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From our CEO



For over 114 years, the Associated Humane Societies has been a community resource for meeting the needs of animals throughout New Jersey and beyond. While our role has always focused on rescue, care and rehoming of unwanted animals, it has grown to include offering proactive support to the communities we serve through humane education, access to affordable veterinary care, and social outreach programs to help keep animals in place. The current pandemic has only reinforced the importance of our mission as pet owners' financial instability has forced them to bring their animals to our doors for help and our dedicated staff has been there to assist them. This is what Associated Humane is all about and, with your support, will continue to be.

As you will notice, we are introducing some changes to the look and feel of the Humane News as we focus our stories on the life saving work done at either Popcorn Park or at one of our three shelter locations.

I invite you to learn more about the role Associated Humane plays as the largest animal welfare organization in New Jersey and encourage you to become involved.

Sincerely,

Jerry Rosenthal
CEO

RESCUE STORIES

CARTER - INJURED, CHAINED TO A FENCE, AND LEFT BEHIND



Carter as he was discovered in his backyard, chained with a bloody bandage around his neck. He was given fresh food and water by our ACO.

Carter was found abandoned in a Roselle, NJ, yard, chained to a fence with a bloodied bandage around his neck covering a gaping wound. His owners had moved out of state.

Our ACO, Amanda, was dispatched to the location on November 20 to check on a possibly abandoned dog in need of medical attention as per Union County Assistant Prosecutor Patricia Cronin, the Prosecutor's Office's designated animal cruelty liaison. ACO Amanda alerted the Roselle Police Dept., then brought him to AHS Newark for immediate medical attention. The young Husky was later transferred to AHS-Popcorn Park for continued care.



With proper veterinary care and lots of affection, Carter soon became the happy puppy he was meant to be.

upon arrival, he was an extremely sweet, friendly, and happy pup who was looking forward to feeling good and finding a forever home.

File # 49343-NM (Forked River).

As we go to press: We are happy to report that Carter is about to be adopted!

An investigation led by Roselle Detective Ivan Romero revealed that the dog's two owners had moved to their new home in Georgia five days earlier, telling a neighbor that they would eventually return for the dog on an unspecified date. The Union County's Prosecutor's Office stated that the owners were facing animal cruelty charges for allegedly leaving their dog outside for several days after moving. We await the outcome of these actions.

Carter, meanwhile, recovered quite well! He received laser therapy for his neck wound as well as medications, and began healing beautifully. While he was a bit nervous

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RESCUE STORIES

ZARA - ABANDONED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD - SAVED BY GOOD SAMARITAN WHO CALLED AHS



Zara was inside the carrier above, left near a children's playground and subject to any number of possible fates.



Alone and terrified, Zara luckily had the help of a good Samaritan who called AHS.

The beautiful silver-grey tabby we've named Zara was left at the edge of the road in her carrier. Inside were some tee-shirts, food and water, but what she didn't have is someone to bring her to the safety of our shelter.

Thankfully, a good Samaritan called us. It had snowed that day, and with temperatures dropping, Zara could easily have frozen to death. Our ACO, Amanda, went out to pick up the frightened cat and brought her back to the warmth and good care of our Newark shelter.



Zara is in good health and weight, and was desperate to be held by our photographer after her ordeal. She immediately became a "Velcro" cat, extremely grateful for the attention. Zara is available for adoption and hoping to find a very cuddly forever home. File# 49941-SF (Newark).

MIMI - A FAMILY PET TURNED INTO A GUARD DOG, SUFFERING AT THE END OF A CHAIN



Mimi was literally skin and bones when she came into our Newark Medical Dept. Considering other health issues she had, she faced a long road to recovery.



Living a lonely life at the end of a chain, Mimi's health was compromised and her spirit broken.

Mimi, a female Mastiff, was kept on a heavy chain inside a car lot. When her original owner was traced and contacted, he stated he didn't want the dog anymore and gave her away. She ended up a neglected guard dog.

When our Newark ACO, Jesse, picked Mimi up, it was obvious that Mimi had resigned herself to whatever fate had in store for her. The 3-year-old had received no love or loyalty from anyone in her life. She had an untreated infected eye and was just skin and bones. Disappointment from a life of misuse, neglect and poor treatment, showed all over her face.

Mimi is now comfortable and cared for, and is getting good meals, warm blankets, and all the medical care that she needs, and she's doing so well! She's under medical treatment for a whipworm infestation and infected sores on her elbows and hocks. She's receiving antibiotics and pain meds and her weight is being closely monitored as well. She will undergo surgery for bilateral entropion and cherry eye as soon as she is completely well.

