

Holiday 2014



Mission Statement

To find a safe, loving and appropriate home for every homeless pet, including those with special needs or challenges. We strive to treat, heal and provide optimal well-being for the animals in our care; and create an environment where our animals receive love, respect and attention.

Vision Statement

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

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In Loving Memory...

Frank and Janet Panella have been long time supporters of the animals at PAHS. Powder, a Project Save Pet, was their favorite.

Janet died in January of 2014, after a long illness.

Frank came to the shelter one day in the early spring and said he would like to make a donation in memory of his wife. He was not being very specific, so I asked "Frank are you talking about a new building or a package of paper towels?" He said he couldn't give us a new building but he would like to do something special in the building in Janet's memory. It didn't take me long to think of something. Our poor old building always needs work, and Frank is a master at repairing things.

The dog intake room has taken years of abuse. The floors, I believe to be close to original, needed replacing, the walls were beaten up, the radiators worked, but not well, and the door to the room wasn't very secure. Frank looked at it, agreed that it needed help and decided this room, refurbished, would be a fitting dedication to his wife and the animals she loved.

Frank took on this project with the quiet determination of a perfectionist. He gathered his crew of plumbers, HVAC guys, flooring people and of course his friends and relatives. Joe Panella, Frank's son and Billy Caswell, Frank's cousin, joined the crew and demolition began. His steady partner, Kenneth Zushma, Janet's son, was there from the very beginning, planning this project and came every day to help Frank, always with a smile on his face. He was Frank's right hand man.

Once demolition was complete, the work of rebuilding the room began. The walls and

ceiling got all new sheetrock, the old floor was torn up and new flooring put down. New radiators replaced the old sad ones. The walls were painted (in Frank's favorite color) and the bottom half covered in FRP, a material that dogs can't easily hurt or dirty.

Meanwhile, Frank saw the floors in both cat rooms needed help. Voilá! Frank had Bruce from Ed's Linoleum come in and replace them. (Frank helped!)

Meanwhile, the inside and outside doors to the intake room were replaced and painted. He even had the side of the building painted. He replaced 2 other doors in the building, too! We feel brand new.

Frank is a frequent visitor to the shelter. Well, he really isn't a visitor anymore, just one of the gang. He knows the building inside and out now, and remarkably enough he always finds something else that needs fixing, repairing or replacing!

He also brings Powder hamburgers.

The finishing touch will soon be put on the outside of the building. Kenneth is having a sign made of our logo that will be put up near the peak of the roof, so it can be seen from the street, and a beautiful plaque near the new door and ramp, dedicating this room to Janet Panella, and welcoming dogs to their safe place at PAHS.



Janet Panella

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Our Very Special Friend

Powder, a longtime resident and Project Save pet, was a great favorite to those who met him.

His sponsors brought him beds, hamburgers, treats and trips to McDonalds. He was very special and we think he knew it.

Last winter was hard on Powder, but Spring brought back a bounce to his step and he was feeling better. Powder seemed to be doing well until just a few weeks ago. We knew something was wrong and after blood work and x-rays, he was diagnosed with cancer.

He was uncomfortable and Dr. Loomis and Dr. Cabell recommended that we ease his pain and euthanize him. And so, on October 19th, surrounded by love and his friends, he crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

The shelter staff, and his many friends will miss our "PowPow". 🐾



In Loving Memory

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Special thanks for all their help:

Andy of Total Energy

Mike of Ideal Tile

Vail Industrial Supply

Scott of Scott Becker Plumbing & Heating

And Bruce from Ed's Linoleum, who donated his time and skill to give PAHS new flooring in 3 rooms.

Thank you all!

And to Frank, who made it all happen, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. 🐾

P.S.: Frank brought us that package of paper towels.

Rabies: Facts and Prevention

Rabies is a viral disease that can infect any warm-blooded animal – your pets and you! It is transferred through contact with the saliva of an infected animal. While this usually occurs through a bite wound, it is possible to get rabies through a scratch or pre-existing open wound. The most common carriers are bats, foxes, raccoons, and skunks. There is no cure for rabies and it is almost always fatal, with animals generally dying within 5 days of exhibiting symptoms.

