On Saturday, August 10, 3-year-old Lilly, the Labrador Retriever mix, was hit by a car and transferred to the SPCA after she was stabilized at an emergency veterinary clinic. She sustained a bad femoral fracture with several fragments. Both of her front legs had severe skin lacerations, and both were bandaged when she came in. Because she must’ve been so solidly hit by the car, Lilly also sustained trauma to her lungs which made it difficult for her to breathe.

Because of her unstable lungs, Lilly was not stable enough for us to put her under anesthesia for surgery. I prescribed antibiotics, IV fluids, and pain medications. The veterinary staff watched her carefully and we put her in an oxygen cage because she wasn’t breathing well. I didn’t want her to have increased respiratory effort because it would worsen the leakage in her lungs.

On Monday, we changed the bandages on her front legs and assessed the damage. We put a sugar bandage on both, which helped to remove dead tissue, promote some healing, and prepared her wounds for potential laceration repairs.

On Wednesday, we changed all of Lilly’s bandages and we could see that things were improving. On Thursday, I felt she was doing well enough out of her oxygen cage that we elected to do surgery that day.

Because her lungs were still fragile and I didn’t want any more lung damage to occur, Dr. Cucui and I worked on Lilly at the same time together. Dr. Cucui amputated Lilly’s hind leg while I addressed the lacerations on her front legs. A veterinary technician monitored Lilly’s anesthesia closely to make sure her lungs were doing well.

We monitored her closely for the next 48 hours and Lilly recovered perfectly! Her amputation and laceration sites healed well, and we removed her stitches. Lilly was adopted very quickly, which came as no surprise to me because this dog is a sweetheart!
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

A year seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye! But it was a year of continued successes for the SPCA Serving Erie County.

The Stanford & Judith C. Lipsey Veterinary Clinic is up and running, serving the public! Our veterinarians, along with students from Lincoln Memorial University, are working together to meet our goal of helping pets remain in their homes. In October, the Lipsey Clinic saw almost 250 clients, and the numbers go up every month.

Our Strategic Planning Committee, comprised of board and staff members, worked tirelessly throughout the year to complete several important initiatives such as updating the SPCA’s mission and vision statements. The mission statement has recently been posted throughout the building to keep our goal — “...to create a more humane community through education; rescuing, protecting, and enhancing the lives of animals; and nurturing the bond between animals and people” — top of mind to all staff and visitors.

The committee also oversaw the implementation of an Awareness & Perception Study, which will help to inform our decisions for many years to come.

2019 saw the formation of the WNY Human & Animal Abuse Coalition, and establishment of the Sheltering Animals for Emergencies (SAFE) program, which provides long-term sheltering of pets for victims of domestic violence. This program meets a critical need in our community as more than 40% of domestic violence victims stay in an abusive situation out of fear for what would happen to their pet if they left.

These successes, and many others, wouldn’t be possible without President and CEO Gary Willoughby and the hardworking, knowledgeable, and amazing SPCA staff. Thank you also to the Board Executive Committee — Jeff Birtch, Nick Gentile, and Jennifer Walter — and all the dedicated and enthusiastic Committee Chairs and Members.

Oh, and another 2019 success was the Schechter family adoption of Trix, the bunny! Isn’t he adorable?

2019 was another milestone year for the SPCA Serving Erie County. Our partnerships grew in many ways, allowing us to help more animals and the people who love them.

We are honored to soon host the nation’s first tele-health medical care program for a number of recently adopted cats in partnership with Lincoln Memorial University’s School of Veterinary Medicine and the Catalyst Council.

Our SPCA is also building strong ties with agencies who support victims of domestic violence, becoming a strong community partner for pet owners looking to safely leave an abusive situation. With your continued support and trust, our board of directors, staff, and volunteers will continue to find more ways to help.

Gary Willoughby II
President & CEO

WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT: HAWK HITCHES A RIDE IN THE MOST UNUSUAL WAY

BY BARBARA HANEY, WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

In the middle of August, a Red-Tailed Hawk was probably going about his summer day hunting when a car on the NYS Thruway got in his way. The car was going at least 65 mph when the driver noticed a hawk on the side of the road eating lunch. Right as the SUV was approaching, the hawk took off and a collision occurred between the hawk and the front grill of the SUV.

The driver pulled off at the Pembroke service area and discovered that the hawk was wedged inside the front grill. The driver called for help. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Officer Wilson and New York State Trooper Musynski came to the rescue! Officer Wilson called a local wildlife rehabber who works closely with the SPCA’s Wildlife Department and helped get the bird to us!

