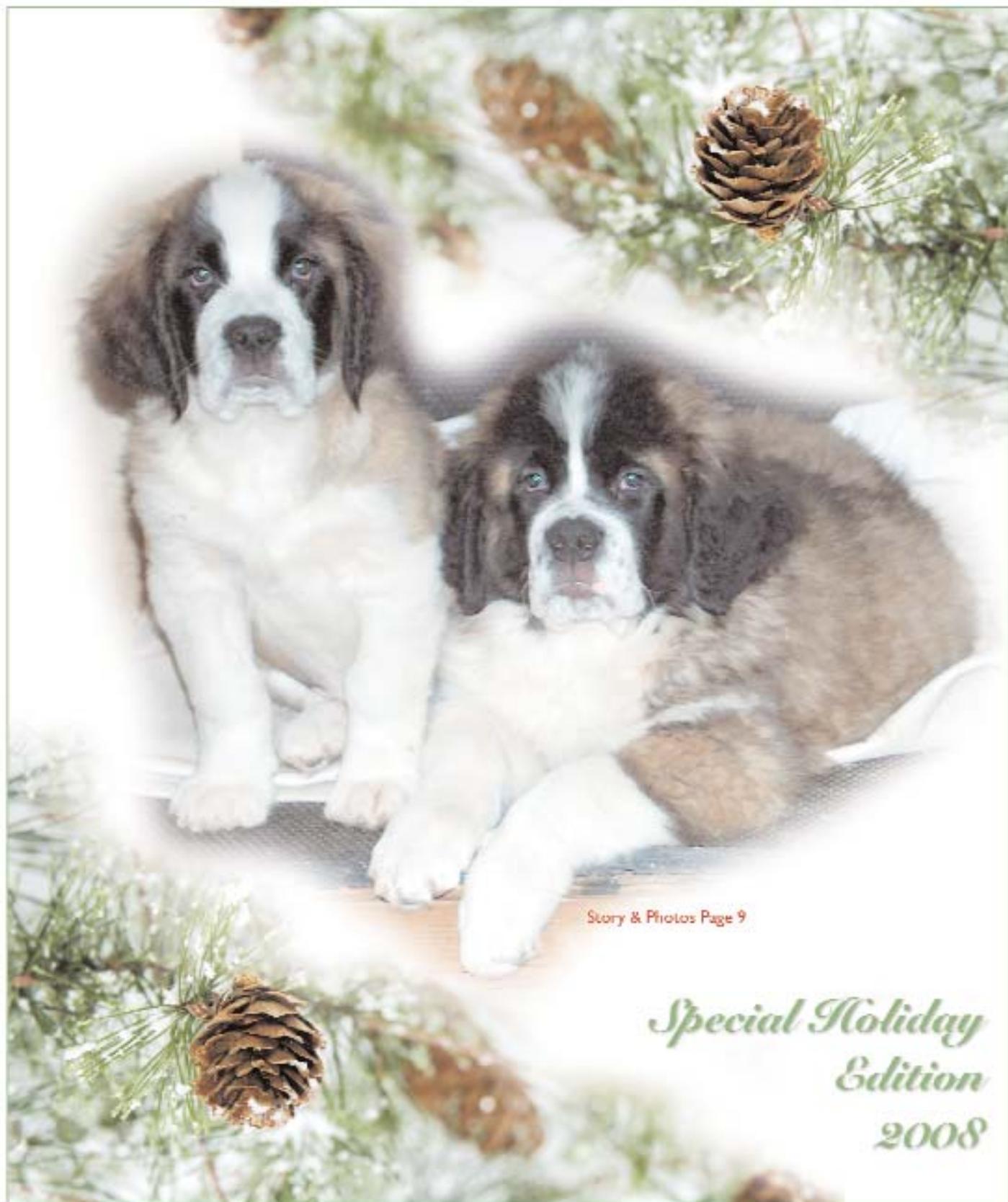


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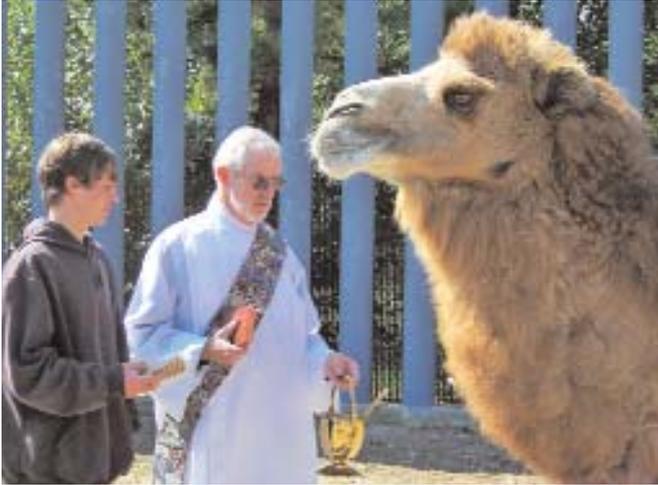
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SOCIETY NEWS

Give A Little Comfort and Joy!
DONATE A BED FOR A DOGGIE ORPHAN

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BLESSING OF ANIMALS HELD AT POPCORN PARK REFUGE



Deacon Dan Miller & assistant from St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church of Forked River blessed Princess the Camel. It surely worked as she was 10 for 10 in her football picks!

