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### **DogsInDanger speaks out on Oreos law and legacy**

White Plains, NY - No dog should ever die if there is a person willing to care for her. The events surrounding Oreos life and death have been particularly painful to DogsInDanger --we only save lives, never take them. Oreo, a pit bull mix who became well-known after she survived abuse at the hands of her former owner, including being thrown from a six-story building, was eventually killed by the ASPCA after they determined that she was untreatably aggressive and unadoptable. Pets Alive Animal Sanctuary, a no-kill animal shelter located in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains, specializing in the rehabilitation and care of abused animals, offered to take Oreo, but the ASPCA refused the request.

The actions of the ASPCA are incomprehensible and derive from the root of another much more fundamental issue; the concept that dogs – pets, are mere property, no different than a table. As we possess the full privilege to discard a table for any reason of our choosing, we also possess a similar right to discard a dogs life. It is embedded within the current animal philosophy of this country that Oreo, as a dog, must be subjected to the justice or injustice of the humans that cross her path. This “inalienable right” to determine an animals fate is taken to narcissistic proportions by many in the animal community. They are gods, with the power to give or take life; their impunity is complete, reinforced by the full force and power of the State.

The ASPCA acted under this set of rules when they in their “wisdom” decided that Oreo was unredeemable and therefore needed to die. Now the ASPCA and its president are confounded by the size and severity of the publics reaction. They are internally asking each other “just who changed the rules while we weren’t looking?” said Alex Aliksanyan co-founder of DogsInDanger.com. That a knowledgeable, experienced organization was willing to take on the challenge of Oreo was not of import. The ASPCA’s power was complete over this sad dogs existence and they were not about to be challenged.

At DogsInDanger we follow the life and death struggles of thousands of dogs every day. The absurdity of a concept that defines a pet the same as a table is the true evil at work here. We welcome the new law, aptly named Oreos Law, introduced into the New York State Legislature this week by Assembly Member Micah Z. Kellner and State Senator Thomas K. Duane. The legislation, if approved, will allow animal welfare organizations the right to request animals be given to their care when a shelter is planning to euthanize them.

“We encourage all animal loving people in this State to support its quick passage. We congratulate Assemblyman Kellner and Senator Duane on their quick action and courage. DogsInDanger will make every effort to garner support for passage of this bill,” said co-founder Brenda Bush.

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The Buddy Fund is a nationally recognized 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2004 for the purpose of advancing the cause of animals everywhere. Based in White Plains, New York, its first project, DogsInDanger.com is an award winning web site that identifies dogs scheduled for euthanasia for the general public, encouraging adoption and thus saving lives.