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The rescue round-up

By DIANA TUORTO

Healing Hearts

With Valentine's Day approaching, it's time to share your love with a rescue animal. Warm your heart this winter by taking home a special pet or by donating your time, money or supplies to one or more of the rescues below.

Room for One More

(for cats and dogs)

Room for One More is an animal rescue shelter located in Andover. One of their rescues, Lady, is a collie/shepherd mix who is aching to have a new home where she can be someone's special girl. This sweet, energetic dog is approximately seven years old. She gets along well with other dogs and loves to have her photo taken.

At another shelter, Lady came very close to being euthanized when space became full. Please consider giving Lady the loving home that she deserves. Please call Room for One More at (973) 770-6700 or visit their web site at <http://rfom.org> today.

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center

(for cats and dogs)

On Sunday, February 10th from 2 to 4pm, St. Hubert's is holding an afternoon tea at 575 Woodland Avenue in Madison. Enjoy an afternoon of sampling gourmet teas and epicurean treats with fellow cat lovers. The tea is \$35 per person and directly benefits the animal shelter. Attendees will also gain membership into St. Hubert's Cat Society. Reservations are required, so please call (973) 377-7094 ext. 244 for more information. Visit St. Hubert's on the web at www.sthuberts.org.

BARKS (Byram Animal Rescue Kindness Squad)

(for cats and dogs)

Roman is a border collie who was spotted wandering as a stray for about a week. When no one claimed him, a woman brought him to BARKS. Roman was upset being confined in the shelter, so he is currently living at a foster home. He is the perfect dog for someone who enjoys long walks with a great companion. Roman would do best in a home without young children. Please call (973) 300-3185 or visit www.barksincl.com for more information on Roman or other BARKS animals.

Milestone Equine Rescue

(for horses of all breeds)

Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your horse lover? Milestone Equine Rescue (MER) is offering their annual Valentine's Day sponsorships! For just \$35 (includes priority mail delivery), your loved one will receive a special valentine with a photo of a rescue horse, along with a certificate of sponsorship and the horse's biography. For more information on MER's Valentine's Day sponsorships, please visit www.milestone.org or call (908) 995-9300.

Other Rescues In Need of Volunteers, Donations, or Loving Homes:

Claws Cat Rescue and Adoption Shelter of Sussex, Inc. (Augusta) for cats- clawscatshelter@earthlink.net or (973) 875-8540

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

ReRun (Helmetta) for Thoroughbred horses- www.rerun.org or (732) 521-1370

Safe Haven Rabbit Rescue (Clinton) for rabbits- www.safehavenrr.org or (908) 238-0814

Sussex County Fellowship for Animals, Inc. (SCFA) (Lafayette) for cats and dogs- www.sussexpetfinder.org or (973) 260-5099