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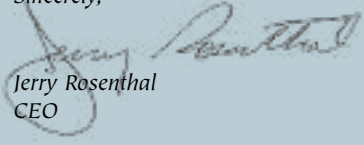
Our supporters tell us how much they enjoy the stories in our New Beginnings section of the Humane News. However, what is not often realized in these happy stories is the amount of time and effort that our staff and volunteers put in to preparing these animals for their forever homes. From medical intake examinations and behavioral assessments to the continuing care, enrichment and promotion we provide to the over 7,000 animals that come through our doors. Every New Beginning involves a lot of preparation work.

The last year has been a challenging one as we have continued to provide the services our communities depend on while doing so in a manner that ensures the health and safety of our staff and clients. With your support, we have met the challenge.

With vaccinations increasing, AHS looks forward to the day when we can relax our indoor restrictions, welcome new volunteers and start sending out our low-cost mobile veterinary van. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit our Popcorn Park Animal Refuge, a safe outdoor activity for the family, and learn firsthand how we provide a haven for rescued wildlife to live out the remainder of their lives.

Thank you for your generous support that allows us to continue to make an impact on the lives of all animals in New Jersey.

Sincerely,


Jerry Rosenthal
CEO

RESCUE STORIES

HERO - USED AND ABUSED - NOW WAITING FOR A HERO OF HIS OWN



Hero 2-1/2 months after his arrival and lots of good care.

In early January, two young women brought a scarred, emaciated young pit bull terrier-type dog to our Newark shelter, having found him tied up on a local street. A little less than a year old, he had old and new wounds all over his body. His condition was typical of dogs who are used in dog fighting.

Despite his painful, emaciated state, he was well-mannered and gentle during his intake medical exam. He



Hero was emaciated when he was brought in. With both fresh and healed wounds, his condition was typical of a dog who's been used as bait or fought, but was discarded because he wasn't good enough.

was immediately treated for a hookworm infestation and the open, infected wounds. In addition to being started on a variety of medications, he was given lots of good meals, warm blankets, and best of all, attention.

We named this sweet boy Hero and, over his time with us, has grown stronger and healthier. Look at the difference. Hero has gained 17 pounds and his body has healed. While he is a bit shy when meeting people for the first time, his sweetness comes out as he gets to know you. Now ready to start over in life, Hero is looking for a quiet, loving home with people who have the patience to bring out his real character. For more information, please contact our Newark shelter at 973-824-7080, ID# 49867-NM.



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RESCUE STORIES

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY AFTER A SERIOUS EYE INJURY, PATCH WAS A MODEL PATIENT



Above, Patch after the surgical removal of his injured eye. Below, he spent his recovery spoiled in our office.



Check out Patch's happy face! We are so happy to see him smiling because this boy was not always so happy and carefree. When Patch came to our Newark shelter, he had sustained a terrible injury to his right eye causing him severe pain and discomfort. As much as we hoped to save his eye, Patch underwent surgery to remove it. Through his recovery, Patch has taken up residence in our administration office. He became so much of a staff favorite, that one of our own staff members adopted him!

Not a mean bone in his body, Patch loves to cuddle on everyone's lap and jumps up for some attention. He is thoroughly spoiled with toys, treats, and affection! Through his recovery, Patch has been a model patient and always on his best behavior when our vet checked up on his recovery. Meeting Patch, you would not even know that he was missing an eye at all. Patch is all smiles and eager to play once more with his forever family.



Completely healed and all smiles, Patch is ready to have some fun and play!

Princess, a four-month-old female kitten, was found on an exit ramp of the NJ Turnpike. She was taken to our Newark facility. On first glance, you would not have noticed anything wrong with this beautiful kitten until she turned around. She was missing her tail! The kitten sustained a severe injury that caused her tail to be ripped off, and she suffered an inflamed, injured, and mangled rear end. Incredibly, she could not have been any sweeter or more friendly.

After being sedated by our veterinarian, the wound was thoroughly cleaned and debrided. Medications for pain and infection were

KITTEN FOUND ON NJ TURNPIKE SEVERELY INJURED

dispensed and the healing process began.

Kept in the Medical Department for observation, Princess would bop around as if she owned the place. She's playful, curious, and loves everyone she comes in contact with. She began healing so beautifully and so quickly! It was clear she would soon make a full recovery.

Princess was so lucky to have been found by someone who cared enough to get her to safety, and we are very grateful to the kind person who saved her life.

