

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The Putnam County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Inc.



2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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ANNUAL REPORT

I. DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY

The Putnam County SPCA serves Putnam County as a law enforcement agency given its statutory authority by the NYS Special Corporations Law, NYS Agriculture and Markets Law and the NYS Criminal Procedure Law. NYS statute dictates that there can only be one SPCA in each county. No SPCA in New York State is part of the ASPCA, and none receives funding from them. By law, the ASPCA has its authority based solely in New York City. The Putnam County SPCA has different divisions working together to provide comprehensive coverage of animal issues throughout the county.

II. SERVICES PROVIDED

a. LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

- PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL CRUELTY STATUTES AND ALL LAWS OF NY WHEN APPLICABLE

PC SPCA Law Enforcement Division Officers receive the same training that all law enforcement receives but our course structure varies with a focus towards animals. Our 24-hour animal cruelty hotline is answered 24/7, 365 days a year. The PC SPCA is also dispatched to calls of cruelty by Putnam 911. All police agencies within Putnam County, including Putnam County Sheriff's Dept., Carmel Police, Kent Police, Brewster Police, Cold Spring Police, NYS Police, NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation Police, NYC Department of Environmental Protection Police, NYS Park Police, and MTA Police, refer all animal cruelty cases to the Putnam County SPCA to handle. We also work closely with Putnam County Social Services,

including Child Protection Services and Adult Protection Services and Office of the Aging. Town and Village code enforcement departments and dog control officers also utilize the services of the Putnam County SPCA.

Putnam County SPCA officers are listed on a roster kept by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, who oversees all required training for Law Enforcement within the state. PC SPCA officers receive annual refresher courses in Deadly Physical Force and any non-lethal weapons carried as mandated by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. PC SPCA officers are NYS Peace Officers with statutory authority that exceeds most other peace officer categories.

Because of our countywide statutory jurisdiction, our officers travel the roads of Putnam County and often encounter traffic accidents, local, county and state Police car stops, and other requests for help. Our officers are trained in First Aid and are also trained in the use of Naloxone (Narcan) which is kept in each PC SPCA vehicle's First Aid kit. Officers of the PCSPCA come across incidents/accidents where they ensure the safety of the injured, contact 911 and local police, and direct traffic until local units arrive. Officers will assist until they are no longer needed.

In 2025, the law enforcement division had **2598 Blotter Entries** (Calls, Lobby Complaints, Email Cruelty Reports), a 9% increase in calls, lobby complaints, and website reporting of animal cruelty complaints from 2024. These do not include targeted patrols, or any other PCSPCA divisions' activity.

Daily during the warm months of the year, the PC SPCA conducted **710 patrols** of parking areas and shopping centers throughout the county, proactively searching for companion animals, children and the elderly left in vehicles. The PCSPCA will continue its countywide patrol and response to vehicles with pets left inside. In the colder months, the PC

SPCA has instituted a patrol of previous offenders that have a history of leaving their dogs out in inclement winter weather adding to our patrol numbers.

Officers of the PCSPCA made 11 separate arrest charges encompassing: Violating the Animal Cruelty Registry, Felony Aggravated Animal Cruelty, Animal Neglect, Abandonment of Animals, Leaving Dogs Out in the Cold Without Proper Shelter, and Confining Companion Animals in a Vehicle In Extreme Temperatures. The PCSPCA with the PCSO and PC Social Services testified at an ERPO hearing (Extreme Risk Protection Order) relating to our Felony Aggravated Animal Cruelty arrest, preventing the arrestee from possibly obtaining a gun for a one-year period after their arrest. The PCSPCA also made and responded to numerous referrals to/from Social Services (CPS, APS and Youth Court).

Officers of the Putnam County SPCA also participated in 28 school lockdown drills throughout Putnam County.

(SEE ADDENDUM A FOR ADDITIONAL INFO)

b. PUTNAM COUNTY SPCA DOG CONTROL DIVISION

The Putnam County SPCA currently contracts with the Town of Putnam Valley to provide Dog Control services. This service includes the enforcement of Article 7 of the NYS Agriculture & Markets Law, seizing loose dogs, filing Dangerous Dog Complaints, and enforcing the Putnam Valley Town Code as it relates to animals. We also provide services to other animals that are not dogs, by making different agencies aware of whatever is needed and following through to the resolution. This partnership alleviates the liability from the town, which is covered under the PCSPCA's liability insurance, vehicle insurance and Workmen's Compensation. The PCSPCA welcomes the opportunity to work with the County and any town in the development of a similar relationship and growing this Division.

The PC Dog Control Division will also assist, when necessary, in the transport of animals seized by the Law Enforcement Division. The Dog Control Division will also render assistance when dispatched by the Law Enforcement Division throughout Putnam County as part of the SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION.

