



Companion Animal Advocates Newsletter

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
- Pet Safety

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.

SAVE THE DATE

August 25, 2013—DogFest -

10am-3pm— Rain or Shine,
Westvale Park, Harrington Ave.
Westwood

www.dogfest2013.com

April 26, 2014— Ladies Night Bingo Extravaganza—Wayne PAL

SAVE THE DATE

6th Annual Carnivale of the Dogs

Sunday, October 13, 2013—11am—3pm

The Wild Duck Pond, 1133 E. Ridgewood Avenue, Ridgewood NJ



Bring your family and join us for a day filled with music, giveaways, food, pet psychic readings, doggie beauty salon, pet caricaturist, photographer, veterinarian, animal rescue groups, various dog related exhibitors, dog trainer demonstrations, Blessing of the Animals by Rev. Celine Penti and the 6th Annual Delaney Dog Show. No admission fee. Rain or Shine.

Raise money to support Companion Animal Advocates. Beginning in August check out our website to see how you can set up your own fundraising page. Then, ask family and friends to donate on behalf of your dog. Minimum donation is \$10. The dog who raises the most money as of midnight October 12th will be crowned “KING” or “QUEEN” of the Carnivale. Aside from bragging rights, your dog will kick off the opening ceremonies at 11AM and will receive priority visits to the Snazzy Salon, photographer, caricaturist and pet psychic.

The winner will also receive a **\$150 TD Bank Gift Card** (winner need not be present but it will be a moment you and your dog will never forget). Our 2nd and 3rd place winners, better known as members of the Royal Family will be named as Prince/Princess and Duke/Duchess and will each receive a **\$50 TD Bank Gift Card**. Winners need not be present.

PARTICIPATE IN THE 6th ANNUAL DELANEY DOG SHOW!! Compete for prizes and ribbons in fun categories.

For more information, visit: companionanimaladvocates.org, email Paty@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org or call 973 -835-6639.

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

IN MEMORY OF...

- Sunshine, from Ute and Guenter Gruenfelder
- Henry, from Joe and Anne Torre
- Kerry Branch, from Kathy Beckley
- Putty, from Camille Grimaldi and Janice Moschetta
- Gwen's dogs, Lionel and Keno, from her friends at CAA
- Miss Gray, from Evelyn and Frank Pezzolla
- Patty's dog, Penny, from Gwyn Gerlach, Marita and Al Spooner, Barbara and Megan, Patricia, Janel, Nancy, Sara, Arlene and Deb
- Margaret and Samuel Bernstein, from Joan Bernstein
- Ralph, my father, who loved all animals and care for them always, from Margaret Emerito
- Dolores Elaine Doucen, from Joe and Anne Torre
- Tullah, from Paws, Claws and Tails Petsitters
- Tucker, from Sandi LoConti
- Miss Toto, a sweet Dachshund who loved to dance from Trudy Carhart
- Jessica Candy, our sweet Bichon from MaryAnn and Michael Cummiskey
- Cody Keiser, from Sandi LoConti
- Nancy Grzybowski, from Barbara and Steven Cohen and family
- James R. Hogan, from Lyn Minervini

IN HONOR OF...

- Brownie Kelly Bradbury, from Dorothy Bradbury
- Patrick Birkes and Mickey O'Connell, from Helga Politzer
- Kerry Branch's 13th Birthday, from Barbara Branch
- Kay Lunduall, from Barbara Kluthe
- Tobi, from Linda Fucci
- Helga Politzer, from Karen Russo

K9 KARNIVALE - ORADELL

A special thanks to Isai-ah, Dawn, Janel, and Patty for representing CAA at this event. Together you helped raise more than \$100 towards our programs.



GRANTS AND DONATIONS ETC.



TD Bank donated \$13,400 to CAA on behalf of its participation in the TD Bank Affinity Program. 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. Please contact Cheryl Kastner at TD Bank's Fair Lawn branch at 201-791-1472 or stop in at any TD Bank location and ask to link your account to CAA. CAA does not receive any information from TD Bank regarding your account. This program is run directly through TD Bank.

