

Paw Prints

Animal Adoption Center a.k.a. Friends of Camden Animal Shelter (FOCAS)

A No-Kill Shelter for companion animals

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Too Late, They're Gone!

But we do have other kittens! Gorgeous tabbies, calicos, tigers, some that have exotic characteristics and some that may be of Persian descent. The spring crop of kittens has arrived and we've still got a few left. Bright, happy babies that are full of personality and fun, but not the guys in this picture. Karina, Keegan, Kane,



Kharma, and Kassidy came with their Mom Princess (see Page 3) late last April and they were scooped up almost immediately. All are happily situated with their new families. Come on in and meet our new arrivals, who are actually as cute as these guys. And, if your preference runs toward a more mature cat, see the pictures of some of our grown-up super-stars on the next pages. Remember, **June is Adopt-A-Shelter Cat month**.

AAC Birthday Party for the Animals

Sunday June 12, 2005 – 12 to 5pm
at

Animal Adoption Center

501 North Berlin Road, Lindenwold, NJ 08021

FOOD, MUSIC, a TRAINER, and GAMES will include: best dressed, best trick, highest jumper, looks like their owner, etc... We'll have our pool party again this year for those who love the water, animal bathing suit contest, plus much more!!!

Birthday presents welcome: Monetary gifts, dog or cat food, etc.

For additional information please contact:

Anita at 856-346-3856

or

E-Mail: 4theanimals@comcast.net



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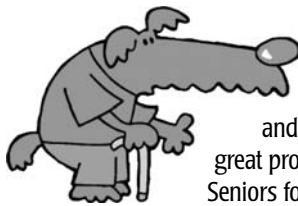
FLEA SEASON, BEWARE!

"Where are they coming from? ... we're so careful!" Fleas don't simply drop out of the sky. It takes a flea-carrying animal – another dog, cat, raccoon or opossum – to bring the fleas into your area. As these flea-infested animals move through your yard, the fleas deposit eggs that set up an infestation. As soon as the adult fleas start to emerge, you must act quickly to kill the adults that are on your dog before they lay eggs and reproduce in your house and yard. If fleas get into your environment, be sure to treat the indoor and outdoor premises as well as all of the pets. Take the veterinarian's advice..." Do not make the mistake of treating only the dog that goes outside and not the cat that stays inside." Emerging fleas will get on the cat (or other pet) and keep the population going.



Additionally, do NOT banish the dog to the outside if there's a flea population inside the house. Once the dog host is gone, the only warm-blooded food source left in the house is YOU. Treat the pet. That lets the product help neutralize the fleas. Note that because of the different stages of a flea's lifecycle, it may take three to eight weeks to completely handle the problem.

There are several safe and effective prevention and eradication products that will help you fight the pests of summer. Consult your veterinarian for a plan tailored to the needs of your pet and family.



Seniors For Seniors

Spring! The perfect time to welcome a pet into your home. Plenty of time to get acquainted, take walks, enjoy the nice weather, and if you are a "senior" who is willing to adopt a "senior" we have a great program to support you and your new friend. We've expanded the Seniors for Seniors program to include disabled individuals.

Here are the new rules:

Eligible People are: At least 55 years old or disabled. If disabled, any age is OK but you must be able to demonstrate that you can properly care for the pet. All adopters must be able to provide a home and proper care, and the adoption must be agreeable to your landlord and/or housemates.

Senior Pets are: Dogs over 50 lbs, and at least six years old; cats any size and at least six years old; in small dogs, a senior is at least 10 years old.

What we'll provide:

- A reduced rate adoption fee (half price). If you take two bonded pets, we'll waive one of the adoption fees.
- Either 50 lbs of dry food or one case of wet food for large dogs.
- Either 20 lbs of dry food or a case of wet food for small dogs.
- One case (12 cans) of cat food.
- Vet care for one year. Does not include regular vet office visits for shots or checkups.
- A healthy pet who has been waiting for a home. The pet will be spayed or neutered, be up-to-date on shots, and have been tested for FIV/Feline Leukemia or heartworm.



President's Message

At the start of 2005, the New Jersey State Health Dept. visited our shelter. They completed a very thorough inspection of the premises, complimenting us on the cleanliness of the facilities as well as our compliance with almost all of the requirements set forth by the department.

However, the shelter was showing signs of old age and the floors in the main dog kennel area had cracked open in many places allowing bacteria to grow inside the cracks. The situation was serious enough that the Health Department required us to rip the floor apart, reseal, paint, and epoxy it completely by mid 2005.

The estimated cost was in excess of \$25,000.

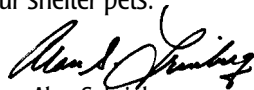
Under normal circumstances, we would be faced with no choice other than to look for someone to extend a loan to us in order to survive. However, we were blessed by someone who had remembered the Animal Adoption Center in her will, and were thankfully able to pay for the work that was needed.

