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GOOD NEWS! FOR ANIMALS

CRICKET HOLLOW ZOO SHUT DOWN & 300 SUFFERING ANIMALS REMOVED



PHOTO COURTESY:ALDF

A tiny and cruelly inappropriate enclosure for a black bear at Cricket Hollow Zoo.

The HUMANE NEWS has featured articles on the struggles of the Animal Legal Defense Fund in attempting to deal with the chronic horrors & cruelties at the Cricket Hollow Zoo in Manchester, Iowa. In the span of two years, five tigers died at Cricket Hollow due to inadequate veterinary care; another tiger was found to be suffering from open wounds, untreated by a veterinarian. A capuchin monkey, also denied veterinary care, had lost her hair and was found chewing her tail — clear indications of severe boredom and frustration.

Over several years, the USDA documented a long and horrifying list of federal Animal Welfare Act violations at Cricket Hollow Zoo. These included animals who died of exposure to harsh weather; animals suffering with untreated injuries; animals being handled improperly; small, filthy enclosures; lack of access to clean water and food; and food contaminated with vermin. In 2016, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa found that the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is applicable to captive animals, and that Cricket Hollow Zoo violated that law. In 2018, a three-judge panel of the Eighth Circuit upheld the district court's ruling that Cricket Hollow Zoo violated the ESA—setting an important precedent for stronger protection of captive animals.

Then in November 2019, the Animal Legal Defense Fund won another lawsuit against Cricket Hollow — bringing the facility's long history of keeping animals in cruel and inhumane conditions to an end! Working with other organizations, they recently removed and rescued from the facility many animals ranging from black bears to hamsters. For additional photos, log on to <https://aldf.org/article/court-orders-animals-from-cricket-hollow-zoo-be-transferred-to-sanctuaries/>

GOV. CUOMO SIGNS BILL TO PROTECT GIRAFFES & PROHIBIT SALE OF ANIMAL PARTS



PHOTO COURTESY:JULIE ELLIOTT-ABSHIRE:

Recent New York legislation prohibits the sale of any part of giraffes and other vulnerable species, thereby providing them further protection.

On Friday, December 13th, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed into law a bill introduced by Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee Chair Steve Englebright in the Assembly and by Senator Monica Martinez in the Senate. The law "designates giraffe and other certain species as vulnerable species and prohibits the sale of articles made from any part of a vulnerable species." This is a huge victory for giraffes! An undercover investigation by the HSI & HSUS revealed that nearly 4,000 giraffes killed by trophy hunters were imported into the U.S. over the last decade. Giraffe parts, from knife handles to giraffe skins, custom-made jackets, boots, pillows, & bible covers are sold online and in stores by 51 dealers in the U.S. New York is the first state to pass such a law.



PENNY FIX PROVIDES INNOVATIVE PLAN TO EXPAND SPAY/NEUTER NATIONWIDE

Latest statistics reveal that, despite a reduction in the euthanization of cats and dogs in the U.S., approximately 1.5 million shelter pets are still euthanized annually. The numbers have been reduced over the years due to spay/neuter efforts, but there's much more work to do, and

PennyFix plans to get it done.

The PennyFix mission is to provide funding for free spay/neuter services for cats and dogs in every county, municipality, and township nationwide and end the senseless killing of pets. Their plan? To eliminate overpopulation through a program financed by pet owners through a penny per pet food can fee. PennyFix was founded by longtime animal advocate and founder of The Best Little Cathouse in PA, Lynn Stitt, who is determined to make a difference in pet overpopulation. Learn more at pennyfix.org where you, whether an individual or shelter/rescue, can support this effort through a petition and more.

Fashion ... with Compassion

Recent reports indicate that Ellen DeGeneris is launching a faux fur brand offering design-forward alternatives to fur for the fashion industry. The brand UnHide will release other ready-to-wear items in the future. The brand will fall in line with her extensive work for animal rights & elephant conservation in Africa. Currently, there are three different products being offered by UnHide: the Marshmallow, a heavy, cozy, blanket, Lil' Marsh, a smaller blanket, & the Art Marsh which is a collaboration with L.A. artist, James Goldcrown.

Medical Alert – NJ PET OWNERS

Veterinarians in N. J. have seen a rise in the number of dogs that have contracted leptospirosis this year. It is a bacterial infection transmitted through rat urine & dogs may be exposed to the infection after lapping up puddle water. At least 3 dogs have died & 2 were sickened by the disease in northern New Jersey. The infection can also be hazardous for humans if they come in contact with rat urine. There is a vaccine which can be given, so please check with your veterinarian.

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) warned that pet store puppies have been linked to an infection outbreak among human beings in 13 states. Thirty people from 8 months to 70 years old have been infected with a strain of *Campylobacter jejuni*. For more information, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/campylobacter/outbreaks/puppies-12-19/index.html>

MONTREAL SPCA AND CITY CREATE CARRIAGE HORSE RETIREMENT PROGRAM



PHOTO: ANDRIY BLOKHIN / SHUTTERSTOCK.COM

Carriage horse taking tourists through traffic in Old City, Montreal.

In partnership with the City of Montreal, the Montreal SPCA has created a placement program for former carriage horses in order to provide them a peaceful retirement after having worked in Montreal.

The program is intended for carriage horse owners who wish to place their horses in adoptive homes after the ban on horse-drawn carriages came into effect on December 31, 2019. In exchange for the surrender of their animals, owners will receive \$1,000 in financial compensation per horse. The Montreal SPCA will then place the horses into adoptive homes approved by Galahad, the Quebec Association for the Protection of Horses. Galahad's approval process includes a home visit to ensure potential adopters are serious and able to provide high quality care. Among other requirements, adoptive homes will have to commit to not selling the horse; including at auction or to a slaughterhouse; not using the animal for commercial purposes; and to allowing visits from the horse's former owner once a year.

In the event a permanent adoptive home cannot be found right away, horses will be temporarily placed at one of Galahad's partner shelters until an appropriate adoptive home can be found. The program will be in effect from May 1, 2019, to April 30, 2021.

NEW JERSEY NEWS

SUSSEX - SPACE FARMS ZOO AND MUSEUM

PETA has urged the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture to investigate Space Farms Zoo & Museum in Sussex, NJ for allegedly transporting an infant cougar cub named Juniper, who had been prematurely separated from her mother, in a cardboard box in the front seat of car. The USDA cited the roadside zoo for endangering the animal by bringing Juniper to a public event when she was just 5 days old & exposing her to the public three more times before she was even 2 weeks old. The USDA's policy acknowledges that baby animals 4 weeks of age or younger are not able to regulate their body temperatures & have underdeveloped immune systems, putting them at risk for disease & infection. According to PETA, Space Farms Zoo has had a long history of violating the Animal Welfare Act. They have been cited for failing to clean water receptacles & pools, some of which were moldy; failing to have an enrichment plan for primates; & allowing enclosures to become filthy & contain dangerously jagged & rusty materials. For more information: <https://secure.mediapeta.com/peta/PDF/SpaceFarmsFactsheet.pdf>

Animals in the NEWS

SPEAK OUT FOR SAFETY & PROTECTION OF NY CARRIAGE HORSES

It would seem that the carriage horses in New York City continue to be the victims of a moral weakness among those who oversee the carriage trade. Do you visit NYC & see these sad animals trudging along amongst the traffic? Do you work in NY & see them frequently? No doubt you pass by with a heavy heart to see how their lives are spent.

Among the most recent notices we received is one from the Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages which asks: "Who Enforces the Carriage Horse Laws in NYC?" Five city agencies are supposed to oversee much-needed surveillance and are in charge of the regulations which are not being enforced -- the Health Dept., the Dept. of Consumer Affairs, the Dept. of Transportation, and to a lesser degree, the Parks Dept. The fifth, the ASPCA, gave up humane law enforcement, so these pathetic animals are left to



PHOTO: © COALITION TO BAN HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES
Another carriage horse negotiating NYC streets in the snow in dangerous and slushy conditions.

the miserable drudgery of dealing with traffic, taxis, rain, blizzard conditions, and icy & slippery conditions underfoot. It is just as bad in the steamy summer heat. The laws are on the books -- but the Dept. of Health is not enforcing the regulations concerning adverse weather conditions.

What a wonderful start for the New Year it would be if we could improve the heart-wrenching, inhumane lives that these horses endure. NY City Council Speaker Corey Johnson oversees the Dept. of Health. You can contact him at: speakerjohnson@council.nyc.gov or at his phone number 212-564-7757. To follow this effort, you can link on www.banhdc.org or Horses Without Carriage International at <http://www.horseswithoutcarriages.org>

ESSEX COUNTY - K-9 UNIT

The Essex County Sheriff's Office says it is disbanding its K-9 unit over budgetary issues effective January 1, 2020. It is alleged to be over ongoing litigation regarding a stipend the officers receive to offset the cost of caring for the dogs who generally live with their handlers. The canines help track down narcotics, firearms, & explosives. Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura says it plans to enter into a shared services agreement with other law enforcement agencies for K-9 services. Each of the dog handlers will be reassigned to different jobs come January. Fontoura's official order to disband the K-9 unit only specified that the county would only pay to euthanize the dogs after completing "useful service" -- but not for a canine's continued care if the canine was adopted by an officer.

