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Second Chance Animal Center Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary

Animal-lovers, friends and supporters of Second Chance Animal Center in Shaftsbury, VT are invited to attend a gala celebration of the Center's 50 years of serving the pets and their people of Bennington County, northern Massachusetts and eastern New York State. The big event will take place Sunday, September 13th, from 11 a.m. 'til 3 p.m., rain or shine, on the front lawn of the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington.

Starring in the festivities will be the featured guests, animals large and small. From companion pets to livestock to more exotic creatures, all are welcome, for promoting their health and happiness has been our mission for the past half-century. Also on hand will be a host of animal-themed vendors, artists and exhibitors, including canine breed rescue groups, health and wellness experts, groomers, animal nutrition consultants and many others who are dedicated to the well-being of all animals.

Among the planned attractions for youngsters are a children's activity table, games, Judy the Musical Clown, who creates balloon animals and does face-painting, and, tentatively, pony rides for a nominal fee.

There will be music throughout the day, along with a barbeque featuring home-made salads and grilled hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers, along with baked goods, soft drinks and ice cream.

The shelter is selling raffle tickets for a canine-inspired quilt that was made and donated by Jane Wright of Cambridge, NY, and we will have a supply of Second Chance T-shirts and other merchandise for sale. Also on display will be photos and memorabilia documenting SCAC's work, programs and outreach efforts throughout the years. You're guaranteed to recognize some familiar, if younger, faces from the animal-loving community!

So mark the date, and watch for more information about our 50th anniversary party. Then, pack up the kids, the pets, and join the march down North St. in celebration of our caring for thousands of animals since 1959, and our commitment to continue serving as many as need us in the years to come.

For more information, or if you want to be an exhibitor or vendor, or if you'd like to help us that day, call Nancy Boardman at 802-375-6138.

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