As we go to press: Great news! Princess has been adopted by the person who found her!!



We share this photo only to show the extent of how her raw and open wounds healed. At right, Princess ready to move on and find a new and loving life.



Princess when she arrived at our Newark facility. The photo does not reveal the severe injury where her tail had been ripped off.

SHELTER NEWS

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ACO



Newark's ACO Jesse with Hiccup, completely recovered and ready for his forever home. ID #50434-NM.



Hiccup, alone and abandoned, being rescued by Jesse



Hiccup, on the road to recovery in our Medical Department

One of the important services AHS provides is animal protection and control. Our highly trained and dedicated group of Animal Control Officers (ACOs) are a frontline resource in the aid and rescue of wildlife and domestic animals in our communities. Oftentimes, the face of an ACO is the first kind face an animal will see after being lost, sick or abandoned.

ACOs also perform another equally important role in the community. They provide education as to the proper steps to take in reporting injured wildlife, how to spot the signs of when an animal is in distress, and how to coexist with wildlife in their community. They also play a key role in advocating and implementing Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release Programs (TNVR) for community cats.

Jesse is one such member of the Animal Control Team. A recent addition to the AHS Team, Jesse spends her days helping

countless animals in distress and bringing them one step closer to safety. "There is nothing more important to me than ensuring the welfare of the animals that we save" she recently stated. When Jesse is not responding to an animal emergency, she is out in the community providing education, advice and assistance.

Recently Jesse was called to a Newark park to aid Hiccup, a 6-year-old pit bull. Park staff had tried to get near him, but to no avail. When she arrived, Jesse found an extremely frightened and emaciated dog who had a severe injury to his paw. Using her training, patience, and some food, Jesse was able to gain Hiccup's trust and bring him in for medical assistance. Today, Hiccup is 21 pounds heavier, able to walk, and ready to find a forever home.

Unfortunately, cases like Hiccup happen all too frequently. However, with the aid and assistance of AHS' dedicated and experienced ACOs, we know they will get the medical assistance and care they need.

AHS RESCUES PARAKEETS ABANDONED IN NEWARK PARK



shelter where they hope you might be the loving, adoptive home they need.

Our Newark shelter recently received a call regarding birds in danger at Branch Brook Park. Someone left thirteen parakeets in boxes in the park, and since the boxes had holes in them, the frightened birds escaped and scattered. When our ACO arrived on the scene, she was able to capture eight of the birds, secure them, and bring them to the safety of our Newark facility.

As we go to press, four of the parakeets have already found a forever home, and four of these little beauties have been transferred to our Tinton Falls



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

Is A Small Pet Right for You?

Just imagine it: You take the kids to the local pet store to pick up dog food and suddenly you hear, "Look how fluffy it is! Can we get one? Please!!". Of course you cave in, because the small animal is rather fluffy and cute. This is the beginning of the story of many small pets that are surrendered to shelters every day.



Benjamin Bunny, his owner could no longer care for him. ID #50439 (Tinton Falls.)

Guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, rats, rabbits, and so many other small pets are readily available for

purchase at most pet stores. No references are needed; there are no qualifications for owning such a pet. Small pets are pets, just like any other. They require care, attention, proper nutrition, and your devotion to providing for them for the rest of their lives. The lifespan of a guinea pig or domestic rabbit can be up to 8 or 9 years. Are you prepared to care for this animal that may have been an impulse purchase for that long? That is just one of the questions you should ask yourself before bringing home that fluffy, adorable pet that's sitting on the shelf.

AHS takes in hundreds of small pets annually from people that were not prepared to care for them. These animals rarely come to us as strays. Please do your research before purchasing or adopting a small pet. Know the care that's required, learn what's needed, such as local permits for animals such as ferrets, chinchillas, etc. Learn their nutrition and grooming needs, the habitats they require, and as much as you can about them.



Dudley (left) and Gill - Turned in when their owner moved out and left them behind with their roommate. ID #50306 and #50305 (Tinton Falls)

Orion - surrendered because the owner could no longer care for him. ID #48438 (Tinton Falls)



Tinton Falls also has Oreo - an adorable black and white bunny surrendered because their dog didn't like him. ID #40585

HELP PROTECT MILLIONS OF RATS AND MICE USED IN U.S. LABORATORIES - PAGE 15

SHELTER NEWS

AMERICAN ROAD BAND WRITES SONG AND CREATES VIDEO TO HELP TINTON FALLS SHELTER

American Road, a central Jersey country rock band, wrote an amazing song called "Who Saved Who", inspired by the impact an adopted animal can make in one's life, and dedicated to shelter dogs everywhere. They also created a YouTube video



An American Road bandmember visiting with our Tinton Falls shelter dogs.

and are donating a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the song to the AHS Tinton Falls shelter. It's available anywhere you download or stream music: iTunes, Apple Music, Amazon Music, Spotify, Pandora, etc. To view this amazing video, check out American Road on YouTube.

