



# Companion Animal Advocates Newsletter

## WHO WE ARE

Companion Animal Advocates (CAA), is a non-profit, 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:

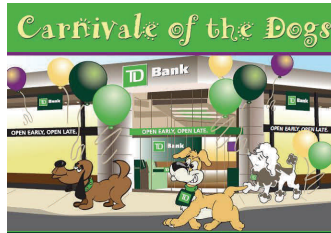
- Pet Retention
- Low-Cost Spay & Neuter
- Adoption Advocacy
- Pet Safety

The people that make up the group have decades of collective experience in a variety of animal welfare areas. Most importantly, each volunteer has a passion for animals and the love and companionship they provide. That passion is key to the long-term success of CAA.

## NEWSLETTER

Being a non-profit, funds are always tight and we 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 & resources in the printing & mailing of our newsletter. PLEASE contact Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org and let her know that you would like to receive our eNewsletter instead.

## SAVE THE DATE—Sunday, October 5th 11am—3pm



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, find your "Furever Friend" by adopting a pet from one of the many animal rescue/shelter groups in

attendance, take part in the Blessing of the Animals, the 7th Annual Delaney Dog Show and our TV 50/50.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a donation of a bag/can of cat/dog food and or treats to aid underserved pet owners.

### HAVE YOUR DOG CROWNED KING OR QUEEN OF THE CARNIVALE!!

Raise money to support Companion Animal Advocates and have your dog crowned King or Queen and win a TD Bank gift card up to \$150.

### PARTICIPATE IN THE 7th ANNUAL DELANEY DOG SHOW!

Compete for prizes and ribbons in fun categories. For more information, visit our web site or email Patty at Patty@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org or call 201 -706-7666.

### THE WILD DUCK POND, 1133 E. RIDGEWOOD AVENUE, RIDGEWOOD

No admission fee. Rain or shine. As per park regulations, dogs must be on a lead no longer than 6' in length. No flexi leads.

## TV RAFFLE 50/50



Winner of this raffle will receive a 60" Sharp Aquos LED TV with a MSRP of \$1,999. Tickets are \$5 each, book of 4 for \$20. Drawing is Sunday, October 5th at 1:30pm at the Wild Duck Pond in Ridgewood during our Carnivale of the Dogs event. Winner need not be present.

Purchase raffle books online by visiting our web site or email Janel@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org.

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

## IN MEMORY OF...

Atticus, beloved dog of Rev. Lipnicki, from  
Joe and Anne Torre

Mikey from Jennifer Proper

Jinx from Ian & Sara Wingerath-Schlanger

Jinxy from Rita Bator

Nancy Grzybowski from Pat and  
Rich Halko

Stormy from Pat and Rich Halko

Jackie Kimmel from Joe and Anne Torre

Willy from Judith Schmidt

Bill Delaney from Marita and Al Spooner

Elliott Wiener from Margot Wiener

Kirby from Nancy Graham

Abby, beloved greyhound of Barbara Messina  
from Christopher Marzolla

Abby from Andres Perez

Puffy Wozniak from Dawn Wozniak

Midnite from Maureen LaRocca

Elizabeth J. Bungert from Barbara &  
Scott Branch

## IN HONOR OF...

- Kathy Reilly's retirement from  
Carolyn Minervini

## 50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS



To all supporters - thanks again for your continued support through our 50/50 raffle. From January 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, \$6,880 was raised from this fundraiser. A total prize amount of \$3,440 was awarded to the lucky three winners on April 25, 2014. Congratulations to the following three people on their big wins:

1st Place - \$2,060 - Lorraine M.

2nd Place - \$1,030 - Linda O.

3rd Place - \$350 - Jeanne B.

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 for a great cause that they are proud to support!

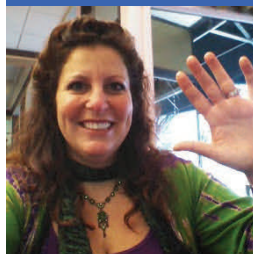
## PET OXYGEN MASK DONATIONS



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 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.

Please consider donating a set to help keep the pets in these communities safe. If you are interested or would like more information, contact [Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org](mailto:Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org) or call (201) 706-7666.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT— Doree Mortillo



Not only is Doree Mortillo a master colorist/stylist at the Allendale Hair Studio but she is a master volunteer as well. Doree has single handedly signed up more people to support CAA through the TD Bank's Affinity program than the CAA Board combined.

She cares deeply about the pets and joins us in our efforts to keep pets and their families together.

Our sincere thanks for Doree for being part of the CAA team! We and the families that you help appreciate everything that you do.

## POCKETBOOK BINGO EVENT RAISES MORE THAN \$15,000 FOR CAA PROGRAMS



The beautiful Spring weather coupled with an exciting night of charity bingo drew a crowd of more than 325 people for our Pocketbook Bingo event on April 25. This sold-out event raised more than \$15,000

for CAA programs including Operation Feed-A-Pet, which provides pet food to pets in need. To date, 582,780 bowls of pet food have been delivered to pet owners through local Center for Food Action facilities and local community organizations in Bergen County.

Attendees included supporters of CAA and residents from throughout the area. Dinner was available for purchase and there were door prizes raffled off throughout the evening. Two special raffles were held during the evening for a Lottery Board valued at \$500 and a Vacation Package valued at over \$1,000. There was also a tricky tray with 30 high-end baskets including a wine refrigerator, spa packages, a night in NYC, a custom gold necklace, an iPad, a gift card shopping spree and much more. The atmosphere was festive as excited guests eagerly listened to the numbers as they were called out. Fifteen lucky bingo winners each went home with a new designer hand bag, including some of the latest styles by Coach and Michael Kors.



The sponsors of Pocketbook Bingo were Guston & Guston, L.L.P., NY-NJ Trail Conference, Shoprite of Rochelle Park/Paramus, Southwest Airlines, Spencer Savings Bank, The DSM Group, The Onyx & Breezy Foundation and Timothy J. Sullivan, CPA/ABV, CVA, CFF.

If you weren't able to make this event, be on the lookout for our next Pocketbook Bingo in the Spring of 2015!

## 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.

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.

## CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSET?

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.

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SHOP**

## 'Never Homeless, Never Hungry, Always

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Companion Animal Advocates. Our group could not reach our goals and mission without all the time, support and donations from you. We continue to strive to be the best that we can with the resources that we have at our fingertips. We continually look for new fundraising opportunities and are always open to new ideas. This year, we had the largest fundraiser in our history, Pocketbook Bingo, which helped raise more than \$15,000 towards our mission. It was such a success that we are planning another one for next year. It will be bigger and better than ever.

We can't wait to see a lot of you at our 7th, yes, 7th, Carnivale of the Dogs event sponsored by TD Bank. We can't believe that it is going stronger than ever with many new vendors and groups attending. Watch out because Sandi LoConti, the mother of the reigning royal court will be out fundraising and competing again to have her girls crowned Queens of the Carnivale.

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 582,780 bowls of pet food, donated 122 sets of pet oxygen masks and 258 pets were spayed/neutered since CAA's inception in 2008.

Please visit our [Web site](#), Facebook page and 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*

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 \$\_\_\_\_\_

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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