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PET THEFT HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY!!

When two Akitas were seen running at large, a City of Newark Animal Control Officer responded & brought the two huge handsome fellas to the Associated Humane Societies shelter. Within a very short time, the owner came to the facility to reclaim his two dogs. According to the owner, who is a Newark Police Officer, it was a deliberate act of pet theft. Someone had cut the chain link fence, obtained the two dogs and removed their collars with i.d. tags. It is not known if they escaped from the perpetrator or were just let loose. In any event, we have been monitoring this little known, heartless and illegal method of animal collection. Don’t risk your pet’s life or experience heartbreak. Your pet should be under your control at all times.

There are many reasons why pets are stolen. But for this installment, (additional installments will be included in future issues), here are some important tips. For a related story, please see pet theft story page 16.

- Have a recent photo available of your pet
- Microchip your pet & REGISTER IT with the company
- Keep pet indoors – if going outside, an adult should be with it
- Do not tie your dog outside while going into a store. Leave your pet at home.
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From time to time, the HUMANE NEWS will feature pet theft stories as a reminder that pet theft is much more pervasive than most pet owners realize.

ALDF SUES FISH & WILDLIFE FOR FAILURE TO PROTECT RED WOLVES

Red Wolf Coalition, Animal Welfare Institute & others filed a Complaint in the U.S. District Court for Eastern District of North Carolina against the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) for failure to protect the only wild population of red wolves. The Complaint also states that it authorized the killing of the female red wolf & would suspend red wolf reintroductions into the wild. It details the FWS failure to investigate the status & reported recent decline of their actions & management that harm survival of red wolves. Also its failure to investigate how best to recover wild red wolves as required by law. The world’s only population has declined as much as half of what it was a year ago when an estimated 100 wolves lived within a 5 county red wolf recovery area in N.C.

SAN ANTONIO ZOO FACES LAWSUIT TO RELEASE LUCKY THE ELEPHANT

The San Antonio Zoo has been sued over the continued habitation of Lucky the Elephant for improperly caring for the Asian elephant who has too little shade, too shallow a pool, & who is the sole elephant at the zoo.

Lucky has resided there for more than 50 years. The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) lawsuit states that the zoo is violating the Endangered Species Act. For more information, log on to the Animal Legal Defense Fund website & scroll down to Lucky’s sad story.

JUDGE ENDS CONTROVERSIAL RULE THAT ALLOWED WIND ENERGY FARMS TO KILL EAGLES

A U.S. District Court Judge has ended a controversial rule that allowed wind energy facilities to kill golden & bald eagles without facing prosecution. The law had been passed some years ago after U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service failed to determine the effect of the permits on the eagles’ populations – a requirement of National Environmental Policy Act. The rule had allowed wind farms to kill eagles for up to a period of 30 years to “balance some of the environmental trade-offs”!

Thanks to the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) and a petition from ForceChange, wind farms will no longer be legally permitted to kill eagles. Wind Farms reportedly killed 573,000 birds and 80,000 bats yearly. The ABC says it is wrong to give wind farms a free pass to kill endangered birds.
HONDURAS BANS USE OF ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES & DOG FIGHTING
The Honduran National Congress approved the Animal Welfare Act that regulates the use of animals in various types of industries & shows. According to Animal Equality, the law includes an article that bans dog fighting which is linked to cruel breeding of dogs & stolen pets. Penalties of 3 to 6 years in prison were established.

ALL NIH CHIMPS TO RETIRE SAFELY TO SANCTUARIES .... HELP STILL NEEDED FOR YERKES CHIMPS
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) was going to send ALL NIH owned chimpanzees to sanctuary & keep “50 in reserve” for possible future need. However, on Nov. 16th, NIH Director Francis Collins announced to NIH Administrators that his decision is to permanently retire the NIH’s remaining 50 chimpanzees to sanctuaries! According to the journal NATURE, which broke the retirement decision, Collins said: “It is time to acknowledge that there is no further justification for the 50 chimpanzees to continue to be kept available for invasive biomedical research”. Chimp Haven in Louisiana will take on an additional 25, however, additional permanent homes must be found for the remaining chimps. Please send special THANK YOU to francis.collins@nih.gov
There are still remaining chimps that are supported but not owned by the NIH that need to be given safe sanctuary - those at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center. To insure that Yerkes does not ship their 8 chimpanzees to an unaccredited overseas zoo, contact Dr. James Wagner at james.wagner@emory.edu & ask that they withdraw the permit application to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to export eight of its chimps to an unaccredited overseas zoo.

SEVERAL FASHION RETAILERS BAN ANGORA WOOL PRODUCTS
After an expose by PETA Asia that revealed the horrors of angora farms, Inditex has agreed to ban angora wool products permanently & donated its remaining stock to Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Retailers “French Connection” and “Le Chateau” also joined more than 90 other top brands & retailers that have banned angora wool.

VEGAN WOOL -- NEW IN FASHION INDUSTRY ... & GOOD NEWS FOR SHEEP!
Veau Couture is a play on the words “haute couture” and the “V” is for vegan. Vegan wool is the creation of Leanne Mai-ly Hilgart who has taken animals out of the fashion equation. Hilgart has taken U.S. based high-tech mills using eco-conscious fabrics made from a blend of organics & recycled fibers. The combination makes for a super warm, water-resistant, wind-proof garment & spares sheep from painful mutilations on farms. Just log on to the various websites for women & men’s coat collections & learn more about how to wear vegan. Certain links will show graphic footage of how sheep are treated for wool.

PHARRELL WILLIAMS DESIGNED VEGAN BOOTS
Pharrell Williams, Grammy winner & cast member on “The Voice”, collaborated with Timberland to design vegan boots made from organic cotton & recycled plastic bottles. According to PETA, it comes in two eco-conscious designs: grass and honeycomb.

MYHABIT.COM SELLS REAL FUR AS FAUX
According to the HSUS, MyHabit.com, an Amazon-owned & operated fashion website, was discovered to be selling multiple real fur items advertised as “faux”.

RACCOON DOGS LIVE HELLISH EXISTENCE FOR BERKELEY TOQUE SOLD BY KIT AND ACE
Canadian retailer Kit and Ace sells the Berkeley toque (hat) for $98 which is touted as having a pom-pom made from 100% real Asiatic raccoon. According to the Vancouver Humane Society & some scientists, the animal isn’t a raccoon at all but a member of the canidae family that includes domestic dogs & coyotes. Under FTC guidelines, the labeling of it as raccoon is perfectly legitimat. If the fur is actually raccoon dog, they live a hellish & agonizing existence. In China, the animals are reportedly crushed into tiny cages before being skinned alive. The fur industry prefers the emphasis on raccoon lest consumers be inconveniently reminded of their beloved pets. If you would like to let Kit and Ace know how you feel about dropping the fur line entirely, e-mail them at helpme@kitandace.com
But first – log on to see the hellish existence of these animals: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2867219/Inside-Chinese-fur-farms-breed-raccoon-dogs-tiny-cages-skin-alive-make-luxury-coats-solld-West.html
AHS STAFFERS & DOGS MEET THE PUBLIC AT THE “BEST OF MONMOUTH 2015”

Associated Humane Societies would like to thank Shae Marcus and all of the folks at MONMOUTH HEALTH & LIFE Magazine, for inviting AHS to participate once again in the “Best of Monmouth 2015” at the Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel in Asbury Park on October 15th. Representatives from our AHS Lacey and Tinton Falls locations were on hand to distribute literature, discuss pet problems & tell the attendees all about the work that we do at AHS. Some adorable adoptable dogs from our Tinton Falls facility attended and met so many nice people, and potential adopters too! Bandit the Boston Terrier and Munchie the Schnauzer were a big hit and had lots of fun. Our thanks to all who support the work that Associated Humane Societies does.

