

# PASS IT ALONG!

Parsippany Animal Supporters Society

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!

## NEW MEMBER/VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SOCIAL

*January 21 is a special day.*

*No can shakes to work at, no puppies to spy.*

*It's cold outside, don't forget your mittens!*

*It's our day to thank you for fostering kittens.*

*You've spent your weekends walking Lassie and Rover.*

*Friends interested in PASS? Tell them to come over.*

*The fun starts at one, so get into your car.*

*To mingle with others who do TNR.*

*We'll give out awards, there's a special guest.*

*We appreciate those who are truly the best.*

*Beverages, snacks and of course something sweet.*

*Old and new volunteers is just who you'll meet!*

*Don't forget to RSVP.*

*This is the place you'll want to be!*

**Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2007

**Time:** 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Place:** Lake Parsippany Club House  
701 Lake Shore Drive,  
Parsippany

**Guest Speaker:** Joan Lowell Smith

**Cost:** Complimentary to current members; guests—\$10.00 with fee applied towards a future PASS membership

**RSVP by Mail:** Parsippany Animal Supporters Society, Inc.  
P.O. Box 5077  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

We must receive your response no later than January 15, 2007. Volunteers/attendees must be age 16 or older—thanks!

For questions or more information, please call us at 973-402-PETS, Box 4.

### 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 January 9
- ✓ Tuesday February 13
- ✓ Tuesday March 13

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





## POINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, it's been an amazing year for PASS. Look at what we've done and what we plan to do.

### Accomplishments for 2006

- ✓ Assisted with over 400 spay/neuters of local animals with funds raised by our dedicated volunteers at a cost of approximately \$30,000.
- ✓ Offered low cost feline/canine vaccination services and pet food contributions to residents and feral caretakers in need
- ✓ Established a user friendly website
- ✓ Provided several hundred volunteer manpower hours to the Parsippany Shelter to socialize homeless animals and assist where needed
- ✓ Provided adopters from the Parsippany Shelter with the offer of a free spay or neuter as well as new pet owner adoption kits to promote the adoption of shelter animals
- ✓ Expanded our foster care network to help make less socialized animals more adoptable as well as care for those animals unable to

care for themselves.

- ✓ Grew our Trap Neuter Return program and expanded it into bordering communities

### Goals for 2007

- ✓ Increase the number of spay/neuters performed in our community thru our low cost clinics, trap/neuter/return program and Parsippany Shelter free spay/neuter plan.
- ✓ Expand our educational seminars, TNR and community outreach programs
- ✓ Increase programs to showcase local pet adoptions
- ✓ Extend our Pets for Seniors Program throughout the county
- ✓ Increase membership to encourage volunteerism
- ✓ Increase fundraising to support our goals



Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who make it happen!

Suzanne Griffin  
PASS President



### Board of Directors

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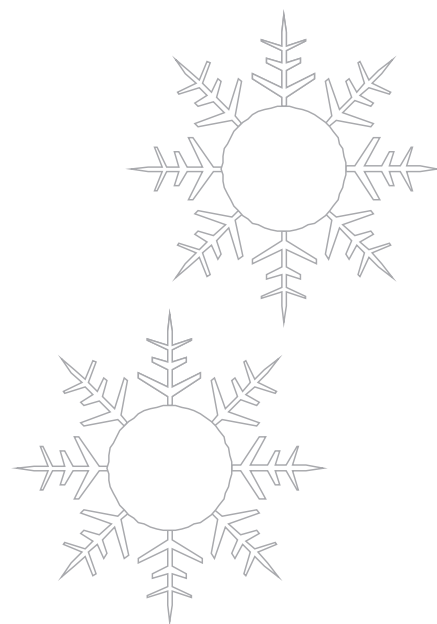


## WINTER DOG CARE

As the weather moves toward mid winter, dog owners need to take some extra precautions to protect their pets from cold, moisture and related factors.