US GOV PASSES & SIGNS WIN-WIN OMNIBUS LAW FOR ANIMALS!
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KYA'S RUPTURED EYE NECESSITATED IMMEDIATE SURGERY



Kya prior to surgery where you can see her right eye is slightly larger, preceding its rupture.

problems, to treat them, and let them live the rest of their lives here in peace and comfort. Please consider making a donation to our ResQ Fund on behalf of Kya, and the many others like her that get the help that they need thanks to wonderful people like you. Or you can support Kya directly and sponsor her in our Wildlife Club with the coupon on page 9. Please come down and visit Kya & the other residents at Popcorn Park!

Kya fully healed, relaxed and comfortable after the removal of her right eye.



Kya the Bengal Tiger came to Popcorn Park in 2013. During an initial examination at that time, a diagnosis of glaucoma was made. With medication, she has been doing well, but in November, her caretakers noticed her pawing at her right eye. Due to her squinting & blinking, we contacted Kya's ophthalmologist at NorthStar. Kya was put on medication to keep her comfortable until the next day when our veterinarian, Dr. Paluch, along with Dr. Culbert of NorthStar visited Popcorn Park for an examination. Kya was sedated and the exam showed that her eye had ruptured and unfortunately, had to be removed. Kya was prepped and the surgery was started right away. In a little over an hour, her surgery was completed. She came through it well and a couple of hours later was walking around in her den and relaxing on her bench. We kept her inside for the next few days, much to her dislike, but when she was able to go out on a nice day she did well, rolling around on the grass and lying down, stretching out in the sun. She's doing great.

Your support and donations enable us to take in animals with



At right, Kya under anesthesia awaiting her surgery.

MANCHESTER ANIMAL LOVER VISITS WITH ANGIE & DONATES TO AHS



Thanks to Laura Dinkel who took her 3rd anniversary with Angie to visit & bring a huge donation!

It is always so heartwarming to receive a visit from our adoptees, & top on that list is Angie who came in with her wonderful mom, Laura! It during the holidays in 2016 when Angie finally got adopted after waiting a very loooong time!

Angie was removed from a Plainfield residence and the owner was fighting to get return

of the dog. During that time, we saw Angie starting to lose hope of ever getting noticed. We dressed her up in Holiday attire & took lots of picture ... & then she finally got noticed! Angie has been with Laura Dinkel of Manchester for 3 years & is absolutely loving life. She's spoiled silly & is loved & cared for behind her wildest dreams. Thank you so much to Angie and Laurel for their continued support of AHS!

AHS' 1st ANNUAL ST. PAWTRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD SUNDAY, MARCH 8

We are excited to announce our 1st Annual St. Pawtrick's Day Fundraiser. Join us to raise funds to help AHS continue to save homeless pets and find them new forever homes.

Enjoy an afternoon at Asbury Park Brewery with handcrafted local beer, fun, games and delicious food. We will also have some amazing Tricky Tray auction gifts for you to win.

Date: Sunday, March 8, 2020 12pm to 3pm

Where: Asbury Park Brewery, 810 Sewall Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Tickets are \$65/per person in advance and \$70 at the door.

Admission fee includes:

- * (2) full pour beers
- * Tapas food
- * (2) Tricky Tray Tickets

For information on tickets, please visit

www.ahscares.org or email:

fundraising@ahsppz.org.

Tickets purchased online will receive an email confirmation within 7 days.



SAVE-A-LIFE SWEEPS WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Thanks to all who took a chance in our 2019 Save-A-Life Sweepstakes. Your participation raises much-needed funds for our animals, and gives you the chance to win a great prize. We appreciate it and hope you'll take a chance with us again in 2020!! The lucky winners are:

1st Prize 2019 Subaru Crosstrek 2.0i -

Name withheld upon request

2nd Prize \$2,000 Amazon Gift Card -

Christine Armitage - Breckenridge, CO

3rd Prize \$1,249 Apple iPhone -

Nancy Koplin - Beachwood, NJ

A VERY SPECIAL JOYOUS HOLIDAY FOR PPZ EXOTIC BIRDS



Felix was so happy to have his little stocking filled with goodies over the holidays, but reminds us that our birds and other animals need help all year 'round, too!

Our feathered friend, Felix the parrot, sent a letter to Santa over the holiday season asking for some of his favorite big bird toys, and unsalted almonds, walnuts, and banana chips. So many of our supporters helped out and sent items for under our Popcorn Park tree! We need these items all year long though, so please check out our Amazon Wish List at www.Amazon.com. Just search Associated Humane Popcorn Park Shelter under Wish Lists and take a look at some of the items we use to care for our many animals.

We often post cute photos of our shelter pets in various accessories on social media, along with their requests for certain items that we need in our facilities. But our dogs and cats aren't the only ones that benefit from the generosity of our wonderful supporters. Our Popcorn Park Animal Refuge residents get in on the cute photos from time to time, and we've been having some fun lately with our feathered friends. Many of our chickens and parrots have been making their own requests!

We have many exotic birds here at AHS/Popcorn Park that live their lives with us in peace and harmony, without a care in the world. Most come from owners that could no longer care for them, but they quickly join our family and make themselves at home. One particu-

AHS ACO RESCUES RACCOON TRAPPED IN RAHWAY DUMPSTER



Tempted by food, the curious raccoon got in the dumpster, but couldn't get out.

The virtually demolished dumpster was an inviting place for a raccoon looking for morsels of food to survive. AHS' Animal Control Officer, John Destano, was contacted by Rahway Health Department to check on the situation. Although the dumpster was crushed & had a hole in the side, the raccoon was unable to escape. Thanks to the refuse collection fellas for Rahway, they picked up the dumpster while ACO Destano was able to extricate him from the dumpster. The ACO then brought the raccoon to safety and released him.



In the process of being freed ...



One last look at his life-saving buddy, ACO DeStano, and off to live in a new and safer home.

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ANIMAL LOVER DONATES KURANDA BEDS IN MEMORY OF XENA

With thoughts & memories of her little girl Xena uppermost in her mind, Gayle L. Palmer has dipped into her Xena Fund again for the benefit of AHS/Popcorn Park.

Thanks to Gayle's generosity, she has purchased some Kuranda beds for the benefit & comfort of AHS residents as well as a pulse oximeter. This is in addition to a lift table donation mentioned last issue.



Gayle with the love of her life, Xena, in whose memory so many wonderful veterinary items and supplies have been donated.



A pulse oximeter is an invaluable tool used during surgery to monitor the heart rate and amount of oxygen in the blood of an animal undergoing surgery.



That's one way to make a wish, but our animals have another way - YOU! Each of our shelters is a little different and each has its own unique Wish List.

Want to fulfill some wishes?

The beginning of each list is:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls>

Then just add the following for each shelter:

Newark:

19N0MMWNJNKKK?ref=wl_share

Tinton Falls:

7TLO19QHAZZS?&sort=default

Forked River & Popcorn Park:

3517LO597WLYO/ref=cm_go_nav_hz

Happy Endings

Cookie & Angel Double pleasure for Cookie & Angel adopted to Little Egg Harbor family



Never apart for one moment since they were pups, Cookie and Angel still spend every moment together.

and never spent a day away from home, so you can imagine how hard it was for them. But at least they still had each other, and we made sure that they always would have each other. Over all this time, people offered to adopt one or the other, and rescues offered to take the girls, but would never promise not to separate them. If you saw Cookie and Angel together every day like we did, you'd know why we could never separate them.

Finally their wait is over, and the girls got a fabulous home with Corey & Gina Basile of Little Egg Harbor! They are all settled in and absolutely love their new life. We've already received these great pics of them relaxing and enjoying life. Have fun girls, you deserve it!

We always work toward a happy outcome for animals in need. Sometimes it happens quickly; sometimes, like in Cookie and Angel's case, it takes quite a while. It took a year and a half for them, but finally, their day had come!

Cookie and Angel came to us in May of 2018; the older Great Danes were turned in due to a divorce in their family. The girls were together since they were puppies



PHOTOS ABOVE AND LEFT SUPPLIED

Cookie and Angel celebrate their first Christmas with Corey and Gina.



Getting ready to leave AHS and start a new life with their new, loving family.

Abel An old splint, a broken leg - a recipe for hope, love & a future in Beach Haven



Abel couldn't look happier than he does now with his new family.

I have no idea how he's remained so sweet and friendly after all he's been through. We have friends and people coming in and out of the house all the time. Abel has loved everyone he's met and knows how to put a smile on their face right away. He's the best and we're so thankful that he's with us."

An adorable dog came into our AHS Newark shelter in July as a stray with an injured leg & a miserable, homeless past. He was wearing an old splint with a badly broken front leg. Our first job was to take care of the leg which had several fractures. When it was not healing well, it was determined that it was best for Abel's leg to be amputated. It was also ascertained that there was possibly an owner who wanted his dog back.

