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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

PAHS is off to a great start in 2017; since the beginning of the year, we are proud to say we've found forever homes for over 50 of our animals. We thank everyone who decided to provide a loving family and home to our animals. Despite our adoption success, intake at PAHS (and most shelters) continues to outpace the adoption rate. We hope that you will help us spread the word to adopt and help us fight that trend. Every one of our animals deserves to find their home.

Much of our effort in recent months has focused on improvements which will make the daily lives' of our animals much more

comfortable and fulfilling. Over the past year, we've added Kuranda beds for the cats and new dog kennels, in addition to completely updating our heating and air conditioning systems. To fund these critical improvements, we've held fundraising events such as Bag Bingo, Arts & Crafts events, Holiday gift wrapping, T-Shirt sales and dinners at Texas Roadhouse and Buffalo Wild Wings. These events have been successful thanks to the tireless work of the volunteers promoting and running the events; thank you all for all your time and effort!

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By Sue MacWhinney-Ciufo

Those Wonderful Senior Dogs

We have seen a number of older dogs brought to the shelter recently. A few have come in as strays, others brought in by their owners.

Most come to PAHS, not because the dog has done anything wrong, but the family situation has changed. A new baby, someone has become allergic, the family has gotten a new pet and this dog is no longer wanted, the owner has died or the home has been lost.

We also hear, we just don't want the dog anymore.

These once loved dogs go through a hard adjustment. Just yesterday they were in a home with their families and now they are with strangers, in a place with unfamiliar sights, sounds and smells. It breaks our hearts to see the confusion, sadness and betrayal in their eyes. We do our best to make them comfortable and feel loved, but it is not home.

Why should you adopt an older dog?

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By Sue MacWhinney-Ciufo

These Wonderful, Certified, Pre-Owned Cats

We hear it every day, "Do you have any kittens?"

Kittens are fun, crazy, entertaining, sometimes destructive, and always into everything. For many people, that is exactly what they want and what they should adopt.

But not everyone should adopt a kitten.

Do you have fragile knick-knacks around your house, delicate things that are easily broken, furniture that is beautiful without scratches and you want it to stay that way?

Maybe you shouldn't adopt a kitten.

Just like the more mature dogs, we have many adult cats looking for homes. They come to PAHS as strays or surrenders. Many strays show obvious signs of formally living in a home and adjust to shelter life easily. The cats that come directly from a home are upset that they are now living with many other cats around them and they no longer have the freedom they had in their households. It takes time for them to adjust, and we give them that time.

Once a cat realizes that there is food to be had and kind hands to care for them, most settle in and wait for their new

people to find them.

Too often though, the adult cats are overlooked and they wait, some for a very long time, to find their forever homes.

Cats can live to be 15+ years, so a five or six year-old is still a youngster. Ten and twelve year-old cats still play with toys, are active and love to cuddle, but don't have the kitten crazies!

Older cats get to know the rules of the house quickly, have litter box manners, and after an adjustment to the new home, they will find the warmest place in the house (your lap, your bed or a sunny spot) and take a cat nap, or two. Adult cats know the importance of proper grooming, sleep more, play less, break fewer lamps and know better than to attack your feet when you are sleeping.

Older cats, like the senior dogs, have a lot of living to do and lots of love to give.

Come in and visit our adult cats. We know their personalities and which cat, or cats (!) may be right for you and your family.

You just may fall in love. 🐾



Tony the Tiger



Vince



Winifred & Marge



Cali

Letter from the President *Continued from page 1*

As a non-profit organization, we face substantial 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 fall including our Comedy Night and Bag Bingo. We hope you have a wonderful summer and thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Shaun Maloney, President

On behalf of PAHS and the Board of Trustees



How to tell if baby wild animals are orphaned, injured or perfectly fine.

It's that time of year again when we see baby wild animals outside, as a new generation makes its way into the world.

These babies may look like they need our help, but unless it is truly orphaned or injured, they don't need to be rescued. These are the signs that a wild animal needs your help:

- Evidence of bleeding
- An obvious broken limb
- Presented to you by a dog or cat
- Shivering
- A dead parent nearby
- Wandering and crying all day
- A featherless or nearly featherless bird on the ground

All of these will need the help of a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Here is an overview of baby animals.

Baby Birds

If the bird is featherless or nearly featherless and seems to be unharmed, the baby has probably fallen from the nest. If at all possible, put it back in the nest. Even though we were told as children not to touch the bird because the mother won't feed it, birds can't smell! The baby will be accepted. If that is not possible, call a rehabilitator.

Fledglings

Fledglings are fully feathered but have short or non-existent tail feathers. They are usually found hopping on the ground, unable to fly. This is normal because birds learn to fly from the ground up. This may take a couple of days, but the parents are supervising and feeding them, usually a few times an hour. Keep the bird safe from cats, dogs and people. Only if you are positive the parents aren't returning should you intervene and get the fledgling to a bird rehabilitator.

