

PASS IT ALONG!

Parsippany Animal Supporters Society

**February Is
Adopt a Rescued Rabbit Month and
National Prevent a Litter Month**

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.

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!

PASS SPAY DAY

On Saturday, April 9, 2005 PASS will sponsor PASS Spay Day, a day in which the Animal Welfare Association mobile spay and neuter unit will come to our area and offer low cost spay, neuter, and vaccination services to cats and kittens of area residents. Each year, millions of cats and dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized, or suffer as strays. Many of these are the result of unplanned litters that could have been prevented by spaying or neutering. Spaying and neutering are veterinary procedures performed under general anesthesia.

The ASPCA recommends spaying or neutering your pet immediately before sexual maturity which is about 5-6 months of age. Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering a male before the age of six months prevents testicular cancer and prostate disease. Spaying a female, helps prevent pyometra (a pus-filled uterus) and breast cancer. Breast cancer is fatal in about 90 percent of female cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.

We encourage responsible pet ownership. If you would like more information on PASS Spay Day or wish to get details on making an



appointment for your pet, please call Suzanne Griffin at 973-402-PETS ext. 7 or email Blvdtravel@aol.com.



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 February 8
- ✓ Tuesday March 8
- ✓ Tuesday April 12
- ✓ Tuesday May 10

These meetings will be held at the Parsippany Library located at 292 Parsippany Road at 7:00 pm.



POINTS FROM THE PREZ

JOANNE SLAMAN

When the New Year first rolls in, we tend to be excited and determined that this year our resolutions will hold firm! We'll be successful, solid in our determination with unwavering will power... at least that's how I start each year. But already by this time of year, the newness has worn off, life has returned to all its regular patterns. Something new is really needed to help break the routine. Plus we all want something easy that will gain us the most results. I have the answer! Volunteer at your local animal shelter. Wondering how that can help you? Let me tell you how volunteering at your local shelter can help you achieve some of the most common resolutions....

Spend more time with family

JUST FOR FUN

Have a few minutes to surf the internet? Check out www.tiddles.co.uk also known as "Tim's badly drawn cat site." Started as a joke, Tim asked people who had imbibed a few pints at the pub if they could doodle a cat. Soon Tim started inviting people everywhere to submit their doodles. Some are good, some are bad, some are crazy but it's good for a laugh. Perhaps you may even submit a doodle to Tim!

and friends: Make other volunteers and the homeless animals part of your extended family. Who knows, you might just make a new best friend!

Fit in fitness: Make your own fitness routine! Walk, brush, bathe, groom, scoop, mop. Any extra movement is exercise in my book!

Lose weight: Walk more dogs! Gradually increase the length of your walks and the energy of the dogs you choose to walk. Don't worry—they all make frequent stops so even "newbies" can catch their breath!

Enjoy life more: Get out in the fresh air! Whether you walk the dogs, hang up fliers for adoptions, help at fundraisers, or hang out with the quieter animals, helping the animals will make you feel good about yourself, too.

Get out of debt/save more money: Volunteering will only cost you some of your time. No credit card needed!

Learn something new: Take the volunteering opportunity to learn how to care for animals that you've never had as pets. You might become the next volunteer's teacher.

Help others: There is no greater reward than helping others, especially animals. Their love is unconditional and they don't ask where you've been the last two weeks!

Get organized: Well, that's still up to you. But the animals won't notice if your car is full of junk or your house is a mess.

Quit smoking: Who could smoke with all that fur flying around !?!?!?! Still having trouble? Keep your hands busy—walk two dogs.

Now get out there and volunteer at your local animal shelter! Happy New Year!

OFFICIAL PASS STATEMENTS

Official PASS statements only come from PASS officers or authorized agents at the approval of the officers. If someone contacts you saying they are a PASS representative, please ask for their name and contact PASS officers to verify. If someone contacts you and says that PASS asked them to contact you directly, please ask who from PASS made the request. If someone asks you for a statement regarding PASS's position on a topic, please direct them to the PASS officers. It is very easy to reach any officers simply by leaving a message at 973-402-PETS. Thank you for your cooperation.

