

The Kind-Hearted & Smart Society

Because we know that you care about animals and the people who love them, we would like to invite you to join us as a member of the Oswego County Humane Society's *Kind-Hearted & Smart Society*.

Why that name you may wonder? Well first of all the Humane Society is all about "heart." We encounter situations that are, in a word, heart-wrenching. And one by one we find happy heart-warming solutions. So far this year we have accomplished that for 361 animals, dogs and puppies and cats and kittens and several horses.

None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of kind-hearted people like you. Most of our hands on animal services are provided by volunteers—but with the back up of phones and computer systems and printers and paper and advertising dollars and equipment and veterinary services that make it happen. We hope that you agree with us that our growing rescue and adoption program is effective and worth your committed support.

But the Humane Society is also all about being "smart." We know that we can't adopt our way out of the problem of companion animal neglect, abandonment and homelessness. We can help the animals in urgent need now, but for the future we need to prevent unwanted animals from being born. And that is where our spay/neuter clinic comes in. So far this year we have spayed or neutered every dog and cat that we have adopted out, and we have spayed or neutered 306 cats living in low income households. That is enough to prevent thousands of unwanted kittens from being born—but there are thousands more. Your committed support to fund our spay neuter services for low income households really can help us reach our goal of No More Homeless Pets in Oswego County.

We are asking you to make the same pledge that we have all made—a commitment to your chosen level of support for the next five years. It really doesn't matter how much you are able to commit at this time. We know full well that times are hard. What matters is that the Humane Society can plan for the future knowing more about what its projected income will be. You can join online or download a pledge form to mail in. And we would be glad to meet with you in person to discuss in more detail what we are doing and our plans for the future.

Please feel free to call the Humane Society if you have any questions or to set up a time to meet. And thanks again for being a part of our community.