

Sue Sternberg is the founder and director of *Rondout Valley Animals for Adoption*, a local not-for-profit open admission animal shelter in upstate New York. She is also the founder of the *Community Animal Shelter Association (CASA)*, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to pet owner outreach, safe animal adoptions, and quality of life at animal shelters around the world.

Sue is an expert in dog aggression and an innovator in the field of shelter dog welfare, and she develops programs to prevent pet relinquishment and overpopulation, to match families with safe pets, and to help shelters attend to the mental health of the animals in their care. Training Wheels®, a mobile community outreach program, and Assess-a-Pet™, a method to evaluate animal temperament, are two popular programs developed by Sue. With over 23 years of experience she shares her knowledge of dog behavior on radio and television shows, as a popular speaker at national humane and dog training conferences, and through books and videos.

Her most recent books are *Successful Dog Adoption*, A Howell Dog Book of Distinction, and *Great Dog Adoptions: A Guide for Shelters* ([Latham Foundation Press](#), 2002). Other publications include *Defensive Dog Handling*, 1999 (awarded APDT honor, Top Ten Dog Training Videos of 2001); *Temperament Testing for Dogs in Shelters* (1996, 1998, 1999 republished and distributed to over 3,000 shelters by Milkbone Nabisco and ASPCA), as well as contributed articles to The HSUS Animal Sheltering Magazine.

Sue has five dogs and two cats (all adopted), and shares her yard with a host of adopted farm animals. She is an accomplished fiddle player, a mineral and fossil collector, and a major Star Trek fan.

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