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Quarterly Newsletter



LOLA WAS DROPPED OFF OUTSIDE AS A YOUNG CAT AND BROUGHT TO CNY SNAP IN JUNE 2023. A SHY BUT SWEET GIRL, LOLA IS PATIENTLY WAITING FOR HER FOREVER HOME.

A Year in Review

A Look Back at 2025

2025 was a great year for CNY SNAP! We adopted out 500+ cats/kittens, performed 3500 spay/neuter operations during our low cost clinics, microchipped 1600+ animals, and placed 20 cats in vetted barns throughout the area. These numbers don't just represent lives saved, they represent CNY SNAP's dedication to our mission of reducing overpopulation, providing access to affordable spay/neuter operations to the public at a time when prices are soaring, and providing sustainable, compassionate solutions for animals throughout not just the Cortland community, but for communities throughout CNY.

We have animal lovers from NYC to the Adirondacks, from the Utica/Rome area, and many others come to our clinics to get the care their animals need. We provide assistance not just to the communities and their pets, but to individuals who catch TNR (trap, neuter, release) feral cats. We realize wait times for an appointment at a clinic is frustratingly long, but we get a hundred calls each week asking for appointments.

With all the work we do, CNY SNAP is always looking for dedicated volunteers to help with our clinic days, or to help with the daily cleaning and feeding needed. Fosters are also welcome.



Shelter Updates

Shelter Statistics Since January 1st, 2026

Adoptions: 110 cats

Upcoming Events

May 17: Annual Plant
Sale at CNY SNAP

Shelter Supplies Used:

Pounds of litter: ~1400 lbs per week (35 bags, 40lbs each)

Pounds of dry food: 200 lbs adult cat food per week, plus 50 lbs of kitten dry food*

Cans of wet food: 70 cans of kitten food*, 150 cans of adult food per week

Cleaning supplies: 30 rolls of paper towels a week, 5 gallons of bleach, 2 gallons of OdoBan a week, plus laundry detergent, dish soap, hand sanitizer, hand soap

*Kitten season is starting so the amount of kitten food we use will increase within a month

Volunteer Spotlight

Stacy Bell



I started volunteering with my mom in June 2022, as a cleaner. In the beginning, it was heartbreaking to see so many animals in the shelter. Through the encouragement of other volunteers and happiness felt when residents were adopted to loving homes, I gained tremendous personal satisfaction. I learned to appreciate it's about the LOVE and care we give during their time with us. My foster fail Everest has been my biggest reward of volunteering.

Amelia



Hi there, I've been volunteering here for the past 3 years, and it's truly been one of the most rewarding experiences. From helping out in person to working on social media behind the scenes, I love being part of sharing these animals' stories and helping them find the homes they deserve. This community means so much to me, and I'm so grateful to be a small part of it. Be sure to follow us on our socials to support, stay updated, and see more of these amazing animals!

Sam H.



I was always taught that when someone asks for a volunteer, you should strive to be the first one to raise your hand. When I saw a call for volunteers in a social media post, my immediate reaction was to send in a volunteer application (I conveniently lived two blocks away from the shelter at the time). Now it's coming up on three years since I started volunteering at CNY SNAP, and it has definitely fulfilled my desire to give back to my community.



Animal Spotlight

Adoption Story

Kennedy and Twizzler were captured separately as ferals and brought to CNY SNAP. Kennedy ended up incredibly sick and needed three polyp surgeries but a foster volunteer took a chance and brought him home to recover. Once Twizzler was rescued and faced similar struggles, he joined Kennedy at the volunteer's home. After hard work on everyone's part, Kennedy and Twizzler formed a deep bond and began to trust people, turning into the sweetest cats. Kennedy spent two years with the foster volunteer and Twizzler spent a year there. At the end of January they found their forever home and were adopted together.



Kennedy and Twizzler

Adoption Update

“I knew I was getting a very shy boy when I adopted Charlie from CNY SNAP. I also knew I had the love and patience to let him come around as he was ready. By giving him the time and space and letting him be himself, Charlie has turned from a nervous boy to loving guy that follows me around and accepts endless love and pets. Even though cats like Charlie take time to warm, the rewards of watching them grow confident, learn to trust, and lean into those first touches are beyond measure. Charlie and I have changed each other's lives.”



Charlie



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We're always in need of dedicated volunteers to help clean and care for the cats, volunteers to help with our spay/neuter clinics, and loving foster homes. Please feel free to check out our website or use the link above to fill out a volunteer application

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About CNY SNAP

CNY SNAP is a volunteer-run, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Upstate New York.

We're committed to offering affordable spay/neuter services and finding loving homes for cats and kittens through our adoption program in Cortland, NY, and PetSmart in DeWitt, NY.

We rely on grants, adoptions, and donations for our funding and we're managed entirely by volunteers. Our mission is to create a positive impact in our community by addressing the issue of cat and dog overpopulation in central New York.

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Hours

Visit Us!

Monday: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 3-4 p.m.

Wednesday: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Thursday: By Appointment

Friday: 9-11 a.m. & 6-7 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sunday: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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