We are always touched and amazed at the creative ways animal lovers come up with to honor what we do and the animals we do it for, and this one is up there with the best. Take a listen!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

With our new, slimmed-down version of the Humane News, we have moved some of our features to our website. There you will find all Memorials, and additional Humane Heroes of all ages who are not included on these pages.

We are deeply grateful for your remembrance of loved ones, human and animal alike, and for the generosity you have shown in every way in support of our animals and our many efforts on their behalf. Please visit ahscares.org

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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Forked River: Associated Humane Popcorn Park Shelter

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New Beginnings

*Don't forget!
June is
Adopt-A-Shelter
Cat Month!*

Koto Sweet tabby girl finds lots of love and bright future in Tinton Falls



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Sweet dreams, little one!

For reasons unknown to us, we don't receive nearly as many updates on our kitty adoptions as we do on our dog adoptions. So we are especially happy, this issue, to share with you some of the lucky felines that have found wonderful, loving homes.

We recently received photos (and videos) of this sweet young tabby adopted from our Tinton Falls shelter. Originally named Adeline, her new pet parent Billy Rath gave her the name Koto. In Japanese, this means 'little rabbit', and fittingly, she found her forever home on Easter. It was also a special choice as it's the name of a character from the show Yu Yu Hakusho that he really enjoys. An extra reason to love her!

Koto was nervous at first, but soon realized she was in great hands, and settled right in. Thanks for adopting, Billy, and for giving Koto a bright future.



Koto, formerly Adeline, was a bit of a scaredy-cat when she first arrived home. But she soon caught on and knew she was safe.



Margarita Once a terrified kitten from Newark, this shy lady took some time to come out of her shell



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Looks like nothing but sunny days for Margarita nowadays!

overlooked for quite a while. Finally, Emily Kernasovic of Ocean Gate came along and fell in love with her. The rest is history! Margarita went home the day after Christmas and she is doing fabulous in her new home. Thank you so much to Emily for giving Margarita a chance!

After nearly two and a half years of waiting, Margarita got the greatest gift of all this past Christmas, a home!! She came to us way back in June, 2018. She was quite terrified when she arrived and to make matters worse, she had an accident that ripped her nail off! She spent some time under medical care and once healed, we began the one-on-one work with her.

It took some time to bring Margarita out of her shell, but one of our dedicated cat caretakers did not give up. She was soon soaking up all the attention she was given and turned into such a little doll. But since she's shy by nature, Margarita was



A far cry from a terrified kitten of so long ago, Margarita today looks more like an elegant princess.





Now named Bennett and Bingley, the two brothers are clearly very much loved.

New Beginnings

Two brothers whose owners had no time for them, now loving life in Browns Mills, NJ

Brooklyn & Dawkins

These happy adoption photos speak for themselves!! Remember Brooklyn and Dawkins? They were brothers that were surrendered last August because their family just didn't have time for them. They were quite scared at first, but at least they still had each other for comfort. We could never separate them and we're so happy that it didn't take long for them to find a wonderful home together just a couple of months later.



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Check them out loving life in their new home. Their new mom, Michelle Roberts, is in love with them both, and Brooklyn and Dawkins, now known as Bennett and Bingley, have settled in perfectly. Congratulations to the happy new family, and thanks so much for adopting!

We can't promise that our adoptees have special skills, like typing up stories on your laptop, but sometimes you just may get lucky!



Shelter girl Phoenix gets the home of her dreams and a surprise genealogy test!

Phoenix



PHOTOS SUPPLIED

Meet Phoenix (formerly Layla) who was adopted from our Newark shelter in January by the Perdigao family from Harrison NJ. After adopting Phoenix, her family did a genealogy test on her and found she is primarily Australian Shepherd (among other breeds), not a Husky mix as we had thought.



Phoenix, formerly Layla, not only fit perfectly into the Perdigao family, but has also shown herself to be highly photogenic!



"Wow, dinner looks great! Wait ... is that mine?"

