

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 is not part of the Parsippany Animal Shelter, which is controlled and operated by the Township of Parsippany/Troy Hills.

PASS was officially organized as a non-profit corporation on May 29, 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!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AND NETWORKING LUNCH

Come and join us to help recognize the efforts of special people, and get a chance to meet and mingle with members of other organizations who share the same concerns for animal welfare. What a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon as we present our 2008 Appreciation Awards.

This event is open to the public (volunteers must be 16 years of age or older) as well as volunteers of other animal welfare organizations that wish to meet PASS and others to benefit animal welfare endeavors in our communities. Door prizes, surprises and fun for everyone.

Date: Sunday, January 27, 2008

Time: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Place: Boonton Elks
125 Cornelia Street,
Boonton, NJ

Cost: Members—\$5.00
Non-members—\$10.00

Make your check payable to PASS and mail together with your name, the name of your organization and contact info (in case of bad weather).

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

We must receive your response no later than January 20, 2008. Seating is limited, so get your reservations in early.

Please let us know if your group would like to bring along materials

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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, January 8
- ✓ Tuesday, February 12
- ✓ Tuesday, March 11

These meetings will be held at the Parsippany Library located at 449 Halsey Road at 7:00 pm. The two meetings for February and March will be held at the Lake Hiawatha Library located at 68 Nokomis Avenue at 7:00 pm.



BATHROOM SAFETY FOR KITTIES

As we all know, kitties have their own compact little bathroom. Nothing elaborate, just four walls and some sand. With this in mind, it is no wonder why our human bathrooms present such fascination to our curious kitties. What do we do in there, kitty might wonder and what is all of this water about? Water in the toilet, water in the sink, water in the shower...eheew. What is wrong with a simple tongue bath? According to kitty, a full investigation of the human bathroom may be in order.

Human bathrooms can be a dangerous place for our curious kitties if preventative measures are not taken to keep kitties safe. The following are some steps that if followed, could assist in making the human bathroom safer for our felines.

First and foremost, it is best that when you are in the bathroom performing any grooming, make certain the door is closed with kitty safety on the other side. There are just too many potential disasters that could occur during our normal routine.

Take care when spraying or squirting anything in the bathroom without first making certain the room is kitty free. For instance, spraying of perfume, cologne or

hairspray with kitty behind you could have unfortunate results if something gets in kitty's eyes or lungs.

As we are all aware, toilet cleaners are toxic. Never let cleaners sit in a toilet unattended. After cleaning, make certain toilet is flushed and lid promptly closed. It may take a few flushes to get the residue completely out of the water.

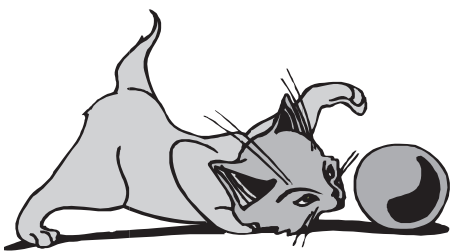
Refrain from using tablets that make toilet water clean or a different color. These often contain ammonia or bleach, and are toxic to humans as well as pets.

Open shampoo, soap or conditioner bottles can be tipped or knocked over by rambunctious kitties. Since kitties are always licking things off of their paws, there is a great danger of ingestion if they step in a substance, therefore keep lids tightly closed.

Be mindful of rugs or towels with strings. If you notice any stray strings, promptly cut them off and dispose of them. String getting caught in a cat's intestinal tract will run you about \$2,400 if the problem results in surgery—better to be safe than sorry. (Hair ties and rubber bands also pose a huge danger and it is best to NEVER bring a rubber band into the house)

If you are going to clean the tub, do so with the bathroom door closed. The best time to do it is right before you are ready to take a shower. When you are done, showering afterward will help to ensure that all possible residue of the tub cleaner has been washed away.

—Christine Ilavsky



VOLUNTEER LUNCH

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for the "Networking Table"

Hosted by Andrea Moore—
andyshomezoo@yahoo.com or call
973-402-7387, Box #3.

We will be honoring:

- Gail Strumph—Montville Animal Control Officer—PASS 2008 "Hero to Animals" Award
- Ellen Fox-Tamblyn, Editor *Parsippany Life/Neighbor News*

PASS 2008 Corporate Appreciation Award

- Janet Porsche—PASS Cat Chairperson
- Janet Saulter-Hemmer—PASS Volunteer
- Andrea Moore—PASS Fundraising Chairperson

Above three honored for exceptional volunteer efforts.