- Build A Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation - \$3,000 towards Operation Feed-A-Pet
- Banfield Charitable Trust - \$4,500 towards Operation Feed-A-Pet
- Petco Foundation - \$2,500 "We are family too" grant towards Operation Feed-A-Pet
- A \$200 donation was received from Ridgewood High School's Project Interact to support Operation Feed-A-Pet under the supervisor of advisors Nancy Reilly and Lynne Feeney.
- A \$159 donation was received from the staff at Teaneck High School to support CAA. Yris Acevedo, a Student Support Counselor at the school was instrumental in making this contribution. She is also responsible for the students actively volunteering at CAA events through the year.
- Ann Dziemianowicz, a published author of *CAREERS FOR YOUR CAT*, recently wrote about CAA on her blog.
- Thank you to Sid Davidowitz, owner of the Picture Spa in Paramus and his staff, who recently sponsored a Pet Photo Contest and Pet Food Drive to support our Operation Feed-A-Pet program. More than 135 lbs. of food was donated as well as treats and monetary donations.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT— GRACE GALVIN



We first met Grace Galvin at a volunteer event we hosted in 2009. It was raining torrentially and we feared that no one would come out on such a night - but Grace and her husband did. We knew then that this woman doesn't let anything stop her.

Grace has been an integral part of our Operation Feed-A-Pet team ever since. We can always depend on Grace to pick up and deliver the pet food whenever we need her. She's there for us in many other ways as well - all we have to do is ask. Just as important is her wonderful attitude and cheerful disposition. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family at the "Cape."

PET OXYGEN MASK DONATIONS



The Humane Education program has been a huge success. Since its inception, this program has donated more than 103 sets of pet oxygen masks throughout Bergen and Passaic Counties.

The \$100 tax-deductible donation includes: 3 oxygen masks (1 small, 1 medium & 1 large), 3 oxygen air tubes (1 for each mask) 1 O2 Fur Life carry bag (for storage & mobility), 1 laminated instruction sheet, 1 kennel lead, 2 "Pet Oxygen Masks On Board" decals, 1 PowerPoint presentation (for personnel training), 1 instructional DVD "Pets Need Oxygen Too", 2 animal incident report (AIR) forms for first responders and a pet rescue notice form. Many families have even donated in memory or in honor of a loved one or pet. If you are interested in donating a set to your community, please contact Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org or call (201) 706-7666. We would like to thank the following donors who have donated since our last newsletter:

- Thanks to our anonymous donors, the following towns are now equipped: Demarest, Bogota, Dumont, Haworth, Midland Park, Northvale and Woodcliff Lake
- Elmwood Park -Spencer Savings Bank and The Canine Company
- Glen Rock - The DSM Group
- Northvale - John Gonzalez
- Passaic - Steve and Sherry Nalbone
- Tenafly - Mary Burns, Lyn Minervini and The Canine Company
- Oradell - Dorith Finkelstein
- Carlstadt - The Rasmus Family
- North Arlington - Mike and MaryAnn Cummiskey
- Hackensack - Michele Austin
- Englewood - Pam D'Angelo
- Old Tappan - Carol Ross and The Del Rosso Family
- Closter - Christine Hofmann
- Woodcliff Lake - Kolinsky Wealth Management
- Upper Saddle River—Kolinsky Wealth Management
- Paterson—The Ferraro Family
- Rutherford - Maureen Bigley, in honor of Shamrock

The following towns are still in need of donations:

Alpine, Cliffside Park, East Rutherford, Englewood Cliffs, Fairview, Fort Lee, Leonia, Lyndhurst, Palisades Park, Paramus, Ridgefield and Ridgefield Park.

HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF



Aware of the devastating effects that Hurricane Sandy had on families in our area, CAA partnered with St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center (serving as a distribution center for pet supplies needed by rescues, shelters and families with pets affected by Hurricane Sandy) and donated much needed supplies of pet food, Petco gift cards, and other pet supplies.

'Never Homeless, Never Hungry, Always

Dear Friends,

As everyone is out enjoying the nice weather with BBQ's, the beach, pool, vacation, etc., please don't forget about CAA's mission, which is to keep pets with their families. What we do impacts so many people in such a way that we can't even imagine. Please continue to call and clip coupons for Purina pet chow, hold a pet food drive at your next BBQ, shower or birthday party. The families we serve need your help now and so do their pets.

Please sign up for our e-newsletter to read some of the recent testimonials that we have received to see the impact that Operation Feed-A-Pet is having. Here is just one of the many received:

"Thank you very much for providing food for my pet. I suffer from depression and she is a very important part of my life. She makes the days better for me. Without your help, I wouldn't be able to keep her. Again, thank you."

We have also received word that an oxygen mask kit that was donated was recently used to save a family cat. Please consider making a donation to one of the few towns that we have left in Bergen County so that all pets can have a fighting chance in case of smoke, fire or toxic chemicals.

Please visit our Web site as well as our Facebook page and like us and follow what we are up to, events and volunteer opportunities.

All our best,

Anne, Christine, Janel, Joe, Joyce, Patricia B. and Patty

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 \$_____

DONOR'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

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

In Memory Of In Honor Of _____

Send IM/IH acknowledgement to: _____