Phoenix has certainly hit the adoption lottery!! Her parents spoil her with frequent groomings where, in addition to a lovely bath, she also has her teeth brushed, and her nails painted, (take a look in the pic far right.) Her parents are overjoyed at how great she has melded into their family, feeling like they've had her her whole life, instead of only a few months.

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We are so thankful that this amazing family took a needy shelter girl into their heart and home. Thank you for choosing adoption!

Carina Perdigao shared that Phoenix not only loves life

POPCORN PARK ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Just a few of the ways we help our animals ...



Popcorn Park veterinarians Dr. Bert Paluch (left) and Dr. Jonathan Bergmann examine one of our cougars, who has been sedated. This is typical of annual wellness checks for all our animals where blood is pulled, vaccinations given, and dental exams are performed.

Seven getting her hooves trimmed by our farrier, Joe Rispoli. All our equines get hoof care every six weeks. Holding Seven is staffer Bill Waters.



Kya being prepped for having her right eye removed by NorthStar veterinarian, Dr. Culbert. The eye had ruptured due to Kya's glaucoma. She recovered completely in a matter of days.

Popcorn Park is an animal refuge. What makes us different from a zoo? A few things!

- We are a rescue facility - accepting only animals whose circumstances require a new placement to save their lives, or provide medical care or housing which had not been supplied in the previous location.
- Popcorn Park does not breed animals, but takes in the unwanted from other circumstances, retirees from other facilities, and from Fish and Wildlife.
- Popcorn Park provides assistance to wildlife in need whether called upon by local citizens or municipalities.
- Unlike many zoos, Popcorn Park does not receive funding from municipal, state or federal sources. Instead, we rely on private donations from caring people like you.

Whether assisting local wildlife or offering a permanent sanctuary for those in need, Popcorn Park Refuge always provides the very best in all needed veterinary care, proper diet, housing, and enrichments.

JOIN THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY!



The Popcorn Park Zoological Society is an easy way for you to help care for all our Refuge residents and to gain some great benefits, too! If Wildlife Club sponsorship of an individual animal (opposite page) is not right for you, consider joining the Zoological Society and support them all!

Each level of membership includes free admission to Popcorn Park for you, guests, grandkids - all based on the level you choose - plus an annual subscription to ZoonooZ, the official publication of the Zoological Society, and the Humane News. The value of benefits at every level far outweighs your annual donation - a great value for you, and a terrific help in supporting our animals!

Indicate your level of membership below, and send the coupon along with your donation and name and address in the envelope enclosed or join online at ahscares.org.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$75 |
| 5 visits for one year for parents & children (under age 12) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$60 |
| 5 visits for one year for member & two guests | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Opportunity | \$50 |
| 5 visits for one year for grandparents and grandchildren (under age 12) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$90 |
| Unlimited visits for one year for one member and one guest | |
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| Special guided tour for five, by appt. only, and unlimited visits for one member and two guests for one year | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor | \$1,000 |
| Dinner with the animals, by appt. only, for member and one guest and unlimited visits for member and three guests for one year. | |



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

POPCORN PARK WILDLIFE CLUB

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 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.



FUN FACT:

How much popcorn does Popcorn Park pop in one year? (answer below)

Pete & Melissa -

Although they are available for sponsorship separately, Pete and Melissa each arrived at Popcorn Park as so many of our domestic ducks have - as abandoned Easter pets when new owners find out that owning ducks isn't quite as easy (or quiet) as was first supposed. Our two friends here will happily share your sponsorship support with all our resident ducks because that's just the thoughtful kind of animals they really are. Why not sponsor our sweet Melissa or Pete?



Little Girl - Little Girl is a white-tailed doe, one of many that have come to Popcorn Park over the years, "rescued" by well-meaning people who thought the fawn had been abandoned. Once raised by these individuals, deer can never live in their natural environment again. Little Girl is over 17 years old, very sweet, and is now the matriarch of our little deer herd.

** Please read more on the importance of leaving young wildlife where it belongs on page 12.



Tess the Snow Macaque - Tess is a real sweetheart who loves people. She'll grunt to get staff's attention and make big eyes in hopes she can groom them. She particularly enjoys children visitors; she jumps along with them and puts on a little show to make them laugh.

Tess, now 19 years old, has been at Popcorn Park for five years. She'd once been used in an educational program with children, but upon reaching maturity, she became too challenging to care for. Here Tess is relaxed and easygoing, and loved by staff whom she especially enjoys meticulously grooming. Might you sponsor our little sweetheart?

