



SALLY THE "HATCHET DOG" POSES FOR HER CLOSE-UP

# Saving Miss Sally

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Thousands of animals come through our doors. Most cases are due to neglect or the result of living on the streets, but examples of abuse from humans are not rare. This story is about saving Miss Sally and the heart-breaking realities the shelter faces every day. Her recovery, both physically as well as mentally is a testament to the amazing work being done by the shelter workers and volunteers. All this is possible through the help and support of donors like you. Thank you!

**It was a dark, cold November morning** when an Allentown resident called the police upon finding an emaciated and seriously injured pit bull on their porch. No collar - no tags, just deep cuts on her body and a severe gash on her head, reminders of her past life with humans. The officer brought her to the Dixon street shelter where her wounds were evaluated. We named her Sally. She was rushed to the Allentown Animal

Clinic for immediate medical treatment. Dr. Elena Sawickij performed the surgery to clean and close the nearly 20cm gash that had cracked Sally's skull, exposing brain tissue. She also treated other deep cuts and punctures covering the small body. The head wound was symmetrical and too deep to be self-inflicted. It was determined that it was the result of being struck with a tremendous amount of force with something like a hatchet.

Once Sally was cleared for release, she returned to the shelter for a long road to full recovery. She was placed on a special weight-gaining diet and had months of veterinary follow-up care to ensure that her skull would heal. While her prognosis was uncertain, Sally had acquired a large fan base and they were pulling for her recovery. Since then she has spent nearly eight months recuperating. On the surface, it was apparent that Sally had suffered (continued p. 4)

# Shelter Tales



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**Save the Date**  
**July 16!**



Shelter begins campaign for much needed medical care funds for homeless animals.



# Tsunami hits Lehigh Valley Again

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As temperatures rise in the Lehigh Valley, so do the numbers of puppies and kittens. It's known in the animal welfare industry as the "tsunami season," due to the explosion of unwanted litters ending up in shelters. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (aspc.org), 6-8 million animals enter shelters in the United States each year.

According to PETA (peta.org). "Dogs and cats reproduce year-round, but early spring through late fall is prime breeding time—especially for cats, whose heat cycles are triggered by increased daylight hours. Think you can wait "just a bit longer" to have a cat spayed? We can't tell you how many times people are surprised to find out that their kitten has become a mother herself. Female cats can go into heat every two to three weeks and can become pregnant while they are still nursing

kittens. One cat can give birth to multiple litters over the course of a single season."

The overflow of unwanted kittens and puppies can cripple shelters, with some taking in hundreds each month. Initially they steal the show but it quickly becomes overwhelming. Older animals also suffer as their chances for adoption lessen. Sterilizing even one cat or dog can prevent thousands

more from



being born. According to PETA, "without spaying, one female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 dogs

in six years, and one unaltered female cat and her descendants can lead to a staggering 370,000 in only seven years. Male animals contribute to the overpopulation crisis even more than females do: Just one unsterilized male animal can impregnate dozens of females, creating hundreds of unwanted offspring."

If saving the lives of thousands isn't enough to convince people to sterilize their pets, spaying or neutering poses multiple health benefits. In females, it prevents a fatal condition called "pyometra." Pyometra occurs when the uterus becomes infected and fills with bacteria and pus. If a pet is diagnosed with pyometra, emergency surgery is required. Spaying your female cat or dog will also lessen their chances of mammary and other cancers. In males, neutering helps curb aggression and dangerous dominance behaviors such as biting. It also helps prevent testicular and prostate cancers, which are often life-threatening.

The only way to help curb the spring pet over-population problem is by sterilizing pets prior to them reaching sexual maturity. Please do your part in preventing unwanted litters and always spay and neuter your pets.

**Spring Bingo raised \$13,620. for the shelter. Thank you Tracey & volunteers . You are all amazing!**



Thank you Lehigh County 4H Vet Science Club. From washing dishes to walking dogs - love your enthusiansm!



Our great team from Target! No task too small or too large. We are so grateful for Target Tuesdays! True animal lovers. Thank you.

### Charitable Gift Planning



More and more people are creatively planning their donations in retirement. You can now confidently plan to use your IRA to make a qualified charitable distribution. Age 70-1/2 or older?

Then you may direct a portion or all of your required annual distribution to support the lifesaving work of the Humane Society. Not only do you help the animals, your donated withdrawal will not incur federal income tax


The gift must be made directly from a traditional IRA account by your IRA administrator to the Lehigh County Humane Society. The donation cannot be directly withdrawn by you or it may not qualify. For more information, call Mary at the Humane Society, 610.797.1205.

