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From our CEO



AHS's mission statement highlights our role as a community-based organization that provides low-cost veterinary care and humane education. One of the major ways we meet this goal is through our mobile veterinary van in Newark and our on-site clinic in Lacey where we see over 7,500 animals annually. Unfortunately, the demand for our services far exceeds that number. That is why I am happy to report that we will begin construction on a new and expanded veterinary clinic in Newark and have hired an additional veterinarian to serve our clients at the Lacey location.

As you will read in this edition of Humane News, being a community partner includes providing bullet and stab resistant protective vests to K-9 service dogs working in local police departments and government

search and rescue units. It also includes our Animal Control Officers being recognized by the communities they serve in ensuring that all animals in need receive the care and attention they deserve.

AHS can only continue to serve the animal needs of the community with your financial support. To those of you who have consistently supported us over the years, I thank you for the impact you have made possible. To those who are new to our organization, I invite you to learn about the difference we make in animals' lives in New Jersey every day.

Jerry Rosenthal
Jerry Rosenthal
CEO

RESCUE STORIES

TINY BUT MIGHTY, AHS CARES FOR ALL ANIMALS IN NEED



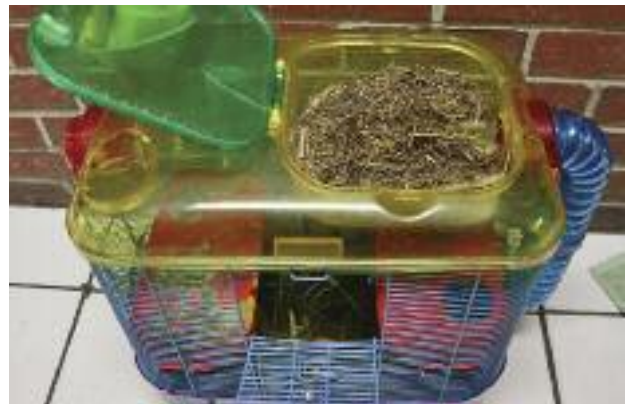
Curly has a charm all his own and endears himself to everyone he meets.

conviction of the person responsible for cruelly abandoning Curly. We knew it was a longshot, but he deserved it. He is a sweet little gerbil, now happy to be safe and sound and well cared for.

We received an alert to the fact that there was another victim, a hamster, also

This sweet little gerbil was found abandoned in a filthy cage on a rural road in Barnegat, NJ on Friday, July 9th. The temperatures were scorching, and heavy rain with thunder had fallen throughout the day. Yet someone placed this helpless little guy in his cage and left him on Old Main Shore Road, behind the Barnegat Motel, and drove away.

Threatened by any outcome, Curly was in grave danger. He may be tiny, but his life still matters. We wanted justice for Curly, and we hoped people would share his story. Popcorn Park offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and



Curly's dirty cage ... left in the road with Curly inside.

abandoned, but who escaped his cage. Our Forked River ACO Maria Cymanski has set traps in the area to try to catch the hamster, but it is not likely that he survived.

We also received credible evidence of who the perpetrator may be, and an investigation is currently underway.

Meanwhile, Curly is living the good life! He's in a beautiful, clean cage and comes out frequently throughout the day to spend time running around a dog bed while munching on Cheerios and awaiting adoption.

If you'd like to donate toward the important work that we do of saving all creatures great and small, please donate at ahscares.org.

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BUDDHA NEEDED EMERGENCY SURGERY TO HEAL HIS BODY; FOUND A LOVING HOME TO HEAL HIS HEART



Buddha is a beautiful Cane Corso mix. He was surrendered to our Tinton Falls facility in May, 2021 by a family that adopted him during the pandemic and realized that they didn't have time for him. He was a bright, bubbly boy when he arrived and appeared in good health. We thought we'd find him a great home in no time! Instead, we had to save Buddha's life.

Buddha in May, when he arrived at the shelter, slender, but not noticeably thin. By June, below, he was dropping weight drastically,



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By late June, Buddha had developed kennel cough. This may have been a blessing, as it made a number of other health issues more evident. He began rapidly losing weight, became lethargic, and generally down. He had difficulty keeping food down and vomited sporadically. Due to Buddha's rapidly deteriorating condition, we transferred him to a veterinary hospital for urgent care.



Diagnostics revealed that Buddha had scar tissue in his abdomen which narrowed his intestine, causing an obstruction. He underwent emergency surgery for a resection of the blocked intestine. For the next three days, Buddha's condition was touch and go, requiring round the clock supportive care. On July 5th, Buddha was out of the woods and was released. Thank you to Garden State Veterinary Specialists for saving our sweet boy!

Buddha returned to our Tinton Falls facility to continue his recovery. Although his surgery and care cost AHS well over \$11,000, we could do nothing less than save his life. Thanks to everyone who supported Buddha's care.

