



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. 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.

"Canines on the Catwalk" Raises More than \$7,800!

Animal lovers of all kinds came together to contribute their time and money to make the canine fashion show a success. Twenty dog models strutted down the runway showcasing the latest in doggie fashions to help Companion Animal Advocates raise money for less fortunate fellow pets.



Companion Animal Advocates would like to thank the fabulous four-legged models and their owners for donating their time to such a great cause. We also extend our thanks to the dog clothing designers for generously lending their fashions and to the local businesses for contributing to our

program journal with advertisements, especially our main sponsor, The DSM Group. We greatly appreciate the individuals in our community for donating beverages, desserts, and wonderful gifts for our tricky tray. Finally, we are so thankful for our hardworking volunteers and all of our guests for attending and participating in the show.

Check out the photos and videos from the event on our Web site.

Help Us Obtain A Generous Donation From TD Bank

TD Bank's Affinity Program helps nonprofit organizations raise money by receiving an annual cash contribution from TD Bank, based upon the average deposit balance held by the organization's participating members.

CAA will receive 1/2 of 1% contribution based on the annual average balances of all eligible checking accounts and 1/4 of 1% contribution based upon the annual average balances of all eligible savings accounts/CD's.

It's Simple To Participate. Please call Cheryl Kastner at TD Bank, Glen Rock branch, at 201-791-1472 or stop in to one of TD's many branches and ask to link your account to Companion Animal Advocates. You can also just email Patricia@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org with your name and town and we'll ask TD Bank to link you up. If you don't have an account, please consider opening one.

Companion Animal Advocates will not receive any information from TD Bank regarding your account balances or any other personal information. We're working toward earning a donation of between \$8,000-\$10,000. That would buy a lot of pet food!! Please help us achieve this goal.

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.

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 Of...

Bella the Greyhound by Jacquelyn M. Burrows

Sailor, the CFA Mascot by Bev Sullivan

Nancy Hamilton by Dr. Dean and Carole Cerf

Donald Rising by Helga Politzer

Baby Boy Macri with love from the guests of his baby shower

Megan & Kerry by Barbara Branch

SpayDay USA 2011 Neuter Scooter A Huge Success

Just one unaltered female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in six years. In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can produce an incredible 420,000 kittens. Companion Animal Advocates know that responsible pet owners want to spay/neuter their pets. These are the reasons that CAA created the [Stop Littering program](#), to make sure all families have the ability to be responsible pet owners.

CAA celebrated Spay Day USA, February 26, 2011, by providing free or low-cost spay/neutering to NJ residents through our Stop Littering Neuter Scooter project. CAA teamed up with the Onyx and Breezy Foundation, Petco and People for Animals to help pet owners spay 25 dogs and cats. We would like to thank the Petco of Ramsey for providing the meeting location for the neuter scooter, People for Animals for providing the neuter scooter as well as its expert spay/neuter services, and most of all, The Onyx and Breezy Foundation who provided a generous grant to make it all possible. Go to our Web site at www.CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org to see a short video clip of our Spay Day USA.

As part of our Spay Day USA campaign, CAA participated in the Humane Society Spay Day USA photo contest and raised \$996.47 in grant funding for future spay/neuters. A special thank you to all our supporters who participated in the contest and helped us raise these much needed funds.

Pet Oxygen Mask Donations

This year, the Humane Education committee has set a goal of donating at least 12 sets of pet oxygen masks to fire departments and EMT's throughout Bergen County. For a donation of \$100, the set includes three oxygen masks (small, medium and large). We would like to thank the following donors who have donated so far this year:

- Mrs. Fox, Hillsdale
- Mr. Alastair McIndoe, Maywood and Lodi
- Dr. Joan Gimelli, Rochelle Park
- Mrs. Paula Jaegge, Waldwick
- Liz and Peter Pezzillo, Little Ferry



If you are interested in donating a set to your community, please contact Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org or at (201) 706-7666.

Volunteer News

On February 3rd, a Volunteer Appreciation Event was held at Westy's in Saddle River. It was a fun night to enjoy the company of our dedicated volunteers. This event allowed us to say "Thank you" for all you do.

Our sincere thanks to Doree Mortillo at Allendale Hair Studios for single handedly signing up more than 50 households to support CAA through TD Bank's Affinity Program. Way to go Doree!

Currently we are seeking volunteers to assist the program chairs of our Operation Feed-A-Pet and Stop Littering programs. Please email Patty at Patty@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org with any questions.

Pet Food Drives and Other Donations

Thank you to Marie Pecorelli, owner of Marie's Dance Studio in Lodi, for sponsoring a dance fundraiser in February. The food drive was held in conjunction with a dance showcase. They collected more than 200lbs. of pet food.

CAA recently received a generous grant of \$500 from Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc., located in Spring Valley, NY. This grant will be used towards our Humane Education program. Thank you Orange & Rockland for supporting our community.

The Saddle River Valley Lions Club recently awarded \$1,000 to Companion Animal Advocates.

Big thanks to Hi-Tor Animal Care Center in Pomona, NY for its recent pet food donation.

Camp Bow Wow in Elmwood Park consistently collects pet food and treats on our behalf and we just picked up another donation from them. Way to go Roman and staff!

Special thanks to two of our supporters who work tirelessly to collect pet food and treats for CAA - Joan Logan of Franklin Lakes and Andrea Cassidy of Allendale.

CAA recently received a generous donation of pet food from the students of the STRIVE program at Ridgefield Memorial High School. A car-load of food, treats and other gifts were donated by the group and dispersed.

Thank you to the staff, students and families of the Haworth Public School for sponsoring a pet food drive during the month of January. Under the supervision of Karen Erner, they collected over 100lbs. of dog and cat food, as well as various canned food and treats.

In Memory Of...

Michael Coccozzo by Jill Coletti	Betty Lou O'Donnell by Joe and Anne Torre	Mason by Kristine Heinemann (Aunt Krissy)
Michael, Bridget and Josephine Carrigan by Bridget Carrigan	Tinkerbelle by Helga Politzer	Putty by Janice Moschetta & Camille Grimaldi
Madison Maude by Donna Fico	Zoey by Jill Coletti	Meredith Neumann by Eddie Devereaux II and Christine McIndoe
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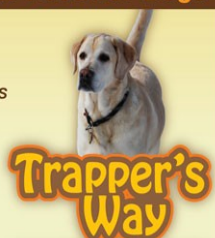
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the warm weather of June. We know that everyone is excited to finally be outside again as well as enjoying the weather with their family and pets. We would like to thank you all so much for your support, without it, we would not be helping as many families and pets as we have been. We wish you and your pets a wonderful and safe summer!

We hope you will continue to support Companion Animal Advocates. Please feel free to contact us anytime.

All our best,

Companion Animal Advocates Board of Trustees

To find out how to sponsor an upcoming Companion Animal Advocates Newsletter, please contact Christine@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 can no longer afford to feed the pet.

If a family has to give up their pet for this reason, 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.
- ◆ Companion Animal Advocates also provides community outreach through its Humane Education program. This program was designed to educate the community on such topics as Pet CPR, pet hazards and pet health. We do this through lectures with local vets at public libraries or at vet hospitals. This year, CAA also spearheaded a campaign that is trying to get every town in Bergen County equipped with pet oxygen masks, in case of emergency.



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

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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