

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Town of Greenburgh Intends to Turn Over Closed Animal Shelter to a Local True No-Kill Organization

Last week, Pets Alive Inc. (an animal rescue located in Orange County- 363 Derby Road, Middletown NY) sent out a Press Release entitled "Pets Alive Westchester Announces Intent to Transfer Elmsford Property Back to the Town of Greenburgh". At that time, Paul Feiner, Town Supervisor announced the Town's intent to deed this property to a local animal rescue named Paws Crossed Animal Rescue Inc., to reestablish a true no-kill shelter in Westchester. After months of tenacity, hard work and patience, this was an enormous positive step for Paws Crossed!

The history: in July of 2015, Pets Alive Inc. blindsided the community of Westchester with the closing announcement of the Pets Alive Westchester shelter in Elmsford. Since that time, the community has continued to voice their disappointment and frustration in losing their beloved shelter, whose origins date back to the 1930s. From this unfortunate closing, Paws Crossed Animal Rescue was born. In only a few short months (and with much community support!) we have created a strong organization that is not only dedicated to our mission of "Rescue One By One Until There Are None", but one that is also business oriented and community minded.

Today, Tuesday December 22nd, 2015, Paws Crossed Animal Rescue met with the Board of the Town of Greenburgh to discuss our organization's standings and the logistics of this transfer. With additional steps (such as engineering approval on the status of the building), the Town is anticipating the two transfers to be completed by end of January 2016. We are extremely grateful for the support and encouragement the Town has shown to Paws Crossed during this process.

We understand there are structural issues that come with this property. That said, the Town of Greenburgh Inspector, John Lucido, stated on a radio broadcast last month that portions of the building were most likely accessible for immediate use. This was an incredible update from the original daunting news that the entire building was unusable until all the necessary fixes were completed.

Our plan is, with engineer's approval, advice and blueprints, to immediately occupy the portions deemed operational and safe. Then, through a detailed timeline and a strategic Capital Campaign, we will rejuvenate life back into this structure...one section at a time.

As we begin to tackle each chapter of this project, **NOW**, more than ever, we are going to need our community's continued support! We will be starting our fundraising efforts immediately and also ask that everyone follows our progress on <a href="https://www.pawscrossedny.org">www.pawscrossedny.org</a> and shares our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/pawscrossed. 2016 is the year for this shelter to come alive again and for rescue to return!

A Very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season to you!!!

Located in Westchester County, New York, Paws Crossed is a 501(c) 3, not for profit, true no-kill animal rescue organization. Through rescue, adoption, advocacy, rehabilitation and education, our mission is to "RESCUE ONE BY ONE UNTIL THERE ARE NONE".