Buddha caught the eye of the Palmese/Rittenhouse family, who has since adopted him to live happily ever after with them in Rumson.

AHS PROVIDES EMERGENCY SURGERY TO LILY, SUFFERING FROM EYE MASS

The employees and volunteers of the Associated Humane Societies all have one common goal – to serve and protect every animal that comes into our care. When Lily came into our Newark shelter, our team jumped into action. Lily's owner fell ill and could no longer care for Lily's extensive medical condition. She turned to AHS for assistance in finding Lily a new home and providing her lifesaving medical treatment. Lily had a mass growing over her eye, requiring emergency surgery to remove the eye.

Lily was stressed and anxious upon entering the shelter. She immediately grabbed the attention of one of our wonderful administrative employees who brought Lily into her office. She gave Lily a comfy bed, and let her cozy up to her every day to relax and become comfortable with her surroundings.

Our mission always has the animals' best interests in mind. When Fly Away Home Rescue NJ reached out to help provide Lily's eye surgery and set up her adoption, we knew it was the best case scenario for this little girl. Working with rescue groups like Fly Away Home Rescue NJ has allowed us to continue to provide lifesaving care and temporary homes to even more animals in need. Lily is currently recovering in foster care with Fly Away Home.

Lily after the removal of her eye and on her way to recovery!



SHELTER NEWS

IT'S TIME FOR OUR 2021 SAVE-A-LIFE SWEEPSTAKES!



It's that time of year again!
Help support the thousands of animals that come through our doors with our annual Save-A-Life Sweepstakes!

1st Prize 2021 Subaru Forester Premium SUV – Crystal White Pearl; Black Interior; AWD; 2.5 liter H-4 Cyl. Continuously Variable Auto; Eye-Sight Driver Assist; Moon Roof; Smart Device Integration; Multimedia Audio System. F.O.B., Lester Glenn Subaru, Toms River, NJ \$30,491.00

2nd Prize Amazon Gift Card \$2,000.00

3rd Prize Apple iPhone 12 ProMax - Wide/Ultra Wide Cameras; Records in Dolby Vision; Super Retina XDR 6.7" display; 5G speed; 512 GB capacity; SIM free. (or comparable iPhone 13 if available at the time) \$1,399.00

** Winners responsible for all taxes **

DRAWING: Sunday, December 5, 2021 AT 3 p.m

Are you on board to help? Only \$20.00 for a booklet of tickets and you could win a 2021 Subaru Forester, \$2,000 Amazon gift card, or the latest iPhone.

If you are on our regular mailing list, you will have already received a sweepstakes package with the option of ordering additional tickets. You can also donate and receive tickets through our website at ahscars.org, by calling (609) 693-1900, or e-mailing rszorosy@ahsppz.org. Tickets are also available at our three shelters and at Popcorn Park. Good luck!

COME JOIN US AT OUR 2021 10th ANNUAL ROCK2ADOPT MUSIC FESTIVAL!



Our 10th Annual 2-day Rock2Adopt Music Festival will be held on Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 11th and 12th from 9:30am until 7pm at AHS/Popcorn Park. The event features more than 20 bands performing, food, vendors, activities, pet adoptions, and much more. Wristbands are \$20 per adult, children 2-13 are \$10, and under 2 years old are free. A family 4 pack is \$40 and includes admission to our Popcorn Park Animal Refuge. Tickets and full details are available at rock2adopt.com, or email: rock2adopt@aol.com, or call (732) 998-8888. We hope to see you there!

Events - Join us!

◆ - Oct 9th Saturday- 10am-4pm. **Paws in the Park Adoption Event** in Goffle Brooke Park, Hawthorne NJ. Meet AHS' Newark's super-friendly dogs!

OUR ANNUAL GIFT AUCTION IS ONLINE AND SET FOR NOVEMBER 11th-14th * GIFTS NEEDED!



We are so excited to announce that our Annual Fall Gift Auction will be held online, and be 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!!

Your participation in our online auctions over the last year has raised thousands of dollars to care for the countless animals coming through AHS' doors every day. We look forward to you joining us again!

*** We need LOTS of great gifts! Gift baskets, home decor, appliances, tools, toys, gift certificates, you name it, we need it! As long as the item is brand new (no antiques, please), we can use it! Please drop off or send to: AHS/Popcorn Park Gift Auction, 1 Humane Way, Forked River, NJ 08731. You can also make a donation toward the purchasing of great gifts at ahscars.org.

Please check our website or Facebook for more details!

The Vested Interest Fund

K-9 Solo

On June 8 1998, K-9 Solo, a certified patrol dog with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, was shot and killed in the line of duty. K-9 Solo, 4 years old, was credited with 16 apprehensions, and locating 19 missing persons in 1997 alone.