(SEE ADDENDUM B FOR ADDITIONAL INFO)

c. LEADER IN ANIMAL ISSUES

Our phones are answered 24X7 and we also provide information and guidance to the public as to all animal issues that are encountered. We often receive calls and direct the caller to the proper agency for loose dogs, barking complaints, feral cats, adoptions, animal turn-ins, lost pets, low-cost veterinary care, injured wildlife, and any other type of call. We answer animal cruelty issues and field a variety of calls which would otherwise go unanswered. If you combine all of our division's calls, we received approximately 2500+ calls this year.

d. HUMANE EDUCATION

The Putnam County SPCA also provides Humane Education, available to all schools and any other interested agencies. This course meets the required instruction mandated by:

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION LAW, ARTICLE 17 § 809. Instruction in the humane treatment of animals. 1. The officer, board or commission authorized or required to prescribe courses of instruction shall cause instruction to be given in every elementary school under state control or supported wholly or partly by public money of the state, in the humane treatment and protection of animals and the importance of the part they play in the economy of nature as well as the necessity of controlling the proliferation of animals which are subsequently abandoned and caused to suffer extreme cruelty. Such instruction shall be for such period of time during each school year as the board of regents may prescribe and may be joined with work in literature,

reading, language, nature study or ethnology. Such weekly instruction may be divided into two or more periods. A school district shall not be entitled to participate in the public-school money on account of any school or the attendance at any school subject to the provisions of this section, if the instruction required hereby is not given therein.

IN 2025, OVER 2500 INDIVIDUALS
(SCHOOL STUDENTS, POLICE RECRUITS, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, EMS, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND THE PUBLIC)
RECEIVED HUMANE EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS GIVEN BY THE PUTNAM COUNTY SPCA
MORE THAN DOUBLING THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL

(SEE ADDENDUM C FOR ADDITIONAL INFO)

e. SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

i. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Many times, we receive calls from people and stores wanting to donate food and other goods (blankets, beds, crates, etc.). Since we are not a shelter, we have developed, with our volunteer Irene Weiss of Mahopac, a network of groups that we deliver these donations to, at no cost to them, so we can help care for and feed the animals of Putnam County. Also, during our investigations, if we encounter a situation where the issue is monetary, where the pet owner is having difficulty in providing food for the pet, we place that individual on a list where a volunteer will drop food off to help through the difficulty time.

The groups we currently provide food, blankets and towels to are:

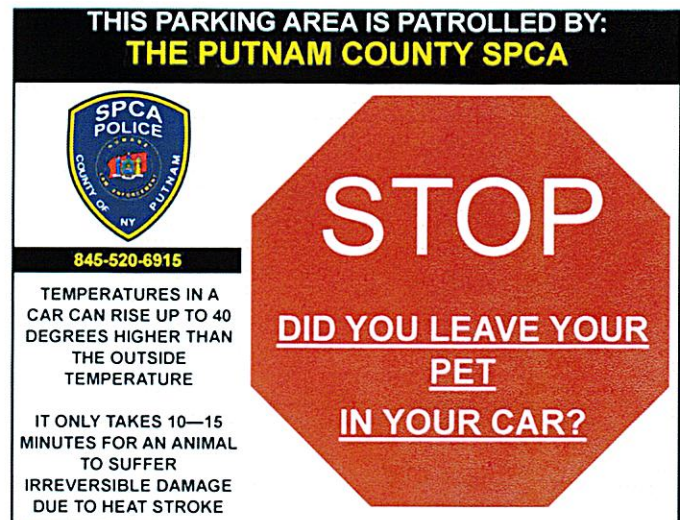
- St. John's Pantry
- Philipstown Pantry
- Putnam Advocats
- Putnam Valley Dog Shelter
- A New Chance Animal Rescue
- Green Chimneys
- SNARR (Special Needs Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation)
- For The Love of Animals
- Guardian Veterinary Specialists
- Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts of Dutchess County
- Putnam County Social Services Clients (Adult Protective Services, Office of the Aging)

(SEE ADDENDUM D FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

ii. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

- The PUTNAM COUNTY SPCA SUPPORT STAFF DIVISION also provides support for the Law Enforcement Division by providing transportation of seized animals to veterinarians, staffing the office when necessary, fundraising, IT support, and any other necessary function. It also provides for animal care when necessary.

- As in the past, with Spring approaching, volunteers of the PC SPCA will again distribute to stores within Putnam County, the familiar stop sign poster reminding people not to leave their pets in their vehicles as the weather gets warmer.



iii. EMERGENCY ON-SITE SUPPORT

When the SPCA encounters situations where large groups of animals are seized, or in the event of a death, SPCA SUPPORT SERVICES mobilize and care for the animals “in place”, providing food, shelter and medical care. The ultimate goal is to keep the animals safe and fed while finding suitable new homes for the animals.

iv. FUNDRAISING

- During the year, our SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION and our PC SPCA Officers will staff tables in front of stores throughout Putnam County soliciting donations from the public. This serves as a great way to fund the PC SPCA, meet and educate the public, and provide answers as to the role the PC SPCA has countywide.
- Our SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION will also solicit raffle items and advertising for our Annual Fundraising Dinner which is held at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac. PC SPCA volunteers put baskets together to be raffled, check guests into the event, or assist in

any way needed. The PC SPCA Volunteers truly make the night a success.

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III. MISSION STATEMENT

The MISSION of the Putnam County SPCA is to proactively enforce NYS and Federal Animal Cruelty statutes, and all laws of NYS when applicable, to ensure shelter and medical care to any animals seized pursuant to arrests resulting from cruelty, to provide Humane Education to other law enforcement agencies, schools and all other interested groups and to be a leader in animal matters throughout Putnam County.

IV. POPULATION SERVED

The Putnam County SPCA serves the entire population of Putnam County. The SPCA responds to calls of animal cruelty countywide. Under NYS law, all animals, including wildlife, are protected. The PCSPCA works with all law enforcement agencies, including the Putnam County District Attorney's Office, Putnam County Sheriff's Dept., Brewster Police, Carmel Police, Cold Spring Police, Kent Police, NYS Police, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Police, NYC DEP Police, MTA Police and NYS Park Police. The Putnam County SPCA also works closely with Putnam County Social Services, Adult Protective Services, Child Protection Services, and Putnam County Probation Dept.