After the matter was settled and Abel's medical stay was completed, he was sent to Forked River, ready to play and make new friends. After what seemed an eternity of waiting for the perfect home, Abel finally found it. He got himself noticed by a wonderful couple that fell in love with him. Eric Gilley and Shelby Nilsen of Beach Haven visited and it was a match made in heaven! We just received an update from Abel & his family and some pictures of Abel enjoying life these days:

"My girlfriend and I adopted Able 2 months ago and we couldn't be any happier with him!



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Abel got the best gift he could ever wish for - a loving, forever home.

Happy Endings



Looking out the window with new best friend, Loki, Cali is happy to watch the world go by.

Cali the Coonhound was a 7-1/2-year-old girl who came to us in March 2019; she was turned in because her family could no longer care for her. They didn't have her for very long, but they told us about a myriad of issues with Cali. Luckily, we got to know Cali ourselves before making a determination on her personality because she turned out to be an absolute doll! The poor girl led a rough life of being bred far too often down south somewhere, and she just wanted to be loved, cared for, and part of a family. Well, we are so happy to say that she got her wish. Robbie and Nate Collins of Medford, NJ adopted Cali and she is loving life in her new home!

Cali Coonhound with miserable past finds loving home in Medford



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Cali (right) hanging out on the couch with her new brother, Loki, enjoying a quality of life she'd undoubtedly never known before.

This update just in:

"Cali is doing wonderful! She is super spoiled and gets along great with her brother Loki. Thank you for bringing her into our lives!" Congratulations Cali and family, and we wish you a long and happy life together! And thank you to this wonderful family, for giving Cali the good home that she deserved.

Potato & Chamber

Bonded kennel pups - now Zoe & Louie - find a great owner in Barnegat



Says Zoe, "We're on our way to the marina!"



These are the kind of updates that make it all worth it! Would ya look at these two plump puppies, living the good life, relaxing and enjoying themselves with their wonderful family! We just couldn't be happier for Potato and Chamber, now known as Zoe and Louie! This happy pair of pooches came to us exactly one year apart, both found as strays on the city streets. Chamber was found in Newark in December of 2017, while Potato was found in the neighboring town of Irvington in December 2018.

They met each other at our kennel and bonded, as many homeless orphans do. The sad lives they lived back then are just a distant memory and now, adopted to George Hodanish of Barnegat, they're living the fabulous lives that they deserve.



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Two lost souls found each other and can now be together forever ... with their family!

This update just in:

"Yes the pooches are doing great and have lightened our lives up everyday. We are so thankful they actually found us. Their shelter names were "Potato" which is now Zoe, and "Chamber" which is now Louie. Both came from the Newark area, we were told almost a year apart. Now they enjoy mostly lazy days of course, wrestling n playing around with each other, and they both love being on the boat and at the marina ... again we want to thank you guys as well ... here are a few pix of them." Congratulations to Zoe, Louie, and George - now a wonderful family, and we wish you all a long, happy, healthy life together! Thank you, George, for adopting!

Properly outfitted in safety vests, Zoe and Louie are living the good life on their boat and the beach, as well as at home.

FABULOUS FELINES



Cookie is a big, beautiful lady of about 4 years old that was turned in when her owner could no longer care for her. Cookie has lots of personality and is so sweet and cuddly! She gets along with other cats and would love a quiet, commotion-free home. File 17038-SF (Forked River)



Tokyo is a lass who is waiting for your visit. There are many, many cats just waiting for a home, but she would love to cut in line. Santa came and she wasn't on his list. She wonders, "Can I be on yours?" File 42730-F



Meet Spooky who came to AHS on Thanksgiving. He is about 4 years old and the long-haired lad is resting comfortably while waiting for someone to arrive & invite him into their heart & home. File 42891-NM (Tinton Falls).



Meet Grover who has been waiting since July. Perhaps the New Year will bring a better chance. Valentine's Day is here & this would be a purrrfect time to share your heart. File 40116-NM (Newark).



When our ACO visited the resident, the homeowner surrendered 9-year-old Chowder with very little background information. Chowder is a very sweet lass whose medical examination resulted in an A+ report, and she is ready to find a new loving home. She has been here since October, and hopes to purrrsuade you to open your heart and home and warm up to Chowder. File 41971-SF (Tinton Falls).



Keuka was 13 years old when she was found as a stray. She was previously spayed, but she was so neglected, and FIV positive too. She's feeling like a brand new girl these days after getting lots of TLC, and this loving and gentle girl is hoping for a fabulous home to spend her golden years in. File 40167-SF (Forked River)



Meet 7-year-old Smokey and 6-year-old Lucy who were surrendered by their owner. They were with us through Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years and the bonded pair would love to share their love with you on Valentine's Day. File 42485-NM & File 42486-SF (Tinton Falls).



Castiel is a class-clown-cat of almost 3 years old that was given up when someone in his home became allergic to him. Castiel is a friendly guy that has lived with kids and other pets. His only requirement is a prescription diet for his kidneys. He knows you'll love him if you just give him a chance! File 29165-NM (Forked River)



Many of us came here before Thanksgiving which means they didn't want us around for the holidays. If you come & meet me, I can show you love in oh, so many ways. Just ask for Ricky. File 42739-M (Newark).

POPCORN PARK WILDLIFE CLUB

Join us!



Have a heart!

It's Valentine's Day and the season of love, but these 4 beautiful animals are singing the blues. Hard as it is to imagine, they only have 2 or 3 sponsors each! How does this happen? We don't know, but we sincerely hope you will open your heart, send them some love, and be their sponsors. And, of course, come visit!

CHIEF is Popcorn Park's only buck, a white-tailed deer who was hand-raised from a fawn, and could then never survive in the woods. He's here to tell you that although he may be the only "guy", guys have feelings, too. And having only two sponsors? Ouch! That hurts. Could you please be a dear and send Chief some love?



ARAGORN is one of four baboons who arrived in late December 2015 from someone who could no longer care for them. He is an extremely intelligent fellow, and very kind to his baboon friends, but he is also confused. How could it be that he only has three sponsors? Look in Aragorn's eyes ... more closely, please ... he's asking ... will YOU sponsor me?



HENRIETTA is a Canada goose, and, as you can see, is handicapped, missing her left foot. A young girl asked that we rescue her from a North Jersey park where some kids were hurting the geese. Henrietta gets around just fine and enjoys the barnyard, but what does hurt her is that she only has three sponsors. Now **THAT** can get a girl down! Can you help?



PUCKER UP AND KISS ME QUICK! says Uno. Uno is a potbellied pig so named because he wears a little white sock on his front leg. He's a very friendly guy, originally found wandering around South Toms River, and most likely once belonged to someone. That he only has two sponsors is just heartbreaking. Even if he's not your kissing type, could you send him some sponsorship love?

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. You can see all the animals to sponsor in our Wildlife Club booklet (order on page 22), or online where you can sponsor at ahscares.org - just click on Wildlife Club. If you haven't yet been to Popcorn Park, come down and visit! Our unique sanctuary caters to wildlife, farm animals, exotics, and birds that have been abused, abandoned, exploited, injured, handicapped, etc. The park is open daily from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on holidays. Admission fees help support our residents and are a very modest \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 3 to 11, and under 3 is free. Student groups are \$2 per person and free for our military.

PARK WILDLIFE CLUB

February 2020

POPCORN

Name of animal(s) sponsored: _____

 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 # OF ANIMALS _____ X \$5.00 each = TOTAL \$ _____

newark DOGS



JUST LOOK AT that imploring gaze. He came in as a stray with no clue as to his background history. Yoda would love to have a lifetime of love in your heart & home. File 43473-M.



Are you waiting to celebrate 2020 with a family addition that will help you out of the doldrums? Shrek is a 1-year-old with lots of puppy energy. The friendly, active fella would provide you with all of the exercise you need & the play time he craves. File 41700-M.



Someone spent a lot of time with this 1-year-old gent. Poe once had a loving home with someone who taught him to sit & shake. His owner is nowhere to be found and Poe is ready to join an active family. He loves diving into the toy selection & would love to have someone to give his devotion & loyalty to. File 43102-M.



When she was first introduced to our evaluator, she offered her paw for a treat. Dottie is 2 years old & enjoyed playing tug of war with a toy. She also enjoyed a meal while she sat by her evaluator. The daily efforts to keep Dottie and the other residents upbeat and hopeful is a very important part of the daily routine. Dottie enjoys her time here ... but she would be sooo much happier in a home with you. File 42743-F



What a sad way to bring in 2020. Pita came to AHS on New Year's Eve -- no holiday to celebrate. But 11-year-old Pita has many, many more years to live and love with a brand new owner. File 43464-F.



Rolo is only 8 months old & waiting to be your devoted companion. He has no issues -- give him a ball & he'll share it with you ... give him a treat & he will sit for you. Rolo is looking for a mainstay in his life, and he is young & hopeful. File 43088-NM.



Meet Prancer who is waiting for the chance at a lifetime commitment. The evaluators gave him a ball ... then a squeaky toy. ... but with a heartbroken fella, he wants more than a moment of pleasure. He is waiting to prance his way into a new and forever home. File 42616-M.



