

Holiday 2017



Plainfield Area Humane Society

NEWS



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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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Letter from the President: Shaun Maloney

This year has been a busy one for PAHS. So far we've found forever homes for nearly 100 animals. We thank everyone who decided to provide a loving family and home to our animals. We hope that in coming months many more of our animals find a well-deserved home for the holidays.

Since our spring newsletter, we've continued our efforts to improve the shelter and the lives of our animals. With some generous donations from the community we've received some much needed appliance upgrades, adding a new refrigerator, washer and dryer. We were also able to repair our kennels and puppy pen roof, added some fencing, and spread woodchips to enhance our dog walking path. Thank you to all those who donated and volunteered to help make these upgrades!

As always, we've seen great support from the community at our various fundraising events at Acme, RWJ Wellness & Fitness Center, Texas Roadhouse, the Christmas in July parade, the River Festival, our Howloween Parade, Zombiefest and Pictures with Santa. We were also honored to be chosen by several churches to partake in their Blessing of the Animals services. We also took part in the NBC-Telemundo's Clear the Shelters program in August. These events have been successful thanks to the tireless work of the volunteers

and staff promoting and running the events; thank you all for your time and effort!

As a non-profit organization, we face significant challenges but continually strive to accomplish our mission. We recognize our success would not be possible without the generous spirit of our community. Every day, we are blessed to receive donations; whether they are monetary donations, pet food or supplies left on the front porch, or countless hours of volunteer work; the value of each donation is immeasurable.

On behalf of the staff, Board of Trustees, and most of all, the animals, I want to thank you for all of your support and generosity. We are grateful to be surrounded by a community which affords us the opportunity to fulfill our mission. We hope we will see each of you soon at the shelter and/or at our events.

Please be on the lookout for upcoming events this winter and next year including our Lights of Remembrance Ceremony (December 6, 2017), Holiday Gift Wrapping at Bridgewater Commons (December 2017), Top Golf (February 18, 2018), Comedy Night (March 10, 2018), Bag Bingo (April 2018) and our 85th Anniversary Gala (Fall 2018).

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and thank you again for your support! 🐾

Shaun Maloney, President
On behalf of PAHS and the Board of Trustees

A Tribute to Marge Green



Marge Green has been a driving force for the Plainfield Area Humane Society for many years. The shelter would not be what it is today if it weren't for Marge. We, and all the animals that have come through our doors, owe her an immense debt of gratitude. If it weren't for her compassion, wisdom and dedication, we might not be celebrating our 85th anniversary next year. I would like to share her story with you.

40 Years, The PAHS and Me by Marge Green

In 1976 I was asked to become a Trustee of the Plainfield Area Humane Society. My job was to do a humane education program. I had a good bit of solid knowledge of animal care from years of reading about and living with animals. However I had no experience in answering questions posed by many, many children (and adults), nor did I know a lot about animal shelters, their contractual obligations or the social, political and health aspects of humane society operations. So I embarked on a complex learning journey that never ended. I also learned to say "I don't know but I will find out for you" – a sentence repeated many times through the years. One major source of information was the Humane Society of the United States, New Jersey Branch where I later took on their humane education program, too.

In 1979 I was asked to become president of the PAHS. I agreed with the condition that I would get guidance and help from fellow board members – which I did. Around the same time I became president of HSUS-NJ Branch until it was regionalized in 1981. Both organizations were working for the same goal in animal welfare, allowing me to wear both hats without conflict. There was also many committed and faithful members to ensure good teamwork. In the early 80's I also worked on the original committee to design the Animal Control Officer's course for the State of New Jersey.

Fortunately my husband and children were enthusiastic about my doing what I really loved to do and supported my very time consuming activities.

In 1984 I became the director of the PAHS. The learning continued. Daily problem-solving was the challenge – the building, cooperation with police and health officers, staff, animal emergencies and the constantly ringing telephone. I was at the shelter five to six days a week. Vacations were nil, social life was planned around PAHS. There were times of stress and disappointment, times of joy and accomplishment. I found out that with common sense, imagination, determination and the help of caring people almost anything could be done.

Three decades ago the *Plainfield Area Humane Society* was the "dog catcher," accepted cats and did some adoptions. After a week, many animals were euthanized. That has all changed. After all, why have a building that is heated, insured and staffed – and half empty? There is something wrong

with that. So more and more animals were kept until today every one of them has a chance.

