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## From our CEO




As we near the end of another year, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who make the work of Associated Humane possible. From our dedicated staff and volunteers to our rescue partners and financial supporters, it takes a community to create the heartwarming rescue stories you'll read about in our newsletter and provide the programs and services like Career Cats that provide humane placement of outdoor cats.

For over 100 years, AHS has been there to provide stray and homeless animals with quality care until loving homes could be found as well as access to low-cost veterinary care to ensure animals stay with their families once they leave our

shelter. Annually, we provide assistance to over 12,000 animals. Take a moment to consider what would happen to them if AHS was not here to lend a hand. That's real impact!

Your continued support will provide us the resources to carry on our work in the New Year!

Happy Holidays.

  
Jerry Rosenthal  
CEO



# RESCUE STORIES

## SHEPHERDS SPENT FIRST 5 MONTHS ALONE IN YARD, FOUND THEIR PUPPYHOOD AND HEALTH AT AHS



The pups initially clung to each other in fear when together, cowered when alone, cringed when touched.

never left the yard. They never had any medical care and were heavily infested with parasites. These pups clearly needed a great deal of rehabilitation and so, the work began.

Starting from scratch with dogs that are already several months old is no easy feat, but our staff from all three of our facilities was up to the task. Following medical treatment and baths, slow and gentle introductions to people and other animals were key, and earning their trust was essential. These sweet, innocent dogs had no idea what it was like to enjoy human companionship, have fun and play, or to just be puppies.

In time, and with lots of reassurance, we were able to build their confi-

ence and help them overcome their fears. One by one, they slowly emerged, wagging their tails and playing! We are so happy to say that five of the six are now in wonderful, loving homes, and

adapting to living the good life. The last of the six, Rambo, is at our Forked River facility, where we continue to work with him. We hope he will soon be ready for a great home as well.



Kobe, enjoying life and all the comforts a loving home can offer.

We'd like to thank the adoptive families of Jason, Billy, Kobe, Jackie, and Kaisy. Every update that we receive is better than the last. It warms our hearts to know that we played a key role in giving these beautiful and deserving dogs a fresh start in life.

PHOTOS ABOVE SUPPLIED



Kaisy, a magnificent pup who's come such a long way, continues to grow in his loving home.

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# RESCUE STORIES



Thanks to good care at AHS and her foster home, Petunia gained 15 pounds in 2 weeks!

## AHS RESCUES EMACIATED, 5-MONTH-OLD PETUNIA AND HELPS HER BLOOM

Newark Animal Control received a call on August 19th to go to the Grafton Ave. apartment complex to retrieve an abandoned puppy. A witness saw a car pull in, assuming they were dumping trash, but instead, saw a puppy tied to the fence.

The severely neglected pup was taken immediately to our medical dept. where our veterinarian estimated her to be approximately five months old. She weighed just 10 pounds and was covered in urine, feces, and blood. Extremely dehydrated, she was immediately administered fluids. Further examination revealed numerous puncture wounds and teeth in very poor condition for such a young dog. Despite all of this, she had a strong appetite and was very responsive to staff's attention.



Tied to a fence and abandoned, the 10 pound puppy was severely neglected, but had a healthy appetite for both food and human companionship.



In her new home, Petunia is claiming her lost puppyhood and learning to truly love life!



Named Petunia, she was initially cared for in one of our administrative offices, resting comfortably on a pile of soft blankets. Regardless of past trauma, she had the sweetest disposition, happily greeting staff members with kisses, and craving to be held.

When Petunia's health was stable enough to no longer need daily veterinary care, she was transferred to a devoted foster home who continued the love and good care she'd finally come to know. She was spoiled and cuddled, and in just two weeks from her rescue, Petunia had gained 15 pounds. Soon she was available for adoption!

We are happy to announce that Petunia found a wonderful home in September with the Palmer family in Bangor PA. Barely recognizable as the emaciated waif who arrived in August, Petunia is finally living the good life she deserves.

## HUCK'S RAGS TO RICHES TALE - FROM SHELTER DOG TO POLICE DOG

Huck came to our Tinton Falls shelter from a high risk shelter in the South. When he first arrived, one of our wonderful volunteers, who has over 24 years in Law Enforcement, noticed that Huck was something special.

Huck showed strong tracking instincts and appeared to have a very talented nose! Our volunteer immediately reached out to some of her colleagues, and was put in contact with the Cape May County Sheriff's Department, who runs an excellent Bloodhound Training Academy for dogs just like Huck.

The Cape May Sheriff's Department put us in contact with the Abington Police Department in Pennsylvania. They were actively seeking a Bloodhound to add to their force, which would be the first Bloodhound for their department! The Cape May Sheriff's Department and the Abington Police Department both planned a meeting with Huck at our shelter in Tinton Falls.



Above, Huck being evaluated by the Abington Police Dept. near our Tinton Falls facility. At left, Huck (soon after named Moose), with his new partner, Officer Ray Delossantos.

After several hours of evaluation, field tests, and getting to know Huck, he passed with flying colors and went home with Officer Ray Delossantos of the Abington Police Department. Soon after taking his freedom ride, Huck was renamed Moose, and he's expected to start the K-9 Bloodhound Training Academy before the end of the year.

