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Companion Animal Advocates

Spring Newsletter



4th Annual Pocketbook Bingo Friday, June 9, 2017

Featuring Coach and Michael Kors

Tickets are on sale NOW for our 4th Annual Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser. Grab a group of friends and plan for a fun-filled night out while supporting a great cause!

Pocketbook Bingo will take place on **Friday, June 9th** at the **Clifton Boys & Girls Club**, located at 181 Colfax Avenue. Doors open at 6:30pm and games will start promptly at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$30, which includes admission, a door prize ticket, boards for all 12 games of bingo, coffee and cake. Extra boards and bingo daubers will be available for purchase. There will also be a Tricky Tray, Lottery Board Raffle, Vacation Raffle and a Mega 50/50! Bingo prizes will feature designer handbags by Michael Kors and Coach. Bingo winners will have the opportunity to come to the stage to choose their handbag.

Food will be available for purchase. Outside food and wine are permitted. We are also seeking tricky tray donations and sponsorships. Please visit our website to purchase tickets or download our event flyer and sponsorship form. For any questions, please email Janel@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org or call 201-961-3109. We can't wait to see you!

Basket Donations:

A tricky tray will be taking place at this event. 30+ baskets will be featured, each valued at \$200 or more. If you would like to donate a basket or an item to be included in a basket, please contact Patricia at 201-741-6140. We are looking for a variety of items which may include electronics, sports memorabilia, pocketbooks, accessories, home goods, pet-related items, concert/show tickets, gift certificates, gift cards or just about anything else.

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. 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.

*'Never Homeless, Never Hungry,
Always Loved'*



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of Companion Animal Advocates. As you will see, we have been busy with all of our programs and we have raised some much-needed funds for our Operation Feed-A-Pet that costs thousands of dollars per month to help fulfill our mission.

We hope to see you at our Pocketbook Bingo event this June. We are all looking forward to it

Continue to help in any way possible and as always, if you have any questions or comments, please visit our website 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, Barb, Carol, Karin, Patricia B. and Patty H.

Companion Animal Advocates Board of Trustees

Volunteer Spotlight



When we need a job done fast and efficiently, Barbara Konvit is the one to call. She has volunteered with us in the past working at several Carnivale of the Dogs events. When we needed help picking up pet food from pet food drives, inventorying it, labeling it and delivering it to local food banks, we knew Barbara would be up for the task. You know the saying, "when you need something done, ask a busy person," that's Barbara. She is the queen of multitasking. Despite her many commitments throughout our community she doesn't hesitate to help CAA. Thank you Barbara for your kind heart and all that you do!

Mega 50/50 Cash Raffle

Tickets for are available for purchase now! We are selling books of five tickets for \$20 each. There will be three prizes awarded in the amounts of 35%, 10% and 5%. The winning tickets will be picked at our Pocketbook Bingo event on **June 9th**. Winners need not be present to win. All money raised will be used towards our Operation Feed-A-Pet program. Thanks in advance for your support. Please email Karin with any questions or to purchase tickets: Karin@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org.

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 email Christine@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org if you would like to receive our email newsletter instead of our print version.

Upcoming Events?

Allendale Veterinary Hospital Adoption Day

Saturday, May 20 from 11am - 2pm
120 W. Allendale Ave. (201-327-1045)

Visit www.AllendaleVet.com for information.

Grants

Support from the **Animal Farm Foundation** has allowed Companion Animal Advocates to further its mission by awarding a grant of \$3,700 to be used to purchase pet food for our Operation Feed-A-Pet program. Please visit www.animalfarmfoundation.org to learn more about this wonderful organization

Also, a big thank you to Red Rover for granting CAA \$2,000 for our Operation Feed-A-Pet program as well.

In Memory Of...