PHOTO SUPPLIED

The Fund

In mourning this brave K-9 officer, AHS undertook an effort to protect all working dogs with bullet and stab-resistant vests. In Solo's memory, the Vested Interest Fund was founded.

Vests are offered to all working K-9s in New Jersey and the U.S. and in all types of service. AHS will vest, at no cost to the K-9's unit, patrol dogs, search and rescue and narcotics dogs, military K-9's, etc. The Vested Interest Fund provides these vests to K-9s in need thanks to the many generous individuals who support the Fund. To date AHS has provided over 1,150 vests to K-9's in New Jersey and over 150 across the nation.

If you know of a K-9 who needs a vest, or will soon, please contact Pam Parisio at pparisio@ahsppz.org.

If you would like to support this truly life-saving fund, please donate in the envelope provided within or online at ahscare.org. Thank you!

NEWARK VETERINARY CLINIC RENOVATION UNDERWAY



Providing affordable veterinary care at our Newark location has always been an important service we offered to the community. Since 2016, AHS has delivered this critical program through our veterinary mobile clinic as our in-house facility only had the space and resources to handle our own animals. With the rising cost of veterinary care and the increasing number of animals entering our facility in poor medical condition, we knew we needed to embark on a capital campaign to reopen our in-house clinic. Plans are in place to expand our surgery suite to include dental cleaning equipment and x-ray machine as well as add examination rooms for wellness exams. Construction will hopefully begin by year-end and we expect to be open for business by May 2022.

For more information on this project and how you can help, contact Danielle Mania, dmania@ahsppz.org.

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AHS' VESTED INTEREST FUND PROVIDES VEST FOR K-9 CAP OF MIDDLETOWN

On June 10th, AHS was proud to present a bullet and stab-resistant protective vest to K-9 Cap of Middletown, NJ. CEO Jerry Rosenthal presented the vest to Cap's working partner, patrolman Steve Greenwood. Cap is a two-year-old Belgian Malinois and a recent graduate of the Middletown Police Department's K-9 Program.

We wish all the best to Officer Greenwood and his partner, K-9 Cap, and are thrilled to be able to provide a measure of safety for this great new team.

CEO Jerry Rosenthal presents the K-9 vest to Officer Steve Greenwood and his partner, K-9 Cap, courtesy of AHS' Vested Interest Fund.



AHS MOBILE SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC – COMING TO A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU!



Featured, Dr. Jade, veterinary technician AJ, and Mobile Unit Coordinator Pam.

The AHS Spay & Neuter Clinic has been on the move, most recently at Randolph Regional Animal Shelter and areas of Carteret. Since its inception, our mobile unit has been building relationships in our surrounding communities and providing medical care to animals in need. Being mobile has allowed us to travel into underserved communities where pet owners may not have regular access to veterinary care or even transportation. We're looking forward to branch out into even more communities and dedicating our Mobile Unit to helping even more pets. Check back to our website ahscare.org for upcoming dates as to when the Mobile Unit will be in your area.

New Beginnings

Don't forget!
October is
Adopt-A-Shelter
Dog Month!

Bailey With a little sprucing up, she became a media sensation... and then found the perfect home!



Bailey was one fluffy ball of energy when she was surrendered to our Newark shelter by her owners who could no longer care for her. The 4-year-old Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier needed a little sprucing up, but once she was ready for her big photo op and posted on our social media pages, everyone wanted her! Not a common breed in Newark, she became our own little overnight media sensation with many families looking to adopt. One month after Bailey's arrival, we found the perfect home for her - the Sinisi family of Mountainside, who have lots of Wheaten experience, and fell in love at first sight. Best wishes to you all for a very happy life together!



Bailey on her way to a great new life with the Sinisi family.

Sasha An unwanted city pup is the perfect fit for loving home in Toms River.



Sasha was just a 9-month-old pup when she was surrendered, her owner unable to care for her. She was very shy at first, but just blossomed when our Tinton Falls staff gave her attention. Sasha caught the eye of the Putman family, and soon found herself very much loved in Toms River.

Writes Makenzie: "Sasha is so spoiled and fits right in. She is such a good girl, We love her!"



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Above, once a city girl, Sasha now enjoys the great outdoors and has her own yard to play in.

Sweet and playful, Sasha was super lucky to find a home with the Putmans.

Lucy & Linus A shy girl gained confidence from a feline friend, now cherished together.



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Dancer and Archer settled into their new home beautifully with a little time, and still love the comfort of hanging out with one another.

Dancer came into our Forked River shelter back in 2018. She was one of dozens of cats removed from a local property, all living outside. She was very shy when she arrived, and her caretaker, knowing she felt calmer around other cats, found the perfect best-friend for her in 2020, a new arrival, Archer. They bonded immediately, and Archer gave Dancer the confidence she needed to be more outgoing and comfortable with people.