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HOW DO YOU LOVE A CAT THAT YOU CAN'T PICK UP?

I am one of the PASS foster parents who takes in little feral and stray kittens and socializes them for adoption. We like to call our kitten hotel "Janet's Kat Kollege." Over the past year or so, over thirty kittens of varying ages and temperaments have checked-in and graduated to go on to loving homes or the great outdoors. I've managed to resist the "urge to adopt" every single adorable wee kitten face that gazed up into my eyes trying to tempt me...until Charlie Brown (aka Brazen) entered our lives.

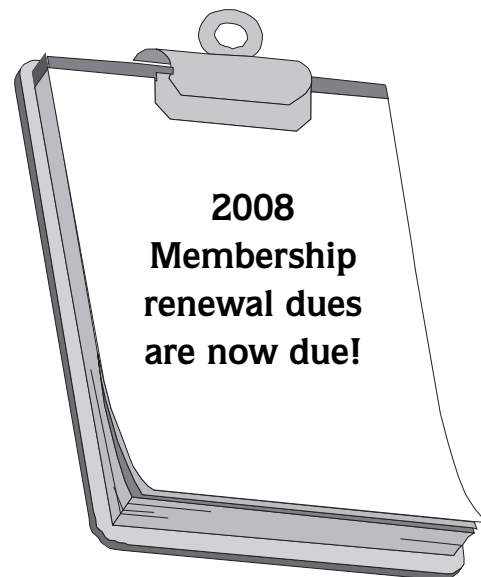


Charlie was not one of my typical kittens. In fact, he had been neutered/vaccinated at a PASS Spay Day, and had been someone's pet from what we are told. Over the course of a few months after the Spay Day, the original owners decided he was not "friendly enough," and Charlie's life took an unknown turn for the worse. In February of 2007 he was dropped off at the Parsippany Shelter after much negotiation by several people who learned he was going to be dumped outdoors into a strange environment in the middle of the cold winter months. The Shelter staff felt he wasn't adoptable in his current state, yet wanted to help him, so PASS

President Suzanne called me and asked if I would give him "one last chance" to see if he could be re-socialized. Since he wasn't really a feral cat (that could possibly go back to familiar territory to live out his life), but had been an indoor pet, they might euthanize him if he couldn't be adopted. Of course, I said yes, I would give it a try.

Charlie arrived at our house at about 8 months old. When I took him into the "cat playroom" for some cuddle time, he would literally shake with fear. He didn't hiss, bite or scratch – he just looked at me with those big blue eyes filled with total, absolute terror. I had never seen a cat literally frozen with fear. Over the course of a few weeks, he would let me pick him up and scratch him, but he never relaxed and he would never respond when I tried to entice him to play with cat toy. But he seemed to be making some progress, and he got along extremely well with our other 3 adult cats, so we decided to let him out in the house to roam freely. And that was the last time Charlie let us pick him up or touch him. I told Suzanne I would keep working with him – I just couldn't bear the thought of sending this beautiful, gentle animal to the Shelter, knowing that he really couldn't fit into a shelter environment. So Charlie decided that he didn't mind visiting with us, as long as we followed a few rules he set up. First, was the 6-foot rule. If anyone walked closer than 6 feet to Charlie, off he ran. We soon discovered the exception to the six foot rule: HAM. If you held out a small piece of ham,

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90% of all PASS communications are done via email. Please be sure to provide us with a current email address. If you do not currently receive PASS emails, please contact Blvdtravel@aol.com.

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 or mail them to PASS, P.O. Box 5077, Parsippany, NJ 07054.



We would love to hear from you!



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the 6-foot rule could be ignored for as much as 10 seconds while he snatched the ham. It was his favorite food, and we continued to feed him small bits to encourage him to come near us. I would hold it up and make him put his paws on my leg to reach it. After several months, the 6-foot rule was rescinded and the 3-foot rule enacted. If we continued walking and didn't slow down or make eye contact, we soon found we could walk within a foot of Charlie and he wouldn't run away. But he is always on his guard so he won't be cornered or caught without an "escape route" at all times. He eats his food with his head tilted sideways so he can watch if anyone



is approaching.

Charlie gets along with all of our cats, but he absolutely, positively, LOVES our cat Twinkie. From the first week he has followed her around. He sleeps with her, cleans her, and even rests on top of her!