- **Poco, beloved dog of the Dunham and Hirshman families** from Barbara and Scott Branch
- **Rosy, beloved dog of the Solly family** from Barbara and Scott Branch
- **Maple Del Rosso** from Christine and Eddie Devereaux
- **Boo Boo** from Robert and Barbara Schaff
- **All my wonderful pet companions** from Debra Fagan, DC Fagan Psychological Services
- **Nora** from Helga Politzer



Pixie, Jamie Hopf's precious pup from the CAA Team

- **The Devereaux family pets, Oklahoma "Lovie" and Buchanan** from Patricia Bungert, Rosanne Buscemi & Michele Calise, Janel Bazih, Rich & Pat Halko, Joe & Anne Torre, Ellen George, Sara Wingerath-Schlanger and The McIndoe Family
- **Mary Kay's Raisen** from The CAA Team
- **Kathleen Hefner, D.V.M.** from The CAA Team
- **Magic, beloved dog of the Guerrero family** from Barbara and Scott Branch
- **Jazzy Macri, a beautiful Standard Poodle** from the Janowsky family
- **Big Sally, the Bressler family bunny** from the Janowsky family
- **Elvis Mueller** from San & Toti Nonna
- **Megan & Kerry Branch** from Barbara and Scott Branch
- **Mr. Lucky who passed away 7 years ago this past Christmas** from Catherine Watson



- **Hammer Lay**, such a good boy, from Barbara and Scott Branch
- **Fudgie Ragno** from Barbara and Scott Branch

- **I will miss my buddy, Tiegan Branch, love Finn** from Jeanne & Michael Byrne, **Happy and Healthy at the Rainbow Bridge** from Anne DiGirolamo, **In Memory** from Rocky and Sam Roselle, **A special little soul** from Patricia Bungert. **In Sympathy** from Pat & Rich Halko, Joe & Anne Torre and Joe and Barbara Schenk. Condolences from the entire CAA Team.

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 Patty@CompanionAnimalAdvocates.org to arrange for drop off of the food.

In Honor Of...

- **Ed Grzybowski and Patricia Bungert** from Ed, Michele and the Adams families
- **Karen Erner** from the Haworth Teachers Association
- **Helga Politzer's 90th Birthday** from Nancy Hamilton
- **Tiegan, the Queen of Hearts** from Harry, Susan and Rocky Roselle
- **Lily, Joyce's beloved Newfie** from The Saddle River Valley Fellowship
- **Barbara Branch's birthday** from Finn and Keiko
- **Nancy Hamilton** from Dean and Carole Cerf

9th Annual Carnivale of the Dogs Breaks Record



CAA's 9th Annual Carnivale of the Dogs, sponsored by TD Bank, took place on October 2, 2016 in Ridgewood. A variety of participants were on hand including vendors selling everything from all natural dog food to dog sketches to doggie Halloween costumes, as well as several pet-related services.

We also hosted many rescue groups with dogs and rabbits for adoption. There were also demonstrations by the Bergen County K-9 division and Kathy Santo Dog Training of Ramsey as well as a "Blessing of the Animals" performed by Reverend Joanne VanSant of the Friends to Friends Community Church in Ridgewood.

Our Delaney Dog Show was a big hit. Our four 1st place winners Pit Mix Sally (Best Kisser), Golden Retriever Sherman (Best Trick), Cocker Spaniel Rusty (Best Costume) and Sheltie Geillis (Cutest Puppy) went on to compete for "Best In Show." That title went to Golden Retriever Sherman!

We want to thank everyone that came out to support us, attendees and participants alike as well as our CAA volunteers, especially Yris Acevedo, school-based youth services program counselor and her students from Teaneck High School, for making this yet another successful Carnivale of the Dogs!

First Giving, the online fundraising aspect of this event, raised more than \$11,000. We are proud to announce the members of our Royal Court this year:

- Queen Toti Nonna, owned by Sandi LoConti - \$10,610, Princess Penny, owned by Melissa Delrosso - \$550 and Duke Keiko, owned by Annie DiGirolamo - \$200

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

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