Farmingville, NY - On January 7, the Town of Brookhaven Animal Shelter presented its first "Dogs Playing for Life" seminar, an introduction to a training program for shelter dogs featuring canine play groups. The program, which has been introduced to more than 50 shelters across the United States and Canada, utilizes play groups as an assessment, enrichment, training and adoption enhancement tool. The goal of the program is to demonstrate how play groups can improve the quality of life for dogs and the people who work and volunteer at shelters. Pictured left to right at the seminar are Councilman Dan Panico, Animal Shelter Director Ashley Boyd and "Dogs Playing for Life" founder Aimee Sadler, who is also the Director of Training and Behavior for the Southampton Animal Shelter Foundation.