In June of this year, the Heitman family of Philadelphia fell in love with the pair and adopted them, renaming them Lucy and Linus. They have sent us glowing updates of their progress, summed up in a recent note. "These two are a great pair, and they love to explore, play, and sleep together. Watching them open up to us has been so rewarding and we love them so much!"

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He had a rough start in life, multiple health challenges, and finally ... love.

Tye



Life finally got a whole lot easier for Tye. Naps on a real sofa? THIS is living!

At last the day has come for Tye ... he's finally gotten the great home he's been dreaming of! Big floppy Mastiff paws in the air for our boy, Tye! He was very young when found as a neglected and sickly stray. He had so many health issues to contend with, but through eye surgeries, leg surgeries, and all of the therapy and recovery, Tye just couldn't be any sweeter. We're so grateful to our supporters for helping us do all that we've done for Tye over the last year. It's all paid off! He has a clean bill of health and a wonderful, loving home with the Sasala family of Forked River to spend the rest of his life in! Check out the update they sent:

"Tye is the best dog ever. We love him so much and he's so comfortable at home here with us. He loves our back yard and deck, also loves our temperpedic bed, lol, he's a doll, so loving."

Tye must feel like he's won the lottery! We're so happy for him, and wish you all a long, happy, healthy life together. Enjoy yourself Tye, you sure deserve it!



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

It didn't take Tye very long to get comfortable and feel right at home (above.) At left, Tye with his new Dad, Gary.

A Belleville stray, Mr. Kitty first learned to trust our staff, and then found a loving home and a new name!

Herman

Mr. Kitty has a somewhat unusual past. He was brought in to our Newark shelter in January by a Belleville man who took care of him in his neighborhood. As he wanted to continue Mr. Kitty's care, we agreed to TNR the cat. We then tried multiple times to contact the man, but he never responded or came to get Mr. Kitty. We then placed him for adoption.

It took Mr. Kitty some time to find a home because he was quite shy and took a while to acclimate to the shelter surroundings. After several weeks, he finally allowed staff to pet him and he began to be more trusting. In May, Mr. Kitty (now Herman), met his new mom, Dana of East Rutherford, and the rest is history!

Dana recently wrote: "We wanted to reach out & give an update on Mr. Kitty.

It's been a little over a month with him & he has adapted pretty well! He seems happy & comfortable which makes us really happy. He's been such a joy to have & really loves laying on the kitchen table. Lol! We love him ♥ we also decided to name him "Herman"!

Thanks to Dana for getting in touch, and cheers to your wonderful new life with him!



Whether King of the Sofa, lounging on pillows and quilts, or sporting a bowtie, Herman is a far more trusting soul than the frightened fella who arrived last January.



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POPCORN PARK NEWS

POPCORN PARK RESCUES YOUNG GREAT-HORNED OWL



On May 10, a Little Egg Harbor resident called after finding what he thought was an injured owl under his car in his driveway. We set out right away and found a young Great Horned Owl, not quite old enough to leave the nest, and hiding out behind a rear tire. With a little coaxing we were able to get him out from his hiding spot. He was in very good shape and pretty feisty. We looked around for a nest but couldn't find one. As he was in an area known to be frequented by fox, we thought it safer to bring him to Toms River Avian Care. He's there with three other orphaned Great Horned Owl juveniles being cared for until ready for release.

NEIGHBORS RALLY TO SAVE ALFIE THE SWAN, BUT IN THE END, ALFIE SEEMED TO SAVE HIMSELF!



PHOTO SUPPLIED

Alfie with his family of growing cygnets.

AHS/Popcorn Park has become widely known for our experience and expertise in handling problems with swans. Our staff goes out regularly to towns along the NJ waterfront to disentangle swans from fishing line, remove hooks from their necks, or treat them for other injuries.

Alfie is a swan from the Seawood Harbor section of Brick Twp. who recently made headlines for his alleged aggression. Local residents reported that Alfie was being repeatedly provoked by jet skiers who would charge him while he was trying to protect his mate and babies. Normally, a mild-mannered swan, he was merely doing what swans do when threatened.

Someone contacted wildlife officials who reviewed the situation, declared Alfie dangerous, and slated him to be euthanized. The local residents who knew Alfie to be gentle formed a group, "Save Our Swans", petitioning the government to allow Alfie to be relocated to Popcorn Park, but their request was denied. It was then that Alfie launched his own lifesaving effort.

Popcorn Park was called out on a swan tangled in fishing line. Our staff went out, as they had so many times before, picked up the swan and brought him to Popcorn Park for removal of the line and for observation. As fate would have it, the swan is Alfie!

Thanks to the many people that fought on behalf of Alfie. As we go to press, he is recovering comfortably at Popcorn Park.