Our phones are answered 24X7 and we also provide directions to the public as to all animal issues that are encountered. We direct the caller to the proper agency for loose dogs, barking complaints, feral cats, adoptions, animal turn-ins and lost pets. We answer animal cruelty issues and field a variety of calls which would otherwise go unanswered if the PC SPCA did not exist. We have also worked with Putnam 911 and the Sheriff's Dispatch to establish a protocol where all animal related calls are sent directly to the Putnam County SPCA officers.

Because of our countywide statutory jurisdiction, our officers travel the roads of Putnam County and often encounter traffic accidents and other requests for help. Our officers are trained in First Aid and are also trained in the use of Naloxone (Narcan) which is kept in the vehicle First Aid kit. Officers of the PCSPCA come across incidents/accidents where they ensure the safety of the injured, contact 911 and local police, and direct traffic until local units arrive. Officers will assist until they are no longer needed.

V. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2025

a. POINTS OF PRIDE

- The Putnam County SPCA, in an effort to provide the residents of Putnam County, an additional outlet to report animal cruelty anonymously using an app on their phone. Working with SAFERWATCH, the public is able to forward animal cruelty complaints, videos and pictures directly to the PCSPCA simply by using this app.

**SEE SOMETHING?
SEND SOMETHING.**

We've made reporting animal cruelty quicker and easier!

**JOIN PUTNAM COUNTY SPCA'S ANIMAL CRUELTY WATCH
AND HELP PROTECT ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY FROM
ALL FORMS OF CRUELTY.**

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Visit SaferWatchApp.com/download to get the SaferWatch App for your iPhone or Android, or simply search "SaferWatch" in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- 2 JOIN PUTNAM COUNTY SPCA**
Create your free SaferWatch account and join Putnam County SPCA.
- 3 REPORT A TIP**
Report a tip by uploading text, photos, videos, or audio—with the option to remain anonymous.

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b. Matters of Known Interest to the County Exec's Office

- The County needs to address the lack of laws regarding farm animals. Local and County Codes do not address farm animals at large, the seizure of these animals while at large, housing for these animals – during the process of locating the owners, if possible, and penalties to address at large and abandoned farm animals. Permanent housing is also necessary when owners cannot be located or have left the county. The PCSPCA welcomes the opportunity to be part of the solution.
- The County needs to address the absence of a facility to house animals seized pursuant to cruelty arrests, hoarders, abandonments, and the death or incapacity of the animal's owner. The PCSPCA welcomes the opportunity to be part of the solution.
- The County needs to address the absence of a facility to hold dogs during their Health Department mandated bite hold and during the Dangerous Dog process. The County should also revisit the Dangerous Dog proposal submitted by the PCSPCA to the County Legislature. Again, the PC SPCA welcomes the opportunity to be part of the solution.

VI. STAFFING

- The Putnam County SPCA currently has three (3) paid employees. The PC SPCA has two (2) paid sworn law enforcement officers, on call 24X7, to handle calls of animal cruelty. The PC SPCA has one (1) paid Dog Control Officer on contract with the Town of Putnam Valley. The two (2) sworn law enforcement officers have a combined 39 years of experience in law enforcement and the handling animal cruelty investigations. These two (2) officers are also Bureau of Municipal Police Instructors through the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services. Pastor Columbia, of the Mount

Carmel Baptist Church of Carmel, and the Rev. Bruce Fern, nondenominational, both volunteer as PC SPCA Chaplains.

The PC SPCA Law Enforcement Division also has several sworn volunteer officers who are current or retired police/law enforcement officers.

- Frank Long, retired New York State Court Officer
- John Bennett, former Town of Carmel Police, retired City of Peekskill Detective
- Jaime Caban, former NYPD and Fishkill Police Officer, current PC DA investigator
- Chris Perrotta, retired City of Yonkers Police Sergeant
- Jason Driscoll, retired NYPD officer, former Village of Brewster Police
- Edward Pollick, retired City of Yonkers Police Detective
- Andy Guich, retired FDNY, retired Town of Bedford Police Dispatcher

VII. SOURCES OF REVENUE

a. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

COUNTY OF PUTNAM OFFICE FUNDS	\$52,000 \$37,440
TOWN OF CARMEL	\$10,000
SPCA INTERNATIONAL	\$18,000 (2025) \$32,000 (2026)
OPPENHEIMER TRUST	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$147,440

b. CONTRACTED SERVICES

The PCSPCA provides the following contracted services:

TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY SHELTER & DOG CONTROL	\$39,000
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c. ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

In 2025 the Putnam County SPCA held its annual dinner. In attendance there was approximately 251 people. The PCSPCA raised approximately \$15,000.