After 5 years with her family, this stocky little lady is now searching for a lifetime of love. She's a little bit shy at first, but warms up to being a loving & devoted girl. If you are a

couch potato type, check out this Cream Puff. File 43122-SF.

AT NEWARK

124 Evergreen Ave.

Just off Rt. 1 & 9 near Newark International Airport

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When the family lost their home, they brought Ruby to the AHS for a secure future. Ruby is an affectionate & friendly 7-month-old Shepherd. The gorgeous Shepherd loves everyone she meets – even flopping over on her back for belly rubs. Ruby knows sit, shake, & down commands & passed her evaluation with flying colors. File 43284-F.



Meet an adorable guy we call Dynamite. He's cute as a button & was found as a stray. A microchip would have had him in his home -- but there was no identification & no one called. He's waiting for Valentine's Day to give you his heart. File 43435-M



Body language says something with 2-year-old Marmalade. She is somewhat deflated and waiting for the new beginning that she thought she would have had by now. A squeaky toy was half-heartedly played with and gave her a little joy ... but she needs so much more. File 42850-F.



After 3 years with her owner, they had to bring her to AHS for a second chance at happiness. Melissa is a 3-year-old lass who is waiting to trot into your heart this Valentine's Day. File 42901-F



Meet 3-year-old Kodiak who still has puppy energy to burn! He is incredibly sweet & would do well in an active household. Bring on the toys ... the chewy bone ... squeaky toys - but don't forget that bottomless food bowl. Like so many residents at the Newark shelter, he is waiting for a lifetime of love & will repay with devotion & loyalty. File 42995-M

We call Chester the Nudger. The 9-year-old fella loves to be petted & if you stop, he nudges for more. He didn't want a chewy toy, a ball, a squeaky



toy - preferring to receive extra affection from his handler instead. If you are searching for a well-seasoned fella who doesn't need training ... just acceptance & love ... Chester the Nudger might be the companion for you. File 42062-NM.



Ryker is a 1-year-old pup who has energy to burn & enjoys doing zoomies around the Evaluation Room! He is very people focused. He will happily share his toys, his treats, and his heart with an active family. File 42800-M.

When his owners moved, they brought Graham to AHS for a future of happiness. He was somewhat traumatized upon being separated, so our evaluators spent some time with him; he warmed up - cuddling in their laps, offering kisses, and sitting on command. The 1-year-old has a wonderful, pleasing personality and is waiting for you to come & meet him File 42763-M.



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COVER STORIES

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RESCUED AFTER BEING CHAINED TO A WALL INSIDE AN ABANDONED GARAGE



From the filth and trash, from being abandoned and starving, Creed responded beautifully to love and good care.



The past holiday season was a happy one for this young boxer mix. His life was far from happy prior to October, when he was rescued from the deplorable conditions you see here.

Creed was found abandoned in a garage in Irvington, NJ, living amid filth and trash. Chained to the wall with no food or water in sight, he was just

skin and bones. Thanks to a neighbor who spoke up and called Animal Control, Creed was rescued and taken to our AHS Newark facility where he was so happy to be warm and fed. He was later transferred to AHS/Popcorn Park where he's put on weight, was neutered, and had several broken teeth removed. Creed's been feeling like a brand new pup and is eager to get on with his life in a new, loving home.

Creed is only around 3 years old and it's obvious that at some point someone cared about him. He was taught good manners and sits instantly when asked. He just adores people and can't get enough attention. Creed is not a fan of other animals, however, so will need to be the only pet in the home. He's playful, full of spunk and energy, and is happy to have put his sad past behind him.

If you're interested in adopting Creed, come meet him at AHS/Popcorn Park and refer to File#41839. Call 609-693-1900 or email: office@ahsppz.org for more info.

BACK FROM THE BRINK OF STARVATION, STAR NEVER GAVE UP HOPE ON THE HUMAN RACE



Barely recognizable as the same dog, Star wistfully dreams of all the love that she may soon have.

now needs nothing more than a lifetime of love.

Like so many other unlucky dogs in the inner city, Star ended up in the hands of someone that never saw her as a living, breathing being that needed love, care, and attention.

Star was weak and starving when she arrived at the AHS Newark facility on November 14th. Weighing just 27 pounds, the adult pit bull mix was about 30 pounds underweight. She had open sores on her legs and on her body, and various fresh lacerations and old scars. What she went through in the past, we'll never know, but she sure didn't hold any of it against anyone. This adorable little dog with the skeletal frame was overjoyed to get care and attention from the staff and was so happy to be safe, warm, and fed.

As she put on weight and regained her health, Star was just loving her new life. Thanks to those who contribute to our ResQ Fund, she got everything she needed to make a full recovery. As you can see from her most recent photos, there are no more ribs showing; she is at her full weight, and



Skeletal is the best word to describe the emaciated pit bull terrier that arrived at AHS in mid-November. Yet despite the clear neglect, Star was overjoyed to share love and affection with everyone she met.



For info on Star, contact AHS/Popcorn Park at 609-693-1900 and refer to File#42707.

DISCOVERED IN ABANDONED BUILDING, BRIANA HAD AN OLD INJURY RESULTING IN LOSS OF ONE EAR



One resilient girl, Briana has survived the worst and looks to share her love and devotion with a caring family.



Briana's ear in the process of healing after Dr. Negrin had treated it and the sutures were removed. The opening slowly closed up. Earlier photos of Briana when she first arrived at TLC Vet are too graphic to share here.

How does an animal that has been allowed to suffer in such a condition remain so loving, forgiving, and affectionate? Just ask Briana. She is the meaning of the word, "resilience".

Briana was found in November in an abandoned house in Irvington, NJ, by the Irvington Police Dept. Such circumstances usually indicate a dog being kept for future dogfights or abandoned because it wasn't a good enough fighter, as evidenced by her mangled ear and old puncture wounds all over her body. AHS Newark was notified, and transported Briana to TLC Vet in Union, NJ where Dr. Negrin got to work cleaning her wounds. It seemed that most of Briana's injuries were old and healed over, but her injured ear looked salvageable. As Dr. Negrin began cleaning the ear, it actually fell off! Although her wound is now healed, you can only imagine the pain she suffered when the injury was new and left untreated for so long.

Briana spent some needed time healing up in our Newark facility and was then transferred to AHS/Popcorn Park. She's about 5 years old and adores people; she actually whines to get closer to you, even jumping up into your lap when she can manage it! Briana is also pretty good with other larger dogs, though she prefers a feline-free home. Briana's now ready to move on with a family that will spoil and love her.



Briana running and playing in one of the exercise yards at Popcorn Park, something we don't imagine she knew in her previous life in Irvington.

LIFE-SAVING SURGERY ON MULTIPLE MASSES IN EARS LEAVES SWEET IRVINGTON STRAY DEAF



As a complete removal of Grace's ear canals was necessary, she is now deaf. While adapting wonderfully, she will need a home with someone who is willing to give her plenty of time, love, and patience.

Grace is one lucky girl. She may not have felt very lucky when she was lost and alone on the streets of Irvington, NJ one September night, but thankfully, Grace was brought to the safety of AHS Newark before any harm could come to her.

This darling Weimaraner mix was transferred to AHS/Popcorn Park where we immediately fell in love with the friendly, silly, loving girl. During a routine medical examination, it was discovered that both of Grace's ears had multiple masses on her pinnae and in the ear canals.

Biopsies were taken of the masses and x-rays taken to ensure that nothing had metastasized further, which it hadn't. This condition can be cured with TECA surgery, which is the removal of the ear canals. Grace underwent two separate surgeries in November and December at NorthStar Vets in Robbinsville, NJ and she is almost completely recovered!

Through it all, this 3-1/2-year-old girl just couldn't be any sweeter and she loves everyone she meets. She is deaf now, but she's adjusting just fine. With the last of her stitches out, Grace is now looking for a loving family to welcome her home.