Mimi's recuperation continues at our AHS/Popcorn Park facility and once recovered, she'll be looking for the best home ever. Check online at ahscares.org to see her latest video. Contact 609-693-1900 or email: office@ahsppz.org for more info on Mimi and refer to File#39201-F (Forked River)



Mimi, two months after she began treatment at AHS. It's been a slow, but steady road and she's doing better all the time.

SHELTER NEWS

And The Winners of Our 2020 Save-A-Life Sweepstakes Are ...



- 1st Prize - 2020 Subaru Crosstrek: Mary Senn
- 2nd Prize - \$2000 Amazon gift card:
Chansonette Marcucci
- 3rd Prize - Apple iPhone: Thelma Personette

CONGRATULATIONS to the winners!!

As you can see, Donnie, our office cat and Share-A-Pet, had thousands and thousands of tickets to mix up and we helped! We want to thank all of you so much for entering. Your donations will help so many homeless animals in the new year! Wish you'd won one of these great prizes? Join in this summer for our 2021 Save-A-Life Sweepstakes!

GOOD BOYS TOYS HELPS AHS-POPCORN PARK ANIMALS!



Left to right - Abby Scorsone, AHS staff member Renee Szorosz, Ioana Enescu, Michael Jarzyk, & Kathy Megill.

Many thanks to our friends at Good Boys Toys for their donation drive for our animals here at AHS/Popcorn Park! Through the sales of their Thanksgiving Toy Boxes, they raised a total of \$1,005! They received some help from Michael Jarzyk, who adopted our very own Levi the Shar Pei back in March, 2019. Good Boys Toys always has a cool selection of toys all year 'round to keep your dog happy. Check them out at goodboystoys.com/shop and thanks again!

WHEN SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN ... AND VISITED OUR TINTON FALLS SHELTER!

Here at Santa's meeting place is the entire staff and crew of the AHS in Tinton Falls.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our efforts.



The AHS Tinton Falls Animal Care Center held a 2-day celebration for pets with Santa Claus meeting them and taking a memorable photo with them! On Nov. 14th and 15th a total of 107 families came for a visit and photograph of their pets. This was a very popular event and as a result, a total of \$2,495 was donated to AHS.

THE KEARNY DOG WALKER GENEROUSLY DONATED TO HELP AHS AND THOSE IN NEED OF PET FOOD



Erin Martins of The Kearny Dog Walker with just a portion of the massive amount of pet food and supplies collected by the group and their generous supporters.

The Kearny Dog Walker is a great service to the pet owners of Kearny, Newark and Harrison. In addition to pet sitting, they are also a pet taxi and a food delivery service. They recently visited the AHS Newark facility and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of both The Kearny Dog Walker and their clients. Their amazing effort will help not only cats and dogs in our Newark shelter, but also those pet owners who are having a hard time providing for their own pets in the pandemic.

For more information, log on to TheKearnyDogWalker.com/



We are so grateful to the many people and organizations who donate to us, on their own or by collecting for us. Please check out our social media pages to see more photos of the wonderful people who are helping our animals! (see Pg. 12)

AHS' RESCUE AND REHOMING EFFORTS EXPAND AT NEWARK BRANCH

As an open admissions sheltering organization, the Associated Humane Societies accepts all animals regardless of breed, medical condition or temperament. We like to say we rescue, care for, and rehome the animals under our care. Sometimes, though, it isn't so easy. Often, many of these animals require additional time before they are ready to be adopted. There may be a medical condition or



behavioral concern that needs addressing and we understand that a large, noisy shelter is not the right environment to help them get the care they need. That is where small, breed-focused rescue organizations can provide an appropriate alternative as our shelters work to save more lives.

Capone was a 10-year-old German Shepherd surrendered by his owners who

could no longer care for him. German Shepherds often have a hard time adjusting to a shelter. With the help of Sedona Shepherd Rescue, Capone went to a Foster to Adopt home, where his foster parent fell in love and adopted him!

Dudley is a bulldog mix who came to us as a stray. After an adoption that wasn't the right fit, Dudley became very depressed and not his usual happy self. The 3-year-old sweetie was pulled by Rescue Ridge; he is now in a foster home where the constant love and attention from his foster family has brought his spirits back up to 100%. Dudley is looking for his forever home!
File #42750 -NM (Newark)



Take A Look at Us Now!



If you haven't visited our Newark shelter lately, you may be unaware of the cheery facelift it was given not too long ago. Bright yellow paint, multi-colored pawprints, and a white railing circling the roof (gone is the barbed wire!) are a much more inviting look for all those coming to adopt their new best friend.

SHELTER NEWS

AHS Newark is proud to have established new partnerships with over 20 rescues who meet our strict underwriting standards. Under the direction of Sherri Laraway, our new Rescue Coordinator, over 500 animals were transferred to rescues over the past three months where they have either been adopted out or placed in a foster home.