PARK WILDLIFE CLUB

MAY 2021

POPCORN

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 awesome ... and truly deserving ... pets that have been waiting 6 months or longer for their forever homes. Might that perfect home be yours?



❖ Bruno ❖

Hey everyone! It's me Bruno! I am 2 years old and was surrendered by my family who had to move and could not take me with them. I've been waiting since September 2020 - that's over 8 months of looking for a family to call my own! I'm part Husky (hence my dreamy blue eyes), and need an adult-only home where I can burn off all my energy. I want to learn, be given tasks to do, and kept busy, so an active household would be best. ID #47945-NM (Tinton Falls)



❖ Cali ❖

Cali has been with us since arriving in September, 2019 when her owner passed away. Cali had her guard up when she arrived but fortunately, our cat caregivers were able to teach her to trust again. Cali is still initially shy, but she's an absolute doll. She's about 5-1/2 years old and she will need time to settle into a new home. Another feline friend would help her with that. ID #41301-SF (Forked River)



❖ Bruce ❖

With more love than this boy knows what to do with, Bruce is looking for a family to share all of it with! Weighing in at almost 120 lbs, Bruce is a strong Cane Corso boy who would benefit from an experienced dog owner who can give him a structured lifestyle. Bruce is 2-1/2 years young and has a lot of energy for playing, exercising, and adventures; an active family would be great for him! Bruce is looking for an adult-only household. He is a bit wary around strangers, but is eager to open his heart. ID #46488-NM (Newark)



❖ Raven ❖

Sweet Raven! At just 1-1/2 years young, this girl has been with us for over 7 months. She has so many fabulous qualities about her - she's gentle, kind, loving, pretty, and she's super-playful. The only potential drawback for Miss Raven is that she would rather be the only dog in her future home with a yard to run around. If you're a jogger, she would make a great running partner! ID #48658-SF (Tinton Falls)

Meet more of our pets awaiting adoption on our website at ahscars.org. Adoption Meet and Greets are by appointment only during the pandemic.

patiently waiting pets

❖ Beay ❖

Beay is just 3-1/2 years old and he came to us back in June, 2020 when he was turned in due to domestic unrest in his home. Beay distrusts men at first, but he truly loves everyone once he gets to know them. Beay is deaf but doesn't let this faze him in the slightest. He recently underwent surgery to repair his ACL and will need to be leash-walked for a while until he's completely healed. He's a fun-loving, happy guy that is full of personality! He is fine with larger dogs, too. ID #46293-NM (Forked River)



❖ Vanilla ❖

Vanilla is her name and she's just delightful! She first came into our Newark facility as a stray in May 2020, then transferred to our Tinton Falls location with the hope that new surroundings would help her get adopted. She is a bit timid and shy, but warming up more and more every day. She has so much potential! Just 3-1/2 years young, Vanilla came in with an old eye injury which requires no further medical care. She's happy, healthy, and too sweet to be without a loving home! ID #45340-SF (Tinton Falls)



❖ Quinn ❖

Meet Quinn - our peppy, excitable, and oh-so-lovable girl looking for a home of her very own. Quinn is a 2-year-old pit bull terrier who's got so much love in her heart. Quinn loves to get outside to play, walk, and run around with our volunteers. Since Miss Quinn doesn't love to share her food and toys, she would do best in a home with older children. This bundle of energy knows basic commands and would thrive in a home where she can exercise to her heart's content, a home with adopters who are patient and understanding. ID #49110-SF (Newark)



❖ Hameek ❖

Hameek is a frisky male tabby cat with lots of sass. Though this guy has been waiting since October 2020 to find his home, he hasn't given up hope and keeps his head high. Just 2 years old, Hameek has such a fun personality and loves a little playtime. Hameek is a bit of a tough shell to crack, but on the inside he is bursting with love and cannot wait to find his forever family. ID #48917-NM (Newark)



❖ Muffin ❖

Muffin arrived in June, 2020 when this happy, spunky boy was found as a stray. He spent months at our Newark facility and was later transferred to our Lacey location for a change of scenery and some new adoption prospects. Muffin is only about 2-1/2 years old and he's bubbling over with personality! He's active and energetic - not the couch potato-type - but he'll keep you laughing with his antics. He'll bring any good family lots of happiness if they welcome him home. ID #46132-NM (Forked River)



Humane Kids



Nut Swamp Elementary School in Middletown, NJ, along with Girl Scout Troop #327 and Boy Scout Troop #205, held a donation drive for our Tinton Falls shelter. Along with a whole lobby full of donations of pet food and supplies, they also presented a check for \$200! Thank you!



