

A Better Shelter



A Better Shelter Newsletter

a Long Island non-profit 501c3 animal welfare organization

The Town of Brookhaven

A Better Shelter has promoted the privatization of the Brookhaven Animal Shelter from the beginning. The shelter is located in Suffolk County, Long Island, NY. It has a capacity of 77 dogs but the number residing there is much greater. It also houses 20-30 cats. A steady stream of stray animals enter the shelter regularly, but unfortunately, redemption and adoption rates cannot keep up. Privatization would require a financial, contractual agreement between the town and a private organization. The organization would assume responsibility for the management of the shelter and animal control functions. This would release the town of mandated civil service obligations and enable a reallocation of funds. This restructuring would also enable the addition of new programs and services. Pictured right is an illustration of the shelter's current 2015 budget. Visit our website and click on Privatize for more info.

Brookhaven Animal Shelter Budget

Budget Item	2014 Adjusted	2015 Approved	
Employee Costs	2.1M	2.2M	89%
Medical Supplies	77K	72K	
Vet	44K	40K	
Spay/Neuter	11K	10K	4/10%
Contract/Equipmt	273K	269K	
Total	2.34M	\$2.47M	

Honey Bunch

It is hard to imagine how stressful shelter life can be.

Hours slowly tick by in the solitude of a lonely kennel.

Hours turn to

days, days to weeks and weeks to years. Honey Bunch loved the volunteers and shelter staff who offered her an occasional walk outside. It was a welcome reprieve from her hapless existence. But she was fearful of strangers. (con't p2)



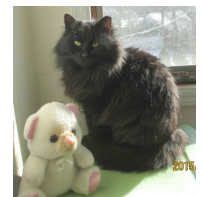
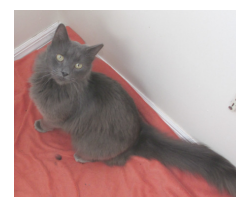
Gimpy, 2yrs, born with a deformed tail and hind leg. She scoots and gets around just fine; approx 5lbs; an eternal kitten.



Claudia, declawed senior, very friendly, we could not bear to leave her outside. Sleeps a lot

TNR

Since A Better Shelter was formed in June, 2014, we have TNR'd over 40 cats! "Trap, Neuter & Return" is an accepted and humane solution to stem the tide of homelessness. Colonies consisting of feral and abandoned cats are humanely trapped, spayed/neutered and returned to their colony. It takes time, patience and other resources such as veterinary services and a place to recover. Dedicated volunteers trap throughout the year, particularly in the winter, before "kitten season" begins, to limit the number of litters. Fewer pregnancies help to reduce the growing population and avoid the suffering endured by animals trying to survive on their own. A Better Shelter also rescued several abandoned cats this past winter and they are available for adoption. Call (631) 219-8529 for more info or if you would like to help.



Mouse & Coco (M,F, 5yrs) are bonded and would love to stay together, if possible.

HoneyBunch (con't)

Honey Bunch had a bite history and was deemed un-adoptable. With the help of those who knew and loved her, A Better Shelter made arrangements for Honey Bunch to go to a reputable sanctuary. She was given a second chance and a new beginning. Her caretakers report that she is a wonderful dog. She loves to please, interacts with other dogs and plays outdoors on a daily basis. For more info, visit our website's Honey Bunch page.

<http://abettershelter.com/index.php/honey-bunch>

And have a tissue ready!

Town of Hempstead: New S/N Law



The town of Hempstead passed a local law in Feb, 2015 requiring that all cats and dogs leaving the shelter must be spayed/neutered first. This includes stray dogs claimed by their owners, with few exceptions. The law was modeled after one already in place in NYC where overcrowded shelters are unfortunately the norm. This is a humane solution to address overpopulation and ALL municipal shelters should follow suit. Please contact your local town board and urge them to adopt this policy. The law can be found on our website by clicking on Information and Animal Law.

Adopt Elf



(M, 4yrs)

Help Wanted A Better Shelter is seeking people who feel strongly about improving the lives of homeless animal and want to help. We are seeking members for our Board of Directors and other volunteers. You can make a difference. Call (631) 219-8529 and/or visit our website at www.abettershelter.com for more info.



Please Donate Your donation enables us to continue helping those in need and to speak for those without a voice. Help us help them. No amount is too small. Thank you for your support.

Yes! I would like to support A Better Shelter and their mission with a tax-deductible donation. (Online donations also available at <http://abettershelter.com/index.php/donate>)

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