Hundreds of animals were blessed by being rescued from ill-fated lives of neglect, abuse & abandonment when they were rescued & brought to AHS & Popcorn Park Refuge where they can live the remainder of their lives in peace and safety. On Oct. 4th, Deacon Dan Miller of St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church of Forked River performed a Blessing of the Animals. This annual rite is part of the Feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and is conducted throughout the world. Through their unconditional love & dedication, animals bless us everyday.

There's Still Time!! **GET SWEEPS TICKETS NOW!**

December 14th is the date for this year's drawing for a Ford Mustang, a trip, a digital TV and an iPod digital music player. The 2008 Save-A-Stray sweepstakes is the leading fund raiser for the Society. And the sweepstakes designation says it all – Your contributions help to save the many sick, injured, victimized, handicapped animals that come through our doors. There is a suggested donation of \$1 per ticket. If you would like additional books, please feel free to call us at 609-693-1900, e-mail us at associatedhumane@aol.com or write to us at P O Box 50, Forked River, N J 08731-0050.



Share-A-Pet Mack enjoys the comfort of a Kuranda bed

Comfort and well being of Society orphans are of paramount importance while they await adoption. Kuranda Dog Beds is one way to have our dogs comfortable. The company has a "Donate A Bed" program which enables individuals to donate beds to the Society. The cost for these durable beds range from \$52 to \$64. Log on to the Society's website at www.ahscare.org and click on Ways To Help. If you do not have a computer, just send your donation to Kuranda at the Society, P O Box 43, Forked River, N J 08731 and we will purchase one for you!

POPCORN PARK SIGNS TELL HISTORY OF RESIDENTS

New attractive signs in the form of pages in an open book are being produced for the compounds throughout Popcorn Park. This will enable visitors to learn of the history of the sanctuary's residents. It is our hope that the

messages will convey to youngsters that most of these animals should have been allowed to live out their lives naturally. It is because of man's interference and their ultimate threat with death that they now reside at Popcorn Park. The signs are \$90.00 each and are UV protected with a 10 year guarantee. We are pleased to have this educational tool for the visitors. Donations can be sent to ZOO SIGNS, c/o Popcorn Park, P O Box 43, Forked River, N J 08731.



POPCORN PARK TOURS AVAILABLE

Did you know that you can schedule a special class or group tour of Popcorn Park all year round? What could be more fun and educational than a personalized tour and a chance to meet and learn about the residents of the zoo?? For more information, call our Forked River office at 609-693-1900 or e-mail us at njhumane@aol.com

Miracle on Evergreen Avenue

An innocent and needy pup was tossed into a garbage can like a worthless piece of trash. She was only hours from death when a passerby found her cold, almost lifeless body, and brought her to the Society. She was immediately put on intravenous feeding for several days. Because there was a long weekend ahead, she was brought to the Executive Director's home for intensive care, warmth and feeding to bolster efforts to keep her alive. If it was to be her last day on earth, we wanted her to know that she was worthy of love. The long hours of loving care strengthened and encouraged her will to live. She is a little butterball and we call her Pia. She has become a very affectionate pup looking for a lifetime of love in a forever home. (Newark)



Is Kris Kringle really Santa Claus?

Yes, but what we've found is Kris goes by many names - he might even go by yours! The animals we rescue believe in Santa Claus if they can believe in *YOU*. Won't you please make a donation - use the envelope provided or the coupon on page 15 - and help them to ...

Believe!



2009 Calendars On Sale



ABOVE:: Festus is now a Certified Therapy Dog. He & his human partner, Domenick Scudera of Collegeville, PA, are an inspiration to patients who are convalescing. A very contented Festus can be seen on the February 2009 page of the new calendar. Left: You may remember them as Josie & The

Pussycat when they were featured on the HUMANE NEWS cover. They now happily co-exist with their wonderful owners, Todd & Kee Wender in Brooklyn, N.Y. The happy family relaxes on weekends in the country. The odd couple are featured on the November 2009 page of the calendar. The entire calendar is devoted to touching stories of Popcorn Park residents and more!

more SOCIETY NEWS

The Society is pleased to offer the AHS/Popcorn Park 2009 Calendar – and each month tells a unique story. Perhaps you remember Josie & The Pussycat found abandoned together in a crate? Space has not permitted us to tell the Happy Tales on that adoption but a pictorial scenario is in the calendar. Another favorite Happy Tale is Festus ... an adorable pup who had a rough start. His picture is in the calendar but the full story & lots of pics will be in a future issue of the HUMANE NEWS. There are several other Happy Tales ... and you can see them all – just send a donation of \$15 or more and you will receive the great new calendar! Additional calendars are \$10 each – order them as gifts for family, friends, co-workers!



CATS & KITTENS

*The gift I want most is a brand-new start,
What I offer to you is the gift of my heart.
I've wrapped it all up in a box and a bow,
So you know I'm all packed and ready to go.*

*Please remember us
this holiday season.*



I really hate to talk about myself ... but I have been here 2 years just sitting on the shelf. The staff decided to call me Mouse but I think I'd look purrrrfect living at your house. File TF-37409-NM (Tinton Falls).

