

# PASS IT ALONG!

Parsippany Animal Supporters Society

## Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog 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 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!

## TNR UPDATES

On Saturday, November 12, in conjunction with NJARA, PASS will offer a seminar on trap/neuter/return at the Community Room in the Boonton Town Hall from 12 noon until 3:30 pm. The seminar is open to the public and is suitable for all levels of interest from experienced caretakers to newcomers. Topics to be discussed include trapping techniques and safety, proper colony care and management, and educating neighbors on the success of TNR. The seminar is free of charge and refreshments will be served. RSVP required. Messages may be left 973-402-PETS ext. 7.



## SPAY/NEUTER

Our next low cost spay/neuter clinic will take place on Tuesday, November 29. Priority will be given to residents of Parsippany and PASS members. Due to generous grant funding and the fundraising efforts of our dedicated volunteers, we are able to offer feline spay/neuter service for as low as \$25.00 and

canine alteration for \$50.00. Low cost vaccines and testing are also available. We will be accommodating dogs under 45 pounds, feline pets and ferals. If you like more information please leave a message at 973-402-PETS box 7. We will take waitlists for pets only from nonresidents/nonmembers. Our nonresident feral waitlist is already full.



## 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 November 8
- ✓ Tuesday December 13
- ✓ Tuesday January 10

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



## HURRICANE KATRINA

We applaud the efforts of American Humane ([www.americanhumane.org](http://www.americanhumane.org)), the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ([www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org)), the Humane Society of the United States ([www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org)) and Petfinder.com ([www.petfinder.com/disaster](http://www.petfinder.com/disaster)) and so many others including NJ's own animal welfare groups who are helping at this most difficult time. Thanks to their work and that of the Louisiana SPCA, nearly 5,000 animals have been rescued. Of those, more than 200 have been reunited with their families. We encourage you to help these organizations in their efforts to get funding and goods to those affected. Our thoughts are with both humans and animals.

PASS would like to acknowledge Parsippany Assistant Animal Control Officer, Joanne Mancuso for her efforts in assisting animal victims of this disaster. We're proud of her efforts!

## ORGANIZATION UPDATES

SUE MEADE has been elected to the First Year Trustee position.

CAMILLE OAKIE has been appointed to Fundraising Chairperson.

MARCY POQUETTE will assist Camille on some of our larger fundraisers in 2006.

HOLLE KATHENES has resigned as Co-Cat Chairperson to devote more time to our Spay/Neuter and TNR efforts.

JANET PORSCHE will be our Cat Chairperson—Sue Meade will assist Janet on various tasks related to the position.

GINA CALABRESE is our new historian.

Welcome on board everyone!

## YOUR DOG ON A STAMP?!?!

Got a favorite photo of Fido? Now you can turn it into an official postage stamp to send letters, postcards or packages. Creating a customized stamp is easy. Upload your digital photograph at: [www.photostamps.com](http://www.photostamps.com). Then choose one of 10 different border colors and select the postage value. PhotoStamps are currently available in denominations ranging from 23 cents to \$3.85. Orders are sent within a few days. Better hurry, though. The U.S. Postal Service only granted the company a yearlong market test, which ends in May 2006.



## Holiday Ideas

Why not get something personal and different for the holidays? How about a pet portrait? Everyone knows how much a pet owner loves their pet; what a way to show it.

**Jenny Belin:** Lively and offbeat paintings. [jennybelin.com](http://jennybelin.com)

**Leigh Jackson:** Electric close-ups. [noisydogstudio.com](http://noisydogstudio.com)

**John Meyers:** Whimsical; includes pet's favorite things. [warymeyers.com](http://warymeyers.com)

**Iain Michael:** Warhol-y renderings. [puppy-licious.co.uk](http://puppy-licious.co.uk)

**Jessie Mott:** Jewel-toned portraits; many on wood. [jessiemott.com](http://jessiemott.com)

**Deborah O'Connor:** Victorian silhouettes. [silhouetteartist.net](http://silhouetteartist.net)

**Nancy Soyer:** Vermeer-esque oils. [nancysoyer.com](http://nancysoyer.com)

**Martha Szabo:** Francis Bacon-style sketches to Lucien Freud-like canvases. [marthaszabo.com](http://marthaszabo.com)

**Marty Walker:** Sparse backgrounds, moody vibe. [martywalker.com](http://martywalker.com)

**Anne Watkins:** Simple, sweet watercolors with an Impressionist feel. 212-866-0057



## Board of Directors

**Trustee 1:** Sue Meade

**Trustee 2:** Al Goldberg

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**President:** Joanne Slaman