Tanya Trettin of Tuckerton, NJ, and her family - Tori, Myalee, Josephine, and Sam - baked a ton of peanut butter treats for all of the dogs at AHS/Popcorn Park! All of us and our shelter dogs thank you!



A father/daughter duo, the Goldbergs brought in tons of beautiful, brand new blankets for the animals cared for at our Newark facility! Thanks so much!

See more Junior Humane Heroes at ahscares.org!

Don't Touch the Babies!

Spring is wildlife baby season. Depending where you live, you may discover all kinds of newborn and baby animals - fawns, birds, baby bunnies, and squirrels. Each one is cuter than the next, but it's very important that you do not touch young animals or disturb their nests.



People sometimes think that these young ones have been abandoned, but their mothers are usually nearby and will return to feed their babies within hours or at night. The most helpful thing you can do is let wildlife moms be the moms they know how to be.

Did You Know?

Fawns have no scent, but their mother does. She hides her baby someplace safe, like in tall grass, and spends the day away from the fawn feeding herself, so predators will be likely to follow the scent of the mother deer and not discover her little one.

Fledglings are baby birds that have left the nest but cannot yet fly. One or both of their parents will often feed them on the ground, but will be frightened away if you are near. Be sure to watch from a good distance.



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Baby bunnies are often hidden in a nest in grassy areas, the garden, or possibly even in your lawn. Mom may be gone the whole day, feeding herself, and return at night to feed and cuddle up with her babies. If you find a nest in your lawn, just leave the area unmowed until all the rabbits are gone, and you're sure that no more are hiding in the lawn.



PHOTO COURTESY: BIRD VALIANT / WIKIPEDIA

Above is an Eastern cottontail mom, preparing a nest in the grass for her soon-to-be-born kits.

What You Can Do

If you see a baby animal that seems to have no mother or parents feeding it for over a day, call AHS, or your local animal shelter and ask them to check on the animal. Stay far away while you watch, and you can enjoy the wonders of wildlife as they take care of their young.

And remember, never approach wildlife yourself!



Let's Read!

Cookie's Fortune

Written by: Lynda Graham-Barber
Illustrated by: Nancy Lane



Cookie's Fortune is a poignant story about a stray puppy in a large city who makes her home in the backseat of an abandoned car, and finds her food among the scraps around a restaurant's dumpster. She survives as best she can, until she is discovered and rescued by a humane officer and brought to a shelter. Cookie's story has a heartwarming ending when she is adopted by a caring

family. In addition, there is an afterword at the end of the story providing steps children can take to help animals like Cookie.

Cookie's Fortune is a story to help children better understand the human-animal bond and the plight of homeless companion animals. The story exemplifies the plight of the thousands of animals rescued and rehomed by Associated Humane. Lovely illustrations by Nancy Lane. Ages 3 to 7.

We are so proud and appreciative of the many ways kids help our animals. Thanks to each and every one of you!



Tea Gallucci, on her tenth birthday, brought down pet food, toys, treats, and bedding valued at over \$400 to help the animals at AHS Popcorn Park. She's been collecting funds and items for four years just for us!

Ways to Be Kind

There are so many great ways to be kind to animals - here are a few ideas for you, your family, or class!

- ✓ Support one of AHS' shelters -
 - * bake dog treats
 - * make cat toys
 - * collect items they need, like food or bedding
 - * volunteer! Check ahscares.org for volunteer opportunities or call our shelter nearest you
- ✓ Have your class or group sponsor an animal in the Wildlife Club or Share-A-Pet program
- ✓ Walk someone's dog if they're not able to get out (and you're old enough and have your parent's permission)
- ✓ Send postcards thanking your vet, groomer, animal shelter
- ✓ Take a school trip to our Refuge
- ✓ Create a wildlife or butterfly garden
- ✓ Collect acorns in the fall for our refuge animals
- ✓ Hold birthday donation drives
- ✓ Read books about kindness such as *Tails are Not for Pulling* by Elizabeth Verdick, or *May I Pet Your Dog?* by Stephanie Calmenson



PHOTO COURTESY - WILLIAM WARBY



Our Newark branch recently received a \$5 gift card from Avery of Corry, PA. Avery is on a mission to help animal shelters around the country, firmly believing that every little bit helps. She calls us her heroes and says, "So if you ever doubt your job, don't - because someone like me looks up to someone like you." She wrote us the following. Avery, know that you're our hero, too.