(SEE ADDENDUM E FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

d. TRENDS IN THE COST OF SERVICES

- Fuel – the increase in gas prices continues to have a tremendous effect on the services provided by the PCSPCA. Responding to calls to investigate animal cruelty continues to be extremely costly.
- Insurance, both liability and vehicle, continues to be a tremendous drain on financial resources.
- Equipment – Because we are not “municipal, federal or tribal” law enforcement, we are not eligible for 99% of law enforcement grants. Because we are not a shelter, we are not eligible for 99% of animal grants. We continually face the need for additional equipment:

VIII. GOALS FOR 2026

a. Fundraising

- The Putnam County SPCA plans on adding additional Coffee with the PC SPCA events which will also have fundraising components.
- The PC PSCA has already set a date, October 23rd, 2026, for the next annual fundraising dinner.

b. Humane Education

- In 2025, the PCSPCA continued to provide Humane Education to schools, police academies and all interested groups. Studies show that the majority of school shooters all started by abusing animals without any intervention. We have already contacted and scheduled additional schools, organizations, and libraries to conduct additional classes in 2026.

c. Law Enforcement Division

- The PC SPCA has put an additional SPCA police vehicle on the road during the warm weather.
- The PC SPCA started to have Support Service Staff handle SPCA phones and serve as a dispatch on a limited basis.
- The PC SPCA will continue its proactive enforcement of the animal cruelty laws. As always, we will offer aid when possible and arrest when no other option is available. During the hot months, we will again distribute, with our Support Services Division, our STOP SIGNS to County businesses in a continual effort to raise awareness of the danger of leaving one's pet in a vehicle. The PC SPCA will continue to provide patrols of all the parking lots in the county, during these warm months, looking for pets, children and the elderly left in vehicles. We will also respond to calls of suspected animal cruelty

and when necessary, provide aid and assistance at accidents or other incidents when encountered.

- The coming year, 2026, is filled with challenges – with increased financial demands. We greatly appreciate the help that Putnam County provides us and we will continually explore additional means of funding the necessary services we provide.

Our mission is an important one - helping both animals and human.

We are committed to fulfilling it.

"The oppression of animals is the gateway drug to oppressing humans."

(Dr. Alex Hershaft)



**Kenneth D Ross ,
Chairman**

ADDENDUM A

HUMANE LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Putnam County SPCA continued its proactive enforcement of the animal cruelty statutes of New York State and all applicable Federal and State laws.

In addition to responding to calls of suspected animal cruelty, the PCSPCA conducted targeted patrols during the warmer months. The PCSPCA continually patrolled the following locations throughout Putnam County:

- Putnam Plaza (Carmel)
- Shoprite Plaza (Carmel)
- Eveready Diner Parking Lot (Southeast)
- DeCicco's / Kohls Parking Area (Southeast)
- Home Depot Lot (Southeast)
- Marshal's/PetBlvd/Michael's Parking Area (Southeast)
- Optum Parking Area (Southeast)
- Lakeview Shopping Center (Southeast)
- Acme Patterson/Dollar General Parking Area (Patterson)
- Tractor Supply Parking Area (Patterson)
- Lake Plaza Shopping Center (Southeast)
- Mahopac Village Shopping Center
- Putnam Hospital Center (Carmel)

- CVS Pharmacy Parking Area 1905 US-6 (Carme)
- CVS Pharmacy Parking Area 100 E Lake Blvd (Mahopac)
- 4 Brothers Parking (Mahopac)
- Boscobel House and Gardens (Garrison)
- Foodtown Shopping Parking Area (Cold Spring)
- Kobackers Parking Lot (Brewster)
- Main Street (Brewster)
- Main Street (Cold Spring)

Total number of patrols conducted during warm weather in 2025 was:

710 + separate patrols

In addition to above patrols the PC SPCA Law Enforcement Division responded to calls from the public, dispatched by Putnam 911, and local police agencies to handle animals left in vehicles.

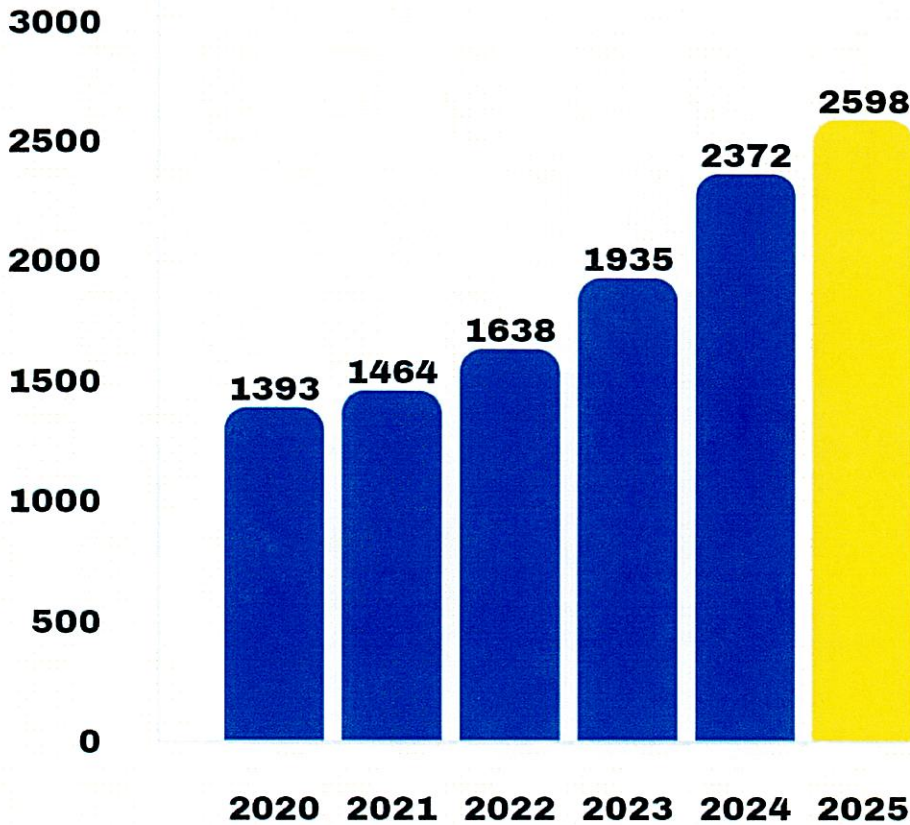
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2598 Blotter entries

PUTNAM COUNTY SPCA

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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YEARLY BLOTTER ENTRIES:

CALLS, LOBBY COMPLAINTS, AND WEBSITE CRUELTY FORM COMPLAINTS.