# SHELTER NEWS

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!



**Santa is going to be very busy this year! He's visiting all three of our shelters!**

Pre-register ahead of time on our website/learn more at: <https://ahscares.org/2021/09/pictures-with-santa-paws/> or you can pay cash at the shelter upon your arrival.

Newark: November 13th, 12 - 4 pm

Tinton Falls: November 13th \* 14th, 11 am - 4 pm

Forked River: December 5th \* 12 - 4 pm

The cost of a photo session is \$20, and time is capped at 10 minutes per session. All photo fees contribute to the welfare and care of our shelter residents.

To ensure the health of Santa and all his guests:

**Animals** -- must have proof of current rabies vaccine, and cats and small animals must remain in carriers until they are photographed with Santa.

**Humans** -- Masks must be worn at all times except the actual time of your photo if you are in it, and social distancing is required.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS COME TOGETHER FOR HURRICANE IDA DAMAGE



It was big excitement for everyone! Our food and supplies were replenished!

On September 1st, 2021 Hurricane Ida wreaked havoc on our Newark Shelter. AHS Newark took on about three feet of water and was left without power for two days. Thankfully, the flooding did not affect the animals in our care. Staff worked day and night to ensure that our animals were safe, comfortable, and well cared for as our basement continued to flood.

The flooding unfortunately damaged our washers, dryers, and dish washers. We lost almost all of our dog & cat food due to water damage. We immediately put out a plea to our wonderful supporters for help. The outpouring of support we received from the community was so heartwarming! Our Wishlist was shared countless times, and hundreds of bags of dog food, cat

food, canned food, toys, and treats were delivered over the next few days. Amazon alone made three truckloads of deliveries in just one day!

We're so grateful and overwhelmed by the support of our community. Once the power was restored, we were able to pump out the water from the basement and start to rebuild what we lost. We thank all of our donors for their support!



Pallets of donated pet food were delivered.

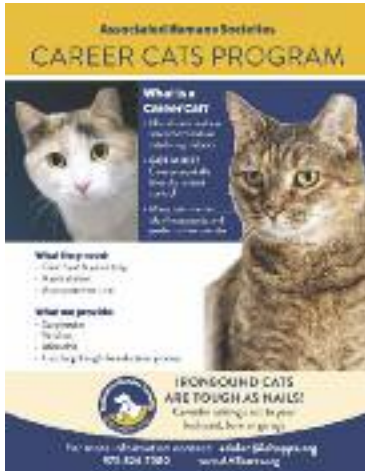


People of all ages came down to our Newark shelter to help out.



Amazon delivered three truckloads of pet food and supplies in just one day!

**IRONBOUND CATS ARE TOUGH AS NAILS!**  
**AHS Offers Career Cats Program To Get Cats Off The Streets**



Associated Humane Societies Newark is taking a hands-on approach to assist some at-risk felines. Periodically cats come into the shelter from areas or situations that they are not able to be TNVR (trap, neuter, vaccinate, return). AHS has enlisted Emma Dolan, with over 25 years of community cat experience, to create alternative adoption options for cats from these unique circumstances. Over the last few months, AHS has developed a Career Cats program,

in addition to our already existing TNVR services, to help alleviate the number of cats in our shelter. What this means for the shelter is that cats have more opportunities to find placements.

Through the Career Cats program, we've been able to relocate over 20 cats from the city streets to loving homes on farms, in barns, and even backyards with adequate shelter, food, and clean water. We have gotten very positive feedback and the cats are thriving. Often, cats that are brought into our shelter as strays are not necessarily candidates for an in-home family. These cats flourish outside and relocating them to greener pastures improves their quality of life tenfold. Each cat that goes through our program is spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and treated with a flea & tick preventative. Not only does this provide the best quality of life for these cats, but it limits their length of stay in our shelter.

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO ENTER OUR 2021 SAVE-A-LIFE SWEEPSTAKES!**



Why not spend your holidays in this Crystal White Pearl 2021 Subaru Forester?

There's still time to donate and receive tickets - the date of our drawing is Sunday, December 5th. Order through our website at [ahscares.org](http://ahscares.org), or call (609) 693-1900, or e-mail us [rszoroy@ahsppz.org](mailto:rszoroy@ahsppz.org). Tickets are also available at our three shelters and at Popcorn Park. Good luck!

Only \$20.00 for a booklet of ten tickets and you could win this 2021 Subaru Forester, a \$2,000 Amazon gift card, or the latest iPhone. Don't wait - take a chance on a sure thing - helping our animals!

**SHELTER NEWS**

**GORGEOUS 2022 AHS/POPCORN PARK CALENDARS AVAILABLE**



Our 2022 AHS/POPCORN PARK calendar is more stunning than ever! Filled with fabulous photos from you, our wonderful adopters, and our wonderfully talented staff and volunteers, it is a celebration of the animals we love.

Caleendars are available for a minimum donation of \$20 on our website [ahscares.org](http://ahscares.org), at our three shelters, or by contacting us at [rszoroy@ahsppz.org](mailto:rszoroy@ahsppz.org) if you wish to order more than one. If you are on our mailing list, yours is already on its way to you or may have already arrived.