"Your one of the places I chose to help, Because of my passion for animals. Thanks for everything you do, For the animals every day. I usually handwrite these cards, But unfortunately, I was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma Cancer, and writing Is something I can't do right now. But I want to keep helping animals!! So I typed this out instead. Please check out my Facebook page, Avery's Pawsitive Change, To follow my mission. Love, Avery"

Animals in the NEWS

SAVING THE ENDANGERED NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE



PHOTO COURTESY: NOAA

A North Atlantic Right Whale breaching.

In June 2020, a North Atlantic Right Whale male calf died off the New Jersey coast. With the help of a number of marine welfare partners, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) determined that it had died of at least two vessel strikes. Sadly, the first North Atlantic Right Whale of 2021 died off the Florida coast the weekend of February 16, also of vessel strikes.

There are only about 360 North Atlantic Right Whales left in the wild. Added to the Endangered Species Act in 1970, they face extinction primarily due to human activities - vessel strikes, entanglement in fishing gear, ocean noise - but also due to small numbers and a low reproduction rate; females currently only give birth every 6 - 10 years. They are found along the Eastern seaboard from Canada to Florida often in the same area as ships and boats of all kinds.

There are many regulations and guidelines in place to protect this endangered whale including a speed limit of under 10 knots when in the whales' vicinity, applying to boats longer than 65 feet. But conservation groups, such as IFAW, have criticized NOAA for not taking these restrictions far enough.

TAKE ACTION!

You can help these whales by learning about them and the regulations already in place to protect them. You can urge NOAA to strengthen existing protections to prevent extinction. You can also download apps to alert NOAA of whale

sightings so they, in turn, can alert all seagoing vessels of the whales' presence to avoid interactions.

fisheries.noaa.gov/species/north-atlantic-right-whale

Watch for Turtles!



New Jersey is home to many kinds of turtles - box turtles, snapping turtles, and Diamondback terrapins (left) to name a few. Please be careful when driving to not hit one of our slow-moving friends. If you find an injured turtle or isolated hatchling, please contact AHS, your local shelter, or projectterrapin.org if it is a Diamondback. It is advised that you do not handle snappers on your own.

Respect and Protect Seals on Local Beaches



GREY SEAL PHOTO COURTESY: WIKI - STEENBERGS

There have been increasing numbers of interactions with seals on beaches in New Jersey and other locales which jeopardize the seals' lives and health. When seals are found on beaches, they are likely resting from a strenuous swim and gathering their

strength, or they may be injured. Being approached by humans and pets may cause the seal to reenter the ocean before ready, making it more likely to be attacked and killed by sharks.

The Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine, NJ is receiving increased calls on stranded and injured seals being approached by people for a closer look and selfies. They've recently had to call the police in Lavalette, NJ to disperse curious crowds. Seals, being wild animals, will also aggressively defend themselves if they feel threatened.

Please respect seals (and all stranded marine life) by remaining a minimum of 150 feet away from them. If you believe one may be injured, stranded, or is becoming crowded by onlookers, please contact the Stranding Center at their 24 hour hotline at (609) 266-0538 who will relocate the seal and/or care for it. Learn more about stranded sea life at mmsc.org

DO NOT post seals and their locations on social media, which endangers them further.

Order here!

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124 Evergreen Ave.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Alert Decals (2) | \$2.00 + SASE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AHS/Popcorn Park License Plate Frame | \$9.95 ea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arbor of Love Brochure | SASE-#10 |
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HELP PROTECT THE MILLIONS OF RATS AND MICE USED IN U.S. LABORATORIES



HOODED RATS: JASON SNYDER / WIKIPEDIA

According to PETA, a January 2021 study by the journal *Nature* estimates that 111 million rats and mice are used in laboratories each year in the U.S. These intelligent, social, and sensitive animals are subjected to any number of cruel experiments in testing treatments for disease, toxicology, and more with no protection under the law. Although it has been proven that rats and

mice suffer and feel pain the same as do other animals used in experiments, they are excluded from the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), the only federal law with legally enforceable animal welfare standards that governs the treatment of animals in laboratories.

TAKE ACTION!

You can help by requesting that your Congressperson vote to amend the AWA to include rats and mice. Read more and contact your Congressperson - support.peta.org/page/1591/action/1

Meanwhile ... go cruelty-free!

