

# PASS IT ALONG!

Parsippany Animal Supporters Society

Welcome to Parsippany Animal Supporters Society, Inc., also known as PASS! PASS is an all volunteer, non-profit group of citizens.

PASS mission statement: PASS is dedicated to the improvement of animal welfare by providing education on animal issues for the general public, by supporting the Parsippany Animal Shelter in its efforts to place unwanted animals in caring homes, and by fundraising to support these goals and other animal welfare initiatives.

PASS was officially organized as a non-profit corporation on May 29, 2003.

The agreement between PASS and the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills was signed on July 31, 2003.

On September 5, 2003 PASS received its 501(c)(3) status from the IRS.

Any person who is in sympathy with the objectives of the organization may become a member. So enjoy our newsletter and pass it along!

## SPAY/NEUTER AND TNR UPDATES

Our fourth low cost Spay/Neuter clinic held on November 29 appears to have been a huge success. Thanks to United Stor All in Parsippany, we had a fantastic space to run the clinic and were able to accommodate 62 animals that day, making just the smallest dent in preventing pet overpopulation in our community. Special thanks to Bill Henderson and Holle Kathenes, as well as all who volunteered that day to help make the event run smoothly. Both Parsippany Life and Cable TV stopped by to cover the clinic so hopefully the community will become more aware of our efforts and the importance of altering and vaccinating their animals.

Through the fundraising efforts of our dedicated volunteers as well



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## MEETING SCHEDULE

Our meetings are fun and informative and will give you all the latest PASS news. So come join us and bring a friend!

- ✓ Tuesday January 10
- ✓ Tuesday February 14
- ✓ Tuesday March 14

Meetings will be held at the Lake Hiawatha Library located at Nokomis Ave on the corner of Hiawatha Blvd. at 7:00 pm.



## POINTS FROM THE PRES

The end of the year is upon us already. I say it every year, but I can't believe how fast it went! It's time to start making plans for the new year including New Year's resolutions that we're sure we'll stick with this time. Well, here's a few ideas for resolutions for you and your pets. Maybe having some of your best friends involved will help you stick with it.

- ✓ Be a better healthcare provider for your pet. Schedule a vet visit especially if your pet is getting older.
- ✓ Overweight pet? Cut out table scraps in your pet's diet and add some more exercise time. You'll both benefit.
- ✓ Brush your pet's teeth and provide treats that are better for their teeth and gums. There are a whole variety of pet toothpastes out there to try.
- ✓ Usually tie your dog for outdoor play time? Try fencing in a portion of your yard.
- ✓ Spay or neuter any pets that have not been altered already. You can add years to their lives.
- ✓ Take an obedience class together. Commit to training and you'll have a better pet.
- ✓ Invest in some basic grooming tools. Brush your pet daily, keep nails trimmed and maybe learn some massage techniques.

Have a happy healthy 2006!

## SPAY/NEUTER AND TNR UPDATES (CONTINUED)

as generous grant funding provided by Art For Animals and Petco, PASS was able to cover the costs associated with altering 7 cats and 2 dogs awaiting adoption from the Parsippany Animal Shelter as well as supplementing fees for 17 ferals included in the Boonton TNR (trap/neuter/return) program. PASS will be expanding its efforts in the Boonton program and is looking for interested volunteers. To date, since the program officially began in September, 52 ferals have been trapped, altered, vaccinated, ear tipped and then released in that community under the plan.

We greatly appreciate the help of Linda N in sharing her trapping expertise and dedication to getting each known animal in every colony without quitting! We are currently working on two possible Spay Days in the Spring, one for ferals only and the other for pets and shelter animals. The exact dates will be announced shortly.

We are also in the process of coordinating agreements with several Vets and pet retail outlets to highlight our available kittens and strays. Please contact Holle at [hakcek2003@aol.com](mailto:hakcek2003@aol.com) if you would like to be informed of and involved in any TNR program updates.

### Kitten fosterers needed!

We are looking for some additional volunteers to foster kittens. We would prefer someone who has experience fostering, but will train. Contact Suzanne at 973-402-PETS ext. 7.