I am writing this column today to plead with you to remember our unique no-kill animal shelter in your will. We've had several calamities, and even more "near-misses," and so far, we have been fortunate and able to survive by someone's act of kindness.

But, it only takes ONE failure and the result is 100-130 helpless animals turned loose to the angel of death awaiting them at the other shelters which surround us.

Your bequest can ensure that we will carry on our mission in the future and choose LIFE for our homeless furry friends.

If you contact the Animal Adoption Center, at 856-435-9116 and ask for me, Alan Feinberg, I will be happy to discuss with you how easy it is to register your support for our mission with a gracious gift, the gift of life for our shelter pets.


Alan S. Feinberg

Singles Ad

This singles ad is reported to have been published in the Atlanta Journal. It has to be one of the best singles ads ever printed.

SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good looking long-legged girl who **LIKES TO PLAY**. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping, fishing trips, and cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work wearing only what nature gave me. Call (999) 555-6420 and ask for Daisy, I'll be waiting...

Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about a five-month old black Labrador retriever.

Why Adopt an Older Dog?

- I've out-grown my taste for leather, shoes, furniture, plastic and other items that puppies love to chew.
- I'm usually housebroken. While I might have a few accidents as I adjust to my new home, it won't take as long to train me as a puppy, and I probably won't have to go out as often.
- Whoever said "You can't teach an old dog new tricks hasn't spent much time around "old dogs!" I may already know some tricks, am willing to learn more, and I might even teach you a few.
- I usually walk very well on a leash since I've been taken out almost daily for walks; I also welcome the chance to romp in a fenced in area.
- My eyes, ears, and sense of smell are still keen. You are my family, and my job is to protect you. If I sense anything dangerous or out of the ordinary, you can be sure that I will let you know.
- Many of my behavior characteristics and preferences are well known. They make me a unique individual, with a personality all my own.
- I don't need as much exercise as a puppy, although I'll happily help keep extra pounds off of both of us by sharing as much exercise as you can provide.
- I will be happy to rest quietly by your side in whatever place you choose... on my mat, in my doggie bed, or keeping your feet warm in bed at night if you'll let me.
- While I may have some "special needs," these needs are known by the shelter staff. They will tell you about my requirements... I just ask that you understand what they are and work with me. If you do this for me, I'll promise to give you companionship, unconditional love, and devotion, for the rest of my life.

...these thoughts were sent to us by one of our faithful volunteers

A Friend in Need...

Early spring saw our shelter turned upside down by the need to resurface our kennels. The task was completed by our Commando team which consisted of Board Members, Volunteers, and Employees. It was an expensive, demanding job that would have disrupted our dogs if we hadn't received assistance from our good friends at the

- Clyf Wyck Farms Kennel in Marlton, NJ • 856-983-3050
- Country Kennel in Lindenwold, NJ • 856-784-4559
- Lakeside Kennel in Voorhees, NJ • 856-424-1768

These kind folks took our dogs in, fed and boarded them, and treated them with plenty of TLC while we completed our kennel refurbishing... all without charge. **Remember our friends when you need to board your pet.**

Clementon NOT an Emergency Facility

FYI If you have a midnight emergency, do NOT head for the Clementon Animal Hospital, they are NO LONGER an emergency hospital. **Animal Emergency Services** (which is part of **Mt. Laurel Animal Hospital** on Mt. Laurel Rd.) **856-234-7626** is now providing these services.



Betty's History

Betty was originally a stray in a nearby county.

The people who found her took her to a local shelter. Someone in the lobby wanted her and without her even being formally admitted, Betty was given to them. (This is the wrong protocol!) Well, the next day, that person returned the dog and as an "owner give up", Betty was suddenly subject to immediate euthanasia. Fortunately, the shelter called the people who originally brought her in and let them know what happened. The family rushed back to fetch her and called AAC and told us her story. We took her in as an emergency rescue.

Betty is a fit and trim adult Sharpei/Pit Bull Mix who has been with us nearly three years. "Her sad eyes are saying, enough is enough! Please find me a home!" Betty is a very lively dog who needs an active home with a large fenced yard. She is fantastic with all people but must be an only pet.



Princess

Princess is a one-year old beautiful frosted tiger! She loves to be held and kissed and adores other cats. Princess came in with the five irresistible babies shown on our cover page (all of whom found homes) and is now looking for a family that will spoil her rotten, as she so richly deserves! Spend five minutes with her and you'll fall for her, head-over-heels..



Zack and Jack (Ziggy Zack and Jump Rope Jack)

These guys were turned over us because the two children in their family were allergic to them. The family wanted to keep them and tried medications

hoping to be able to keep them but it was just too much for the children

These three-year old twin brothers are full of love and personality. We understand how difficult it can be to bring two adults into your home, so if you can open your heart to just one of these beautiful red-heads, you won't regret it. Jack and Zack are bursting with love and waiting to fill your home with joy! Stop in and take a look at these two angels!



