

Summer 2014



Mission Statement

To find a loving home for every homeless pet.

Vision Statement

That all pets have a permanent home to live their lives in comfort.

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Plainfield Area Humane Society

NEWS



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From Board President: Steven Cecchetti

Hello PAHS Supporters!

Many good things are happening for our shelter. We have been blessed to have the Panella family donate services and supplies to upgrade and modify our dog runs. Our cat runs are also in the process of being upgraded. These changes will provide a nicer home for our animals.

As you know, our shelter cannot survive without your support. Right now we are struggling short-term as we await a generous donation from an estate of a very long term supporter. We must keep our animals cool from the summer heat and to do this requires expense energy. We are asking for your financial support through the summer so that our animals stay cool, comfortable, and healthy.

We recently completed our annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and we have made much improvement in our social media area. We now have our local manager, Kurt Hemminger, updating the shelter's webpage to promote adoptions which will benefit us throughout the year. We believe this will meet our objective to find loving homes for our animals! Additionally, in the upcoming months we will be closing our Lights of Remembrance website and incorporating it into our main website page. This heartfelt event is so important to our supporters that we feel we can give it the attention it deserves being part of our main page.

Thanks to your ongoing generosity, we continue to keep our shelter running. However, providing the proper care for our animals, along with the upkeep of our shelter is a continuous process. We need you in our future. I thank you in advance for your care and support!

- Steve

Do you have a nice shot of the shelter?

By ??

Valentine

On a very cold February morning 16 years ago, a puppy, a Doberman mix about 4 months old, was found on the front porch of PAHS. She was unconscious and in shock. Her right front leg was broken and her elbow was shattered. She needed medical help immediately. The surgery was complicated and time-consuming.

Some friends of PAHS gave money toward her expenses, and as a result, we set up a fund for her and other disabled animals. We named it **The Valentine Fund** since the name Valentine was given to this puppy as she arrived at our shelter on February 14th.

Valentine was adopted by Bob and Teri Seitzmeyer and was not an easy dog to live with. For example, she did not like any women but Bob and Teri have remarkable patience. All members of their family-children, grandchildren and other pets got along well together. Valentine enjoyed being a watch dog and was as active as possible. She loved soft, warm places, walked quite well and enjoyed so much in life even with her limited abilities. She had a long, full life giving as much love as she received.



In May, 2014, Valentine passed away. Today, **The Valentine Fund** that was established in her honor has less than \$20.00. We are hoping to replenish this fund in her memory so that we can help other injured and disabled dogs that land in our shelter. If you are able to help us replenish this fund, please donate to PAHS, in memory of our Valentine.

By the way, Bob and Teri took in another disabled pet this month - a cat named Belle Rose who was born blind. 🐾

Relax for Cause...

Dr. John Pinto and Dr. Michael Batla are offering a complementary **SPINAL CLEANSE GIFT CERTIFICATE** (Value \$75.00) for every \$25.00 donated to The Plainfield Area Humane Society. A SPINAL CLEANSE is a luxurious treatment of the spine with aroma therapy, essential oils and heat. Every treatment lasts 30 minutes and is sure to replenish your inner peace and calm.

Dr. Pinto is an avid pet advocate and owns ELVIS a sweet 17 year old labrador retriever. Dr. Pinto created the ELVIS FUND so his best canine friend could help the pets from the humane society to find their forever home.

Please call 908-228-5911 and set up your appointment for your SPINAL CLEANSE. We require a donation of \$25.00 but more than \$25.00 would be gratefully accepted for this worthy cause. You can donate a gift card of \$25.00 from pet or grocery stores or purchase supplies and donate to the Humane Society (worth \$25.00) in order to qualify for the luxurious SPINAL CLEANSE CERTIFICATE.

Advanced Wellness of Westfield is located at 429 Central Avenue in Westfield.

Any questions, please call Kathy 908-228-5911.

By Sue MacWhinney-Ciufo

Summer Calls...

Last winter was one for the record books and it took a long time for spring to come. When it finally warmed up, the calls for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife, as well as all the calls for stray dogs and cats, came flooding in.

There were fawns in backyards, just lying there. Most of the time, mother deer tell their fawns to stay put, and unlike human children, they do! Mom is never far away and she'll come back to get her baby. Every once in a while there is a problem and we respond.

Ducks and ducklings can't seem to walk across the road without falling in a storm sewer. We've rescued a few flocks, and with mom waiting, not too patiently, we scoop them up along with no family to be found so we take them to the Raptor Trust in Millington where they care for them.

The baby raccoons, opossums, skunks and squirrels that are hurt or abandoned or just got lost, are all gently handled and then taken to NJ Wildlife Rehabilitators.

Spring and summer are very busy times at PAHS! 🐾



Plainfield Area Humane Society

6th Annual Tricky Tray

WHERE: SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR CENTER - 90 MAPLE AVE.

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M. (\$25 Admission)

CALLING BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.



QUESTIONS? CALL DIANA AT (732) 287-0861

SAVE THIS DATE!!!

WE SOLD OUT LAST YEAR AND EXPECT THE SAME ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR. INFORMATION ON GRAND PRIZES WILL FOLLOW. EARLY REGISTRATION WILL BE PROVIDED SOON!!!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE

Plainfield Area Humane Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation

The Greater Plainfield Humane Society

This article appeared on the Plai-do Downtown Plainfield website (<http://plai-do.com/2014/07/08/greater-plainfield-humane-society/>)

Since 1933, the Plainfield Area Humane Society has been helping our animal friends find the right homes. When finding the right families and homes, this society does it through an attentive, caring process to make sure our animal friends will be get the proper, loving care that they need and deserve.

