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ultimately, helps to create more compassionate communities for all.

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HAP Corner

ASI's brand new diversion program for animal abuse offenders, which kicked off in Syracuse last October with 16 participants, will wrap up on January 22, 2018. The 16-week program is the first of its kind in the country and offers prosecutors and judges an alternative for holding

offenders accountable and reducing the likelihood of future offending. With two more sessions to go, Nicole Heath, a member of the Central New York Animal Cruelty Task Force who is managing the program, writes, "We have already heard some great feedback from some of the participants." ASI will be debriefing with Nicole and her team as we work to strengthen this one-of-a-kind program in preparation for disseminating it worldwide (yes, we've already had inquiries from New Zealand and Australia!). Stay tuned for updates!

HAS Corner

Though winter has just barely begun, we're already planning for summer at ASI. Last year's Human Animal Studies Summer Institute was such a success that we're doing it again, in partnership with the University of Illinois. This program, for advanced graduate students and early career scholars pursuing research in Human-Animal Studies, enables 20-30 participants to work together on their dissertations or publications at the Center for Advanced Study for one intensive week. The Institute is designed to support participants' individual research in human-animal studies as well as to promote interdisciplinary exchange.

You can watch a video about last year's Summer Institute on ASI's YouTube channel.



The deadline to apply for this amazing opportunity is February 15, 2018. Visit our [website](#) for more information. We're currently fundraising for scholarships, so that qualified people can attend, regardless of ability to pay the tuition and travel expenses.

If you can't participate yourself, but you'd like to help others to do so, you can make a [donation](#) to support the Summer Institute. Choose the Summer Institute as your reason for giving on the online donation form or write a note on your check. Thank you!

Volunteer Spotlight

Human-Animal relationships are

varied and complex - and many of us come to appreciate them in a broader context because of a particular relationship with a very special animal. This was true for Beatrice "Bee" Friedlander, who is ASI's Treasurer and has served the organization in various capacities over many years. Bee is a retired attorney who had animals growing up, but really bonded with a special dog when she was in law school.



Read more about Bee and her dog, Erika, as well as Erika's lasting impact on Bee's efforts for animals in this [article](#).

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