NOTED AUTHOR/MEDIUM VISITS POPCORN PARK TO “READ” SOME ORPHANED DOGS

Exuberant Mazie met up close and personal with Brayden Kiel. Mazie was one of 9 dogs rescued from a raid in Elizabeth that involved drugs and dog fighting and she loves human companionship!

When some of Popcorn Park’s resident “problem children” need some healing, AHS reaches out to noted author & medium, Anyssia Kiel. The Ocean County resident is a healing medium and award winning author of “Discovering The Medium Within: Techniques and Stories From a Professional Psychic Medium”.

Accompanying Anyssia on her visit was 13 year old Brayden who is following in Mom’s footsteps as he seems to be gifted in “reading” our animals. Anyssia took time out from the new book she is writing to tour Popcorn Park and meet with some of the residents as well as some of the dogs and cats awaiting adoption. For information on Anyssia’s efforts, visit her website - www.soul-centeredhealing.net

Shelter Manager, Tiffany Price-Zinkey, holds Kiffles, one of the dogs AHS rescued from a raid in Elizabeth. Anyssia Kiel (l.) and her son Brayden became acquainted with Kiffles who was extremely energetic. After their meeting, Kiffles has calmed down … a little bit. She still needs lots of outdoor exercise.

POPCORN PARK ALTERS HUGE NUMBERS ON NATIONAL FERAL CAT DAY

It’s 10 am, do you know where your feral cat is? They were probably at our Popcorn Park Animal Clinic, getting spayed or neutered! National Feral Cat Day was celebrated by our veterinary team working hard to get as many cats altered as possible, to help control the cat population here in Ocean County. Our veterinarians, Dr. Laney Baris and Dr. Amy Nalven, altered over 40 cats! This will prevent thousands of new feral cats being born. They are only able to do this very important work because of generous and caring people that donate to this worthy cause. All cats are microchipped and ear tipped. If you would like to donate specifically to our Trap-Neuter-Release program, please call our veterinary clinic at 609-693-6551.
This raccoon had gotten caught in a sew er grate in Rahway. The grate was too heavy and the raccoon was just hanging in mid-air. The blood vessels in his eyes were starting to strain and his eyes were starting to bulge. The poor guy was having trouble breathing. Thankfully, A H S Animal Control Officer John Distano lifted the rear end to allow for easier pathway to breathe, then soaped his head and neck. John then patiently took the time to safely extricate him so that it was not necessary to subdue him or tranquilize him. He was eventually freed and ran off to safety.

AHS Staffers Rescue Swan with Fishing Lure Wrapped Around Foot

A swan that had a fishing lure stuck in her foot in Spring Lake was finally rescued by AHS Animal Control Officer Kevin Rooney. ACO Officer Dehila Gant had alerted Rooney to the swan and it took almost 3 weeks to get the swan to come out of the water and onto land. The swan had previously had fishing line wrapped around her neck. Rooney took his kayak out causing the swan to take flight & it was during this time that the rapid movement of taking flight, the lure finally came out by itself.

AHS RESCUES PARKWAY “GOATS” & BRINGS THEM TO SAFETY

AHS was alerted by motorists concerning “goats” that were spotted in the Monmouth County area for almost 2 months. Staffers from the Tinton Falls branch as well as Popcorn Park found that the pair were sheep – and one of them was pregnant! Further investigation showed that there was a hole in a chain link fence that led to a farm. When strangers came near, they would escape onto the farmer’s field. It was going to be a challenge to corral them, but it was made possible thanks to Taylor Fencing who donated a 10 foot x 6 foot dog kennel which was baited with food. The fencing did the trick and both sheep were brought to our Tinton Falls location. The sheep were covered with ticks but otherwise in healthy condition. They have been named Reeba and Sheeba. Judging from their close relationship, it is believed that Sheeba, the black sheep is the daughter. On Nov. 28th, Reeba delivered two lambs and the whole family is doing well! Within a month or so, the family will be moving to Popcorn Park.
Mikey was an older Labrador Retriever that was abandoned inside a Staten Island Veterinary Office. It is believed that his owner couldn’t afford to take care of the health problems that needed to be addressed including a severe infection to his paws that left untreated could have made it impossible to walk. Mikey was featured on the cover of the Holiday issue of the HUMANE NEWS. Thanks to the AHS Res-Q Fund, we took care of Mikey until he was ready for a wonderful family. And guess who arrived??? The Delorme Family from Bayville met Mikey and knew he would fit in to their family and they just adore him.

Above: Mikey resting comfortably with a family member and the other lab. At left: The Delorme Family meet Mikey on his Adoption Day!

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ABANDONED ON THE RAILROAD TRACKS, SWEET LASS FINDS LOVE IN ROSELLE PARK!

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It took months of a matted mess to create a helpless soul whose “before/after” pictures touched the heart of a wonderful animal lover, Sarah Lohrenz, who has provided Cairo with great creature comforts.

This pathetic Maltese was found in deplorable conditions with a matted mess of hair confining his every move. He was less than 5 pounds and unbelievably, the lost and helpless soul survived his unaccompanied journey in the streets of Newark. Through his intake, pictures taken, inoculations, examination, and a long grooming session, the older male fella was extremely lovable and his personality was great. We called the older fella Cairo and within a very short time, Sarah Lohrenz of Rutherford visited our Newark facility to adopt the sweetheart. Sarah sent us a picture of Cairo in his new home and we are over-the-moon ecstatic that he has found a wonderful owner with whom he can enjoy peace & tranquility in the sunset of his life.
Niko is a fantastic feline who had to be surrendered to AHS when a family member developed an allergy. Niko has been waiting since May – a very long time -- & that’s nothing to sneeze at! File 135069-NM (Newark).

Meet Phantom, a very sweet stray, that has been waiting since August. He has been checked, given necessary inoculations, found to be FeLV/FIV negative. That is meowvelous news! Now the neutered boy is waiting to celebrate Valentine’s Day with you. File 137886-NM (Newark).

You know I enjoy a good snooze in between cat naps …. so make your interruption brief, please. You want a picture? Well, help me, because I am waiting for a home! Please take the picture and find me a feline fancier! I’m only 7 months old and I have been waiting since July. Let’s hope your Brownie camera will do the trick! File 5339-F (Tinton Falls).

Meet Abbot, a mature Snowshoes Siamese who isn’t very happy about being homeless. Somewhere out there someone loved him, but they never came to claim him. Won’t you help Abbot find a meowvelous purrrrrson & he’ll be happy! File 5974-NM (Tinton Falls).

