



# 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.

## CARNIVALE OF THE DOGS



It was another successful Carnivale of the Dogs. Thanks to all of our supporters, for helping to raise more than \$13,500 and 114 lbs. of dog food, treats and canned dog/cat food.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Pocketbook Bingo—Buy Your Tickets Now!**

Date: Friday, April 25th

Time: Doors Open 6PM / Bingo Starts 7PM

Where: Wayne P.A.L. (1 P.A.L. Drive, Wayne)



Bring a group of friends and join us for a fun night out while supporting CAA! We will be holding our first Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser and tickets are selling fast. Admission is \$25, which includes admission, 3 bingo boards for each game, coffee and cake. 15 games of bingo will be played in total, and the prizes will be Coach and Michael Kors handbags. There will also be a tricky tray, a vacation raffle and a 50/50. Dinner will be available for purchase including pizza, burgers, hotdogs, sandwiches, fries and more.



Tickets are limited and will be sold out prior to the event. No tickets will be available at the door. Tables of 10 are still available. To purchase tickets, please visit [CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org](http://CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org), email [Janel@companionanimaladvocates.org](mailto:Janel@companionanimaladvocates.org) or call

Janel at 201-961-3109. We hope to see you there!



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## MEGA RAFFLE 50/50

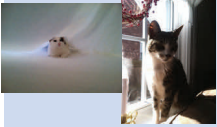


Buy your tickets now for the Mega 50/50! Raffle books of 5 tickets are available for \$20. Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st: 30% - 2nd: 15% - 3rd: 5%.

Winning tickets will be drawn on April 25th. Winners need not be present to win. To purchase tickets visit our Web site.

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

## IN MEMORY OF...



Jeanne & Michael Byrne's cats, Mickey & Murphy—From Barbara Branch



The Branch Family dog, Kerry—From Barbara Branch

Laraine & Larry Lamicella's dog, Gracie—From Barbara Branch



- Atticus, beloved cat of Rev. Lipnicki—From Joe & Anne Torre
- Boo Boo 2000-2011- From Robert Schaaf
- Jean Mitchell—From Karen Daloia
- Jinkie, beloved cat of Margaret Emerito-From Shirley Edwards
- Marion Moor-From Joe & Anne Torre
- Mona & Moishe Smilovitz's cat, Shana—From Jennifer Proper
- Mr. Lucky—From Catherin Saunders-Watson
- Our Gentle Giant, Taco Bell—From Diane Mateo
- Pauline Klein -From Chris & Matt Conklin
- Pindar—From Joan Rogan
- Putty—From Camille Grimaldi & Janice Moschetta
- The Stengers dog, Daisy—From Jeanne Byrne

## IN HONOR OF...

- Happy Birthday Barbara Branch—From Barry & Marguerite Holmes & Gloria & Cubby Cohen
- Lucy & Eddie—From Jane Ferraro
- Megan Branch—From Susan & Harry Roselle
- Happy Birthday Christine—From The DSM Group
- Merry Christmas Nancy Hamilton—From Dean & Carole Cerf

## GRANTS AND DONATIONS ETC.



### Operation Feed-A-Pet Donations:

Rocky's Pet Pantry donated 160 lbs. of dog food that was donated to the Center For Food Action (CFA) in Mahwah

Andrea Cassidy, of Allendale, and Petco of Ramsey donated lots of dog treats and some toys that were donated to the CFA in Saddle Brook

Deborah Lane hosted a Zumba-thon that generated a \$100 donation and dog food that was donated to the CFA in Saddle Brook

Ramapo-Bergen Animal Shelter donated 235 lbs. of dog food and 15 lbs. of cat food to the CFA in Mahwah

CAA's Annual Holiday Appeal yielded \$5,500 in donations



Your donations to the Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park helped CAA raise more than \$900 in 2013

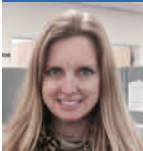
CAA received a \$1,200 grant from The Greg Biffle Foundation that goes toward CAA's Stop Littering program