Thank you to all who submitted photos of your beloved pets for our 2022 calendar. We wish we could feature them all, but we will begin a search next year and hope to see you then!

**OUR ANNUAL GIFT AUCTION IS ONLINE NOVEMBER 11th-14th - SHOP NOW!**



Our fabulous Annual Fall Gift Auction will be held online, and is bigger and better than before. The auction starts Nov. 11th at 5 p.m. and ends Nov.14th at 5 p.m. With over 100 brand new gifts, it will be THE place to do your holiday shopping!!

Please check our website or Facebook for additional details!

# New Beginnings

**Kenzie** Tied to a fence with infected ears, she's living the good life now!



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Kenzie, so happy to be in her new home and hanging out with her "big brother."



From being tied to a fence with a terrible ear infection, to running happily in a great big yard in Massachusetts, life couldn't get any better for our girl, Kenzie. The Travers family came in, saw Kenzie, and absolutely fell in love with her - a real case of love at first sight! This amazing young couple was so happy to add Kenzie to their family. Kenzie now lives in a fabulous home with a great fur brother, and spends her days playing, cuddling, and loving her new family!

Kenzie all ready to go home with her new family!

# Jersey Joy

One of 25 Chihuahua pups surrendered to AHS celebrates an adoption anniversary!



PHOTO SUPPLIED

Jersey Joy (left) and her fur siblings, Ivory and Jessie.

Happy one year Adopt-a-versary to Jersey Joy! She was one of 25 Chihuahua puppies that came to us last September along with their dad, after he was moved into a home with several unspayed females. The moms have been spayed, the dad was neutered and adopted, and ALL the babies got great homes!

Jersey Joy is loving life with her family and as her mom reports, "she's a spitfire, an acrobat, and she keeps the other dogs and her Grandpa in line". She has brought some much-needed joy to this family after a difficult year, and we're so happy that this family could provide her with such a happy life.

Congratulations and here's to many more great years together!

**Odin** A very energetic stray puppy, he found the perfect home in Avenel



As is so often the case with the strays we take in off the streets, there really isn't much background to know, other than what we learn from their behavior. This little guy was a Newark stray, very sweet, but also very high energy, which meant we had to find just the right fit. We named the puppy Odin, and happily, he was only with us for a few weeks before he found that perfect fit and was adopted! Alexandra from Avenel, NJ is so pleased at how he is adjusting to their life together. It didn't take Odin long, and he was already making himself right at home! Naps, snuggles, and movie marathons are already happening from the comfort of the couch in Odin's forever home. Alexandra is over the moon with how well Odin is doing, and we're over the moon to hear about it!



At left, one of Odin's favorite places in the world quickly became the couch! And his favorite person, above, his new mom, Alexandra.

# New Beginnings

Totally deaf and waiting 10 long years, Share-A-Pet Cid finally has a family of her own

*Cid*



We tried so many ways to inspire someone to lose their heart to Cid, including her "beauty shots".



"Pinch me - am I dreaming?" wonders Cid. She's all ready to go home with new mom, Megan.



Cid has a secure, fenced yard to play in, and her buddy, Max, to play with.

We've been talking Cid up, promoting her adoption, for over a decade. She originally came to us in 2010 from our Newark facility after she had been adopted out twice and returned, due to being, "too much". Cid was a rambunctious puppy when she first arrived, but always incredibly sweet. Cid was deaf, which added to the challenge of finding her the perfect home. After some one-on-one training with our staff, she quickly started responding to newly learned commands.

Eventually we moved Cid into our Animal Haven Farm area and put her on our Share-A-Pet program. Cid was given spacious living quarters, a big play yard, and a dedicated caregiver. Her Share-A-Pet sponsors would always bring treats, take her out on walks, and give her so much extra love and attention.

We posted her, yet again, on Facebook recently, and someone very special saw it. Having lost their white pit bull to cancer in January, the couple felt compelled to come in and meet Cid. They brought their dog, Max, and the two hit it off immediately, and they fell in love with her.

Follow-up photos and updates show that Cid settled in quickly, and is very much loved and part of the family already. We wish Cid and the Long/Gendrons many happy and healthy years together.

Thank you to everyone who supported and/or sponsored Cid over the years, shared her story, and most of all to the Long/Gendron family of Connecticut who opened their hearts and home to our girl, Cid.



PHOTOS ABOVE SUPPLIED

*Lumberjack* One big hunk of a pup finds one big happy family!



Lumberjack (aka LJ) is headed to his new home in Monroe Twp., and we couldn't be happier! He's got 4 humans that will be loving him to pieces. Pictured here is his new Dad and his Big Brother! Mom and Sis were waiting excitedly at home for his arrival. Thanks to the Hayes family for choosing adoption! Be a good boy, buddy! We are so happy for you!

It's hard to tell who's happier - our big boy, Lumberjack, or his new dad and brother!

She had a rough start, but found the family to give her a bright beginning. *July*



The Bellantonios even brought along a photo of their beloved Scout.

Our sweet girl July has left the building to start her new life!! July came to us from another shelter with her puppies AND was heartworm positive. Her babies have since been adopted, and July was looking for a place to recover during her heartworm treatment. The Bellantonio family of Belford had recently lost their much-loved pup, Scout, fell in love with July ... and knew it was meant to be!