### Board of Directors

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**Professor Paws**

## “PAWS” FOR THOUGHT...

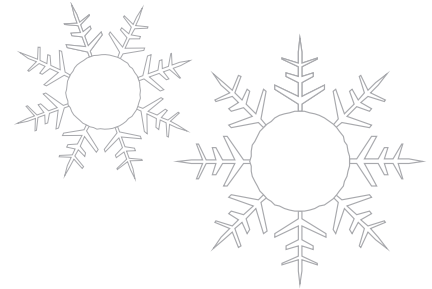
### Top Ten Cold Weather Tips from the ASPCA

Brrrr—it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury dips.

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or be stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.
2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When the motor is started, the cat can be injured or killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become

lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.

4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs, this is regulation winter wear.
6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be



sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him, and his fur, in tip-top shape.
9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center more information.
10. Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.



# THINGS TO DO

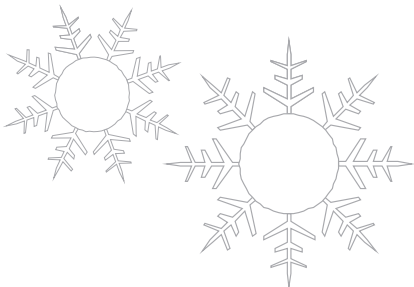
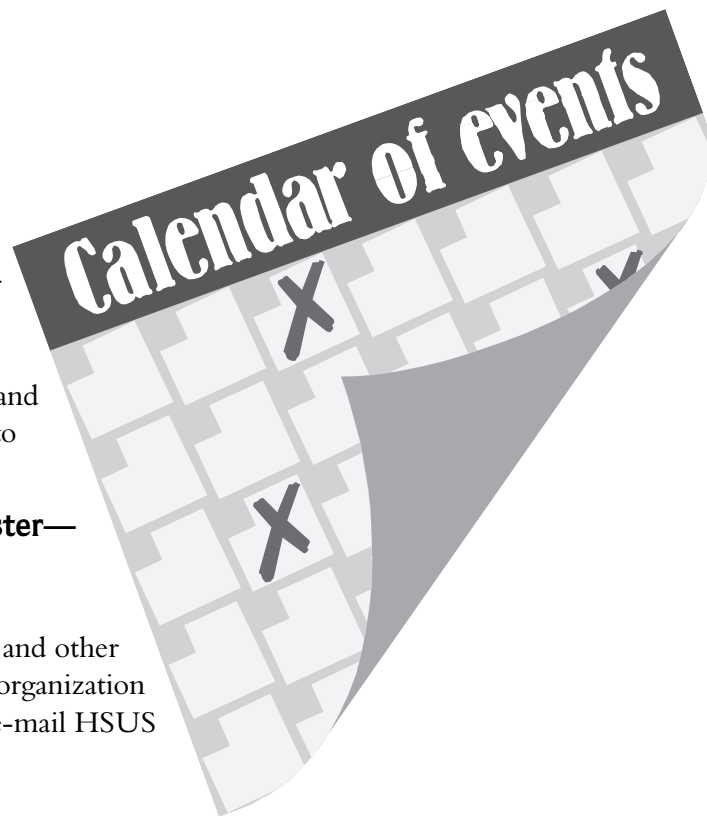
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## March 24–26: Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey Conference 2006

At the Woodbridge Sheraton. The conference including workshops on cat health, coalition building, TNR, marketing your organization and your animals; humane education; dog behavior, defensive dog handling, customer service and more. National and local experts will present. The conference includes an exhibit hall and great networking opportunities. For sponsorship opportunities or to sign up for a registration brochure, email [conference@awfnj.org](mailto:conference@awfnj.org).

## May 31–June 3: National Conference on Animals in Disaster—HSUS

Hilton Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia. Visit their website, [www.hsus.org/NCAD06](http://www.hsus.org/NCAD06), to learn more about the issues, speakers, and other events, as this information becomes available. If your company or organization would like to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please e-mail HSUS at [ncad@hsus.org](mailto:ncad@hsus.org).

