

# 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.

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!

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ANIMAL CRUELTY

### What is animal cruelty?

Animal cruelty encompasses a range of behaviors harmful to animals, from neglect to malicious killing. Most cruelty investigated by humane officers is unintentional neglect that can be resolved through education. Intentional cruelty, or abuse, is knowingly depriving an animal of food, water, shelter, socialization, or veterinary care or maliciously torturing, maiming, mutilating, or killing an animal.

### Why is it a concern?

All animal cruelty is a concern because it is wrong to inflict suffering on any living creature. Intentional cruelty is a particular concern because it is a sign of psychological distress and often indicates that an individual either has already experienced violence or may be predisposed to committing acts of violence.

### Is there any evidence of a connection between animal cruelty and human violence?

Absolutely. Many studies in psychology, sociology, and criminology during the last 25 years have demonstrated that violent offenders frequently have childhood

and adolescent histories of serious and repeated animal cruelty. The FBI has recognized the connection since the 1970s, when its analysis of the lives of serial killers suggested that most had killed or tortured animals as children. Other research has shown consistent patterns of animal cruelty among perpetrators of more common forms of violence,

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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 April 12
- ✓ Tuesday May 10
- ✓ Tuesday June 14

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



## POINTS FROM THE PREZ

JOANNE SLAMAN

Spring is here! Thanks goodness, too. I didn't think we would get there and now it's really the beginning of the year, if you ask me. By this time of year, our New Year's resolutions have fallen by the wayside and it's not your fault. Who can keep all those promises when it's dark for a larger majority of the day and then add in all that snow! Spring—period of beginning and newness. So let's spring in to Spring with some new things on the "to do" list...

- Volunteer at your local animal shelter. This is the time when many shelters are inundated with new arrivals, especially litters of kittens.
- If you can't volunteer or don't have the time, try contacting your local shelter to see if you can sponsor a spay or neuter procedure. Altering before adoption is the best way to make sure someone's new pet doesn't inadvertently add to the shelter population next Spring.
- Educate yourself about animal cruelty laws and what you can do if you witness or suspect animal cruelty is happening in your neighborhood.
- Start planning a summer vacation. That may include finding a new pet sitter. Try organizations like National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS) at 800-296-PETS [www.petsitters.org](http://www.petsitters.org) or Pet

Sitters International (PSI) at 336-983-9222 or [www.petsit.com](http://www.petsit.com)

- Start a new garden but with a twist this year. Try making it more friendly for your dog by giving him a place he's allowed to dig. For some ideas and tips, take a look at *Dog Friendly Gardens, Garden Friendly Dogs* by Cheryl S. Smith.
- Create a safe outdoor area for your cat with an outdoor enclosure. Try [www.cdpets.com](http://www.cdpets.com) for complete cat enclosure kits. Or if you're handy, try building one of your own.
- Install a pet door if you have a secure yard for your pets. If you don't have a yard, try opening some windows even when it's still cool out. Just check your screens first! Or perhaps you have a storm door on your home. Try replacing it with a glass door that has interchangeable panels for screens. Your cats and dogs will love to sit and look out at the neighborhood.

Whatever you decide to do this Spring, just get springing! Your pets will thank you.

Chief John Goodrich from the Morris County SPCA will be out guest speaker at our April 12 PASS meeting. He will discuss animal cruelty on a local level and what you can do to prevent it. All are welcome.



## LEADER OF THE PACK

A few months ago, the NY Times ran an interesting little article that reported

that New York City put fewer dogs and cats to death in 2004 than in any year on record since the 1890's.

New York City Animal Care and Control, which took over the city shelters from the A.S.P.C.A. in 1995, wants to abolish euthanasia within the next four years, largely through spay and neuter and adoption programs (adoptions in 2004 were up by about half from the prior year, to 15,587 animals).

NYC is well on its way with one of the lowest kill rates in the country, when measured against human population. Animal People, a newspaper in Washington State that covers animal protection and keeps national statistics on euthanasia found that New York put down 3.2 dogs and cats per 1,000 people in 2004. The national average is 17.4 animals per 1,000.