Here's a sweet fella whose name is Andy. He's as sweet as a piece of candy! He was adopted out briefly but they developed allergies. Now he waits for a new owner to please. He's been here since 2004 and he's hoping a new owner will walk through the door. File L-3379-NM. (Forked River).



A tiny helpless kitten was found in Home Depot parking lot. A Society staffer spotted the little boy & bottle fed him. That was one year ago and he still waits for a home. We call him Danny Boy but you can call him yours. File TF-45608-NM (Tinton Falls).



The family called me Munchkin & I was so pleased. Uh oh ... someone started to sneeze. If you think you'd like me, please give me a shout. I'm still waiting to get out. File L-16466-NM (Forked River).

Over 2 years ago, I was found as a stray and I have been there since that day. I have seen sweet kitties come here and quickly find adoption. Isn't there anyone out there who would like to pick up my option? File TF-45600-SF (Tinton Falls).



When the new baby arrived, Whiskey was purrrrsona non grata. If minor safety measures were taken, the 3 year old long-haired fella could have stayed in his home. But whether you like rum in your egg nog and Whiskey on the side, this fella will brighten your holidays. File N-63644-NM (Newark).



He may be an Egyptian Mau...but like hundreds of other cats, he waits for a new home. The 1 year old gent does not get along with other felines and he would purrrrfectly happy in a one-owner home. File N-76838-M (Newark).

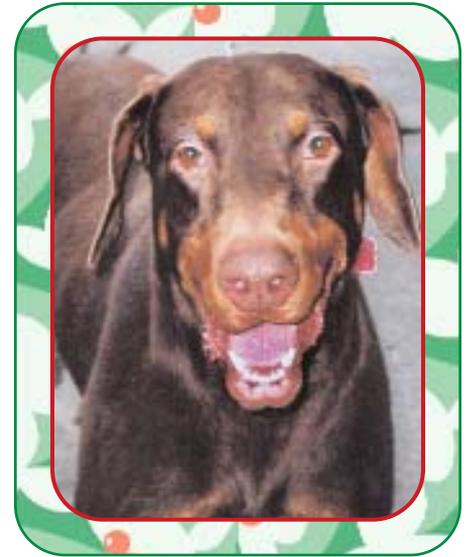


NEWARK DOGS



Dear Santa: I am making a list 'cause I'm a fella who loves to be kissed. Play with my rawhide or food or any toys just find me a home where there is lots of joy. I can sit on command & down for a treat. My name is Jester & being your top dog would be real neat. File N-72304-M.

Tall, dark & handsome Doberman gent is hoping for a serious relationship with companionship & living quarters. Santa, do you hear me? File N-73601-M



Hello Holiday Hopefuls: This fella has been at the Society since September. His owner was contacted three times & sent a letter – promising to come in. She never arrived ... so now "Donut" is looking for a sweeter life...and hopefully, we will see the East Orange resident in Court! File N-75532-NM.



Hi Santa: I am ready to find a home I can share. But if I'm left alone, I'll move the tables & chairs. A wonderfully hopeful Labrador Retriever, just waiting for someone who is a breed believer. File N-76657-SF.



Ring out the old year & ring in 2009. Here's a sweet fella hoping you'll say: "He's mine"! A

wonderful Mastiff mix who just wants love doesn't know any tricks. File N-76757-M.



Dear Santa: Thank you for sending the Humane Society to help my injured leg. My leg is healed but my broken heart isn't. Do you have something special in your sack for me? File N-76221-F.



I'm hoping someone will realize I have a holiday prayer. I have a heart that wants to share. So you don't need any mistletoe ... just a big red bow – and

I am ready to go. File N-76599-M.



Dearest Santa Claus: I was found with travel-weary paws. If a wonderful person invited me to Christmas dinner, they would be getting a special winner. File N-76970-M.

Adoption Center Open Daily - Noon to 5:00 p.m.
 Phone: (973) 824-7080 E-Mail: Contactus@ahscares.org
 More Orphans to Adopt or Sponsor at <http://ahsnewark.petfinder.org> or our
 Montage at www.ahscares.org – Click on "Won't You Adopt Us?"

Give the Gift of Love



Animal Haven Farm & Kitty City's Neediest Cases

Take a look at these sweet faces ... deserving of love, deserving of a home ... just longing to know they are special. Yet these two dogs and two cats have the fewest sponsors of anyone on the Share-A-Pet program. We're hoping that by introducing them to you this season, that you will share a little of your holiday cheer with them, take them into your heart and sponsor them. Of course, if you wanted to take them into your home, that would be our greatest joy! Sponsorship coupon and program details are on page 16.



Misty fell out of a Newark apartment window 5 stories up. Her owner brought her to our vet then disappeared. Despite being here for quite a few years, Misty has very few sponsors - could you be her Santa and bring her some holiday cheer?

Cori is a ten year old Beagle who had no home when his terminally ill owner entered hospice.

This sweet senior has Cushings Disease and some inoperable tumors, but is still estimated to have 3 good years in him.

