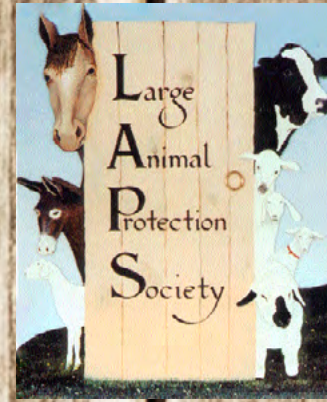


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2022 Newsletter

IN MEMORIAM - JOANN MAUGER



On May 29, 2022, LAPS lost its founding member JoAnn Mauger. Instrumental in creating LAPS in 1988 she was our first HSPO.

A force to be reckoned with, she served LAPS in many other capacities: resident, dispatcher and an animal caretaker for over 20 years... many simultaneously.

"LAPS is my life!"

A veteran fox hunter and trail rider, proper horse care came naturally. A former bartender, JoAnn was able to handle the roughest violators. Covering Chester, Delaware, Berks and Lancaster Counties. JoAnn was unwavering in her mission to help animals in need.

This volunteer position found her out daily, investigating new and current complaints and cases... without a second thought of bad weather or midnight stakeouts, BUT her barnyard fowl phobia was legendary. Nothing kept her quiet and in her car more than chickens in a driveway...

As difficult as it was to see an animal in terrible circumstances, JoAnn made sure to do her due diligence for compliance with the law before any action was taken to seize.

She was meticulous in her investigations, seizures and citations knowing the animal's future was in her hands.

Retirement allowed her to travel around the US with husband Bobby, visiting relatives throughout.

After several years of stay in Loveland, CO they came back home to Chester County.

In their last days before leaving, Joann and Bobby arranged their farm to be sold to LAPS, giving us a home. Innumerable animals were saved from lives of misery through JoAnn's dedication, bravery and attention to detail — truly making a difference.

Advice JoAnn would give us is to speak up and report animal cruelty – be the voice the animals don't have.

Nothing brought a bigger smile to her face than seeing an emaciated animal going to fat and shiny from under her care.

JoAnn laid the foundation for LAPS and we are so grateful for her years of service and we will continue her legacy for the people and animals of Pennsylvania.

DEDICATIONS 2022

In Honor of:

Rae Guthrie, dear friend and teacher, by Judy Forchielli
Avie Etherington – Horse Kevin
Hoover, Vernon & Vader, new family pets, by Paul & Nancy Plourde

In Loving Memory of:

Our daughter – Maryanne and her horse Lady, by Patricia M. Boyle
Marley Welcome Cooper, by Joan Galloway
Nikki, our loving border collie, by Priscille and Ed Dolor
Tragedy -1- One of many of our best dogs – Loved by Tom and Missy
Brinkley, My loving cocker spaniel, by Mary Fischer
My dog, Rascal, XOOX, by Grace Goracci
Sunny & Seamus, PSC Stalwarts, by Betsy Bowden
Ariel, the Best Rescue Pony & Dawg, the Best Companion, by Kathy Blough
Polly, A beautiful & loyal Pembroke Corgi, by Catherine LaBate
Buster & Toby, two great cats, by Anita Menaldi
Echo & Rockee, by Eva Foster
Sandy Weible, by Donna Allaband, Dearly missed sister
Kathy Moore, by David & Lola Weaver, Michael Hartz & Joan Beggs,
The Staff at Warwick Middle School, Lois Cawley, Cawley Environmental Services, Inc., Marylu Fryberger, Sherry Suter, Melissa Hooper, Manufacturers & Traders Tr Co., Barry & Susan Shute, Heidi Thompson, Mary Alice High & Pamela Patton
Herb Hogg, by Cochran Hunt Club
Sandy Weible, Beloved Daughter, by, Frances M. Weible
Annie B, sassy to the end, by Barbara Bird
Charlie McWilliams, by Gatter Foundation, Joan & Jeffrey Gatter
JoAnn Mauger, by Susan van Dijk, Eugene Harding, Lauren McGowan,
Allison Easter, Sarah Miles, Sheryl Rapee-Adams