Capone and Ernie are two of our recent success stories, and Dudley is fostered, looking for his forever home!



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Ernie came to AHS as a stray and soon began to show signs of respiratory illness. In situations like these, it is best to get the cat out of a shelter and into a foster home where they can get much needed one-on-one time to expedite their recovery. With the help of Randolph Regional Animal Shelter, Ernie found that foster home, has fully recovered, and been adopted!

VETS VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES TO SPAY/NEUTER AHS NEWARK'S ANIMALS

The COVID-19 pandemic has created short-staffing in all areas of the AHS shelters. Most notably is the prompt neutering of cats & dogs awaiting adoption.

Thanks to Drs. Jennifer West and Jacob Saunders from Veterinary Emergency Group in Caldwell who volunteered their time to spay/neuter some of AHS' animals! The AHS Board of Directors and staff thank them for helping out along with their able assistants Jane Guillaume and Diane O'Donnell.



Drs. Saunders and West with one of their feline patients awaiting neutering.

Now our adopted animals are one step closer to their forever homes! We can't wait to unite them with their new families!

New Beginnings

Twix Once a sickly, stray puppy, now cherished by a new family with so much happiness



Twix had originally been abandoned in a Plainfield park, horribly ill with multiple health problems. Our Newark medical staff got right to work on healing the sweet pup, and when well enough, Twix was transferred to our Tinnton Falls shelter to continue her recovery.



Twix when she arrived at our Newark shelter. She was nearly hairless due to a skin infection and inflammation, suffered from conjunctivitis, and more.

Twix, now Mocha, naps without a care in the world, finally

loved in a family of her own. Below, Mocha loves being cuddled by the whole family.

As it happened, Alison Keller and her family had recently lost their beloved Darla, a pit bull terrier they had adopted from Tinton Falls. Alison felt she might never have another dog again, but our staff had the idea that she just might like to meet Twix. Alison said Twix came and greeted them as if she already

knew them. And so their life began!

Mocha is happy and energetic, sweet and playful, always eager to play catch. She loves everyone she meets, dogs and humans alike, but most of all, loves her family. Mocha also loves her treats, and when she's tired, cuddles up with the kids or with her mom, Alison. A perfect ending for a once-hopeless stray and a family who needed her love.



PHOTOS ABOVE SUPPLIED



Lunar A pet with a story we hear too often - "can no longer care for" - but look what Lunar found!



Napping with a favorite toy ...

Lunar was surrendered to us last September, a senior at 10 years old, his owners no longer able to care for him. The poor guy just couldn't figure out what he did to deserve being taken away from his home and brought to an unfamiliar place, but we made him feel right at home. We also got him the medical care that he needed, since he had some neglected teeth and such.

He felt like a brand new kitten when he got back on his feet, and we are thrilled that it didn't take him long at all to be discovered by a wonderful family that fell in love with him



PHOTOS SUPPLIED



Celebrating Lunar's first Christmas together in his new home.

Lunar had a very happy holiday indeed, his first of many to come spent with the Higgins family in his wonderful new home in Perrineville. And .. they just adopted another kitty in need - Oscar!

New Beginnings

Evee Such a little girl found such a lot of love with a family from Clark, NJ that adores her



The Lopez family - Mathias, Maria, Thiago, and Gaby - couldn't look any happier than they do here, on Evee's adoption day.

Evee, a petite Yorkshire Terrier, was 3 years old when she was surrendered to the Newark shelter by a family who could no longer care for her. She was extremely frightened by the loud and unfamiliar sights and sounds of the shelter, and wanted nothing more than to find someone who'd care, take her home, and spoil her. Boy, were Evee's wishes answered!

Evee would soon meet the Lopez family from Clark, NJ who fell head over heels for her. It was love at first sight! Her new family now spends plenty of time together going on outings, and Evee is always brought along for the ride. This spoiled pup also has outrageously fabulous photoshoots where she is dolled up to the nines!

Evee couldn't be living a better life, with a better family. Thank you for adopting!



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Evee, safe in her travel case, and Mathias on a family outing. Above, Evee as a princess in one of her many photoshoots. Spoiled? Maybe, but she deserves it!

Loki All he needed was a little patience, and he's living his best life ever in Milford, NJ!

Nicko, a gorgeous brown American Pit Bull Terrier, was surrendered to our shelter, the owner claiming he was not house trained. Nicko was shy and reserved the first few weeks he spent at the shelter; somehow it seemed like he was waiting for his owner to come back for him. After a few weeks, Nicko began to trust our staff members, and soon enough, our volunteers too. Before you knew it, Nicko had a smile for everyone he met at the shelter, so we had no idea why it was taking so long for him to be adopted.



