

PASS IT ALONG!

Parsippany Animal Supporters Society

**JUNE IS ADOPT A
SHELTER CAT 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!

HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY PASS!

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BOONTON TNR IS IT WORKING???

As just about all of our volunteers know, in September 2005, the Town of Boonton adopted an official resolution to give trap/neuter/return or TNR, a try as a preferred method of feline population control. Having worked on the effort from the beginning in conjunction with Town Health Administrator, Steve Austin, Town Animal Control Officer, Billy Karpack and other interested volunteers, I am asked several times a week about the project. Area residents and those interested in animal welfare want to know,

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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 June 13
- ✓ Tuesday July 11
- ✓ Tuesday August 8

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



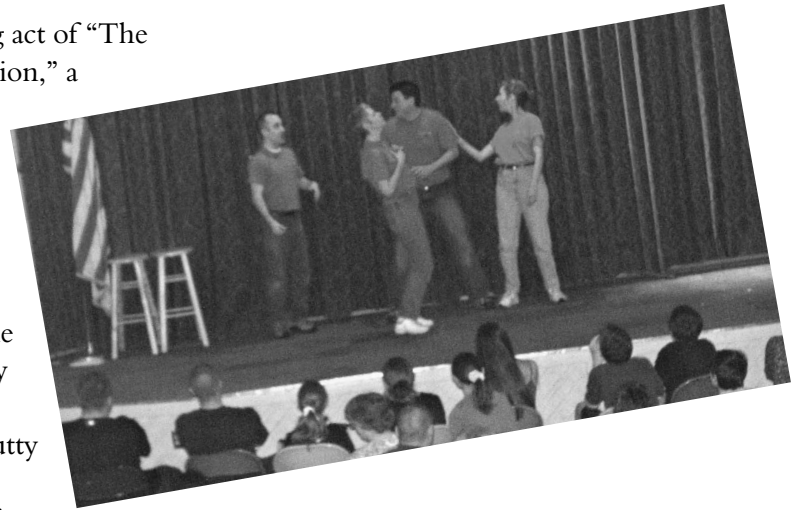
ASPCA Top 10 Hot Weather Tips

1. A visit to the veterinarian for a check-up is a must.
2. Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle—hyperthermia can be fatal. Even with the windows open, a parked automobile can quickly become a furnace.
3. Always carry a gallon thermos filled with cold, fresh water when traveling with your pet.
4. The right time for playtime is in the cool of the early morning or evening, but never after a meal or when the weather is humid.
5. Street smarts: When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog stand on hot asphalt. His or her body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.
6. A day at the beach is a no-no, unless you can guarantee a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water. Salty dogs should be rinsed off after a dip in the ocean.
7. Provide fresh water and plenty of shade for animals kept outdoors. Bring your pet inside during the heat of the day to rest in a cool part of the house.
8. Be especially sensitive to older and overweight animals.
9. When walking your dog, steer clear of areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals.
10. Good grooming can stave off summer skin problems, especially for dogs with heavy coats. Shaving the hair to a one-inch length—never down to the skin, please, which robs Rover of protection from the sun—helps prevent overheating. Cats should be brushed often.

COMEDY NIGHT

On Friday, March 31st, PASS hosted its first Comedy Night at the Boonton Elks. The night was a huge success, with over 90 people attending. A special treat for the attendees was the opening act of "The Dancers in Motion," a dance troupe from Butler. The girls danced to different music, entertaining the crowd before the headliner, Nutty by Nature took center stage. Nutty by Nature provided lots of laughs with improvisational gags and jokes, entertaining the audience with some crazy stunts!

PASS raised over \$900.00 that evening. A special thanks to all of our volunteers who helped coordinate the event, along with all of the food and drink that was donated.



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BOONTON TNR—Is IT WORKING???

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Is it working?????

Q. Does the Boonton TNR plan appear to be working?

A. ASK OUR RESIDENTS!

Our Town Health Administrator reports that in locations where PASS volunteers have done TNR, there has not been a complaint from residents concerning the TNR'd cats yet this spring. Not a single new kitten has been spotted. In the past, these areas have been a consistent source of problems and calls to the health department about the cats. The traditional method of trap and euthanize had been attempted at many of the locations in the past and obviously failed to solve the problems. Residents have been so pleased with the results; PASS has received over \$700.00 in unsolicited donations from residents to thank us and to allow us to expand the program. Since good news travels fast and our resources are limited, we already have a waiting list from residents who wish to give a trap/neuter/return plan a try.

Q. Why do you think it appears to be doing so well?

A. Now that our residents know they can make a call and have a solution to cat issues without sentencing the animals to probable death, they are comfortable making that call and problem areas are addressed more quickly, before the cats and the issues, multiply.