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LEADER OF THE PACK

According to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, various nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) commonly kept in the home including aspirin, ibuprofen and naproxen can be potentially dangerous to companion animals. “While these medications can be beneficial to humans,” says Dr. Steven Hansen, APCC senior vice president and veterinary toxicologist, “they can be very hazardous or even deadly to pets.”

While most animal exposures to NSAIDs are accidental, such as a pet chewing into a bottle of medication or ingesting pills left unattended, others occur as a result of pet owners inappropriately medicating their pets. Depending on the dose, NSAIDs can produce symptoms ranging from gastrointestinal upset and kidney damage to seizures and coma. To ensure that your pet is not exposed to NSAIDs, Hansen recommends the following:

- Never give your animal medication without first talking to your pet’s veterinarian.
- Certain veterinary NSAID products are formulated for safe use in pets, but you should consult with your vet to avoid a potential medication poisoning and ensure a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment plan.
- Store all medications in a secure cabinet well out of the reach of animals—even child-proof



CAT’S CORNER

JANET PORSCHE AND
HOLLE KATHENES

As every cat owner knows, having one’s pet vaccinated is the most important step to protect him from certain illnesses. Everyone is familiar with rabies and distemper vaccinations, but it is also important to have your cat vaccinated against feline calicivirus and feline herpesvirus (also known as feline rhinotracheitis virus). These two viruses are the cause of 80–90% of the upper respiratory disease in cats. They are species specific.

Transmission is by contact with fluid discharged from the mouth or nose of an infected cat. That includes direct physical contact with objects, such as cages, food bowls and toys, used by an infected cat. The virus can become airborne by sneezing, coughing or breathing. It can even be spread by contact with a human being that has handled the infected cat. Cats most susceptible are those not vaccinated, those that are poorly nourished, stressed or that have compromised immune systems due to other disease.

containers can easily be chewed open.

If you suspect that your animal companion has ingested an NSAID, call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center’s emergency hotline at 1-888-426-4435 for round-the-clock telephone assistance. For more pet poison prevention tips, please visit ASPCA online www.aspc.org/site/R?i=HzyG01yeEa8XSXLRAGHJvQ...

Symptoms of upper respiratory infection include sneezing, fever, discharge from the eyes/nose, coughing, depression, fever, lack of appetite or thirst, ulcers on the tongue, in the mouth or in the nose. Incubation is from two to seventeen days. The actual illness can last from one to four weeks, depending on the cat’s immune system.

Early diagnosis and treatment are critical. These infections can be fatal. There is nothing yet available to actually kill these viruses, so infected cats should be monitored to be sure they do not stop eating or become dehydrated. In addition, antibiotics may be prescribed to prevent secondary bacterial infections.

Vaccination is the first step in preventing the disease, but since the vaccine is not 100% effective in all cats and against all viruses, keeping your cat indoors will reduce the chances that s/he will come in contact with an infected cat.

More detailed information on these viruses can be found in the April 2004 issue of *Cat Fancy*.

HELP WANTED

PASS would like to start its own website. If you have any website knowledge and would like to assist in this project, please contact PASS at 973-402-PETS and leave a message in the Vice President’s mailbox or in the main mailbox for the President.



Professor Paws

“PAWS” FOR THOUGHT...

WINTER CARE TIPS

- Don't leave your pet outside for long periods of time.
- Provide adequate shelter.
- Keep pets away from drafts.
- If they get wet – dry them.
- Don't leave them alone in the car.
- Get pets a yearly check-up.

Sounds like common sense doesn't it?

It is, but when I began to research this, my first article for the newsletter, I was shocked by the number of sites that provided this important but common sense information. So, I relate it here to you.