Loki's mom, Brittany, told us that he didn't have any training, but he was bright and learned quickly. His favorite thing to do is to carry his toys around the house.

After a few hopeful meet and greets that turned out not being the right fit, a family with a large Great Dane and all the hope in the world requested to see Nicko. The bond was instantly there! Nicko, soon renamed Loki, was welcomed into the arms of his new family from Milford, NJ and his adopted younger brother Odin. Loki is really happy nowadays, loving his new life, catching on to the idea of being a lap dog, and running around with his goofball of a brother!



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

The tall and the short of it - Nicko, now Loki - with Odin, his new younger brother, an adopted Great Dane.



A shy, reserved dog when he came to the shelter, Loki has blossomed into an amazing pup!

POPCORN PARK & WILDLIFE NEWS

BLACK WATER MONITOR COMES TO POPCORN PARK FOR CARE



In his travel crate, the monitor is headed to Popcorn Park for care.

After doing animal control for as long as we have nothing really surprises us. That being said ... a

resident of New Brunswick opened his back door recently, on one of those beautiful days, to find this guy, a black water monitor, sunning itself in his backyard. They are native to Southeast Asia and only found in the pet trade here. New Brunswick Animal Control brought the monitor to our Newark shelter and he was then sent down to Popcorn Park to be cared for.

No owner ever called about him, so we searched for the right place for him, as Popcorn Park does not have the proper enclosure to accommodate him. Thanks to one of our vets who works with a great zoo in western PA, we were able to place the monitor in the perfect new home.

Reptiles as Pets?

Popcorn Park, as well as our three shelters, are periodically called upon to rescue or take in unwanted reptiles. Although there are clearly responsible owners for these animals, a great many people take them on when they're young, cute, easy to handle, and often, very inexpensive to buy. Unfortunately, their very species-specific needs are often overlooked, and their novelty wears off. Popcorn Park is home to numerous tortoises, turtles, iguanas, and occasional others that were abandoned when no longer wanted.



We urge anyone considering reptile ownership to thoroughly research the animal you're

thinking of, its needs, size, and lifespan before purchasing. Speak with others knowledgeable about that reptile.

Mango, pictured here, has been with us for many years, and is available for sponsorship in the Wildlife Club. However, we do have several young iguanas available to highly qualified homes. Our bar is set quite high, but if interested, please contact us at njhumane@ahsppz.org and request an application.

Santa's Visits to Popcorn Park!



Jezebel got her favorite treat from Santa, who gently hand fed her, too!



Each year, Santa has jumped off his sleigh and made some time to visit Popcorn Park, bringing treats for the residents as well as our shelter animals next door.

This year, Santa was a little more careful about visiting, so he sent his treats for staff to give out. Enjoy these photos from Santa's earlier visit - and he tells us we'll see him in 2021!

"What ... no steak?" While never on the naughty list, Jess is clearly confused that Santa missed the top item on the list she sent him!

Popcorn is one of the animals' regular treats, but no matter how often they are given it, it just never gets old - especially not from Santa!



Catch up with more Popcorn Park News on Facebook - [@PopcornParkZoo](https://www.facebook.com/PopcornParkZoo)

Popcorn Park is open! Masks and social distancing are required at all times from entering the admissions booth and throughout the park. Thank you!

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..



Peggy the Potbellied Pig - Ahhhhhh ... nothing like a nap in the warm sun to banish the cold of a winter's day. Our sweet Peggy has quite a past, beginning with being dumped in a park in Maryland in 2011. She was brought to a "sanctuary" who failed to care for Peggy properly, and she ended up with a leg broken in three places that they refused to fix. Through the help of a volunteer and the Pig Placement Network, Peggy came to Popcorn Park where she received surgery and all the healing she needed. She's one happy girl, especially with BFF Callie. Won't you sponsor Peggy?



↕
BFFs!
↕

Meet Callie -
Peggy's best friend!
Callie is a calico goat that was just a wee kid, unable to be reunited with her mother in a large herd of goats. To help her out, one of our Popcorn Park vets brought her back home, bottlefed her, and when she was old enough, slowly

introduced her to her new BFF. She would love your support!



Jess and Eli - our stunning sister and brother duo, were rescued from Colorado at the end of 2016. They were part of an operation that was home to 115 animals, 75 of which were tigers. When the owner of the facility became ill, the animals faced homelessness. Several big cat rescue organizations stepped in to help, and we accepted Jess and Eli. The two continue to thrive at Popcorn Park and would love you to contribute to their care.

Note: While pictured here together, Jess and Eli are sponsored separately.