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LARGE/FARM ANIMALS ONLY:

Large Animal Protection Society: For lack of shelter, food, water or veterinary care **610-869-9880** leave message on service with required information Chester & Lancaster only

PA Animal Response Team - PA-SART: for large/farm animals in extreme situations (caste, road accident, flooding, down in field, swimming pool) **(717) 651-2736**

Lancaster County Emergency Response Team – CART: For large/farm animals in extreme situations in **LANCASTER COUNTY ONLY** (caste, road accident, flooding, down in field, swimming pool) **CALL 911 and ask for CART**

Equine Rescue Ambulance Fair Hill Division,
443-553-6184

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE PA STATE CRUELTY LAW?

SS 5532 Neglect of an Animal

(a) Offense defined – A person commits an offense if the person fails to provide any of the following for each animal to which the person has a duty of care, whether belonging to himself or otherwise.

- (1) Necessary sustenance and potable water.
- (2) Access to clean and sanitary shelter and protection from the weather. The shelter must be sufficient to permit the animal to retain body heat and keep animal dry.
- (3) Necessary veterinary care.

(b) Grading

- (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), a violation of this section is a summary offense.
- (2) If the violation causes bodily injury to the animal or places the animal at imminent risk of serious bodily injury, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

SS 5533 Cruelty to animal

(a) Offense defined. A person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly ill-treats, overloads, beats, abandons or abuses an animal.

(b) Grading

- (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), a violation of this section is a summary offense.

(2) If the violation causes bodily injury to the animal or places the animal at imminent risk of serious bodily injury, a violation of this section is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

SS 5534 Aggravated cruelty to animal

(a) Offense defined – A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly does any of the following:

- (1) Tortures an animal.
- (2) Violates section 5532 (relating to neglect of animal) or 5522 (relating to cruelty to animal) causing serious bodily injury to the animal or the death of the animal.

(b) Grading. A violation of this section is a felony of the third degree.

SS 5537 Selling or using disabled horse.

A person commits a summary offense if the person offers for sale or sells a horse, which by reason of debility, disease or lameness, or for other cause, could not be worked or used without violating the laws against cruelty to animals, or leads, rides, drives or transports any such horse for any purpose, except that of conveying the horse to the nearest available appropriate facility for humane keeping or destruction or for medical or surgical treatment.

SS 5538 Transporting animals in cruel manner.

(a) Offense defined – A person commits a summary offense if the person carries, or causes or allows to be carried in or upon any cart or other vehicle whatsoever an animal in a cruel or inhumane manner. The person taking the offender into custody may take charge of the animal and of the vehicle and the vehicle's contents, and deposit the same in a safe place of custody, and the necessary expenses that may be incurred for taking charge of and keeping the same, and sustaining the animal, shall be a lien thereon, to be paid before the same can lawfully be recovered, or the expenses or any part thereof remaining unpaid may be recovered — by the person incurring the same from the owner of the animal in a action therefor.

(b) Exception. – For the purposes of this section, it shall not be deemed cruel or inhumane to transport live poultry in crates so long as not more than 15 pounds of live poultry are allocated to each cubic foot of space in the crate.

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LAPS Events

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

— SAVE THE DATE —
November 2023

CASH & CARRY
First Come First Served

Clean used winter blankets
\$30.00, Sheets/coolers \$20.00,
Many assorted colors styles
& BRANDS.

Pitch Forks & Rake, Western &
English Tack/Saddles
Make an offer

— May 28, 2023 —
Ride through
Runnymede

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Horse, Belle

Horse, Rosebud

Emmie & Sunday – Seized
buggy horse & colt.

Emmie babysits a retired
foxhunter taking adopter's
husband out on trail rides and
went out cubbing this season.

Her colt Sunday was adopted
by the farm he was weaned at
– fussed on daily and growing
up by a barn full of teenage girls.

Rosebud – surrendered QH cross mare
found the perfect low key farm to live,



Horse, Sunday

immediately bonding with
adopter's mother, who spoils
her daily.