### Board of Directors

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While this bodes well for the animals of NYC, it is a different story elsewhere. For instance, San Antonio, with a population of just over one million, killed about 35 animals per 1,000 people in 2003. Take a look at the sobering estimates published by The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) in 2004:

- 6–8 million cats and dogs enter shelters each year.
- 3–4 million cats and dogs are euthanized by shelters each year.
- 3–4 million cats and dogs are adopted from shelters each year.
- 30% of dogs and only 2–5% of cats are reclaimed from shelters by their owners each year.

### Why do dogs end up in shelters?

The reality is that there is too much supply and not enough demand.

A common misconception is that most shelter animals were turned in as strays. Sadly, the truth is that many dogs that ultimately are euthanized were surrendered by their owners. Some reasons:

- *The animal exhibits behavior problems*—Biting, jumping, doesn't get along with kids, other animals, barks too much, is not housebroken, runs away, destroys the furniture.
- *The animal did not meet its owners expectations*—Owner doesn't have time for dog, costs too much, dog too big, house too small, sheds too much, the cute puppy grew up.
- *Irresponsible breeding*—What is commonly now referred to as “backyard breeding,” seemingly well-intentioned people mistakenly believe that it would be fun if their dog had a litter of puppies that could be sold for a

profit. Often, puppies bred without regard to their temperament and genetics wind up unsold and homeless.

- *Lifestyle changes*—Marriage, divorce, or change of residence might cause owner to give up his animal. Circumstances beyond the owners' control, such as sickness, loss of home, loss of job, or accident.

We should all reflect on this last category since our own personal lives can change on a dime. Hopefully we would have raised a loving and adoptable animal and would exhaust all avenues in trying to secure a loving home for our pets if faced with such a dire circumstance.

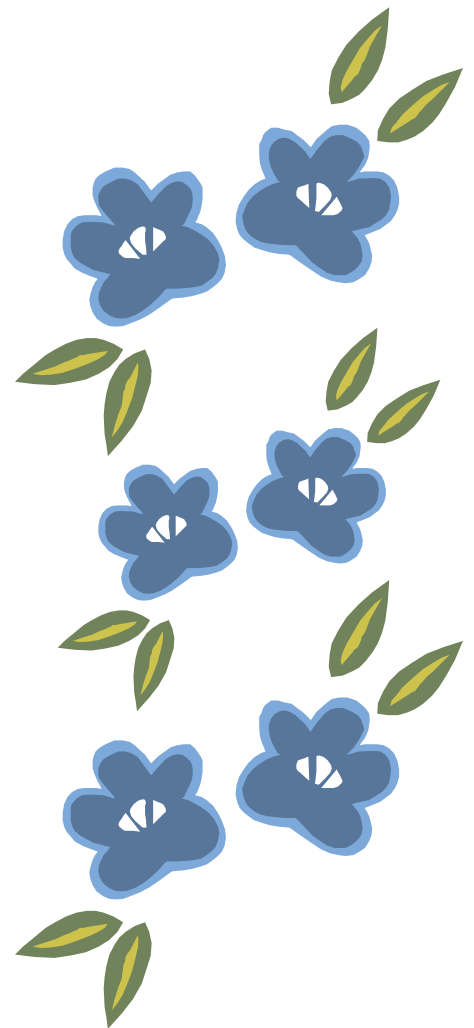
### What we as responsible dog owners can do to reduce the number of unwanted dogs:

- Adopt a dog from a shelter or rescue organization.
- Buy a dog only from a reputable breeder—do not support puppy mills or backyard breeders.
- Bring a pet home only if you have the will and cooperation of the rest of your family members.
- Learn about your dog's breed. Understand its characteristic traits such as activity level, loyalty, and how large it will be at maturity.
- Get routine veterinary care—vaccinate against rabies, distemper, and parvovirus. Spay or neuter your animal.
- Obedience training—basic knowledge of “sit,” “stay,” “come,” goes a long way.
- Socialize your dog with people and other animals. Bring your dog to a dog park. Take him for walks. Form that very special

human/dog bond. Don't leave your dog isolated in a crate or tied in the yard.

- Keep your dog contained to your premises. Ensure against your dog wandering and getting into mischief or lost.
- License your dog and microchip if possible.
- Support organizations that promote animal wellness education and low cost sterilization programs especially to people with limited economic means.