There was no way of knowing anything was wrong with Grace. It was only during a routine exam that it was discovered that she had multiple masses in both ears.

forked river DOGS



Randy is a fun-loving pupster of about 4 years old that's been waiting for a whole year now to be discovered! Randy was found as a stray in a city park. This happy-go-lucky boy is energetic and playful, and he gets along with larger dogs, too. He'll need a home with no small dogs or cats, but adores people! File 36529-NM



Ziggy is a gorgeous German Shepherd of around 1-1/2 years old that was found as a stray. Ziggy is a fun-loving, polite, energetic boy that loves a good game of fetch! He's a little leery of strangers but once he trusts you, you're his very best friend. He would love to be the only pet in the home. File 41647-NM



Ladybelle is a fun little gal of about 5 years old that was found as a stray. She is an outgoing girl that doesn't have a bit of shyness about her, and she's spunky, silly, and fun-loving. Ladybelle gets along fine with most larger dogs and would love to be a member of your family! File 40470-SF



Linus is such a sweet boy that hopes you'll give him a chance despite his medical condition. Linus has an issue with his trachea that causes him to cough when he gets overexcited. This 6-1/2-year-old sweetheart just needs a calm home where he can relax and be loved. He gets along fine with easygoing dogs too! File 40637-NM

Boone is a beautiful 9-year-old Border Collie/cattle dog mix that has been passed around from home to home too many times in his life. He doesn't let it get him down though, and keeps on smiling and wagging that big tail of his. Boone is a playful and spunky guy that is good with other dogs and cats, but needs a child-free home. File 37693-NM



Gilmore is a sweet guy of about 10 years old that was found wandering a golf course one summer night. He definitely had a home, but no one ever came to claim him. He is perfectly behaved, housebroken, and he's playful and fun, too. He prefers to be the only pet in his future home. File 38739-NM



October is a beautiful little pit/hound mix of about 3 years old that came to us as a stray. She is well-behaved, very friendly, playful, active and an all-around great girl! She's housebroken, good with other dogs too. File 40320-SF



Violet is a 6-year-old sweetie pie that was found as a skinny, sickly stray last summer, but look at this vibrant girl now! She's so happy, lovable, playful and sweet, and she gets along with other dogs and people of all ages too! File 40962-SF

AT FORKED RIVER

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Winter is a young Siberian Husky who was given up by her owner. We have spayed the lady & she is now ready to find a new life with you, and to share her love on Valentine's Day and all year long. File 43214-SF.



Tinsel is a terrier who was found as an errant stray who had missed several meals. The staff has given her extra attention *and* meals - now it's your turn to help Tinsel sparkle and find "a new leash on life". File 42817-F.



Coco is an 8-½-year-old Chihuahua who came from an abusive home & deserves a

fresh start in life. What is needed is a patient, loving person who understands she is somewhat defensive. When she gets to know you, she will love you with her whole heart - and what better time than Valentine's Day? File 34564-F.

Meet Thor, an 8-year-old Siberian Husky who has been at AHS for several weeks. He has featured on the AHS website, Facebook, & now we are including him in the HUMANE NEWS. Due to separation anxiety, Thor needs a housemate who is full time! Hopefully, third time is a charm & he will find the answer to an a little bit older guy's prayer. File 43109-NM.



Meet Tita and Tito - a 7-year-old and 6-year-old adorable bonded pair. This Chihuahua/Terrier mixes were surrendered to AHS & luckily, none too soon. They were altered, given necessary dental work, & all necessary inoculations. They weigh in at 8 pounds each so if you like the patter of little feet around the house, come & meet Tita & Tito. File 42614-F & File 42613-NM.



Chapo is a 2-year-old terrier mixture who was rescued by AHS as he was running loose around midnight. The active

fella is in need of some behavioral training, although he walks well on a leash & knows some commands. Someone had spent some time with him ... but they never came looking. File 38804-N

Poor fella - at about 10 years, he had swellings and skin infections around his paws. Who knows how long he was traveling in search of an owner or a new home or someone to care. That was back in October and antibiotics solved the problem. Now a new home is needed for Ronald and his travel-weary paws ... loving care & sunshine in his golden years. File 41662-M



Meet Prince, a 7-year-old sweetie, who truly deserves a forever home. Prince knows sit, paw, down, roll over. He was the perfect canine companion but the landlord would not allow pets. We hope that Valentine's Day is the RED LETTER DAY for Prince. File 39408-NM.



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Extinct is forever ...

SUMATRAN RHINOS EXTINCT IN MALAYSIA AFTER DEATH OF LAST LIVING FEMALE

The critically endangered Sumatran Rhinoceros is now officially extinct in its native Malaysia. Iman was given the best care & attention since her capture in March 2014 right up until the moment she passed from cancer. There are now fewer than 80 Sumatran rhinos left in the world, all of which live in Indonesia.

INDONESIA ARRESTS 5 SUSPECTED POACHERS OF PREGNANT TIGERS

According to ASIA ONE, Indonesian authorities have arrested five suspected poachers of a pair of critically endangered pregnant Sumatran tigers and seized four fetuses that had been preserved in a jar. The 5 suspects – four men & a woman – were arrested by police & forestry ministry officers in separate raids in two villages. Sumatran tigers are the most critically endangered tiger subspecies on the IUCN red list. About 400 remain – down from 1,000 in the 1970s.

FEWER THAN 30 VAQUITAS LEFT ON EARTH



PHOTO COURTESY: PAULA OLSON/NOAA

Vaquitas are the world's tiniest porpoise - only 3.9-4.9 feet long and weighing 95 pounds - and face imminent extinction if not helped immediately.



PHOTO COURTESY: S.ELLIS / INTERNATIONAL RHINO FOUNDATION/WIKI

Baby Andatu - here 4 days old, 60 pounds, and with his mother Ratu - was born in 2012, the first rhino ever born in captivity in Indonesia. Today he is fully grown and lives at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, but the slow maturity rate of rhinos cannot keep up with aggressive poaching efforts.

There are fewer than 30 vaquitas left on earth. The tiny cetacean lives in the waters between Mexico & Baja California & is barely holding on to survive. They are victims of the gill net fishing industry in which they are indiscriminately caught; if the nets continue to be used, the vaquita could go extinct next year!

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) has been the best tool that America has to stop the unnecessary deaths of marine mammals. The law bans the importation of commercial fish or fish products that have been caught using a technology that results in an unacceptable number of animals being killed. The Trump administration has refused to implement the ban. Please tell Trump to enforce the MMPA like the law requires. Please use the petition on the following link: <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/381/001/117/?TAP=1732>



WHAT'S ON YOUR PLATE?

Vegetarian and vegan dining options continue to expand in being offered at fast food chains around the world in response to an ever-growing demand from consumers. Here are some of the latest options offered by some of the biggest chains.



According to news from PETA UK, Domino's will be unveiling a vegan pizza to UK residents in 2020. Rumors have been swirling that the chain is working on a vegan option. PETA's corporate outreach advised that the vegan domino effect has finally struck Domino's, which will join Papa John's, Pizza Hut, PizzaExpress, Zizzi, and other chains that offer delicious vegan options.



McDonald's announced its vegan meal will be coming to the United Kingdom January 2. Called "Veggie Dippers," it includes vegan nuggets alongside fries and a drink.

McDonald's follows KFC's lead in the UK and Burger King's in Europe with its vegan meal offering. The dippers are made of rice, red pepper, tomato, and split peas. Perhaps to avoid the same fate as the United States' Burger King, McDonald's will fry the dippers separately from meat produce.



Taco Bell is known for being one of the fast food chains that's most accommodating to meatless eaters. They've always had plenty of vegetarian options with a focus on beans. In September, they launched a meatless menu that clearly informs customers on what the vegan and vegetarian options are. Although they didn't launch any meat alternatives in the United States, they've decided to launch plant-based meat in stores in Spain!

According to Food & Wine, "Taco Bell in Spain added a new permanent menu item called the Oatrageous Taco—a Crunchy Taco that replaces the usual ground beef with a lookalike protein made of pulled oats and legumes that's been seasoned with Taco Bell's "usual spices." The taco was tested in Finland and is also a permanent menu item there.

more food news ...

◆ One of the country's largest milk producers, Borden Dairy, filed for bankruptcy on January 6, 2020. It's the second such bankruptcy from one of the country's largest milk producers in two months. Dean Foods, the country's largest dairy, filed for bankruptcy in November.

◆ Five major food technology companies have formed the Alliance for Meat, Poultry & Seafood (AMPS) Innovation which seeks to create real meat from animal cells without the need to slaughter animals. AMPS Innovation intends to tackle obstacles presented in the cellular agriculture industry & bring products to the consumer faster with transparency & proper regulatory frameworks for cell-based products. Each member company has made significant strides in product development. Companies include Memphis Meats, JUST, Inc., Fork & Goode, Finless Foods, & BluNalu.

NYC

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a bill December 6 2019, that guarantees that hospitals in New York make available plant-based meals and snacks.

PET FOOD ALERT!



PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK

Superior Meats of Douglas County, Wisconsin has been served with a lawsuit on behalf of dog owner Dax Orr. The owner purchased pig ears from a locally owned & operated market. Within days his dogs were experiencing extreme diarrhea & owner Orr was also ill from handling the contaminated pig ears.

As of August, there have been 143 cases of salmonellosis reported from 35 states, according to the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) & Centers for Disease Control (CDC). While the human cases have been linked to pig ears imported from Argentina, Brazil & Colombia, these pig ears do not account for all of the illnesses in this outbreak. Pig ears in bulk bins (not packaged or wrapped) may be coming from multiple sources. In addition, effective product irradiation may not have occurred for bulk products. The FDA & CDC continue to advise pet retailers & distributors to stop selling pig ear treats.

The J.M. Smucker Company has announced a voluntary recall of specific Special Kitty wet & canned cat food due to health concerns potentially associated with ingredients that they believe do not meet the company's quality standards. Special Kitty Mixed Grill Dinner Pate is sold individually and as part of variety packs. If you have the food, stop feeding it to cats immediately. The product is sold in grocery stores nationwide & online. With any questions, call the company at 888-569-6767.

