

Brookhaven Town Animal Shelter and Adoption Center Creates "Brookhaven Bully Alliance"

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Innovative new program will benefit large Pit Bull population at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter

Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Mark Lesko and Brookhaven Animal Shelter and Adoption Center Director Dori Scofield have announced the formation of the Brookhaven Bully Alliance (BBA), a program to encourage other animal shelters and rescues to help alleviate the overpopulation of Pit Bulls and mixes at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter. 501 c-3 organizations can become part of the BBA by completing an application. Any organization that participates receives \$250 for each dog they commit to taking and placing in a safe haven. The BBA is made possible through the Help the Animals Fund Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to saving the lives of companion animals at the Brookhaven Animal Shelter and A doption Center.

"Our animal shelter does such great work, but they have become overwhelmed with the number of Pit Bulls that are

brought in and must be cared for," said Supervisor Lesko. "Sadly, they are coming in to the shelter faster than they are being adopted. Thanks to the work of Dori Scofield, this new program will help many of these adoptable pets find new homes with caring families."

"The Brookhaven Bully Alliance is creating a lot of positive energy and awareness to the plight of the Pit Bulls in our community. Several reputable organizations have already applied for membership. Together we can create the change needed for the animals at Brookhaven Animal Shelter," said Ms. Scofield.

"Having adopted two Pit Bull mixes from the Brookhaven Animal Shelter, I see a totally different temperament than that portrayed by the media. These dogs are friendly, obedient and loyal. Our hope is to partner with these groups to help find homes for these cast away pets," said Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh.

"The Brookhaven Bully Alliance, Director Dori Scofield's imaginative non-profit program, unquestionably will go a long way in alleviating the problem of overpopulation of American Pit Bull Terriers in Brookhaven Town. This program, coupled with humane and responsible dog ownership, can drastically reduce the suffering of these animals," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner, "I salute the Help the Animals Fund Inc., for their support of the Animal Shelter's innovative BBA program."

Every shelter dog that enters the BBA program is professionally evaluated, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped. Currently, transport of the dogs is provided depending on availability. Membership is not limited to New York State organizations.

The funds to pay participating organizations will be provided by the Help the Animals Fund, which is currently accepting donations and will be sponsoring various fundraising events to support this program and others. Residents who would like to sponsor one of the shelter's Pit Bulls can donate by visiting www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter and clicking the Help the Animals Fund link. If your organization would like to be part of this alliance, please contact the Animal Shelter at info@brookhavenbullyalliance.com.

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