Belle – surrendered QH mare
has landed a “job” at a small
lesson barn where she is
everybody's favorite.

**UPDATE: Fred/Percheron
Gelding Neglect Case**

The Chester County DA's office have filed
felony charges against owner. Case is
currently in contingency.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

LAPS can enforce the animal cruelty laws only with the help of people like you. Funding is solely from public donations. We are a Non-Profit 501 (c)3 and your donations are tax deductible. Financial donations are always welcome, but there are other ways to help. Give us a call with your ideas.

*Fund Raising
Help with Grant Applications*

*Donate Hay, Feed, or Straw
Office Supplies Needed*

Help us fulfill our mission by adopting a rehabilitated animal. These “diamonds in the rough” are full of potential. We occasionally need foster homes. Call us for details if you have room in your barn and in your heart! Volunteers can help in many ways. If you seriously want to get involved with animal welfare, find out about becoming a Humane Officer. You may enjoy barn work, but we also need help with fund raising, grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, office work, etc, ... Volunteer your talents!

Help fulfill our mission by adopting rehabilitated animals. To make a monetary donation,
please make your check payable to LAPS at PO Box 243, West Grove, PA 19390

PayPal at: www.largeanimalprotectionsociety.org

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

I would like a donation made (check one if applicable) \$50.00

_____ In Memory of: _____

(Person/Pet's name) (Brief description; Beloved Aunt, horse)

_____ In Honor of: _____

(Person/Pet's name) (Brief description; Beloved Aunt, horse)

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE PA STATE CRUELTY LAW? *(Continued from page 2)*

SS 5540 Hours of labor of animals.

(a) Offense defined – A person commits a summary offense if the person leads, drives, rides or works or causes or permits another person to lead, drive, ride or work a horse, mule, ox or other animal, whether belonging to the person or in the person's possession or control, for more than 15 hours in a 24-hour period or more than 90 hours in one week.

SS 5541 Cruelty to cow to enhance appearance of udder.

A person commits a summary offense if the person kneads or beats the udder of a cow, or willfully allows it to go un milked for a period of 24 hours or more, for the purpose of enhancing the appearance or size of the udder of the cow, or by a muzzle or any other device, prevents the cow's calf, if less than six weeks old, from obtaining nourishment, and thereby relieving the udder of the cow, for a period of 24 hours.

SS5547 Live animals as prizes prohibited.

(a) General rule. – No person shall give or offer to give away a live animal, except fish, as a prize in a drawing, lottery, contest, sweepstakes or other game. No person operating a drawing, lottery, contest, sweepstakes or other game shall sell or offer to sell a live animal, except fish, in conjunction with the operation of a drawing,

SO... “Potable” doesn't mean a fresh bucket of water – Creeks and pooled rainwater are acceptable,

“Necessary” doesn't mean access to water 24/7 – watering once a day is acceptable,

“Necessary sustenance” – if there is enough grass, hay or grain isn't required.

There is NO definition in state statutes of “shelter” – just that it must help “retain body heat” which is block wind NOT provide shade from the heat – hedgerows, tree lines, a tree are acceptable – no roofs or 3 sided structures are required

“Clean” means the current situation is NOT causing any health issues to the animals.

Horses are not required to wear blankets in cold weather.

Turn out/pasture is not required.

The number of animals in an enclosure or if livestock is even permitted is regulated by township regulations.

A horse with ribs visible doesn't constitute malnutrition – fit/working horses, several breed types often have visible ribs. Points of hips and sunken back are evidence of malnutrition.

Livestock running loose is a Police or Animal Control matter not Humane Agent.

ALL livestock lie down to rest, sleep, and sunbath – even those usually seen standing/grazing.

WHO DOES WHAT ?

PA State Police (PSP) & Humane Society Police Officer (HSPO) are the only agencies able to enforce the PA Cruelty Law(s). HSPO must be sponsored/employed by a nonprofit animal society.

PA Dog Warden monitors licensed kennels, individual licenses and rabies compliance .

Animal Control, hired by municipalities, responds to animals at large in those communities only.