### Celebrate a Special Day



*Starts September 1. Just contact us at the shelter and we'll let you know how to start the celebration. With our easy to use website, you can customize your very own donation page.*

*Thinking of a fun way to celebrate your own or a loved one's birthday, anniversary, retirement or any other special occasion? Want it to be meaningful? Want people from all over the world to be able to participate? We have the answer. Gifts can now be made as honorariums and will benefit our animals in countless ways. Your designee will receive some very fun and heart-warming advisements. Participating friends and relatives will also be entered in the Celebration Drawings of the year held in December.*



**Please volunteer.**

- \*Early morning dog walkers for Saturday and Sunday.
- \*Fund raising committee
- \*Cleaning and gardening

**Call: 610.393.4939**

E-mail [mshafer@lehighhumane.org](mailto:mshafer@lehighhumane.org) for more info.

The official registration and financial information of the Lehigh County Humane Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800)732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

## Lehigh County Humane Society Wish Lists –

Please help us by purchasing or donating toward these much-needed items

- Animal Care Wish list**
- Large dog leashes
  - Training harnesses (L & M)
  - Smoked large bones
  - Kongs
  - Kuranda beds
  - Dog shampoos
  - Electric clippers
  - Grooming Scissors
  - Dry dog food – no red dye
  - Boiled Chicken or grocery gift cards
  - Tablesoons for preparing canned dog food

- Cleaning Wish List**
- Paper towels & glass cleaner
  - Plug in air fresheners and refills
  - Dish detergent
  - Bleach
  - Laundry detergent
  - Scrub brushes

- Office and Grounds Wish List**
- Tree Trimmers and garden tools
  - Home Depot gift cards
  - Empty office paper boxes for storage
  - Staples Hot Laminating Sheets or gift cards
  - Staplers
  - Black Permanent Markers

- Medical Wish List**
- Surgery Table
  - 2 - Anesthesia machines
  - Large Latex Gloves
  - Disposable surgical gowns
  - Lysol wipes
  - Pulse Oximeter for animal use

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from terrible abuse, cruelty and neglect. Her psychological struggles would take some time to be revealed. At the shelter and while in foster care, she was terrified of other dogs at the shelter and displayed fear aggression.. She hid her food in the back of the kennel and would not eat in the presence of other dogs. She was aloof, not making eye contact with her human handlers – not expecting any human kindness.

**Time heals all things**

Sally’s recovery is an ongoing process, and her progress has been remarkable! Due to her nutrient rich diet, she has gained the necessary weight to be classified as a healthy female adult. She enjoys her walks with staff and volunteers and has learned to live alongside other dogs at the shelter without displaying fear or aggression. The most remarkable aspect of her journey is that she has learned to recognize the souls within the people around her. She responds with curiosity and excitement and is eager to learn and be loved. Sally is available for adoption. Due to her traumatic history, she would do best as an only pet in the home. Please help us get the story out about Sally. Surely we can find her a forever home. Contact us and we will e-mail you a Sally flyer that can be posted at work, your place of worship or any of your favorite public places.



I’m learning good manners from my friend Michelle. –  
Love, Sally

I am a good dog with an easily managed skin problem. I am housebroken and obey commands. I love people, other dogs and cats. Why did my owners abandon me?



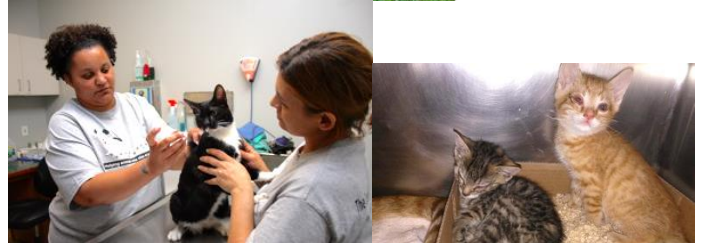
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NEEDS A HOME

Generosity saves lives



ADOPTED



To date, Sally’s story has helped generate thousands of dollars. This outpouring of support from donors all over the country made it possible to take care of Sally’s medical needs. Yearly, the shelter spends over a quarter of a million dollars on medical care and this number is on the rise. The injured, starving, abused and neglected animals come in withal sorts of issues. Parasites, debilitating illnesses ,serious infections, broken/missing limbs, and heartbreaking wounds and burns.. The numbers absolutely crush our resources. This is why we are starting a permanent medical fund. Our goal is to make sure that we can always provide help to an animal in need.. *When tragedy strikes, humanity never fails to rise from the ashes.* For this we are grateful. Thank you everyone who made Sally’s recovery from tragedy possible.

