FOX WOOD WILDLIFE SPRING 2007 NEWSLETTER

Due to popular demand... Fox Wood now has a Spring Newsletter!!! We hope you enjoy it!

This Little Piggy Went to Market!

That is...The Springville Auction where many animals are sold on a weekly basis. December 2006 was very mild, fortunately for "Piggy" aka "Mini Me", who was only 6 weeks old when he escaped from the auction house where Pet Pot-Bellied Pigs are often sold for as little as \$5 each and often go directly to slaughterhouses. Despite their best capture efforts, the agile little piglet remained elusive for three weeks. Cold weather was on its way and we knew this piglet wouldn't last long, so we did some research and decided to rescue the little guy. We baited our trap with cookies and colorful fruits. By the end of the day, we had captured one very frightened and disgruntled piglet. Jennifer thought he was the cutest thing she had ever seen, so I promised that we would keep him only until she got tired of caring for him. As a mom, I figured that surely the pig would be gone in a week - but (unfortunately), Jennifer has been taking excellent care of the pig, has taught him to sit, and come when he is called and it looks like we now have a permanent Pig at Fox Wood.

Pictured below are "Jadin", Jen and "Piggy" out for a walk.



I Have Come to Realize That My Heart is Much Larger Than My Pocketbook...

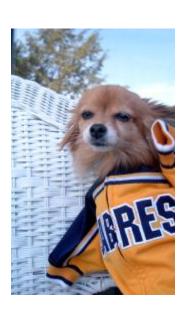
Therefor, Please join me Sunday July 29th for a casual and fun day at Sprague Brook Park. This will be a Dog-Friendly family event, so feel free to bring your well-behaved, well socialized, leashed dog. I am still in the planning stages, but you can *definitely* expect fun, food, drink, music, Silent and Chinese Auctions and lots of animal lovers -just like you!

Nancy Proulx will do a presentation, "Non Verbal Communication with your Pets" at 1:00 PM. The event will run from 11 AM to 6 PM. Donations of baskets or silent auction items are gratefully received at 11156 Old Glenwood Rd, East Concord, NY 14055 or I will pick them up, call 716-592-1861 and I will arrange pickup.

I hope to See you there!

"Go Sabres!"

Our Site Master, and Buffalo Sabres Fan "Foofye" has been working feverishly on the Fox Wood Website and Blog. Be sure to check the site out at:



http://www.foxwoodrehab.com and the blog ..

http://foxwoodrehab.typepad.com/my_weblog/ Foofye would love your comments and she says "Donations are joyfully accepted and can be made conveniently using PayPal- or US Mail!" Or, E-mail us at: foxladye@yahoo.com

Go Foofye! Go Sabres!

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Illegally Trapped Fox Rescued!!!!

Steel jaw traps that had not been checked in weeks caught an unfortunate male Red fox in December. The field has many traps in it, left behind by a careless and uncaring trapper who had not been checking them anymore. Fortunately, a lady walking her dogs saw the fox as it struggled. We were able to free the fox from the frozen jaws and rush it in to the Erie County SPCA Wildlife Department where Dr. Karen Moran, DVM cared for and surgically removed three destroyed toes from the foxes' right front foot. He was re-released in February. Thank you to Dr. Moran, the wonderful staff at the Erie County SPCA Wildlife Department, Jane Fisher and Joe Lesinski for responding quickly to help a fox friend in need!



The rusted trap was frozen shut and had to be removed with tools at the SPCA



Three toes are severed and hanging only by skin. The foot is shaved and cleaned for surgery



As soon as weather is mild and our 6 feet (!!!) of snow is melted, the fox is released back into his old territory to meet back up with his mate.



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Frightened and Elusive Dog Saved!

"Rusty", an elusive stray dog was first noticed on the streets of the Village of Hamburg in September of 2006. I answered a call and checked a yard where he was sleeping in November. However, after being chased numerous times by dog catchers, police and other people, Rusty had become extremely elusive, frightened and shy. It seems people just got used to seeing the dog run through the Village and stopped caring. I was shocked to catch a glimpse of "Rusty" in a field on the outskirts of the village one Sunday in April 2007.

"Is that poor dog still out?" I exclaimed to my copilot, Jennifer We watched him in the field in the freezing rain, tired, stiff and cold and we decided it was time to bring him home. We learned that neighbors had been feeding him and giving him treats daily, but were unable to coax him closer. I set a box trap in the field that Sunday and by the next afternoon I was shocked to learn that the dog was already in the trap!!!! Yahoo!!!! I had been prepared for "the long haul" and never dreamed I would catch him so quickly! As soon as we got Rusty home (still in the trap), I evaluated his body language and decided that he was a good dog that I could trust. I let "Rusty" out of the trap and we quickly became friends. "Rusty" wore two tags bearing his name, however the cell phone numbers on the tags had been disconnected and the owners were unable to be traced, even after exhaustive searching. The family that had been feeding

"Rusty" for so long was the first I contacted to see if they would like to

adopt him. To our (mine and Rusty's) delight, they were *thrilled* to become his new family! "Rusty" is now a privileged house dog, blessed with a family that takes him on walks on the familiar ground he traveled for so long. He really has the best of both worlds now! Thank you the Brauch Family!

Seminar with Nancy Proulx!

Come to Fox Wood and enjoy exercises and meditation to open your heart and increase your awareness of nonverbal communication and kinship with all life. Learn how to relax and hear the whispers of animals and nature. We will take an animal journey and find the animal that guides you.



You are invited June 24^{th} from 10 – 3 PM.

Seminar Fee \$75

RSVP: Elise 716-592-1861



Goodbye! We hope you enjoyed our newsletter! Look... They are all in stride!