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The Leaping Bunny has long been the symbol for cruelty-free cosmetics, personal care, animal care, and household products. To date they have certified a total of 2,109 companies that meet their standards.

With so many companies on board, it's easier than ever to live a life knowing that no animals were harmed in the manufacture of the items you use every day. Learn more about Leaping Bunny, animal testing, and alternative non-animal methods. Check out their cruelty-free shopping guide and more at leapingbunny.org.



Love small animals? Learn about them on page 5.

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Put your OLD address or clip and tape your address area on page 16 into the box below, and fill in your new address. Send entire coupon to us. Thanks for the update!

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Animals in the NEWS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RE-LAUNCHING CLIMATE CHANGE WEBSITE



POLAR BEAR PHOTO COURTESY - WIKIPEDIA

This stark photo of a starving polar bear shocked many when it appeared, a frightening indication of how climate change is causing habitat destruction. The warming Arctic is losing sea ice on which many Arctic animals rely.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced that it is restoring its climate change website with a new launch and new features. Removed by the previous administration, the EPA's website relaunch indicates the current administration's commitment to restoring science and action on climate change. In the weeks and months to come, the EPA will be providing current and updated information to help improve life on our planet. These actions restore its role as a reliable and trustworthy public resource on climate change science.

For the latest updates on our climate crisis and what you can do about it, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/climate-change>

MARYLAND BECOMES THE 8th STATE TO BAN CRUEL WILDLIFE KILLING CONTESTS

Maryland joined seven other states in the banning of cruel and inhumane wildlife killing contests. Participants are awarded money and prizes for kills, usually the largest, smallest, and greatest number of animals killed.



Principles of fair chase are frequently disregarded as animals are baited and called electronically to a hunter's location.

Carcasses are usually dumped out of view; entire areas of landscape become void of animals who play an important part in its ecosystem; and untold young are orphaned.

Numerous studies have shown that this is not an effective way or controlling wildlife populations, and events are often marred by outright and wanton cruelty. Neither NJ, NY or PA protect wildlife from killing contests. Read more: humanesociety.org/wildlifekillingcontests And read about efforts to ban them in New Jersey: aldf.org/project/banning-killing-contests-new-jersey/

RED FOX PHOTO: COURTESY: MARK EDWARDS, JR.

Good News! Trunk fighting legislation passed the NJ General Assembly - as we go to press, it is on the Governor's desk for approval or in 45 days it becomes law.

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, and 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

RILEY of Toms River



Riley sure has had his share of letdowns over the years. Riley came to us 2014 when he was just a young, healthy cat that was found as a stray. He was quickly adopted, but many years later, Riley has returned through no fault of his own. We are sad to see that his needs for a prescription diet and insulin for diabetes were neglected over the years, and we spent several months getting Riley back in good health. We're happy

to say that Riley is feeling like a brand new cat and all of his needs are being tended to! He is now loving life in Kitty City! Since finding an adoptive home is a little more difficult due to his special needs, Riley has been added to our Share-A-Pet program to gets lots of love and extra attention from some great sponsors, like you! ID #16130-NM (Forked River).

QUEEN of Newark

Queen came to us in the summer of 2020 when her owner simply said he could no longer care for her. We have a feeling that plenty of money was made on Queen's puppies over the years but sadly, it appeared that none of it was ever spent on caring for Queen.



This unbelievably sweet middle-age bulldog mix arrived in such a neglected state. We treated her for a variety of medical issues and through it all, Queen remained one of the most lovable dogs we've ever met. Everyone is Queen's best friend in her opinion, and she bonds with people quickly. She has a warm, bubbly personality but since Queen requires medications to manage her allergies, she gets overlooked time and time again. While she's waiting for the perfect home, she's been added to our Share-A-Pet program and would love for you to be her loving sponsor! ID #46652-SF (Forked River).

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DALLAS of West Creek



Dallas is such a great cat that's been back and forth with us since his initial arrival in 2017. This sweet guy was noticed by our ACO hanging around a West Creek, NJ store, looking for a good meal and a friend. Dallas had a couple of failed adoptions over the years and now, the middle-aged man is so happy to have

moved into our Kitty City. Here he spends his days gazing out the windows at the birds going by, socializing with other cats, and trotting up to every visitor to greet them with a head-bump and a purr! Dallas is still available for adoption, but he's also been added to our Share-A-Pet program and hopes you'll be his newest sponsor! ID #26839-NM (Forked River).

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