Cold and Snow:

Use common sense; long-haired breeds can handle the cold better than short-haired ones. Sick and elderly pets will not do well if exposed to frigid temperatures for too long a period and probably should just be let out long enough to relieve themselves. Small dogs and cats are right down there in the snow drifts and will feel the cold more quickly. **Chances are if you're cold enough to go inside,**

your pets are too.

We all like to play with our dogs in the snow but don't lose sight of them—scent, sound, and landmarks become confusing and dogs may become lost. Remember! Don't pile snow by your fence or your oh so intelligent escape artist dog may use it to get out of the yard.

If you live by a lake or a pond be careful of walking your dog off lead. Animals that fall through the ice usually cannot get out of the water on their own.

Make sure fresh water is available and that it hasn't frozen.

Inside Care:

When you bring your pet inside wipe his feet and underside with a damp towel to remove any road salt or other ice removal chemicals that may have been picked up. Also remove ice, snow, and mud from his paws and coat. Check his skin for frostbite. The skin may turn reddish white or reddish white or gray, and it may be scaly or sloughing.

Elderly and arthritic pets are especially susceptible to the cold which, like us humans, leaves them with stiff and tender joints. It can also make them unstable on their feet and you should walk behind them when they climb stairs, help support them when they attempt to jump on or off the furniture and use caution when walkways are slippery. Keep them warm, dry and out of drafts.

Your dog may look cute shaved down to the skin but will thank you for leaving his coat a little

longer in the winter. Also, be sure to completely dry him after bathing before taking him outdoors.

Don't put your pet's bed too close to the heating ducts as the hot, dry air can cause dry, flaky, itchy skin and dry nasal passages.

Never leave your pet alone with electric or kerosene/propane space heaters as an accidental bump could cause severe burns or a fire.

Automobile:

As in the summer when your car holds the heat, in the winter it holds the cold and pets left unattended in the car may freeze to death.

Cats and kittens often nap on car engines so knock on the hood or beep the horn prior to starting the engine.

Poison:

Antifreeze smells good and tastes very sweet. A small dog or cat can walk through the chemical, lick their paws, and be poisoned. Although it may take a few days to show, the poison has crystallized in the kidneys. Clean up spills immediately; store in tightly closed containers.

Poisonous plants we have around the house in the winter may include Christmas rose, holly, mistletoe, philodendron, dieffenbachia. Be sure they are out of your pet's reach.

Don't Forget!

Valentine's Day is coming!

Chocolate can be toxic to your pets so be sure to put those hearts full of candy out of reach.

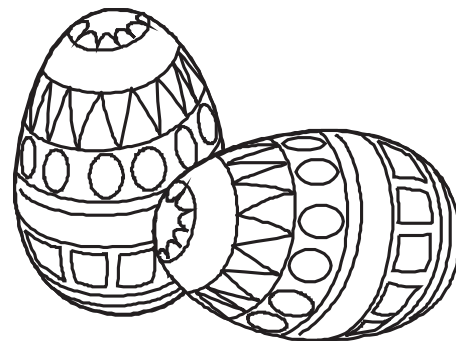


UPCOMING FUNdraISING!



January/February: Bromilow's Easter and Spring Candy Sale

Bromilow's chocolates make a perfect Spring/Easter gift for everyone. We are pleased to be able to offer them for you to sell to family and friends. If you are willing to help us sell these great chocolates, please contact us at 973-402-PETS ext. 3 and we will forward an information packet as soon as they become available. If you would simply like to order some for yourself, please contact us for a sampling of the choices as a wide variety of styles and price ranges are available.



February 12: Valentine Can Shake

Location to be announced. Volunteers are needed to work a two-hour shift that day in front of a local retail establishment to collect cash and pet food donations, plus distribute PASS information and chat about our group. Two to three people are needed for each shift. Contact PASS at 973-402-PETS ext. 7.



