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Rabies Clinic Is Great Success

This year's Orange County Department of Health Rabies Clinic at the Activity Center drew a record number of pets. According to Joyce Kyles, City of Newburgh Animal Control Officer, who coordinated the clinic, vaccine was provided to 110 cats and 257 dogs.



Crystal Pezza (with Brownie) and Samantha Perez

Participants enjoyed some special programs while waiting for their pet to be vaccinated. Representatives from the City of Newburgh's 21st Century After School Program and Susan Konvit of The Arts Alliance of the Lower Hudson Valley, Inc. helped children create animal bandanas and dog tags. M70 children made bandanas.



Officer John Jenerose and Brian Stevenson with Banx, a Cane Corso mastiff



Stephanie, Shelby, Meghan and Falyn make bandanas for their pets with Susan Konvit of The Arts Alliance and City of Newburgh 21st Century After School Program.

There were great giveaways, courtesy of Dan Lawrence, owner of B & G Pet Supplies and Ann Casullo, Manager of Pet Smart. The lucky winners of Pet Smart cooler bags were Debbie Hannigan, Rosa Matias, Hayky Amanuel, Kathy Detemple, Herb Corosbie, Robin Dutcher, J. Fountain, Claudia Couser, and Bonnie Clemmer.

Members of the Ruff Ryders Motorcycle Club manned the Activity Center parking lot distributing pet carriers and free leashes, and helping pet owners bring their animals inside.

Glynna Schlesinger of Schlesinger's Steakhouse, Cracolici Pizzeria, Stella's Pizzeria, Anthony's Deli, Dunkin' Donuts and Snapple provided refreshments to the 30 volunteers who helped staff the clinic.

This year, for the first time, Newburgh SPCA placed microchip devices in pets to aid in locating them if they are lost. ACO Kyles reported that the locating devices sold out.

"I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a success," ACO Kyles said. "It's always a pleasure working with the Orange County Department of Health, but this year, with the help of the 21st Century After School Program and the Arts Alliance, and our great sponsors and volunteers, we were able to make the event fun and educational, while providing a necessary service."