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3 REPORT A TIP

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**PCSPCA LAUNCHED A NEW APP TO
REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY**

SOME NOTEWORTHY CASES



The Putnam County SPCA announces the arrest of a 33-year-old male resident of Mahopac for allegedly neglecting his Havanese mix breed male puppy named "Max".

On Monday, 01/29/2025, the Putnam County SPCA received a call from the Town of East Fishkill Police who informed the PC SPCA that a resident of Mahopac had brought his dog to a veterinary office in the Town of East Fishkill, and the animal showed signs of severe neglect to its ears and body.

The dog had not walked for days due to swelling caused by abscesses all over its body. The ears were so infected and neglected that the ear canal had become so small that when the veterinarian attempted to put a scope inside, the animal screamed in pain. Blood was observed inside the ear canal as well. The animal was then taken and transported by East Fishkill Police to Hudson Valley Animal Rescue and Sanctuary in Poughkeepsie. Two (2) additional veterinarians examined "Max," and blood tests were performed. An elevated white blood cell count was found, as well as bruising and swelling to Max's neck.

A total of three (3) veterinarians who examined "Max" provided written depositions regarding the severe neglect.

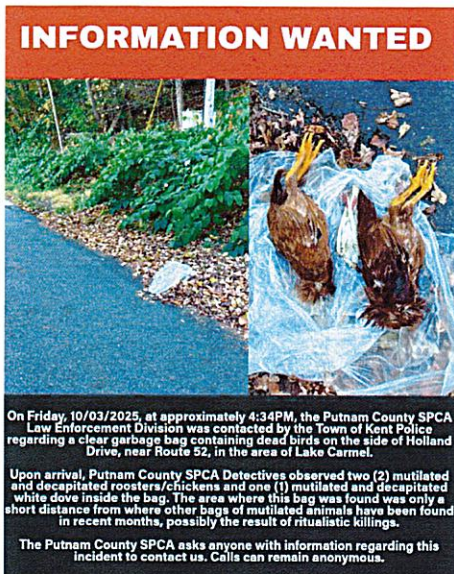
Upon receiving this information, Putnam County SPCA Detectives opened a criminal investigation. On or about 01/30/2025, Putnam County SPCA Detectives interviewed the dog's owner at his Mahopac residence and subsequently placed him under arrest and transported him to the Town of Carmel Police Department for processing. The resident was charged with one count of alleged animal cruelty, a Class A misdemeanor in New York State.



The Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division received a phone call from the Town of Kent Police on 04/04/2025 at approximately 8:14 PM regarding a large black garbage bag floating in Lake Carmel near the Route 52 and Route 311 intersection containing deceased animals. Upon further investigation, one rooster and one pigeon were found inside the bag, as well as two objects wrapped in yarn with multiple pins stuck in them and other items. The bird

carcasses were brought to a veterinarian for examination, where it was found that both birds were mutilated and drained of blood.

On Friday, 10/03/2025, at approximately 4:34PM, the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement



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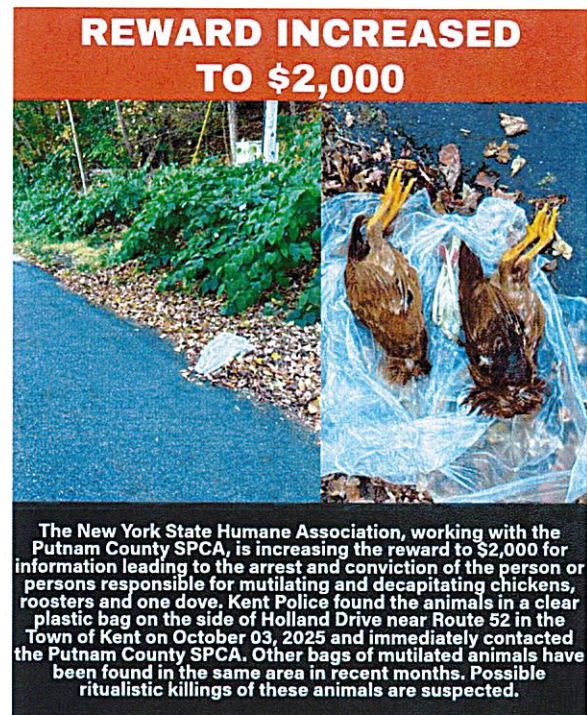


Division was contacted by the Town of Kent Police regarding a clear garbage bag containing dead birds on the side of Holland Drive, near Route 52, in the area of Lake Carmel.

Upon arrival, Putnam County SPCA Detectives observed two (2) mutilated and decapitated roosters/chickens and one (1) mutilated and decapitated white dove inside the bag. The area where this bag was found was only a short distance from where other bags of mutilated animals have been found in recent months, possibly the result of ritualistic killings.