# POPCORN PARK NEWS

## POPCORN PARK'S ASSISTANCE IN HIGH DEMAND FOR INJURED, TANGLED, AND TRAPPED SEAGULLS

Please dispose of fishing gear properly. This can literally save lives. If you see wildlife in distress, please contact your local Animal Control or call us at 609-693-1900. Thank you.

Popcorn Park has been called out frequently over the past summer to assist seagulls that have been hooked, tangled, and trapped in fishing gear that's been discarded or left behind. Below are photos from two such cases and a third of a seagull in another sort of distress, all rescued by our AHS Animal Control Officers. These seagulls were brought back to Popcorn Park for a brief recovery period and then successfully released thanks to callers alerting us to the situations, and a prompt response by AHS staff.



Juvenile gull in Waretown with line and a sinker wrapped around his foot, and hooks through his foot and abdomen.



Seagull in Little Egg Harbor had a treble lure and a hook through his beak, and three more in one of his wings.



Surf City laughing gull was coated in heavy oil and trapped in a dumpster. He was brought back to Popcorn Park for degreasing, a short recovery, and later, release.



The best part of every rescue - the release!



Catch up with Popcorn Park News on Facebook - @PopcornParkAnimalRefuge

## How we care for a bear ...

### BooBoo's annual vet and spa day



Popcorn Park Director, John Bergmann, and veterinarian, Dr. Bert Paluch, position a sedated BooBoo for her exam.

We're always amazed at how quickly October rolls around. It's the time of year BooBoo gets her health exam and a good grooming. We got everything ready for her exam and our veterinarian sedated her. At 25, BooBoo doesn't shed her summer coat very well; she can't groom herself like she once did; she needs a little help and our staff loves to oblige. They get to be close to her and brush her while she's asleep. In addition to all the grooming, she also had a wellness check, her blood drawn for a work-up, a dental cleaning, her exam, and all her vaccinations. She did well on everything. We

took the opportunity while she recovered in her den to do a little landscaping in her yard, and she was back out the next morning checking it out.

Take a moment and read BooBoo's full story on the opposite page, and how she came to be a Popcorn Park resident.



Popcorn Park staff Amber (above left), applies flea and tick treatment to BooBoo, and staff member Mikey brushes BooBoo while John Bergmann and Dr. Paluch proceed with her exam.



All brushed out and beautiful, BooBoo tours her newly landscaped compound.

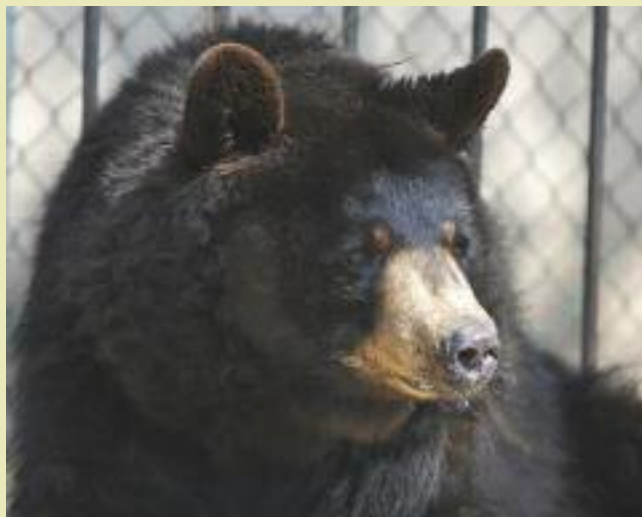


# POPCORN PARK WILDLIFE CLUB

Popcorn Park Animal Refuge is a unique sanctuary catering to wildlife, farm animals, exotics, and birds that have been abused, abandoned, exploited, injured, handicapped, or had no place to go.

## Penelope the Peahen

Perhaps not as flashy as Pierre, her male counterpart, Penelope is in a beauty category all her own. Just look at the stunning turquoise coloration in the ruff on her neck! Penelope is a generous soul, too, and will happily share your sponsorship with her peahen buddies at Popcorn Park. Will your sponsor our lovely girl, Penny?



## BooBoo the American Black Bear

As the leaves change color and the temperatures begin to drop, BooBoo starts to build up her thick, protective winter coat. She loves being outdoors and enjoys a huge compound which includes a pool, waterfall and moat. She was once one of too many bear cubs owned by a man in Sioux City, Iowa. He traded her to a dealership in exchange for a car, her new owner thinking she'd attract visitors to the car lot. She did, but also attracted Fish & Game! They confiscated the young bear whose owner had no permit and searched for a placement for BooBoo. She's been living the good life with us at Popcorn Park since 2003! Could you warm BooBoo's heart and be her sponsor?

## Kya the Tiger

Kya had vision problems at a very young age, not unusual in animals who are specifically bred for white coats when it is not their normal color. Kya came from another facility who could not provide the proper care for her worsening glaucoma,



and we happily accepted her here. Kya has been treated since her arrival with daily glaucoma medication and regular eye pressure checks.