1. **The most serious item probably is automobile antifreeze.** Many of us change antifreeze as winter approaches. Spills happen, radiator leaks occur. In either case, antifreeze may be on the driveway. Traditional antifreeze, ethylene glycol, is a well-known killer of dogs; IT IS TOXIC (kidney damage). And, what's worse, dogs (and cats) like the sweet taste. The newer chemicals are somewhat less toxic, I understand. Hose it down, blot it up with kitty litter or whatever, but get it off the driveway. Same goes when you're walking the dogs—be very alert to green puddles and keep your animals from lapping at them. This is a veterinary emergency if your dog laps any.
2. **Cold.** It may seem obvious, but even these fuzzy creatures may need a coat (visit [www.pass4pets.org](http://www.pass4pets.org) and click on Fundraisers for some inexpensive canine couture!) when going for a walk. And, if your dog lives in an outside run, protection from the cold is particularly important. Maybe it's time to treat the poor guy to a night in the house or provide some form of heating for his doghouse: a shielded light bulb or a well-covered heating pad—safely! And a flap over the entrance is definitely called for.

3. **Tootsies.** Once the snow or the ichy slush is on the ground, our pets' paws are particularly at risk. Snow packed between toes can be a minor problem; clipping the hair can help prevent/minimize this. Check pads for cracks and cuts before those daily trips. And, once the salt is on our roads, a paw rinse in warm water when you get home is a good idea—before he can lick them. An alternate would be booties to protect those delicate digits. If you go this route, invest in a good quality pair with traction soles for maximum durability.
4. **Snow bunny.** Most of our dogs love the snow. But when they come in (finally!), a brisk rub to dry the coat is called for. No one (except me!) likes that damp dog odor. Also be careful when you're mixing dogs and kids on sleds—those runners can do serious damage.
5. **Ice.** Running on ice can be difficult. Even with their claws to help, dogs can slip, slide and even get major injuries if they lose their footing. Choose your walk sites as carefully as you can and try, try to keep Rover from going ballistic in icy conditions—even if he's been homebound all day!
6. **Sunburn.** Believe it or not, that winter sun can be brutal, particularly on shorthaired dogs. Don't forget that poor little nose. Yes, sunscreen can be used lightly—if you can keep him/her from licking it off!
7. **Traffic.** Be extra cautious about road traffic. Drivers can't turn or



stop as quickly as they think and almost reflexively try to slow when they see a dog. Both my dog and I are equipped with blinking lights to give drivers an early warning at night.

8. **Don't be a turkey.** Holidays bring turkeys, chocolate, wine and Christmas tree ornaments. In excess, all can be dangerous to dogs and cats. Extra care is needed when you're distracted by a houseful of family; designate someone to watch Fido, or place him in a quieter, safer area.

—Herb Skovronek



# 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!

## CANINE COUTURE!

### PASS Fashion Collection for 2007!

PASS is offering the latest outfits for posh pups. \$5.00 donation plus shipping gets you your choice of high style dog sweaters, coats, bomber jackets and more. Right off the catwalk! Go to our website for donation/order form showing a complete list of fashions! For more information, contact Marcy at [marcy@amelior.org](mailto:marcy@amelior.org).



## 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!

## FUR DRIVE

PASS, in association with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), will be having its first annual fur coat drive in March 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. Orphaned baby squirrels, rabbits and other mammals are given a small piece of a donated fur to snuggle up against. This fur enables the orphaned mammals to feel comforted and safe, while minimizing human contact.

PASS will be accepting all fur and fur trimmed apparel, including shearing, 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 an e-mail address or regular address is included with your fur donation. Please visit our website ([www.pass4pets.org](http://www.pass4pets.org)) in January for drop off points and further information.

—Christine Ilavsky



## FERALS—A NATIONAL PROBLEM

Never-ending sunshine. Warm, tropical days. Softly swaying palm trees. These are the beautiful things I dreamed of finding when I moved down to Tampa and ended my volunteer days in New Jersey. And I did.

What I hadn't planned to encounter, however, was the extensive feral cat problem that I had just left up north. Call me naïve (and many do), but the feral problem is nationwide and growing.

As former Dog Chairperson for PASS, I had decided to try my hand at some TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) before moving down South. Let's just say I met with only minor success in that I managed to trap some kittens in Boonton that were eventually adopted out.