Popcorn Park is on call every day, ready to assist wildlife in need. In addition to caring for the 200+ animals that reside in Popcorn Park Refuge, we are frequently responding to requests to help animals that are injured, trapped, or in some sort of danger.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

We are deeply saddened to report that two of Popcorn Park's free-roaming peacocks wandered out onto Lacey Road and were hit by a car. Our peacocks are a familiar sight to all inside the confines of Popcorn Park itself, on Humane Way, in our parking lot, and sometimes in the surrounding area.

We are asking that everyone please drive at reasonable speeds and allow enough time to stop and avoid animals - or people - in the road. Popcorn Park is looking into signage warning drivers of possible peacocks in the road, but ultimately, it is up to each driver to look out for animals.

Thank you for slowing down.



Pierre the Peacock - Pierre is one of the many handsome peacocks that stroll about the refuge, drawing appreciative oohs and aahs when he fans his tail. Our very first Pierre came from an individual who had purchased him as an "ornamental bird", but when he found how noisy and raucous his new peacock was, no longer wanted him. Happily, he contacted us, and we've been home to Pierre ever since. He's a very generous fellow, and is happy to share his sponsorship donations with our other peacocks. You can sponsor Pierre and all his buddies with the coupon on the opposite page.



Catch up with more Popcorn Park News on Facebook - @PopcornParkZoo

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.

Help support our Popcorn Park residents and join the Wildlife Club! The cost to sponsor an animal is only \$5/month or \$60/year. 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 ahscare.org then Popcorn Park.



Sunshine the Miniature Horse - Sunshine is now 11 years old, and is the only equine ever born at Popcorn Park. Her Mom, Emma, was abandoned in the woods in northern NJ and left to starve. She was rescued, and still quite thin when she arrived, and unbeknownst to us, pregnant. One bright sunny morning, staff came out to find Emma nursing a newborn foal, our Sunshine. Our little mini is full of sass and spunk, but has calmed down some over the years. She's on a special diet of denji hay as she is a bit prone to colic, but otherwise, healthy as a ... well, horse! Could you sponsor our adorbal little girl?



Meet Simba, a bobcat hybrid, once kept as a pet. After living with his family for fourteen years, he was left homeless when they moved and couldn't take him along. Luckily, Popcorn Park was here to take him in. Much to our surprise, Simba settled right in to his new life with us. In a short time, we were able to introduce him to Rocky, our other bobcat, and they began sharing an enclosure. Now, at 19 years old, Simba would love to share his life with you, if you would be his sponsor.

Scooter the Pot-Bellied Pig -

Do you know my story? I was once one of many piglets being bred. A rescue came to get some of us and I saw my chance - I squeezed out under the fence and made a run for it. But then ... I got hungry. I went back to find some food and Popcorn Park came to the rescue. I've been here and living large on the Wildlife Club ever since. All I need to make my day is you - and you sponsoring me!



POPCORN	PARK WILDLIFE CLUB	AUGUST 2021
	Name of animal(s) sponsored: _____	
	NAME _____	
	ADDRESS _____	
	CITY, STATE, ZIP _____	
	# OF ANIMALS _____ X \$5.00 each = TOTAL \$ _____	

patiently waiting pups

Here are some wonderful pups waiting 6 months or longer for that perfect home. October is Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month!



April

It's obvious that April has been through quite a bit in her 8 years. She is housebroken, and the sweetest, most loving girl, but does have some medical challenges. She has hip and elbow dysplasia, and so, the perfect couch potato. We are treating her for Horner's Syndrome where her one eye droops. April is not a big fan of most dogs, but is beyond fabulous with people. Just so sweet!
ID# 50663-sf (Tinton Falls)



Leahla

Leahla has such an infectious smile! She was so sad when she was given up due to landlord issues, but this 2-1/2-year-old pretty pittie has turned her frown upside down. She would love to be back in a great home. Leahla asks that it be pet-free, but she's so playful, affectionate, and bubbly that you won't need anyone else in your life!
ID# 50082-SF (Forked River)

Oso

Oso is a 4-year-old male shepherd-labrador mix who has been at the shelter since December 2020. Oso is energetic, playful and loving, and has all the best traits of a great companion. He is looking for an adult only home where he can relax and just be himself. Unfortunately, black dogs like Oso get passed up all the time, but this boy is so deserving of a loving home! We'd love to see him spoiled rotten and loved unconditionally!
ID# 49679-NM (Newark)



Athena

Athena is a very high-energy girl, loyal, and bonds quickly. She would do best in a one-adult-only home who would give her the training and activity she needs. She was surrendered due to aggression to the other pets in the house, and would therefore, need to be your one-and-only. We believe Athena would thrive in an experienced home - the home that will help her be the great dog she could be. She will generously pay you back with devotion. ID#-42772 (Tinton Falls)

Khalilah

Khalilah was 8 years old when her family was moving out of state. They surrendered her to us to find her a new home. She's very sweet, has a great personality, and is housebroken. She is also crate-trained and will tell you when she wants to go to potty. Her former family said she LOVES THE POOL! Khalilah needs an adult only home, with no other pets.
ID# 49178-SF (Tinton Falls)



