



DATE/TIME: Wednesday, May 19, 6 p.m.

LOCATION: [53 Maple Avenue, Scotia, NY](#)

CREDIT/POINTS: 2

RELATED TOPIC: *Serving Our Tech Valley Community*

DESCRIPTION: The shelter was founded by a group of volunteers led by Mrs. Jesse Carpenter and was incorporated as the [Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady, Inc.](#) on August 12, 1931. It was established to provide care and protection to domestic animals and was first operated out of a garage on Balltown Road. Over the years, the shelter changed locations until 1988, when the board of directors committed to building a new shelter that would meet the current needs of the animals and create a future of possibilities. After much research and planning, on June 10, 1993, ground was broken for a state-of-the-art shelter. Pledges, grants, savings and loans paid for the \$1.3 million facility, thanks to the work of volunteers and many kind donors. The half-million-dollar loan was paid off within a year and, once again, the APF could begin to take on new challenges. The APF celebrated its 75th year of operation in 2006. Its mission continues to be to address pet overpopulation and animal suffering, enhance human/animal relationships, and provide care to animals in need. Through its numerous outreach programs, the shelter provides valuable support to the community. In addition to its primary sheltering and adoption services, the APF offers dog training classes, humane education, stray housing for several municipalities, support for animal cruelty cases, and various special events, including the Fireplug 500 Walk for Animals.

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