Also, a TNR effort takes community support. Everyone from the Mayor, to the Board of Aldermen, to our Health Department, has been provided with information on the TNR plan and given the chance to

ask questions and learn about how to ensure it's success. These people can provide TNR information to our residents in an informed and factual way and we know they stand behind making it work!

All attempts are made to surrender adoptable strays and kittens to local shelters so they may have a chance at a loving home. In actuality, very few of the cats in the Boonton program are considered easily adoptable so they are re-released. However, when an animal is placed, it's a very happy ending that we make sure we let people know about.

Lastly, Education, Education, Education. All caretakers are given information on how to properly manage a colony based on their situation and town regulations. Knowing the guidelines and expectations prevents disappointment later. All Boonton residents continue to have a trap and kill option available to them. However, to date, once they have met with one of our volunteers or town officials and had TNR explained to them as a long term fix, not a short term solution, not a single one has opted for trap and kill.

In addition, all residents are provided with information on low cost spay/neuter options for their pets-many have already taken advantage of the PASS low cost mobile clinics in conjunction with Animal Welfare Association.

Q. So, if TNR is so great, why isn't everybody doing it?

A. Everybody shouldn't be doing it. TNR should only be performed by

those that have attended safety courses on trapping such as those given by Alley Cat Allies or NJARA. PASS volunteers must also work with an experienced trapper before they would be sent to trap on their own.

TNR is also not the cure or solution to everyone's problem. There will always be a case or two where it simply will not work and the animals must be removed. It's vital that that individual locations are evaluated prior to attempting a TNR effort. In Boonton, 4 initial TNR locations were selected for evaluation. One industrial, one low income ethnic residential, one moderate income residential and one townhome/condo complex of moderate income residents. Although the educational and informational needs of each location varied greatly, the initial result was the same. No complaints and no new kittens to date.

However, with all that being said—Yes, Boonton TNR IS working. We look forward to expanding the program and seeing it spread to perimeter towns. Want a TNR program in your town? No time like the present to make that call to your Mayors office, town council or local aldermen to let them know. Community interest brings results!

For more information about our program, visit www.pass4pets.org.

—Suzanne Griffin



FIRE DRILL

Smoke alarms send many dogs running for cover, so in a real fire they might run off or get left behind.

Teach your puppy to exit the house when she hears smoke alarms. Get some treats, then set off your smoke alarm by blowing out a candle and holding it near the alarm's sensor. When the alarm sounds, immediately take your pup outside. If there's a doggie door, encourage her to let herself out, then open the people-door and join her outside. Praise and give treats, then leave her fenced or tethered while you turn off the alarm. Return, give another treat, and take her inside.

Do this every few days for two weeks. After your pup learns to run outside whenever she hears the alarm, hold a monthly fire drill for practice.

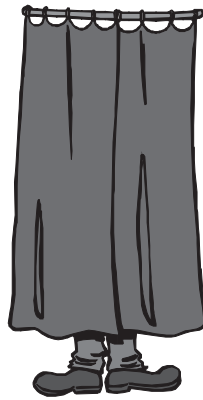
—Dog Fancy May 2006

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 if you wish to donate some items, please contact the



ELECTION TIME IS COMING



Nominations for all PASS board positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustee 1) are now being accepted. Our Nomination Chairman is Bill Henderson. Nominations are being accepted now and can be emailed to him at Williamhenderson@hotmail.com or mailed to: PASS Nominations, P.O. Box 5077, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Nominations will be accepted through our August meeting. Elections will be held at the September meeting. No write ins can be accepted so nominate now!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Enjoy 6 months free membership under your current membership. Renewals will now be in January 2007. Look for renewal forms in the mail and thanks for your continued support!

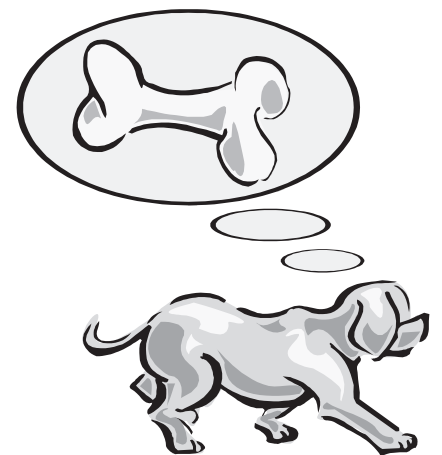
If you are not currently receiving PASS updates via email or have recently changed your email address, please notify us at Blvdtravel@aol.com.