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**Mailing Chair:** Bill Henderson

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## YOU AND YOUR NEW SHELTER DOG

So you've adopted a shelter dog. Now what to do? You're nervous, the dog is nervous, the beginnings of interaction can be difficult. Your shelter dog will most likely come with baggage—very little socialization or a negative kind. The first tool to building your new dog's confidence is communication. The sooner you can open the lines of communication between you and your new dog, the sooner the two of you will bond. Communicating with your dog means consistent use of terms, a calm and positive tone, and tools like a clicker and treats. Here are ways to build confidence:

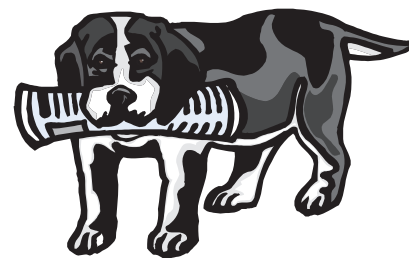
- **Be gentle.** Physical force and harsh verbal corrections will further damage your dog's already shaky trust in the world in general and you in particular.
- **Be consistent.** Your dog needs to figure out how his world works.

The more consistent you are, the more quickly he'll figure it out and gain confidence.

- **Have patience.** Don't judge your dog's training progress by comparing him to other dogs. It will take time to learn that the world is safe. If you push too hard, it will set him back.
- **Commit to training.** He'll only achieve confidence and manners if you help him. Make a commitment to work with him on confidence building exercises every day.
- **Protect him fiercely.** Avoid situations that cause him to panic. You may encounter friends and animal care professionals who insist that you coerce him into doing things he fears. Your dog depends on you to protect him. Don't ever let anyone do anything to him that you aren't comfortable with.

A great confidence game for you and your dog—tug! Offer your dog

a toy that he likes. Tease him gently with the toy to get him to grab at it. Praise him when he does to generate more play. When he'll consistently grab the toy and hold on, tug softly to encourage him to tug back then add the work "tug" as a cue word for future play. When he'll play tug with enthusiasm, teach him to let go by offering a treat as you say "give." When he's confident about playing, you can use this game to raise his confidence level around things that are scary to him.



**PASS expresses special thanks to this Supporting Member:**

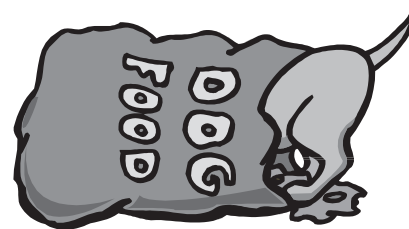
Jean Merritt

## 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 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.



# THINGS TO DO

## **Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey Conference 2006—March 24 and 25, 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).

## **Humane Society University Upcoming Online Courses [www.HumaneSocietyU.org](http://www.HumaneSocietyU.org) under Course Search**

### **The Essentials of Fund-Raising—Creating Financial Stability for Animal Care Organizations**

[http://www.humanesocietyu.org/workshops\\_and\\_classes/essentials\\_of\\_fund-raising.html](http://www.humanesocietyu.org/workshops_and_classes/essentials_of_fund-raising.html) October 9 - November 19, 2005 Tuition: \$99. This 6-week course, using the new HSUS manual Fund-Raising for Animal Care Organizations guides participants through the process of developing and implementing a comprehensive fund-raising program that will help create a financially solvent and secure organization. This is an elective course in the HSU Executive Leadership Certificate.

### **Evaluating Your Shelter: Are You Ready to Implement a Behavior Program?**

[http://www.humanesocietyu.org/workshops\\_and\\_classes/evaluating\\_your\\_shelter.html](http://www.humanesocietyu.org/workshops_and_classes/evaluating_your_shelter.html) (2–5 hour, self-paced course) Tuition: \$0. This short course will guide you as you address preliminary concerns when deciding whether to add a behavior evaluation as another resource to help the animals in your care