Animals infected with the rabies virus will exhibit symptoms including behavioral changes, such as a wild animal appearing friendly or a pet suddenly acting aggressive, hypersensitivity to light and sound, and seizures. During the final stage of rabies, an animal will suffer from paralysis of head and throat nerves, typified by losing the ability to swallow and hyper-salivation or foaming at the mouth. The paralysis will lead to respiratory failure and death.

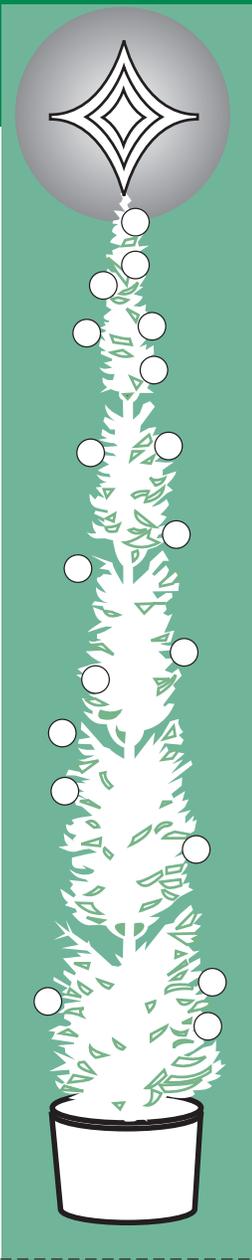
Rabies is 100% preventable – protect your pets and your family! To protect your pet, you should ensure their rabies vaccination is current. Always consult your veterinarian if your animal comes in contact with a wild animal, dead or alive, or is bitten by an unvaccinated domestic animal. A rabies booster may be suggested as a safeguard. If you or a family member is bitten or scratched by an animal known or suspected of having rabies, wash out the wound for 5 minutes with soap and water and see your doctor right away. You may need to get a rabies vaccine.

NJ state law states that the local board of health may require any animal that has bitten or attacked a person to



be confined, at the owner's expense, for at least 10 days. Animals that have been bitten by another animal known or suspected to have rabies may be required to be euthanized or confined for a minimum of 6 months. The board may order laboratory examination for rabies of any animal that is euthanized or dies during confinement.

Rabies vaccination clinics are held in January in most towns in New Jersey. You do not have to be a resident of the town that is holding a rabies clinic in order to have your pet vaccinated. The rabies vaccinations are free. 🐾



Remember or honor your pet with a light on the tree...

Lights of Remembrance

A Tree Lighting Ceremony in Remembrance of Pets

Saturday, December 6, 2014 • 7:00 pm

at the

Plainfield Area Humane Society

75 Rock Avenue, Plainfield, NJ

\$5.00 per light

All proceeds will benefit the Plainfield Area Humane Society

Deadline for listings: December 31, 2014

For more information, please log on to www.petlites.org

Detach here and mail to address below

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____ E-mail _____ Make Checks Payable to: PAHS Mail to: Lights of Remembrance Plainfield Area Humane Society 75 Rock Avenue Plainfield, NJ 07063	Please Print Clearly! Pet 1 _____ Pet 2 _____ Pet 3 _____ Pet 4 _____ Pet 5 _____ Pet 6 _____ Pet 7 _____ Pet 8 _____ Pet 9 _____ Pet 10 _____ Pet 11 _____ Pet 12 _____	Deceased (d) or Living (l)	Amount (\$5 per pet)
OFFICE USE ONLY: Entered _____ Rec. # _____ Date Arr _____ Loc. _____ PAHS		Other Contribution _____ Total Contribution \$ _____	

Please detach and return bottom portion with your contribution.

