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## HAVE FUN, HELP ANIMALS AT SCAC'S OPEN HOUSE

You can jump-start your holidays early this year--on Saturday, December 5th, to be exact-- when Second Chance Animal Center hosts its fifth annual Angel Tree Open House at the shelter from 11 a.m. 'til 3:30 p.m. This is a joyous way to greet the season and help needy animals at the same time, as you enjoy cider, punch, cookies and other homemade treats, music of the season, and the adoration of our wonderful dogs and cats.

Santa Paws promises to make a special pre-Christmas Eve stop around noon that day, so children will want to be sure to have their wish lists with them. Hand-crafted paper ornaments will be available to purchase for \$10 each, all ready to be personalized with the names of special people or pets, past or present. For a donation of \$15, prized photos (no larger than 4" by 6", please) can be inserted into festive paper frames which will be returned once the holidays are over. Until then, the ornaments and framed photos will hang on our two shelter trees, adding a festive touch to the premises while letting visitors and adoptors know of your kindness. If you can't get to the Open House, you can send your donation to us at P.O. Box 620, Shaftsbury, VT 05262. Just tell us whether you want to buy a dog, cat or generic holiday design for your ornament or frame, and make sure to list the names of the pets or people you want to honor. All the ornaments and frames were created by Bennington artist and animal-lover Claudia Dalton.

Once again this year, we'll be picking the winning raffle ticket for a beautiful dog-themed quilt that was hand-done by Jane Wright of Cambridge, NY. Jane graciously donated a quilt for our benefit last year, and the proceeds were used to care for homeless animals through the tough winter. This year's quilt design is just as adorable, and the money is earmarked for the same purpose. We'll be selling the final round of tickets throughout the Open House, with the lucky winning ticket being drawn at the end of the party. The lucky quilt winner doesn't have to be present at the drawing. Second Chance will deliver the happy news by e-mail or phone.

Santa's Favorite Little Elf, Tina, who usually is on hand to give shelter tours throughout the Open House, has a prior commitment this year, but another one of Santa's special helpers is ready to welcome visitors and give them a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility. And of course the staff will be delighted to show off our adoptable dogs and cats all day. That means that, even if you don't win the quilt, or one of the dog or cat stockings made by Board member Lynne Fonteneau McCann as door prizes, you may go home with something even more precious--a new family member!

So plan on making a visit to Second Chance part of your itinerary on Saturday, December 5th. We're located on Rt. 7A on the Arlington-Shaftsbury border. Balloons and a holiday wreath will be marking the spot for Santa Paws-- and for you, too! For more information, contact the shelter at 802-375-2898.

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