In short, be responsible. Help your animal to become a good citizen and increase his chances of having a long, safe and happy life.





**Professor Paws**

## “PAWS” FOR THOUGHT...

April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month and if you get the opportunity you should visit the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals website, [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org). It has a great deal of important information not only on this subject but also on many other topics that you will find interesting like Animal Precinct's Annemarie Lucas's Top Ten Tips for Recognizing Animal Cruelty listed below:

- Tick or flea infestations. Such a condition, if left untreated by a

veterinarian, can lead to an animal's death.

- Wounds on the body.
- Patches of missing hair.
- Extremely thin, starving animals.
- Limping.
- An owner striking or otherwise physically abusing an animal.
- Dogs that are repeatedly left alone without food and water, often chained up in a yard.
- Dogs that have been hit by cars—or are showing any of the signs listed above—and have not been taken to a veterinarian.
- Dogs that are kept outside without shelter in extreme weather conditions.
- Animals that cower in fear or act aggressively when approached by their owners.

### How to Protect Your Pet

- Check your yard for items that may have been tossed in by non-family members.

- Keep an eye on your pets when they are outside; even when in a fenced in yard.
- NEVER let your pet run loose.
- Try to teach your pet not to accept food from a stranger. (Believe me, I have a Lab, he lives to eat, this is a tough one!)
- Be courteous to your neighbors; make sure your dog doesn't bark too much or invade their space.
- If you see something you think is suspicious, report it.

### Ways to Prevent Animal Cruelty

- Make reporting of suspected abuse mandatory by Veterinarians.
- Fingerprint perpetrators.
- Increase penalties from a misdemeanor offense to felony charges with appropriate fines.

## WHY BECOME A MEMBER OF PASS?

There are many great and countless reasons for becoming a member of PASS. I became a member because I enjoy working and dealing with animals. I thrive on the success of our shelter in placing homes for abandoned pets. They are given a second chance and it's so heartwarming to hear from their adopted “parents” in how happy they are. You also get to meet very nice people within the organization who obviously share your interest.

Depending upon your interest

and time commitment, there is a long list of items you can check off on the membership application (fundraising committee, fostering, photography, to name just a few). We can make a difference as a team driven organization. Choose what areas you are most comfortable in working on.

A Volunteer Agreement needs to be completed and signed. You have to be at least 16 years of age to work at the shelter. You can work in the cat trailer cleaning cages, foster animals or get involved with

walking/socializing dogs.

As stated on the Membership Application, “You will be contacted by each appropriate chairperson to help determine where you can help and how you would like to.”

Thank you for your interest!

*by Barbara Battisto  
Membership Chair*



# UPCOMING SPRING FUNdraISING!

Spring is here! Its kitten season and we need to raise funds to help with our spay and neuter expenses! Please make an effort to support our upcoming events.



## April 15: Art Auction

To be held at the Parsippany PAL Building located on Baldwin Road in Parsippany. The Auction will feature one of a kind fine art pieces by local artists. Tickets are \$5.00 each and there will be light refreshments served. Interested in helping? Volunteers are needed to sell tickets, set up and clean up and acquire donations. Are you interested in donating? Art work should be on of a kind fine art and can be any medium (oil paint, water color, sculpture, photography, etc.), and subject matter and size. We simply ask that it be ready for display. Donors will receive 2 complimentary tickets. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact event organizer, Dave Slaman at 973-331-8192 or email [DJSlaman@earthlink.net](mailto:DJSlaman@earthlink.net).



## May: May-A Super Fundraiser

In honor of Mother's Day, SUPERTANS® will be donating 10% of their proceeds for the dates May 6, 7, and 8 to PASS. There are three locations: 56 Route 10 West, East Hanover (973-887-9599); 410 Route 10 West, Ledgewood (973-584-0074) and 725 Route 15 South (by McDonalds), Jefferson Township (973-663-4900). Regular hours are Friday 9am-10pm, Saturday 9am-9pm and Sunday 9am-6pm. For more information, contact Kathy Brock at [Frankat@optonline.net](mailto:Frankat@optonline.net).



