



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.

Pet CPR Event Attendee

Purchases Pet Oxygen Masks For Local Fire Departments



PHOTO Patty Nazzaro with her Pomeranians - O'Reilly, Lola and Cooper

CAA hosted its 1st Humane Education lecture on Pet CPR in June with tremendous success. One participant took the information that she gained and quickly set out to help her community.

Patty Nazzaro realized that pets were in danger during a house fire, but it never dawned on her that the fire departments wouldn't be prepared to save pets. She contacted local fire departments and asked if they were prepared with pet oxygen masks. To her surprise, they weren't. So, she purchased the three sizes of masks for large, medium and small dogs/cats and donated them. These masks are affordable (\$95) and considering they save lives, this is a great investment in your town.

You can easily organize a fundraiser to help your police/fire departments obtain a set of pet oxygen masks. Call your town's fire department today and see if they are equipped to save pets in case of an emergency. If not, you can visit petsamerica.org to purchase the masks and make a donation.

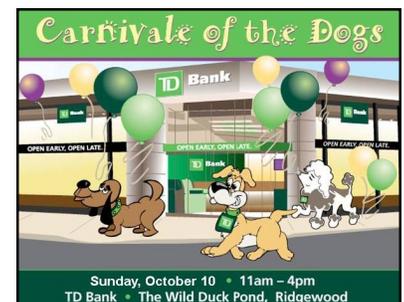
CAA will be hosting another PET CPR event in the fall, so please check our web site frequently for updates or email Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org to be put on a list to receive information when a date is scheduled.

Carnivale of the Dogs

Bring your family and join us on **Sunday, October 10th** from 11am - 4pm at The Wild Duck Pond Park, located at 1133 E. Ridgewood Avenue, Ridgewood.

It will be a day filled with music, giveaways, free food, pet psychic readings, pet caricaturist, dog trainers and boarding services, animal rescue groups, doggie beauty salon and dress up, face painting, kiddie Newfoundland rides and other children's activities. Don't miss it, it's fun for the entire family!

Although the event is free, please consider bringing a bag/can of cat/dog food to aid pet owners that need help feeding their pets.



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 and the Social Service Association of Ridgewood and Vicinity, Inc. 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

Hold a Pet 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.

FREE Humane Ed Lecture:
Pet Food Myths Debunked
Tuesday, October 5, 2010
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Midland Park Memorial Library
250 Godwin Ave, Midland Park, NJ
For more info. and to register
visit our website at
www.CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org

Fall Fundraising Leads to Great Holiday Gift Giving

The fall fundraising season is gearing up for one of its biggest selling years yet. This year, CAA is offering a plethora of items for all of your holiday gift giving needs. We are going to be offering Yankee Candle (which offers additional items beyond just candles), Crunchkins (edible greeting cards for dogs made of flat rawhide panels imprinted with non-toxic ink), all sorts of fun shaped pasta, personalized photos bags and accessories, and customized magnets, key chains and afghan throws.

We will have hard copy catalogs as well as an online catalog on the CAA website in early October. All items will be delivered in time for the December holidays.

If you are interested in helping CAA raise funds by selling to your family and friends, please contact Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org for catalogs and order forms.

Home2Home Needs Your Help !



Our Home2 Home Family has grown to **4 cats and 5 dogs** -- in the last 3 months alone we have welcomed 4 new dogs into the program! Each of them is as different as they are adorable.

To date, over 35 pets have successfully found new homes through our Home2Home program. But we desperately need **YOUR HELP** to spread the word about those pets who are still waiting for their new homes.

Our Home2Home Adoption committee is asking for volunteers to help post flyers in their local shops...as well as assist with our latest initiative ...

In the next few weeks Home2Home will be reaching out to several pet-friendly assisted living facilities in Bergen County. Our goal is to partner with facility management about distributing flyers to residents and /or providing adoptees info for community bulletins/newsletters.

Do you think you can spare an hour or two to help us make this happen ... ? Please contact Melissa at MMacri@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org for more info or to find out how you can help.

Will the US Senate Pass the Prevention of Interstate Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act?

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a bill to crack down on animal "crush" videos. This narrow statute bans interstate and foreign commerce in obscene videos showing the intentional crushing, burning, drowning, suffocating, and impaling of puppies, kittens, and other live animals for the sexual titillation of viewers. HR.5566 responds to the April Supreme Court ruling that depictions of animal cruelty in a 1999 law was "overbroad" because it might criminalize some Constitutionally protected speech.



Consequently, crush videos have once again proliferated on the Internet. "Violence is not a First Amendment issue; it is a law enforcement issue," sponsoring Rep. Gallegly (R-California) said. HR.5566 is now before the Senate's Judiciary Committee. To contact your senator and express your opinion, call Capitol Hill at (202) 224-3121.

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

Coupons, Coupons, Coupons !!



Why are we always asking you to call Purina once a month for coupons and send them to us?

Here's why: Between January and August of this year, CAA saved \$2,240.45 using the coupons that you sent in! That is an amazing amount of savings and it helps your donation dollars go so much further.

Through your generous support, CAA has donated more than 49,000 bowls of food just since the beginning of this year.

Please keep up the good work and go to our website at www.CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org to sign up for a monthly e-mail reminder to call Purina for coupons at 1-800-778-7462.

Thank you so much!

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING !!

To all of you who have given your time to make our events a great success,



for volunteering with Companion Animal Advocates from those you help who cannot speak and from those of us who can.

All of us have benefited from your helping hands.

Continue to check our website for additional events and fundraising opportunities or contact Pat Halko, Volunteer Chair, at Patty@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org or 973-835-6639.

In Memory Of ...

Tucker Martin
"A true one in a million dog"
by The Branch Family

Chyna
Beloved pet of the George family
by The Del Rosso Family

Peanut and Jessie
by Chris Ordway

Bella
Beloved dog of Tim Murphy and family
by Terry Schuster

Shotzi
Standard Poodle companion
of Mrs. David Sayles for 17 years
by Trudy Carhart

In Honor Of ...

Nancy Hamilton's 80th Birthday
by The Del Rosso family

Nancy Hamilton
by Joe and Anne Torre

Nancy Hamilton's 80th Birthday
by Helga Politzer

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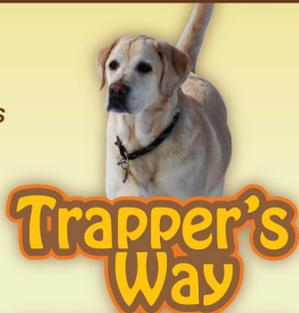
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Dear Friends,

Happy fall from CAA! As we celebrate Halloween and enjoy some treats, we thought your pets might benefit from a few tips on keeping safe during this "tricky" holiday season!

- 1) No human tricks or treats for your companion animal.
- 2) Plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn can be toxic to your pet.
- 3) Animals should only be dressed up in costumes if you know that they love it.
- 4) Be careful with trick or treaters, as the doorbell can be alarming and your pet might dart out with all the opening and closing of the doors.

We wish you and your pets a wonderful and safe October!

All our best,

Companion Animal Advocates

"Never Homeless, Never Hungry, Always Loved"

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

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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 \$ _____

DONOR'S NAME _____

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Check here if we may send your donation acknowledgement via e-mail to save on postage.

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