Many more pups awaiting adoption are on our website at ahscars.org and Petfinder

patiently waiting fiv kitties



Chicken

Chicken is a sweet little guy of just a year old that had a tough start in life. He was found apparently abandoned on a dirt road all alone. Chicken was so scared upon arrival (hence the name!), but he was happy to get the help he needed and the attention

he never knew. With patience and TLC, he's really come out of his shell and is ready for a new FIV-friendly home now. ID# 50195-NM (Forked River)



Copy Cat

Copy Cat is a handsome black and white boy who came in as a stray. This guy is such a snuggle monster, really friendly, and quite affectionate. He's approximately 2 years old and would love a home who would see him and treat him exactly the same as they would any other cat that is not FIV positive. ID# 50622-NM (Newark)

What is an FIV cat?

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus - or FIV - is a retrovirus infection which affects the immune system. It is also referred to as feline HIV or feline AIDS.

- Q** - Can I get FIV from my cat?
A - No, humans cannot contract FIV from their cats.
- Q** - Can my other cats get FIV from a cat with FIV?
A - FIV is transmitted through a deep bite wound. Non-aggressive cats are perfectly safe with one another.
- Q** - How can I prevent transmission?
A - Pairing cats together that are mellow and low-risk of biting one another is key. Also, keeping your cat indoors at all times to minimize interaction with other cats that may be infected.
- Q** - Does an FIV cat have a shorter lifespan?
A - Recent studies show that an otherwise healthy FIV cat can lead a long, full life.
- Q** - Do they need medication?
A - FIV cats do not need medication - being kept indoors and healthy is most important.



Bernie

Bernie is just 11 months old. This super-sweet silver tabby would love to grow up in a great home. Found as a stray in April, Bernie tested positive for FIV, and he hopes that won't deter people from giving him a chance. He's an affectionate guy who loves everyone he meets. Bernie likes other cats, too, and would love to go to a home with another FIV friend. ID# 50872-NM (Forked River)



Kina

Kina is a bit shy. Found as a Newark stray in late May, she took a little time getting used to her new shelter surroundings, so the staff worked slowly, gaining her trust one day at a time. Only 1 year, 7 months old, Kina seems really curious and eager to explore. She enjoys her scratches and constantly wants more! Although FIV+, we have high hopes for this little girl finding her forever home! ID#-51861-SF (Newark)

SHELTER NEWS

ACO MARIA CYMANSKI ACCEPTS AWARD FROM TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, NJ



Forked River ACO Maria was recently invited to attend a Barnegat Township meeting where she was surprised with a beautiful plaque commemorating the "countless hours she gives and enthusiastic attitude in which she serves."

Maria has been an invaluable part of the AHS' Animal Control and Protection Team since 2009, and has served Barnegat Township's animals and residents since then as well.

At top, Maria accepting the award from two members of the Barnegat Committee. At left, with Finny the kitten she finally freed. Maria worked 2-1/2 hours under-

neath the chassis of a car where the kitten had successfully hidden herself.

AHS NEWARK'S SHELTER PUPS JAZZ UP NJPAC 's REOPENING VIDEO



STILL FROM VIDEO COURTESY: NJPAC and VIDEOGRAPHER: DANELGOVISON

Newark shelter pup Bluebell demonstrates pawless (hands-free) ticketing. She was adopted shortly after the video was filmed.

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark was very excited to open its doors to the public after a year of being shut down. Of course, it wanted its patrons to be safe after this long pause, and what better way to do it than demonstrate new safety procedures with good will ambassadors with paws! And very special paws, at that; NJPAC made a snappy musical video featuring some of our Newark pups waiting for adoption (and a pet chicken). Take a look at ahscares.org under Rescues and head back to the theater!

Thanks to our Humane Heroes!



The Kotzas Family Charitable Foundation and Crossroads Realty in Toms River came by on May 19th for their annual visit. They made their way around Popcorn Park and visited all of their favorite residents, then stopped into the office to visit with staff and make their generous annual donation. Thank you for your generosity!



We count the Women's Club of Lacey among our most loyal supporters. About every six months, they bring a huge donation of pet food, toys, blankets, newspaper, etc. for our shelter animals. We appreciate it!



A big thanks to one of our wonderful rescue partners, Fly Away Home. When they heard that our Newark shelter was low on towels and bedding, they outdid themselves and brought us a bundle!



We are so grateful to the many people and organizations who donate to us, directly or by collecting for us. Please check out Humane Heroes at ahscares.org or our social media pages to see more photos of the wonderful people who help our animals!





Let's Read!

Fish for Kids: A Junior Scientist's Guide to Diverse Habitats, Colorful Species, and Life Underwater

Written by: Kevin Kurtz, MA



What makes a fish a fish? Where do they live? What do they do all day? Are they smart?

