

PASS IT ALONG!

Parsippany Animal Supporters Society

THIRD ANNUAL BOWLING PARTY

Wednesday, July 16th at 7:30 pm

Coming in July is PASS's Bowling Fundraiser, our third year of fun at the lanes. Last year's bowling party was a grand success! We raised lots



of money and it was a welcome way to spend an evening. Everyone at PASS is encouraged to bowl at the



event and bring their family and friends. The Bowling Party will be on Wednesday, July 16th at the

Boonton Lanes. For only \$17.00 you can purchase a ticket that includes 2 hours of bowling, pizza, soda and prizes and all the funds go toward helping animals in need! You can purchase your tickets by contacting Camille at camille@att.net or calling 973-895-9160. Lanes are limited so get your tickets while you can!!! Don't wait.

OUR GOALS ARE ...

- Dedication to the improvement of animal welfare by providing education on animal issues for the general public
- Supporting the shelters and rescue groups in their efforts to place unwanted animals in caring homes
- Fundraising to support these goals and other animal welfare initiatives

SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, October 17
6th Annual Tricky Tray
Fundraiser**

Tickets go on sale August 1st! Donations and offers of assistance on the event now being accepted! Reply to BLVDTravel@aol.com for information.



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, July 8
- ✓ Tuesday, August 12
- ✓ Tuesday, September 9

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



TWO STORIES

The following are true, only the names of the people/places have been changed. (And I've editorialized, a bit, I must admit!)

Wolfgang—A Free Spirit

About a year ago, my friend, Donna, went out in the evening to see why her neighbor's dog was barking, only to be surprised by another dog in her own yard. In the dark, he was BIG, and looked like a shepherd or a wolf—wait, there are no wolves in the Dallas, TX area. But he also looked starved. Donna couldn't resist and brought out some chicken. He ate it ravenously but seemed relaxed with her. A call to the owner of the barking lab, Sandy, brought her out to inspect the trespasser too.

They both figured the visitor would eat and then leave without a thank-you, and he did. But he was back the next night, and the night after that. After a few weeks of this, Donna and neighbor Sandy found they could pet this dog, but he remained aloof—his own man. The ladies decided to name him—Wolfgang. He obviously had not been groomed in a loooong time, so the first task of adapting to suburban life was a bath—for all three of them—Wolfgang, Sandy, and Donna! But Wolfgang remained a gentleman through the ordeal. He looked and smelled much better when it was over.

The relationship of sorts continued for several weeks with the ladies able to handle him a bit more as time went on. They checked with the local shelters, put up flyers, asked around, but no one was missing a "shepherd-like dog." He had a collar,

but no tags. What to do? They wanted to get him into a shelter but the "no-kill" shelters were all full and the municipal shelters simply don't have a good reputation for adopting out adult dogs in the short time they keep the dogs.

So Donna and Sandy just let Wolfgang move about at his own liking; sometime he would stay a few days, sometime he would be gone for a few days before returning.

Eventually, the ladies decided to begin Wolfgang's socialization with some medical care—partly for their own good. With great difficulty he was enticed into a car and taken to Donna's vet (she has three cats), where he was given distemper and rabies shots, some other cost-intensive vaccinations, and blood was drawn. The ladies split the cost of getting Wolfgang "official" with a new collar, a dog license and a rabies tag.

Oops! The vet called. Wolfie was heartworm positive. Now the ladies had to decide whether to invest several hundred dollars in a stray dog! What the heck, it's just money they would waste on food for their dog and cats! The vet explained the procedure and warned Donna and Sandy how dangerous it could be—plus that they had to be able to collect, transport, and nurse him during the weeks it would take. Sandy and Donna agreed to split the costs and the efforts. Wolfie was started on the medication and came through the treatment with flying colors. Well, since they had spent so much money on this miserable tramp, they decided to take the big step and get him neutered, too (no

one asked Wolfgang!). More money, more trips to the vet. Wolfie remained a real gentleman, even for this major insult, although he still does not like to get into a car. Would you, with the trauma imposed on him each time?

Now what? Sandy has her Lab and Donna has her three cats and has been dog-free since her own sweet Bassett, Shakespeare, passed away. Donna's husband is opposed to adding another animal to their newly redecorated home. Nevertheless, Wolfie has gotten along with the house cats on those rainy days he had been invited in from the weather.