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 sponsoring an animal, animals available, or visiting Popcorn Park, go to ahscares.org then to Popcorn Park.

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

patiently waiting pets

Pictured on these two pages are some of our wonderful ... and wonderfully deserving ... pets that have been waiting 6 months or longer for their forever homes. Perhaps that home might be yours!



❖ Mango ❖

A 2-year-old Boxer & Staffordshire Bull Terrier mix, Mango, has a lot of love to give his next family. This incredibly handsome boy has been in the shelter since May 2020 and we cannot figure out why! Mango is so playful, lovable, and excited to see everyone he meets. Though a bit shy at first glance, Mango will open his heart right up to you after he gets to know you. File 45277-M (Newark).



❖ Zeus ❖

March 2021 will mark one whole year that Zeus has been with us, hoping to be discovered and offered a great new home. At 5-1/2 years old, Zeus has his life ahead of him and he'd love to spend it with a good family that will take him on adventures and invite him up on the sofa every night. Zeus needs a pet-free home and a secure, fenced yard. He'd love you forever if you welcome him into your life. File 44777 NM (Forked River).



❖ Hammy ❖

Hammy, waiting since February, 2020, is estimated to be 5. He's a low-rider who is a bit chunky but that just makes him even cuter. He is silly and playful and loves his new stuffy toy we call Lamby. We played fetch with it, and then he took his walk with it in his mouth; he is just the sweetest!!! He listens well, but is a bit strong on a leash only because he is so excited to be outside of his kennel with you. If you meet him, you will be filled with laughter and smiles when you watch him run and hop like a bunny. Hammy has some skin issues and is on a special diet for boys with sensitive skin. File 44351-NM (Tinton Falls).



❖ Neptune ❖

Shy guy Neptune really is something to look at! You could call Neptune an independent cat who is quiet and laid back. He loves to be pampered with toys and treats, and while Neptune is comfortable, we know he would thrive in a home. Neptune is not super into being touched, but with patience, this sweetheart will open up, and you will earn his trust. File 45086-NM (Newark)

patiently waiting pets



❖ Sleepy ❖

Sleepy the kitty grew up here in the Tinton Falls shelter. He arrived as a stray last May at about 4 weeks old. He's still a youngster at 8 months old

and he is such a nice kitty! He's cat-friendly and loves people. Look at those handsome eyes; he is just dreaming of cuddling. File 46711-NM (Tinton Falls).



❖ Ellie ❖

Although Ellie marked her one year anniversary with us in January, this 6-year-old lovable lady still holds on to hope that someday, she'll be in a home of her very own. Found as a stray on the city streets, Ellie showed signs of living a neglected life when she arrived. Despite it all, she still loves people and has such a warm, friendly disposition. She requires a pet-free home, but she'll love you more than a dozen pets if you give her a chance. File 43733-SF (Forked River).



❖ Taz ❖

This is Taz. He's an 8-year-old boy, surrendered by his owner because he was too big, and is more than ready for his new start in life! He is silly and fun, gentle, and eager to play. He goes potty outside. He enjoys playing fetch, and would even push the toy over to us so we could throw it again. Taz has been to the park with our volunteers and he's great in the car and has a smile that will warm your heart!!! File 46711-NM (Tinton Falls).

❖ Felix ❖

Felix thought his life was all set when he was adopted long ago. Sadly, he returned in January, 2020, when his owner had to move and couldn't take him along. This 6-year-old mushy man has been waiting ever since for a new place to call home. Felix is full of personality and makes friends easily. He loves your attention so much that he's not always up for sharing you with another cat, so he hopes for a home where he'll be king of the castle. File 43559-NM (Forked River).



❖ Hunter ❖

A 4-year-old American Pit Bull Terrier mix, Hunter, a gentle boy with a calm personality, has been looked over time and time again. With his good looks and personality, Hunter is an absolute show stopper of a dog and any family would be lucky to have him! File 45062-M (Newark).

Meet more of our orphans awaiting adoption at ahscares.org, Petfinder, or any of our shelters' Facebook pages - see page 12. Please check with each facility before you consider adopting a pet. Due to the pandemic, procedures have changed and may vary at each shelter.

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Hero Rat Given Top Award For Animal Bravery - PDSA Gold Medal



PHOTO COURTESY: © PDSA/APOPO

Magawa is the first rat to ever receive a PDSA Gold Medal.

Magawa, a 7-year-old African pouched rat, was awarded a British veterinary charity's PDSA's Gold Medal. This is the top civilian award for animal bravery. Magawa has discovered 39 landmines and 28 items of ordinance across 1.5 million square feet since he was trained by APOPO, a Belgian non-profit charity that works with programs in Angola, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique. Magawa lives in the Cambodian city of Siem Reap.

