



Companion Animal Advocates Newsletter

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Who We Are

Companion Animal Advocates (CAA) is a nonprofit, all volunteer organization based in Northern New Jersey. CAA is committed to keeping family pets from being surrendered to already crowded shelters because their owners can no longer care for them.

CAA is making a significant difference in the lives of so many people in our community - our own neighbors. We are proactively addressing day-to-day issues that every pet owner faces through the following initiatives:

- Pet Retention
- Low-Cost Spay & Neuter
- Adoption Advocacy
- Humane Education

The people that make up the group have decades of collective experience in a variety of animal welfare areas. This experience and passion are the key to the long-term success of CAA.

Orin gets a home through CAA's Home2Home Program



Orin started off his life with a few challenges. He was found abandoned in November with a severe hip injury, possibly from being hit by a car. Things started to look up when generous professionals donated life altering hip surgery as well as physical therapy. But now he needed a forever home to call his own.

Orin's good nature showed as he met his new playmates in his new foster home - 3 Italian

Mastiffs, a large hound, and a very stuck up cat. He was a natural when it came to learning his good citizen lessons. His foster mom, Nixie, had already worked with CAA to place another dog. So, she turned to CAA once again for help placing Orin.

Dr. Susan Cropper, a vet in Wyckoff, NJ was looking to adopt a personable pit bull who could be an "ambassador of the breed". An employee from an animal hospital where Dr. Cropper works saw Orin's flyer in a Starbucks. Dr. Cropper called, and after meeting Orin, she knew he was the right one for her.

Orin is now "on staff", going with Dr. Cropper on house calls as well as greeting clients at her office. A sweet pit that once wandered the streets now has a forever home, and CAA is proud to have played a part in finding him that perfect home.

Please help CAA's Home2Home pets have more Happy Tails. Visit our website at www.CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org and read about our pets in need of homes. Print and post their flyers. Forward their links to your friends who might be looking to adopt a pet. Won't you become part of our next Home2Home success story?

Big THANK YOU to our Supporters!

We asked for your help and you responded in a big way! Last month, we received 70 of the \$2 Purina coupons which resulted in a savings of \$140 on our pet food order for Operation Feed-A-Pet. If we could do that every month, it would result in a savings of \$1,680 over the course of one year!

Let's keep the momentum going. You can call Purina once a month (e-mail CAA to be added to our coupon reminder list) at 1-800-778-7462 and then mail the coupons to us at: Companion Animal Advocates, P.O. Box 61, Hillsdale, NJ 07642!

Thank you for supporting us in a small way and making a big impact. Great job everyone!

Please pass this newsletter along to a friend when you finish reading it. Thank you.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Operation Feed-A-Pet

We supply Purina Cat and Dog Chow to the Center for Food Action in order to provide pets with a healthy and consistent diet.

Please call Purina at 1-800-778-7462 and request coupons for Purina Dog or Cat Chow (Purina will accept a coupon request once every 4-6 weeks).

Send your coupons to:
Companion Animal Advocates
P.O. Box 61, Hillsdale, NJ 07642

These valuable coupons significantly help us further our contributions to the Feed-A-Pet program.

Collect Coupons for FREE Pet Food

If you should come across any coupons for **FREE** pet food or treats, please send them to CAA at the above address.

Home2Home

Encourage friends and family to sign up for the CAA newsletter so they can get emails on pets that need new homes.

Post flyers of Home2Home pets in your community.

For more information please contact Sara@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org

Food Drives

Conduct a family and friends food drive. Send e-mails to your family and friends and ask them each to donate a 15-20 lb. bag of dog or cat food to help an underserved family feed their pet.

Once you collect the food, contact Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org to arrange for drop off of the food.

In Honor / In Memory

In Memory of Marie Anjoubault
by Helga Politzer

In Memory of Overbrook Cockers
by Jean Fox

In Memory of Rosie
by Sara Wingerath & Ian Schlanger

Easy Ways To Help CAA Raise Funds

In addition to monetary donations, you can help pets in need by:

- * Donating gently used items to the Community Thrift Shop at 85 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park. Receiving days are Mondays and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- * While shopping online, go through igive.com and name CAA as your charity of choice. CAA will get a percentage of sales.
- * If you order online from Entirely Pets, JB Pet or Fruity Crittoure, click on the icon or link on our website and CAA will get a percentage of the sales.
- * Call for Purina coupons - 1-800-778-7462 and request two \$2 coupons. These coupons greatly reduce our monthly pet food bills.

Big thanks to Kathy Haupt at KDT Recipes for naming CAA as its beneficiary of proceeds from a seminar about Trapper's Way, a frozen natural raw food for dogs and other helpful topics for canine health. Visit Kathy's website, trappersway.com or speak with her at our upcoming Carnivale of the Dogs fundraiser on Sunday, October 10th at the Wild Duck Pond Park in Ridgewood.

See how easy it is to raise money for the pets! Full details on these shopping opportunities are on our website under "Donate - Search and Shop".

CAA's Lecture on Pet CPR a Success



Companion Animal Advocates and The Ridgewood Veterinary Hospital recently hosted a FREE cat and dog CPR lecture and demonstration. The event was a huge success and generated a lot of interest from the public.

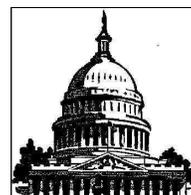
Dr. Joanne Healey DVM, CVA; Assistant Medical Director, hosted the event and taught the class about the signs to look for if

your pet is not responsive and also performed a hands-on demonstration.

