

# The Rescue Round-Up

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## April Showers

Imagine you're a dog or cat, roaming the streets, unable to defend yourself from the icy rain and wind. Each year, hundreds of cats, dogs and other pets are abandoned in fields or on road sides, forced to survive the elements when all they need is a new home to provide them proper care and love. Our local shelters and rescues offer these animals a chance to do just that. Consider taking home one of the abused, neglected or unwanted animals from one of the rescues below.

Sussex County Fellowship for Animals, Inc. (SCFA)  
(for cats and dogs)

Sussex County Fellowship for Animals (SCFA) is a Lafayette-based non-profit organization supported entirely by donations, grants and various fundraising events. SCFA is dedicated to finding new homes for unwanted and abandoned dogs and cats.

Tinker and Kiley are two of SCFA's dogs that need loving homes. Tinker is a young female hound mix who is very smart and has lots of energy. She is very affectionate, eager to please and loves to play.

Kiley is a young Podengo Portuguese. She's a bit shy, especially around men, but loves to cuddle and is very sweet. She would do best in a quiet adult home where someone is home much of the time, or in a home with children aged 13 years or older.

Please join the SCFA for their annual Tricky Tray fundraiser on Friday, May 2nd at Pope John High School, 28 Andover Road, Sparta. Doors open at 6 p.m. with raffle drawings at 8 p.m.. Specialty gift baskets, filled with gift certificates and other items donated by fine restaurants, beauty salons and local shops, will be raffled off. Soft drinks and snacks such as cookies, potato chips and cupcakes will be sold as part of the fundraiser. 100 percent of the proceeds from the event will benefit the shelter's animals.

Admission to the fundraiser is open to those at least 18-years old because it is considered a game of chance. For more information on the Tricky Tray or the SCFA's rescue animals, please contact the SCFA at (973) 300-5909 or [www.sussex.petfinder.org](http://www.sussex.petfinder.org).

Safe Hounds Beagle Rescue, Inc.  
(for beagle dogs)

Safe Hounds Beagle Rescue, Inc. is a Sparta-based non-profit rescue dedicated to rescuing abandoned, neglected, and stray beagles and beagle mix dogs. One of their current rescues is Boomer, a handsome, two year-old Beagle mix. He is very sweet and playful. While Boomer is not a barker, he is a "talker" and likes responding to people when they speak to him. He is well-behaved indoors and only chews his toys.

Boomer became homeless when his owner went into the service and left him behind. After living in several temporary homes, he eventually ended up at a rural shelter. When that shelter became overcrowded, he came to Safe Hounds.

Boomer enjoys playing with other dogs, but can easily become overexcited and needs to be carefully supervised. He has also shown a strong desire to chase cats and will need a home without felines or other small pets (rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, etc.) due to his hunting instincts. He would do best with an adult family or one without young children as their quick movements tend to get him very excited.

For more information on Boomer and Safe Hounds, please visit [www.safehounds.com](http://www.safehounds.com) or call (973) 729-8431.

BARKS (Byram Animal Rescue Kindness Squad)  
(for cats and dogs)

BARKS, a Byram-based non-profit organization, has several upcoming adoption dates in May and June. Come out and meet some of their dogs and cats in need of loving homes.

Saturday, May 3rd, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sparta Pet Shoppe and Spa, 270 Sparta Avenue (Upper Lake Plaza), Sparta

Saturday, May 17th, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pet Valu, 90 Route 206 North, Byram