## June 18: Father's Day Weekend Can Shake

Volunteers are needed to work a two hour shift in front of a local retail establishment to collect cash, donations of pet food and cleaning supplies and hand out information on PASS to interested parties. Two to three people needed for each shift. To volunteer, email event organizer, Susan Groll at [Susangroll@optonline.net](mailto:Susangroll@optonline.net).



## July 20: PASS Pet-Bowl

Come join the fun! PASS is holding its first Bowling Party. A great night of bowling, pizza and prizes. Everyone is invited so bring your friends and family. The event takes place at Boonton Lanes beginning at 7:30 pm. \$15.00 per person includes games, pizza, a chance at a nice prize and guaranteed good time. Bowling shoe rental and drinks available at additional cost. For more information, contact Camille Oakie, event organizer at [Oakie@att.net](mailto:Oakie@att.net).





## **CHILDREN AND ANIMAL CRUELTY: WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW**

As natural “explorers,” don’t all children sometimes harm animals? Absolutely not. While some children kill insects, few torture pets or other small creatures. If allowed to harm animals, children are more likely to be violent later in life. Animal cruelty, like any other violence, should never be attributed to a stage of development.

### **What kind of children are cruel to animals?**

Serious or repeated animal cruelty is seen more often in boys than in girls. Children as young as four may harm animals, but such behavior is most common during adolescence. Cruelty is often associated with children who do poorly in school and have low self-esteem and few friends. Children who are cruel to animals are often characterized as bullies and may have a history of truancy, vandalism, and other antisocial behaviors.

### **What does animal cruelty indicate about family dynamics?**

Researchers say that a child’s violence against animals often represents displaced hostility and aggression stemming from neglect or abuse of the child or of another family member. Animal cruelty committed by any member of a family, whether parent or child, often means child abuse occurs in that family.

### **What should I do if my child or a neighbor’s child has harmed an animal?**

If you suspect your child has deliberately harmed an animal, talk to your child. Try to discover what caused the cruelty. Communicate with your child, your child’s teachers, and your child’s friends. The more you know about your child’s activities, the better able you will be to guide your child in making compassionate and humane choices. Something as serious as animal cruelty, however, should not be handled alone. Seek help from a family counselor, school counselor, pediatrician, or clergy member. If you know another child who has harmed an animal, report what you know immediately to your local animal-welfare organization or police department. Alert the child’s school principal or guidance counselor.

### **What should I tell my child about the other child’s behavior?**

Explain that animal abuse is often a sign of other serious problems and should be addressed by the proper authorities. Knowing that a friend has serious problems can be quite troubling for a child, as can witnessing animal cruelty. Your child may need to sort out the feelings the incident raises.

### **What should I do if an otherwise “good” child harms an animal one time?**

Though innocent exploration may be corrected simply by talking with the child, any time a child causes an animal pain or suffering you should be concerned.

### **What is the difference between innocent exploration and calculated animal cruelty?**

Innocent exploration may come of simple curiosity, but calculated animal cruelty is motivated by a desire to harm. While even innocent acts of cruelty should be addressed, it is particularly important to intervene when a child is insensitive to the obvious distress of an animal, repeats a harmful behavior, or derives pleasure from causing an animal pain.

### **How can I teach my child to respect animals?**

Teach by example; use real-life situations to instill a sense of respect for all life. Invite your child to help you feed the birds or rescue a bug. With older children, discuss animal-cruelty cases publicized in the news. Encourage children to speak up for animals.

### **How can my child’s school incorporate humane education?**

Humane education should be part of every school curriculum. The Youth Education Division of The HSUS publishes materials that help teachers establish a classroom theme of kindness, respect, and tolerance. For subscription information, contact The HSUS’s Youth Education Division, the National Association for Humane and Environmental Education (NAHEE), at 67 Norwich Essex Turnpike, East Haddam, CT 06423-1736.



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including child abuse, spouse abuse, and elder abuse. In fact, the American Psychiatric Association considers animal cruelty one of the diagnostic criteria of conduct disorder.

### **Why would anyone be cruel to animals?**

There can be many reasons. Animal cruelty, like any other form of violence, is often committed by a person who feels powerless, unnoticed, and under the control of others. The motive may be to shock, threaten, intimidate, or offend others or to demonstrate rejection of society's rules. Some who are cruel to animals copy things they have seen or that have been done to

them. Others see harming an animal as a safe way to get revenge on someone who cares about that animal.