FOSTERERS NEEDED

The shelter needs volunteers to foster kittens of various ages (newborn to several weeks old) especially for the Spring months. If you are interested and have time to take on this rewarding task, please contact Janet Porsche at 973-267-1817 or email jporsche@optonline.net

shelter 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 speak to any of the Animal Control Officers to see what is needed and what has recently been donated. Also feel free to contact PASS at 973-402-PETS.

PASS always needs volunteers. Need a Membership Application?



No problem! Give us a call at 973-402-PETS and leave a message in the "membership" mailbox and we'll be sure to send you an application.



FUNdraising!

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



Tricky Tray

Our Tricky Tray will take place this year on Friday, October 20. We are gladly accepting donations from our members and can use items like gift cards and certificates as well as baskets you make up of items you think attendees would like to win. We also need help with many tasks that evening. For more info, contact Suzanne at Blvdtravel@aol.com or 973-402-7387 box 7.

Garage Sale July 15 Rain Date is July 22nd

Do you have any "stuff" you would like to get rid of? A great way to get rid of your clutter and at the same time help our animal friends is to purchase a table at our Garage Sale! For only \$10.00 a table (proceeds go to PASS) you can help PASS and make a profit yourself!! The sale will be held at United Stor All, 169 Littletown Road in Parsippany, between 10-3. Hosted by Tammy Wallick & United Stor All usacparsippany@optonline.net.

July Bowling Party

Come join the fun on July 26th at 7:30 pm at the Boonton Lanes! Everyone is welcome! Bring your family and friends!

Tickets are \$17.00, which includes 3 games of bowling, pizza and prizes!

All proceeds from this event go towards PASS's efforts to help homeless animals!

For tickets or more information call Camille at 973-402-7387, Box #3, or email camille@att.net. (Shoes and drinks extra.)

October 28th—Halloween Pet Photo Day

This will be a fun event for you and your pet to enjoy! Dress your pet in their 'favorite' costume and have photos taken of your pet for a small donation to PASS of \$5.00. The Pet Photo Day will be held at the VFW Hall, 750 Route 10 W, Whippany, between 10 am-1 pm.

Come and join the fun! Hosted by Marcy Poquette marcy2@optonline.net

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Someone to solicit photo paper from stores
- Someone to create backgrounds scenes—Halloween and Winter
- Volunteers to help collect monies for the pictures, refreshments, dog coat sales at the event
- Volunteer to help answer questions about PASS at the event

Please contact Marcy if you can help out!!!!





NEXT SPAY DAY—JUNE 27

Our next spay day is June 27, 2006. For this Spay Day we are only accepting animals from residents of Morris County.

Price:

\$25.00.....including rabies and mandatory ear tip for ferals except on kittens or strays perhaps going up for adoption

\$5.00.....Distemper

\$25.00.....FIV/FeLv combo testing

Anyone wishing to book an appointment, should call 973-402-PETS ext. 7.

Pet owners and/or feral caretakers will receive a return call regarding space availability and scheduling.

Please check back often for more information regarding additional Spay Day opportunities throughout the year.

If you would like to support our spay/neuter efforts, please visit www.firstgiving.com/PASS.

DOG TRIVIA QUIZ

Want to test your knowledge about dogs? Well, there is a web site that can help you do that. Just go to <http://dogswithjobs.com/quiz/dogtrivia.html> and see how well you can do. Here is an example of one of the questions:

Which of the following traits cannot be found amongst wild relatives of the dog?

- Submissive behavior
- A keen sense of smell
- The ability to bark
- Floppy ears
- Tail wagging

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

A1929/S1681: Requires State OEM, counties and municipalities to include in their respective emergency operations plans provisions to support the needs of individuals with a household pet or service animal in a major disaster or emergency.

On 3/16/2006 A/1929 passed the Assembly (78-0-0). It has been received In Senate and referred to Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S1681>

A2773/S1705: Establishes animal cruelty offenses pertaining to chaining or other restraint of animals

Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and

introduced and referred to the Senate Economic Growth Committee <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp?BillNumber=S1705>

A909 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 February 27 after the 2nd Reading in the Assembly has been reported out of assembly. We urge you to contact your legislators to support this bill. http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/Bills/A1000/909_11.HTM

A2501 This bill would prohibit the use of a dog or other animal in a drug distribution

scheme.

This passed from the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and has been referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/Bills/A3000/2501_S1.HTM

A2502 Makes use of an animal to carry illegal drugs or facilitate drug-related crimes an animal cruelty offense; provides for non-merger of criminal animal cruelty offenses.

