

NEWS:



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Diana Proclaims April Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month *Encourages residents to report abuse, neglect*

Goshen, NY - County Executive Edward A. Diana proclaimed April 2011 Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month in Orange County in hopes of eliminating cruelty to animals by promoting the vigorous enforcement of existing animal cruelty laws.

“As County Executive, and as a dog owner myself, I know that happy and healthy animals are invaluable assets to our residents and to our community,” said Diana. “And yet, it’s said that every 10 seconds an animal is abused or beaten. We can all do our part to help reverse this heartbreaking statistic by treating animals with respect, while reporting animal abuse to proper law enforcement agencies.”

Diana commended the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Orange County District Attorney’s Office, local law enforcement agencies and the Warwick Valley Humane Society for taking the necessary steps in investigating, alleviating and prosecuting animal abuse cases.

For more information please contact the Warwick Valley Humane Society at (845) 986-2473 or visit them at www.wvhumane.org.



Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana presents Suzyn Barron, president of the Warwick Valley Humane Society, with the April 2011 Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month Proclamation in his office at the Government Center in Goshen.

PREVENTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY MONTH

WHEREAS, Orange County, the citizens of Orange County and the Warwick Valley Humane Society are concerned with the humane treatment of animals; and

WHEREAS, the kind and humane treatment of animals has a strong correlation to the kind and humane treatment of people; and

WHEREAS, animal cruelty is proven to directly parallel violent and criminal acts on people; and

WHEREAS, Orange County, together with the Warwick Valley Humane Society, urges the vigorous enforcement of existing animal cruelty laws in hopes of eliminating cruelty to all animals wild or tame; and

WHEREAS, Orange County would like to commend the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orange County District Attorney's Office, local law enforcement agencies and the Warwick Valley Humane Society for taking the necessary steps in investigating, alleviating and prosecuting animal abuse cases; and

WHEREAS, the month of April has been established as "Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Edward A. Diana, Orange County Executive, do hereby proclaim April, 2011 as:

Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month

Throughout Orange County, and I call upon all Orange County residents to treat any and all animals with kindness, consideration and respect, and to report the abuse, neglect and cruelty of all animals to law enforcement agencies, their local humane society or to the Warwick Valley Humane Society.

HONORED THIS FIRST DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN

Edward A. Diana
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