So many questions! And for the curious child, lots of great answers in this newest non-fiction book in the Junior Scientists Series.

Fish for Kids provides fun-filled and factual information about

35 species from tetras to sharks, goldfish to eels; interactive learning through hands-on activities; fun facts about such things as how fish camouflage or use tools, and which can swim at 70 mph; plus in-depth profiles on both freshwater and saltwater fish. Filled with glossy photos and illustrations, and written by an award-winning children's author who specializes in books about science and nature, this book is aimed at the 6-9 year old reader. Available in paperback on Amazon.

PHOTO COURTESY: KRIS SKURLATOWSKI

School is back! Some ideas for you ...

- ◆ Class project - sponsor a Popcorn Park animal in the Wildlife Club!
- ◆ Don't want to dissect a frog in Biology? You don't have to! It's the law in New Jersey (other states, check PETA.org)
- ◆ Start cleaning your bird feeders and get ready to help your feathered friends through the winter
- ◆ Collect bedding and towels for shelter cats and dogs
- ◆ Adopted your pet from a shelter? Tell the world - Adopt Don't Shop!!

FROG PHOTO COURTESY: GARY SCOTT



Humane Kids



"You can't change a Rescue's past, but you could rewrite their future."

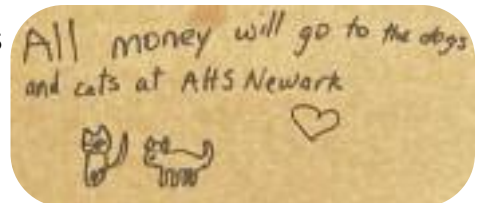
Thanks to Marlena Schuler, Director, and the kids at Busy Bee's Day Care of Beachwood for collecting many needed supplies for our animals. The children were inspired by learning about rescue animals and the shelter. Pictured are Marlena, Gabby, and Zach.



Our youngest Humane Hero yet, Olivia has already realized the importance of taking care of what she calls "shelter babies." The granddaughter of AHS staff member Sherri, Olivia collected all these goodies for her 4th birthday.



7-year-old Miles of South Orange set up a lemonade stand to help our shelter animals. It's only 5 cents a cup, and here's Miles' sign as to where the funds will go.



Animals in the NEWS

EFFORTS ADVANCE TO BAN GESTATION CRATES FOR PIGS, VEAL CRATES FOR CALVES, IN NEW JERSEY

Banning gestation and farrowing crates for pigs and veal crates for calves has been an issue of hot contention for years in New Jersey and many other states. At issue is the cruel confinement of animals raised for slaughter, in particular female pigs who are maintained in narrow, barred, gestation crates - unable to move more than a foot forward or back and unable to even turn around.



PHOTO COURTESY: HSUS/WIKIPEDIA

How pigs in gestation crates live for 9 months of their life, barely able to move. Now imagine a barn filled with hundreds of pigs confined like this all year long.

Pigs spend eight months in gestation crates while they are pregnant, and another month in a farrowing crate where they are immobilized on their sides in a position allowing their piglets to nurse. Such highly stressful conditions cause great suffering and induce physical and psychological illness, and results in a breeding pig being confined, unable to move, for 80% of the four short years of her life.

Assembly bill A-5236 and Senate bill S-3401 were introduced in January 2021 to put an end to these cruel practices in New Jersey. A-5236 was passed out of Assembly June 10, 2021.

Ten U.S. states, Canada, and the European Union have already outlawed gestation crates; nine U.S. states have banned veal crates. Contact your senator to add New Jersey to the list.

TAKE ACTION!

For info, photos and videos as to what intensive pig farming is about, visit:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intensive_pig_farming

Pigs are exceptionally intelligent and sensitive animals. While Scooter was never raised for slaughter, he has own story to tell. Read more on Page 9.



ESA BEING RESTORED - ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES TO BENEFIT



PHOTO COURTESY: JEAN BEAUFORT / WIKIPEDIA

The grizzly bear is one of the United States' most iconic animals and was saved from extinction through the ESA.

After years of the ESA (Endangered Species Act) being assaulted and nearly gutted by the former administration, it is good news for animals everywhere that a reverse trend has been initiated. The Biden Administration announced in early June that it will restore protection to endangered species around the globe, and roll back some of the recent regulations that hamstrung the Federal Government's ability to conserve and recover endangered species and their habitats. It has been especially encouraging that these changes will also extend protections to "threatened" species.

According to the HSUS, the ESA has saved more than 99% of listed species from going extinct. With renewed support of the ESA, the biodiversity of our natural world is assured.

NEW JERSEY ADOPTS STRICTEST RULE IN THE U.S. ON THE WHIPPING OF RACEHORSES

The use of a whip/crop in horseracing has long been an item of contention between jockeys and animal rights groups. However, a new rule adopted by the New Jersey Racing Commission now allows a horse to be struck with a riding crop only for safety reasons. It applies to jockeys and exercise riders, and violations can result in suspensions that will increase with additional offenses.

