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Grumpy Lumpy, DCSPCA mascot passes away

HYDE PARK, NY – Officials of the DCSPCA announce the passing of its beloved mascot, Lumpy the cat. Lumpy lived at the shelter for five years – longer than any other cat. She was available for adoption but her poor health and famously grumpy disposition left her without a suitable match. Lumpy spent most of her time in the shelter clinic where she had her own bed and as much attention from shelter staff and volunteers as she could stand.

The DCSPCA is a no-kill facility and does not euthanize adoptable animals. Most animals stay less than one month but a few have been at the shelter for several years. Lumpy was relinquished by her owners in January, 2005. In 2006 she was made the official shelter mascot. Staff and volunteers donated their own money to provide medical care for Lumpy.

Executive Director, Joyce Garrity stated, “Lumpy demonstrates so perfectly what I love about the DCSPCA. I am proud of the staff and volunteers who cared for Lumpy over the years. She was a charming curmudgeon from the day she came to us but they never gave up on her. They gave her a good life and we all miss her.”



Leah Hapeman, DCSPCA Assistant Manager
with office cat, Lumpy

The Dutchess County SPCA, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, is the lead agency for animal rescue and adoption in Dutchess County. The DCSPCA is a no-kill shelter with a 138-year history of concern, caring and providing shelter for unwanted, abused, abandoned and neglected animals. Central to the mission of the DCSPCA is the securing of caring, responsible, permanent homes for the adoptable animals in its care.

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