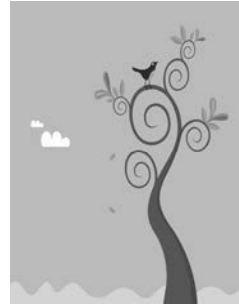




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## **THE HELPING PAW NEWSLETTER**



### **FIVE STARVING HORSES RESCUED**

Suffolk County SPCA agents, acting on a tip from a neighbor, raided a home in Central Islip and found five desperate horses living in horrid conditions. It was determined that the horses were suffering from severe, long term neglect and cruelty. The owner of the horses was charged with five counts of animal cruelty regarding the neglect and inhumane treatment of the five horses.

Community response to this story of animal neglect has been heartwarming. A local group of 20 young people volunteered their time to give the horses the love and care they were lacking. Many callers to the SPCA office have asked how they can help to prevent such terrible abuse to horses. Chief Roy Gross reports that this tragedy has sparked a campaign for people to be aware of signs of neglect: underweight, poorly kept enclosures, swollen knees, protruding ribs and visible wounds.

In addition to the young people who volunteered their time and caring, the Long Island Horsemen Association recently hosted a Charity Horse Show to benefit the five horses rescued by the Suffolk County SPCA . The entire proceeds from this show and event will go the Suffolk County SPCA for the care and rehabilitation of the horses, now known affectionately as the "CI-5."

The Suffolk County SPCA is raising funds to help defray the cost of caring for these horses, estimated to be about \$7500 monthly. These costs include shelter, food and veterinary care. Your help is needed for us to continue caring for these horses so they will be back on the road to recovery.

The Suffolk County SPCA and a coalition of equine organizations has formed a steering committee to help deal with issues pertaining to the adoption of abused and abandoned horses as well as a forward looking project to develop a plan to provided for horses in emergency situations. Individuals interested in volunteering to work with the group should contact the SCSPCA.

We are offering "CI-5" T-shirts for a donation of \$35.00. Please use the form on the last page to order your T-shirt. Be sure to include it with your check. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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### **RECENT EVENTS...**

Fifteen sickly cats and kittens were rescued from an abandoned home by SPCA agents. In another case involving a citizen complaint, detectives from the Suffolk County SPCA along with Humane Officers from the Emergency Animal Response Team found and removed 2 horses who were victims of neglect. They will be offered for adoption if they can be stabilized by local veterinarians. Investigators also found 40 cats and kittens inside the house, some of which were dead. The owner was arrested and charged with multiple counts of animal cruelty.

## **FIFTY SIX DOGS RESCUED FROM E. NORTHPORT HOME**



Suffolk County SPCA Agents raided a suspected puppy mill and found 56 dogs, including 7 newborn puppies, living in squalid conditions. The air in the house was so foul that agents were forced to wear air masks and carry air tanks. The dogs, who were mostly small breeds, were crowded into small cages filled with urine, feces and moldy food. Our SPCA MASH UNIT, a mobile surgical hospital, was brought to the area to immediately assess the health of each of the rescued dogs. The owner of the dogs faces misdemeanor animal cruelty charges, and if found guilty, could face one year in prison. All of the dogs were spayed or neutered by local veterinarians, and were made available for adoption. We are happy to report that the dogs were all adopted and living in wonderful homes where they are loved and cared for.

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## GOATS STOLEN, STRANGLED, KILLED



Another horrifying incident of cruelty to animals, thieves invaded a local farm, stole two pet goats, and strangled one of them to death with a belt. It was particularly horrifying, as the goats were pets of the family, comfortable with humans and affectionate with children. Teddy often followed his owner's son around the farm like a puppy dog. Teddy, pictured here with his owner, was found strangled by a local jogger, while Pinky, the other goat who was stolen, has not been found as of yet. The family is hoping for his safe return, and the Suffolk County SPCA has offered a \$15,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who killed Teddy.

### ~I Rescued A Human Today ~ by Carl Nyland

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel, I blocked her view from a little accident I had at the back of the cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today.

Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them. As she read my kennel card, I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was fortunate that she came down my corridor.

So many more out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one. I saved a human today....

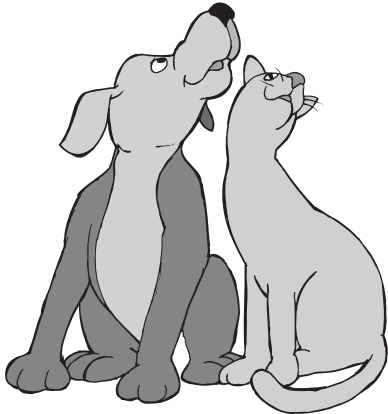
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*Our civilian humane workers are volunteers who work on non-criminal investigations as well as delivering the support services ( free rabies clinics, spay/neuter programs, animal rescue) that the SCSPCA provides.*

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Thank you for your generous support. Your gifts are important to us especially during these tough economic times!!

**A Dog Sits Waiting...by Kathy Flood**

A dog sits waiting in the cold autumn sun, Too faithful to leave, too frightened to run. He's been here for days now with nothing to do But sit by the road...waiting for you. He can't understand why you left him that day. He thought you and he were stopping to play. He's sure you'll come back, and that's why he stays. How long will he suffer...how many more days? His legs have grown weak, his throat's parched and dry. He's sick now with hunger and falls, with a sigh. He lays down his head and closes his eyes. I wish you could see how a waiting dog dies.



For a donation of \$35.00, The Suffolk County SPCA will send you the CI-5 shirt. As limited quantities are available, they will be sent on a first come, first served basis.

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