We officially adopted Charlie in the fall of 2007, and he will be with us one year in February. He loves to lie in sunny spots, he comes running when he hears the food bowl being filled, and he has his favorite furry mouse that he carries around the



house with him. Each morning he waits by the back door for us to open the blinds and move the "Charlie Chair" in front of the door. He sits and watches the activity in the back yard with his mousey, with a clear view all around him from his perch. He has even managed to get down to just a 1-foot rule for humans without food. On the rare occasion when he is in a room where we can shut the door, we quietly walk up to him and he will let us gently scratch him on the ear for a minute or two. (The first time this happened my husband and I celebrated like our child had just



taken his first step!) But Charlie will still run away if we make a movement to pick him up, so we try to keep him calm and always be non-threatening.

Charlie has taught us patience and calmness. We have watched him make slow progress over many months instead of within days like our kittens do. But the reward each time we realize he has "allowed" us to come a little closer, or when he doesn't run away quite so quickly when we breach the 1-foot rule, has helped us to know that YES...you can truly love and enjoy a cat you can't pick up! And who knows, maybe one day with patience and quiet, consistent love month after month the day may come when Charlie will give up even the 1-foot rule and let us pick him up again.

Janet Saulter-Hemmer
PASS Volunteer



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: _____

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!

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



ONE OF MY PET PEEVES—CAR RIDES

The other day, I saw what I considered a dangerous situation. A woman (of course it could have been a man) driving down the road with her little white dog sitting on her lap (I guess) and looking out the windshield between the woman's arms.

NO! NO! NO!

Obviously, this is a bad situation, almost as bad as using your cell phone, eating your hamburger, or drinking your coffee while driving. I doubt if these dogs' licenses meant "Driving Licenses." But there are lesser degrees of risk that most of us do subject our dogs to and thereby subject ourselves to as well.

Ideally, your dog should be in a crate or a protective harness in the backseat of the car. I doubt if I've seen more than a few dog owners following these guidelines. Many of



our dogs are not particularly crazy about their crates and few of us are aware of canine harnesses that are safe for the dog and convenient to use. I haven't really found one I like.

And, besides, my dogs like to look out the windows and have their ears blowing in the breeze. Yes, I know they could get hit by something or injure their eyes, but they enjoy it

so much I'll take this risk as well as that of freezing while they enjoy the winter breezes through the open windows. My compromise is to keep the dogs in the backseat of a two-door car. In fact, that's one of the reasons I buy 2-door cars.

Let's be realistic, in an accident you will be fairly well protected by your seatbelt and your airbags, but the dogs will usually have nothing to stop them from flying around in their space. You may have seen those movies of chickens being shot at airliner windshields to assess the damage from birds. Well, consider a 30, 60 or 90 lb dog flying forward as your car rapidly decelerates from 60 mph (you never go over the speed limit, right?) to 0 mph because of that stupid driver who stopped in front of you. Obviously, the dog is at risk of serious injury or death from being propelled forward, but just as important, there is a 50% chance (depending which side he's on) that the back of your head will help to stop your dog from hitting the windshield. I'm sure that hurts—seriously! A crate or attached harness would help to prevent such injuries to dog and driver. Unfortunately, the standard metal grill may not be too much help; by the time the dog hits it, he will have gained considerable velocity. From the point of view of safety in an accident, a fabric web may actually be better.

But there are also less serious aspects. What happens when you open your door? Does your dog sit there patiently waiting for you to attach the leash or does he bolt out onto Main Street for a happy run after having been cooped up? At the least, the dog

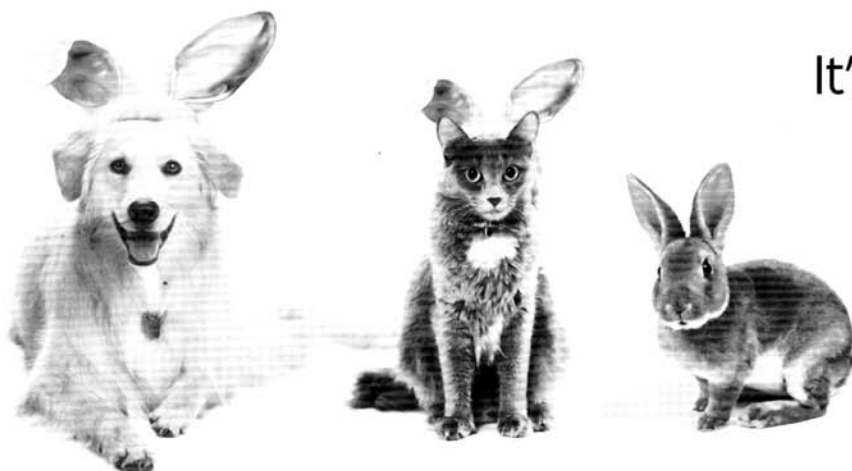
should have a leash on at all times. Then you will at least have a chance to catch him before he takes off. Of course, you could and should take the time to teach him to wait for a command to leave the vehicle.