Despite her excellent care, her right eye ruptured, and the surgical removal of her eye was necessary. Kya took it like a champ, and in no time, was up and running about as any fully-sighted animal would. Her resilience and love of life, despite being completely blind, is one of the things that makes Kya so special.

Help support our Popcorn Park residents and join the Wildlife Club! The cost to sponsor an animal is only \$10/month or \$120/year for all new sponsors. For an annual sponsorship, you will receive a color photo and update three times per year, and a membership card which gives you free admission to Popcorn Park. Whatever length of time you sponsor, you will receive these benefits commensurate with the time selected. For complete details on sponsorship, all animals available, or visiting Popcorn Park, visit [ahscares.org](http://ahscares.org) then Popcorn Park.

<b>POPCORN</b>	<b>PARK WILDLIFE CLUB</b>	HOLIDAY 2021
	Name of animal(s) sponsored: _____	
	NAME _____	
	ADDRESS _____	
	CITY, STATE, ZIP _____	
	# OF ANIMALS _____ X \$10.00 each = TOTAL \$ _____	

# patiently waiting pets

Our patient cats and dogs, waiting over 6 months, have sugarplum dreams dancing in their heads, and their dreams include a home.



## Nala



5-year-old Nala is the cat's meow. She's calm, litter-trained, and enjoys being held. We don't know what we love more -- her personality or her stunning good looks! She was only surrendered because of a

motorcycle accident in the family, and now she patiently waits to be part of a family again. ID# 50364-SF (Tinton Falls)



## Marley

Marley is a fabulously friendly 4-1/2-year-old boxer/pit mix that is a mush from the second you meet her. She has no shyness about her! Marley is content to either run around doing zoomies and roll in the grass, or plop on your feet for a nap, as long as she's with you. She's well-behaved, and gets along with larger dogs, too. What's not to love?

ID #51101-SF (Forked River)



## Hak

Meet Hak, our fantastic, furry pit bull/mastiff mix boy. He's quite the big lug, but that just gives us more of him to love! About 5 years old, he enjoys walks where he can stick his nose into everything and smell what the world is all about. He loves treats, but would love it even more if he could come home with you! Hak has been looked over time and time again; this patiently waiting boy needs a home of his very own!

ID# 50590-NM (Newark)



## Stephanie

Stephanie is an absolutely lovable cat, so beautiful with a fun and playful personality. Stephanie's a fan of being petted, especially the soft fur on her chest and neck! But once you get her purring, good luck getting your hand back! Stephanie is a frisky and sweet girl; we can't figure out why she hasn't been scooped up by a loving family yet. ID# 51529 (Newark)



## Squirt

What a goofball little Squirt is! She's just 2 years old, and she arrived with untreated allergies.

But since we have her on the right medication, Squirt is feeling fabulous! She'll need to stay on her meds indefinitely but it's a small price to pay to have this sweet, silly, lovely little lady in your life. Did we mention, she's good with other cats, too? ID# 42389-SF (Forked River)



# patiently waiting pets



## Oreo

Sweet baby Oreo is a friendly 7-year-old fella with a quirky personality. He always greets you with a cute and unique smile. Although he tends to be a little shy and anxious when first meeting strangers, Oreo is an easygoing boy who is constantly looking for attention from our staff. He has been constantly overlooked due to his age, but he's as deserving as any younger cat or kitten. Could you end Oreo's wait and be his new love? ID# 52275-NM (Newark)



## Rosie



Rosie is a big ole hunk of sweetness! This 4-year-old pit mix is an absolute doll that makes friends everywhere she goes. She's strong but she's well-mannered, great on a leash, housebroken, and so sweet and affectionate. Rosie's only request is that she be the only pet in the home. She'll be your best friend if you give her a chance! ID# 40348-SF (Forked River)

## Layla



This 4-year-old terrier/lab mix is a great girl. She is laid back, but also always upbeat and enjoys playing with her tennis ball. The shelter has been a big change for Layla, and she continues to come out of her shell. She has met some dogs, but we always require meet and greets if you have a dog. She's looking for a medium to active home with kids 12 and older. Can you give this doll baby a home? ID# 52696-SF (Tinton Falls)



## Dr. Pepper

This smooshy-faced guy is 7, but he seems much younger to us. We think Dr. Pepper should be an only dog until he is squared away in his new home, just to be sure, but he loves his people!

Dr. Pepper is housebroken, loves to go for walks, and will smother you with kisses. Wouldn't you love a little Dr. Pepper in your life? ID# 49641-NM (Tinton Falls)



## Jayden



Jayden is a fluffy feline friend of about 2 years old, found on New Year's Eve, 2020. He was a touch shy when he arrived, but Jayden has come a long way. He positively melts into a pile of purry mush when you pet him and he soaks up all the attention you'll give him. Jayden loves other cats and a cat-friend would help him transition into a new home. He's ready and waiting to meet you! ID# 49763-NM (Forked River)



## Cupcake



Still small and sometimes a little shy, Cupcake is blossoming into a gorgeous and sweet kitty! He's an adorable 9-month-old kitten who loves to be scratched behind his ears. He is outgoing, fun, and entertaining, and will have you laughing for hours with his antics! How is it that Cupcake is still waiting for his forever home? Looking for something sweet? Try Cupcake! ID# 51910-NM (Newark)



John Bergmann, Director of Popcorn Park, with Donna Torres, third from right, with one of the terrific bands, Jersey ShoreCats.

