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Patty Ritchie

## Ritchie Teams Up WITH Local Shelters to Help Find Homes for Pets

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### **Ritchie Website, Facebook Page to Feature “Pets of the Week”**

In an effort to find homes for animals up for adoption, State Senator Patty Ritchie is teaming up with local animal shelters to feature “Pets of the Week” from Central and Northern New York on her website and Facebook page.

“There are many people who bring pets home in December as holiday gifts who are now heading back to work and school and finding that they don’t have the time to dedicate to caring for an animal,” said Senator Ritchie.

“Many of those animals end up at local shelters. That’s why, this month—and in the months to come—I’ll be working with the Potsdam Humane Society, the Jefferson County SPCA and the Oswego County Humane Society to help find loveable pets a home.”

Senator Ritchie—a longtime pet owner who now owns a yellow lab named “Gunner”—is currently featuring the following pets on her website and Facebook page:

***Potsdam Humane Society:*** This week’s pet is Barron von Willie, a male dog that has been part of the Potsdam Humane Society family since April of 2012. He is house trained, smart, energetic, full of love and according to Potsdam Humane Society staff, would do best in a single pet household. For more information on Baron von Willie and other pets up for adoption, please call the Potsdam Humane Society at (315) 265-3199.

***Jefferson County SPCA:*** This week’s featured pet is Sid, a male black kitten that has plenty of spirit and is a joy to be around. For more information on Sid and other pets that are up for adoption, please call the Jefferson County SPCA at (315) 782-3260.

***Oswego County Humane Society:*** This week’s featured pet is Cupid, a male Rottweiler mix who is 6 months old. He is house trained, and described by the Oswego County Humane Society as a pet that likes to play, but has a calm side too. For more information on Cupid and other pets available for adoption, please call the Oswego County Humane Society at (315) 207-1070.

In total, the three animal shelters have more than 300 pets up for adoption. According to recent statistics, an estimated 2.7 million healthy shelter pets are not adopted each year, and only about 30 percent of pets in homes come from shelters and rescues.