

## Puppy thrown from car

To the Editor:

This letter is for the woman who was driving a small black car on Becker Road, Monday, Dec. 6, at 8 a.m. I saw you throw your puppy out of your car and take off towards Dunnsville Road. I have informed the Guilderland Police and animal control officer.

That poor puppy almost got killed at least six times and cars were swerving just not to hit this beautiful black German shepherd with brown paws. It could have caused a car accident.

How can you live with yourself, knowing you abandoned this poor puppy out in this cold weather to fend for herself?

Do you have kids? What did you tell them? "Oh the puppy

ran away kids."

Why don't you tell them the truth? "Mommy threw the puppy out of the car to freeze to death."

Well, like I said, I saw you and your car so it's only a matter of time; you will be caught.

I hope that, if anyone knows this woman who had a puppy like this and now the puppy is gone and she drives a small black car and she has dark brown/black hair curly and glasses, please inform the Guilderland Police Department.

What this woman did was wrong, inhumane, and cruel.

**Joanne Bianca Clark  
Guilderland**

*Editor's note: See related story.*

## Wildlife rehab offers much

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Dr. Ed Becker and his staff for their help in treating wildlife. As a wildlife rehabilitator, I know the value of having a veterinarian willing to treat wildlife.

Wildlife rehabilitators are volunteers who provide care for sick, injured, orphaned, and displaced wildlife. Our goal is to return healthy wild animals back to their natural environment.

Animals come to us for many and a variety of reasons. Some are hit by cars, birds hit windows, unrestrained pets injure them or kill parent animals, fishing line entanglements, as well as naturally occurring diseases. In many cases, as with healthy orphan animals or uninjured wildlife, there is no need for veterinary services.

However, with injured or diseased wildlife, the diagnostic and surgical skills of veterinarians are needed to successfully repair fractures or to determine appropriate medications.

The public should be aware that rehabilitators can help them when they find wildlife in need. It is wise to know who is in your area before you need them as problems can occur at incon-

venient times when it might be difficult to locate a nearby wildlife rehabilitator.

We are licensed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and are listed with every Regional DEC Office (in the government section of the phone book), individual DEC Conservation Officers, local humane societies and shelters, animal control officers, veterinarians, and nature centers, to name a few.

We can offer referrals for other rehabilitators to direct an animal to the closest licensee or we may recommend someone else with more experience or better caging for particular species. We also have contacts for other veterinarians that we work with who can provide care for wildlife.

There are some very caring, knowledgeable, and skilled wildlife veterinarians in Schoharie and Saratoga Counties, in addition to Dr. Becker in Albany County.

We thank all veterinarians willing to offer their time and expertise in treating our local native wildlife.

**Kelly Martin  
Middleburgh**

## Knox Historical Society successfully reorganizes

To the Editor:

The Knox Historical Society eliminated any possibility of the dissolution of the group and the museum in the Saddleire Farmhouse when eight new members of the group met on Nov. 23, at the Knox Town Hall and held a successful organizational meeting.

Officers elected were Cheryl Frantzen as president, Dennis Barber as vice president, and Frieda Saddleire as treasurer. Trustees included Robert Price, Justin Zimmer, and Dave Shafer.

The first order of business undertaken was updating the original constitution and bylaws of the society to reflect the way in which modern-day organizations conduct their business. Some 24 revisions were made and approved by the membership.

After that, a discussion of the principles of policy formulation and its uses in operating a historical society was discussed. The principles of policy formulation were approved as the way in which the Knox group would conduct its internal business affairs.

Aside from the organizational necessities described above, the historical projects that the group wanted to initiate immediately were taken up. Members volunteered to start a number of projects including searching for grant monies, studying the need for appraisal of the museum artifacts, design a historical society town-wide newsletter, updating the 1972 town history book, initiating a records-management program for storage of historical records and publication of historical information, determination of the need for not-for-profit corporate status, and creating an addition to the town of Knox web site. The latter project is up and running and may be seen on the Internet at [www.helderweb.com/knoxhistorical/](http://www.helderweb.com/knoxhistorical/).

All residents of the town who may wish to become part of this revitalized effort are invited to join us at the first regular meeting of the society scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Knox Town Hall.

**Fred W. Oettinger,  
Acting Secretary  
Knox Historical Society**

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