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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

TV RAFFLE

Winner of this raffle will receive a 60" Sharp Aquos LED TV with a MSRP of \$1,397. Tickets are \$5 each or a book of four for \$20. Drawing is October 18th at 1:30pm at Carnivale of the Dogs.

Buy a book for a chance to win! Thanks in advance for your support.

2015 CARNIVALE OF THE DOGS

**SAVE THE DATE—
Sunday, October 18th 11am-3pm**



Sponsored by:



Bring your family and join us for a day filled with music, giveaways, food, pet psychic readings, doggie beauty salon, pet caricaturist, photographer, veterinarian, various dog related exhibitors and vendors, dog trainer demonstrations, "Furever Friends" for adoption by the animal rescue/shelter groups in attendance, a "Blessing of the Animals" at 11:30am, the 8th Annual Delaney Dog Show and our 50/50.

FREE ADMISSION/RAIN OR SHINE

Attendees are encouraged to bring a donation of a bag/can of cat/dog food to aid underserved pet owners. As per park regulations, dogs must be on a lead no longer than 6 in length. No flexi leads.

HAVE YOUR DOG CROWNED KING OR QUEEN OF THE CARNIVALE

Raise money to support Companion Animal Advocates. You can set up your own fundraising page by visiting: <https://www.firstgiving.com/companionanimaladvocates/Carnivale-of-the-Dogs-2015>. The dog who raises the most money as of midnight October 17th will be crowned "KING" or "QUEEN" of the Carnivale. Aside from bragging rights, your dog will kick off the opening ceremonies at 11am. The winner will receive a \$150 TD Bank gift card* and 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.*

PARTICIPATE IN THE 8TH ANNUAL DELANEY DOG SHOW

Compete for prizes and ribbons in fun categories!

For more information visit CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org or contact Patty@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org/201-706-7666.

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.

In Honor Of...

The Haworth Teachers Association donated \$285 to CAA in honor of their dear friend Karen Erner (funds were raised through its Dollars for Denim

In Memory Of...

- Megan & Kerry, beloved Welsh Springer Spaniels of Barbara Branch
- Blackie, dear cat of the Devereaux family from Joe & Anne Torre
- Serena from Judith Lee Schmitt
- Deb & Pat's Dog, Duffy, from Joe & Anne Torre
- Our dear cat, Isis, from Joe & Anne Torre
- Blackie, Duffy, Isis & Penny from Rich & Pat Halko
- Asta, beloved friend of Darlene & Brian Heidtke from Joan Logan

ANOTHER SOLD OUT POCKETBOOK BINGO EVENT RAISES MORE THAN \$15,000 FOR CAA PROGRAMS



This Spring, CAA held its second annual Pocketbook Bingo event. The Garfield Boys & Girls Club was packed with more than 300 supporters for this sold-out event. The evening included 15 games of bingo, a tricky tray, raffles for a lottery board and a Disney vacation basket and of course, a super 50-50. Each bingo winner had the opportunity to come to the front of the room to select a designer handbag of their choice.

In total, more than \$15,000 was raised which will fund our Operation Feed-A-Pet program, providing monthly pet food to pet owners in need. To date, 744,100 bowls of pet food have been delivered to pet owners through local Center for Food Action facilities and local community organizations in Bergen County. This is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, helping to raise much needed funds for this very important program.

The sponsors of Pocketbook Bingo were Guston & Guston, L.L.P., NY-NJ Trail Conference, ShopRite of Rochelle Park/Paramus, LAN Associates, Spencer Savings Bank, The Onyx & Breezy Foundation, Timothy J. Sullivan, CPA/ABV, CVA, CFF, Orange & Rockland, InSerra ShopRite, I Believe in Dog, Oritani Bank, Evan Ardelle/Prudential and Applebee's. A special thanks goes out to our event sponsor of the evening, The DSM Group!