Though I had grand illusions of becoming an alligator trapper/rescuer once down in Tampa (to the horror of all of my loved ones who felt I'd try the "nice kitty kitty" approach with the gators, too), I figured my days of cat trapping were probably behind me, as I had only begun to get my feet wet.

One night while driving to my new home, however, I saw a bunch of little faces, their eyes softly glowing, lounging around a local office parking lot. Naturally, I made a quick U-Turn (which are legal all over in FL, by the way) and pulled into the lot.

Cats were everywhere, just hanging out. I approached slowly to survey the situation and number. I decided to come back the next few days for further observation (with food, of course) to assess the problem and see how to handle it.

Unfortunately, after only a couple days of visiting, I met with a difficult woman from the office park who accused me of feeding the cats for over three years. Even though feral overpopulation is a problem caused mainly by humans, people often blame the cats and those that attempt to fix the situation. At least my conversation with this person had a silver lining in that I learned someone had been caring for these animals for quite some time.

When I finally met up with the colony caretaker, I found out, though well-intentioned, she had not been performing TNR. Apparently, she had taken six cats out over the years and adopted them, but the idea of neutering and releasing never caught on. Hence, the problem. The sudden population spurt from the growing kittens was angering some of the tenants of the office park to the point of calling animal services.

When I contacted animal services to explain the situation, they told me the feral cat problem was huge in Tampa. All ferals are euthanized immediately. I asked if I would be allowed to perform TNR and care for the colony if I moved it away from the office park area and into the wooded area along the county-owned bike trail. I was given the green light.

So now I had to figure out how to trap. Using my basic TNR training and experience I had gotten from PASS as a starting point, I compiled online research from different local and national organizations. I bought two traps, sardines, and just went out to try my hand at it.

To date, I am happy to report that I have trapped, spayed/neutered, and released five cats back to the colony. I have also trapped five kittens and taken them to a local veterinarian's office for adoption. I have at least seven left to tackle and then will continue to help feed during the week.

The cats have moved from the office parking lot and are no longer a nuisance to the tenants. Future generations have been and will continue to be spared this life. Euthanasia is not the answer, as it only delays the inevitable. TNR is the only method that has been proven effective in managing colonies of feral cats and reducing their populations.

Applaud and support PASS in its efforts to help control the feral cat problem in your area and think about learning how to help out. It's not that difficult, and you'll be saving lives.

—Patty Gregg



## HOLIDAY PHOTOS

October 28 was Pet Photo Day at the VFW Hall in Whippany. It was a fun event with lots of participants! Pets were dressed in their 'favorite' costume and had photos taken of them.



### In The Spotlight



### MEET CAMILLE OAKIE PASS FUNDRAISING CHAIRPERSON

Currently, I live in Randolph with my husband and two beautiful dogs. I am a personal trainer and owned my own related business for nine years. I am an active volunteer with many different organizations, including the Humane Society, PEACE fund (a global children's organization) and of course, PASS.

In my spare time, I love interior decorating, studying Italian and traveling. Helping both animals and children is very rewarding to me.

I am looking forward to meeting more of our current members at our upcoming fundraising events!





# 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!

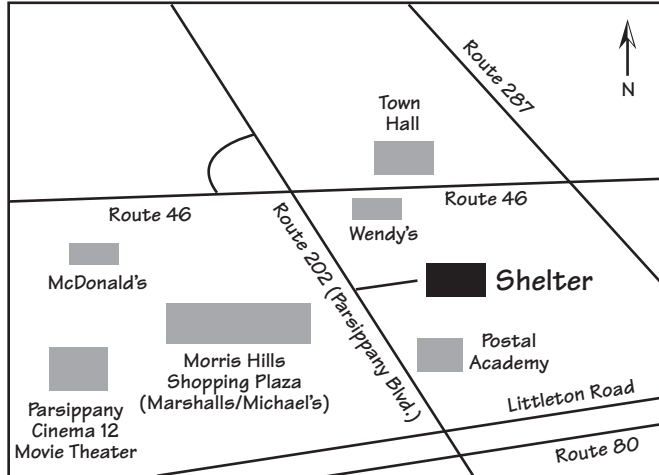
Makes checks payable to "Parsippany Animal Supporters Society, Inc" or "PASS, Inc." and kindly forward application with payment to:

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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