### **What happens when authorities prosecute an animal cruelty case?**

Depending on the severity of the case, individuals found guilty may be imprisoned. Appropriate sentencing can also include individual or family counseling, community service, or diversion programs. It is rarely the goal of the authorities to imprison a child for cruelty to animals. Law enforcement officers and judges recognize that cruelty to animals is one part of a complex problem. Sometimes the

official response to animal cruelty provides a family its first opportunity to get help.

### **Can reports be made anonymously?**

While many jurisdictions will respond to an anonymous complaint, successful prosecutions often depend on an identifiable witness who can authenticate evidence.

### **Will I be required to testify?**

If a case goes to trial and you have identified yourself as the complainant in either a written or an oral report, you may be called to testify.

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## **SHELTER SHOWCASE EXPO AT LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER**

The Shelter Showcase Expo will feature pure and mixed breed dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, guinea pigs, ferrets, hedgehogs and birds for adoption on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22 from 12pm–4pm. Meet animal shelters and rescue groups from across New Jersey and learn about picking the right pet, volunteer opportunities and Liberty Animal Shelter's low cost spay/neuter program in conjunction with People for Animals. Admission is free!

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

You are invited to be a special guest and corporate sponsor to this year's Shelter Showcase Expo at the Liberty Science Center at Liberty State Park on May 21 and 22, 2005 from 12pm–4pm. Please consider supporting this highly advertised and worthy event, while promoting your company name and logo to the community, including an affordable billboard opportunity on the New Jersey Turnpike! (Response needed by April 1 to qualify for billboard printing deadline).

The Shelter Showcase Expo will yet again be New Jersey's premier animal adoption event! The Shelter Showcase Expo is a super adoption event with a variety of adoption groups, promoting the adoption of dogs, cats, ferrets, guinea pigs, birds, and hedgehogs. Your participation in this event helps support the good work of Shelter Showcase and other non-profit animal welfare groups featured in the Shelter Showcase Expo. Thanks to your support, many animals will find loving homes with great families looking to adopt a pet. More than 1,400 adults and children attended last year's one day event at Kraft Foods corporate campus, and we expect attendance to more than double at this year's two day event at the more highly visible location at the Liberty Science Center.

Please feel free to contact Shelter Showcase with any questions at 973 812 7297 or [beth@sheltershowcase.com](mailto:beth@sheltershowcase.com).



## FEATURED PETS



**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 and and she can snuggle up with you. Puss is 3 years old.

**Arnie** was found as a stray. He is very affectionate and loving guy who is waiting for you to come in and meet him. Arnie is 4 years old.



**Gi-Gi** was surrendered to us because her owners could no longer keep her. Gi-Gi does not understand why she is here. She is quite timid, but once she gets to know you she can't get enough attention. Why not come in and give Gi-Gi the second chance that she really wants. Gi-Gi is 5 years old.

## 10 THINGS TEENS CAN DO TO HELP STOP ANIMAL CRUELTY

Whether it's a case of neglect or a malicious act of cruelty, you can help protect animals. Why should you care? Because it's the right thing to do. Because cruelty to animals is illegal in all 50 states. And because people who harm animals may also harm people. Stopping cruelty to animals helps everyone.