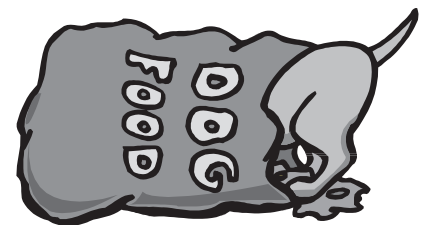


## WHAT'S NEEDED

PASS works to help ensure that all the animals are spayed or neutered before being adopted, plus up on their latest shots. We try to keep everyone healthy and happy! So of course we can always use monetary donations, but the animals also need toys, treats, food, 6" paper plates,



and rugs (especially large bath rugs for the dog areas, approximately 3' × 5'). A consistent diet is so important for the dogs: ProPlan chicken and rice, Pedigree for canned food. For the cats: canned and dry food for the adults, Evolve for the kittens. For a current list of what is needed, you can go to [www.petfinder.org](http://www.petfinder.org) then to "shelter & rescue groups." Search in New Jersey and scroll down to "Parsippany Animal Control & Animal Shelter." You can also call the animal shelter directly at 973-263-7083 or stop by the shelter at 1069 Parsippany Boulevard (near the Morris Hills Shopping Center) and speak to any of the Animal Control



Officers to see what is needed and what has recently been donated. Also feel free to contact PASS at 973-402-PETS.

PASS always needs volunteers. Need a Membership Application? No problem! Give us a call at 973-402-PETS and leave a message in the "membership" mailbox and we'll be sure to send you an application.

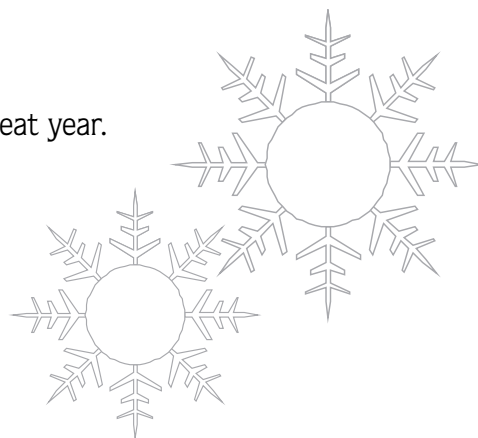


# FUNdraising!

We have a lot of fundraisers scheduled for 2006! Should be another great year. Please contact Camille Oakie (Camilleo@att.net) to volunteer or for more information on any of the events on our calendar.



January	Can Shake—Susan Groll
February	Easter Candy Sale—Kathy and Frank Brock
March	Comedy Night—Camille Oakie Feral Food Drive—Suzanne Griffin and Holle Kathenes
April	Can Shake—Susan Groll
May	Tea at Cafe Metro—Joanne Slaman
June	50/50—Patty Wallenburg and Bill Henderson
July	Bowling Party or Night at Races—Camille Oakie
August	Can Shake—Susan Groll
September	Picnic—Nick and Sue Meade
October	Tricky Tray—Suzanne Griffin
November	Open
December	Holiday Get Together—PASS Committee



**W**ould you like to help raise money for PASS, but you don't have the time to run a big fundraiser?

Ask your boss about sponsoring a PET DAY at work! Pick one day and for a donation of \$5.00, your fellow employees can wear jeans to work! You can also encourage them to donate pet supplies and/or make additional donations.

It will be a fun day at work and you can help raise money for the animals!! Please feel free to email Camille at [camilleo@att.net](mailto:camilleo@att.net) if you have any questions!

## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Holiday Open House at the Parsippany Shelter had plenty of visitors and PASS volunteers on hand to celebrate the holiday season.



## Best Friends Vacation

A number of volunteers have once again expressed interest in visiting Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah as a group. If we have enough interest in this, a trip similar to the one last year (5 days, approximately \$500 per person with airfare and hotel) will be planned. If you would like to be on the list for information on the trip, please email [Blvdtravel@aol.com](mailto:Blvdtravel@aol.com) or call 973-402-PETS ext. 7.



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### State Status: Pending

NJ A. 2452, A. 2634, A. 2704 & S. 700 Prohibit Bear Hunting

Bill Number: A. 2452, A. 2634, A. 2704 & S. 700

A. 2452 Prohibits black bear hunting until the completion of a report by Rutgers University on bear populations in the state. Also appropriates \$95,000 for Rutgers University to complete the study.

A. 2634 and S. 700 prohibit black bear hunting for a set period of five years and until a bear population study is issued by the state Fish and Game Council. A. 2634 appropriates \$95,000 for the Fish and Game Council to complete the study, and S. 700 appropriates \$95,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a non-hunting program for bear management.