Top Four Misconceptions about Shelter Dogs

If you're the proud pet parent of an adopted dog, you already know how special your bond is with your rescued best friend. Unfortunately, there are a lot of misconceptions out there about rescue dogs that discourage some people from opting for adoption. Below are four rescue dog myths that are just not true:



- 1.) There is something wrong with them. False! The truth of the matter is, most dogs end up in shelters through no fault of their own. Oftentimes, their family fell on hard times or didn't plan appropriately for bringing a new puppy home. Given a loving family and a stable home, even the most timid of shelter dogs can thrive.
- 2.) Not knowing their history is risky. First of all, shelters and rescue organizations do have information about the history of many of their animals. Secondly, dogs are pretty resilient creatures. Even canines who have experienced some sort of known trauma in their past can make loving, loyal companions. Speak with an adoption counselor at your local shelter to find the best match for you.
- 3.) They're diseased. Most of the time, animals are fully vetted before being adopted out. Vaccinations have likely already been given and any health issues are clearly relayed to the adopter. Some shelters even provide a voucher for a free wellness exam at a local veterinary clinic.

- 4.) They're too old. There are so many benefits to adopting an adult dog. They're likely out of the chewing stage, potty training goes a lot faster, and they're a little more independent than young puppies. Even if your heart is absolutely set on a puppy, adoption is still an option. Although not as common, puppies still end up in shelters and rescues. Choosing to adopt is such a rewarding experience, don't let these myths hold you back! 🐾

<http://blog.vetdepot.com/top-four-misconceptions-about-rescue-dogs#sthash.8jqBm8Zx.dpuf>

Why Do Cats Purr? By VetDepot

Any cat owner can tell you that petting a purring cat is a therapeutic experience. There's something about it that instills a sense of comfort, and some studies suggest that it can even lower blood pressure and reduce anxiety. But, why do cats purr? A cat's purr originates in the voice box. The air passing across what are referred to as "false vocal cords" is what triggers the vibrational sound. This most often occurs when a cat is happy, but contentment isn't the only reason for feline purring. Cats may also make this same noise when injured, giving birth, or when they want something (like dinner). Some experts equate purring with the human smile because people don't always smile out of

happiness. Sometimes smiles are a natural reaction to nerves or a way of dealing with an uncomfortable situation. Chances are, you already know your cat's purring habits pretty well. If your cat is purring while snuggled up in your lap, it's pretty obvious that she's comfortable and happy. If an early morning purring session is accompanied by loud meowing, your cat is probably letting you know it's time for breakfast. If purring is ever accompanied by strange behavior, unusual vocalizations, or symptoms of pain, be sure to consult with a veterinarian. 🐾

See more at: <http://blog.vetdepot.com/why-do-catspurr#sthash.hk9wpePr.dpuf>



Project Save

PAHS Calendar of Events

You love animals and wish you could have one but...

- You're allergic to animals
- Your house is too small
- Your big dog would traumatize a small cat
- Your small cat would traumatize a big dog
- Your kids would traumatize both dogs and cats
- Your landlord says you can't have any pets
- You're too busy and never really home
- You've already met your quota...

Then why not sponsor one of ours...

Project Save is a program in which your monthly donation of \$10 enables us to better care for a special needs animal. These animals are older, have medical problems or need extra time to become suitable for placement in permanent homes. If you wish to sponsor a dog or cat, please fill out the coupon below. You will receive a picture and quarterly letter from your special pet.

We wish to thank...

all the people who remember the animals all year with the donations of food and supplies and monetary donations. We couldn't survive without your help.

Help the shelter animals by supporting and attending our Holiday Events!

NOVEMBER

6th PAHS and Crossroads present **"A Night of Comedy."** Doors open at 6:00 pm. Show starts at 7:00 pm. Comedians Andy Hayward, Rich McDonald and Adam Lucidi will keep us laughing and help support the animals.

Tickets \$18/\$20 at the door...or buy your tickets at www.ticketfly.com/purchase/event/704127

Crossroads • 78 North Ave, Garwood

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

DECEMBER

5-7th **Wrapping Gifts** at Bridgewater Commons Mall

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



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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) _____

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We are also on Facebook and Instagram.
New domain name coming soon . . . www.pahsnj.org

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

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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!

Need a Friend? Adopt one from PAHS!

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

For cats this includes:

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

For dogs this includes the following:

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

THE COST OF ADOPTING AN ANIMAL:

DONATION WISH LIST

- 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
- Dog crates (extra large)
- Newspapers (without shiny color inserts, but please call first)
- Yard Tools (rakes, shovels, snow shovels, hand tools, etc.)