### What Can You Do?

1. Get help for the animal. If you see someone hurting an animal or if you know of someone whose animal looks sick, injured, or deprived of adequate food, water, or shelter, get help. Call the police, your local animal shelter, or a trusted adult.
2. Get the facts. Write everything down. As a witness, you'll need to provide the date, time, location, and any other details you can remember, including descriptions of the animal, the type of cruelty, and the person who may be responsible for it.
3. Get the word out. Educate your friends, family, and teachers about animal cruelty and its connection to human violence by sharing information and materials from The Humane Society of the United States's First Strike campaign.
4. Be a role model. Let your actions be a guide. Be kind to animals and let others know that hurting animals is wrong.
5. Be a responsible pet owner. Don't let your cats and dogs roam. Cats are safest indoors. When outdoors, dogs should be walked on a leash or supervised in a fenced yard. It's up to you to keep your pets safe.
6. Keep a lookout. If you see a stray or injured animal, contact your local animal care and control agency or the police.
7. Make the 'Net work. If you find an Internet site that promotes animal abuse, urge the service provider that hosts the web site to remove it immediately. You can find the address of the web site's provider at [networksolutions.org](http://networksolutions.org).
8. Stop cruelty before it begins. Teach elementary schoolchildren in your community to be kind to animals via KIND News, a nine-times-a-year newspaper published expressly for kids. The prize-winning publication is produced by The National Association for Humane and Environmental Education (NAHEE), the youth service division of The HSUS. NAHEE also produces other publications and has programs like Adopt-a-Classroom.
9. Start a club. Start an animal protection club at your school. Visit the HumaneTeen web site and click on "Start a Club" for tips and activity suggestions.
10. Join the HumaneTeen Network. The HumaneTeen Network is a free online service that provides members with e-mail updates on the latest animal and environmental issues.  
If you have questions, call The HSUS First Strike at 1-888-213-0956 or e-mail us at [firststrike@hsus.org](mailto:firststrike@hsus.org).



## THINGS TO DO

### **Homeless Tails—Get Your Shelter's Pets Featured on this Great TV Program**

New Jersey Animal Shelters are invited to feature adoptable pets on NJN Public Television "Homeless Tails." Host Sandy Levine invites animal shelters from throughout New Jersey to harness the power of television to connect unwanted pets with people who want to help. Come to Trenton for a taping of "Homeless Tails" with a couple of dogs and cats that are looking for new homes. A New Jersey veterinarian also will spay or neuter one pet adopted from your facility for free. There is no charge to appear. For more information, call Sandy Levine at 609-777-5261 or email [Slevine@njn.org](mailto:Slevine@njn.org).

### **Jersey Pets Magazine—Affiliate Program**

Raise funds for your shelter or rescue group while you help promote subscriptions to Jersey Pets Magazine. All shelters and rescues in New Jersey can earn as much as \$4.00 back on every two year subscription to the magazine. To learn more visit [www.jerseypetsmagazine.com](http://www.jerseypetsmagazine.com): the affiliate program link is on the home page.

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### **April 1 & 2—Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey Annual Conference**

Ocean Place Resort, Long Branch, NJ. Contact [conference@awfnj.org](mailto:conference@awfnj.org) or call 856-740-1344.

### **April 2—Tag Day**

Sponsored by American Humane. Go to [http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ev\\_public\\_tagday](http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ev_public_tagday)

### **April 4–12—Animal Cruelty Investigators Course**

The Ocean County Police Academy is offering the Animal Cruelty Investigators Course approved by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and the New Jersey Police Training Commission. This course meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 8:23A-2.6. Successful completion of this course is required in order to be appointed as an Animal Cruelty Investigator by a New Jersey Municipality. Enrollment is open to any person 18 years of age or older.

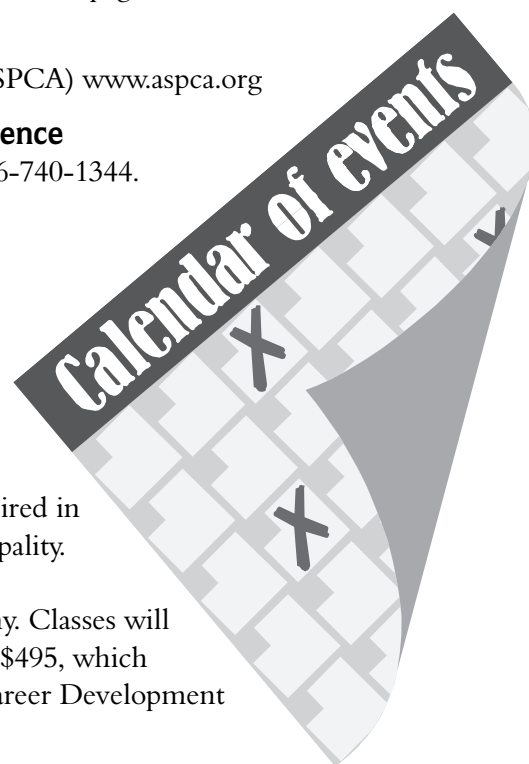
The seven-day course will be conducted at the Ocean County Police Academy. Classes will be held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Tuition for this seven-day program is \$495, which includes all materials. For further information or registration forms please call Career Development Institute at 1 800 244 6921 or contact them at [www.cditraining.org](http://www.cditraining.org).