March: 50/50 Mailing

We will begin selling chances for our 50/50 raffle. Last year's winner received over \$1,000!!! Chances are \$1.00 each and the winner will receive 50% of the proceeds. Contact us if you would like to help sell chances or purchase some for yourself. The drawing will be held in June.



April 15: Art Auction

To be held at the Parsippany PAL Building located on Baldwin Road in Parsippany. Our auction will feature one of a kind fine art pieces by local artists. The pieces will be up for auction and will go to the highest bidder. Tickets are only \$5 each and there will be light refreshments served. Interested in helping? Volunteers are always needed to help sell tickets, set up and clean up, and acquire pieces for auction. Interested in donating? Art work should be one of a kind fine art and can be any medium (oil paint, water color, sculpture, photography, etc.), any subject matter and any size. We simply ask that it be ready for display. Donors will receive 2 complimentary tickets. If you are interested in donating or volunteering or just need more information, please contact Dave Slaman at 973-331-8192.





THINGS TO DO

Humane Society University Online Courses

HSUS has upgraded their online course site to make it even easier to use than ever. Search the course catalog and register online at www.HSUonline.org then click on Course Search for details.

PETSMART Charities' Virtual Fundraising Conference

Each session will be presented at two different times each day to give more people an opportunity to attend.

- January 31—Major Gifts and Givers
- February 1—Building a Fundraising Board
- February 2—Clicker Training for Donors—Using positive reinforcement to keep them reaching for their checkbooks again and again
- February 4—Please send your gift today—Direct mail and Internet appeals
- February 7— Foundation Fundraising Basics

Visit, www.petsmartcharities.webex.com to register. You will need to register separately for each session you are interested in. Please keep in mind that if there are several people from your organization who would like to attend, you can just register one person, and then all gather around the computer together and listen via a speakerphone. This will allow more organizations to be able to participate.

February 11–13—Super Pet Expo

Held at the NJ Convention & Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837. Hours are Friday February 11 from 4pm to 9pm; Saturday February 12 from 10am to 8pm; Sunday February 12 from 10am to 5pm. Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, toddlers are admitted free. All children are admitted free on Friday February 11. Three days of exhibitors from around the country, demonstrations and shows! For more information visit www.superpetexpo.com.

February 12—Litigation & Defense of Animals Seminar

9 am–1 pm at the NJ Law Center in New Brunswick, NJ. Gain an understanding of how to prosecute or defend animal related issues. \$79 special rate for members of animal shelters, rescues and other animal nonprofit organizations. For more information and to register, visit www.njicle.com and click on seminars, then civil trial/apellate/government relations

February 14—Pet Theft Awareness Day

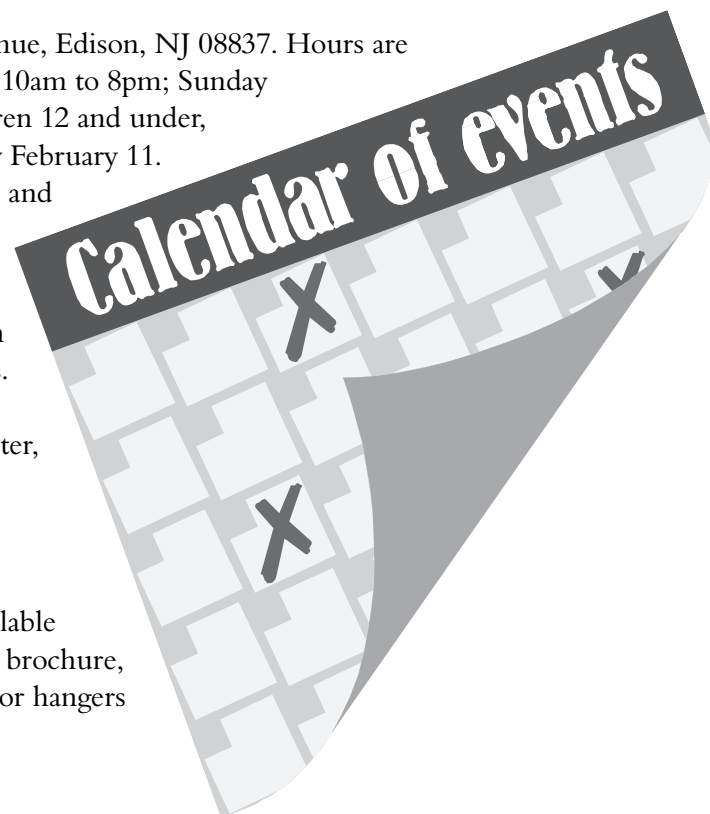
Sponsored by Last Chance for Animals, www.stolenpets.com. Available materials include the Pet Theft Awareness Kit, poster, information brochure, a Do's and Don'ts information sheet, and "Keep Your Pet Safe" door hangers and stickers. To order materials for distribution and display go to www.stolenpets.com/order_form.pdf.