The New York State Humane Association, working with the Putnam County SPCA, is increasing the reward to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for mutilating and decapitating chickens, roosters and one dove. Police found the animals in a clear plastic bag on the side of Holland Drive near Route 52 in the Town of Kent on October 03, 2025 and contacted the Putnam County SPCA .

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On August 18th, 2025 the Putnam County SPCA received a call for assistance from the New York State Police located in Brewster, regarding the death of a six-pound Flemish mix pet Rabbit, caused by severe blunt force trauma and strangulation, in the Town of Patterson.

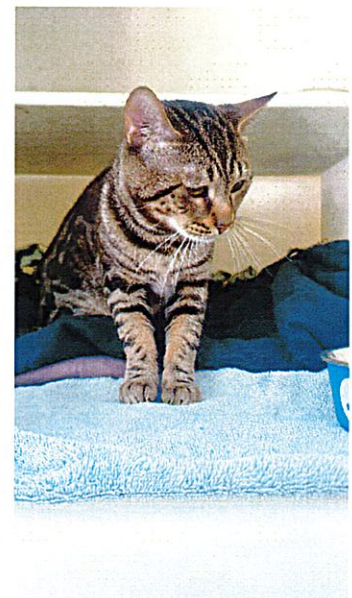
The body of the rabbit was taken by Putnam County SPCA Detectives to Guardian Veterinary Specialists where a necropsy was performed. The necropsy results showed severe bruising throughout the body of the rabbit and a collapsed trachea.

Through information provided by the New York State Police, Putnam County SPCA Detectives were able to arrest a 20 year old male resident of Patterson, and charge him with one count of Aggravated Animal Cruelty, an E Felony under the New York State Agriculture and Markets law, on August 28th.



On June 11th, 2025, the Putnam County SPCA received a report from a good Samaritan stating that a cat was found abandoned inside a plastic cat carrier on Old Milltown Road (Town of Southeast) near a wooded area not far from the East Branch

Reservoir. The cat, a three-year-old male, was brought to the Putnam Humane Society in Carmel, and Putnam County SPCA detectives began a criminal investigation. The Putnam County SPCA posted an Information Wanted poster to social media and issued a press release. PC SPCA Detectives acted on a tip received and were able



INFORMATION WANTED



The Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division is investigating the abandonment of a male, un-neutered, tabby cat in the area of Old Milltown Road in the Town of Southeast. A Good Samaritan, while on a walk found the cat inside the unlocked carrier, with an empty can of cat food, on 06/11/2025 at approximately 07:15 AM. The carrier was found a few feet off the gravel road in the wooded area near the East Branch Reservoir. The cat is currently at the Putnam Humane Society receiving care.

The Putnam County SPCA asks anyone with information regarding this incident to contact us. Calls can remain anonymous.

to use the information in the tip to obtain surveillance video from a Connecticut store, which was then used to develop a suspect. Once a suspect was established, Putnam County SPCA detectives traveled to Danbury, Connecticut, to interview the individual, where an admission was made. On June 29, 2025, the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division arrested the 57-year-old resident of Danbury, Connecticut, for Animal Cruelty and Animal Abandonment.



On 04/08/2025, at approximately 8:54PM, the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division was dispatched to the Saint James the Apostle Church Parking Lot (Town of Carmel) by Putnam 911. A severely emaciated male pit bull mix had been found wandering the lot by good

Samaritans. Upon arrival, the PC SPCA immediately transported the dog to Guardian Veterinary Specialists for emergency care. The dog, later found to be named "Milo", was examined and found to be only 37 lbs when it should have been approximately 60 lbs. The dog's body condition score was 1.5/9, meaning ribs, spine, and hip bones are easily visible, fat cannot be seen or felt under the skin, obvious loss of muscle mass, and extreme waist and abdominal tuck. At the same time, "Milo" was found by good Samaritans at Saint James the Apostle Church, another dog named "Elly" was found in the Tacoland Carmel parking lot and transported to the Putnam Humane Society by the Town of Carmel Dog Control Officer. Elly, a medium-sized long-haired mix breed dog, was found to be severely matted and neglected as well.

Over the next two days, the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division initiated a criminal investigation, and through assistance from the City of Danbury Animal Control Division, the Putnam Humane Society, and Guardian Veterinary Specialists, Detectives with the Putnam County SPCA were able to locate the owner of both dogs at her residence in Mahopac.



On 04/10/2025, after an interview with the suspect, Putnam County SPCA Detectives placed the a 55-year-old female resident of Mahopac, under arrest for allegedly committing two counts of animal cruelty and two counts of animal abandonment.



On 5/03/2025, the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division initiated a car stop of the vehicle shown while traveling on Route 6 in Carmel. All too often, we've seen or been contacted about a pick-up truck traveling on a public road with a dog or other animal tied in the truck bed. Thankfully, we were able

to stop this vehicle before any injury occurred to the Husky shown. A sharp turn, hard stop, or other road hazard could cause the animal to be injured or cause possible death. If an animal is loose, chained, tied, or leashed in the back bed of a truck (similar to this picture), in most circumstances it can be considered "carrying an animal in a cruel manner" under the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law, which is a misdemeanor.