Glenda & Samantha came to AHS when they were still nursing off their mom. Now they have grown healthy & strong & enjoy taking up residence in the 3-tiered kitty condo in the Waiting Room. The super cuddly sisters are hoping that Valentine’s Day will encourage you to visit & meet these sweethearts. File 25458 & 25459 (Forked River).

Can you believe I have been waiting for a home since June??! I am missing one eye …. but that does not affect my need for love & affection! They call me Judy …. but you can call me yours. File 5326-F (Tinton Falls).

Beau came in as a gaunt gent sorely in need of a helping hand. He was given a flea treatment, checked for intestinal parasites, neutered & is found to be FIV Positive. If you have no cats or have cats that are FIV positive, you may wish to consider adoption of this sweetie. File 83660-NM (Tinton Falls).

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Mace, a grey tiger, & Monroe, a torti, were very young & very sick when they first arrived. They just love tossing toys around, rolling around with each other & get along fine with cats, dogs & people. File 25735 & File 25739 (Forked River).

Chunka Munk came to AHS in May with one baby kitten that died shortly after arrival. This beautiful lass has stolen the hearts of the staff. She was spayed, given all necessary inoculations, FeLV/FIV tested, dewormed …. & is ready to move into your house …. and make it a home. File 134364-SF (Newark).
Hi! My name is Frankie and I’m a Muntjac. People often look at me and say, ‘Gee, he’s cute, but what’s a muntjac?’

I am a member of the deer family, and in fact, am the oldest living deer in the world - (well, not me, personally) - and I first appeared 15-35 million years ago on this beautiful planet in the areas of France, Poland and Germany. I am also known as a barking deer!

My personal story is that I was brought to Popcorn Park to keep another muntjac, Freckles, company who was very lonely. Unfortunately, she passed away, and now it’s just me, waiting for you! Could you be my sponsor? If you will promise me your heart - I don’t ask for much - just a little love.

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Hi there! My name is Early Surprise, and although I’ve been at Popcorn Park for awhile, we may not have met. I was one of three miniature horses whose owners could no longer manage our farm. As you might imagine from my name, I was not an expected arrival. (My dad, Troy, was gelded soon after - all before we came to Popcorn Park.) I’m a sweet and friendly little guy, and always love to greet staff and say hello to visitors. As you can see, I’m also a pinto, with unusual markings. I’m hoping you’ll fall in love with me and sponsor me, Conga. Could that happen? Maybe because it’s Valentine’s and all?

If you haven’t yet been to Popcorn Park, come down and visit! Our unique sanctuary caters to wildlife, farm animals, exotics and birds that have been abused, abandoned, exploited, injured, handicapped, etc. The park is open daily from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year’s Day, Popcorn Park closes at 2 p.m. so that staff can be with their families. Our current admission fee is $5 for adults, and $4 for children under 12 and senior citizens.

If you would like to support one of our residents, the donation cost is only $4.00 a month, for which you will receive a color photo of your animal and an update every 4 months, (which includes a holiday card), a membership card, plus free admission to Popcorn Park with presentation of your card. For a copy of the Popcorn Park Wildlife Club booklet to help you choose the animal you wish to sponsor, order on Page 21, or sponsor online at www.ahscares.org and click on Wildlife Club. There is no required time limit – you can sponsor for as long as you’d like. Any donated funds that exceed the care given for a particular animal will be applied to the care of other Popcorn Park residents.

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When my owner died, the authorities found me nearby & brought me to AHS. I am hopeful that some kind person will see the faithful companion I can be. After 8 years with my previous friend, I would love to find new hope in a new home. File 140485-F.

This handsome Siberian Husky was brought to AHS when he was found as a stray. Was he lost? Stolen? Given away? “Dakota” did not have a microchip to help reunite him with an owner. Now he’s available to a lifelong home where he can be a jogging partner & keep you physically fit! File 140745-M.

The anxiety that we see some animals experience when they are surrendered to AHS chips away at your heart. When his owners were moving, they left 9 year old Smokey at AHS. He is super people focused & affectionate. When approached, he offers his paw in friendship. Rather than play with toys or given a treat, he just wants to cuddle instead. File 140875-M.

Carly came to AHS over two months ago .... and is still waiting for a chance at happiness. She adores people & loves to show how companionship & trust is a two-way street. File 140347-F.

Meet Miley, a 3 year old American Bulldog who would love to belong to you. Her owner could no longer care for her & she would love to be a devoted companion to you. File 140616-F.

I was waiting at Exit 144 on the Parkway .... where were you? I’m not even a year old & I need someone to watch over me. When the evaluator introduced herself, I kept putting my paw on her hand. I wanted to cuddle ... she had a different agenda. I’m a little bit concerned over my food bowl ... but that will take a little bit of training to know that my food bowl will never be empty again. File 140704-F.

Midas is an awesome Mastiff and a lovable mush. The 5 year old fella is somewhat depressed at being in a shelter but after being outside & away from the noise & clamor, Midas interacted with everyone & is very sweet & gentle. File 140629-M.
D J was brought to the shelter when his family was moving. D J is an adorable dog, always seeking affection & affirmation of love. He loves to flop down for extra belly rubs & only wants to share time & attention from staff & evaluators. D J has a ton of love to give to a forever mom and dad & would repay them beyond measure with loyalty & devotion. File 140978-NM.

Shy Suzie kept her tail between her legs until the evaluator sat down & cuddled with her. Then we saw the meltdown of a dog who needed to be smothered with kisses. A shelter is a cold unfeeling place to a stranger who needs to know she need not be frightened. Sadly, she had no idea what a toy or treat was. Let’s get her on the yellow brick road to the greatest home she so deserves. File 139249-F.

Barely 10 months old, this sweet, gentle lass was emaciated & in need of care. She came in as a stray & now we are hoping for only the best for her & to be somebody’s sweetheart this Valentine’s Day. File 140801-I-F.

Snowflake is quite the gent around the 4-legged females. The 7-month old pit mix has been at AHS for over 2 months & is quite excited to go for walks with volunteers. He is people focused & loves affection. He sits on command for treats & enjoys being with people rather than toys. Come & meet Snowflake. File 137475-M.

A Corgi mixture was found as a stray shortly after Christmas. The fella who is short on legs but long on love surely needs to find someone who will give him the care and responsibility needed. File 140947-M.

Meet Matilda who is a sweet mixture of Hound & Pointer. After meeting our evaluator, she ended up their interview by sitting on her lap! She is a gentle dog & is more interested in people than treats, toys or rawhides. File 140769-SF.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Station is one of the more frequented abandonment spots in Newark. The N.J. Transit Police advised us of the stray young female Shar Pei type who would love to be on the right track to your heart. File 139459-F.

Branch Brook Park seems to be a favorite spot for dropping off dogs that are no longer wanted. Meet Monti, an adorable pit mix who was rescued by AHS for a chance at a new life. He is a happy, friendly boy who loves attention & affection. He even sits on command for a treat. He willingly shares his toys & treats & needs a lifetime of love. File 140876-M.

Adoption Center Open Daily - Noon to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (973) 824-7080 E-Mail: Contactus@ahscares.org View More Orphans at http://ahsnewark.petfinder.org or “Like” us on Facebook at AHS-Newark Branch
Two pairs of two cougar kittens were found in the woods surrounding Walla Walla, WA, alone and hungry. The first pair was found by a homeowner on their property. They contacted Washington Fish & Wildlife, (WDFW), who set up a cage for the kittens in the area and video cameras, hoping to see the mother return, but there was no sign of her. It was presumed, as in so many instances before, that the mother was killed during the ongoing legal hunt, leaving her babies orphaned.