And 3 is all the sponsors Cori has. Won't you warm his heart and bring that number up?



Dutchess is another senior gal who was surrendered with her buddy, Duke, when their owner could no longer care for them.

But Dutchess hasn't been so lucky ... on the eve of the holidays she looked in her stocking and counted only 17 sponsors. We hope you'll add some goodies to her stocking and sponsor her.



Phoenix was rescued from a burning building where the bodies of 3 murdered individuals were discovered and another wounded.

This sweetie is about 10 years old and clearly was once loved despite the horrific circumstances she experienced. She has come a far way from the day she was rescued, covered in soot. But sadly, she can count her 3 sponsors on one paw and have toes left over. Please make her holidays bright with the love she longs for.



Give the Gift of Love

Popcorn Park's Neediest Cases

Popcorn Park provides refuge to wildlife, exotic and farm animals and birds that faced a broad range of circumstances including cruelty and death. Each has been made available for sponsorship through the Wildlife Club, but not every one has a story that makes someone say, "That's the animal for me!" And when the holidays come around, some of our residents who weren't picked very often ... or at all ... get to feeling a bit glum. Pictured are the four animals of each type who have the least sponsors. Can you put a sparkle in their eyes, and be a sponsor?
Sponsorship coupon and complete program details are on page 10.



How could these sweet gals be at the bottom of the heap in terms of sponsors? Even we can't believe that Lady, left, has NOT ONE sponsor. And Trouble has only three. They were rescued, loaded with parasites, from neglect in Atlantic City. But they don't gamble or drink ... not even a bad word passes their lips ... how could they be so lacking in love? There's only one solution here - you! If anyone was in need of some holiday cheer, it's Lady and Trouble!



Sleigh bells ring ... are you listening? In the lane, snow is glistening. Or are those just the bells on my perch? I admit I once behaved very badly to the husband of the love of my life, (his wife), and it's how I got here. But is that reason why I should only have 10 sponsors to love me? Gone away is the bluebird ... and here to stay is the new bird - Duncan, me! Will you be my sponsor and share a winter wonderland?

Three is the loneliest number that you'll ever do ... it's almost as lonely as the number two ... and three is all the sponsors that Charlie the Opossum has. He was making the rounds in Belleville, NJ in July 2007 when he was caught in an illegal leghold trap. We saved his leg, but he doesn't get around well enough to be released. Perhaps you can help Charlie be less lonely - be his sponsor.



Nyla relaxes at the edge of her pool and wonders ... will Santa remember me? Of all our exotics, Nyla has the fewest sponsors. Nyla had once been neglected and thin at a Texas refuge ... she didn't even believe in Santa Claus! Since she's been at Popcorn Park, her quality of life has been fit for the queen she is, yet she looks at her stocking, hung by the chimney with care, and wonders if new sponsors soon will be there.

HAPPY ENDINGS



DOG TRAPPED IN LAUNDRY BAG FINDS LOVE IN WEST ORANGE

On August 13th, the Society was alerted to a call about an animal moving around in a nylon laundry bag in 90+ degree heat at Newark's Weequahic Park. Next to the bag was a box that someone had placed some cats which had already escaped. An ambulance was dispatched & the bag was brought back to the Newark facility & untied. A male pit bull in obvious heat distress was given immediate medical care. We called him "Cheeks" & was pictured on the front of the Sept/Oct 2007 issue of the HUMANE NEWS.



In October, John Rebaza of West Orange visited the Society to adopt a dog. John had adopted a dog from the Society when he was just a youngster & his father suggested returning to see the large selection. He was an animal lover who had wanted to be a vet but circumstances necessitated other directions in his life. John walked through the kennels & saw a lonely, sad-looking fella but kept walking through. He returned for the next few days and decided to adopt him. The staff showed him how we got the Pit Bull who was now going to be adopted. He has a brand new name – Punchy – and a brand new life. He goes to work every day with John at J.P.'s Empire Unisex Salon in West Orange. And "Punchy" has become a loving, sociable dog who has his own sofa...but prefers to sleep in bed with John. He loves Angelina, John's 2 year old daughter & is gentle with her. We are gratified that this fella who escaped death has found "a new leash on life" thanks to John Rebaza.

Above left: Tightly knotted inside a nylon laundry bag was an overheated pit bull who had been abandoned in a Newark park. Above: "Punchy" recently visited the Society to see her old friends & staff members.

HOGTIED PUP WITH BLOODY PAWS ADOPTED TO BAYPORT, NY FAMILY

All four legs were hogtied with duct tape & left in Newark's Branch Brook Park. The dog was brought back to the Society & the vet removed the duct tape –only to discover all four paws were painfully bloody & had been scraped raw – as if the dog had been dragged by a vehicle. The injuries were so painful, she was unable to stand & she needed medication & antibiotics to help. Each day, "Anticipation" was put into a warm soothing bath or given warm compresses.

The healing was slow but in the meantime, her picture was put up on the website and in the HUMANE NEWS. Debbie & Chris Keegan of Bayport, New York saw the pictorial events of the cruelty this dog had experienced and as soon as she was ready, the Keegan Family adopted her. They have sent some great pictures & the following note: "Here are some photos of 'Martha' in her new home.