February 22—Spay Day USA

Sponsored by Doris Day Animal League, www.ddaf.org/spayday.

AWFNJ 2005 Conference

The AWFNJ's 2005 Conference will be April 1 and 2, 2005 to be held at the Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch, NJ. Check the website www.awfnj.org for more information and details as the date gets closer. If you have any questions in the meantime, email info@awfnj.org.





THE HSUS ON SOLVING THE PET OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM

The solution can be simply stated. Its implementation, however, requires sweeping efforts from a variety of organizations and people, including you.

The solution is this: Only by implementing widespread sterilization programs, only by spaying and neutering all companion animals, will we get a handle on pet overpopulation. Consider the fact that in six short years, one female dog and her offspring can give birth to 67,000 puppies. In seven years, one cat and her young can produce 420,000 kittens.

Given these high reproductive rates, it stands to reason that, in only a few years, carefully planned and implemented sterilization programs could produce a dramatic reduction in the number of unwanted companion animals born. In fact, in those towns and cities that have implemented such programs, we've already seen the number of companion animals who had to be euthanized decline by 30 to 60 percent—even in those communities where human populations have been steadily increasing.

But these programs don't create themselves. They require the planning and coordination of many people. Successful pet population control programs range from subsidized sterilization clinics to cooperative efforts involving local veterinarians to mass media educational campaigns. Only through the continued nationwide establishment of such programs will we bring an end to the tragedy of pet overpopulation.

Community-Based Solutions

Legislation can have the most direct impact simply by requiring that every pet adopted from a municipal or county shelter be sterilized within a certain period of time. Similarly, differential-licensing laws—laws that substantially increase license fees for pets who have not been spayed or neutered—give owners an incentive to sterilize their pets.

Education, too, is an essential part of solving this problem. Unless people know the facts about pet overpopulation and sterilization, they are virtually helpless to do anything about the problem.

Reduced spay/neuter fees play an important role as well. Subsidized spay/neuter clinics and programs in some communities have already helped bring down the cost of sterilization. In areas where veterinarians have agreed to reduce their spay/neuter fees, we've seen a significant decline in the number of animals euthanized.

Finally, pet owners can do their part by having their companion animals spayed or neutered. This is the single most important step you can take. Have your pet sterilized so that he or she does not contribute to the pet overpopulation problem, and adopt your next pet from an animal shelter.

THE CRITTER KNITTERS COALITION

The Critter Knitters Coalition was created in response to the dire need for warm, comfortable blankets by abandoned animals in New York's animal shelters and rescues. Hand-knit, crocheted, quilted or sewn, these blankets help frightened cats and dogs feel calm, and improve the quality of life for a shelter animal while they await their forever home. These "love rugs" also help make the shelters look more "homey" thus making the animals more adoptable. Every animal, whether they have 48 hours or 20 years of life deserve something warm and comfortable to sleep on.

The Critter Knitters Coalition is a grassroots group made up of knitters, crocheters, people who sew and others who donate store-bought and gently used towels and blankets, as well as help provide transportation and spread the word.