APOPO trained Magawa to scratch the ground when he detects the chemical compound in explosives. He is rewarded with bananas and peanuts. The 28-inch-long rat weighs 2.6 pounds – a heavyweight among rodents but light enough not to set off buried explosives. Unlike metal detectors, the rats ignore scrap metal & sniff out explosives only, making them fast and efficient.

APOPO, a non-profit organization, welcomes those who wish to sponsor one of their rats. For more information, visit apopo.org.

GREAT TOWEL, BLANKET DONATION FROM ALLENWOOD ELEMENTARY IN WALL



From left: Sloan and Mabel assisted in delivering the blankets to AHS in Tinton Falls.

A very special thank you to the staff, kids, and parents from Allenwood Elementary School in Wall. Our Wish List indicates a need for towels and blankets – and they certainly helped AHS in Tinton Falls in a HUGE way.

RANNEY SCHOOL STUDENT COLLECTED FOOD, TOYS AND SUPPLIES FOR OUR TINTON FALLS SHELTER

This young guy is Ryan. He did a fundraiser at the Ranney School, where he attends, for the AHS Tinton Falls shelter.

He collected so much stuff -- food, toys, supplies -- we are so grateful!

Thank you to Ryan for organizing this and thank you to all his friends who donated!!!! You all rock and we are so blessed to have you as supporters!

Ryan with a carload of food and supplies he gathered for our Tinton Falls shelter.



LAKEHURST ELEMENTARY FIFTH GRADERS HOLD "FURRY FRIENDS" FUNDRAISER FOR POPCORN PARK



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Lakehurst fifth graders with their "Furry Friends" fundraising materials. Thanks, kids!

Fifth Graders from Lakehurst Elementary School finished the novel "Shiloh" (a book about an abused dog) by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Typically, they'd reach out every year to their school community for shelter donations for the Popcorn Park Zoo in Forked River, NJ, but due to COVID 19, they had to switch gears!

They sold "Pens for Paws" (Shuttle Pens) and "Pet Crafts for Kids" (Holiday ornament) to students. The items sold out in two weeks and collectively raised \$215.00 for AHS. Teachers Mrs. Hoerster and Mrs. Mine helped the kids with their efforts.

Check us out! - We're social!

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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Tinton Falls: Associated Humane Tinton Falls

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Forked River: [Associated Humane Popcorn Park Shelter](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

ANIMAL-LOVER LUKE DROPPED OFF HOLIDAY DONATIONS TO BE THANKFUL FOR!



Staff came in to find a thoughtful donation of pet food and toys for our shelter animals, and a sign from Luke.

Perhaps it was after hours and no one was there to greet you, Luke. Luke and his family delivered Thanksgiving goodies for the residents at our AHS shelter in Tinton Falls. We are SO SORRY that we missed your visit because we wanted to tell you how much we appreciate your kindness and generosity, Luke.

FOR A SIXTH BIRTHDAY, A FUNDRAISING DRIVE TO HELP ANIMALS

Magnolia of Lake Como, NJ wanted to be sure that she was not the only one getting gifts for her birthday, so she held her own adoption drive to collect food and bedding for the shelter pets at Tinton Falls. We are always so impressed that children so little already have such big hearts for animals. Thank you, Magnolia!

Magnolia with the collection of items she gathered to help animals and celebrate her birthday.



USDA'S AgDISCOVERY SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS



PHOTO: ANDREAS KRAPPWEIS

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture & Plant Health Inspection Service has introduced the AgDiscovery program, a national summer outreach program. It is designed to introduce students in grades 7-12 to the world of agricultural science and career opportunities. They are currently accepting applications through March 25, 2021.

The program gives students a first-hand view of career paths available in various fields including wildlife management, biotechnology, environmental science, forestry, entomology, & more. There are 21 universities hosting AgDiscovery programs. Decisions will be made by the respective host universities about whether to hold in-person or virtual programs. A decision will be made after the deadline for applications has passed.

For more information, visit aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery. Please share this link with any students who may be interested in applying.

TINTON FALLS GIRL SCOUT TROOP #292 COMES TO OUR FALL CLEAN-UP RESCUE!



Seven terrific Girl Scouts and their troop leaders did a wonderful job of fall cleanup of our Tinton Falls shelter grounds.

The AHS Tinton Falls shelter put out a call for assistance with fall cleanup surrounding the grounds. Girl Scout Troop #292 in Tinton Falls came to our rescue! These 7 gals and two Troop Leaders arrived with rakes, a blower, garbage bags and in the freezing weather they cleaned up like champs!!

Thank you so much to Emma, Erin, Constance, Lauren, Christine, Savannah and Sara!