### **April 6 to 9—The Humane Society of the United States Animal Care Expo**

Hyatt Regency Atlanta, GA. Entries for the FREE trip to Expo must be postmarked by February 1st. Entry cards can be found inside Shelter Pages 2005. The Early-Bird registration deadline for Expo is February 18th. The special early-bird price is just \$125 if registered by February 18, 2005. After February 18, registration is \$175 for Shelter Partners and \$200 for non-Shelter Partners. Information about Expo can be found online at [www.AnimalSheltering.org/expo](http://www.AnimalSheltering.org/expo), and online registration is now available.

### **April 11–17—National Animal Control Appreciation Week**

The National Animal Control Association is proud to announce the first ever-national effort to celebrate and promote the continuing upgrade and professionalism of Animal Control. NACA is pleased to provide all the necessary encouragement for all localities who would like to show their appreciation to their Animal Control agency or for all Animal Control agencies to have a special week of their own to show off their pride and get the recognition for the important services the these agencies provide. For ideas on how you can celebrate your local animal control officer, contact [naca@interserv.com](mailto:naca@interserv.com).



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### **April 12 or April 13—Safe and Humane Animal Handling**

Humane Society University presents a daylong workshop made possible by the generous support of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Learn humane restraint skills; practice correct use of the latest handling equipment for cats and dogs through hands-on training; try defensive handling techniques; decrease stress and increase your confidence in handling animals. Go to [www.hsus2.org/hsu/SAH.pdf](http://www.hsus2.org/hsu/SAH.pdf) for details. Contact HSU at 301-548-7731 or [hsu@hsus.org](mailto:hsu@hsus.org).

### **April 17–23—Animal Cruelty/Humane Violence Awareness Week**

Sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States. [www.hsus.org/firststrike](http://www.hsus.org/firststrike)

### **April 22–24—No More Homeless Pets Conference**

Presented by Best Friends Animal Society. How can your community bring an end to the euthanasia of healthy homeless pets? The conference includes panel discussions, workshops and optional intensive seminars that explore successful model programs and provide how-to information on community outreach strategies, fundraising methods, increasing adoptions and spay/neuter, feral cat programs, volunteer recruitment, media relations, and more. For more information go to: [http://www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/conference\\_april05.cfm](http://www.bestfriends.org/nomorehomelesspets/conference_april05.cfm).

### **May 1—National Mayday for Mutts**

Go to: [www.maydayformutts.org](http://www.maydayformutts.org)

### **May 1–7—Be Kind to Animals Week**

Go to <http://www.americanhumane.org>, click on the calendar.

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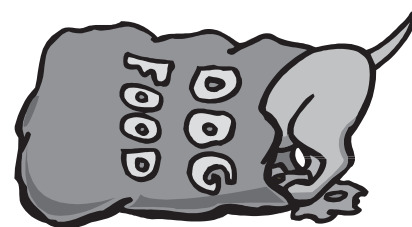
Humane Society University presents a daylong workshop made possible by the generous support of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Learn humane restraint skills; practice correct use of the latest handling equipment for cats and dogs through hands-on training; try defensive handling techniques; decrease stress and increase your confidence in handling animals. Go to [www.hsus2.org/hsu/SAH.pdf](http://www.hsus2.org/hsu/SAH.pdf) for details. Contact HSU at 301-548-7731 or [hsu@hsus.org](mailto:hsu@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 or Science Diet 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



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.



## FUNDRAISING FOR BUSY PEOPLE

**I'd love to help fundraise for PASS but unfortunately I'm really just too busy.** I can't tell you how many times I've heard that and cringed over the last year or so. Don't get me wrong, it's not that I don't enjoy talking to busy people. Where else would someone like me who works a full job, is a part time student, an active member of four local animal welfare organizations, and the caretaker of several cats and home get ideas on how to spend all my free time? It's just that you CAN help regardless of how busy you are. You just need to want to. Anyway, for all of you that think you can't possibly find the time, let me help....