Her hard work and dedication have been extraordinary. The event has helped find homes for so many pets, plus benefited our TNR program for feral cats.

Special thanks to Alex Chernick, who has run the sound for each band performing, sold event wristbands, and rocked Popcorn Park each and every year. Same for Samantha Lynne and RIPPED who have performed 9 out of 10 years!

We are truly grateful to each band who volunteered their time and talent, vendors, band sponsors, and volunteers who helped over the years. As the final curtain comes down on a decade of Rock2Adopt, you all will always have a special place in our hearts.

Visit [Rock2Adopt.com](http://Rock2Adopt.com) for photos of the event and those who supported it over the years.

September 11th and 12th was the final, and most successful, Rock2Adopt event yet, raising over \$15,500 for the animals. And all of Popcorn Park was rocking!

Our heartfelt thanks to animal lover Donna Torres, co-founder of this amazing event, for helping us raise over \$90,000 over 10 years.



Ripped, who has performed 9 out of 10 years, rocked out.



NecroGardeN kept the music flowing after the sun went down.



Donna Torres, co-founder of Rock2Adopt, Alex Chernick, who also performed, John Bergmann, and Renee Szorosy.

### AHS TINTON FALLS ACO SAVES SNAPPING TURTLE, RELEASES SAFELY



ACO Javier moving the snapping turtle out of the road and to his van.

place turtles, and not always wise to handle them yourself, especially in the case of snapping turtles. If you find injured, abandoned, or seemingly lost wildlife or those in harms way, please contact AHS or notify the proper authorities in your area.

This large snapping turtle was recently found strolling along a busy road. Tinton Falls ACO Javier rescued it, transported it, and released it in a safe location.

It is important to know where to



Javier releases the snapper in a safe location near where it was headed.

### Need Holiday Gift Ideas?

Consider supporting AHS all at the same time!

If you're shopping on Amazon, make sure to shop on

[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and add AHS as your charity of choice. Amazon donates a portion of your purchase directly to our shelters!



Visit our website [AHScares.org](http://AHScares.org) and gift a sponsorship of one of the animals in our care whether it's the Wildlife Club, or Share-A-Pet program.

For more ideas, visit [ahscares.org/other-ways-to-help/](http://ahscares.org/other-ways-to-help/).

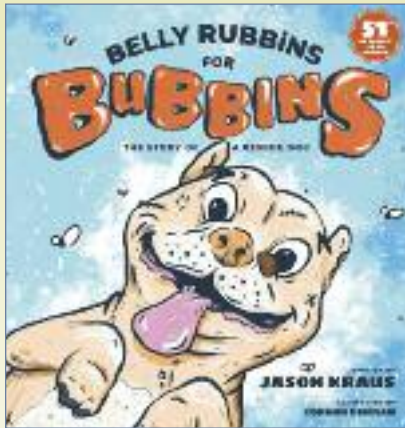


# Let's Read!

## Belly Rubbins for Bubbins

Written by: Jason Kraus

Illustrated by: Connor Dehaan



*Belly Rubbins for Bubbins* follows the 11 year journey of a dog who'd known only a very painful life. A Newark stray picked up in September 2016, he was in such terrible condition that he was brought in on a stretcher. Our Medical Dept. treated him until he was well enough to be fostered, where his treatment was continued. When Michaelina and Jason Kraus saw the lonely and abused

dog, they adopted him and named him Bubbins. Finally, a good life for Bubbins had begun.

Jason wanted to educate others as to the true loving nature of pit bull terriers and their ability to forgive and forget. Inspired by Bubbins, Jason wrote his first picture book. But the couple wanted to do more and decided to donate 51% of all book sales to shelters and rescues. Learn more at [bellyrubbinsforbubbins.com](http://bellyrubbinsforbubbins.com).

The book and its sequel are available on their website, plus at all major online booksellers. A great holiday gift for any animal lover of any age on your list!

## Helping Our Friends In Winter

Many animals need our help in the winter, both wildlife and cats and dogs, too. If you're providing food and water, remember to be consistent, because hungry animals will come to depend on you!

### Birds and small animals

- \* Mixed seed is good for a variety of birds.
- \* Suet, which is also available in plant-based versions, provides fat, which is needed in winter.
- \* Peanuts are another great source of protein for some birds, squirrels and chipmunks. For birds use a mesh feeder, or if on a tray on the ground, crush them first.
- \* Water must always be available, so it is important that a bird bath be tended to every day, whether on a base or on the ground. Each morning, break up the ice and/or pour warm to hot water in, or use a special warmer that keeps the water above freezing.



### Help cats and dogs -

- \* Be on the lookout for stray dogs or cats that do not belong to anyone in your neighborhood. Advise your local animal control. Animals can die in short amounts of time in freezing temperatures.
- \* Report dogs that are chained outside 24/7 if they do not have suitable shelter with adequate bedding and blankets. You can save a life!

