

# PASS IT ALONG!

Parsippany Animal Supporters Society

**APRIL IS PREVENTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY 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!

## SPAY-GHETTI DINNER

Join PASS on Wednesday, April 18th to help raise funds to spay and neuter homeless animals in our community. We'll be hosting a SPAY-ghetti Dinner at Valentino's Pizzeria and Restaurant, which is conveniently located at 7 North Beverwyck Road in Lake Hiawatha.

Choose anything from Valentino's extensive menu that features delicious sandwiches, and of course pizza, to a complete entrée including salad and garlic bread.



Bring along your favorite wine or beer to enjoy with your dinner. On the go and can't stop by for dinner, then drop in for lunch—same menu, same selection and the same benefits to PASS.

Valentino's will donate a portion of your bill to PASS—but only if you tell your waiter/waitress that you are participating in PASS's

fundraising event. If possible, print and bring along a copy of this announcement.

You get to enjoy a wonderful dining experience and all proceeds go toward PASS's efforts to help reduce pet over-population. Hosted by Marcy at [marcy2@optonline.net](mailto:marcy2@optonline.net) or call 973-402-7387, Box #5.



## 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 April 10
- ✓ Tuesday May 8
- ✓ Tuesday June 12

These meetings will be held at the Parsippany Library located at 449 Halsey Road at 7:00 pm.



## NEW MEMBER/VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SOCIAL

January 21 was the date of our New Member/Volunteer Appreciation Social which took place at the Lake Parsippany Club House. We were fortunate to have noted columnist Joan Lowell Smith as our guest speaker and a nice time was had by all. We congratulate:



- Holle Kathenes—Volunteer of the Year
- Nick Meade—Junior Volunteer of the Year
- Tammy Guerra—United Stor All-Corporate Appreciation Award
- Steve Austin—Community Appreciation Award
- Herb Skovronek—PASS Compassion Award



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## SEIZURES IN CATS

A few years ago I experienced a traumatic event with my cat Glider (he was five years old at the time). He began having seizures. However, I didn't realize they were seizures until it was almost too late. Glider had been born (in which I didn't realize) with a liver shunt (blood vessels that bypass the liver, in which it does not work properly). The first strange behavior that I noticed was Glider had bitten his mouth and there was a little blood. I figured he had gotten rough with my other cat but he didn't eat his meal that morning. Growing concerned, I took him to our veterinarian. They couldn't find anything wrong. He was starting to grow lethargic and lose weight. The only other thing the vet could sum up was gastro intestinal problems. I noticed Glider was also hiding more than usual—under the bed for example, and had a sad, frightened appearance on his face. Then I saw Glider go into convulsions, lose control of saliva out of his mouth and passed out cold. I didn't know what was happening and I thought it was a stroke or a heart attack and I thought he died right in front of me. He came to about a minute later and was disoriented and cried; didn't realize what even happened. Right before a seizure a cat will cry out what is referred to as a "warning signal." I rushed my cat to the animal emergency hospital in Fairfield and they informed me it sounded like a seizure and started running blood work and tests.

The Animal Emergency Hospital in Fairfield saved Glider's life. They performed surgery to cut off the liver shunt and started him

immediately on Phenobarbital. They are open 24/7, even on holidays.

Glider takes Phenobarbital daily and it has helped. The dosage varies for every animal. However, not every pet can take this medication nor does it cure each animal's seizures or entirely stop them. If your pet has been diagnosed with seizures do as much research as you can.

There is also a correlation between cats with copper colored irises and liver shunts, leading to seizures. However, this has not been confirmed. Your vet and the web site names I provided below discuss this. Glider has copper colored eyes.

If you ever see your pet hiding more than usual, or bite their lip or mouth often, this could be related to seizures. As hard as it might be, you can't hold a pet during a seizure since they scratch wildly and do not even realize what is going on. Report every detail of the seizure to your vet, for that information will help in the diagnosis and treatment. Urge your vet to run blood tests and specifically look if the cause could be seizures and what is triggering the seizures.

This took me a long time to write this and share this. It is a very painful, traumatic and frightening experience to see your beloved companion go through this, but I strongly recommend, as difficult as it may be, to write down every detail of the seizure, any changes in normal habits and behavior and get your animal to your vet immediately. If you feel they are not diagnosing properly, take him or her for another opinion. Don't let a veterinarian make you think you are an over

worried pet parent. Had I known the culprit was seizures or the liver shunt I would have taken Glider to the emergency vet in Fairfield long before for a second opinion! You need to have your pet's blood levels checked too to ensure the medication is working properly.