A. 2704 prohibits black bear hunting, creates a black bear study commission, authorizes issuance and sale of a New Jersey Black Bear postage stamp, and establishes the New Jersey Black Bear Stamp Account.

### State Status: Pending

NJ A. 2852 Non Lethal Committee  
Bill Number: A. 2852

Changes the composition of and revises the authority of the New Jersey Fish and Game Council by creating a nonlethal alternative committee within the council.

### State Status: Pending

NJ A. 3173 Deer Fencing

Bill Number: A. 3173

Appropriates \$100,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife, to buy additional rolls of

deer fencing for distribution to farmers to help control deer encroachment on crops.

### State Status: Pending

NJ A. 3219 Mandatory Spay Neuter for Cats and Dogs

Bill Number: A. 3219

Requires that cats and dogs released from pounds and shelters be spayed or neutered (allows for certain exemptions). Also establishes a special fund for sterilizations, increases certain dog-related fees, and dedicates increases to the fund.

### State Status: Pending

NJ A. 3728 Veto Authority Over Hunts

Bill Number: A. 3728

Provides Department of Environmental Protection commissioner with veto authority over all hunts.

### State Status: Pending

NJ A. 3736 & S. 2475 Sunday Hunting

Bill Number: A. 3736 & S. 2475

Authorizes Sunday hunting with bow and arrow. Currently in New Jersey, Sunday is the one day during hunting season that wildlife watchers and other outdoor enthusiasts can venture into the woods without fear of gun shots or arrows. Allowing hunting on Sundays would end a long standing tradition of no hunting that the state has had in place for decades.

### State Status: Pending

NJ A. 4023 Humane Education

Bill Number: A. 4023

Requires public schools (K-8) to include instruction on humane treatment of animals as part of the

core curriculum content standards in comprehensive health and physical education.

### State Status: Pending

NJ A. 4087 and S. 2670 Prohibit Internet Hunting

Bill Number: A. 4087 and S. 2670

Prohibits computer-assisted remote hunting or providing or operating a facility for computer-assisted remote hunting in New Jersey. Computer-assisted hunting means the use of a computer or any other device, equipment or software to remotely control the aiming or discharge of a firearm, bow and arrow, or any other weapon to hunt any game bird, game animals or fur-bearing animal. If found guilty of violating this section the person is liable to a civil penalty of up to \$500.

### State Status: Passed Assembly

NJ A. 804 Alternatives to Animal Testing

Bill Number: A. 804

Prohibits product testing with traditional animal test methods if federally recommended alternative test method exists, with certain exceptions; and provides for injunctive relief for violations.

### Federal: Urge your Representative to Protect Pets in Emergencies!

Bill No. H.R. 3858

Primary Sponsors Representative Tom Lantos (D-CA)

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, it has become overwhelmingly apparent that provisions need to be made for our trusted companions in major disaster and emergency situations. The Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act



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(PETS) would amend a federal law called the Stafford Act. It would require the Director of FEMA, in approving standards for State and local disaster preparedness plans, to ensure that the plans take into account the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals. Many Katrina evacuees and disaster victims were forced to leave their pets behind when they

evacuated their homes, because no provisions had been made to evacuate companion animals along with their families. The emotional trauma of those forced to leave their pets behind and the suffering of thousands of animals was compounded by the health and safety risks that resulted from so many abandoned animals in one area. Conversely, many pet owners,

knowing their companion animals could not accompany them, decided to stay in their homes with their pets, further aggravating human rescue efforts. The PETS bill would help ensure that this situation does not repeat itself if another major disaster strikes!

Contact your representative now and urge him or her to support and cosponsor H.R. 3858.

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## DOG PARK ARRIVES

The long awaited official opening of the Parsippany Dog Park, on South Beverwyck Road, took place in mid-October with Mayor Mimi Letts cutting the ribbon. Mr. Cameron, representing the family that owned the property, seemed very happy to see the animal history of the site continued. The town's goose dog (really!) was the first dog to use the site...officially!

The park consists of a larger area, perhaps 100 square feet for larger dogs and a smaller area, about 75 x 100 for smaller dogs. Both are accessed from the same "air lock," so you need to be careful when entering or leaving. There is water (for people and dogs—separately!) in each area but I suspect it may be drained for the winter, so bring your own. Bag dispensers are in the "air lock" area. Please deposit the bags in the waste cans.