How about when you have to back out of a parking space or driveway and all you see when you look in your rearview mirror or over your shoulder is the happy face and lolling tongue of your dog? Over the years, I've taught my dogs to lie down IMMEDIATELY when I command them for just this purpose. (I admit I'm having a bit of a time teaching this to my deaf Violet!)

One of my neighbors drives all around town with her large American bulldog mix sitting regally in the passenger seat. I don't really know how much the airbag will help him in the event of a crash, but it may be better than becoming airborne and going through the windshield. But what really worries me about these front seat passenger dogs is what happens if he sees a bunny or a pretty little poodle on the left side of the car and makes a quick move into the driver's lap, thereby totally blocking the driver's view of the road? My own English Setter did that to me once and that was the last time any of my dogs rode in the front seat.

Finally, there are the macho dogs and owners with pickup trucks. Again and again, I see pickups with large dogs, including Labs, Golden Retrievers and Rottweillers, wandering around the bed of a pickup. These poor animals have no chance in an accident; they will fly wherever the

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It's not just rabbits who multiply like rabbits.

Spay or neuter your pets.



Spay Day USA 2008

humanesociety.org/spayday

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Special thanks to



Enter the Spay Day USA Online Pet Photo Contest!

Visit humanesociety.org/spayday between Jan. 15 and Feb. 29 to enter.

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momentum takes them. Tying them on short leashes to something strong just behind the window may be a reasonable compromise when there's more dog than the cab can hold. And, I'm not sure it's legal to have a loose dog in the bed of a pickup.

So, let me summarize. Ideally, crate or harness your dogs even for short drives. If not, at least leave the leashes on them and maybe tie those leashes to the seat belts or the seatbelt guide. Teach your dogs to enter and leave the car only on a command from you and then to wait calmly while you lock up. Finally, teach your dogs to lie down quickly on the back seat when you give the command "Down!"

—Herb Skovronek

SPAY DAY USA—PET PHOTO CONTEST

Tuesday, February 26, 2008 is the 14th annual SPAY DAY USA. Join PASS in helping to save lives, improve pet health and behavior, save money (for yourself and your community) and help end the tragedy of pet homelessness which results in the euthanasia of millions of animals each year. An exciting way to show your support is to enter the Humane Society's Pet Photo Contest. Upload your favorite photo of your animal friend and let them know how your pet has benefited your life. Then, ask your friends and family to vote for your entry. You'll get a chance to win fabulous prizes and help spread the spay/neuter message!

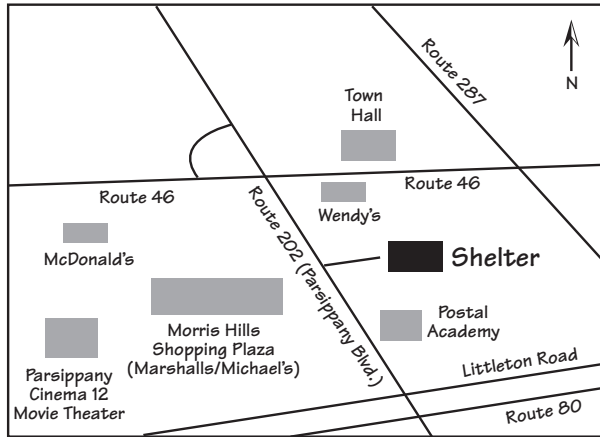
Enter online at humanesociety.org/spayday from January 15 thru February 29, 2008.

When you enter, you'll have an opportunity to donate to a local organization (pick PASS, of course) participating in Spay Day USA or to the Rural Area Veterinary Services (a program of The Fund for Animals in partnership with the Humane Society) or both. Your donation will make it possible for even more animals to be spayed or neutered. Visit our website at www.pass4pets.org for more information on Spay Day USA and low cost spay/neuter. Thanks for helping PASS to help reduce pet overpopulation.



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

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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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