NYC PASSES BILL TO USE BIRD-FRIENDLY GLASS IN NEW/REMODELED BUILDINGS

New York City Council has passed a bill requiring new or remodeled buildings to use bird-friendly glass to cut down on bird deaths related to windows. The height requirements for the glass are based on where most bird collisions occur. A green roof is mentioned because studies show birds are attracted to green roofs. It is predicted that between 90,000 & 230,000 birds die during migrations through NYC annually. DeBlasio is expected to sign the bill. San Francisco & Oakland presently have such legislation.

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UNUSUAL THERAPY ANIMALS ARE "WAG BRIGADE" AT SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

CALIFORNIA

LiLou is part of a program at San Francisco International Airport that aims to ease travel stress with the help of therapy animals. The Juliana pig walks around the airport in bright red toenail polish & a pilot's cap posing for selfies and greeting departing flyers. All of the therapy animals in San Francisco's "Wag Brigade" program are trained by the SPCA which launched the program in 2013 & includes dogs of all breeds & sizes. LiLou is 5 years old & the first airport therapy pig.



PHOTO:TAMAR LAPIN,WIRES - COURTESY:JANE ROSS/REUTERS

NEW YORK STATE

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has signed legislation on therapy dog training standards. The new guidelines are for therapy dog handlers, training, risk management, and animal welfare. The new standards will ensure New York's therapy dogs are as prepared as possible to serve those in need.

PENNSYLVANIA

Dale is a 220 pound, 36" tall miniature horse and the newest addition to the Abington-Lansdale therapy animal program in Pennsylvania. The 14-year-old wears a "bun bag" – a discreet black pouch beneath his tail in case nature calls. Before his arrival, he has a bubble bath, hair styling, & his favorite shoes laced up just right!

MASSACHUSETTS

According to newspaper reports, Ben Franklin is a police therapy dog in Massachusetts who was seen on surveillance footage running off with a doll & other toys from a charity drive. Franklin Police found all of the goodies hidden by his bed under a desk. None of the toys could be salvaged because they were covered with slobber. Ben has been banned from the toy room.

YORKIE DIES UNDER THE CARE OF A WAG DOG SITTER

Over the past several months, the HUMANE NEWS has featured various stories involving pet owners who have placed their trust and their pets in Wag! – a company that acts as an "employment agency" if you need a dog walker, a dog sitter, etc. The company has branches throughout the U.S. stating that they screen certified dog walkers, etc. According to a story in the December 2nd NY POST, handlers have lost at least 15 pets – often with fatal consequences.

Sadly, another dog death – Bella, an 8-year-old Yorkshire Terrier and Chloe, a 3-year-old King Charles Cavalier Spaniel – owned by Angela Composto were to be cared for by a dog-walker while Composto was out of town. Surveillance footage shows the WAG worker dropping off a limp Yorkie who was later found dead. A second worker who arrived a little later found Bella dead in her crate. A necropsy revealed that Bella was found to have suffered trauma to the left side of the skull & her left leg.



Animals NEWS

EPA REFUSES TO BAN M-44 CYANIDE BOMB



PHOTO: COURTESY: CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

A dead wolf or coyote killed by a M-44 cyanide bomb in New Mexico. Nearby is the POISON warning sign to alert those living beings who can read to stay away from the area. The lives of all those who cannot read are in danger.

The M-44 "cyanide bombs" have been approved to kill wildlife. The Environmental Protection Agency has REFUSED to ban the controversial devices. They are small metal-cylinder traps staked into the ground & covered with bait that lures coyotes, fox & other unsuspecting wildlife. The bomb shoots sodium-cyanide powder into their faces & the result is horrible poisoning followed by death. The USDA's Wildlife Service used them to slaughter more than 6,500 animal last year. These devices pose a high risk to endangered animals & have killed numerous family dogs & even injured a child.

As we go to press, the Trump administration has voided its decision to reauthorize controversial cyanide traps for killing wildlife, according to THE GUARDIAN. According to the EPA Administrator, Andrew Wheeler, this issue warrants further analysis & additional discussions by EPA with the registrants of this pesticide. The M-44 cyanide bomb has already poisoned a teenage boy in 2017 & thousands of non-target animals.

PETA UNCOVERS CRASH DUMMY TEST USING LIVE PIGS & DOGS IN CHINA



PHOTO: COURTESY: G. NIEWIADOMSKI/ FREE IMAGES

Innocent young pigs continue to be used as car crash dummies in brutal tests causing immense suffering.

It was decades ago when the public found the automotive industry was involved in the cruel practice of smashing live animals into walls at high speed as part of deadly & barbaric car crash tests. PETA has uncovered

documents and pictures that experimenters are still using live pigs as crash test dummies at China's Research Institute for Traffic Medicine. PETA has contacted them urging that they stop using live animals in crude car-crash tests. According to PETA, live pigs & dogs are pulverized in these tests, leaving them with broken bones & severe internal injuries before they are killed & dissected. On PETA's website, they have information from their own publications as well as photos. Please log on to: <https://www.peta.org/blog/peta-china-car-crash-tests/> to see more of this report.

PRES. TRUMP SIGNS OMNIBUS PACKAGE WITH MAJOR VICTORY FOR ANIMALS!

President Trump has signed into law on December 19, 2019, the omnibus appropriations package with major victories for animals, including horses & burros, companion animals, marine mammals, animals in zoos & research facilities, and more. According to the HSUS, the wins for animals in the package include:

- Wild horses & burros - \$21 million for the Wild Horse & Burro Program after the BLM submits a comprehensive plan on how it will implement an aggressive, non-lethal program.
 - Wildlife trafficking whistleblowers includes Rescuing Animals with Reward Act which authorizes the State Dept. to award monetary incentives to persons who disclose original information concerning transnational wildlife crimes
 - USDA - Language in the package directs the U.S. Dept of Agriculture to promptly resume online posting of all inspection reports & enforcement records under the Animal Welfare Act & Horse Protection Act in their entirety without redactions that obscure the identities of puppy mills, roadside zoos, & other businesses cited for violations.
 - Domestic violence situations: Package provides \$2 million for a new grant program based on the Pet & Women Safety (PAWS) Act.
 - Horse slaughter: Prohibits USDA expenditures on horse slaughter inspections, effectively preventing horse slaughter plants from operating in the U.S. during FY20.
- There are many more win-win efforts in this package; however, due to the length of this funding package, which includes horse soring, animals in research, marine mammals and more, we don't have the space to include it all here on the Humane News. For complete details, visit: https://blog.hslf.org/political_animal/2019/12/

FEDERAL COURT GRANTS INJUNCTION TO STOP ENFORCEMENT OF IOWA'S AG-GAG LAW

The United States District Court for Southern District of Iowa issued a preliminary injunction on December 2nd to prevent Iowa's ag-gag law from being enforced. The injunction came as the result of a lawsuit filed by a group of animal and food safety advocates. The lawsuit contends that such ag-gag laws threaten animal welfare and food safety by criminalizing those who gain entry to agricultural enterprises and large-scale farming operations under false pretenses. The goal of these undercover assignments is to act as "whistleblowers" to expose food safety and animal welfare violations in the public food system. This new law is similar to a law overturned as unconstitutional in 2012. Other state ag-gag laws have also faced legal challenges in recent years.

OVER 40 NEGLECTED HORSES REMOVED FROM DEFUNCT CALIFORNIA EQUINE RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

A lawsuit has been filed on behalf of the United Pegasus Foundation to permanently remove about 20 horses from a defunct "rescue" group in California. Witness accounts include horses residing at the California Equine Retirement Foundation's San Jacinto property which were neglected - underfed to the point of starvation -- with untreated veterinary conditions that caused suffering and death. All the while the organization has let its nonprofit status lapse, avoiding financial & other oversight. The plaintiffs are seeking a court order that would prevent the California Equine Retirement Foundation & its chief operating officer from operating or being involved with any horse sanctuary in the future. Officials removed 40 of nearly 70 horses that lived on the property.

Is this the first issue of the Humane News you've read?

Like what we do? Please make a donation with the envelope enclosed and help support the many life-saving efforts of AHS/Popcorn Park. Thank you!

ALLENTOWN FFA BRINGS ANNUAL DONATIONS TO POPCORN PARK CHRISTMAS EVE



What a great group of kids! Each year the FFA from Allentown remembers Popcorn Park and holds a holiday drive to support our animals. Thank you!



It's not Christmas until we see the school bus from the Allentown (N.J.) Future Farmers of America! The group arrived on Christmas Eve with the annual holiday donations for the residents of AHS/Popcorn Park. Thanks to Dale Cruzan and Denise Emmons for overseeing the yearly holiday donation drive.

FFA members unloaded the donations from the school bus and into safe storage for our animal residents.

HOLIDAY FINERY HELPS ROSS FIND HIS FOREVER HOME IN TUCKERTON



Ross got dressed up for a holiday photo shoot with the perfect results - a forever family all his own!