Terry Meyocks, the chief executive of The Jockeys' Guild based in Lexington, KY states that the cuts and welts incurred by the crop as claimed by animal rights groups are extremely rare, and that the use of the crop offers a measure of safety for both horses and riders on the track. Animal activists state that the excessive whipping of horses for greater speed would be called and prosecuted as animal cruelty anywhere outside a racetrack.

Although still unsupported by many jockeys at this point in time, the Racing Commission is proud of the legislation as it provides for more humane treatment of horses in the racing industry. The rule is not only the strictest in the U.S., but in the world except for Norway.

To sponsor one of our own rescued horses at Popcorn Park, meet Sunshine on page 9, who only wants to race into your heart.

2021 BLACK BEAR HUNT CANCELLED IN NEW JERSEY!

With the black bear season officially closed, there will be no bear hunts for the remainder of 2021. On June 21, New Jersey's Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy (CBBMP) expired. Without a policy proposed by the New Jersey Fish and Game Council and approved by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in place for the season, there can be no hunt.
Read more: nj.gov/dep/fgw/bearseason

SKUNKS NEED RESCUE THROUGHOUT OUR SHELTER SERVICE AREAS



Above, rescued in Clark, top right in Rahway, right, in Lacey Twp.

July was surely a busy month for rescuing skunks in trouble! Within a week, ACO Jesse McNamee was dispatched to rescue two adolescent skunks who were stuck in residential fences. Called in by good Samaritans, both skunks were rescued, examined, and released safely back into their habitats.

ACO Maria Cymanski responded to a call in Lacey Township about a skunk who'd gotten her head stuck in a Dixie cup. She trapped the skunk, quickly removed the cup with a snake pole, and after a quick exam, released her to scamper off into the woods.

Did you know skunks have very poor eyesight? It's not uncommon for skunks to get stuck and need some assistance. Always remember to call your local animal control if you see wildlife in danger.

BOBCATS MAKING A COMEBACK IN NJ

Bobcats were once widespread and plentiful in New Jersey. Due to deforestation and fragmentation of their range, they were added to the NJ Endangered Species List (ESL). Through massive efforts of the NJ EPA, the bobcat population was slowly restored. Now the shy, medium-sized cat, found largely north of Rt. 78, is being spotted more frequently. The bobcat provides an important role in keeping down the rodent and small animal population.

Check out Simba, one of the bobcats at Popcorn Park, on page 9, and please consider sponsoring him!

Stay in touch and up-to-date on AHS' activities and the animals we shelter, defend, and protect. Please stop by



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Newark: AHS-Newark Branch

Tinton Falls: Associated Humane Tinton Falls

Forked River: Associated Humane Popcorn Park Shelter

Popcorn Park Refuge: Popcorn Park Animal Refuge



Instagram: Newark: [ahsnewark](https://www.instagram.com/ahsnewark)

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Forked River: [ahspopcornpark](https://www.instagram.com/ahspopcornpark)



Newark: [AHSNewark](https://www.youtube.com/AHSNewark)

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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

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MERCEDES of Newark

The beautiful Miss Mercedes came to us in December, 2019 when her owner became homeless, and since that time, this pretty senior girl has been waiting patiently to be discovered. Mercedes lived with another dog, but that was the only dog she ever liked. Due to this and her advanced age, it's made it a little more difficult to find her a great home. She's so happy to spend her days living it up in Animal Haven Farm,



frolicking in her huge yard and going for walks with her wonderful sponsors. She hopes you'll find it in your heart to be her sponsor. ID# 43138-SF (Forked River)

WISDOM of Newark



Wisdom sure could use some extra attention from some great sponsors! Being away from home has taken a toll on this sweet dog. Wisdom had a good home but due to his ever-worsening allergies, his family simply could not care for him any longer. In addition to seasonal allergies, Wisdom is also allergic to meat! His prescription diet and medication manage his symptoms well, but this, combined with the fact that he's not a fan of

other dogs, has made it difficult for Wisdom to find a good home. He's still looking, but it may take time, so we hope that you'll come in and take him for a walk or spend a little time with him. That sure would go a long way in keeping that smile on his face! ID# 49730-NM (Forked River)

SHADOW of Toms River



Shadow is a senior lady that came to us way back in 2018 with several other cats when their owner passed away. This sweet girl is about 13 years old now and led a neglected life in the past, but she's received lots of good medical care since her arrival and is feeling like a kitten again! She moved into our Kitty City area where she enjoys life every day, socializing with other cats and snoozing on the soft beds. Shadow is an absolute doll that loves meeting new sponsors and hopes that you'll be her newest! ID# 27712-SF (Forked River)

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