We would like to thank the Pocketbook Bingo Committee - Patty Halko, Patricia Bungert, Janel Bazih, Christine Devereaux, Karin Krankel, Paula Grossi and Carol Palso-Rose - who worked on the planning of this event for months leading up to the event. We would also like to thank everyone that volunteered the night of the event, helping to make our successful evening possible.

Volunteer Spotlight



We are so proud to introduce our supporters to Karin. By day, she is known for her exciting activities and events that she plans for active seniors including fitness classes, educational workshops, health lectures, and her very Improv group! When she is not serving in her role as Director of the Fair Lawn Senior Center, she is either spending time with her husband, one year-old son and two adorable cats or is volunteering her time to CAA.

Karin has been supporting CAA since December 2011, where she joined us for the first time volunteering during a Barnes & Noble's gift wrapping fundraiser. Karin can recognize a talented group of volunteers when she sees them and thinks of CAA as a very unique non-profit organization. More recently, she became an Associate Member of our Board of Trustees.

An animal lover herself, Karin is hands-on with all of our major fundraising activities including Pocketbook Bingo and Carnivale of the Dogs, as well as

Ridgewood Adopt-A-Pet Day

Sunday, September 20th

11:00am-4:00pm

Ridgewood Veterinary Hospital

Pet Oxygen Mask Donations



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 instructional DVD "Pets Need Oxygen Too", 2 animal incident report (AIR) forms for first responders and a pet rescue notice form. Many

50/50 Raffle Winners



To all supporters we thank you again for your continued support through our 50/50 raffle. From February through April, books of raffle tickets were available for purchase for \$20 each. Tickets were sold online, via the spring newsletters, through the solicitation of CAA Board members and volunteers and at our Pocketbook Bingo event. In total, \$5,665 was raised from this fundraiser. A total prize amount of \$2,833 was awarded to the lucky three winners on April 24, 2015. Congratulations to the following three people on their big wins:

1st Place - NY-NJ Trail Club 2nd Place - Jason D. (Hawthorne) 3rd Place - Mary R. (Cliffside Park)

The success of our 50/50 has allowed proceeds to go towards supporting our ongoing programs. It gives us the opportunity to reach out to our supporters and lets them give back in a way that's fun. Often, we hear our supporters say that they don't mind if they don't win because it's fun to give and that they are proud to support CAA.

Notable Donations

- **BISSELL, Inc.** donated a PowerSwift Pet Vacuum toward our fundraising efforts.
- **Emerson Animal Hospital** sponsored a pet food drive which resulted in 142 lbs. of dog food, 38 lbs. of cat food plus 60 cans of pet food.

'Never Homeless, Never Hungry, Always Loved'

Dear Friends,

We hope that you are enjoying your summer as it starts to wind down. The volunteers of CAA are getting ready to gear up for many fall events and are looking forward to seeing you at some of them.

We are thrilled that our Pocketbook Bingo event has raised such a substantial amount of money this year. We also kept hearing about how much fun our supporters had at the event. Your support means the world to so many of the clients of the Center for Food Action as well as Ridgewood Social Services and Vicinity, Inc. It's always a question every day whether or not they will have food to feed their pet or feed themselves. CAA answers this question easily every month and that answer is feed your pet and feed yourself and your family.

We are also thrilled to announce that we are once again hosting Carnivale of the Dogs for the 8th straight year and once again, we would like to thank TD Bank for being the sponsor. Please come out and support CAA and all of our programs. If you can't make it, please be sure to pledge your support by donating to the King and Queen of the Carnivale competition

Continue to help in any way possible and as always, if you have any questions or comments, please visit our Web site, www.CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org, as well as our Facebook page and like us to follow what we are up to, including events and volunteer opportunities.

All our best,

Anne, Christine, Janel, Joe, Joyce, Patricia B. and Patty H.
Companion Animal Advocates Board of Trustees

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.



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HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

Mail this DONATION FORM along with your CHECK to:

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 \$_____

DONOR'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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: _____