And that's where things stand today. Both Sandy and Donna are

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TWO STORIES

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not quite ready, willing and able to make a full commitment to Wolfgang, but the public system does not offer a safe route to a forever home. Maybe Wolfie will just have to remain a travelling man, with Sandy and Donna providing bed and breakfast when Wolfie decides to spend some time with them. Maybe he'll be happy with that arrangement and so will Sandy, Donna, and her husband! Or, hopefully, either Donna or Sandy will decide to offer him full residency in one of their homes, with visiting rights at the other one, of course.

A Call For Help

Recently I sent out an email to invite new PASS members to a dog orientation at the Parsippany Shelter. My email started by noting that PAS finally had three dogs. One of the recipients happened to be a member who had moved from the area to a mid-southern state. She bemoaned the fact that her area was loaded with dogs, far beyond the capacity of the local shelter. She wondered if I knew of any groups that would bring dogs north where the adoptable dog population apparently was much lower. I advised her that while there are some groups in this area that do that, I don't know the people involved and, besides, I'm not too crazy about the idea of importing dogs (and cats) from other areas. I pointed out that such importation makes it harder to adopt our local dogs, imposes an unfair burden on our shelter-related tax costs and, most important, does

nothing to get those areas to solve their own overpopulation problem by changing their attitude toward neutering and spaying. She agreed that while they do hold spay/neuter clinics, many of the local residents are not big supporters of these programs and prefer to allow their animals to have one or more litters "for the kids" or just because that's "the natural thing."

Diane assured me she was fed up with her local situation and would like to do what she could do to get the message (spay/neuter) out to the community, set up local programs, and try to turn around the attitude that keeps their shelters full to the point where many, many wonderful animals are euthanized or, worse, are killed by the owners with a bullet while puppies and kittens are drowned. Many of the local residents allow their dogs to run loose, with or without licenses and rabies inoculations.

I really don't have much experience with starting effective programs, so I couldn't be much help. We did brainstorm a bit and I suggested one area that has not been very active in controlling animal populations and the resulting killings are the churches (and that's true here in the north as well as in other states). She was very excited about this avenue and, hopefully, will pursue it in her community. [Interestingly, I wonder if the lack of effective spay/neuter programs has something to do with religious objections to abortion in humans. Just a thought.] We also discussed the idea of higher license fees for

un-neutered animals. This and other ideas will need help from the local government, at first by pointing out the cost for large scale euthanasia.

If anyone has any ideas on how to establish long term programs that can help to change attitudes in such communities, I would be pleased to forward them to this woman. It is not one of the states from which we know dogs and cats are being imported. But the same problem exists in other states and there is still a great deal of work to do to change older ideas and attitudes toward promiscuous breeding of dogs and cats.

—Herb Skovronek
PASS Dog Chairperson

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!



BAD NEWS FOODS

Avocados

They contain a toxic component called persin, which can damage heart, lung and other tissue in many animals. This fruit is very toxic to dogs, cats and most animals.

Beer

Alcoholic beverages can cause the same damage to an animal's liver and brain as they cause in humans. But the effects can be deadly on animals since they are much smaller than us. The smaller the animal, the more deadly the effects can be. Even a small amount of alcohol may cause vomiting and damage the liver and brain.

Nuts

Walnuts and macadamia nuts are especially toxic. Effects can be anything from vomiting to paralysis to death. Within 12 hours of eating the nuts, pets start to develop symptoms such as an inability to stand or walk, vomiting, hyperthermia (elevated body temperature), weakness, and an elevated heart rate. These symptoms can be even worse if your dog eats some chocolate with the nuts. The effect can cause kidney failure, often leading to death.

Chocolate

Chocolate contains theobromine, which can kill your pet if eaten in large quantities. Dark and unsweetened baking chocolates are especially dangerous. Giving your pup a piece of chocolate cake or even letting him lick the chocolate icing on the cake could cause him to become ill. Theobromine can also

cause a dog or cat's heart to beat very rapidly or irregularly, which could result in death if the pet is exercising or overly active.

Candy

Candy or anything containing Xylitol (a common sweetener found in some diet products) can cause a sudden drop in an animal's blood sugar, loss of coordination and seizures. If left untreated, the animal could die.

Caffeine

Coffee, tea or any product that contains caffeine stimulates an animal's central nervous and cardiac systems. This can lead to restlessness, heart palpitations and death, depending on how much the animal consumes.

Grapes and Raisins

Grapes and raisins can lead to kidney failure in dogs. As little as a single serving of raisins can kill them. And the effects are cumulative, which means that even if a dog eats just one or two grapes or raisins regularly, the toxin that builds in his system will eventually kill him.

Onions

Onions are another common food that can be highly toxic to pets. They can destroy an animal's red blood cells and lead to anemia, weakness and breathing difficulties. Their effects are also cumulative over time.

