

Holiday 2015



Plainfield Area Humane Society

NEWS



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www.pahs.petfinder.org

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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We Are Blessed By Sue MacWhinney-Ciufo

This is the season when we give thanks for all the blessings we have received in the past year.

At PAHS, we receive many blessings. Every day, donations are left at the shelter...monetary donations, dog and cat food, treats, litter, cleaning products, blankets, towels, and newspapers are just a few of the things given to help us make the animals in our care a little more comfortable. It shows people are thinking of PAHS and the animals.

We have volunteers to help care for the cats and dogs, friends that help spruce up this old building, inside and out. Some do both. Everything is appreciated. There are friends that support us with our fundraising and adoption efforts. We could not survive without you. We are forever grateful.

We have a staff that cares so much about the animals at the shelter that floods or blizzards

or blistering hot days can't stop them from coming to take care of our residents, 365 days a year. Our Animal Control Officers go out at all hours of the day and night to attend to the sick or injured animals that need our help.

And then there are the dogs and cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and all the other beings that come to us. They come to PAHS unwanted, neglected and abused. Throw aways. We give them the love and dignity that they have been denied. Some go to their forever homes quickly, some stay a while. We consider them lucky to come to us.

So, we are blessed, and we thank you all for helping us care for the lucky animals that come to PAHS.

May you all be blessed this holiday season and throughout the coming year. 🐾

Special Needs Animals By Teri Seitzmeyer

Animals don't know what that means. No matter what their disability, they persevere.

Blind, ancient, deformed limbs, missing parts, cerebral hyperplasia, NO PROBLEM! They don't feel sorry for themselves, they figure out how best to live as they are. I am always in awe of their tenacity and spirit. They inspire with their creativity.

They are just special.

I happily admit to having an addiction. When it

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By Kurt Hemminger

What were you doing four years ago?

What were you doing four years ago? Better yet, think about that length of time. An entire presidential term, a leap year, time between Olympics, heck, the last Royal Wedding was 4 years ago and they have 2 kids now! Bin Laden was killed 4 years ago...and so on.

Four years is a long time when you really sit back and think about it. And that is the point of this article, just think about how long four years is.

We get hundreds of dogs in every year so for those of us who have been around here for a while, it takes something a tad different for us to notice. I noticed.

We have 8 dogs that came to us in 2011 that are still here and that is a bit different.

Deuce (our Project Save star), Jingles, King, Annie, Mouth, Evo, Gretel and Onyx are their names.

Individually they all have their good and not so good points, but as a group they're an anomaly to say the least.

Are there dogs here longer than 4 years? Yes, but a group like this... no.

This is usually the part of the article where I implore you to come down and adopt one of the group, or I could ask that you donate more money or food to keep them



Deuce



Onyx

here...no. They're staying anyway. Don't get me wrong, we need your support as always and if you are reading this, you are a big part of why we are able to have a group here this long.

The point of this is just to bring you back to the first sentence. What were you doing four years ago? Think about everything you've done in those four years. These 8 dogs have been here the entire time, and that's not necessarily a bad thing when you consider the alternative. 🐾

Thank you and Happy Holidays.

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comes to "special" needs animals I have zero control.

Those that are left behind, passed over, rejected over and over, are my favorites. They see others going home but they stay. I've watched people walk by the cages looking for their perfect animal. One day a family stopped to look at one cat that had short deformed front legs. They gasped, stepped back and said Ewww! Sight unseen I knew he (Wilber) was going home with me.

Perhaps their eyes are cloudy and misshapen due to an infection. They may have a missing limb or eye or be a bit dizzy and unsteady looking. Imperfect black cats and dogs have a double whammy as do the senior cats and dogs, abandoned and confused as to why they are there. They usually don't get a second look.

Well, from experience let me say that these special babies, no matter their problem, find a way to get around. No obstacle seems insurmountable to them.

The blind use some kind of radar and seem sighted,

playing with toys and finding a cozy spot to nap. The wobble cerebral hyperplasia cats use their tails as a sort of rudder or balance pole and climb where others jump. The old are just happy to have a lap or place in the sun.

