



The RSVP Newsletter

Summer 2010

RSVP would like to thank everyone for their past support. Whether you've adopted a dog, fostered a special needs animal, volunteered your time, attended an event or offered a donation - it is appreciated more than words can say and enables RSVP to assist those dogs with no where else to turn. In an effort to keep all informed of the work that is made possible with your help, we will be publishing a newsletter periodically. So, here is an update on what's been happening! And thank you again for all you do!

Rescued! Puppies in the Hood



Puppies need no introduction. Just one look is all it takes and a chorus of "awww"s begins. Originally these eight (8) babies were under nourished, flea-infested and with internal parasites. Fortunately, RSVP volunteers found them through their Community Outreach program before they were sold. They are the lucky ones.

Our friends at Southold's North Fork Animal Welfare League (special thanks to Gillian) offered to help and the puppies are now in good hands and available for adoption. Without intervention and a proper adoption screening, "home" is often a backyard on the end of a chain wrapped around a tree. Puppies grow up to be dogs used for protection, bred for money, often neglected and many wind up in shelters where they are deemed un-adoptable and killed.

If you care about the welfare of innocent animals like these and applaud the work of volunteers who rescue them (special thanks to Sam and Kelly), please consider supporting RSVP, Inc. with a tax deductible donation.

Online contributions can be made at www.rsvpinc.org or a check can be mailed to PO Box 335 Eastport, NY 11941.

Help us help them.

In Memory "Butch" triggers Privatization



When "Butch," a Riverhead shelter dog was euthanized last winter, it was the last straw. RSVP took action. The letter below was printed in several local newspapers, prompting a flurry of phone calls and emails to Town Hall by the public expressing outrage. This was followed by a showdown between animal advocates and the Town Board at a Town Hall meeting. An RFP (Request for Proposals) was subsequently released in May to privatize the shelter. RSVP continues to be a voice for animals.

Letter to the Editor:

"Butch, a dog from the Riverhead Animal Shelter was euthanized last Wednesday. Maybe euthanized is not the right word. Euthanasia is used to describe a mercy killing, but there was nothing merciful about it. It began when a volunteer offered him a meatball after returning from a walk. The kennel attendant was putting Butch back in his kennel and as a result of poor timing, was nipped in the exchange. It was over and done in a second. Nothing serious, no puncture, no blood and no malice. An accident, pure and simple. But accidents like that can be fatal in a shelter with little tolerance. Without an advocate to speak on his behalf, Butch went through the procedure for a dangerous dog. No one seemed to care that he had interacted with the staff and volunteers for the two months he was there and was well behaved. He was waiting to be adopted. In the vet's office he sat quietly. Not growling, not lunging, not knowing. Without a fuss, he lay still as the needle ended his life of 7 years. The Town Board has been put on notice that there are problems at the shelter. The silence is deafening."

**“Les Mis”
Dumpster Kitty Saved**



Walter was a kindhearted man who lived alone in a trailer. He had been feeding a colony of approx. 50 cats and kittens and RSVP Inc. helped by providing food and TNR services (trap/neuter/return). Walter passed away in May at the age of 67. The trailer he lived in was going to be demolished. Fortunately, RSVP was there and managed to catch and relocate nearly all the animals. Just before the wrecking crew began, a faint mew was heard in a nearby dumpster. Volunteers jumped right in and began picking through the debris. They finally uncovered “Les Mis,” alone, crying and shaking with fear. Mercifully, she was rescued before being crushed and buried alive. However, she is still in need of a home, as well as her other colony friends. Please share your love and home with “Les Mis” who has no one. Call (631) 369-8237 or (631) 929-8435 for more info or visit www.rsvpinc.org.

**6th Annual RSVP Fashion Show
Westhampton Country Club**



**Save the Date !!!
Sunday Sept 12th**

Mark your calendars as RSVP celebrates their annual trademark event of the year! This year's event will be hosted at Eastern Long Island's elegant Westhampton Country Club.

RSVP guarantees an afternoon of entertainment and good cheer as guests and pets walk the runway in costume.

The proceeds will be used to provide veterinary care, spay/neutering, food, boarding and other services for dogs in need.

Visit our website at www.rsvpinc.org and click on Events

or call (917) 592-4855 for details.

Volunteers Needed !!

RSVP is always seeking new volunteers to help find “Responsible Solutions For Valued Pets.” If you would like to join us and offer some of your time, MANY diverse talents are needed. Call (631) 219-8529 to find out how you can help.

RSVP, Inc (Responsible Solutions for Valued Pets) is a non-profit 501c3 rescue organization serving Eastern Long Island since 1996. Their Community Outreach program provides food, shelter and medical services for pets and owners needing financial assistance. Their Rescue and Adoption program will seek out and adopt the neediest dogs in overcrowded shelters and provide foster care or private boarding while searching for good, loving, permanent homes. RSVP is there for dogs with no where else to turn and is run entirely by volunteers. Call (631) 728-3524 for more information.

Yes! I would like to support the work of RSVP, Inc with the following tax-deductible donation:

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