Jada

Jada is a four-year old Blue Cream Himalayan. She is gorgeous, sweet and loves everyone! Jada came to us when her owners had a baby and they didn't want to provide her with time or attention any longer. She's spayed, UTD and front declawed. Jada is a lap sitter. She is waiting to go home with you and curl up in your lap!

Zeke

Zeke is a five-year old gray tiger who is like a big teddy bear! He's quite happy to sit on your lap and loves to be brushed...he is good with other cats and adores people. Zeke was a stray. When we rescued him from a cold, rough area of Lindenwold, he needed a lot of TLC. He turned out to be an absolute treasure and now we want to see this adorable boy get his own family.



BJ

Is this a doggy smile or what?

BJ is a bashful two-year young gent who loves to play ball. A large yard, a high fence and an active owner to play ball with would be hound heaven for BJ. Though active, BJ's somewhat timid nature makes him less than ideal for homes with young children

BJ is a large Labrador Retriever, German Shepherd mix.

Sebastian

Sebastian is a mature Lab/Shepherd Mix with a soulful gaze that will melt your heart.

Sebastian loves human attention, but gets nervous around smaller children. Sebastian has been with us for about two years now and thinks it's high time he gets his own home!



In Memorium

Elaine Matheos

A dear friend and Emeritus Board member passed away on January 29, 2005. This retired teacher passionately supported our NO-Kill philosophy, and few could match Elaine's commitment to the animals. She gave ceaselessly of her money, time and energy for many years in case after case after case...

I've been haunted for some time by an inscription that I read on the gravestone of a distant relative of mine who lived a hard life and died down in the old Richardson homeland of Snow Hill, Maryland. The words of this inscription can be appropriately applied to Elaine:

*"She fought the good fight. She finished the course.
She kept the faith."*

Obituary by

John Richardson, Dog Manager, Animal Adoption Center

Everyone But Me...

Everyone else in the Christmas newsletter got a home... why not me? My name is **Bigalow**. I'm a handsome four-year old Pointer/Pit mix. I have lived at a shelter for 3 1/2 years now, but I'm a sociable guy who loves his friends here at the shelter.



One of our volunteers fostered me for about 10 days and I was a very good boy. I really enjoyed playing with their dog.

I know it's hard to believe, but YES, I am housebroken. My only requirements are that I prefer to play with children over 12 and please, no cats (no offense to my feline friends). I really want a family that I can cuddle with - *Do you have room for in your home for me?*

If you have any questions, please call 856-346-3856 or 856-952-1978.

Thank you

Winners

Raffle - Thanks to everyone who participated in our Winter-Into-Spring raffle. At the drawing held on April 30, 2005, our top winners received the following:

Michael W. \$ 527.50, Marie D. \$ 211.50, Rosemarie S. \$ 105.50

Best Caption for the Picture - Thomas Canal sent in the following: **"OK Gentlemen! If you have any questions, you can reach me at Headquarters!"**

Mr. Canal gets a \$100.00 gift certificate, tee shirts, and a pet named after him, or a member of his family.



Crafters and Vendors Wanted



Sign up early for **Dogwalk '05 in Haddon Hts Park** on Sun., Oct 2. 10x12 space is \$30.00. People and pets come to walk, eat, shop, enter contests, and gather for the blessing of the animals. We expect over 1,000 people and pets between 9:00-3:00. Contact 856 435-9116 for registration information.

Calendar of Events

Birthday Party - Sunday, June 12 at the shelter park

Mini Golf - Thur., June 23, Pleasant Valley MiniGolf, Rte. 73 (rain date 7/7)

Happy Hour - Friday, July 15 at The Pufferbelly in Lindenwold

Psychic Night - July, TBA

Golf Outing - Saturday, Aug 27, at ValleyBrook Country Club

DogWalk - Sunday, Oct 2, Haddon Hts Park

Fashion Show - Sunday, Oct 23, Riverton Country Club

Wine Tasting - Friday, Nov. 23, Lucien's Manor, Berlin

Call 856-435-9116 or check the website for more information about these events.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter...call our representative Carol Roman at 856 663-1836.

Yes, I want to help the animals and your NO-Kill mission!

Use my donation to:

- Supply food, shelter, and veterinary care for those waiting to find their homes. \$ _____
- Sponsor the pet I cannot take home \$ _____
Support kitten or puppy for \$15.00 per month, or support an adult cat or dog for \$20.00 per month (A calendar and envelopes will be sent to you.)
- Other _____ \$ _____
- Honor a loved one \$ _____
 - Dedicate a cat cage \$300
 - Dedicate a dog kennel \$500
 - Sponsor the Feline Aids/Leukemia room \$800
 - Sponsor the Cat Community Room \$800
 - Sponsor a Doggy Play yard \$800

We will have a personalized plaque created with your tribute.

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