Baby Rabbits

Good hearted people frequently bring us baby rabbits. Most times, the bunnies don't need rescuing. A rabbit that is 4 inches long, eyes open, erect ears and hops well is independent from its mother and should be allowed to fend for itself.

Uninjured baby rabbits in an intact nest should be left alone, as well. Mother rabbits visit their dependent bunnies only a few times a day to avoid attracting predators, usually at dusk and dawn.

To make sure the mother is taking care of her young, place 4-5 pieces of string or yarn in a crisscross pattern over the top of the nest. Leave the area or the mother will not return. If the yarn is moved in the morning, the mother has

returned to feed her young. If the yarn has not been moved, call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Baby Squirrels

A squirrel that is nearly full-sized, has a full fluffy tail and does all things a squirrel is supposed to do, is independent. If a young squirrel follows or approaches people, then mom is probably gone. A wildlife rehabilitator should be contacted.

If the baby or the nest falls from a tree, give the mother squirrel a chance to reclaim her young and relocate them to a new nest. If the baby is uninjured, leave it where it is and monitor it from a safe distance. Keep people and pets away from the area. When in doubt on what to do, call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Fawns

Mothers normally leave their young in the same spot all day returning at dusk to feed them. This continues for the first two weeks of the fawn's life until it is strong enough to keep up with its mother. Leave the fawn alone and let mom take care of it.

If the fawn looks injured, cold, diseased, or has been crying for more than 2 hours during the day, it is time to call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Baby Raccoons

If a baby raccoon has been seen alone for more than a few hours, it is probably an orphan. Raccoons are very maternal and don't let their young out of their sight for very long. Sometimes babies get lost when mom is moving them. Call a rehabilitator to see what the next course of action should be.

To find a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for your area, visit these websites:

New Jersey Association of Wildlife Rehabilitators (NJAWR): www.njawr.com

Licensed Wildlife Rehabilitators by county: www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/rehab_county.pdf

You should also call your local animal control for help and advice. This article was written with help from the Humane Society of the United States website, www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/injured_orphaned_wildlife and Woodlands Wildlife Refuge, www.woodlandswildlife.org.

A Project Save Update

We have great news! Rochelle has left the building! A family came in to adopt a cat and never got any farther than the lobby. They fell in love with Rochelle and adopted her. We hope she has a wonderful life.

Meet Cali, a 10 year old calico who has moved to the lobby and filled Rochelle's spot. She came to PAHS after a house fire and is just a love. Come in and give Cali a pet. She loves the attention. 🐾



Rochelle



Cali

Adopt a Senior Dog Continued from page 1

Puppies are cute and cuddly, everybody loves them, but boy, are they a lot of work! Years of training, time, patience and commitment is needed to bring up a well-rounded dog.

Older dogs have so much going for them. They don't chew your stuff, most are housebroken (or just need a refresher course), many are good on a leash and they are most often socialized and have house manners. They quickly learn what is expected of them.

What you see is what you get! No guessing about how big they will get, what their coats will look like or even what their ears are going to do.

Mature dogs appreciate all that is done for them and are just happy to be with you. They have a home again.

If you are thinking about adopting, come in and meet some of our wonderful seniors.

Blessed be the person who takes in and loves an old dog...for their time with us is more important than our time with them.



Atlas



Bonnie



Clyde



Coco



Jingles



Tony

PAHS Calendar of Events

Thank You...

If it takes a village to raise a child, think about what it takes to run an animal shelter! We don't have a village, we have a whole community! Every day people donate things to help us. We find treasures on the porch when we come to work; blankets and towels to keep our animals comfortable, food, litter, cleaning supplies, newspapers, dog and cat toys and treats.

Good people come to the shelter throughout the day with donations of almost everything we need to help us help the animals that are here, which includes monetary donations, so we can keep them warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Sometimes treats are brought for the employees, too!

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, school groups, church groups, tradespeople, businesses and other animal shelters all help us at PAHS.

Just know that all donations, including your time and words of support, are greatly appreciated. We couldn't do what we do without your help.

A Very Special Thank You to Jama Bowman!

Jama and her family have been great supporters of PAHS for a very long time; from wrapping gifts at Borders, to making sure our outside cats have a place to get out of the weather, to creating our logo, to putting our newsletters together and making them beautiful!

Thank you for sharing your skill, time and great talent, Jama. I don't know what we would do without you! 🐾

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

SUMMER

TBD **Texas Roadhouse** in North Plainfield has hosted 2 benefit nights for PAHS. The house was packed both times and they have kindly offered to sponsor another night this summer. It is a night of great food and fun. Hope you will join us!

EARLY FALL

TBD **Bag Bingo**, We had so much fun at the bag bingo in April that we want to do it again. Our plan is to hold it sometime in early autumn.

NOVEMBER

4th **Comedy Show!** at the newly renovated Hotel Somerset, 110 Davidson Avenue, Somerset. We're very excited! It should be a great night with dinner and a show and lots of laughs. Sheila Kay is once again the headliner with other comedians to be announced.

Watch our website, Facebook and Instagram pages for new events and updates!

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