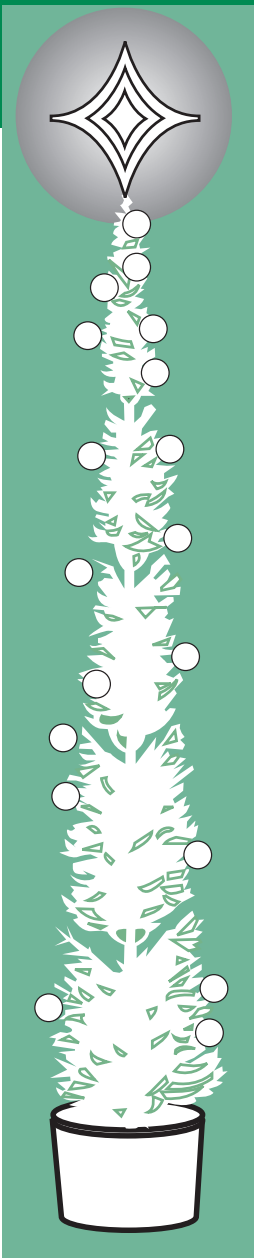
Presently, we have Bella Rose, who is blind but expertly navigates the entire house. She plays with a crinkly ball, curls up in the sun, air boxes some imaginary foe and loves to snuggle with our pit mix Buddy. She makes us smile.

Rocky is our other wonder cat. He has cerebral hyperplasia that causes a very unbalanced "rocky" gait. He sometimes falls over, but undeterred he gets right back up. He can't jump onto things but can climb like a champ. He wobbles his way to greet me when I enter a room from wherever he is. Rocky curls up next to my head at night and after a few kisses, he purrs himself and me to sleep. He makes us smile.

We are always in awe of their strength, resilience and spirit.

Handicapped? No!

Amazing, Yes! And definitely Special. 🐾



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

Lights of Remembrance

A Tree Lighting Ceremony in Remembrance of Pets

Sunday, December 6, 2015 • 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, 2015

For more information, please log on to www.petlites.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 Mail to: Lights of Remembrance Plainfield Area Humane Society 75 Rock Avenue Plainfield, NJ 07063	Pet 5 _____	_____	_____
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	Pet 11 _____	_____	_____
	Pet 12 _____	_____	_____
OFFICE USE ONLY: Entered _____ Rec. # _____ Date Arr _____ Loc. <u>PAHS</u>	Other Contribution _____		Total Contribution \$ _____

Please detach and return bottom portion with your contribution.

Project Save

Project Save has been a program at PAHS since 1997, inspired by our dear friend, Emily Ross.

The animals in Project Save are longtime residents, some that are older, or have medical or behavioral issues that make it difficult to find their "forever" homes. We have had many of these pets find homes, and when they do, we celebrate! It doesn't happen all the time, though. So PAHS becomes their forever home. No, there is no couch to sleep on, but they have a whole group of people who love them, care for them, protect them and accept them.

We have had many animals supported over the years by many generous sponsors. At this moment we have 4 cats and 4 dogs in the program. Sponsors donate \$10.00 a month to support their chosen animal.

The cats in Project Save at this time are Woodchuck and Cinnamon, which are both feline aids positive. They live with 2 other nice FIV+ cats. Tulip is a cat that couldn't get along with other cats in a cage but has gotten along with the lobby cats. She is wonderful. Junior has just been added to the group after Stiletto died. He is a very social boy who has been with us for a while.

The dogs in the group are: Hercules, who has been at PAHS for the longest time. We're not sure why he has stayed here most of his life, but we are his family. Tory came in pregnant and all her puppies were adopted and she remained. We owed it to her. Duece was adopted and then



**In memory
of Stiletto
and Jixer
2015**

came back to PAHS, not because he did anything wrong, but because the family dynamics changed. And now we have Wallace, who filled the void when our Jixer died. Wallace's owner died and when no one could take him, we did.

If you would like to sponsor any of these residents, complete the form and send it in or email your animal of choice. You will not only be supporting that particular dog or cat, but it helps all the animals at PAHS.

For those that are already members of the Project Save family, we thank you. 🐾



Hercules



Tory



Wallace



Woodchuck



Cinnamon



Tulip



Junior

PAHS Calendar of Events

'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!*

Just a reminder...

It is so important that the cats and dogs you live with are vaccinated against rabies. Even if your cat never goes outside (which is the only way to keep them safe), your feline needs to be vaccinated. It is your defense against a disease that is 100% fatal.

The first rabies vaccine is good for a year, after that your pet should be vaccinated every 3 years. Rabies clinics, which are free, are usually held in January. You do not have to be a resident of the town holding the clinic in order to have your pet vaccinated. Check with your town or county board of health for dates.

You then need to license your cat or dog. This is a state law and needs to be renewed every January. The license is proof that your animal is vaccinated against rabies and it is also a form of identification.

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

2nd-5th **Wrapping Gifts** at
Bridgewater Commons Mall
3rd level, adjacent to Macy's

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



APRIL

16th **Art Auction**
Spain Inn, Piscataway, NJ
To benefit the animals at PAHS.
Details will be announced on our
website and Facebook page.

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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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New domain name coming soon . . . 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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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:

- 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.)

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