The Plainfield Area Humane Society was one of the first shelters to push owners to spay/neuter their pets. Today, every animal is spayed/neutered before it goes home. We were among the first to arrange for animals to be vaccinated. In addition, cats are now tested for feline leukemia and feline aids, and dogs are tested (and if necessary, treated) for heartworm, Lyme and e-canis. Euthanasia, which is done as little as possible, is done by certified technicians using sodium pentobarbital.

No animals have a time limit on their lives. Hard work goes into matching the right pet to the right owner. This takes time, knowledge and honesty. When I think of putting a time limit on an animal's life, I become very sad. I see the faces of those who took longer to rehabilitate; Shayna, Pudgie, Wags, Edweird and Otis. I see Cindy, Scruffy, Terry, Wiley, Buddy and Svenda, Spanky, Winter, Pumpnickel – and on and on. Happily there are hundreds and hundreds who have gone on to give and receive joy in their new homes after staying at PAHS, a safe haven.

My concerns for the future of PAHS are much the same as they have always been. The financial health, never wonderful, needs constant attention. A strong public relations program is imperative as our many donors are responsible for the very existence of PAHS. The shelter cannot be all things to all people all the time but all involved can listen with care, learn from experience and share information. The strong programs now in existence must be maintained and new ones chosen with care so that time and energy is not spread too thin.

There are so many people who have made the Plainfield Area Humane Society a truly safe haven for so many. The individuals – trustees, staff, volunteers, friends of PAHS – have made so much possible. They have given unselfishly of their time and expertise. None seek power or praise. Although I have retired from active participation, PAHS still occupies a great many of my thoughts. I believe my time was well spent.

Thank you all. 🐾

And for the thousands of animals you have helped, we thank you Marge!

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

Lights of Remembrance

A Tree Lighting Ceremony in Remembrance of Pets

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 • 7:00 pm

at the

Plainfield Area Humane Society

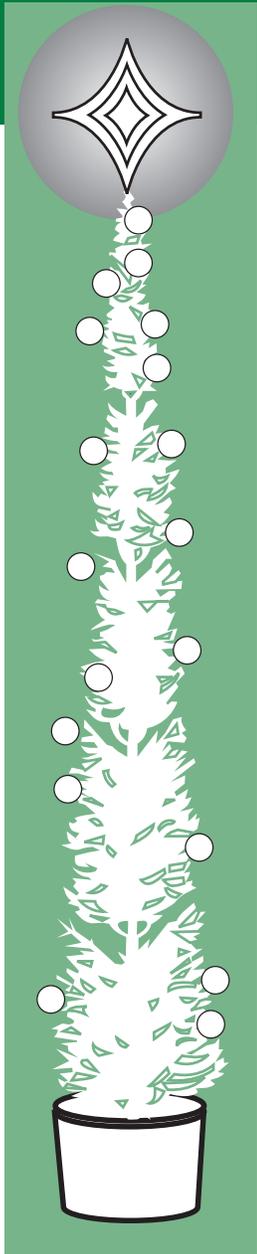
75 Rock Avenue, Plainfield, NJ

\$5.00 per light

All proceeds will benefit the Plainfield Area Humane Society

Deadline for listings: December 31, 2017

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



Detach here and mail to address below

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

Please detach and return bottom portion with your contribution.

Finding Their Happy Endings

Most of our animals get happy endings.

We have had many animals come through the doors of PAHS for any number of reasons. Some are stray dogs and cats that have gotten away from their homes, and some animals are brought in by their owners because they can no longer care for them.

But some animals are found abandoned by their owners. They may be sick, hurt or traumatized and look to PAHS for help. And that is what we do, we help them.

Here are a few examples of the dogs and cats we have helped this year and even though sometimes the odds were against them, they got their happy ending.

Old Mary Girl or OMG

She was old and sick when her owners abandoned her. She came to us with a large tumor hanging from her for lack of a better term "lady parts."



We immediately took her to the vet to have the tumor removed and she was spayed. We kept her warm and showered her with love. The best news came when her biopsy came back negative.