ANIMAL FILMS

The new Netflix documentary **My Octopus Teacher** is a touching story about a free diver and filmmaker who gains the trust of an octopus. The unlikely pair form a strong bond over the course of a year. The diver's daily underwater visits to the octopus are documented each day, and the result is a beautiful film that touches on humans' relationship with nature, animals, and the environment.

- According to experts, octopuses were the first intelligent beings on the planet.
 - They're phenomenal escape artists.
 - They have emotions and can feel pain. Although this fact has been proven, octopuses are still killed in horrific ways; sometimes, they're even eaten alive!



PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Watch **My Octopus Teacher** on Netflix, and skip the calamari! Never eat octopus or any other sea animal. The fishing industry is not only violent toward curious, sensitive animals like the octopus featured in the documentary, but it's also destroying our oceans and the environment. View the trailer: youtube.com/watch?v=3s0LTDhqe5A&feature=emb_title

Animals in the NEWS

PAWS REACH ACROSS THE AISLE ... WHITE HOUSE WELCOMES FIRST SHELTER DOG



Major celebrates his virtual Indoguration, courtesy of DHA. He and Champ are officially First Dogs!

had recently taken in a litter of six very sick German Shepherd puppies. They seemed to have ingested something toxic, and under DHA's good care, soon recovered. Once they were in good health, Biden and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden, offered to foster one of the pups. They named him Major, and in November 2018, the President returned to the shelter to formally adopt him.

Major joins the Bidens' other shepherd, Champ, in the White House, and recently received a virtual Indoguration from his original rescuers, the Delaware Humane Association. It has been rumored that the First Family may also adopt a cat.

Major napping with his littermates at Delaware Humane.

PHOTOS BY: STEPAHNIE GOMEZ CARTER,
COURTESY: THE DELAWARE HUMANE SOCIETY



Putting politics aside, here is something everyone agrees is a winner - the love of a dog and adoption into a wonderful home. For the first time in history, the First Dog is one adopted from a humane society!

In March 2018, then Vice-President Joe Biden went to visit his local shelter, the Delaware Humane Association, which

What Will Happen to Your Pets ...



PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK

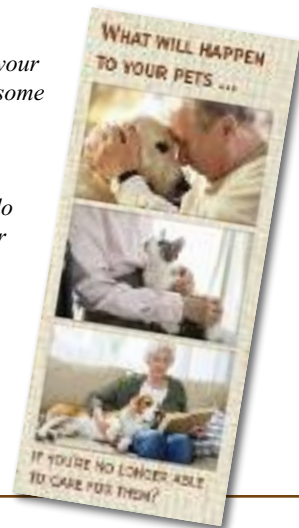
It is not uncommon for the Society to pick up or take in animals left behind when their guardian passes away or becomes incapacitated. We find, oftentimes, that no arrangements have been made for family pets, and where it is

assumed that the family may take in one's cherished animals, that is often not the case.

It's critical that you make plans for your beloved pets, and happily, AHS has some options for you.

Please order our brochure on this subject, and find out what you can do to ensure a loving and safe future for your pets.

Order online at ahscares.org in Publications, use the coupon below, or call Renee at (609) 693-1900 and request a copy for your peace of mind.



Order here!

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If you are interested in receiving any of the items listed below, please include the coupon along with the required donation, and mail to:

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How to Know If Your Dog's Food Is Safe

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A recent and expanded recall is of Sportmix and two other brands from Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc. that have resulted in 110 reported deaths and 210 reported illnesses as of January 21, 2021, and which contain potentially fatal levels of aflatoxins. Find the latest pet food recalls plus dog food reviews at the Dog Food Advisor - dogfoodadvisor.com

REPORT CRAIGSLIST ANIMAL STORIES/SCAMS TO ALDF



Craigslist has officially banned companion animal sales, but continues sales on their site, using the verbiage of "rehoming." Unscrupulous breeders and puppy millers are still selling to an unsuspecting public, just now under a new guise. This classification now also includes animals not typically classified as companions such as pigs and chickens, putting these animals in danger.

PHOTO: PETA / WIKIPEDIA

The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) would like to hear from anyone who has been victimized by breeders and/or animal brokers on Craigslist.

TAKE ACTION!

If you've purchased a sick or injured animal on Craigslist, purchased an animal who was described inaccurately, or paid a deposit for an animal advertised on Craigslist that was not delivered to you, please contact ALDF at:

aldf.org/article/help-shut-down-animal-sales-on-craigslist/

AIR TRAVEL WITH SERVICE ANIMALS



PHOTO: ISTOCK

In December 2020, the U. S. Dept. of Transportation announced a final rule regarding travel with service animals on airlines.