The second pair was reported to the WDFW by the hunter who killed the mother and found her to be nursing. WDFW searched for the babies and rescued them. The gentleman at WDFW cared for the kittens, keeping them wild, and searched for suitable facilities for them. In the last 2 years, he has placed 30 cougar babies, all orphaned when their mothers were killed for trophies during the state’s annual hunting season. Popcorn Park agreed to take all four, keeping two and holding two for another facility to pick up. They are named Shilo, Native American for brother, and Tocho, for cougar. Because they came from the wild, they have been quarantined for 60 days. During this time they have received their vaccinations, been treated for ringworm, and given a proper diet. When in perfect health, they will be neutered and ready to meet visitors. Since they were wild they are slowly adjusting to life at Popcorn Park, our staff, and daily routines. This process will take a while as they were ten weeks old when orphaned and this is all new to them. Shilo and Tocho are currently shy around people, but playful with one another. Two lucky little boys will grow up with one another, knowing the best of care at Popcorn Park. Stay tuned for future updates on Shilo and Tocho.

Foster is alert and interested in everything around him. He lives next to Troy and Surprise, our minis, and enjoys making new friends.

Some people in the NJ/NY area remember a kangaroo named Buster running around Staten Island in October 2015. Foster, (his real name), has now made his way to Popcorn Park. His owner was concerned after Foster went on his excursion, fearing he could get out again and get hurt, so he called us. They arrived at the Park November 20, 2015. After hopping around a bit, Foster, a red kangaroo and about a year and a half old, loved it and has now made Popcorn Park his home. When Foster is full grown in 2 or 3 years he’ll stand close to 6 foot tall and weigh almost 200 lbs. Foster was raised among other animals, so loves living next to Early Surprise and Troy, our mini horses. Foster is adjusting well and is making new friends every day. Foster is available for sponsorship in the Popcorn Park Wildlife Club. See more information and coupon on Page 9.

Kangaroos can travel long distances quickly, and Foster’s escape from home caused realistic concern for his owner should Foster escape again.
The call came on Christmas Eve. John Bergmann, Popcorn Park General Manager, answered a call from an animal transporter who provided the following information – four baboons belonging to an elderly man who was now terminally ill, were in urgent need of a safe, reliable, permanent home. The transporter had heard of Popcorn Park and reached out for help on behalf of the foursome.

We said yes, we would take them. The baboons arrived Sunday evening, December 27th, and were settled into their prepared quarters. We named them Gandalf, Aragorn, Legolas and Frodo, (after characters in The Lord of the Rings), as they did not arrive with names. In fact, they arrived with no history at all – no health or medical histories nor ages, though we were assured they were very well cared for - and no information on their personalities. We don’t even know what state they came from. These baboons may have been headed for someplace less than desirable, and the transporter discreetly re-routed them to a better place. Luckily, for these baboons, their transporter genuinely cared about animals and wanted to insure they had a good quality of life.

The four baboons are a group of “bachelors” and a rather laid back bunch. We estimate them to all be in their 20’s, but don’t know if they are related. Gandalf and Aragorn are the most dominant in the group, Legolas in the middle, and Frodo at the bottom. Frodo is the most submissive of them, and the most shy with staff. There is no fighting, just a natural order of who eats first and comes first in all matters. If staff offers a treat to Frodo, he immediately looks to the others to see if they want it first, giving it up easily if they do.

Day by day, we are learning about these sensitive and intelligent creatures on whom we have no past, and they about us. What we do know, is thanks to one animal transporter with a heart, four needy baboons received the greatest gift at Christmas – a devoted home for life at Popcorn Park.

Frodo is the most shy of the four baboons, and is taking the most time to feel comfortable in his new surroundings. The others have settled in quite easily.

OBAMA SIGNS LAW BANNING MICROBEADS

In a huge win for marine animals and humans alike, President Obama signed an official ban that prohibits the use of plastic microbeads in beauty products. This monumental legislation will require that companies that manufacture shampoo, face wash & body wash that contain microbeads will have to begin phasing out these tiny plastics with the goal of taking them completely out of their lines by July 2017. Additionally, all beauty products that contain microbeads will have to be taken out of circulation by July 2018. These tiny microscopic plastic beads are used as exfoliating agents. The only problem is that plastic never degrades or goes away. Due to their small size, they easily wash through local water treatment facilities & end up in the oceans. A single squeeze of face wash can contain over 100,000 microbeads.

HOLLYWOOD ANIMAL TRAINER CAUGHT VICIOUSLY WHIPPING A YOUNG TIGER

Michael Hackenberger of Bowmanville Zoological Park is the owner of the young tiger used in LIFE OF PI. He was caught on video viciously whipping another Siberian tiger named Uno 20 times in a row during a savage training session. Uno was so traumatized, he involuntarily emptied his anal sacs & it was recorded that Hackenberger repeatedly whipped him on the face.

PETA has new video footage which confirms Hackenberger’s behavior including a baboon who fell off a pony during a live television stunt. For more information or how you can become involved, log on to peta.org
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It was early November when this pair of pooches were tied to a fence by a Newark high school. The AHS rescued them, & Lexi & Larkin were at AHS Newark for a few weeks. No one indicated an interest in adoption, so their chauffeur-provided limousine service brought them to Popcorn Park. File 25408-NM & File 25407-SF.

Meet Nala & Sachy who were brought to AHS temporarily until the people could improve the situation in their life. After a few weeks, they decided to leave the doggy duo with us to find a lifelong home where they can be together. File 25017-SF & File 25018-SF.

Spots is a 4 year old Pointer who was given up by his Newark owner who could not afford to care for his dog any longer. He’s a sweet, high energy fella who prefers to be with people – and no other dogs. File 24437-M.

It was 7:30 a.m. when the AHS was alerted to a Bulldog running at large. The resident contained the young male who has waited for over 2 months for someone to open their heart. What are you doing on Valentine’s Day? File 25749-M.

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Bentley & Denali are gentle giants who were abandoned to survive on their own. The shy but loving bonded pair are hoping that the beginning of the New Year will be the beginning of a wonderful life with a new home. File 6089-M and File 6090-M.

I’m only a year old and look to you with a hopeful gaze. My owner cared … but he had to move so now life has been turned upside down to make a new life for myself. The AHS is here to get me on the right road to happiness. File 6680-M.

Another Yorkshire Terrier found as a stray. Judging from Lost Pet Reports around NJ, there are dozens that have been lost and we doubt if many have been reunited with their owners. Please – whether you have a Yorkshire Terrier or any other pet – microchip and REGISTER with the microchip company to assure your ownership of your dog or cat. File 6549-M.

I arrived before Halloween and thought that surely my owner would have searched for me. And when the blessings of Thanksgiving were passed around, I thought they’d be here to see how long I waited. Now Santa has come & gone & with it my hopes have plummeted. My heart is broken …. but it can be mended & you have the key to help me heal.