Kurt Hemminger, the manager of the Plainfield Area Humane Society, said that the adoption process is important to assure the animal's safety and well being. The adoption process requires potential adopters to fill out applications. It also requires every member of the household, including pets, to meet the dog or cat they want to adopt. This is to make sure that the adoptees will get along with everyone in their new home to assure they will be happy once they move in.

Many people who buy and take home a pet from a pet store don't realize that they are required to register the animal. Unlike a regular pet store, the Plainfield Area Humane Society registers all adoptees as well as spay/neuter them before they move in to their new homes. They also microchip every adoptee so owners can easily locate them if they get lost. The Plainfield Area Humane Society is not only helping the lives of these loving animals, but they are also making things a whole lot easier for potential adopters.

Hemminger and his staff give these abandoned animals lots of care and love. There are about 150 cats and roughly 50 dogs at the shelter currently and the staff makes sure each get the proper attention and affection to ensure they are happy. Hemminger said that dogs are given walks through out the day and time in the exercise ring. They actually just put a mini pool in the exercise ring so dogs can go for a splash and cool down during the summer. Cats are given time to roam around the building, giving them the exercise they need.

The Plainfield Area Humane Society does everything they can to find homes for all animals in shelter but unfortunately when some animals get older and develop medical problems, it gets more difficult for them to become suitable for placement in permanent homes. In order to combat this issue, the society created a program called Project Save. Created to help the shelter care for those animals that are difficult to place, this program allows people to sponsor one



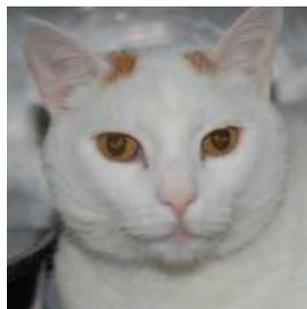
of these special animals for only \$10 dollars a month. This program selects four cats and four dogs who fall under the category and people who are interested in being a sponsor will receive updates and pictures. They are also welcomed to visit, play, walk, groom, etc. with their special animal. It's truly a wonderful program. 🐾

The Plainfield Area Humane Society is a non profit organization. They welcome donations as well as volunteers so they can further give these animals proper care.

These are a couple special animals are sponsored by Project Save:



Jixer



Cinnamon

Project Save

PAHS Calendar of Events

Project Save is a great way to help in the care of a cat or a dog without the daily responsibility. Growing up with dogs as a child and not having them in my current life brought me to Hercules, a male lab. He loves to go for walks; getting combed and brushed; a good bath and of course getting toys and bones! Circumstances where we live sometimes do not allow us the opportunity to have a pet, or your job can keep you from having the time necessary to have your own, but Project Save provides a way for you to do just that - have your own pet. A \$10.00 donation per month truly provides care for a cat or dog. Come to the shelter and pick one of your own or have the staff select one for you. It is such a rewarding feeling to help a loving animal until the day they become adopted. Every three months, you will receive an update on your Project Save pet. 🐾

Help the shelter animals by supporting and attending our special events!

OCTOBER

11th **Tricky Tray**, at South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Avenue; Doors open at 5:30 pm, Calling begins at 7:00 pm, \$25 admission

NOVEMBER

23rd **Pictures with Santa**, 12-4 pm, at Best Friends Pet Resort on Route 22 West in North Plainfield

DECEMBER

6th **Lights of Remembrance Tree Lighting Ceremony** on the shelter grounds at 7:00 pm, refreshments inside following the ceremony

PLAINFIELD AREA HUMANE SOCIETY 75 Rock Avenue • Plainfield, New Jersey 07063

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Email _____

365 CLUB: (check one) \$1000 One Day \$250 Trip to the Vet Other _____
 \$500 Half Day \$100 Feed the Animals

365 Club (\$1000 donation only) Please select jacket size: Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL
 Do not place my name on the PAHS Web site.

SAVE-A-LIFE GIFT: (check one) Dog spay \$95.00 Cat spay \$80.00 Dog neuter \$75.00 Cat neuter \$70.00

PROJECT SAVE: Dog _____ Cat _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

MEMORIAL HEART: \$50.00 Pet's name for heart: _____

GENERAL DONATION: Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Gift acknowledgment to: _____

Mastercard VISA Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Signature: _____

PAHS Use Only: Date: _____

Foster Pet Assigned (Dog/Cat) _____

DONATION WISH LIST

We are in desperate need of cat litter!!

- Cat litter
- Canned and dry cat food
- Lamb and rice dry dog food
- Paper towels
- Trash bags (lawn and kitchen size)
- Lysol wipes and Magic Erasers
- Cleaning supplies (to clean the shelter floors, dishes, and for laundry)
- Towels and washcloths
- Small paper or styrofoam bowls
- Dog crates (extra large)
- Newspapers (without shiny color inserts, but please call first)
- Yard Tools (rakes, shovels, snow shovels, hand tools, etc.)

THE COST OF ADOPTING AN ANIMAL:

The cost of adopting a dog or puppy is \$250; cat or kitten is \$150.

For dogs this includes the following:

- Spaying or neutering
- DHLPP-V vaccine (distemper - parvo)
- Rabies vaccine
- Heartworm - Lyme - Ehrlichiosis test
- Microchip
- ID tag and collar

For cats this includes:

- Spaying or neutering
- FVRCP vaccine (distemper)
- Rabies vaccine
- FeLV-FIV test (feline leukemia and aids)
- Microchip
- Carrier

Need a Friend? Adopt one from PAHS!

PAHS Accepts PayPal Now it's even easier to donate to PAHS! Go to our website www.pahs.petfinder.org and click on the PayPal button. Making a secure payment from your bank account or with your credit card is safe and easy and best of all, will help the animals at PAHS!



Visit our Web site at
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Shelter Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Closed Mondays and all legal holidays