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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 40221 DELIVERS
DONATED PET ITEMS TO HI-TOR ANIMAL CARE CENTER

Scouts collect two vans worth of 'wish list' items

POMONA, N.Y. (Dec. 29) – In a time when more people are surrendering their animals to Hi-Tor Animal Care Center due to financial distress, and the shelter struggles to keep up with the demands of the growing animal population in its care, Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Troop 40221 has collected and delivered two vans full of much needed pet items to the shelter.

The troop, part of the Germonds service unit and lead by Kim McCorry and Margaret Dempsey, delivered pet food, pet toys, bedding and cleaning supplies to Hi-Tor, items that consistently top the shelter's 'wish list.' The girls collected the items as part of their Girl Scout Bronze Award. Throughout a one-month period, the scouts held drives outside of Pet Smart in Nanuet, placed donation bins in Bardonia and West Nyack Elementary schools and made posted flyers to get the word out about the drive.

“We are so grateful to the Girl Scouts for devoting their time to collecting much-needed items for the shelter,” said Roberta Bangs, President of Hi-Tor’s Board of Directors. “Recently, the shelter has been taking in a record number of animals that have been dropped off by families who can no longer financially care for their pets. With an increase in animals at the shelter and the need for their constant care – including cleaning, grooming, food and healthcare needs – Hi-Tor is always in need of donations. We take in approximately 2,500 animals annually and are proud that many of those animals are adopted to excellent homes. However, we cannot continue providing the necessary care without help from organizations like the Girl Scouts and the rest of the community.”

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For more information about Hi-Tor Animal Care Center, how to help, or to view the shelter's 'wish list,' please visit www.HiTor.org.

Founded in 1973, Hi-Tor Animal Care Center Inc. is a privately incorporated, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and improving animal life, promoting education through animal care and providing a safe environment for all living creatures. The facility is the only animal care and control shelter in Rockland County and takes in approximately 2,500 animals annually. Hi-Tor is committed to acquiring a state-of-the-art facility on a dedicated campus, to providing the highest standard of care to sheltered animals and to promoting responsible pet ownership through education. The shelter has a small paid staff, with a volunteer Board of Directors and a team of volunteers.