CAA will be hosting another pet CPR event in the near future, so please make sure to sign up for our newsletter to stay informed.

Link between Domestic Violence and Animal Cruelty Recognized in NJ Bills

Many domestic violence victims believe they have no choice but to stay in violent households in order to protect their vulnerable pets from abuse. Unfortunately, despite a growing amount of research correlating violence to animals and violence to humans, animals are not included in NJ's domestic violence law. Perhaps this will change.



Several pending bills authorize judges to include animals in domestic violence restraining orders, to stop abusers from harming or threatening to harm pets. They give courts specific authority to direct the care, custody, or control of any animal residing in the household. Maine recently enacted a similar law.

A1633, introduced by Connie Wagner (District 38 Bergen), S540 in the Senate and recently A2509, are all sitting in Judiciary Committees. Similar bills were introduced over the past four years but never enacted into law. To contact your NJ legislator and express your views, see <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp> or call (800) 792-8630.

– Linda J. Peterson is an attorney practicing Estate Planning and Elder Law in Mahwah, N.J.

PET HAZARDS - IN AND AROUND THE HOME



There are many hazards out in the world that could hurt your beloved pet. The world is full of harmful chemicals which could make your pet sick and in the worst case, fatal. Outside, fertilizers and herbicides are extremely toxic substances that can be easily ingested by your pet. Although you may be careful about what you use on your lawn and garden, your neighbors might not be so responsible or knowledgeable about these toxins.

For dogs, Cocoa Mulch is extremely toxic. According to the ASPCA Poison Control Center, "Dogs who consume enough cocoa bean shell mulch could potentially develop signs similar to that of chocolate poisoning, including vomiting and diarrhea. In cases where very large amounts of mulch have been consumed, muscle tremors or other more serious neurological signs could occur."

Another outdoor hazard is poisonous plants. If your pet has some of these symptoms, you might want to consider taking them to the vet. They are: irritation to skin and/or mouth, diarrhea, seizures, lethargy, unconsciousness, and vomiting.

Not only are there hazards for your pet outside, but inside your house as well. From soaps to medications, insecticides to cleaning products and children's toys, your pet can easily ingest something that could potentially kill them inside their own home. Pet hazards are everywhere and the best way to help save your pet is to learn about what is potentially harmful to them. A small nail that falls off the counter or an indoor plant that you purchased could be the difference between your pet living a long and healthy life or dying from something that could have easily been prevented.

To learn more, please consider attending CAA's FREE lecture on Pet Hazards with Borst Landscape & Design and Hillsdale Animal Hospital on June 15th at 6:30pm at the Hillsdale Public Library. RSVP to Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org or by calling 201-706-7666.

Pet Hazards Lecture

Tuesday, June 15th at 6:30pm

Hillsdale Public Library

509 Hillsdale Avenue

Hillsdale, NJ 07642

Please RSVP to

Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org

or by calling 201-706-7666

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to our Home2Home Pets
who recently found
their forever homes.



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Borst Landscape & Design is an award-winning, full-service landscape design/build firm specializing in large-scale residential and commercial projects throughout northern New Jersey. The company has received recognition from numerous national and industry organizations including the New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association, the Associated Landscape Contractors of America and Landscape Management Magazine.

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Dear Friends,

CAA supplies Purina Cat and Dog Chow to the Center for Food Action clients through Operation Feed-A-Pet. We use coupons to help make our Feed-A-Pet dollars go further. Please help us by calling Purina at 1-800-778-7462 and requesting two \$2 coupons. Upon receipt, mail them to: CAA, P.O. Box 61, Hillsdale, NJ 07642.

Receive a monthly e-mail reminder to call Purina. Send an e-mail to Coupons@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org. Include your first and last name, town and state. We will send you a reminder each month to call for coupons.

Please feel free to contact us at any time.

All our best,

Companion Animal Advocates

To find out how to sponsor an upcoming Companion Animal Advocates Newsletter, please contact Sara@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org

COMPANION ANIMAL ADVOCATES - WHAT WE DO

Our pets are members of our family. But sometimes a family has to think about giving up their pets because they are moving, have an allergic child in the family, or because they can no longer afford to feed the pet.

If a family has to give up their pet, what can they do? Find a new home for the pet OR give it to a shelter and hope they can find a good home for the pet.

- ◆ Companion Animal Advocates helps people in need keep their pets in their family by providing food through its Operation Feed-A-Pet program to help the pet stay healthy and to reduce the family's cost of keeping a pet.
- ◆ Companion Animal Advocates helps provide responsible pet owners with affordable spay neuter options through its Stop Littering program, allowing for healthier pets while reducing pet overpopulation.
- ◆ If there is no way to help the family keep their pet, Companion Animal Advocates works with the family to help them find a new home for their pet through its Home2Home program. Helping the owner find a new home for their pet helps reduce the number of homeless pets in the shelter and is less upsetting to the pet.

If a lot of people help a little, together we can all help a lot!!



HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

06/10

Please send us a donation to help us carry on our work.

Mail this DONATION FORM along with your CHECK to:

Companion Animal Advocates, P.O. Box 61, Hillsdale, NJ 07642

Help "home" a Home2Home pet: 3 pets (\$150) 1 pet (\$50) Other \$ _____

Feed-A-Pet for: 12 months (\$144) 6 months (\$72) 1 month (\$12) Other \$ _____

Spay or Neuter: 3 pets (\$150) 2 pets (\$100) 1 pet (\$50) Other \$ _____

OR

General Donation: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other \$ _____

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