



# Summer Newsletter

## Animal Welfare & Rescue Group

### Upcoming Events



**KICK OFF TO SUMMER AUCTION!**  
 Saturday July 8, 2017 Doors Open at 6pm  
*Calling starts @ 5pm sharp!*  
**VFW Centereach**  
 31 Horseblock Rd. Centereach, NY 11720  
 Over 200 Raffles and Gift Certificates plus 50/50!  
 Admission: \$10 for 25 Raffle Tickets & Door Prize Ticket!  
 Credit Cards accepted!  
 Additional Tickets:  
 Tier 1: Sheet of 25 Tickets: \$5 per sheet; 3 for \$10  
 Tier 2: \$5 each ticket; 3 for \$10  
 Food and Drinks available for purchase!  
 Come Hungry!



**4TH ANNUAL "HAIR OF THE DOG" POKER RUN & FUNDRAISER**  
 for RSVP INC Animal Rescue & Welfare Group  
 at **THE MAPLES**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26TH 1 - 5 PM**



Registration 10 am - 12 noon  
**MOTORCYCLES & CARS**  
**WELCOME! Rain or Shine!**  
Starts/Ends at The Maples,  
10 Ryerson Ave, Manorville

Prize for Best Poker Hand!  
Don't want to do the run?  
Then just come to the party!  
**\$20 per person**  
includes lunch (cash bar)



**FOOD, BAND, RAFFLES**  
**50/50, ADOPTABLE PETS**  
**SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!**



CALL 631-533-2PET (2738) for more info!

### Needs List! Dry/Wet Cat Food



*Michele Walton*  
12/10/47~05/19/17



We are overwhelmed with sadness to report the recent passing of Michele Walton on May 19, 2017. Michele co-founded RSVP, Inc. in 1996 and served the office of Vice President for many years. It was an era before social media and the shared facebook pages of animal suffering. Michele was there, in person, and she remained active to the very end, helping animals and people in need. Michele understood the importance of combining compassion

with education as she, along with the small band of dedicated volunteers, provided services to some of the most impoverished communities on Long Island. The "Outreach Program" was the hallmark of the group, and they braved the most challenging situations. Their work "in the trenches", offered food, shelter and medical care to backyard dogs and abandoned cats. They visited low income, crime-ridden neighborhoods, year round, in all weather, to provide relief, a better life and positive changes. Because of Michele and the perseverance of these founding women, this life saving program still exists today, more than 20 years later. We miss her dearly ... her smile, her humor, her kindness, her gentle but unpretentious manner. Gone too soon, but her memory and legacy will live on.

**Postscript:** RSVP is in the process of re-homing Michele's ten (10) rescue cats. For information on how you can help, please call: (631) 533-2PET.

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If you would like to consider adoption, foster care or other ways to help our animals in need, please contact us!

## The Fate Of A Pitbull

Four (4) years ago, RSVP Outreach volunteers found Breezy outside as a puppy. Just like his mother and father before him, he would languish, destined to life on a chain, just another backyard pit bull. Breezy would be exploited as a breeding stud for money. He would receive no socialization, attention or love. Some days he would not be fed. His dog house was inadequate and would not keep him warm, cool or dry. Breezy would be outdoors and alone. Volunteers pleaded with the owner to surrender Breezy but he refused. So RSVP did what they could. They tried to educate the owners on the proper care of their dogs and offered help. They provided a sufficient doghouse, food and medical attention. They would visit Breezy, tell him how special he was and gave him toys and treats.



But Breezy became fearful, mistrusting of humans and developed medical issues. One day, the owner was going to jail. When an owner is incarcerated, their dog's fate can quickly go from bad to worse. Other household members did not want to assume responsibility for the dog. It is a common problem, and occurs more than people realize. But fortunately for Breezy, RSVP was there to intervene. With no other option, the owner finally agreed to surrender his dog. Unfortunately, we can not turn back the hands of time and years of neglect, but we can ensure that the rest of Breezy's life is full of love, trust and proper care. He has gone from a dog we could not even touch for four (4) years, to a dog who is learning to reciprocate love.

Thank You  
For All Your  
Support!



## White River

In April of 2017, RSVP was asked to help catch a sick homeless cat that had been living outside an apartment complex for over five (5) years. "River" was a beautiful white cat, but his coat was dirty and matted and his ears were crusty. As it turned out, River was not feral. He was very friendly and easy to catch. An



RSVP volunteer brought him to the Shinnecock Animal Hospital and River was a perfect angel! He allowed the staff to bathe him and shave his matted coat without protest. He purred and gave loving "head butts" as if to say "Thank you for helping me!" Everyone fell in love with River. His exam revealed serious ear infections and sores. How uncomfortable he must have been to have suffered through the winter! And how sad that so many people passed him by for so long. River is a senior cat in his teens. His gorgeous long white coat is growing back and he loves to be pet and brushed. His ears have healed, he is gaining weight, and his constant purring tells us that he is very grateful to be safe and warm. An awesome companion cat!

## Old Grandpa

Grandpa is one of the oldest cats in our Flanders feral colony. His health had deteriorated significantly over the last year and medical attention was needed.



After numerous attempts to trap Grandpa, RSVP volunteers finally succeeded and he was taken to a local veterinarian. Unfortunately, he tested positive for Feline Aids and was diagnosed with respiratory problems. Grandpa was treated for five days and then transferred to the RSVP facility. Because Grandpa's health is so compromised, he will not be released back into the colony.