File 5248-M

A trio of tiny tykes arrived at AHS from one household as “strays”. The threesome are close companions & two of them have vision problems. They are between 4-6 years old & need a loving home that will encompass their need for love & acceptance. Just ask about Paula, Randy & Simon! File 6236, 6341 & 6340.

Princess was a loving lass who was brought to AHS because of financial reasons. The middle-aged terrier doesn’t appreciate cats … so if you are a feline-free family, come and meet Princess. File 5884-SF.

A Miniature Pinscher was found wandering the streets and brought to AHS. No microchip, no tag to help reunite him with an owner … who never called. Rusty now waits for the New Year to have a celebration. File 6249-M.
PET THEFT CONTINUES IN NJ, NY & ELSEWHERE

The St. Lawrence County Sheriff’s Dept. (NY) has issued a warning to dog owners after receiving multiple reports of missing dogs over the last days of November-December. Dogs have disappeared from fenced-in yards in situations where they could not have run away. One dog was removed from its chain. None of the dogs have been located in St. Lawrence County. Authorities believe the thieves could be taking them outside of that area.

This is a story that could be repeated throughout many areas of NY/NJ. The AHS has been following pet theft incidents which started in 1993, when a beloved dog named Princess from Edison, NJ was stolen and never found. At that time, AHS followed up all leads around the country, worked with the USDA Compliance Officers but witnesses to pet theft failed when no one obtained license plates. Times have changed and the need for “random dogs” is not as needed for testing purposes, labs, etc. But there is a need: breeding, bait for dog fighting, selling to strangers for pets, internet sales, ransom attempt, disgruntled neighbors, etc.

Protect your pet – microchip and register and keep them under your control at all times. Don’t bring them on a ride to your local store & leave locked in the car. Don’t let your children walk your dog on their own. This is a growing problem & one that most pet owners are not even aware of.

In 1993, this flyer was the first inklng that the AHS had that a somewhat-organized pet theft ring was occurring along the East Coast. AHS worked closely with Compliance Officers Jim Finn of USDA(NJ) Compliance Officer Tony Campo of the USDA (NY), Action 81 in VA, Ruth Marcine of the N.J, State Police and other individuals. (Please see story on Page 2).

Support AHS...because it won’t support you.

News from New Jersey

MERCER COUNTY
The Mercer County Freeholders passed a Resolution encouraging pet stores to stop selling puppy mill dogs. They also encouraged Mercer County municipalities to pass ordinances to ban such sales.

CHERRY HILL
A Cherry Hill pet store has decided to replace puppy mill dogs with animals from such places as Tennessee, Puerto Rico, etc. and not from the local area. The owner had said he tried working with local rescues in the area but they were not willing to give the store any puppies. The adoption fees are set between $200 - $600.

OAKLAND
The Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge in Oakland is offering free sterilization program for pit bulls, especially those in the Paterson area.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY
The Maple Ridge Golf Course has been converted to a 110 acre area as a state preserve, a nature park & a haven for wildlife.

Food for Thought...

Due to the truth of the horrors and suffering in the egg industry, many companies have announced that they will be switching to cage-free eggs so that fewer birds will be confined in filthy cages no bigger than the page that this is printed on. Billions of eggs are produced by the companies and their promises to make the shift will take years!

✓ Taco Bell uses 130 million eggs & will switch by the end of 2016.
✓ Starbucks will switch by 2020.
✓ Nestles will switch by 2020.
✓ Panera Bread will switch “in coming years”.
✓ Jack in the Box will switch by 2025.
✓ Other companies including Kellogg’s, TGI Fridays, Dunkin Donuts, McDonalds, Caribou Coffee, Peet’s Coffee, Einstein’s Bros. Bagels, Shake Shack, Wonder Bread, Tastykake, Carnival Cruise Lines -- all with no time line date

Costco is the nation’s largest grocery retailer. Hillandale is a major egg supplier to Costco and they were previously implicated in the biggest egg recall in American history in Iowa, but this time, the investigation focuses on Hillandale’s facility in Pennsylvania. The eggs from this facility are sold at Costco stores under the brand name “Nearby Eggs” in packages depicting a cartoon image of free roaming hens. An investigation of the Pennsylvania facility included: Live birds locked in cages with mummified corpses of cage mates -- eating, sleeping, defecating & laying eggs on top of dead birds; Hens with legs & necks trapped in corroded wires of their cages; breaking their limbs or choking them, and rotting, broken fly-covered eggs along with dead birds, littering the facility’s floors.

Cage free does not mean cruelty free & free range is not much better. There are no federal guidelines as to regulations for free roam, free range, etc.

MONROE TOWNSHIP
The Township Council has passed the anti-tethering law.

CAMDEN COUNTY
The Camden County Freeholder Board voted by unanimous consent to prohibit pet stores operating in Camden County from selling animals from breeders operating inhumane puppy mills. When the Health Dept.’s Environmental Health inspects pet stores, they will require the shop owners to provide information on the animals being sold to the public.

SALEM
Acting Attorney General John J. Hoffman & NJ Division of Consumer Affairs have reached a settlement with Jessica Durkin d/b/a Prada Puppies in Salem to pay $65,634.41 which includes consumer restitution along with civil penalties & legal/investigative cost reimbursements. Durkin allegedly sold sick pets to consumers. Customers who believe they have been cheated or scammed by a business or suspect any other form of consumer abuse can file an online complaint with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs by visiting its website or calling 1-800-242-5846.

BAYONNE
The Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation (BEOP) & WomenRising are partnering to bring a support group to Bayonne for victims of domestic violence. If you are in need of help, please call BEOP for information and/or support groups. Please call 201-437-7222, Ext. 23. If you are experiencing domestic violence problems & have pets, please e-mail associatedhumane@aol.com All information will be kept confidential.
4th ANNUAL RUN THE PINES WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

And they’re off! Runners take off at the starting point of the 5k.

The 4th Annual 5k Run the Pines for Canines was a fabulous success with walkers and runners, many with canine companions, helping to raise funds for animals at the Associated Humane Societies/Popcorn Park. The AHS would like to thank long-time volunteer and Board Member, Justin Rand, for his tireless efforts in organizing the event! It was no easy task, & Justin pulled it off without a hitch. We would also like to thank his family for helping him with the cooking, organizing and setting up the event as well as the volunteers that he recruited to assist. A very special thank you to all who participated in the event and we hope you had a great time! We were so happy to see so many of our Popcorn Park alumni running in the event with their wonderful families, and were thrilled to see so many familiar faces of our volunteers, staff, and longtime Popcorn Park friends participating, too.

