

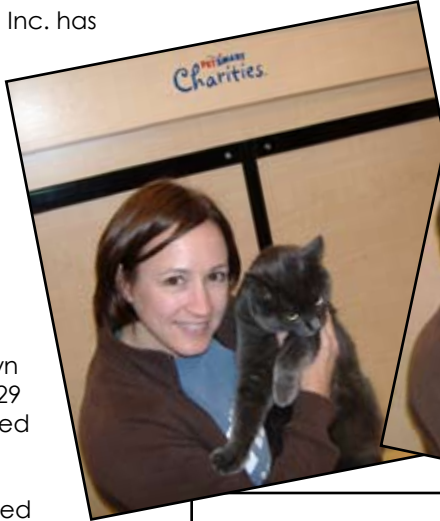


## SCBI Opens New PetSmart Adoption Center in Collegeville

Stray Cat Blues, Inc. has been selected to run the Adoption Center at the new PetSmart store in Collegeville. The store is located at 300 Waterloo Road in the Providence Town Center at Route 29 and Arcola Roads. It opened to the public on Monday, October 12 and a grand opening celebration followed on October 24.

"We are thrilled to have a second PetSmart Adoption Center," says Linda Weber, the founder of Stray Cat Blues, Inc. and the current Board Vice President. "We have been the rescue partner in the North Wales PetSmart for nine years and really appreciate the enlightened choice of PetSmart to sponsor rescue groups such as Stray Cat Blues, Inc. in their stores instead of selling cats and dogs."

"Our partnership with the company has enabled us to find wonderful adopters for thousands of our stray cats and kittens and build a solid volunteer base



First adoptions at the new PetSmart Collegeville: Brenda and Crosby were the first happy SCBI adoption pair.

in the North Wales area. We are ready to develop the same high visibility organization in the Collegeville area," she adds. Last year, Stray Cat Blues, Inc. did over 700 adoptions, spayed and neutered approximately 1,200 cats, and placed nearly 30 unsocialized cats in safe barn homes.

SCBI volunteers will be manning the Adoption Center at various times during the week and every Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 – 4:30. There

will be cats and kittens available for adoption and the group will be actively recruiting new volunteers. "We need cage cleaners, table staffers, local foster homes and, of course, we need adopters," says Linda.

To become a Stray Cat Blues, Inc. volunteer in either the Collegeville or North Wales PetSmart, complete a volunteer application on our

website at [www.straycatblues.petfinder.org](http://www.straycatblues.petfinder.org) or email [savingstrays@yahoo.com](mailto:savingstrays@yahoo.com).

Our Cat Adoption applications are also on the website. There are paper applications for both available in the stores. Insurance liability requires that all volunteers be 18 years or older or if younger, accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times while in the Adoption Center.

**Come to the new Collegeville store for all your pet needs and please stop by the Adoption Center to say "Hi."**

### Silent Auction Gratitude

**A huge thank you to everyone who supported our silent auction on Wednesday, September 16 at the Pine Crest Country Club in Lansdale.**

**We raised close to \$20,000 for our Trap, Neuter, Return program.**

**This money enables us to spay/neuter and care for several hundred more stray cats and kittens in the coming year.**



Peggy Ann found her permanent home with Barry and Lorraine.



The Anderson family was all smiles with their new additions Ivan and Fiona.

## Can It Be Santa Time Again? Ho Ho Ho Yes!

Has an entire year passed so quickly? And what a year it has been for Stray Cat Blues, Inc. - lots of trapping, lots of adoptions, lots of fundraising (our Silent Auction for one)....and now it's time to suit up for our annual Christmas fundraising festivities.

SCBI volunteers will be doing the PetSmart sponsored Santa Photos again this year at both the North Wales and Collegeville stores.

Please bring your beloved pets to either store for a photo with Santa. This year's package costs \$9.95 and includes one color digital photo in an exclusive holiday collector frame. SCBI earns \$5 for each package sold.



**Volunteers Liz Birkhead and Colleen Whitcomb pose with foster kitty Nicholas at last year's Santa Photo promotion in PetSmart North Wales.**

### NORTH WALES PETSMART

In North Wales, we'll be the rescue running the event on Dec. 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### COLLEGEVILLE PETSMART

In Collegeville, we'll be the rescue running the event on Dec. 5th & 6th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. .

### PET SUPPLIES "PLUS" SOUDERTON

We have another special event happening at our Pet Supplies "Plus" store in Souderton. Christmas Photos with Santa takes place on Saturday, December 5th, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The store employees do everything for the event and generously donate the proceeds to SCBI. So if this is your pet supplies store ...please make an effort to support this event.

Ho, ho, ho Santa hopes to see you at any of these stores!

## Sustainable Solutions with Organic Rodent Control Officers

Most gardens and nurseries have rodent problems....too many moles, mice, and ground hogs that damage flower beds. Rather than use deadly traps or chemicals, two local arboreta have employed "organic rodent control officers." In other words....they have cats working in their gardens.

Grace Chapman, horticultural supervisor of the Temple University Landscape Arboretum, came to Temple from Longwood Gardens where she saw how effectively cats were used in the gardens. She wanted a similar solution for Temple's mole problem. After she completed a SCBI Barn Cat adoption application online and was approved, we delivered Henri and Saki free of charge and ready for duty.

Henri and Saki are feral cats that could not be socialized as house pets. Since they are shy of people, there is no concern that they will bother arboretum visitors. They have access to food and shelter through a cat door that leads into a tool shed, and are seen at dawn and dusk working the gardens.

All SCBI barn cats are spayed/neutered, tested negative for FIV and FeLV, fully vaccinated, wormed, deflea'd and groomed before delivery. They are housed at your location in a training cage for three weeks while they acclimate to daily routine. This process is important so that when the cats are released on your property – they stay and don't run off.

In this time when sustainable solutions are imperative to maintain ecological balance – employing two feline garden workers is a very logical time-proven method. Apply online at [www.straycatblue.petfinder.org](http://www.straycatblue.petfinder.org) or via email at [savingstrays@yahoo.com](mailto:savingstrays@yahoo.com).

## Bill Sharon's Open House

Bill is a cat lover and Pottstown resident. For the past couple of years, he has hosted a festive Christmas Open House. All donations collected at the event are allocated for SCBI's TNR efforts in Pottstown. This year, the Open House is **Sunday, Dec. 6th from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.** at 131 King Street, Pottstown. Please RSVP to Bill: 610 326 7183.

Detach or photocopy this coupon, complete it and mail to: Stray Cat Blues, Inc., PO Box 8, Colmar, PA 18915

**YES! I want to help SCBI's TNR Program!  
Enclosed is my donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please make check payable to Stray Cat Blues, Inc. (do not send cash)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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