Incredibly, when the hawk arrived at the SPCA and was assessed, there was only one broken primary feather with a small amount of blood. That was his only injury! He had many flat flies that we helped remove with a spray and we gave him a couple of very good meals, including extra vitamins and, in a day, he was released!
INVESTIGATIONS AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT GOES ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE

Officers LeShay and Wlodarczyk removed tangled fishing line from a goose’s foot on July 25, 2019. The SPCA received many calls about this goose and initially one officer responded, but he was unable to confine the animal because of the size of the Lancaster pond the goose was in. The Investigations and Rescue Department worked as a team utilizing a kayak to eventually confine the goose. They provided initial triage and got the goose back to the SPCA’s Wildlife Department for a further examination. The goose was released shortly after the fishing line was removed from his foot.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE DONORS WHO LEFT A LEGACY GIFT TO THE SPCA DURING OUR 2019 FISCAL YEAR:

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In January 2019, the SPCA received a call for assistance from the SPCA Serving Allegany County. They had a case involving more than 100 farm animals living in deplorable conditions on two separate properties that were owned by the same individual.

After a search warrant was granted, five SPCA Serving Erie County employees (including both of our Educational Farm staff members) assisted with the day-long rescue. One hundred and forty animals were rescued from the two properties including cows, sheep, goats, ponies, miniature horses, ducks, chickens, dogs, and cats.

This past March, we transferred in two animals from the case: Flint, a 5-year-old brown and white pinto miniature stallion and Opal, a 7-year-old bay grade pony mare. During their stay with us, our dedicated farm staff and volunteers acclimated the pair with daily handling and care. Additionally, the pair were updated on their vaccines and hoof trimmings and Flint was gelded. Flint and Opal made great progress during their stay here and both were quickly adopted!

LEAVE A LEGACY OF COMPASSION

Let your love of animals become your legacy and help sustain the operations of the SPCA for years to come by including the SPCA in your estate plans.

A bequest is one of the easiest and most impactful ways to support the SPCA’s mission. Planning giving options include:

- Wills
- Trusts
- Charitable gift annuities

For more information, visit YourSPCA.org/donate/planned-giving, or contact Jennifer Gurz, Chief Development Officer, at 716-875-7360 ext. 219 or jenniferg@yourspca.org.
**2019 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW**

**Oct 1, 2018 - Sept 30, 2019**

### ADEMISSIONS

- **8,986**
  - Cats: 4,628
  - Dogs: 3,200
  - Others Animals: 1,158

### ADOPTIONS

- **5,741**
  - Cats: 2,895
  - Dogs: 1,942
  - Others Animals: 904

### TRANSPORTS

- **1,438**
  - Total Animals
  - Cats: 151
  - Dogs: 1,192
  - Others Animals: 95

### FOSTER CARE

- **2,604**
  - Cats: 1,763
  - Dogs: 535
  - Others Animals: 306

### CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS

- **3,168 Cases**
  - Requiring 6,162 Responses by Officers

### RESCUE CALLS:

- **1,120 Domestic Animals**
- **783 Wildlife**

### EDUCATIONAL FARM

- **119 Farm Animals/Fowl Adopted**

### TRANSPORTS (Farm)

- **1,253 Total Farm Volunteer Hours Each Month**

### WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

- **3,381 Animal Intakes**

### BEHAVIOR DEPARTMENT

- **1,581 Evaluations**
- **717 Behavior Modifications**
- **77 Rescue Placements**
- **19 Pups at the Pen Graduates**

### CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS (Behavior)

- **1,945 Spays**
- **1,782 Neuters**
- **331 Other Surgeries**
- **406 Yelp for Help Patients**
- **186 Dentals**

### VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

- **60+ Commercial Size Loads of Dishes Per Day**
- **2,000 Loads of Dishes Per Month**
- **800+ Pounds of Laundry Are Done Per Day**
- **25,000 Pounds of Laundry Per Month**

### ANNUAL FOOD USAGE DONATED BY PURINA

- **20,000 CANS**
  - Adult Wet Food
- **4,000 POUNDS**
  - Adult Dry Cat Food
- **40,000 CANS**
  - Wet Kitten Food
- **3,100 CANS**
  - Wet Puppy Food
- **9,500 POUNDS**
  - Wet Dog Food
- **2,000 POUNDS**
  - Dry Puppy Food
- **13,000 POUNDS**
  - Dry Adult Dog Food

### EDUCATIONAL FARM

- **1,945 Spays**
- **1,782 Neuters**
- **331 Other Surgeries**

### BEHAVIOR MODIFICATIONS

- **170 Tale for Two Participants**
- **250 Registered for Summer Camp**

### HUMANE EDUCATION

- **607 Volunteers**
  - 586 Dogs
  - 15 Cats
  - 1 Bird
- **287 Sites Visited**
- **2,100 Students**

### PAWS FOR LOVE

- **1,794 Total Volunteers**
- **68,541 Volunteer Hours**
- **1,716 Youth Service Hours**

### VOLUNTEERS

- **607 Volunteers**
  - 586 Dogs
  - 15 Cats
  - 1 Bird

### LIPSEY CLINIC

- **166 Spays**
- **211 Neuters**
- **111 Dentals**
- **57 Other Surgeries**

### Because of You

- **1,945 SPAYS**
- **1,782 NEUTERS**
- **331 OTHER SURGERIES**
- **406 YELP FOR HELP PATIENTS**
- **186 DENTALS**

**VETERINARY DEPARTMENT SERVICES PROVIDED TO SHELTER PETS**

**LIPSEY CLINIC SERVICES PROVIDED TO OWNED PETS**
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