# Humane Kids



Matthew Jones and his family of Manahawkin adopted Sunni, a sweet pup, in May. Inspired to help more animals, Matthew opened a lemonade stand in front of his home with all proceeds helping the residents of AHS/Popcorn Park. They stopped by with Sunni to present a check for \$490 from lemonade sales!

Nicholas from Lanoka Harbor first started selling lemonade to raise money for his local fire dept and EMTs.

It was such a success that he decided to expand his efforts on behalf of the animals at AHS/Popcorn Park! Lemonade sales brought in \$300! Nicholas presents a check to Sarah at Popcorn Park.



It just makes our day when kids (of every age) come in loaded down with much-needed supplies they went out and collected for our shelter animals.

Hey, Lauren D. from Wall Township High School! Thank you so much for the donations. You're totally awesome and we are so appreciative!!

*See more Junior Humane Heroes at [ahscares.org](http://ahscares.org)!*

# Animals in the NEWS

## BILL PAIRING PUPPIES WITH VETERANS SUFFERING WITH PTSD SIGNED INTO LAW



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Many studies have shown the benefits of trained service dogs helping vets with PTSD.

average, 20 vets die by suicide daily. Many studies have shown the benefits of vets working with service dogs as an effective treatment for PTSD. Although there are programs nationwide engaged in helping vets through the assistance of service dogs, this is the first national legislation to provide the means to do so.

The PAWS act - Puppies Assisting Wounded Service members for Veterans Therapy Act, was signed into law in August by Pres. Joe Biden. The act enables military veterans suffering from PTSD to be part of a training program where they learn how to train a puppy to be a service dog, and upon successful completion of the program, they can take the dog home.

Between 11% and 30% of veterans suffer from PTSD, and on

## CANINE BLOOD DONORS NEEDED TO HELP DOGS THROUGH SURGERIES

The increase in adoption of dogs during the pandemic has resulted in another unexpected increase - the need for dog blood! Veterinary hospitals may need life-saving blood to get dogs stabilized through a surgical procedure with larger dogs possibly needing several donations to get through a surgery.

Canine blood donors are not commonly heard of, but the need is real. And finding donors can be tricky as there are specific requirements. To donate blood, dogs must be between 55 and 150 pounds and 2 to 6 years old. The procedure takes about 30 minutes, but the blood donor needs a particular temperament, too.

Routinely, dogs are made comfortable on a table, enjoying tummy rubs for 10 minutes or so. A small area on the neck is shaved, a lidocaine block administered to prevent any pain, blood drawn, then lots of hugs and treats afterward. Knowing their dog can save lives makes pet parents very happy, too.

Might your pooch be a candidate? Reach out to AHS to see if blood is needed, or to the veterinary hospital in your area. It might just save a life!

## ARGENTINA AIRLINE CEASES THE TRANSPORT OF HUNTING TROPHIES

Aerolíneas Argentinas announced that it will no longer carry hunting trophies on its domestic and international flights. As Argentina is one of the top ten countries importing trophies to the U.S., they have taken radical action to help protect the environment and wildlife worldwide. The U.S. is the biggest importer of wildlife trophies in the world, and New York is the biggest point of entry.



**I AM NOT A TROPHY!**

Tigers like our Eli are among the targets of hunters who ship them as trophies worldwide by air.

According to the Humane Society International, more than 200,000 threatened or endangered animals are killed for trophies each year. And because trophy hunters only kill the healthiest and largest animals, that target species' population continues to decline. Therefore, airlines that support trophy transport also contribute to that species' decline.

Aerolíneas Argentinas joins other national and international airlines in their action, but some, such as Delta, United, and American, only ban the shipment of lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos, and buffalos. They continue transporting other species. Each airline, domestic or foreign, has to be looked at individually to determine their policies.

## TOXIC FLEA COLLARS DROPPED BY MAJOR RETAILERS

Earlier this year, 1,700 pets died from exposure to the pesticides in Seresto flea collars. The EPA received 75,000 incident reports documenting pets harmed by the collars and did nothing. However, Seresto collars are not the only ones containing life-threatening chemicals.

PetSmart, the nation's largest pet retailer, followed by PetCo, stopped selling products containing a different dangerous pesticide, TCVP (tetrachlorvinphos). However, many other retailers, such as Hartz, Zodiac and Adams, continue to sell pet products containing this chemical.

Because the chemical residue rubs off on other surfaces, such as furniture, anyone can come in contact with these dangerous pesticides, including young children. Many organizations such as NRDC (National Resources Defense Council) continue to pressure the EPA to ban these toxic pesticides in pet products. Meanwhile, you can seek healthier alternatives to protect your pets and family.

## FEDERAL LEGISLATION NOW INTRODUCED TO BAN FACTORY FARMING

While New Jersey introduced its own legislation on this subject, now the Farm System Reform Act was introduced by Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) in the House of Representatives (H.R. 4421) and Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) in the Senate (S. 2332). Supported by over 200 animal welfare, sustainable agriculture, environmental, and public health organizations—the bill would help create a food system that is better for animals, farmers, communities, and the environment by phasing out large concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs). Farmers would be given the opportunity to transition to raising animals on pasture or to crop production.

## PA SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOGS

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has ruled that a trial witness may be accompanied by a "comfort dog" if the presence of the dog will help yield "reliable, complete and truthful testimony."

