

# HELPING ANIMALS



# AND PEOPLE

**ANIMAL INTAKE** Each year, the **Berkshire Humane Society** takes in thousands of animals who have nowhere else to go. Some are strays brought in by concerned citizens or community animal control officers; some were abandoned; others are surrendered by their owners. There is no charge for surrendering an animal.

**ADOPTION** Our shelter places animals in new homes every year at twice the rate of the national average. All potential adopters are screened to make sure they will provide permanent, responsible and loving homes. All animals adopted from **Berkshire Humane Society** are spayed or neutered at a reduced cost before going to their new homes.



## minnie

Minnie came to our shelter as a stray with her four siblings and mother. After receiving medical care, all were adopted into loving homes within only a few weeks.

**SENIORS FOR SENIORS** program facilitates the senior citizens' adoption of older pets by providing a \$70-100 savings on adoption fees.

**VOLUNTEER HUMANE EDUCATORS** visit approximately 75 Berkshire County classrooms each year.

**SUMMER PROGRAM** is offered to children in grades 3–6. Camp is not only a fun experience, but it also educates children about the care of companion animals.

Our **FOOD BANK** provides food for animals whose owners are experiencing temporary financial difficulty.

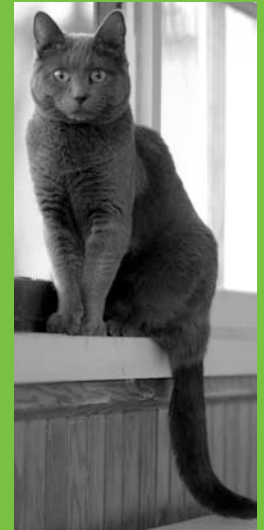
The **Berkshire Humane Society** staff works with the Elizabeth Freeman Center in our **SAFE PET PROGRAM**, providing temporary homes for animals in abusive domestic situations. The program allows victims of domestic violence to leave their abusive environment without fear for the safety of their animal companions.

Experienced staff members provide **GRIEF COUNSELLING** to individuals who have lost a companion animal.

## You can help.

### become a member.

As we receive no government support of any kind, we must rely on caring people like you to make sure the **Berkshire Humane Society** exists far into the future. Your help will improve the lives of thousands of animals and give hope to their future and ours.



### volunteer.

Our staff is small and we depend on more than 120 dedicated volunteers to make our work possible.

**Berkshire Humane Society's** volunteers socialize, groom and exercise shelter animals, perform maintenance chores and lawn care, work in the office, serve as humane educators and foster care givers. Whatever your skills or interests, whether you have a little or a lot of time to give, we have a rewarding volunteer opportunity for you.



## angus

Angus came to us when his owners could no longer care for him. He spent three months at the shelter before finding his new Forever Family.

# PLEASE JOIN US TODAY.

BHS is a private, independent, non-profit organization. We receive no public funds from local, state or federal sources. BHS cannot operate without the continuing financial support of our community. The welfare of Berkshire companion animals and the continuation of the valuable services we provide to Berkshire residents depend on you.



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# Join us.

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- INDIVIDUAL \$35** Provides a dry diet for all shelter canines for one week
- FAMILY/DUAL \$50** Pays for an adoption through our "Seniors for Seniors" program
- BENEFACTOR \$100** Provides medical care for foster animals in our "Safe Pet" program run with the Elizabeth Freeman Center for women in crisis
- GUARDIAN \$250** Allows a deserving child to attend our Summer Program
- ANGEL \$500** Pays for 20 spay/neuter procedures for families in financial need
- LEADER OF THE PACK \$1000**  
Provides veterinary care for special needs animals for one month
- I would like to make an additional gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I am interested in including the BHS in my will or other planned giving.
- I would like to become a BHS volunteer.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

Donations are tax-deductible. Please make your check payable to "Berkshire Humane Society, Inc." If you prefer, we accept

- MASTERCARD
- VISA
- DISCOVER

CARD NO.

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## ADOPTION HOURS

**Tuesday – Saturday** 10am – 4pm  
**Thursday** 5 – 8pm  
**Sunday** 1 – 4pm  
**Closed Monday**

## SURRENDER HOURS

**Tuesday – Friday** 10am – 3:30pm  
**Saturday** 10 – 11:30am  
**No surrenders Sunday or Monday**

**Phone:** 413.447.7878

**Web:** [www.berkshirehumane.org](http://www.berkshirehumane.org)

**Email:** [info@berkshirehumane.org](mailto:info@berkshirehumane.org)

Cruelty complaints are handled by Roy Sutton,  
MSPCA officer for Western Massachusetts:  
413.448.6046 or 800.628.5808

## Our Mission

To assure the compassionate care, treatment, and, whenever possible, the placement of homeless animals through the shelter operation.

To promote and improve the welfare of all animals through community education and outreach.



Your generosity  
will improve the lives  
of thousands of animals  
and the people who love them