### **New Pets for Life Online Course Series**

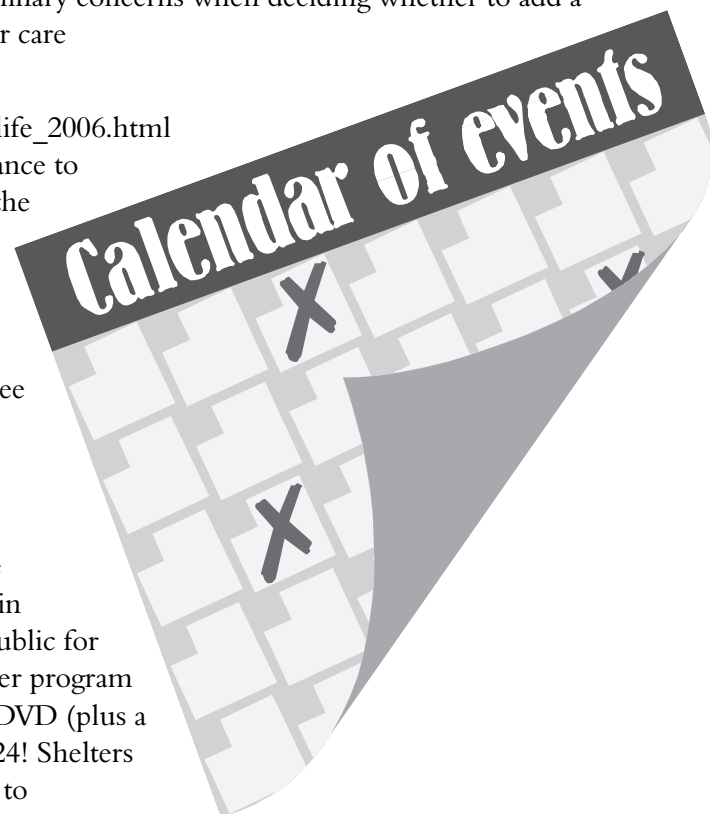
[http://www.humanesocietyu.org/workshops\\_and\\_classes/pets\\_for\\_life\\_2006.html](http://www.humanesocietyu.org/workshops_and_classes/pets_for_life_2006.html)  
Part of The HSUS Pets for Life program involves providing assistance to animal shelter staff to help improve the level of care provided for the animals. This series of four courses is designed for both the supervisor and front-line staff to learn the latest information and techniques available to establish a behavior evaluation program, improve animal handling, reduce the level of stress for the animal, and make more informed decisions regarding adoption matches. See [http://www.humanesocietyu.org/degrees\\_and\\_certificates/certificates/index.html](http://www.humanesocietyu.org/degrees_and_certificates/certificates/index.html) for full details.

### **Training DVD Offer—Shelter Helper Program**

PetsIncredible, put out a terrific 70 minutes DVD that covers crate training, housetraining, chewing, jumping, mouthing, and biting (in puppies) and manners and obedience. They sell it to the general public for \$29 but due to sponsorship from HSUS, they have a Shelter Helper program which enables them to sell it to shelters for ninety-nine cents per DVD (plus a \$25 handling fee) sold in quantities of 100. 100 DVDs for only \$124! Shelters can get a free sample of the DVD by calling 1-866-364-7383 or go to <http://www.petsincredible.com/Shelters.asp>. Jacquie Schultz, CPDT, Director and Companion Animal Programs Advisor of the ASPCA, states: "I seldom see materials in which I wouldn't want to change one thing or another.... The production qualities are high and the training is easy to follow. I think this DVD could be a real asset for adopters whose learning styles permit them to learn through this type of vehicle."

### **Center for Nonprofits Seminars—September, October and November**

Please contact the Center for specific locations, dates, times and costs.





# FUNdraising!

The Fall is here and we've got lots of great events for you to look forward to.



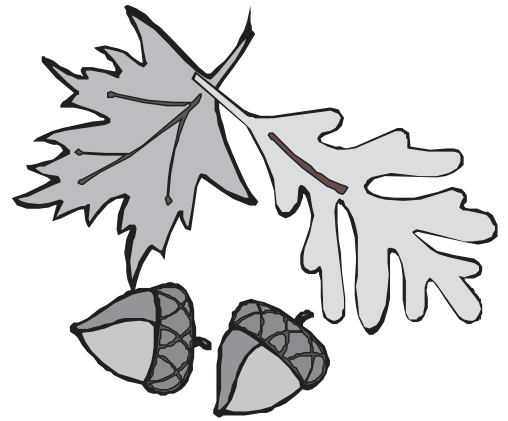
## October 21—Third Annual Tricky Tray

This event is SOLD OUT. See everyone next year!



## December 10—Shelter Holiday Event

Visit with PASS and the Animal Control Officers at the Parsippany Shelter from 10 am to 1pm. The public will be invited to see the shelter and visit with the animals available for adoption. Refreshments will be served. Donations of items from our "Wishlist", which will be mailed to our mailing list of over 1,000 people will be accepted that day. Community Youth Groups are most welcome to visit, take a shelter tour and learn about the animals. Hopefully, Santa Paws will stop by as well! Advance appointment times needed for groups of ten or more. To schedule your group, call 973-402-PETS ext. 7.