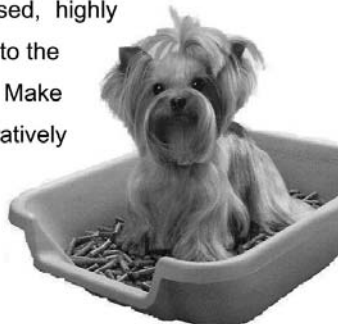
This passed from the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee with revised language which can be seen at this link: http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/Bills/A3000/2502_U1.HTM

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LITTER GOES TO THE DOGS

If you're stuck in traffic and can't get home on time, what's a dog to do? Use the litter box, of course. Now it's okay to give your small to medium-sized dog permission to go inside. But first, you must get him to go outside...in the same spot. Lead him to a small area outside, about four feet by four feet. Tell him to "Go Potty" as he circles within that area. After he's regularly using this spot, put the litter box there and fill it with wood chips or sod. Once he's using the pan, replace the filler with at least an inch-high layer of "Dog Litter" (which can be found at your pet supplier), made of paper-based, highly absorbent pellets. Gradually move the pan nearer to the house until it debuts indoors in a traffic-free spot. Make sure to clean the box daily, otherwise a comparatively clean floor might tempt your dog.



CURIOUS CAT TRIVIA FROM AMERICAN HUMANE

Did curiosity kill the cat:

"Curiosity killed the cat." — Anyone who has spent any time with cats has witnessed that inexhaustible curiosity that cats are famous for. But ever wonder who made the phrase famous? An early version of the now-common saying was: "Curiosity can do more things than kill a cat," which appeared in 1909 in a short story by O. Henry called Schools and Schools.

Read on for more scintillating cat facts.

History

Cats have been domesticated for a short time — only 5,000 years, which is comparatively recent considering dogs have been human companions for more than 10,000 years.

The origins of domestic cats are in Egypt. Ancient Egyptians did not simply appreciate cats as pets, but revered them like gods. Killing cats was a crime worthy of the death penalty, and deceased cats were mummified, often entombed with embalmed mice. In one ancient city, over 300,000 cat mummies were found.

Anatomy and physiology

Cats have heart! Cat hearts beat twice as fast as human hearts, at 110 to 140 beats per minute. This means they have twice the amount of love to share!

If you have a cat, you don't have to worry about bath time since they spend 30% of their waking hours grooming themselves.

Cats lack a true collarbone. That means if they can get their head through something, they can get their body through, too. You may notice your cat testing the size of an opening by careful measurement it with his head.

Cats' night vision is six times better than that of humans.

IN THE NEWS . . .

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S801 "Responsible Pit Bull Ownership Licensing Act"—authorizes municipalities to require a license for a person to own, keep or harbor a pit bull.

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/Bills/S1000/801_I1.HTM

We encourage you to write to Senator Sharpe James and your local representatives. For contact information to Senator Sharpe James, go to: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/james.asp>

For more information on breed specific bills go to this link: http://www.awfnj.org/assets/cms/breed_specific_laws.pdf

A219 Establishes sexual use of, or contact with, including sodomy of, animals as a crime and a civil offense under State animal cruelty laws.

This bill has been passed out of the Assembly Agriculture Committee. To view this bill, go to http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2006/Bills/A0500/219_I1.HTM

To find your state legislators, go to <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp>

To find your US congressional representatives, go to: <http://action.fund.org/directory>.

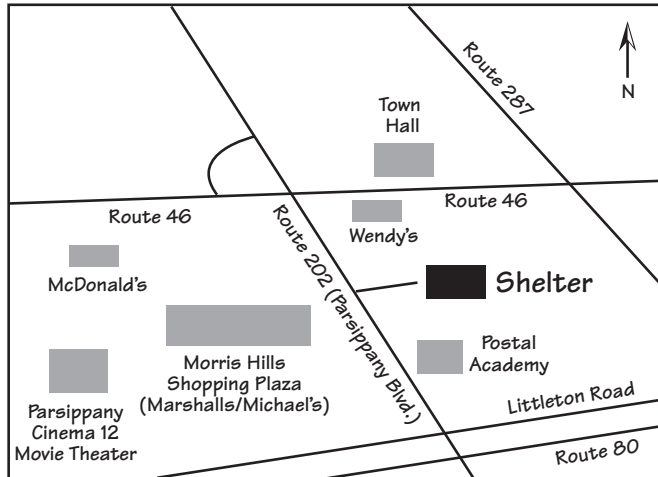
Weekday Dog Walkers Needed

If you have free time during the week and would be interested in becoming a dog walking volunteer, your help is very much needed! Volunteer hours are from 3–5 Monday through Friday and Saturday and Sunday from 9–12. Please contact Rita Alzamora at ricabica@aol.com.



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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