

Four Brothers Waiting for warm homes



The Wise One - Vivi

From the height of her eight years, the mixed-breed Labrador, Vivi, has seen a lot and had quite a few experiences. She was abandoned at the SPCA with her four pups and took care of them devotedly till they were reared. Now she is ready to open a new chapter with a family who will love her for the rest of her life, while they gain a wise, friendly, faithful and adorable dog.



The Wicked One - Pixie

Pixie is a mixed-breed cat, one and a half years old, big, impressive and with a black, saucy mark on his nose. Needless to say, he is not wicked, but he doesn't get along with other cats and prefers to be an 'only son'. He craves play and fun and is looking for loving owners, to whom he promises to show how soft and sweet-tempered he really is and how much he loves being petted and pampered.

Dear Friends,

Each year, as the Spring Festival approaches, I am happy to present our traditional newsletter. This year we wish to honor those families rearing animals they consider an integral part of their families.

Allow me to open with a personal reminiscence: Close to the Pesach holiday nine years ago, a weak and skinny puppy reached the Society, having been found by a passerby in the trash. Just one glance sufficed for me to fall in love with the tiny pup, only the size of my hand, and to name her "Baby". Baby quickly acclimatized in our home, taking her place beside her 'brothers' and 'sisters', the cats and dogs. Since then and to this day she shares the path of life with us, lovingly and faithfully accompanying us with her friendly nature and understanding expression.

Our many years of experience in placing animals in adoptive homes teach us that not all dogs and cats have similar fates, with many of them never having the privilege of living their whole lives in one home. In the SPCA, as in other organizations, this season in the year is distinguished by two familiar phenomena: On one hand, for various reasons many dogs and cats are abandoned during the holidays, often after these animals have accompanied their owners for long periods of time and have filled a significant role in their lives. Joining them are the huge numbers of kittens that are born in the Spring to homeless cats and unspayed house cats, resulting in the shelters being packed with animals begging for adoptive homes. We, of course, take in every animal brought to us, and encourage pet owners who are taking vacations at this time to use our [boarding facilities](#) while they are away.

The second phenomenon is adoption of dogs and cats by families who choose a new four-legged friend during the Pesach vacation. It appears to be an ideal situation – with the animals getting more attention due to the free time available. However, when the children go back to school, many animals that were adopted during the vacation are brought back to the shelters, since the kids' enthusiasm fades and the burden of caring for the pets falls on the parents.

Every adoption is, needless to say, welcomed. However, it is important that the process be carried out in a responsible manner and not in a moment of enthusiasm or to fulfill the children's wishes. The adopters must understand that the meaning of adoption is the adding of a new member to the family, an additional 'child' that demands attention, care and commitment for the fifteen years ahead.

In order to avoid this emotional upset both to the adopters and the animals, that may experience another traumatic abandonment, we in the SPCA operate an orderly process named "Responsible Adoption". The aim of this process is to match the animals with the adopters, taking into account the wishes and life-style of the adopters and their ability to provide the animals with all their needs for their entire lifespan, a process which includes completing a special Adoption Form, meeting with an adoption counselor, a veterinary examination, vaccinations, spaying or castration and guidance in all matters concerned with pet care.

If you are considering adopting a pet, have the whole family take part in the process. We recommend encouraging the children to gather information about the animals and to learn about its needs and, at a later stage, to set up a division of tasks relating to the care of the animal. This will give the children a sense of responsibility, partnership and devotion. However, it is important to remember that expecting young children to undertake the full care of the animals is unrealistic, and that, in the final analysis, the responsibility rests on the parents' shoulders.

I wish you and your families a happy spring holiday. Hopefully all the many dogs and cats will find suitable homes during the festival.



The Simple One - Chile

A tiny baby, three-months-old, who is beginning to discover the world with enormous curiosity and the innocence of babes. She was abandoned at the SPCA when she was only one-month-old, tiny and still not able to see, and was affectionately cared for. Now she wants to share her lively joy of life with whoever will give her a warm home and pamper her for the rest of her life.



The one who doesn't know how to ask - Cooty

Please meet Cooty – a gentle dog, trained and kind, three years of age with an easy-going temperament, who knows how to give love and is only waiting patiently to be given some in return. Even though he is a perfect dog, suitable for any family, he has been waiting for a warm home for many long months. Perhaps he doesn't know how to ask, but his expression says everything -asking that at this holiday his luck will change for good.

