



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

## Senator Gallivan Applauds Funding for Animals Shelters

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan says animal shelters in West Seneca and Wyoming County will undergo renovations thanks to funding allocated through the New York State Companion Animal Fund. The facilities are among 14 shelters and humane societies across the state that have been awarded grants totaling nearly \$5 million.

"This funding will make it possible for these shelters to expand or update their facilities and to improve conditions for the dogs and cats in their care," Gallivan said. "The goal of the program is to provide compassionate care in a clean and safe environment until these animals can find a permanent and loving home."

The Companion Animal Capital Fund was funded in the 2017-18 State Budget and provides matching grants to offset the costs associated with capital projects such as renovating dog kennels or improving medical facilities. Funds can also be used to construct, renovate, rehab, or acquire buildings or equipment needed to house, treat, and care for sheltered dogs and cats.

Competitive grants were awarded to shelters based on need and the readiness of projects. The following shelters are receiving an award:

- **Town of West Seneca Municipal Shelter:** \$119,775 for the renovation of the current shelter. The project includes covered kennels and a roof replacement and extension.
- **Wyoming County Animal Control:** \$100,000 for the renovation of the current shelter. The project includes the addition of new kennels to increase safety, comfort, and capacity; a new heating/cooling system to improve heating, ventilation, and air quality; and renovations to improve infection control and daily life for the animals.

According to the New York State Animal Protection Federation, more than 150,000 animals annually are brought to non-profit and municipality-run shelters and humane societies. The NYS Companion Animal Capital Fund will help these organizations continue to provide sheltering services to local communities, promote better care for the animals and facilitate more adoptions.

The New York State Companion Animal Capital Fund is administered by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets administers.