Glider is now doing wonderfully by the way and jumps on my lap all the time. I know he wanted a second chance at life!

Here are some very informative web sites that helped me. Of course you can always "Google" this info as well.

- <http://www.vetinfo.com/cseizure.html>
- <http://www.canine-epilepsy.com/Phenobarbital.html>
- <http://www.purelypets.com/articles/epilepsyarticle.htm>

—Barbara Battisto  
PASS member

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## HAPPY TAILS

If you adopted from the Parsippany Animal Shelter and would like to share a picture of your new pet and comments, you can send us an email at [info@pass4pets.org](mailto:info@pass4pets.org) or mail them to PASS, P.O. Box 5077, Parsippany, NJ 07054.



We would love to hear from you!



## DOG TRAINING

Now that you've gotten a new dog or puppy, you're all excited about bringing him or her up correctly. You promise yourselves that you will do everything necessary to assure a long, happy, relationship. Then a child cries or a pot boils over.

The truth is there is probably only one thing that you *MUST* teach your dog. Everything else is "nice" but optional. That one thing is for your dog NOT to run out of the house as soon as a door is opened. For, as you know (or will soon learn), this is the most hazardous and most frustrating experience you can have with that creature.

Now, let's get to work on preventing/correcting this behavior. I'm sorry, but you may think parts of this will be rather heavy handed. On the other hand, remember we are dealing with a life/death situation.

**PART A.** This is the part that most training programs and articles do



cover. I don't think it's enough, but it is necessary, desirable, and useful.

With the dog on a regular (6 ft) leash and collar walk toward the front door. Stop and get the dog to sit several feet away from the door. Step forward and open the door without giving any command. The dog should remain sitting (he won't!). The first few times, don't correct, just put the dog back in a sit and praise. After that, try to walk through the door opening while leaving the dog inside. If he gets up, put him back in the sit. Once he sits reliably and waits, "invite" him to come with you by giving a command such as "Fido, Heel" or even "Ok." He's fine as long as he walks near your side and lets you go through the door first. If he charges out ahead of you, turn SHARPLY and walk back into the house. Give him a "SHAME" and a tug to get him back with you. Repeat as necessary. Repeat on all doors.

**Part B.** The dog should be wearing a tight fitting flat collar or, preferably, a choke collar or a head halter (Gentle Leader® or Halti®). Attach a long (25-50 ft) light nylon rope to the dog's collar; tie the other end to something firm and strong in the house so that if the dog goes to the end of the line he will be outside the house. Get the dog excited. Run out of the front door. When the dog follows, crosses the threshold, and is outside and "out of bounds," give him a loud "NO! SHAME!" Grab the rope and tug him back to the house. As soon as he crosses the threshold, start praising him. He's now a good dog.

Wait a few minutes, maybe playing with the dog in the house or just ignoring him. Then repeat. Do this a few times. The dog should get the idea. If he stops at/near the threshold on his own, praise him enthusiastically.

Repeat this over several days, using different people (and kids, of course!) to entice the dog to fly out the door. Also repeat at each door in the house until the dog's response is equally successful at each.

Give it a rest for a few days, then repeat as necessary.

**Modifications:** Leave the dog sitting (or playing in the house, with the line attached at both ends! Walk out of the door without any command. If the dog follows, "SHAME" and tug him back into the house, praise as soon as he crosses the threshold. Leave him again.

With some dogs it's effective to let the dog charge out and close the door so that he's stuck there, alone! After a few minutes, "rescue him" by opening the door and calling him to you. Remember, coming to you when called is ALWAYS good and happy!

### Notes:

1. I don't like the flat collar because many dogs can pull out of it.
2. If (who am I kidding—WHEN) your dog does get out of the house, your primary job is to try to keep him in a safe area. Coax him, play with him, all the time moving toward a safer area. Instead of running after him, try

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## BILL OF RIGHTS

For all who have adopted or will adopt dogs or cats from shelters, stores, breeders, etc., I call upon you to abide by the following.