Saturday, June 21st, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

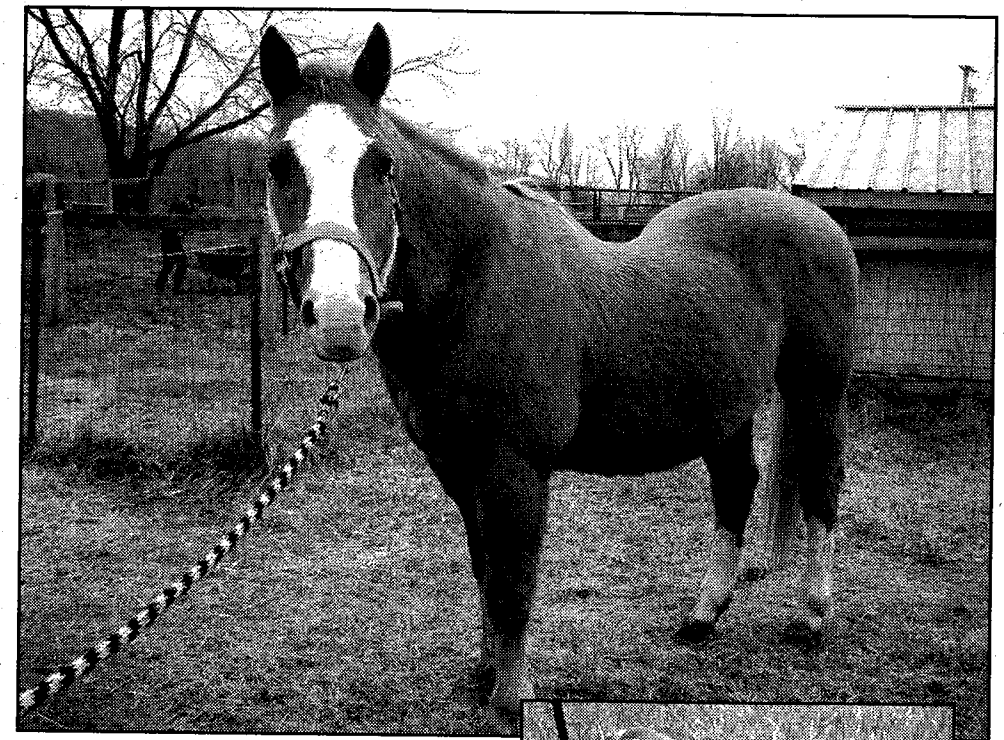
Tail Waggers Boutique, Mill Street, Newton

For more information on pet adoption days or BARKS animals for adoption, please call (973) 300-3185 or visit [www.barksinc.com](http://www.barksinc.com).

Milestone Equine Rescue  
(for horses of all breeds)

Blaze, a 20+ year-old, 14.2 hand chestnut gelding, arrived at Phillipsburg-based Mylestone Equine Rescue (MER) by way of Gloucester County Animal Control in early 2008. He was a cruelty case and had been starved because his owner was unwilling to properly care for him.

Blaze has a severe sway back, which



makes him unrideable—a saddle could never fit comfortably on his back. MER is not aware if Blaze was ridden previously, but several veterinarians agreed that it would be cruel for him to be ridden again.

Blaze has an endearing personality. He loves people and it's believed that he is an Arab mix. MER is hoping to place Blaze at a loving home as a companion horse, but in the meantime, he will need sponsors to maintain his care.

For more information on Mylestone Equine Rescue, Blaze and their other horses, please visit [www.mylestone.org](http://www.mylestone.org) or call (908) 995-9300.

Other Rescues:

Claws Cat Rescue and Adoption Shelter of Sussex, Inc. (Augusta)- for cats- [clawsnj.9f.com](http://clawsnj.9f.com) or (973) 875-8540

Noah's Ark (Ledgewood)- for cats and dogs- [www.noahsarknj.org](http://www.noahsarknj.org) or (973) 347-0378

ReRun (Helmetta)- for Thoroughbred horses- [www.rerun.org](http://www.rerun.org) or (732) 521-1370

Room for One More (Andover)- for

cats and dogs- [www.rfom.org](http://www.rfom.org) or (973) 770-6700

Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue (Clinton)- for rabbits- [www.safehavenrr.org](http://www.safehavenrr.org) or (908) 238-0814

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center (Madison)- for cats and dogs- [www.st-huberts.org](http://www.st-huberts.org) or (973) 377-2295

If you have or know of a local animal rescue that should be featured in an upcoming Rescue Round-Up, please contact Diana Tuorto at [lunar\\_aradia@yahoo.com](mailto:lunar_aradia@yahoo.com).