### **Fundraise While You Shop.**

Everyone shops once in a while. If you shop on the internet, try clicking on [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com). If you enter any of over 200 merchant's websites thru [IGIVE.com](http://IGIVE.com), a portion of your purchase can be sent directly to PASS at no additional cost to you. You simply need to designate PASS as your cause of choice. Complete rules are on the site.

Maybe you don't shop on the web but prefer a store. That's great too. When you're there, pick up some extra paper towels and toss them in a basket. Next time, perhaps a few pet toys. In a few weeks, you'll have a great big basket of stuff that really helps the shelter out.

**Fundraise While You Work.** Work in an office that doesn't have a policy on recycling toner cartridges? Collect them for us. Joan Bowling, our Secretary, has made an agreement to turn them into a

recycling center and get cash for each one. For more information contact Joan at [JBow222@msn.com](mailto:JBow222@msn.com).

*Or*, take advantage of your corporate matching gifts program if you have one. Donate a little, have your company match it and you've made a nice donation to our group.

### **Fundraise During Quality Time with Your Kids.**

Perhaps your kids are Girl Scouts or members of some other community service type organization. Give a call to the leader of the group and suggest they organize a simple fundraiser to benefit PASS. Maybe a can shake, a food drive or anything of that sort. Call me, I'd be glad to give you ideas and tips. It's a great way to teach your kids about doing charitable work and meet their friends at the same time.

### **Fundraise During Quality Time with Your Spouse/Significant Other.**

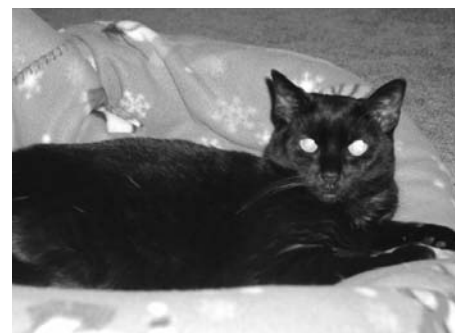
We always need volunteers. Bring your wife, husband, girlfriend or boyfriend along to help on fundraisers. We can use them too! *Or*, perhaps you are celebrating a special anniversary or birthday. If you're like me, you already have just about anything you could ever want and are looking for places to get rid of it. Mention to anyone that asks that you'd prefer a donation be made to PASS in your honor. What could be more rewarding than knowing that a special event in your life helped the life of a homeless creature? ***Hope to see you at an upcoming event!***

*by Suzanne Griffin*

## ALUMNI



Stacey (formerly Ecstasy) was adopted by Miki and is a big hit with the seniors at Brookside Apartment Complex. Stacey has many duties: greeter, watchcat, shadow, and most importantly, companion.

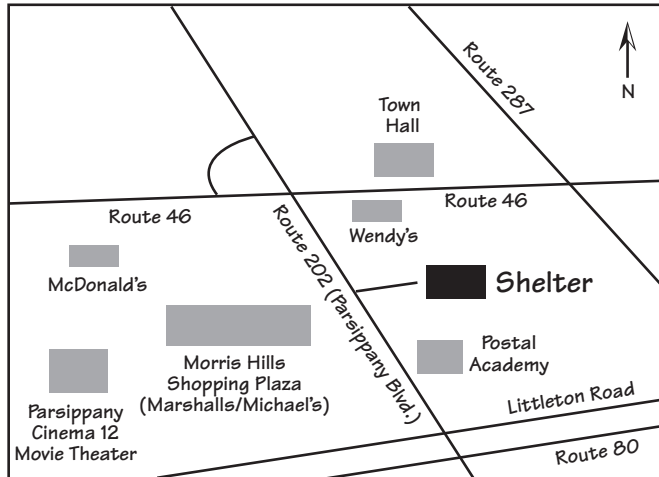


Spooky (formerly DeeDee) had a slow beginning but as you can see has settled into her new home nicely. She loves her pals ("the girls"), Squirt, Sugar, Spice, Sage, and Saffy. We want to thank Marcy Poquette for giving Spooky a wonderful home!



## 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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