### CANINE BILL OF RIGHTS

Whereas you, a human, have knowingly acquired me, an animal, and by so doing have assumed the responsibility for my well-being for the rest of my life, and

Whereas you have, either directly or indirectly, taken me from my natural canine (or feline) mother, I now call upon you to accept full responsibility to:

1. Provide a warm and safe place within your home where I can rest and grow without excessive disturbance;
2. Provide nutritious food and clean water on a consistent and reasonable schedule;
3. Provide sufficient exercise and stimulation under safe conditions, with appropriate toys, for maximum physical and mental development;
4. Provide the opportunity to learn to understand the complexities of your world, its smells, tastes, sights, and noises;
5. Provide an adequate supply of love and attention coupled with the discipline needed to help me develop and exhibit my full capacity as a gentleman or lady;
6. Provide sufficient opportunity for me to exercise my natural desires to achieve personal cleanliness;
7. Provide adequate medical care, including neutering or spaying, to keep me healthy, prevent unwanted and unneeded offspring, and assure me a long and comfortable life;
8. Provide a friendly, loving family who will understand my abilities and limitations and make me a part of their group;
9. Provide the educational opportunities to develop my intelligence and personality to its fullest through training, socialization, and exposure to your world.
10. Provide outside facilities for me that are protected from sun, rain, cold, heat, safe from intrusion by other animals (AND HUMANS), and secure enough that I can explore if I wish, play with my family or simply bask in the environment.

And, when I no longer am capable of enjoying life without excessive pain or discomfort, you will facilitate my physical passage across the Rainbow Bridge while retaining the memories of my stay with you in your mind and your heart.

—Compiled by Herb Skovronek based on 40 years of  
being blessed with the friendship of my pets

## DOG TRAINING

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to get his attention and get him to chase YOU. If you're lucky, you can even get him to chase you right back into the house.

Frankly, some dogs are just going to ignore you and take off, maybe to explore, maybe to follow that female, maybe just to be a SOB! These dogs absolutely require this training effort ASAP!

3. The same concept can be applied to the car. Tie a shorter long lead to one of the seatbelts or window posts before you bring the dog to the car. Switch leashes. Get in the car or just entice the dog to exit the car. Once he gets outside without a command: "SHAME, NO!" and tug him back into the car. Repeat. Later, you can take the long lead and command/invite the dog to leave with you on command. Praise.

Hope this will help you and your dog.

—Herb Skovronek

## ASPCA'S ANIMAL POISON CONTROL CENTER

It never hurts to put the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center hotline in your cell phone. In an emergency, every moment counts.

**(888-4ANIHELP)**



# FUNdraising!

We have a lot of fundraisers scheduled for 2007! Should be another great year. Please contact Camille Oakie (Camille@att.net or call 973-402-7387 and leave a message in box 3) to volunteer or for more information on any of the events on our calendar.

## What's Needed

Please refer to our newly designed How to Help page on our website ([www.pass4pets.org](http://www.pass4pets.org)). It lists everything you want to know about what you can do to help PASS help homeless pets! New volunteers always welcome!

## FIRST ANNUAL FUR DRIVE

### "Give Fur Back to the Animals"

PASS, in association with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), will be having its first annual fur coat drive in March and April, 2007.

Collected furs will be forwarded to the Humane Society who will then distribute the furs to wildlife rehabilitators. These furs are used as bedding and nesting materials for the animals in their care.

The rehabilitators cut the fur into an appropriate sizes for the animal, whether a chipmunk, raccoon, squirrel or opossum, and put it inside the animal's enclosure. The furry blanket becomes a surrogate mother to comfort the orphaned or injured animal, helping them to snuggle and feel safe while reducing stress and minimizing human contact.

PASS will be accepting all fur and fur trimmed apparel, including shearling, along with accessories including hats, gloves, scarves, and muffs. All furs are tax deductible, however furs must be appraised prior to donation if a deduction is desired. HSUS will send thank you notes to all donators for tax deduction purposes if your address is included with your fur donation. Hosted by Christine Ilavsky. Email: [c\\_sky76@hotmail.com](mailto:c_sky76@hotmail.com) or call (973) 316-5797.

If you want to claim a tax deduction for your donation, you may print and save our Letter of Receipt. The letter contains additional information which you may find useful. Consult your tax attorney for further advice.

### Drop Off Locations and Dates:

Date: March 31, 2007  
Hours: 9:00 am–2:00 pm  
Best Friends Pet Groomer  
704 Main Street  
Boonton, NJ 07005  
Contact: Kim Garrison  
Tel: (973) 335-5843

Date: All of April  
Hours: M-S: 11:30 AM–11:30 PM  
Sunday: 11:30 AM–9:30 PM  
Rattlesnake Ranch Café  
Route 53  
Denville, NJ 0783  
Contact: Michael or John  
Tel: (973)586-3800

## RECYCLE FOR PETS

### Hosted by Joan Bowling

- We are collecting used cell phones and toner cartridges (inkjet or laser) for the purpose of helping homeless animals in our community and surrounding neighborhoods.
- PASS will receive money for each cell phone or cartridge donated.
- Your donation will help protect the environment, while your unwanted cell phones and inkjet or laser cartridges will be recycled or refurbished and reused.
- Donations may be tax deductible.