Ruling unanimously in a recent murder case, the justices joined numerous other states that allow the presence of a dog to allay the fears of a witness, so long as the emotional support dog does not pose any danger to the witness and is not disruptive to the trial. Under the ruling, judges can limit any potential prejudice to a defendant by blocking jurors' view of the dog and giving appropriate jury instructions.

## US SENATORS REINTRODUCE BILL TO BAN HORSE EXPORT/SLAUGHTER

The Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act would permanently ban horse slaughter in the United States and end the export of horses for slaughter. Sponsored by New Jersey's Robert Menendez (D-NJ), and three others, and widely supported by national animal welfare organizations, the legislation would end the barbaric practice of sending horses to death, currently to Mexico and Canada. Last year, more than 35,000 horses were exported for slaughter, a practice overwhelmingly objected to by the American public. New Jersey has the second largest horse industry in the nation, second only to Kentucky.

### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

*Some features previously in the Humane News are now on our website exclusively. There you will find Humane Heroes of all ages, and soon, Memorials, and our publications to order or download.*

*We are deeply grateful for your remembrance of loved ones, human and animal alike, and for your support of our animals and our many efforts on their behalf.*

*Please visit [ahscares.org](https://ahscares.org)*

## THE AMAZING TRANSFORMATION OF RINGO

Can you believe this beautiful, plump, cuddly little guy (bottom photo) is the same sickly kitten that came to us at AHS/Popcorn Park two months earlier (top photo)?

Ringo was found in Wrightstown, NJ by one of our vet techs. He was infested with parasites, thin, wheezing, and positive for three different types of fungal infections. All this and just a few weeks old. He could barely open his eyes and his distended abdomen, caused by parasites, rendered him unable to stand or breathe properly.

Ringo spent the last two months under medical care in an isolation room with a long list of medications, but look at the result! He has traveled on the road to recovery, turned every corner, with a purr and a paw-pat, and though he still has a bit more treatment left, he feels like a brand new kitten. He loves to play, romp and roam around his room, and get lots of attention from friends. He will surely bring so much joy to a good family when he's ready to be adopted.

Thanks so much to all of you that donate so generously to our ResQ Fund. Without it, where would helpless animals like Ringo be today? To donate to our ResQ Fund visit our website: <https://ahs.givecloud.co/product/RESQ/the-res-q-fund>.



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# JOIN! THE SHARE-A-PET PROGRAM

Our Share-A-Pet Program provides the opportunity for animal lovers to become involved in a unique way with the animals featured on this page. Sponsors receive updates and photos three times a year, and are invited to come and visit with their pet. Sponsoring a dog or cat is \$10.00 monthly. Sponsorship includes a membership card and free admission to Popcorn Park. Any funds exceeding the cost of the care of your sponsored pet will go toward the care of another Share-A-Pet. All the Share-A-Pets available for sponsorship can be found on our website at [ahscares.org](http://ahscares.org)

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## GINA of Roselle



Gina will put a smile on your face when you see her zooming around, squeaking on her favorite toy! But she wasn't always so footloose and fancy free. Prior to coming to AHS in April, 2021, she was one of several dogs in a Roselle, NJ home. Our ACO was called to remove her, but Gina was in a real predicament - she was about to give birth! Gina had her

pups just days after her arrival and was a great mom. They've all been adopted, but mama Gina still waits.

Gina had some trust issues initially and was very protective of her puppies. She's come such a long way since then, and is an absolute love now. She's so friendly, happy, and playful, and just needs a minute to get to know you before she considers you her best friend. While she awaits her forever home, she sure would love for you to be her newest sponsor! ID# 51113-SF (Forked River)

## BEAY of Newark

There are very few dogs that get the zoomies like Beay does. He gets a look in his eyes, lets out a playful bark, and takes off to do laps around our exercise yard! What a happy dog Beay is! Middle-aged, he came to us due to domestic unrest in his former home back in June, 2020. When he arrived, Beay harbored some fear of men, but since meeting so many friends at AHS, he's put all that behind him and he loves everyone he meets.



Beay is completely deaf but he's well-behaved and understands what you want him to do just perfectly. He also gets along well with other dogs and even kids! Beay awaits his new family but in the meantime, we hope you'll sponsor this fabulous fella! We also hope someone will see the wonderful potential he has to be a great family pet, much like former Share-A-Pet Cid (see Page 7) ID#. 46293-NM (Forked River)

## BUSTER of Newark

Buster is a big, sweet senior boy that just wants to kick back, relax, and enjoy his golden years. He had a home for most of his life, but when his family became unable to care for him any longer, Buster was surrendered to our Newark facility. He's made his way to AHS/Popcorn Park where we've all fallen in love with this gentle and lovable lug. A couch potato, he loves his soft beds, but enjoys leisurely strolls as well. Buster suffers with age-related arthritis which is managed with medication and supplements, and he has a variety of other medical issues, all being treated.



Due to his age and medical needs, it may take a while to find Buster the perfect home, so he's joined our Share-A-Pet program. He's ready for some extra love and attention and hopes you'll be one of his sponsors! ID# 51346-NM (Forked River)

**SHARE-A-PET** Name of pets sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

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