For more information, visit www.critterknitters.org or email info@critterknitters.org.





FEATURED PETS



Sammy was brought into the shelter as a kitten. He is about 11 months old and loves to have fun. He came in with his sibling who has already been adopted. Why not come in and meet him.



Fiona was found as a stray. She is a little on the shy side still but loves to be held. She is not quite sure how to play but she craves the attention. Why not come in and meet her.



Brook was found as a stray. She has just finished raising her six kittens, which have already been adopted. She's now enjoying all the attention for herself and is waiting for you to come in.



Stop Sign was found as a stray. He is a handsome and sweet guy, that will surely stop you in your tracks.

Stella was surrendered with her sister Snowball. She is very affectionate and loving. Why not come in and meet her.



Sassy was surrendered to us because her owners could no longer care for her. She is a very sweet and docile girl who would just love to sit on your lap. Why not come in and meet her.

PUSS PUSS was surrendered to us because her owners could no longer keep her. She is a very sweet and affectionate girl who is waiting for you to come so she can snuggle up with you.



Anna was found as a stray. She is a very affectionate and loving girl who is waiting for you to come in and meet her.



IN THE NEWS . . . IN THE NEWS . . . IN THE NEWS . . . IN THE NEWS . . .

GREYHOUNDS WIN IN THE NORTHWEST

The last stronghold of greyhound racing in the Pacific Northwest closed for good when its lease expired on December 31. Oregon's Multnomah Greyhound Park (MGP) has been struggling to survive for several years, but "competitive pressures" forced its doors to close.

The adoption kennel of the Oregon Greyhound Association has pledged to find homes for all the remaining dogs at MGP, and will remain open until all the dogs are placed. If you would like to bring home one of these former racers, please call (503) 669-2129 today.

For more information on how you can help greyhounds, please visit <http://www.grey2kusa.org/>.

NY & NJ ANIMAL CRUELTY LAW POCKET CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

Attention, Garden State and Empire State animal advocates! Did you know that you can help take a bite out of animal abuse simply by knowing your state's animal cruelty laws? And now this information can always be at your fingertips, with the ASPCA's animal cruelty law pocket cards. Excellent resources for local law enforcement, animal control officials and concerned citizens, the tri-fold cards list each state's cruelty laws and penalties, and are available in



quantities of 50 and 100. For complete ordering information, visit www.asPCA.org.

ALLEY CAT ALLIES HAS A NEW ADDRESS

As of January 17, 2005, Alley Cat Allies' new address will be 7920 Norfolk Avenue, Suite 600, Bethesda, MD 20814-2525. The phone and fax numbers will remain the same until further notice—202-667-3630 (main line) 202-667-3640 (fax).



Snowball was surrendered to us with her sister Stella. She is very affectionate and waiting for you to come in and meet her.



Midnight is a nine month old kitten who was surrendered to us because her owners could no longer keep her. She is a very affectionate girl who just loves to play. Why not come in and meet her.



HSUS PET OVERPOPULATION ESTIMATES

Number of cats and dogs entering shelters each year:

6–8 million (HSUS estimate)

Number of cats and dogs euthanized by shelters each year:

3–4 million (HSUS estimate)

Number of cats and dogs adopted from shelters each year:

3–4 million (HSUS estimate)

Number of cats and dogs reclaimed by owners from shelters each year:

Between 600,000 and 750,000—30% of dogs and 2–5% of cats entering shelters (HSUS estimate)

Number of animal shelters in the United States:

Between 4,000 and 6,000 (HSUS estimate)

Percentage of dogs in shelters who are purebred:

25% (HSUS estimate)

Average number of litters a fertile cat can produce in one year:

3

Average number of kittens in a feline litter:

4–6

In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can theoretically produce:

420,000 cats

Average number of litters a fertile dog can produce in one year:

2

Average number of puppies in a canine litter:

6–10

In six years, one female dog and her offspring can theoretically produce:

67,000 dogs



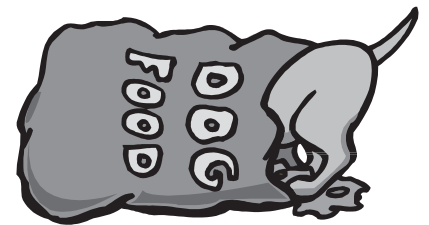
An unspayed female cat has 3 litters of kittens in a year. Each litter has 6 kittens evenly divided between males and females. A female kitten is able to begin reproducing in six months. At the end of one year how many more cats are looking for homes if one unfixed female has a litter this month?

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' x 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 or Science Diet for the kittens. For a current list of what is needed, you can go to 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



speaking 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.



HSUS ON WHY YOU SHOULD SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET

What do “spay” and “neuter” really mean?

Female dogs and cats are spayed by removing their reproductive organs, and male dogs and cats are neutered by removing their testicles. In both cases the operation is performed while the pet is under anesthesia. Depending on your pet’s age, size, and health, he or she will stay at your veterinarian’s office for a few hours or a few days. Depending upon the procedure, your pet may need stitches removed after a few days. Your veterinarian can fully explain spay and neuter procedures to you and discuss with you the best age at which to sterilize your pet.

Spaying or Neutering Is Good for Your Pet

- Spaying and neutering helps dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives.
- Spaying and neutering can eliminate or reduce the incidence of a number of health problems that can be very difficult or expensive to treat.
- Spaying eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the incidence of breast cancer, particularly when your pet is spayed before her first estrous cycle.
- Neutering eliminates testicular cancer and decreases the incidence of prostate disease.

Spaying or Neutering Is Good for You

- Spaying and neutering makes pets better, more affectionate companions.
- Neutering cats makes them less likely to spray and mark territory.

- Spaying a dog or cat eliminates her heat cycle. Estrus lasts an average of six to 12 days, often twice a year, in dogs and an average of six to seven days, three or more times a year, in cats. Females in heat can cry incessantly, show nervous behavior, and attract unwanted male animals.
- Unsterilized animals often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems than do those who have been spayed or neutered.
- Spaying and neutering can make pets less likely to bite.
- Neutering makes pets less likely to roam the neighborhood, run away, or get into fights.
- Animal shelters are overburdened with surplus animals.
- Stray pets and homeless animals get into trash containers, defecate in public areas or on private lawns, and frighten or anger people who have no understanding of their misery or needs.
- Some stray animals also scare away or kill birds and wildlife.

Spay or neuter surgery carries a one-time cost that is relatively small when one considers its benefits. It’s a small price to pay for the health of your pet and the prevention of more unwanted animals.

Spaying and Neutering Are Good for the Community

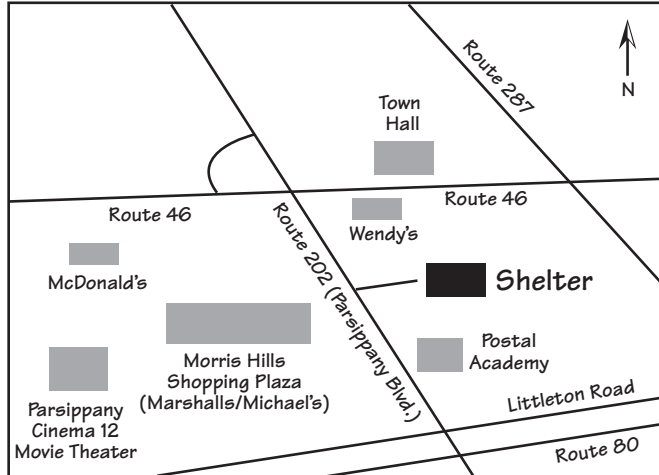
- Communities spend millions of dollars to control unwanted animals.
- Irresponsible breeding contributes to the problem of dog bites and attacks.





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 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 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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