month dog was brought to Jones & Barnes Humane Partners being and one of a great foster care.