

Rescue Bank[®] Affiliate Newsletter

Summer 2018

New and Noteworthy

Staff Changes

- We said Goodbye to Kira Perney who has left Rescue Bank after two years.
- Melanie Meadows joined Rescue Bank as Affiliates Manager.
- Kathy Poritzky joined Rescue Bank as Operations Liaison.
- Jennifer Galeano has returned from maternity leave in the new role of Projects Manager.

Affiliate Updates

- New York: Welcome to Mary Tschinkel and Kevin Dever of Friendly Ferals, Inc. as our new Affiliate organization in New York. They replace Joanne and Alicia with All About Spay and Neuter who we thank for their hard work in the role.
- Florida: Sue Martino has opened a second warehouse in DeLand, Florida to extend her coverage to the north of the state.

GreaterGood.org News

- Rescue Bank and the GreaterGood.org proudly partnered with 23 organizations to help lead partner HSUS with an unprecedented spayathon in Puerto Rico from June 3 to June 9. Over 5,600 dogs and cats were spayed and neutered within the six days. Phase Two is set for November 1st and the bar has been raised to do even more. We were proud to provide 92 pallets of food for the recipient families. Our very own Shelter Program Manager, Melissa Vecera, plans to attend the second spayathon.
- GGO's Jackson Galaxy has launched the Cat Pawsitive program which works to help cats feel more comfortable in shelters and catch the eye of potential adopters. Cats can be taught to give high-fives, sit on command, spin in circles which gives shy cats more confidence to come to the front of their kennels and make eye contact with potential adopters. Cat Pawsitive mentors use a "train the trainer" approach to work with shelter staff and volunteers on positive-reinforcement clicker training techniques that can improve the well-being and adoptability of the cats in their care.

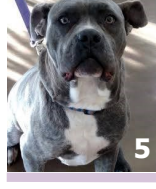
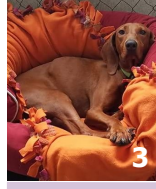
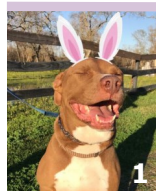
Recipient Photos: 1. Sam, K9 Kare, Texas, 2. Monsoon, Kitty Cat Connection, Missouri, 3. Scarlett, I Heart Dogs Rescue and Animal Haven, Michigan 4. Rocky, Rockin Pets Foundation, California, 5. Sir Gideon, ABRA, Illinois



Melanie Meadows



Kathy Poritzky



Tips & Tricks

One of the most common challenges that Affiliates encounter is how to report split pallets (i.e., when food from one pallet is split between several Recipient groups) on inventory worksheets. For example, pallet 1 is split between four Recipients and becomes pallets 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D.

For more detailed instructions, refer to document #1000-3 *Inventory Work Instruction* or contact Melanie Meadows.

Upcoming Events

- On August 1st, the Rescue Story Contest kicks off where we will award prizes for the best examples of the work done by our Recipient organizations.

This year, we have increased the number of categories and prizes. We are also hoping to receive additional sponsorship to make the awards even more exciting.

Categories include:

- * Best All Round Story
- * Most Compelling Story
- * Best Photograph
- * Best Before and After Photograph
- * Best Cat Video (max. 2 mins)
- * Best Dog Video (max. 2 mins)
- * Too Good to Ignore e.g., Most humorous face

Please let your Recipient groups know so they can start thinking about this. Do not submit stories that you may want to enter into the contest until August 1st or until we formally send the announcement.

- Rescue Bank's shelter program is expecting a shipment of iheartdogs.com rubber balls in the next few months.

Year to Date

2017

14,482,718 pounds

of pet supplies delivered

2018

7,658,794 pounds

of pet supplies delivered in 2018 **AND COUNTING!**

Rescue Bank Stories

MEET RECIPIENT, TALON!



Talon was surrendered by his owner; we learned that he had fallen ill with a condition called Mega Esophagus (ME). He was regurgitating his food as his esophagus does not push his food into his stomach. We learned how to feed Talon using a special Bailey chair that allows him to sit up during eating, thus reducing the number of regurgitations he experiences.

We are hopeful Talon can find a forever home with a person dedicated enough to make some special dishes and stand next him for 30 minutes three times a day while he eats!

Thank you Saving Pyrs in Need, a Recipient Organization of our Affiliate Lone Star Pyrs and Paws in Dallas, Texas for making a difference in Talon's life!

MEET RECIPIENT, ZENA, THE WARRIOR PRINCESS!



Zena was discovered at a community cat colony site with a severely injured leg when she was about eight weeks old. She was trapped and immediately socialized. Even though she came from a cared for colony that is supplied with food by Rescue Bank, Zena needed medical attention or her missing leg would impede her chances of survival in the wild. (Hence the name Zena, Warrior Princess — her fight to survive was so very strong!)

Zena went to a rescue where she received the medical attention she desperately needed because funds were available, freed up from the food budget. Zena is in a loving home now and her lack of a fourth

leg does not impede her in any way. Food from Rescue Bank followed her from minute one!

Thank you Community Cats United, a Recipient Organization of our Affiliate 4 Paws Animal Rescue in Detroit, Michigan for making a difference in Zena's life!

Affiliate Close-up

SUE MARTINO. FLORIDA

How did Pet Project for Pets Start?



The Pet Project for Pets began in 2002 to answer a call for pet

parents who had HIV/AIDS. Social workers were telling these individuals that not only did they have a terminal illness (at that time it was still a death sentence, now a disability), but they would also have to give up their pets. There were no funds or programs available to help them provide for their pets. Pet Project for Pets was the answer for these individuals. They were given food, supplies, reduced cost vet care, and vaccines which enabled them to keep and provide for their pets.

How long have you volunteered in animal welfare?

My first animal welfare volunteer opportunity was when I was 13 years old. I was a volunteer at the New York City ASPCA in the Education department. There were a number of animals that we had to care for, learn about, and then present on Saturdays to school groups. I remember a Codi Mundi, a Marmoset Monkey, a Boa Constrictor, a Parrot, and many other creatures. I learned quite a bit about the animal world and loved every minute of it.

What is your favorite part of Rescue Bank?

I love the Rescue Bank not only for the food, supplies, and treats that are donated and distributed to so many rescue groups, which enable us all to save and provide for more pets. But, what stands out to me is how these groups who never interacted before are now collaborating and helping each other. They are working together and helping so many more pets in need. This is the true meaning of "A Village", which is what it takes to make the difference we are all working towards.