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Come and Celebrate Second Chance Animal Center's 50th Anniversary

Animal-lovers, friends and supporters of Second Chance Animal Center in Shaftsbury are invited to 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 celebration 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 SCAC's 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, as well as wagon rides provided by Lively's Livery and their American Cream draft horses. On sale will be whimsical T-shirts to commemorate the day that were especially designed for SCAC by artist Anna Dibble of Peru.

Enjoy music throughout the party, courtesy of Barry Hyman's band Zuela, along with an all-you-can-eat barbeque featuring hot dogs and burgers, a wide variety of home-made salads and sodas for \$5 per person, followed by free birthday cake!

The shelter will be selling raffle tickets for a canine-inspired quilt that was handmade and donated by Jane Wright of Cambridge, NY; the winning ticket will be drawn at SCAC's Holiday Open House on Dec. 5th. Also on display will be photos and memorabilia documenting SCAC's 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 and pets, and join us at the Veterans Home gazebo 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 would like to be an exhibitor, vendor, or volunteer that day, call Nancy Boardman at 802-375-6138.

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