Participants, with or without dogs, completed the 5k at whatever speed worked for them – walk, run, stroll – it’s all good.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions to Run the Pines:
- Thompson Healthcare and Sports Medicine - Sponsoring our race t-shirts
- Lucky’s Bed & Biscuit - Sponsoring our trophies and providing "lunch boxes" for the dogs
- Applebee’s of Lacey - Breakfast
- Shoprite of Lacey - Giftcard
- Walmart of Lacey - Giftcard
- Lacey Twp. Police Department - Special police officer to cross our runners
- Bamber Lake Fire Co. and Chief Papo Melendez, for hosting our event at their facility
- Lave Soap - Soap samples for boxes
- Special-T Graphics - Printing our shirts at a discount
- Lacey Twp. Recreation Department - Approving the race and publicizing it on their electronic sign

A very special thanks to our top fundraisers:
- Anna Renner - Who raised over $1500 single-handedly!
- Barb Calzone - Our second-place fundraiser

Congratulations to all of the winners in their age groups and the overall winners of the 5K! If you have yet to see your results, you can do so by checking here:

ALL of you that participated are winners in our book! Whether you ran, walked, strolled, or just came to help out or watch, thank you for coming out to support the important work that we do at Associated Humane Societies. We hope to see you all again next year! If you are interested in helping with next year’s Run the Pines, please e-mail njhumane2@aol.com
https://youtu.be/BevPqq6ySk8

NAVY AGREES TO LIMIT UNDERWATER ASSAULTS ON WHALES/DOLPHINS

A federal court has entered an order settling two cases that challenged the U. S. Navy’s training & testing activities off the coasts of Southern California & Hawaii. According to the Animal Welfare Institute, this secures long-sought protection for whales, dolphins & other marine mammals by limiting Navy activities in vital habitat. In the past, the court’s found that the Navy’s activities were illegally harming more than 60 separate populations of whales, dolphins, seals & sea lions. The Navy has agreed to put important habitat for numerous populations off limits to dangerous mid-frequency sonar training & testing & the use of powerful explosives. There are specific key terms to the settlement; one for California & one for Hawaii. For the listing, log on to https://awionline.org/content/navy-agrees-limit-underwater-assaults

MARINE MAMMAL NEWS

SEAWORLD SUES TO OVERTURN BREEDING BAN

The Holiday issue of the HUMANE NEWS featured an article on a ruling by the California Coastal Commission that allowed SeaWorld’s San Diego location to expand its orca tanks …. but the allowance came with the condition that they would no longer be allowed to breed its 11 captive orcas. The CCC also set limits on how much SeaWorld could transfer existing orcas in/out of the park. As we go to press, SeaWorld has filed suit against the CCC stating that they have “neither the legal jurisdiction nor, accordingly, the expertise to dictate the care, feeding or breeding of animals held solely in captivity under human care”. AHS will keep you apprised of future news on the matter.

ORCA BECOMES 3rd CETACEAN TO DIE IN 6 MONTHS AT TEXAS SEA WORLD

Unna, an 18 year old orca, died in SeaWorld at San Antonio, Texas and was the third whale to die there in the past 6 months. A premature baby beluga died in July & a 2 year old beluga died in November. SeaWorld in San Diego recently announced plans to suspend its live orca shows.

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**LEMONADE STAND IN LONG BEACH TWP. RAISES MONIES FOR BLANKETS**

These smiling faces arrived at Popcorn Park with a large number of fleece blankets for the animals waiting to find homes. Keira, Karley & Kyle held a fund raiser by setting up a lemonade stand in Long Beach Township and the monies collected were used to purchase the blankets. Our thanks to this enterprising trio who helped AHS and Popcorn Park make life better for orphaned animals.

**KEANSBURG TWINS RAISE FUNDS FOR POPCORN PARK ANIMALS**

The DiGrigorio Family of Keansburg are frequent visitors to Popcorn Park. This past summer, 8 year old twin daughters Morgan and Madison decided to do a fund raiser for the Forked River facility as they always have such a good time with the animals there. When they asked their parents for permission, it became a family event! Parents Louis & Heather were very excited at this effort. They built the very attractive lemonade stand which they placed at the end of their driveway. The sale was posted on Facebook; neighbors and random folks would stop by to purchase a lemonade at $.25 a cup to help out Morgan & Madison’s efforts. When it was all over, they sold 160 cups of lemonade for a total donation of $40.00!! Our thanks to Morgan & Madison and to their hard-work & unselfish efforts to help out the Associated Humane Society/Popcorn Park in our fund raising.

**WHAT ELEPHANTS LIKE**

Written by Joel Lugar
Illustrated by Evan Schultz & Tyler Jensen

“What Elephants Like” is a beautifully illustrated and whimsical book for children. It comes in both a downloadable PDF colored version as well as a coloring book. Both versions entertain & enlighten about the perils animals face in the circus ... but without graphic words or imagery. You can download a free copy – just log on to http://action.bornfreeusa.org/site/PageNavigator/download_what_elphants_like_form.html or purchase it in paperback on amazon.com

**4th GRADERS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE ADMISSION TO ANY NATIONAL WILDLIFE PARK**

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has an exciting new opportunity! Every 4th grader in the U.S. is eligible for free admission to any national wildlife refuge, park, or other federal land with “Every Kid In A Park Pass”. The pass is valid for 12 months beginning September of the year that the student begins 4th grade. The student has to visit https://everykidinapark.gov/ and follow the directions on how to get a voucher.

**SCIENCE TEACHER JUGGLES DEAD FROGS**

A disturbing video obtained by PETA shows a teacher at Sickles High School in Tampa, FL juggling dead frogs slated for dissection in his science class. Although PETA has attempted to have the school district replace animal dissection with modern non-animal methods, educators have failed to attend meetings to discuss this. National Science & Biology Teachers Associations state that educators & students should treat animals respectfully. To send an e-mail to Sickles High School to ditch dissection, log on to peta.org & click on “Urgent Alerts”.

**ACTOR TAKES UP THE CAUSE OF ANIMAL & ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS**

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio has taken up the cause to help ocean conservation programs, defend endangered elephants, tigers and has now become the Executive Producer of “Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret”, which premiered worldwide on Netflix on Sept. 15th. A DVD version can be ordered from the documentary’s official website. Last year, DiCaprio was involved with an anti-poaching expose entitled Virunga. “Cowspiracy” subjects the animal agriculture industry to scrutiny. The real war against climate is being fought on our plates with the food choices we make. By choosing plant-based foods, we drastically cut our carbon footprint, save precious water supplies, & help ensure that vital crop resources are fed to people rather than livestock. To find out more, check out One Green Planet’s #EatForThePlanet campaign.
Thank you for Helping Our Animals!

PENNSYLVANIA ANIMAL LOVERS BROUGHT VAN FILLED WITH GOODIES FOR ALL 3 SHELTERS!

Tammy & Steve Frank with Archie, Mack & Gracie who made the trip to each of the AHS shelters with a HUGE amount of donated pet items.

Steve Frank assembled wooden Christmas trees with pet items for each of the shelters.

The AHS/Popcorn Park has been overwhelmed by the pet food, blankets, dog beds, medical supplies and hand-crafted projects that Tammy and Steve Frank of Easton, PA made. Their van was packed from stem to stern and they delivered all of the items to each of the AHS shelters – Newark, Tinton Falls and Forked River. In the past, the animal-loving, talented couple have donated doggy beds and other pet-related items for the shelter animals.

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SAYREVILLE POLICE DEPT. HOLDS 3 DAY PET FOOD DRIVE FOR AHS

Thanks to Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski, a collection bin was in the lobby of their Police Dept. and Sayreville residents were most generous during the 3 day event!

Sayreville Police Chief John Zebrowski recently held a 3 day pet food drive. According to their Facebook page, this was held “in appreciation for the great job they do in recovering & protecting the animal residents of the Borough.” A collection bin was in the lobby of the Sayreville Police Dept. and done at a suggestion by Tracy Weber of the Records Dept. Our thanks to Police Chief John Zebrowski and all of the Sayreville residents who were generous enough to donate some much-needed pet food for the AHS Tinton Falls shelter.