Naturally, there are some rules that need to be followed to ensure that everyone has enjoyable, safe use of the facility. A full list is posted at the entrance. Take a minute to read them before entering. Here are a few key rules:

1. All dogs must be wearing a VALID license and must have rabies vaccination. After January, owners will need visible identification tags that will be available at the Parsippany Animal Shelter. Puppies under 16 weeks that do not have full vaccinations should not go into the run for their own protection.
2. Dogs must be leashed when entering/leaving the fenced area. Only 2 dogs per person.
3. As a safety precaution, dogs should NOT be wearing choke or prong collars when in the park.
4. Adult owners must remain with their dogs at all times. Do NOT bring any people or dog food or your dog's toys into the park (could cause fights). No children under 10 permitted in the off-lead areas.
5. You MUST pick up after your dog. That means you need to be watching your dog(s) or you may not find the "presents" in the grass. Bags are available, but I suggest you also bring your own.
6. No bitches in season (gee, I wonder why?), no aggressive dogs. Remember, not all dogs like other dogs! If your dog is ill or behaving badly, remove him/her ASAP.
7. In the event of any bite (people or dogs) you MUST contact the Parsippany Police Dept. (973-263-4300) immediately and follow their instructions. You are responsible for any injuries or damages.
8. The site is open from 1/2 hour after sun-up to 1/2 hour before sundown.
9. Sorry, no cats or other animals! Be aware that the site is adjacent to a wildlife preserve and wild creatures, mostly deer, may be in the vicinity.

As many of you know it has taken a good while to get this site "off the ground." It is now the responsibility of all users to keep in good condition and treat it respectfully. If your dog digs, fill it back in before you leave. As Parsippany dog owners, I believe we have an added, although very unofficial, responsibility to see that the site is well treated by all. Don't hesitate to bring any problems or suggestions to the attention of the Parsippany Animal Control Unit.

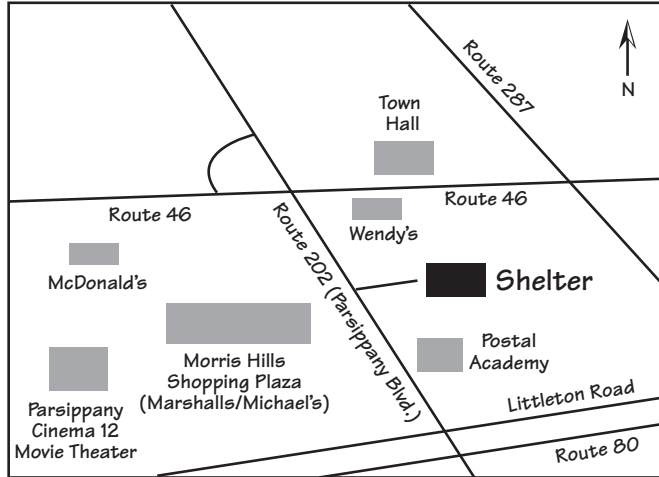
Now, "GO OUT!" "FETCH" (there are "public" toys in the area) for all to use.

—Herb Skovronek



## PET ADOPTIONS

Please stop by the Parsippany Animal Shelter to visit with all the homeless pets up for adoption. The shelter is located at 1069 Parsippany Boulevard in Parsippany, near the Morris Hills



Shopping Center. The shelter is open to the public Monday through Friday from 3 pm to 5 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 12 pm. You can also make an appointment by calling the shelter at 973-263-7083. You can also “visit” the shelter at [www.petfinder.org](http://www.petfinder.org) then to “shelter & rescue groups.”

Search in New Jersey and scroll down to “Parsippany Animal Control & Animal Shelter.” If you have additional questions, please feel free to call PASS at 973-402-PETS and leave messages in either the “dog” mailbox for dogs and exotics or in the “cat” mailbox and we’ll be sure to get back to you.



## CONTACT US

We’d love to know what you think! Comments, questions or suggestions regarding our newsletter can be sent to PASS, PO Box 5077, Parsippany, NJ 07054 to the attention of Patty Wallenburg, email [typewriting@earthlink.net](mailto:typewriting@earthlink.net) or leave a message at 973-402-PETS and we’ll be sure to contact you. And don’t forget to PASS It Along!



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