Summary Information
Creator
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Lancaster County, Pa.)

Title
Lancaster County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Records

Dates
1872-1912, 1872-1895 (bulk)

Extent
.5 LF (1 ms. box)

Arrangement
Collection organized into folders.

Language of Materials
All materials in English.

Abstract
This collection contains the records of the Lancaster County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Founded in 1872 by George W. Reichenbach, S.S. Spencer, John W. Jackson, Andrew C. Flinn, Dr. Henry Carpenter, Henry E. Lehman, M. Brosius, Simon P. Eby, J.B. Keoinski, Henry M. Engle, and others, the mission of the SPCA. was *to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the county of Lancaster and for the enforcement of all laws heretofore or hereafter enacted for the protection of dumb animals.* The collection consists of the articles of incorporation (charter), by-laws, lists of members from 1872-1895, reports of agents, and minutes dating from 1872-1912. The Society was disbanded on March 20, 1912 when the members voted to merge with the Lancaster County Humane Society.
Subjects
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Lancaster County, Pa.)
Animal welfare--Societies, etc.--Pennsylvania--Lancaster County.
Charities--Pennsylvania--Lancaster County.

Administrative Information
Acquisition Information

Custodial History (Provenance)
All the materials in this collection were donated in June 2007 by the Humane League of Lancaster County, the de facto successor to the Lancaster SPCA and the Lancaster County Humane Society. See also: Woman's Humane League of Lancaster County Records (MS 46).

Access Restrictions
Access unrestricted.

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Preferred Citation
Lancaster County SPCA Records (MS 71), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College.

Processing Information
Processed by Michael Lear, June 2007. Description based on DACS.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected.

Additional Information
Related Materials
Woman’s Humane League of Lancaster County Records (MS 46), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA.

Historical Information
The first Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was organized in England in 1824, primarily to prevent the abuse of carriage horses. The SPCA helped to pass laws regulating the carriage horse business, and the group expanded to include dogs and other animals in its fight against cruelty. Inspired by the English model, the American SPCA was started in 1866 in New York. It is not known what affiliation the Lancaster SPCA had with the ASPCA.

Scope and Content Note
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Inventory/Contents

Box 1
Folder 1  Ledger containing Articles of incorporation (charter), by-laws, and lists of members 1872-1895.
Folder 2  Ledger containing meeting minutes, financial reports, and agent reports of enforcement actions, 1872-1912.
Folder 3  Reports of agents, 1911 and miscellaneous documents

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