Camille Oakie, our new Fundraising Chairperson, is looking for people who wish to run a PASS fundraiser. She is booking events for 2006 at this time. All ideas welcomed! Large and small events! Contact her at [Oakie@att.net](mailto:Oakie@att.net).



Starting your holiday shopping? Remember to log in to [www.IGIVE.com](http://www.IGIVE.com) where you can access hundreds of merchants. A portion of your purchase will be donated to PASS at no cost to you.

Thanks to all PASS members who have worked hard making our fundraisers successful!

### 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.

Thanks for your support!





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

### **VICTORY FOR HORSES! Senate Passes Ensign–Byrd Amendment to End Horse Slaughter!**

The Senate voted on September 20th, 2005 to pass the Ensign-Byrd Amendment to the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Bill effectively banning the slaughter of horses for fiscal year 2006! If your senator voted “YEA” on the Ensign-Byrd Amendment, please call and thank him or her for supporting this crucial amendment! If your senator voted “NAY” on the Ensign-Byrd Amendment, please take a moment and express how disappointed you are.

Your Senator Information:

Frank Lautenberg - (202) 224-3224  
Jon S. Corzine - (202) 224-4744

Check this link to see how your senator voted: <http://www.aspca.org/site/R?i=Heb8CzO8QymxfZpFwUa9iQ..>

### **Animal Welfare Statute (PAWS) Bill No: H.R. 2669/S.1139 H.R. 2669: Representatives Jim Gerlach (R-PA) and Sam Farr (D-CA); S. 1139: Senators Rick Santorum (R-PA) and Richard Durbin (D-IL)**

The Pet Animal Welfare Statute (PAWS, H.R. 2669/S. 1139) would amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen the licensure requirements for commercial dog and cat breeders. Under the current law, breeders who sell directly to the public do not have to be licensed by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). PAWS would require any breeder who breeds more than six litters of dogs or cats

and sells them at retail to be licensed. It would also require licensure for any person who sells more than 25 dogs if they were bred or raised on the premises. If these facilities were required to be licensed by the USDA, they would be legally required to comply with the standards of care set forth in the Animal Welfare Act.

Additionally, PAWS would require licensure for any retail pet store that imports dogs from outside of the United States. As there is no United States oversight of the conditions under which imported puppies are bred and raised, PAWS is critical to ensure that no health risks are present upon the sale of these puppies to the United States public. PAWS would also require all retail pet stores to keep detailed records on the source of dogs offered for sale.

### **S2636/A3186 – Reorganizes NJ SPCA and county societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals.**

This bill has been updated. Please let us know what you think. To read the bill, go to this link:

[http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2004/Bills/S3000/2636\\_I1.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2004/Bills/S3000/2636_I1.HTM) On 6/30/2005 A3186 Passed by the Assembly (59-19-0) and S2636 was received in the Senate and referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee.

A804 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. On June 23 this bill passed the Assembly

(77-0-0) and has been referred to the Senate Economic Growth Committee

[http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2004/Bills/A1000/804\\_S1.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2004/Bills/A1000/804_S1.HTM) We encourage you to contact the members of the committee to encourage a quick vote so that it can be voted on by the complete Senate. To find the members of the committee, go to this link and scroll down: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/committees/senate.asp> Ask your local legislator to support the bill as well.

### **A3736 Authorizes Deer Hunting with Bow an Arrow on Sundays**

Current law provides that there is a statutory prohibition against hunting on Sundays. To read the legislation, go to [http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2004/Bills/A3500/3736\\_I1.HTM](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2004/Bills/A3500/3736_I1.HTM)

We encourage you to review the bill and voice your opinion by contacting your legislator (<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp>) and the bill's sponsors.