LUCKY’S BED & BISCUIT HOLDS 2 WEEK LONG DONATION DRIVE FOR POPCORN PARK

Lucky’s Bed & Biscuit owners, Leslie Lorah, her husband Reggie & their kids, Ryder & Holly.

Thank you SO VERY MUCH to our good friends at Lucky’s Bed & Biscuit in Manahawkin, NJ for the donation drive that they held for us! Between November 16th and December 2nd, Lucky’s held a donation drive for us at Associated Humane Societies/Popcorn Park where they encouraged their customers to purchase items from our Wish List and discounted those items in their store, and they also donated a bag of food to us for every bag purchased. Lucky’s team members loaded up their trailer with all of the goods that they collected and delivered them to us and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of Lucky’s staff and clientele! Thank you so much for all of the items that you collected for us, we will be putting every bit of it to good use. If you would like to check out Lucky’s Bed & Biscuit and the wide variety of services that they offer, visit their website at http://luckysbb.com
One of the most delightfully unique fund raisers was the partnering of AHS with My Creative Canvas held at the Shrewsbury Firehouse! Attendees had the opportunity to paint their pet even without prior art experience. Those who signed up were required to e-mail a photo of their pet a week in advance & on the Paint & Sip Fundraiser night, the canvas had been pre-sketched with step-by-step instructions. All supplies were provided and each individual completed a beautiful one-of-a-kind masterpiece! Everyone had a great time and the "Creativity for A Cause Fundraiser" raised over $1,000 for Associated Humane Tinton Falls! There are many who are clamoring for another Paint & Sip Fundraiser! Stay tuned…

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FREE 30 DAY INSURANCE FOR AHS ADOPTERS!

Only 8 months old, the Australian Cattle Dog was given up by his Newark owner who could no longer keep him. Snow has a whole life waiting before him …and we want to get him on the yellow brick road to happiness. File 25846-M (Forked River).

AHS/Popcorn Park is partnering with Trupanion Insurance & offering a FREE 30 day program for anyone who adopts a dog/cat from any of the AHS branches –Newark, Tinton Falls or Forked River. Enrollment must be made within 24 hours of adoption. This is a wonderful, effortless insurance to help with your new family addition! Although your pet has been given a medical exam, problems may surface including dental, kidney/bladder stones or other problems that did not become apparent or surface until a later date. We have experienced situations with adopted pets that had unexpected conditions, foreign body ingestion, urinary obstruction & more. Free enrollment during the first 30 days is quite a savings in such emergencies. After 30 days, you are given an opportunity to sign on for continual coverage. No pressure – no phone calls – it is your choice.

Please help us save lives …

Stay in touch and up-to-date on AHS’ activities and the animals we shelter, defend, and protect. Please stop by ....

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Facebook: 'Like' Us at - Newark: AHS-Newark Branch Tinton Falls: Associated Humane Tinton Falls Forked River: Associated Humane Popcorn Park Shelter Popcorn Park Refuge: PopcornParkAssociatedHumaneSoc
Instagram: ahsnewark

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Yes! I want to support the many life-saving efforts of AHS and Popcorn Park through a donation of $ ______________________

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Address: ______________________________________________

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Please send all donations to: Associated Humane Societies/Popcorn Park PO Box 43 Forked River, NJ 08731-0043

FEBRUARY 2016
ARIZONA
The Arizona Game & Fish Commission passed a regulation to prohibit the future private possession of primates such as baboons, macaque monkeys & capuchins which took effect on Dec. 15, 2015.

ARIZONA
In July 2015, a U.S. District Court Judge David Campbell upheld a law for the city of Phoenix that requires all dogs being sold in pet stores to come from a non-profit rescue or a shelter. Phoenix is one of 60 cities across the U.S. that has laws to address this issue. Although stores are trying to fight the city ordinance, Judge Campbell stated that it is "not (the Court's) place to judge the wisdom or fairness of the city's decision to pass the ordinance".

TENNESSEE
A statewide animal abuse registry will begin in 2016 and will be a public, online listing of anyone convicted of animal abuse in the state. First-time offenders will remain on the list for 2 years after their conviction but will get five years after subsequent convictions. This registry should not give people a false sense of security. Many abusers and irresponsible pet owners are never taken to court, may settle out of court, or never face a conviction.

WASHINGTON
Voters overwhelmingly approved felony penalties for the purchase, sale or distribution of products made from elephants, tigers, lions, rhinos, leopards, cheetahs, sharks, sea turtles, pangolins & rays. According to ANIMAL PEOPLE, online listing of anyone convicted of animal abuse in the state. First-time offenders will remain on the list for 2 years after their conviction but will get five years after subsequent convictions. This registry should not give people a false sense of security. Many abusers and irresponsible pet owners are never taken to court, may settle out of court, or never face a conviction.

PENNSYLVANIA
Luzerne County has passed an ordinance that states that dogs will not be allowed outside unattended for more than ½ hour if the temperature drops below 26 or rises above 92. Violators will be subject to a fine of up to $500 plus “shelter & enforcement costs” as assessed by the judge.

ILLINOIS
Effective January 2016, owners of any pets exposed to extreme weather conditions will face a Class A Misdemeanor, $2,500 fine or up to 1 year in prison.

VIRGINIA
According to the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), 81 horses, donkeys & mules along with dozens of cats & dogs were surrendered & seized from Peaceable Farm, a failed Virginia rescue farm & breeding facility in Orange County.

PENNSYLVANIA
A Parkersburg, Chester County resident was arrested & charged under a new state law that went into effect on Sept. 30th that outlaws possession of animal-fighting paraphernalia. A search warrant also found 5 adult pit bulls as well as seven 4 week old pups. All 12 dogs were taken to the Chester County SPCA. The new law is a third degree misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in prison & a $5,000 fine.

CALIFORNIA
Separate bills to protect animals were signed into law before the end of the session: SB716 (Lara) banned the use of bullhooks on elephants; AB147 (Dababeh) requires that any public university or college that confines dogs or cats for science or research should offer them to an animal adoption or rescue group before killing them. AB316 waived in out-of-state veterinarians to deploy and help animals in disaster situations. SB27 (Hill) would prohibit the use of antibiotics for livestock unless prescribed by a veterinarian.

NEW JERSEY LEGISLATION
On Nov. 9, 2015, Gov. Chris Christie signed into law A.3012 which criminalizes bestiality. The bill would amend R.S. 4:22-17 to explicitly ban human sexual activity with animals and thereby closes a loophole that did not specifically outlaw the practice. A former Moorestown Police Officer who had been accused of sexually molesting cows had charges dropped because prosecutors could not prove the animals were harmed. P.L. 2015 c.133

Senate Bill 2069 (Greenstein, Sacco) would give each town the authority to hire their own animal cruelty investigator & change their name to “municipal humane law enforcement officer”. It would give these individuals the same authority as the NJ SPCA & give each town the power to prosecute their own animal cruelty cases. In doing so, it would also give each town the ability to keep all the fine money & not have to give 1/2 of the fine money to the NJ SPCA as is currently the case. It has been released from the Senate Committee. Contact your N. J. State Senators and advise them of your interest in having this become law.