Mary blossomed, stayed with us in the front and received lots of attention, walks and treats. She got along with other cats and dogs and always welcomed a pat on the head. Then one day someone came in, saw her and knew the perfect home for her. He was right. She was adopted by a couple that had three other dogs, all seniors. Mary is a happy girl and so are we!

Opal

Opal is a black cat with one white spot on her chest. She came to us in 2009.

She was pregnant and had her kittens here, of course all her kittens were adopted but Opal was not. She was happy kept her

girlish figure and loved to cuddle and sleep in a laundry basket. But nobody looked at her until this year when her people came and fell in love with her. Opal was adopted in 2017 and is now sleeping in a sunny spot, hopefully not on the clean laundry!



Rochelle

Rochelle is an older calico cat, who was brought to the shelter to be released outside because she was thought to be "feral." We didn't let her join the outside group, instead we kept her inside and soon found out just how very sweet she was. So sweet in fact that she became a "lobby" cat and was one of our Project Save cats. Everyone that came to visit the shelter petted her and said how pretty she was, even with her short tail. A family came to look for a younger cat and Rochelle stole their hearts and they adopted her.



We miss her but couldn't be happier for her!



Sid

Sid was found in the woods after being badly beaten and left for dead.

This little guy had a lot to overcome. His injuries were quite extensive and took a lot of vet care and compassion to heal both his physical and emotional wounds. Sid didn't trust anyone and was nicknamed Sid Vicious. He soon learned that the doctors and technicians at the hospital were good people even though sometimes it hurt when they examined him. Sid must have known they were trying to help him. Eventually Sid went to a foster home, one of the hospital's technicians that he loved. He learned to get along with other dogs and cats and worked on his housebreaking skills. Then Sid came back to live in the shelter and stayed in the office and became more social.

Sure enough, a woman came in with her big dog and they both fell in love.

Sid now lives with Arthur, a PAHS alum and knows that he will never be hurt again!

These are just four examples of pets we have helped this year. Each day, 365 days a year, the dedicated staff of PAHS handle every animal with care and compassion. We consider all the animals that come through our doors to be lucky indeed. 🐾

PAHS Calendar of Events

Thank You's...

The Plainfield Area Humane Society continues to thrive because of the generosity of our friends.

We very rarely have to buy food for our animals because our friends bring in food, treats and necessary items that we use every day. We find donations on our porch almost every day, left anonymously so we are not able to thank you. But we do.

We struggle to maintain our 50 year old building. In the last year we replaced the furnace, air conditioning and the radiant heat in the kennel floors. Many helped us pay the bills and the contractors were generous as well. Our animals are warm in the winter and cool in the summer. We couldn't have done it without help, and there was a lot of help.

The mail comes each day with donations, big and small. All are greatly appreciated. The Project Save sponsors are very loyal and never fail to support their animals.

We have volunteers that come in during the day to help us care for our animals. Helping hands are always welcome.

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, community groups, school groups, have all helped us with the animals and the grounds. Tree services have donated wood chips and volunteers have helped spread them on our walking paths. These groups did a lot of weeding, too!

Individuals, groups, businesses, all help PAHS care for our animals and the place they call home for a while.

Please know that we couldn't do it without you, every one of you. **And we thank you!**

Details for these fun events will be listed on our website, Facebook and Instagram or call the shelter...**save the dates!**

DECEMBER



6th **Lights of Remembrance Tree Lighting Ceremony** on the shelter grounds at 7:00 pm

TBD **Gift Wrapping** at Bridgewater Commons

FEBRUARY 2018

18th **Top Golf** in Edison

MARCH

10th **Comedy Show** at Hotel Somerset, Somerset

APRIL

TBD **Bag Bingo**

'Tis the Season...

The Holiday season is quickly approaching and you can help PAHS every time you shop online. It won't cost you a penny!

Amazon gives 0.5% on every eligible purchase when you sign up with smile.amazon.com. **iGive.com** lists 1,700 different stores that participate. Go to iGive.com to sign up.

PAHS benefits from both shopping sites...*everything counts!*

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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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Visit our website at www.pahsnj.org

Shelter Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • Thursday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Friday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Closed Mondays and all legal holidays

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Go to our website www.pahsnj.org and click on the DONATE 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
- Felv-Fiv test (feline leukemia and aids)
- 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.)