Little Ross got himself noticed for the holidays and spent Christmas in his very own home! This adorable little guy came to us back in November from our Newark facility after his family could no longer care for him and turned him in. Ross was happy to put on his holiday finery for a photo shoot and it paid off! He got himself a wonderful family that just adore him. Congratulations Ross and the Shoemaker family of Tuckerton and best wishes for a long and happy life together! Hamsters and guinea pigs are always available waiting for lifetime homes - if interested, just ask our staff!



TOGO MOVIE TELLS TRUE STORY OF HEROIC DOG WHO LED RISKIEST SERUM RUNS IN 1925

This film follows the true story of a sled dog, Togo, who led the 1925 serum run in Alaska but was considered by most to be too small and weak to lead such an intense race. Willem Dafoe & Julianne Nicholson are stars of the Disney movie. According to the "Collider", Togo explores the untold story of the strength, courage, and determination of one man, Leonhard Seppala (Willem Dafoe), and his lead sled dog, Togo, who set out across the treacherous terrain of the Alaskan tundra in the winter of 1925. Undaunted by the massive storm heading their way and against his wife Constance's (Julianne Nicholson) better judgement, veteran musher Seppala will push Togo and his entire dog sled team to the limits in order to help his town. Togo is now streaming on the Disney Plus Channel.

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PETA TAKES THE LEAD IN ENDING DISSECTION WITH THE NEW SYN FROG



PHOTO COURTESY: PETA

Nearly 100 students got a chance to try out the new hyper-realistic SynFrog at a special launch at J.W. Mitchell High School in November.

J.W. Mitchell High School in Newport Richey, Florida began using synthetic frogs for educational dissections recently. Not only are the lives of real frogs being spared from the unnecessary cruelty, the school is saving money at a cost of \$150.00 per synthetic frog. According to an AP report, the funds are from PETA which helped to create the reusable "Syn Frog". PETA says 1 million frogs are killed each year for classroom use.

MUSIC GIANTS SET UP TOURS TO HELP SAVE THE PLANET

Coldplay is considering limiting their tours to one continent at a time and spacing out shows to make flying unnecessary. They may take a year or two off from touring so they can figure out how to make their tours environmentally sustainable. They want to make their tours beneficial to the planet while spurring others to get involved.

Frontman Chris Martin said that he hopes Coldplay's actions spur other people and organizations to consider their ecological footprints. "How can we harness the resources our tour creates and make it have a positive impact?" he said. "Everyone will catch up if you prove that it's easy to do it the right way."

Pearl Jam offsets the carbon emissions of their tours by investing in reforestation efforts. Across two tours in 2018, Pearl Jam offset 6,000 tons of carbon. In April 19, 2017 Pearl Jam pitched in to fight famine in Africa by pledging \$75,000 toward slowing famine through its Vitalogy Foundation, a public non-profit organization founded by the band members. The donation, which was made directly by the Vitalogy Foundation, was split evenly among three organizations on the front lines of combating hunger in Africa: Mercy Corps, Oxfam, and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Other bands such as *U2* have sought to make their tours more environmentally friendly following intense criticism. The band now offsets its carbon emissions and encourages fans to carpool to shows and avoid single-use plastic.

Thank you for your kindness!

OUTSTANDING RESULTS FROM DE PAULS WEST BEAUTY SALON 3-MONTH FUND RAISER



Thanks to DePauls West Salon and their patrons, the animals at AHS/ Popcorn Park had plenty under the tree to be thankful for!

A tremendous fund raiser was held by DePauls West Salon in Berkeley Heights for a 3-month period! They have been long-

time supporters of AHS and Popcorn Park and their hard work and efforts enabled us to receive much needed items! They had fun events, a bake sale & more to help raise funds, food and awareness for Popcorn Park animals.

FREQUENT VISITORS, RENEE & TOMMY, RAN A CAN-CAN FUND RAISER FOR TINTON FALLS

Renee Lazzara and Tommy Briley are frequent visitors to the AHS shelter in Tinton Falls. During November, they put up flyers at supermarkets & did a can can collection! They not only collected canned pet food but bedding, treats, laundry detergent and other supplies. Our thanks to



Renee and Tommy for making their hard work and efforts a special holiday for all the residents!

Renee and Tommy and the amazing amount of donations they collected thanks to their innovative can-can fundraiser.



USI MATAWAN OFFICE STAFF VOLUNTEERS, CLEANS, GAVE CARE TO SOCIETY RESIDENTS



These wonderful people sent us a collage which - no surprise - includes photos where each volunteer is cuddling or helping an animal!

The AHS Tinton Falls facility is proud to count the USI MATAWAN OFFICE STAFF VOLUNTEERS for animals! The group donated items, cleaning supplies, organized pet supplies – and even scrubbed walls! More importantly – they cuddled, cooed, scratched & petted the animals – something that shelter animals need on a daily basis and they helped! Our thanks to USI Insurance folks!

DEAL POLICE DEPT.'S ANNUAL FUND RAISER IN MEMORY OF FALLEN OFFICER



Deal Police Dept. officers made a huge donation of pet food and supplies in memory of one of their fallen officers. Accompanying them is Tinton Falls Shelter Manager, Ronnie Vehrenspeck (5th from right.)

It was a great surprise to see the boys in blue adding to our holiday surprise! Officers from the Deal Police Dept. arrived with a truckload of donations including over 1,500 pounds of dog food from their 5th Annual Howliday Fundraiser. The fund raiser is held annually in memory of Officer Jeff "Coco" Henry. The Deal Police Dept. also donate by covering the adoption fee of a pet that they choose!!! The AHS is so thankful to count the Deal Police Dept. as friends of AHS and friends of animals!



Thanks to the generosity of officers from the Deal P.D., our Tinton Falls pups will have plenty of dog food, plus some new beds and toys.

In Memory Of ...

Almost a billion animals suffered & perished in Australia's wildfire.

Animal lovers everywhere

Robert A. Ritter

Joseph McGowan – Grant from US Charitable Gift Trust – PA

Glen Graffam – Artist & well-loved brother-in-law, whose appreciation for animals was illustrated by his ability to observe for days, and then beautifully sketch a seagull.

Andrea Ford – NY

The Beautiful Soul of Paula Lyons Brighton – She was her own unique special person with compassion for all living creatures.

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Charles Kennis

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Casey was a wonderful & loving dog & we all miss him.

Cathy, Ray, Lilly & Jackson

Washburn – NJ

Beloved Katie, who found her loving forever home with Sharon Jezercak. This wonderful dog also rescued her owner in turn, & will always be missed!

Patricia Jezercak – NJ Patricia Verdone

Jennie Stump – NJ

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Ralphie, an AHS Newark Alumni

Carol Hsu – NJ

Milo – an AHS Newark Alumni

A short 9-½ years ago, my friend & my son came to your shelter & picked out "Lucas". I renamed him Milo & he was the best little guy I could have gotten. He was so loved, spoiled. He gave so much in return. On Sept. 6th, he had dinner & ½ hour later he began to fail. I knew him so well that I knew it was the end. His body just gave way but thank God he didn't seem to be in pain. He passed on his bed with me lying next to him, petting him & speaking to him. My heart is just broken, my home is empty & I miss him every minute. My best friend left me. Please accept this in Milo's memory. He was very very special to me & all who knew him.

Joanne Pulaski – NJ

LaRita Renee Di Paola

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Sean Flannery – NJ

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Sandy Burdulis – PA

Jean M. Pohlig

Mary Jane Carnevale – FL

My husband, James (Jim) DiClaudio

Janice DiClaudio – NJ

Regina Bower

Roy & Nancy Williamson – NJ

LAWS NEEDED TO PUT AN END TO PET PRIMATE TRADE

It is illegal to import primates into the United States for the pet trade, but breeders within the country provide a continuous supply of baby primates to meet the insatiable demand. It's time to put an end to the inhumane and dangerous interstate pet primate trade.

The Captive Primate Safety Act (H.R. 1776/S.2562), introduced by Representative Earl Blumenauer, Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, and Senator Richard Blumenthal would do just that. Please urge your US representative and senators to cosponsor this legislation: <https://awionline.org/compassion-index#1278>



Nearly every monkey who has lived at Popcorn Park, past or present, has come from the home of a private individual who in most cases owned them illegally and purchased them from breeders in the U.S.

Buster, a white-faced capuchin, is just one of the many and is available for sponsorship in the Wildlife Club (page 9).

PERMIT APPROVED TO IMPORT 3 DOLPHINS TO CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY



BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN PHOTO COURTESY: WIKIPEDIA

According to the Animal Welfare Institute, we have learned that the National Marine Fisheries Service has approved a permit under the Marine Mammal Protection Act allowing the Chicago Zoological Society to import three bottlenose dolphins from Dolphin Quest Bermuda for public display at

either the Brookfield Zoo in Illinois or Coral World Ocean Park in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. The latter is a sea pen dolphinarium in a polluted body of water that frequently fails Clean Water Act-mandated testing and should never have been built.