ADDENDUM B
Putnam SPCA Dog Control Division

Call Log 2025

- Nuisance complaints (barking dog, dog at large, etc.)
- Dangerous dog complaints
- Assist Police Department with dog/animal complaints
- Assist/Educate Public with animal related issues/questions
- Aid in searching for missing/lost pets
- Report Dog bites to Putnam County Health Department
- Assist Health Department with Rabies Quarantine/follow ups
- Patrol local common areas for loose/nuisance dogs (Town Parks, Trials)
- Assist Health department with Rabies Quarantine complaints/follow up

2025 STATISTICS

Dogs Abandoned, Housed in Place, or Sheltered in PV	29
Total Animals adopted, rehomed, transferred to rescue or reunited with owners	42
Written Warnings:	74
Summons issued:	15

Total calls: 530

ADDENDUM C

Humane Education

- January 7, 2025 - Columbia County Sheriff's Academy, Animal Cruelty Module Training
- January 17, 2025 - Lakeview Elementary School - Humane Education to entire 4th and 5th grade classes 200 students
- January 18, 2025 – U.S. Navel Sea Cadet Corps – Iwo Jima (LHD 7) Division at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1374 in Carmel - Recognizing Animal Cruelty
- January 24, 2025 – Austin Road Elementary School in Mahopac - Humane Education to entire 4th and 5th grade classes 200 children
- January 30, 2025 – Law Enforcement Night with Putnam County Youth Bureau
- February 10, 2025 – Town of Kent Police Cadets - Recognizing Animal Cruelty
- February 11, 2025 – Fulmer Road Elementary School in Mahopac - Humane Education to entire 4th and 5th grade classes 100 children
- March 11, 2025 – Kent Elementary School – Humane Education – over 380 Students
- March 12, 2025 – Matthew Patterson Elementary School – approximately 470 children
- March 13, 2025 – Kent Primary School – Humane Education - approximately 365 children
- May 18 2025 - Law Enforcement Night with Putnam County Youth Bureau – Philipstown Youth Court
- March 20, 2025 – Mt Carmel Bible Church – Humane Education
- March 24, 2025 – Haldane Elementary School Fourth Grade – Humane Education – approximately 60 children

- March 26, 2025 – Westchester County Police Academy – Animal Cruelty Module to new Police Cadets
- April 7, 2025 - Haldane Elementary School Kindergarten Classes – Humane Education – approximately 27 children
- April 7, 2025 – Putnam Valley Girl Scouts Troop 2934 – Humane Education – approximately 17 children
- April 9, 2025 - Westchester County Police Academy – Animal Cruelty Module to new Police Cadets
- April 24, 2025 – Putnam County Youth Bureau - Recognizing Animal Cruelty – approximately 15 children
- May 1, 2025 - Putnam County Youth Bureau Philipstown - Recognizing Animal Cruelty – approximately 11 children
- May 9, 2025 – Garrison Union Free School – Humane Education – Pre-K to 8th grade – approximately 209 children
- June 3, 2025 – County of Romania, Coordinator of Animal Welfare and Ilfov County Parliament Member – NYS Animal Cruelty Laws and Enforcement Presentation - PC SPCA HQ
- July 14, 2025 – Carmel Police Youth Academy - Recognizing Animal Cruelty Training
- July 28, 2025 – Putnam County Sheriff's Cadets – Recognizing Animal Cruelty – Putnam County Bureau Of Emergency Services building
- September 26, 2025 – Putnam County Department of Social Services and Mental Health – Staff Development Meeting
- October 15, 2025 - Westchester County Police Academy – Animal Cruelty Module to new Police Cadets

- October 16, 2025 – Town of Fishkill Police Cadets – Recognizing Animal Cruelty – Town of Fishkill Police Department
- October 22, 2025 – Westchester County Police Academy Supervisors Course – 45 current police officers
- October 29, 2025 - Westchester County Police Academy – Animal Cruelty Module to new Police Cadets
- October 30, 2025 – NYC Department of Environmental Protection Officers – Kingston - Animal Cruelty Module to new Police Cadets
- November 21, 2025 – Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES – Recognizing Animal Cruelty – Law Enforcement Program & Veterinary Sciences Program – approximately 57 students
- December 5, 2025 – H.H. Wells Middle School Southeast – Career Day – Entire 8th Grade – approximately 50+ students

ADDENDUM D COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Support Services Division/Community Outreach:

- In 2025, SPCA Support Services Volunteers drove to various pet stores, in addition to pick-ups at donor homes, to pick up donated food to distribute to individuals in need, animal organizations and food pantries.

Donation Pickups:453

Donation Drop offs:264

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- February 6, 2025 - Participated in the Putnam County Youth Court's Law Enforcement Night in Carmel
- February 22, 2025 – BBQ Fundraiser – Clocktower Commons
- March 5, 2025 – Recognized on the floor of the NYS Assembly in Albany by NYS Assemblyman Matt Slater
- March 9, 2025 - Participated in the Northern Westchester- Putnam St Patrick's Day Parade
- April 5, 2025 - Coffee with the Putnam SPCA and Carmel Police at Freight House Cafe in Mahopac
- April 13, 2025 - Coffee with the Putnam County SPCA and the Cold Spring Police at Paulette's of Cold Spring
- May 18th, 2025- Participated in Carmel Spring Fair