She is such a goofy dog. We all love her. We named her Martha after the new children's show about a dog who talks when she eats alphabet soup. She has gained about 15 pounds. It is so hard to believe that anyone could be so cruel to this sweet, lovable dog. As you can see, she & my youngest daughter, Lilly, are very bonded. Lilly kisses her 100 times a day". For a dog like Lilly, 100 kisses a day will never be enough.....



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ABOVE RIGHT: When the duct tape was removed, the pup's bloody paws were so painful, she could not stand. ABOVE FROM LEFT: Bronx the Shepherd, 7 year old Lianna, Chris Keegan and 3 year old Lilly who bonded immediately with "Martha".



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The love & devotion that "Martha" has for Lilly is unmistakable and the feelings are returned.

TOP STORIES

SAINT BERNARD PUPS NEED LOVE TO LAST A LIFETIME ... ONLY ONE YEAR

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PHOTO: STEPHANIE K. CALHOUN

Our cover pups, Max and Sam, are the only surviving puppies of two adult St. Bernards, Joey and Sasha. The pair was surrendered when a family faced financial difficulties and relocation. Sasha's slim build belied the fact that she was already pregnant when she was turned in, and within a short time she had 9 pups! Because Sasha had not been properly fed or prepared to be a mother, her babies were weak.

Several times during the week we would discover that another puppy had died during the night. Sometimes



the inexperienced mom would sleep on and inadvertently suffocate one.

We moved Sasha to our Forked River facility in an extra large pen in the camel barn, making every effort to help the remaining pups survive. But in the end, only two pulled through. Extensive medical work-ups on these two babies, Max and Sam, revealed that they were born with bad kidneys. Their prognosis is poor – it is anticipated that they will not live more than a year. Yet we still hope, in this season of love and joy, that someone will open their heart and give Max and Sam a real home for their short lives.

In the meantime, they are on a special diet and living life to the fullest, cherished by staff, and growing up in playful innocence as every puppy should. Their parents, Joey and Sasha, get to visit them frequently, and await their own forever home.

If you are unable to adopt Max and Sam, won't you please contribute to our ResQ Fund? Without it, we would not be able to provide the specialized work-ups, ultrasounds, etc. that were needed to save Max and Sam's young lives. Every penny counts, and every penny makes life possible for another soul in need.



Parents Joey and Sasha also wait for loving homes.



As babies, Max and Sam followed each other everywhere, and are still inseparable.

A SOCK AND A SHOESTRING WERE ALL THAT HELD WISHES TOGETHER

A sock and a shoestring held her badly injured rear leg together. After she was rescued by the Society & the sock was removed, we were shocked at the extent of the injury. The pictures are much too graphic to be included here but Dr. Lisa Bongiovanni determined that the leg was so badly damaged and deteriorated that it required amputation. The Society offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest & conviction but no one has come forward. Today, "Wishes" is recovering from her ordeal. The young female Staffordshire terrier type has a bubbly personality and is quite a cuddle bug who loves to share a lap & who will freely dispense endless kisses on any best friend. In a temperament test, it was found that Wishes has admirable dinner manners and willingly shares her toys and food. If she had only one wish File N-75198-F (Newark).



LEFT: A shoestring held a dirty sock on the badly injured leg of this pit bull pup. When the sock was removed, the entire muscle, tendons & ligaments fell out in a bloody heap. RIGHT: The rear leg was amputated and now "Wishes" is energetic & enthusiastic in finding a loving lifetime home.



Join! the **POPCORN PARK WILDLIFE CLUB**



Beautiful Anubis – a Serval cat who should never have been purchased as a housepet. After damaging the homeowner's apartment, Anubis was no longer wanted. He is a lovely animal who is the poster child why wild animals should never be pets.

If you haven't been to Popcorn Park, now is the time to visit and avoid the crowds. The unique sanctuary caters to wildlife, farm animals, exotics and birds that have been abused, abandoned, exploited, injured, handicapped, etc. The zoo is open daily from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. and until 2 p.m. on some holidays. Due to the increased cost of living and declining donations, we have found it necessary to change our admission fee to Popcorn Park. Effective January 1st, 2008, admission is \$5 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12 and senior citizens.

If you would like to support one of these animals, the donation cost is \$4.00 a month and will include a membership card, free admission to the zoo with presentation of your card, a color photo and report every 3 months which includes a holiday card. For information or a copy of the booklet so you can choose the animal you wish to sponsor, just send \$2 to Popcorn Park Wildlife Club, P O Box 43, Forked River, N J 08731 or visit the animals available for sponsorship on our website at www.popcorn-parkzoo.org and click on Wildlife Club. There is no required time limit – you can drop out whenever you want. Any extra monies given for a particular animal will be applied to the care of other zoo animals.



Boo Boo takes time to smell the flowers. Once used as a

down payment in an Iowa used car lot, she has been living a peaceful existence at Popcorn Park. An apple a day for Boo Boo helps her in her solitary compound. Only \$4 a month entitles you to a color photo and report of Boo Boo to keep on your desk! You will also receive free admission to Popcorn Park.