For more background - visit awionline at: <https://awionline.org/action-ealerts/help-keep-us-out-international-live-dolphin-trade>

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NEWS FROM NEW JERSEY



LONG BRANCH

Aaron Davis, 35 of Long Branch, was found guilty of fourth degree animal cruelty for which he could face up to 18 months in prison. According to local papers, Davis had a domestic dispute with his girlfriend & had taken his 8-month-old pit

puppy in a locked cage and put it on a small portion of sand between the bulkhead & water -- leaving it to drown. On July 20th, Jennifer Vas, a passerby, & her Boxer heard the whimpering of the dog & rescued "River"....& adopted her. After a 3 day trial, Davis faces jail time, a fine, & community service. Highlands police responded to the original call.

NJ ANIMAL SHELTER ACCUSED OF ADOPTING SICK DOGS & FALSIFYING HEALTH RECORDS

Tony A. Turco, 55, owner of Home for Good Dog Rescue in Berkeley Heights is accused of falsifying the health records of dogs that had contagious diseases before putting them up for adoption. Also charged was 65-year-old Richard Errico for false advertising for the purpose of deceiving prospective pet owners. Charges were made after a long-term joint investigation involving the Office of the Attorney General's Division of Consumer Affairs & Union County Special Prosecutions Unit.

ASBURY PARK

A ban on single-use plastic bags went into effect on January 1st. The City Council passed the measure to curb the amount of litter that ends up in the local waterways & ocean. The ban also applies to restaurants & local eateries.

PATERSON

◆ In early December, police uncovered dozens of animals and drugs at an alleged cockfighting ring in Paterson. The animals had no food or water & water was frozen. A pit bull was tied up on a chain living outside in freezing conditions. John Decando, Paterson Chief Animal Control Officer for 45 years said he never saw anything like this. Eight people were arrested for drug-related & animal cruelty charges. The birds were taken to St. Huberts in Madison.

◆ In June, a bar & liquor store that had been raided for cockfighting in 2016 lost its liquor license for conviction of possession of gambling records

◆ In mid-November, a 3-month-old pit bull puppy was one of two pups set on fire with a blowtorch in Paterson. Thankfully, someone witnessed the act and rescued the puppy. They attempted to treat the wounds for a week, but as he was in pain & deteriorating, they brought the pup to Oradell Animal Hospital. Tyler was then transferred to the Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge in Oakland where he is getting continued veterinary care. Rescuers are familiar with the area where the dogs were picked up & it is well known for drugs & dogfighting.

SHAMONG

Donna Roberts, 66, was indicted on 8 more counts of animal cruelty. Authorities found 44 dog carcasses in a freezer; 161 other dogs were rescued; many of in need of care. Roberts was initially charged with one count of animal cruelty, then three more counts & 15 of unlawful confinement. Roberts is free pending trial but the judge forbid her from owning or caring for any animal.

AROUND THE USA



MARYLAND

Gov. Larry Hogan signed a law banning pet stores from selling dogs from puppy mills and now officially takes effect. The legislation places tight restrictions on retail pet stores in the state that sells dogs and cats. Under the

new law pet stores can only sell a dog or cat if the animal was obtained from an animal welfare organization, animal control unit or licensed breeders that meet certain requirements that is laid out in the bill text.

MISSOURI

St. Louis, Mo is officially the first Midwestern City to ban the declawing of cats. It also include animal protection laws those relating to the conditions of animals kept outdoors, and prohibits non-onychemectomy on cats, effective immediately.

FLORIDA

SeaWorld Orlando will close "One Ocean" on Dec. 31 & replace with "Orca Encounter" on Jan. at Shamu Stadium to refocus its orca shows on education instead of spectacle & pledged to end its killer whale breeding programs.

MAINE FINALIZES WHALE PROTECTION PLAN

Maine has finalized a proposal to protect endangered right whales which would be to allow alternative forms of restrictions in cases where statewide application of federal whale protection would put the lobstermen in physical danger or run afoul of regional fishing practices. The state proposal calls for the use of weak rope, fewer buoy lines carrying more traps in deeper waters, and flexibility to approve alternative protections to keep fishermen and regional fishing traditions alive.

OREGON

Oregon is considering a change in their veterinary telemedical standards. The new set of standards would allow veterinarians to treat pets via online consultation without the need to have first examined the patient physically, so long as the pet has been seen by a veterinarian within the past year.

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NEW JERSEY LEGISLATION



Senate Bill 3322 (Scutari, Singleton, Bateman) provides for advocate in criminal cases concerning welfare or care of animals. Passed Senate 33-0 Companion Bill A4840 (Quijano) was sent to Assembly Judiciary Committee.

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WARNING - THE NEW PEANUT BUTTER COULD KILL YOUR DOG



PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK/dogboxstudio

According to Associate Director Ahana Nrutlag at Veterinary Services of America, Xylitol is typically used in dairy foods to add sweet taste. It is now being added to low-calorie peanut butter options. Xylitol is extremely toxic to dogs—even a small amount can cause seizures, liver failure, or even death in dogs. There is currently no known antidote designed for Xylitol poisoning in animals. If you believe that your dog ate a food containing Xylitol & displays symptoms of vomiting, weakness, difficulty in walking, tremors, seizures, coma, call your vet or the Pet Poison Hotline at 1-800-213-6680.

RESEARCHERS FIND RUBBER LATEX MAY CAUSE ALLERGIES IN HORSES

A research study funded by Morris Animal Foundation to U.K.'s Royal Agriculture Univ. & Univ. of Nottingham suggested natural rubber latex could be among the allergens responsible for causing severe equine asthma (sEA). The extracts were taken from 138 horses from Switzerland, France, the U.S., & Canada. In addition to allergens from pollen, mold, and insect proteins, latex plays a substantial role with 4 of the 5 most significant allergens associated with the condition being latex proteins. Diagnosed in all breeds of horses, sEA is a debilitating & chronic allergic respiratory disease that affects 14% of horses in the Northern Hemisphere. When exposed to allergens, these animals can experience inflammation & constriction of the airways as well as excessive mucus productions.

ON THE MEDICAL FRONT

CAT VIRUS COULD BE LINKED TO FELINE CANCER

A newly-discovered feline virus might be the cause of liver cancer in cats. That link could lead to the development of new anti-cancer therapies. Australian researchers at the University of Sydney identified the virus in 2018 and domestic cat hepadnavirus (DCH) has since been found in certain types of hepatitis & liver cancer in cats, suggesting it might be the cause of the diseases.

CANINE CANCER SCREENING TEST IN THE WORKS

Veterinary oncologists at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine are to begin testing Nu-Q by VolitionRx, a suite of routine blood tests for unique nucleosomes that serve as biomarkers in cancer. It is hoped that the tests can help identify disease early & improve the lives of both the animals & their owners.

Join! the SHARE-A-PET PROGRAM

The Share-A-Pet program was established in 1978 as a way to have our compassionate supporters get closely involved in the life of an animal in our care with special needs. As a Share-A-Pet sponsor you will receive updates and photos from them three times per year, via regular mail or email. Most dogs on the program reside in our Animal Haven Farm, a beautiful and peaceful area, and cats live in either Kitty City or another free-roaming area where they are loved and well-cared for. You are invited to visit with your sponsored dog or cat. Sponsorship of an animal is a \$10.00 monthly donation, which goes directly toward the care of your Share-A-Pet. Any funds exceeding the needs of your sponsored animal will go toward the care of another Share-A-Pet. Sponsorship also includes a membership card and free admission to Popcorn Park Animal Refuge. You can request a Share-A-Pet booklet (page 22) or visit online at ahscars.org

Neeks of South Toms River



Neeks has come a long way from the girl who arrived last June. She suffered from oozing, bleeding sores compounded by her scratching at them, a urinary tract infection, and clearly, years of neglect.



Neeks obviously suffered neglect for many years before coming to us in June, 2019. She was brought in by someone claiming to have found the older Boxer as a stray. "Neeks" was scribbled on her collar, but we knew little else about her, except that she desperately needed our help. Neeks was covered in bleeding, open sores from a terrible skin infection. She's been with us quite a while now and has come such a long way, but she still receives laser treatment for her skin, as well as medications for allergies and some other medical issues. Through it all, Neeks was nothing but sweet and loving, a great girl who loves everyone she meets. She hopes for a good, caring home one day but in the meantime, she's been added to our Share-A-Pet program so that she can get some extra love and attention from good sponsors, like you! File 28943-F (Forked River)

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Zeka & Zuri of Toms River



Zeka and Zuri are two special ladies that have had such a tough time of it in life. The girls were in horrendous, neglected condition when they were found as strays in September, 2019. Just skin and bones and suffering with multiple infections, Zeka and Zuri couldn't be any sweeter or more grateful to be rescued. The 7-ish-year-old sisters underwent medical

treatment for a variety of ailments and when Zeka (mostly gray face) had some mammary masses removed, one turned out to be malignant. It was taken care of, but will need to be monitored in the future. Zeka also has some facial paralysis on one side, but it doesn't prevent her from being the biggest mush you'll ever meet. She and Zuri want nothing more than to get loads of attention and bellyrubs. The girls are a bit older, but they're still playful and active. They love each other very much but don't care much for other pets. While they await their forever home, they've been added to our Share-A-Pet program, hoping you will share your love this Valentine's Day. File 29182/83 (Forked River)

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