- May 19, 2025 - Participated at the MCB Church Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- August 5, 2025 - Participated in NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME at Village of Brewster, Town of Carmel and Town of Kent
- August 9, 2025 - Coffee with the Putnam County SPCA and Town of Kent Police
- September 6, 2025 - Participated in the Blessing of the Pets at MCB Church
- September 14, 2025 - Participated in the Back the Blue/Prayer Walk at Camarda Park
- September 20, 2025 – Participated in the Putnam Hospital’s Kids Day
- September 27, 2025 – Participated at the community event at the “Promenade on 6”
- October 5, 2025 - Participated in the Mahopac Street Fair
- October 5, 2025 – Participated in the Italian American Club of Mahopac Columbus Day Parade
- October 24, 2025 – SPCA Annual Fundraising Dinner - Record breaking attendance of 251 people!
- October 26, 2025 – Participated in the Mahopac VFD Trunk or Treat Event
- October 30, 2025 – Participated in the Putnam County Youth Bureau’s Trunk or Treat
- November 22, 2025 – Participated in the second annual Mahopac Thanksgiving Parade
- December 6, 2025 – Participated in the Carmel Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Village



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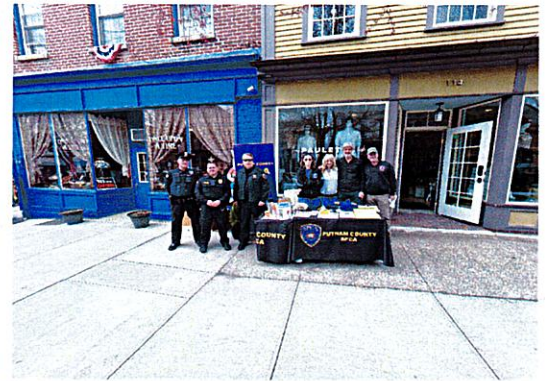
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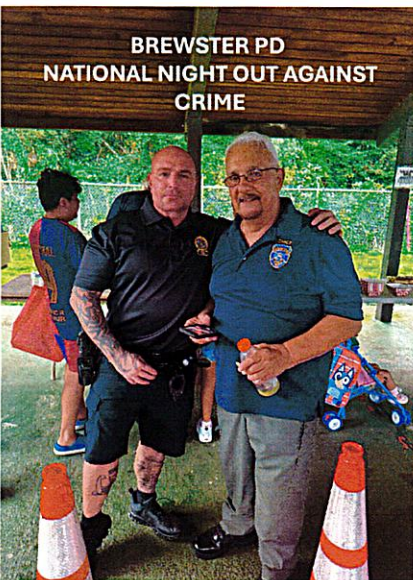
COFFEE WITH SPCA AND CARMEL POLICE



SPCA WITH MEMBERS OF ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT



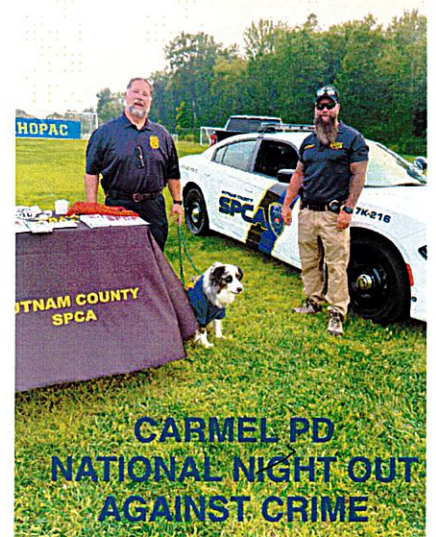
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BREWSTER PD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

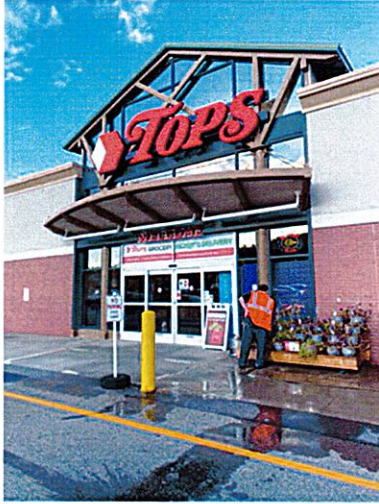


KENT PD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME




CARMEL PD NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

SUPPORT SERVICES also places signs in the windows of local stores at the beginning of the summer months alerting people of the dangers of leaving their pets in vehicles in the heat.



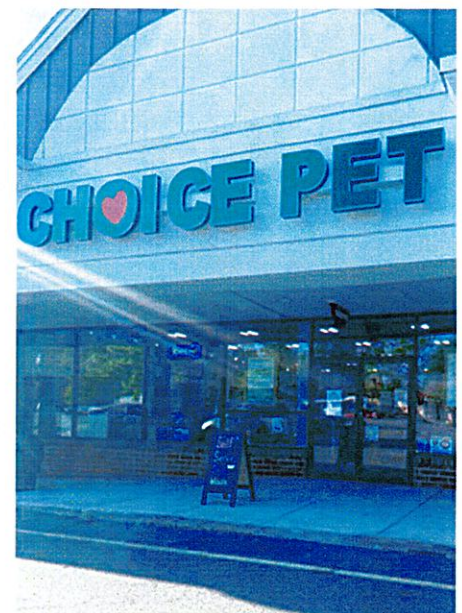

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TEMPERATURES IN A CAR CAN RISE UP TO 40 DEGREES HIGHER THAN THE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE

IT ONLY TAKES 10—15 MINUTES FOR AN ANIMAL TO SUFFER IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE DUE TO HEAT STROKE





2025 ANNUAL DINNER