Buster the Capuchin was kept illegally as a pet. Sadly, it is a billion dollar industry and most animals die of neglect and abuse before they ever reach the pet trade. Buster is available for sponsorship. He enjoys raisins, sunflower seeds and visits by people who bear gifts of bananas!

POPCORN PARK WILDLIFE CLUB		HOLIDAY
POPCORN	Name of animal(s) sponsored: _____	
	NAME _____	
	ADDRESS _____	
	CITY, STATE, ZIP _____	
	# OF ANIMALS _____ X \$4.00 each = TOTAL \$ _____	

In Memory of Lee Bernstein

It is with deep sorrow that the Society advises you of the passing of Lee Bernstein, who had been the Executive Director for over 34 years.

Lee's greatest passion, and the driving force behind all of his efforts, was to make life better for animals. Lee initially became the Director of AHS on a volunteer basis, and after some time, he became a salaried employee. One of his first accomplishments as AHS' Director was to bury the gas chamber that had been used for years at the Newark shelter. Thanks to Lee's foresight, love of animals, and his dream ... the Society now encompasses 3 Animal Care Centers, 2 low-cost veterinary clinics and our 7 acre Popcorn Park Refuge. His views of the animal welfare/animal sheltering field were well ahead of his time, and often, controversial.

There was no doubt in Lee's mind, when he discovered that a shelter in Monmouth County was euthanizing animals with a baseball bat, that the animals needed a friend and deserved better. So AHS purchased a kennel and re-opened it as a humane society, becoming our Tinton Falls Branch. After it was revealed that a Monmouth County pound, handling some of the animals for Ocean County, was selling animals for research, Lee knew again that AHS was needed. He planned and built the beautiful shelter that is our Forked River Branch today and gave animals a safe place to come to.

It was not in the AHS master plan to open a "zoo," until Lee rescued a raccoon caught with two leghold traps. The animal's leg required amputation, but rather than euthanize him, Lee made a home for the raccoon -- Rigby -- who became the first resident of Popcorn Park. Soon Rigby was joined by a fawn whose mother was being stoned by youths at a neighborhood park in Kearny. The third resident was a young pig, found running loose in Union Beach. This was the foundation of Popcorn Park, home to wildlife, and in time, exotics, farm animals and birds, who suffered injury, abuse, exploitation and/or death. Here, they were safe.



Much to Lee's credit, he was not an armchair executive ... he was never one to refuse to go out, day or night, in response to an animal in distress. A call at 3 a.m. about a Doberman stuck in an icy creek -- he rescued the dog. A parrot stuck 75 feet up in a tree -- he enlisted the local fire department, and showering a light water stream above the parrot, brought him down. A monkey who escaped from his crate at Newark Airport was en route to life as a research subject -- Lee captured the monkey, and brought him back to the Society's Newark facility -- a sanctuary prohibiting any impounded animal from being made available for research. "Emery," as well as the rescued



even they thought they were capable of.

With much to accomplish in the animal welfare arena, Lee was in Trenton speaking against the gas chamber within a week after open heart surgery. He brought Aimee, a kitten that he had pulled out of a Cape May County shelter's gas chamber, still alive. He spoke on behalf of the animals that went into the gas chamber, to be grappled and pulled out by pitchfork by an uncaring, unfeeling staff.

When complaints would arrive regarding poor treatment of animals at several shelters/pounds including cruelty, neglect & horrific treatment, he went in with his own shelter staff and helped to clean up and remove many of the animals.

Many historic battles on behalf of animals were fought -- and won -- in the courts and in the towns by Lee Bernstein, and have changed today's face of animal welfare in New Jersey. Although Lee had his share of critics over the years, it is safe to say that they did not, do not, completely understand how profound the differences his efforts made in changing how New Jersey animals are treated.

Animal lovers of today did not have to fight against the gas chamber -- Lee did and the animals won.

They did not have to fight against the leghold trap -- Lee did and the animals won.

They did not have to fight against pound seizure -- Lee did and the animals won.

He touched lives in ways that many cannot imagine and he left this world a better place.

Lee Bernstein will be remembered, by those of us who have been with him from the beginning, or who joined him in the more recent past. Continuing in the footsteps of the man who made this place what it is today, with our vision looking forward to making life better for animals in need, will be where you'll find us.



The purpose of life is to matter ... to be productive ... to have it make some difference that you lived at all." -- Unknown

TINTON FALLS DOGS



After his owner died prematurely, this Cane Corso had been found in an outside pen where he spent most of his time. "Big Time" is now waiting for a lifetime of love & companionship – the kind he has yet to receive. We have neutered the fella – now all he needs is a big red bow ... and a sprig of mistletoe. File TF-52095-NM.



Santa dear – can you pull something special out of your bag. Being homeless is such a drag. When Mama settles down for a long winter's nap, I'd sure love to be resting my head on her lap. File TF-52444-M.



Tiny Angel, 9 years old & 8 year old Mischief – two mature fellas whose owner brought them to the Society because he had "no time". Not a creature is stirring not even a mouse – but you may want to hear the patter of little paws around your house. File TF-52441-NM & File TF-52443-NM.