The L.C. Humane Society Medical Fund

**I want to help. Here is my donation to provide medical care to homeless animals who find refuge at the shelter.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle donation: \$25, \$50, \$100, \_\_\_\_\_**

**Other**

**Thank you for caring so much about our animals**

**Please Mail to: 640 Dixon Street, Allentown PA 18103**

## In Memorium

- Theresa Acerra  
By Patricia A Bowman  
Desiree Gagge  
Kevin and Donna Bridges  
Sandra Evans  
Diane Mack  
Ron Gogle  
Annette Gagge
- Lisa Baker  
By Dr. Jane Pile
- Tammy Sue Bauer  
By Michael and Carol Vorholy  
John and Patricia McKenna  
Hal and Ginny Mann  
Tom/Eileen Bibler
- Carlene Bennicoff  
By David/Eileen Berlin  
James/Marianne Buzinski  
Earl Ramsey  
Suzanne Horn  
Karen Kern  
Charles/Phyllis Breiningen  
Barbara Ruch
- Audrey Brandis  
By Donna and Andrea Bastian
- Mary Jane Capuano  
By Patricia Dall Piazza Lee  
Tara M Snyder
- Mike Celia  
By Edith Caleca  
Dorothy Fest
- Richard Christofaro  
By Robert/Patricia Geneczko
- Richard Colfer  
By Norman/Elaine Haberman
- Eileen Dorney  
By Robby/Denise Micklus
- Frank Faulhefer  
By Theresa Kunda
- Markus Foerster  
By Mary Shafer
- Nancy Halperin  
By Halperin Next Generation
- Peter V Fritch  
By Paul W Strauss  
Gerald/Jean Strauss  
James/Judith Spaits  
Ramona Rickert
- Peg Kirkpatrick  
By Gloria Scheidler  
Evelyn/Robert Salem  
Evelyn Barone  
John/Charlotte Bryk  
Carol Sikora  
Michael/Joan Bretzger  
Sacred Heart Hospital  
Transitional Care Facility  
Barbara Wardenski
- Richard Kingston  
By Mary Ann Sedlock
- Barbara Lang  
By Joan/James McGill  
Frank/Sandra Matyger
- Stephen Lepeta  
By Mary Belzecky  
John Chorney  
John/Maria Myers  
Chris/Steph Fernandes  
Ringers Roost  
Gerard/Jennifer Robinson  
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- Aldine Miller  
By Robert/Sharon Jackson
- Joy Roth  
By Claire Snyder
- Dr. Vitaly Sawyna  
By Carbon Sugical Associates  
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Dr. Walter Bell  
Elizabeth Lezousky  
Sacred Heart Hospital  
Peri-Operative Services  
The Spencer Family
- Dorothy Schray  
By Diane Deutsch  
Dale/Catherine Stephens  
Shirley Jones  
Linda Jennings Seene  
Wilfred/M Jennings
- June Smith  
By Jane Stahl
- Mark Stettler  
By Claire M Snyder
- Joseph Seaman  
By Elizabeth Richie  
Jean Dobrenko  
Mary/Theodore Crocus  
Dorothy Loturco  
Irene Pulli

We are moved by your  
thoughtfulness.  
Bless you.



# BATH & BISCUIT

Come join us for a wonderful cause!

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT  
THE LEHIGH COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**

Did your pooch have a "ruff" day? Let us help them relax, have fun and smell amazing. This is where dirty dogs come to clean up their act!!

Did somebody mention "bye bye?!" Bring the family dog, out for some fresh air.

Don't have a dog?? Send us a donation and we'll wash a shelter dog!

Staff from EZ Micro Solutions and Lehigh County Humane Society will bathe and towel dry your furry friend. Dog biscuits for good girls & boys!



The event will be at:  
Lehigh County  
Humane Society

Donations of \$10 per  
dog will be accepted

All pets will need  
proof of up to date  
rabies vaccination.

Please feel free to  
bring your own pet  
shampoo, if your pet  
has allergies.

**Car wash**  
\$10 per truck  
\$7 per car

**Flea Market & Raffle**

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Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

I won't be able to come so:

Here is my donation of

\$\_\_\_\_\_ to bathe

\_\_\_\_\_ shelter dogs.  
number

I want to make the lives of shelter dogs more pleasant. Please pamper them for me and give them a treat, a walk and lots of love!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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