Medicine

Hide medicine from your pets just like you would from your children.

The most common cause of pet poisoning is from animals ingesting a medicine or drug normally prescribed for humans.

And this is not just because furry pals are getting into their pet parent's medicine cabinets. In many cases, pet owners give their feline and canine friends an over-the-counter medication to ease an animal's pain. But acetaminophen and ibuprofen, the active ingredients in many common pain relievers, are extremely toxic to dogs and cats. They can cause gastric ulcers, liver damage, kidney failure and sometimes death.

—Submitted by Christine Ilavsky
PASS Volunteer

Many thanks...

goes to Andrew Allen, Broker Realtor® Associate, Exit Realty Gold Service of Mountain Lakes, NJ for donating our raffle ticket printing. He can be reached at 973-349-0459.





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 (June 1 through May 31) are:

- ___ \$20 Individual (18+) ___ \$10 Seniors (62+) & Students ___ \$10 Junior Membership (under 18)
- ___ \$25 Family Membership ___ \$50+ Supporter Membership ___ \$100+ Corporate Membership

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



IF PETS COULD TALK...



Sassy and Chase to PASS Volunteer Kim Campbell—Pssst—Did you forget to teach Susan Groll that fostering means you give us back?



Napolean to PASS Dog Chairperson Herb Skovronek—You're my hero and I owe my life to you!



Miso to Parsippany ACOs Jess and Deb—Well, Squeaks is OK, but the human here is kind of a pain in the tail...



Charlie Brown aka Brazen to Janet Saulter Hemmer and Tom Hemmer (PASS Volunteers)—Although my life on earth was short, it was heaven here with you.

“STUFF WE’D LIKE TO GET OUR PAWS ON” FROM TERRY’S PET DEPOT

Sunday, August 10th

Stop by anytime during the day or night



Meet the Volunteers of PASS on Sunday, August 10th. We will be at Terry's Pet Depot, 1711 Route 10 East (in the Kohl's shopping center), Morris Plains, collecting donations of pet products and monetary contributions.

Terry's Pet Depot will donate 15% of all sales that day to PASS as we continue to help homeless animals in our community and raise funds to help reduce pet over-population.

So, put together a shopping list for your favorite critter, and stop in at Terry's. You will find that they have “PUP”-ular prices for your pooch and PURR-fect gifts that are the “Cat's Meow”.

Stop by, talk to us... we will be happy to answer all of your questions and tell you about PASS.

Questions—info@pass4pets.org or call 973-402-7387, Box #5.





Kittens, kittens, kittens...

*Oh how many there are
Every season they are born
No set time of year
Although, when spring is in the air
The abundance is all around
Every place they can be found.*

*Oh how many there are
No set sex, it involves
Both males and females alike
For them not to be spayed/neutered
Should be a crime in itself
For they have no decision in this*

*Oh how many there are
Without being fixed
All they know is instinct
Additions we will have
In abundance they reproduce
3-8 in a litter at a time*

*Oh how many there are
Their health could also be at risk
From mammary gland infections
To prostate problems
To name a few, will kill them
Then nothing you can do*

*Oh how many there are
We are the ones who created the mess
How they are the ones who live with this
Take the time to help them out
You can't go wrong, no mess ups here
Only good will come from your heart being so
dear.*

*There are so many...
You know they can't speak
for themselves
But if they could
Don't you think
they would "thank you"
Before you can even blink*

*There are so many this is clear
They can't even speak for themselves
Or can we not hear
Their unconditional love is all we get
When what they really need is
for us not to turn our heads*

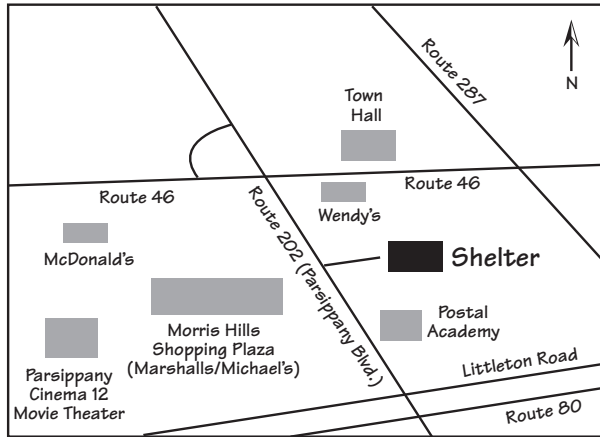
*This is a problem that's for sure
We need to think and not ignore
a human not to spay or neuter
is a crime that is for sure.*

—Andrea Moore
Fundraising Chairperson



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.

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



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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