Meet Johnny Cash the Mini Pinscher who stares out the window waiting for the chubby man in the red suit. He has heard that Santa comes around on holidays and also helps homeless strays. That's a good recommendation so he keeps looking & waiting for a happier holiday. File TF-52477-M.



He was found sitting in the middle of a field ... diseased, unkempt, and flea bitten. With lots of veterinary care & TLC, he is hoping for a special invitation in his Christmas mitten. File TF-52277-NM.



She was tied up outside of the Society's Newark facility very early one morning. A review of the night camera videotape showed her being fastened to a pole. As the owner walked down the street, they didn't look back to see her futile efforts in trying to get loose to chase after the person who broke Destiny's heart. File TF-52344-F.



Ring out the old ... ring in the new. But I'm older & waiting for you. Us homeless dogs are so excited about the holiday. Will you help out a Pomeranian stray? File TF-51857-NM.



My owner didn't have the holiday spirit. They left me in front of WalMart & I just couldn't bear it. Santa knows I'm a really great guy. He's checking his list for a forever home as the holiday draws nigh File TF-51867-NM.

AT TINTON FALLS

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 More Orphans to Adopt or Sponsor at <http://ahstintonfalls.petfinder.org> or our
 Montage at www.ahscares.org – Click on "Won't You Adopt Us?"

FORKED RIVER DOGS



We call her "Pinball" and she barely escaped being killed in a Georgia gas chamber. A veterinary hospital and rescue group worked to help some of the animals who needed to find a helping heart. The Society took some of the neediest and Pinball is ready to give the gift of love. File L-17088-F.



Burns & Allen were a famous comedy team. It is also the namesake of these two fellas but life is not so funny to them. You don't need jingle bells or even some holiday bows. And they are ready to give lots of love & kisses -- without the mistletoe. File L-17167-NM & File L-17168-NM.



I was rescued from a cruel gas chamber

in Louisiana by way of Best Friends in Utah. They delivered me to the Society's Forked River shelter & things sure are different here in the Northeast! It is a joyous holiday time for me. Will you share in my happiness. File L-17054-SF.

I sure am lucky that I made it out of there alive & want to share my joys with you. You don't need wrapping paper, bows or even a card to find the greatest gift of all the gift of life. File L-16832-NM.

Hi Santa: For me, your holiday bag has been empty. Two years without an offer for adoption??? I guess I'm not too temp-

ty. I'm an Akita type who is 7 years old my owner had no time for me so now I'm out in the cold. File L-3442-SF.



We call this handsome Chihuahua Sebastian. His tiny frame belies the huge heart he has waiting to give freely. He was found as a stray and no one ever claimed him. Sebastian is waiting to celebrate the holidays in a forever home. File L-17166-NM



When seeing this familiar Chihuahua being walked by staff, an animal lover cried out: "Hercules"!!!! A look of shock & realization that someone knew his name & responded immediately. The 8 year old gent was ecstatic that he was recognized and was beside himself with happiness. Just think of all the joy that you could add to this fella's life if you took him into your heart and home. File L-16608-NM.



Wouldn't you like to have a Banjo on your knee. The mature boy would love to celebrate sitting by your holiday tree. He could sniff the boxes to see which one has a chewy toy. And he promises to bring you companionship & joy. File L-17035-M.



Meet Blue, a 4 month old Bluetick Coonhound pup. The family said the adorable fella jumped on the 2 year old and is too active. Before you decide to adopt a pup, be sure that it fits in with your lifestyle and family. Blue is now ready to start the New Year with a family who will appreciate the huge loving heart he is waiting to give. File L-17218-M.



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ABERDEEN TWP. SISTERS START CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR POPCORN PARK ANIMALS

BLOSSOM INT'L. GROUP HELPS POPCORN PARK WITH GOODIES



(Back row): Abel, Michele, Denise, Jeanette, Natalie & Aaron; (Front row): Bella, Abel Jr., Allison, Lyssa, Maresa, Kara, Gabriela.

Blossom International is an organization devoted to mobilizing volunteer efforts to various charities. Thanks to the efforts of these animal lovers in Manasquan, they brought in lots of blankets, dog food, rabbit bedding, paper towels and much, much more. Our thanks to Michele Rodriguez and the group who helped in this effort.

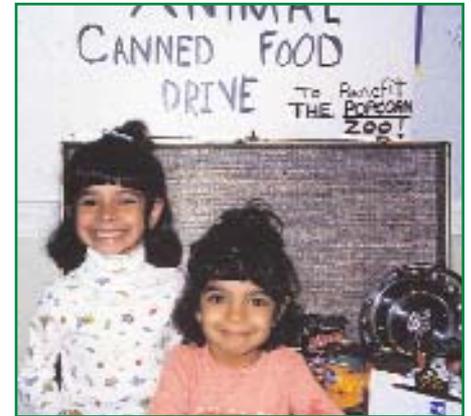
\$200 RAISED BY NEWARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR SOCIETY ORPHANS



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Mrs. Tracey S. Iovino, teacher at Dr. E. Alma Flagg Elementary School with her 7th grade class.

At a recent charity event held at the Dr. E. Alma Flagg Elementary School in Newark, they raised \$200.00 to benefit the Associated Humane Societies. Mrs. Tracey S. Iovino, teacher and coordinator of this event, was assisted by students of her 7th grade class. Thanks to their efforts, the students and faculty raised the generous donation to benefit the animals at the Society!