## Things to Do

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Grantwriting I; Grantwriting III Board; Models, Roles & Responsibilities (Basic); Board/Staff Relationships and Board Recruitment (Basic); Boards: When Things Go Wrong and How to Fix Them (Advanced); Critical Ingredients of Change Management for Boards (Advanced). Call 732/227-0800, email [center@njnonprofits.org](mailto:center@njnonprofits.org) or go to <http://www.njnonprofits.org/Events.html>

## OCTOBER

### Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month

Sponsored by the ASPCA. [www.aspc.org/asdm](http://www.aspc.org/asdm) or email [outreach@aspc.org](mailto:outreach@aspc.org)

### October 15—National Feral Cat Summit

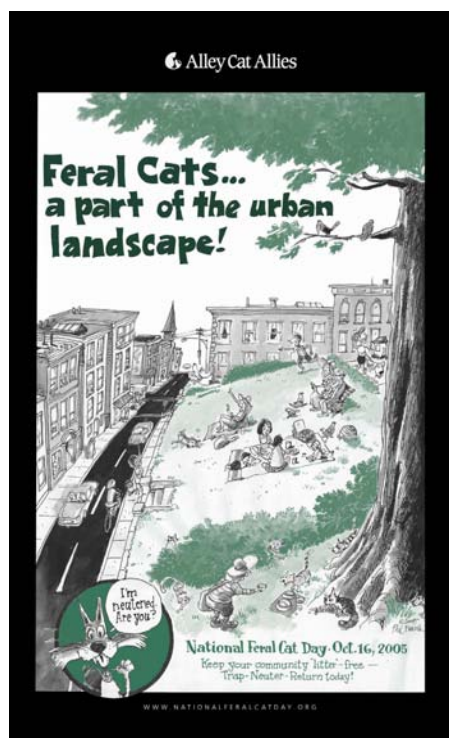
9 am–6 pm. Presented by Neighborhood Cats in partnership with American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), In Defense of Animals (IDA), Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals and the Alliance for Philadelphia's Animals. Sponsored by PETSMART Charities, PETCO Foundation and Nutro. Wyndham Philadelphia at Franklin Plaza, 17th & Race Streets, (215) 448-2000 or (800) WYNDHAM. Tickets: \$40. Price increases to \$50 after Sept 1st. Includes admission to all presentations, workshops and vegan lunch. (Note: phone & web orders have an additional service charge of \$5). For questions regarding the Summit email: [summit@neighborhoodcats.org](mailto:summit@neighborhoodcats.org)

### October 16—National Feral Cat Day – Free Action Pack – Alley

## Cat Allies

National Feral Cat Day is a day to share information about Trap-Neuter-Return, the most humane way to address feral cat populations; recruit new people to help cats in your community; celebrate feral cat caregivers. This year's theme is peaceful coexistence; people and other animals with feral cats. Get your free Action Pack today to start planning activities and get publicity in your community. Visit [www.nationalferalcatday.org](http://www.nationalferalcatday.org) to download your Action Pack or to request a print Action Pack and poster in the mail. You can also order your Action Pack by calling (240) 482-1999 or writing us at 7920 Norfolk Ave., Suite 600, Bethesda, MD 20814-2525.

Don't miss the new poster created by cartoonist Phil Frank. To view the poster online go to [www.nationalferalcatday.org/poster.pdf](http://www.nationalferalcatday.org/poster.pdf).



## NOVEMBER

### November 3–6 Southern Regional Spay/Neuter Leadership Conference

Atlanta, Georgia. This sixth annual event offers over 30 sessions specifically focused on developing and expanding spay/neuter programs. Meet grantmakers; network with your peers. Registration is limited. Download the schedule at <http://spayneuterconference.org>. Questions? Contact Julie Becker by email: [info@spayneuterconference.org](mailto:info@spayneuterconference.org).

### November 6–12 National Shelter Appreciation Week

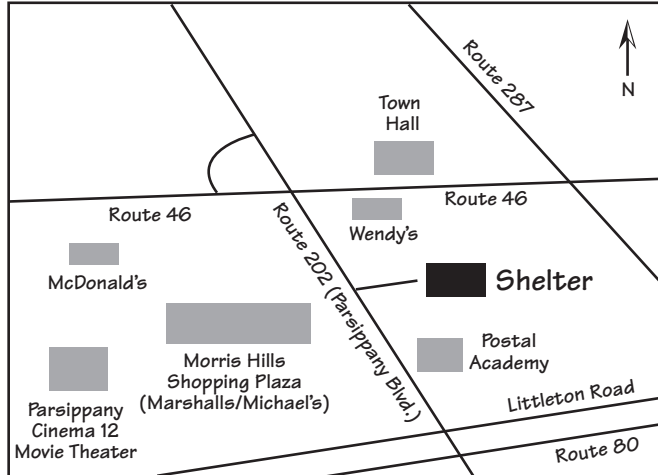
Sponsored by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) <http://www.hsus.org/sheltercontest>

**November 16 and 27 – Emergency Animal Sheltering Training – The Humane Society of the United States. Save the Date. Location in New Jersey and additional registration information to come.**



## 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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