We're very excited about this program. "This recycling program not only benefits PASS, but assists in preserving the environment and bringing communications to people who could not otherwise afford it."

All cell phones (sorry, no accessories) and toner cartridges are accepted. Please donate at the following locations:

**East Hanover**—Super Tans  
58 Route 10 West (across from Novartis)

**Fairfield**—United Business Systems  
302 Route 46 East (ask for Renata)

**Ledgewood**—Super Tans  
410 Route 10 West (across from Pizza Hut)

**Lake Hopatcong**—Super Tans  
725 Route 15 North/South (same complex as McDonalds).

**Madison**—Pace Personnel  
207 Main Street (across from Whole Foods)

**Parsippany**—United Stor-All  
169 Littleton Road



# NOT A MEMBER OF PASS YET? NEW VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

## Parsippany Animal Supporters Society, Inc. Membership Application

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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### LET US KNOW WHAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising Committee (helping to sell, bake, set up, work at location sales, cash canisters etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photography
- \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts (sewing, painting, general crafting, scrap booking, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cat Committee (working directly with cats to socialize, clean, groom, etc. MUST BE AGE 16+)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dog Committee (working directly with dogs to walk, socialize, clean, groom, etc. MUST BE AGE 16+)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Exotics Committee (working directly with rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone communications (follow-ups with adopters, phone chain for information, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing committee (help with bulk mailings, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fostering (please indicate cats, kittens, dogs or exotics)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Committee (help write articles, research information, etc. for "PASS It Along!")
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spay/Neuter \_\_\_\_\_ TNR
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Indicating interest does not mean you are committed to participation. You will be contacted by each appropriate chairperson to help determine where you can help and how you would like to. Participation in one fundraiser per year is strongly recommended. Thanks!

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I understand that being a member does not automatically qualify me as a volunteer and all volunteers must sign a Volunteer Agreement, be at least 16 years of age to work at the shelter and be approved by the Board of Directors before handling animals at the shelter. I also understand that as a member I am not authorized to represent Parsippany Animal Supporters Society, Inc. (PASS) either verbally or in writing unless I have been approved to do so by the Board at a regular meeting.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian signature for Junior Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

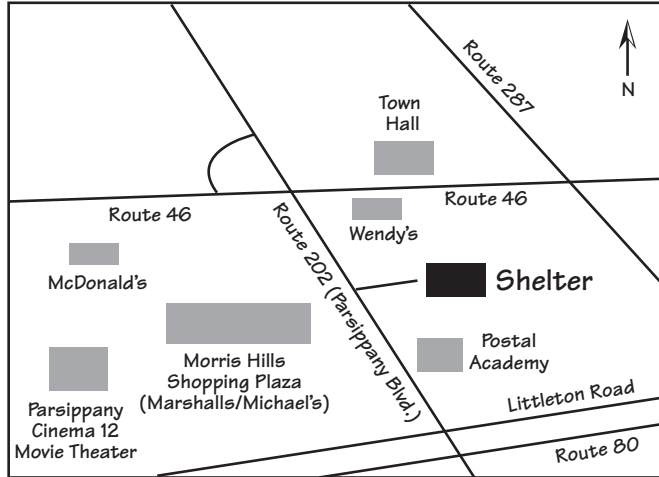
Membership dues per year (January 1 through December 31) are:  
\_\_\_ \$20 Individual (18+) \_\_\_ \$10 Seniors (62+) & Students \_\_\_ \$10 Junior Membership (under 18)  
\_\_\_ \$25 Family Membership \_\_\_ \$50+ Supporter Membership \_\_\_ \$100+ Corporate Membership  
(Supporter and Corporate Memberships will be listed in our newsletter, unless otherwise noted.)

All Members will receive the official PASS newsletter PASS It Along!  
Makes checks payable to "Parsippany Animal Supporters Society, Inc" or "PASS, Inc." and kindly forward application with payment to:  
Parsippany Animal Supporters Society, Inc., PO Box 5077, Parsippany, NJ 07054



## 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 any additional questions, any of the Animal Control Officers would be happy to help 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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