Sitting in the steamer trunk where they have some canned pet food is 4 yr. old Mehr (r.) and 5 year old Tinaz Kotval of Aberdeen who

have taken on a large canned pet food drive in their town.

The Society was called with an offer we couldn't refuse! Four year old Mehr & 5 year old Tinaz Kotval of Aberdeen have had an ongoing canned food drive to benefit a local food pantry. The animal-loving duo decided they wanted to help Popcorn Park. Each one has a clipboard to keep tally of this effort. They started a canned food drive and although it has been going slow, they have contacted supermarkets in their general area and you may see them setting up a stand in the not-too-distant future. Tinaz & Mehr had a lemonade stand this summer & raised \$8.00 to be donated to Popcorn Park. They have started to send flyers to friends & neighbors asking for canned pet food, paper towels, heating pads, first aid supplies, pet toys, blankets & whatever else they can donate to help make the lives of animals better. Anyone in the Aberdeen area wishing to donate for the animals can contact f_hakim@hotmail.com or rodieann@aol.com

NUTLEY SCHOOL'S ART LEAGUE & ARTIST CLUB RAISE \$500 WITH VALENTINE FRIENDSHIP GRAM



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Art League & Artist Club members from John H. Walker Middle School of Nutley, N.J. (formerly Franklin Middle School) raised \$500.00 for the Associated Humane Societies. Assisted by club sponsor & JHWMS art teacher, Hillary Hill Trovato, they ran their annual Valentine Friendship Gram drive last winter & donated proceeds from various booths at the school's spring "ART FEST".

Shown are the participants of the show at the star-spangled photo booth where Senators McCain, Obama & Clinton made their cardboard appearances!

3 STARVED PUPS - ONE DIES SURVIVORS HOPE FOR A HOLIDAY HOME



ABOVE: Sadly, Herculean attempts to save her were not enough for this starving pup. BELOW: This gaunt female brindle pup was barely able to stand.



Three pups, only 4 months old, were starved and then abandoned in West New York - at the Police Dept. Garage. They didn't deserve such treatment and a \$1,000 reward is being offered for their abuser. As soon as the Society rescued the 3 starving pups, we immediately sent out a press release offering a reward for information that would lead to the arrest & conviction of whoever abandoned them. They were too weak & too debilitated to have been on their own. The Society's ambulance was immediately dispatched to the scene & brought them to the Newark's Medical Dept. where immediate efforts were taken to save them. One young pup never survived the night. It is hard to imagine why anyone would starve these innocent little bodies who only want to give love and be loved. The two remaining pups are in



need of homes & are hoping for a brighter New Year. File N-75759-F & File N-75761-F



"Ears" and "Brindle Girl" still await holiday greetings from people who will care. It is only through donations to the Res-Q Fund that we are able to continue to provide intensive care to such needy animals.



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Join! the SHARE-A-PET PROGRAM

The Society's unique SHARE-A-PET PROGRAM is helping many animals thanks to the kindness and generosity of many HUMANE NEWS readers. The animals are placed on the program on the basis of such details as victims of cruelty, handicap, length of stay, etc. As a result of our efforts, brand new facilities have been given to these orphans. You can help by "adopting" one of these orphans for \$10.00 a month. In turn, you will receive a color photo & report of your pet every four months, & a membership card which entitles you to FREE ADMISSION TO POPCORN PARK ZOO. You are also invited to visit your pet, take him for walks, bring him treats, toys, & even adopt him. All funds gathered under this program are applied directly to the care of these animals. Any funds that exceed what is needed for a particular animal are applied to the care & welfare of other shelter animals. You can also view and sponsor all Share-A-Pets on our web site at: www.ahscars.org, and click on Share-A-Pet Program.

Darren of Fairfield



During a bitter divorce, there was a custody battle for 10 year old Darren. Although the Mastiff had lived with the husband most of his life, custody was awarded to the wife. After the litigation was over, a mean-spirited wife brought Darren to the Society, advising that she did not want him. Efforts were made to locate the husband but without success. The sweet Mastiff has been on the Share-A-Pet Program since December 2006.

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Blind Rudy of Orange



Rudy had been kept in the small, filthy space by a heavy chain. The sadness and desperation he knew were evident in his eyes as kind words were spoken to him, and the chains were about to be cut, freeing him from his prison at last.



He was slowly starving as he sat in the rubble of a junk-strewn yard. The large mastiff-type just waited for the peaceful cloak of death to surround him so that there would be no more raw wounds, no more aching, hunger or thirst.

Rudy Giordano, the Orange Animal Control Officer walked into the yard, put a leash on him & rescued him out of the hellhole. For probably the first time, Rudy was treated kindly, soft hands touched him & made him feel special. He was pictured on the cover of the Sept/Oct 2007 issue of the HUMANE NEWS. Over the next few weeks, we saw him transform into a gentle dog whose heart had opened when he discovered there were people who care. Last Christmas, Rudy was placed on the Share-A-Pet Program. As a special holiday offering, we wanted to share with our readers that kindness and caring can make a difference.



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