TD Bank recently donated \$10,049.99 to CAA on behalf of its participation in the TD Bank Affinity Program. Please visit our Web site to find out more information about how you can help raise funds. It's simple to participate. Please contact Cheryl Kastner at the TD Bank Fair Lawn branch at 201-791-1472 or stop by any TD Bank branch and ask to have your accounts linked to Companion Animal Advocates (Code: A1706). CAA will not receive any information

from TD Bank regarding your account balances or any personal information. This program is run solely through TD Bank.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT— Barbara Messina



Barbara joined CAA in 2012. Her love for animals & ways to help the community made the decision quite easy. She has always been a multiple animal household. Currently she is the proud "pet parent" to a 65lb. rescue greyhound named Abby, a 10lb. Italian greyhound named Jack & 2 cats, Sadie & Benji. Because of her "people skills" she decided to focus on our Humane Education program, especially our pet oxygen mask initiative. It's currently Barbara's mission to make sure that every town in Bergen County has a set of pet oxygen masks. In order to make this program work, contact has to be established with the towns and donors to coordinate the presentations & photo opportunities. This is a tedious task and required numerous calls, e-mails & "snail" mail letters to achieve results. Barbara took on this task willingly and is very successful in helping us achieve our goal.

## PET OXYGEN MASK DONATIONS



The Humane Education program has been a huge success. Since its inception, this program has donated more than 116 sets of pet oxygen masks throughout Bergen and Pas-saic 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](mailto:Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org) or call (201) 706-7666. We would like to thank the following donors who have donated since our last newsletter:

- Liz & Peter Pezzillo—Little Ferry Fire Department & CERT Team
- Norwood Girl Scout Troop #1056 & The Canine Company—Paramus Fire Department
- Patty Halko, Karin Krankel, Gail Stussi-Le Terrera of Frame It & Cheryl Kastner—Fair Lawn Fire Department & Fair Lawn Rescue
- Anthony & Claudia Addamo—Paterson Fire Department
- Joe & Anne Torre & Frank & Evelyn Pezzolla Jr. of Frank's Truck Center, Inc.—Lyndhurst Fire Department
- Judi Cheetham—Montvale Fire Department
- Loretta Stadler—Mantoloking Fire Department

## SPONSOR A PET FOOD DRIVE



If you'd like to help CAA continue to provide pet food to families in need, please consider organizing a pet food drive either individually or at your company. You might even ask your vet to consider being a drop off point for a collection.

Currently, we are providing Center for Food Action clients 20lb. bags of Purina dog chow and 6.3lb. bags of Purina cat chow each month.

Please email [Patty@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org](mailto:Patty@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org) or call 973-835-6639 to find out how you can organize a pet food drive.

## PRINT AND ONLINE NEWSLETTERS

Being a 501(c)3 charity, funds are always tight and we at CAA want to make sure that all of our donated funds are going directly to the pets. Therefore, we are urging you to help us save money and resources in the printing and mailing of our newsletter. Please contact [Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org](mailto:Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org) or at 201-706-7666 and let her know that you would like to receive our email newsletter instead of our print version. We and the pets that you are helping, thank you!

## CLEANING OUR YOUR CLOSET?

**THRIFT SHOP** Donate your clothing, household goods & other items to the Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park. Simply mark your donations with Charity #33 & CAA will benefit from the proceeds of the sale. Donations can be dropped off on Mondays & the 1st Saturday of each month from 10am–2pm.

## 'Never Homeless, Never Hungry, Always

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support throughout 2014. Companion Animal Advocates continues to go strong in supporting our mission to keep pets with their families. We couldn't do it without you.

Please visit our website to read some of the recent testimonials that we have received to see the impact that Operation Feed-A-Pet is having.

Throughout 2014, we will continue to promote our main programs which are Operation Feed-A-Pet, Humane Education and Stop Littering. To date we have delivered 523,943 bowls of pet food, donated 116 sets of pet oxygen masks and 235 pets were spayed/neutered since CAA's inception in 2008.

Please visit [CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org](http://CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org) or "Like" us on Facebook to see what we are up to and learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Please feel free to contact us anytime.

All our best,

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

Companion Animal Advocates Board of Trustees

To find out how to sponsor an upcoming Companion Animal Advocates Newsletter, please contact [Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org](mailto: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 (\$180)  6 months (\$90)  1 month (\$15)  Other \$\_\_\_\_

Spay or Neuter:  3 pets (\$300)  2 pets (\$200)  1 pet (\$100)  Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

OR

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

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