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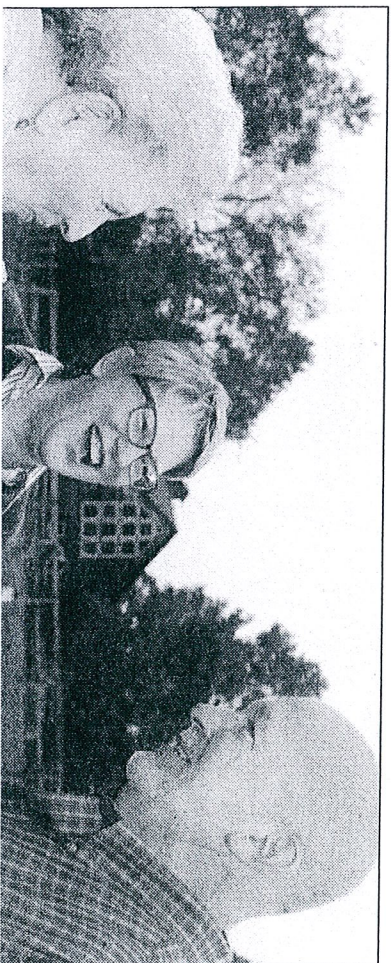
Archer hits the District 21 bullseye

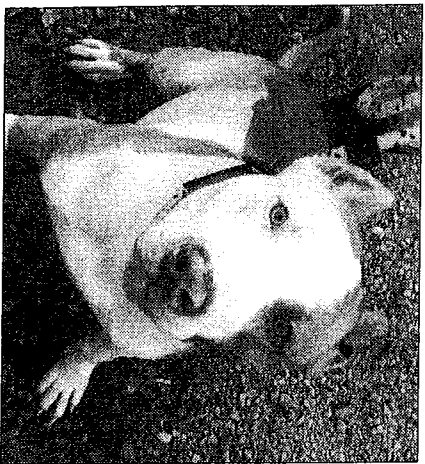
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Democrat Lynn Archer won the Ulster County Legislature District 21 seat in close race against incumbent Republican Chairwoman Terry Bernardo. When all the absentee ballots were counted the vote count from the Ulster County Board of Elections

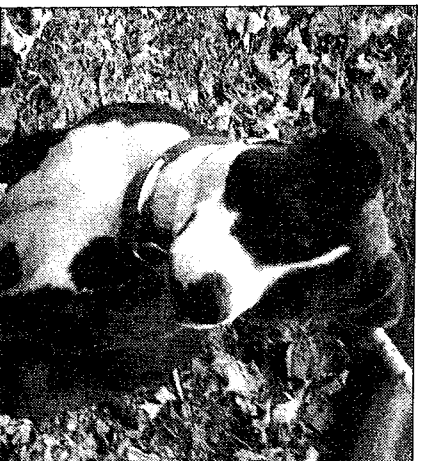
of elections goes through to make certain that the elections inspectors have done everything right, that the completed ballots reconcile with the tapes and the ballots issued.

In the District 21 race, 16 ballots were challenged but when it became clear that mathematically they would make no difference the challenges were withdrawn and the ballots counted, according to Turco. Things like straw marks on the





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Save a life and adopt your new best friend today

Donna Cohn Viertel
BSP Reporter

Jill Shufeldt, 48, of Accord has been the Dog Control Officer for four towns in Ulster County for many years. "I have been DCO for Town of Rochester for about 13 years and for the Town of New Paltz and Esopus for 10 years and Wawarsing for 3 years."

Three years ago, she started the 501-3c nonprofit organization, Have a Heart Animal Welfare Fund, Inc. with her good friend, Merle Borenstein of Olivebridge to help in any way she can with getting the proper care and home for each of her dogs. Over a Heart Animal Welfare Fund's mission is to provide support to homeless and needy dogs in Ulster County. "Saving a life of a dog can be life saving," said Borenstein. Don't kid yourself, you need them as much as they need you. "Pets help lower blood pressure, help people with anxiety and depression and contribute to the happiness in the adopter's life."

When she started as DCO for the towns they had no inside building, just cages and doghouses, but Shufeldt changed all that. "This was not going to be on my watch," she said. So the Town of Rochester built a small heated kennel that can house only five dogs. The location also provides a couple more spots when weather is good on the outside runs. Esopus has it's own shelter in West Park to house their dogs. New Paltz and Wawarsing board their dogs at either of the two shelters. "It's becoming extremely difficult to find other shelters though as they are all too full with dogs in need of homes," said Shufeldt. Through the years, the need for dog adoption continues to grow. "There are far more dogs in need these days than in years past," said Shufeldt. "New Paltz doesn't have many strays but Wawarsing does. It is a dream of mine that Wawarsing build their own shelter as I have run out of space on many occasion and had to scramble to find other private shelters to take these dogs in."

Many people think adoption is a tough process, but Shufeldt assures it's not, however she is very thorough in making sure the dogs go to the proper homes. "I basically have to check your references, including vet records of previously owned or currently owned animals," she



Merle Borenstein with one of her rescue dogs, Teddy, her big boy Rottlie.

tion, Have a Heart Animal Welfare Fund, Inc. will usually pay to have all the dogs done before they are adopted unless they are too young. "I do follow up with it, if that is the case, when it's time." She continued, "If Have a Heart Animal Welfare, Inc. pays for the animal to be spayed, I usually have it done at a very reasonable price, either at Kingston Animal Hospital or at the UCSPCA. Then people who adopt can make a donation to HAHAWF to cover that cost."

Following all the proper procedures and regulations in adopting and registering the dog are more than well worth it, as a dog can bring so much love to a family. "It brings you love and devotion from an animal that will worship the ground you walk on; who will love you unconditionally," she said. "Who wouldn't want that? It's adopting your new best friend. It's saving a life and giving a once "thrown away pet" another chance at love and a happy life it so deserves."

Laura Finestone of Accord started volunteering at the Town of Rochester shelter. The experience has brought and continues to bring much joy to her life. "I got my dog from Jill, not that I was looking for one," she said. "I call it my accidental love affair. There is nothing like having that kind of devotion and having such a great best friend. I wasn't prepared for how much joy he brought to my life and I am forever grateful." Finestone continues to donate her time in hopes of helping other dogs find homes. "It is heartbreaking to see these gentle beings come to the shelter, but also gratifying to see them blossom and find homes under Jill's care."

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For more information on adoption, donation and more, visit haveheartanimalwelfare.org. **ESP**



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