The rule prohibits airlines from banning dogs based on their breed, as has sometimes been done in the past, but can refuse transportation to service animals that exhibit aggressive behavior and/or pose a direct threat to the health or safety of others. The Dept. of Transportation also cites the difference

between service animals and emotional support animals, and that only dogs now qualify as service animals. The new rule defines service dogs as "individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability", which may be of a physical or psychiatric nature. Other animals should be treated by airlines as pets that can be placed in the cargo hold for a fee.

The final rule can be found at: transportation.gov/briefing-room/us-department-transportation-announces-final-rule-traveling-air-service-animals

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Animals in the NEWS

NEW JERSEY DOGFIGHTERS FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES



Vern was a pit bull terrier we rescued, found huddled in a bank alcove, covered with wounds and lacerations from a recent dog-fight. He is one of many dogs lucky to be discovered, treated and cared for by AHS, and to find a loving home.

An 8-month investigation joined by federal, state, county & local law enforcement agencies included drug dealing, racketeering, gun trafficking, and dog fighting. It resulted in charges against 29 men in Monmouth and Ocean Counties and the seizure of 12 dogs and evidence of a dog fighting operation. Out of the 29, nine face charges of racketeering; five face charges of conspiracy to commit murder; two face charges of being the leaders of a dog fighting network; and four face dog fighting charges. Newspaper reports indicate that the group worked with out-of-state breeders that focused on training dogs to kill. This is only one investigation -- but there are many small-time dog fighters that will buy, steal, or take dogs, and bait dogs with chickens, kittens, or rabbits that are used for bait/training.

The names of the 29 charged with related offenses were published in the October 31st edition of the ASBURY PARK PRESS, Page 4A.

NJ TRUNK FIGHTING LEGISLATION MOVES TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR VOTE

For those unaware, trunk fighting is the barbaric practice of placing two (or more) dogs in a closed trunk to fight to the death or exhaustion with mortal injuries. The dog fighters, who've bet on the outcome, generally drive around with music blaring until they hear no more sounds from the trunk, and then check to see who is still alive, and therefore, the winner.

On January 28, 2021, legislation (S.795) passed with 100% approval by the New Jersey Senate and now moves on to the New Jersey General Assembly. If approved and signed into law by the governor, trunk fighting will be a third degree animal cruelty felony where those found guilty could get three to five years in jail and/or a fine.

Join! the **SHARE-A-PET PROGRAM**

Our Share-A-Pet Program is for compassionate supporters to become involved with animals featured on this page. Sponsors receive updates and photos three times a year, & you are invited to visit with them.

Sponsoring a dog or cat is \$10.00 monthly. Any funds exceeding the cost of the care of your sponsored pet will go toward the care of another Share-A-Pet. Sponsorship includes a membership card & free admission to Popcorn Park. Check out all the Share-A-Pets available for sponsorship on our website at ahscares.org

LADYBELLE of Irvington

Ladybelle was found on the streets of Irvington, NJ in August, 2019. This brindle beauty, who has waited so long, will now have a yard to play in on Animal Haven Farm. She hopes to have you as her part-time pet parent in the Share-A-Pet program. Ladybelle will win you over with her vibrant personality



and loving, affectionate demeanor. A middle-aged girl with lots of energy, Ladybelle bonds with people quickly. She can't wait to meet new sponsors, but won't say, "no" to a great home! File #40470-SF (Forked River)

KAYNE & RYLA of North Carolina



In July 2020 we received a desperate plea about Kayne and Ryla, a beautiful, bonded pair of dogs that had suffered abuse and

neglect. Their owner used Ryla as his personal puppy mill, and after snatching her 2-week-old puppies, he abandoned both dogs. Luckily, they were discovered a short time later by a good Samaritan who took care of them until she could find a better situation, which turned out to be AHS/Popcorn Park!

Kayne, a young Boxer mix, and his mom, Ryla, a middle-age pit bull mix, absolutely love people. They are so friendly, well-behaved, and lovable, and enjoy running and playing together. They're extremely close, so they'll need to stay together forever. While they wait for the perfect home, they've been added to our Share-a-Pet program for some extra love and attention from sponsors! File 47030/3-NM/SF (Forked River).

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MISCHIEF of Bridgewater



Mischief is a blue-eyed senior whose owner moved and couldn't take him along. Longtime neglect left him very thin, dehydrated, with diseased teeth and poor coat. Despite this, Mischief wanted nothing more than to get lots of attention. Medical evaluation revealed that he also had diabetes. Starting him on insulin saw an improvement almost immediately. He is now doing beautifully, and couldn't be happier! Due to his age and condition, Mischief has been added to our Share-A-Pet program. Will you sponsor Mischief? File #47594 - NM (Forked River).

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