For more pets for adoption, [Click here](#)

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Chag Sameach,

Hilma Shmoshkovitz

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Adoptive Mother

Shirley, an adorable seven-months-old foal, reached the [SPCA Horses and Donkeys Home](#) four months ago in bad physical condition, having been orphaned and suffered inappropriate care at the hands of her owners. She was emaciated and weak in the hip area and her hind legs, leading to lameness. Due to a lack of mother's milk she was underweight so was given nutritional supplements and milk substitutes suited to foals. The one who adopted Shirley and follows her every step is Cheetah, an eighteen year old mare, who suffered abuse and neglect at the hands of her owners and underwent rehabilitation in the SPCA Horse's Home. Today, as Shirley's and Cheetah's rehabilitation is almost complete, we are looking for responsible new owners who have the necessary facilities and experience in caring for horses.

The rehabilitation process for horses and donkeys is long and complex, involving high costs for quality food and comprehensive, professional medical treatment. Donations help us provide these animals with the best care, under optimal conditions. [Every donation, big](#)



Brothers and Sisters

How is it possible to throw day-old puppies onto the streets as though they were trash? The six adorable puppies in the photo (two sisters and four brothers) were abandoned along with their mother, reaching the SPCA through a passerby's report. Under SPCA veterinary supervision, the mixed-breed, mischievous puppies gained strength, began to get their vaccinations and are expected to be medium to large dogs. Now they are hoping to find responsible adoptive homes, where they will be loved, and protected for always.

Unfortunately, unwanted litters of dogs and cats are an inseparable part of the hard reality with which we deal on a daily basis. Such puppies and kittens are separated from their mothers at too early an age, heartlessly abandoned, thrown onto the streets in a cardboard box with no real chance of survival. In order to prevent this suffering, please have your pets fixed.

These operations, which prevent various illnesses and improve the animals' quality of life, are carried out in the [SPCA clinic](#) at reasonable prices.

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or small, will help us help these poor horses and donkeys as they undergo rehabilitation in the SPCA.



The SPCA Team from the Galuyot School, Petach Tikva

SPCA Club

Let us introduce the SPCA (Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Club - a special project initiated by the Department of Humanistic Education of the SPCA, which organizes school kids from all over the country to act for the benefit and welfare of animals. In the framework of the Club, groups of pupils from each school elect an SPCA Team, and the various SPCA Teams attend a one-day training session in the Society, during which they learn about the SPCA and its activities and make suggestions for raising awareness of animal welfare amongst their peers. Afterwards, the pupils initiate lectures, charity events and activities in their schools, accompanied by the educational staff of their schools and the Department of Humanistic Education of the SPCA. In addition, the schools and kindergartens that are members of the Club gather recyclable bottles, purchasing food for the abandoned animals taking shelter in the SPCA with the refund money they collect.

Schools and kindergartens interested in taking part in this project and joining the SPCA Club, are invited to contact the Department of Humanistic Education of the SPCA at *4553.



The Arbiv family and the dogs Toffee and Dvash that were adopted at the Society

You Do Choose Your Family

Many people raising pets see them as part of their families in every way, and the special connection that develops between the pets and their owners is an integral part of the owners' lives and their daily routines. On Sunday, April 26, "Pet Parents' Day" will be celebrated throughout the world, with the aim of recognizing and honoring pet owners who relate to their pets as an inseparable part of their families.

On the week marking this day, the SPCA will operate special activities to raise public awareness for responsible adoption of pets, emphasizing the importance of raising them for their whole lives, and to express our appreciation to our veteran adopters.

Owners of pets that were adopted at the SPCA up to the end of 2009 are invited to come with their dogs to the SPCA during the week 26/4-2/5, to receive a special certificate, benefits and a gift package sponsored by Tal Gal Company, which includes a small bag of Purina food, a Purina treat, a pouch, and a leash. In addition, the Solano Company is contributing a gift of an ampule against fleas.

All of us here at the SPCA are eagerly waiting to meet the veteran adopters and the dogs that gained loving families, and invite them to take part in an activity on the topic that will be on our Facebook page.



Bibi, an adorable and friendly mixed-breed dog, aged three and a half, has been in the SPCA for a year and two months already and is about to spend his second Pesach in a shelter. He is anxiously waiting for loving owners who will welcome him into their warm home as an inseparable part of their family.

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