S903/A1186 (Holzapfel, Wolfe, McGuckin) was signed into law on September 15 by Lt. Kim Guadagno. Known as “Betsy’s Law”, it was in response to the death of a Rottweiler named Betsy who was boarded overnight following a minor veterinary procedure. She hanged herself in a crate as a result of a lack of animal supervision. The law requires veterinarians and animal hospitals to provide pet owners with written notification if a boarded animal will NOT be subject to 24 hour supervision by a person physically on the premises. Pet owners must also be made aware of the dangers associated with boarding their pets overnight. The measure will allow pet owners to make an informed choice regarding their authorization of an unsupervised veterinary stay for their animal. It also helps prevent veterinarians from misleading animal owners about the safety of these boarding conditions.
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My Mom, Carol Leta
Christopher Leta – VA

My Mom & Dad – Marilyn & Ted
Cieszynski
The Cieszynskis – NJ

Andrea Chikofsky
Arthur Chikofsky – NJ

Frank Bogie
Sandra Bogie – NJ

ANA
Christine Pugliese – FL

Lucille (“Cookie”) Scalpato
Joseph Iacono – NJ

My father, William H. Lewis, who loved to visit Popcorn Park Zoo!!!
Scott Lewis – UT

Charlie, our beloved little man
Michael Cher – NJ

Seamus
Karen Clews - SC

Cynthia (Cindi) Patten – long time friend & neighbor to my husband & I. Her happiness & love for her family was amazing. We will miss her very much.
Denise Savage – NJ
Ocean Township Youth Football & Cheer – NJ

Marie Indahl who is much loved & whose sweet nature & infectious laugh will be missed by all who knew her.
Moira Casey - OH
Linda Fay – NJ
Zachary Danner – LA

James Joseph Murphy – a loving father to one of our friends & classmates
The Knights of Columbus Cranford NJ Council – NJ
Kelly Zafman – MD
Jessica Jolie – IA
Caityn Driscoll - NY

Kevin R. Pugliese – May you rest in peace
Linda Mee – NH
Daniel Cowles - NY
Harvey Gee – NJ
Petie & Jass Hildenbrand - NJ
Carl Merrell – NJ
Jennifer Drexler – FL
Barbara Eannace – NJ

Blake, a loyal & loving companion who loved chasing tennis balls & being with his human pack. He will be greatly missed.
Wendy Offery – NJ

Doris Winterfeld – May she rest in peace. The love she had for animals just proves what a wonderful & loving person she was.
Tina & Felix – NJ
Joaquim & Maria Francisco – NJ
Janette Francisco – NJ
Shannon Evans - NY

Monty
Joe & Amy Uggiano – PA

Max, Duke, King, Schnuzi, Trav – You are remembered & loved forever
Erika - NY

Lucille Marana who imparted such joy & love to everyone she met. We were blessed to know you.
Miwon Park - NJ
Diana Happle – NJ

James “Jimmy” Flynn
Julie Chachichc – NJ
Tara Lehan – NJ
The DlFF Girls - NJ

Joanne Pugliese
Marilyn Hollywood – NJ

Kenneth Michael Chicalese
Ridgewood Elementary School - NJ
Fran Sanchez - NJ

Irene T.Ackerly
Teri Ackerly – NJ

Peg Sutter, wonderful mother & grandmother to all her two & four-legged babies
Nan Hayworth - NY

Our beloved Boxer, Penny passed away in our home on 8/17/15. We adopted her from the Forked River shelter on 6/7/09. She brought so much love & joy into our lives & to those who knew her. She will forever be missed.
The Devlin Family – NJ

Garry
Al Girof – NJ

William E O’Brady, Rest in Peace
Marie Knowowski - NJ

A donation as a memorial to a loved one will go a long way to help Society orphans. There are many ways to make a donation. The Society will notify a bereaved family with a card IF A FULL NAME & ADDRESS OF THE FAMILY AS WELL AS FULL NAME & ADDRESS OF DONOR is included. Due to the high volume of requests, only gifts of $50.00 or more will be printed in a timely manner.

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CHARGE MADE THAT BLM SECRETLY INVOLVED IN SLAUGHTERING HORSES TO PROCESS FOR MEAT

According to filmingcops.com, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is the agency supposed to oversee the health, diversity & productivity of America’s public lands & protect the herds of wild horses that roam freely in the Southwest. The BLM has been implicated in a scheme to illegally sell captured wild horses to a Colorado rancher who then sold the animals for slaughter. An investigation by the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Dept. of Interior reveals that the BLM sold about 1,800 wild horses to a rancher who then promptly sent to the horses to be slaughtered in Mexico. For more information, log on to http://filmingcops.com/government-secretly-involved-in-slaughtering-horses-to-process-for-meat/

U.S. ZOOS REQUEST IMPORT OF AFRICAN ELEPHANTS UNDER FALSE PRETENCES

According to the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), the Dallas Zoo, the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas & the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska intend to import 18 wild-captured elephants from Swaziland, Africa. The intended use is to further the captive breeding programs & tragically, this would break up many family units. The ALDF has a petition to halt this effort. Log on to aldf.org and click on to press-room & scroll down to this petition.

Through a recent telephone inquiry, we have discovered that there were cars donated to AHS through a Donate A Car-type program. The AHS does not have any such type program in force. If you have donated a vehicle in the past several years that was intended to go to AHS and you have received a tax receipt from a towing company or other firm, please check your tax records and e-mail a copy of your tax-deductible receipt to karenapow@aol.com. We thank you and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.
The following pet foods have been recalled due to the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella:

- Blue Buffalo Cub Size Wild Chews Bones
- OC Raw Dog Chicken, Fish & Produce Raw Frozen Canine Formulation
- Bravo Chicken pet foods for dogs and cats
- Good 'n Fun Beef Hide Chicken Sticks sold nationwide through Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Family Dollar

The following pet foods were recalled due to potential mold:

- Nutro Dog Treats
- Halo Purely for Pets Sensitive Cat Turkey Dry Food

The following pet foods were recalled as noted:

- U.S. Food & Drug Administration recalled Dingo brand dog food because of potential to contain amantadine – a human antiviral drug not approved for use in animal food
- Dave’s Pet Food due to presence of an “off odor”
- Blue Buffalo Blue Kitty Yums Chick cat treats due to possible presence of propylene glycol
- Hill’s Pet Nutrition is conducting a voluntary market withdrawal of some canned dog food for reasons unknown. For questions, call weekdays Hill’s Customer Service at 800-445-5777
- K-9 Kraving Dog Food for possible contamination of Salmonella and Listeria
- Welcome Home Duck Jerky & Duck Treats due to presence of unapproved antibiotics & antiviral agents

DELTA AIRLINES HAS POLICY CHANGES IN PET TRAVEL

After 74 deaths in a decade, Delta bans pets from being checked as luggage as of March 1, 2016. They will continue to transport allowable pets in all cabins of service except Delta One. Customers may also ship pets for travel within the U.S. as freight through Delta Cargo. One notable exception will be members of the military with active transfer orders who will be allowed to transport a pet as checked baggage. Pets are not guaranteed to be shipped on a customer’s same flight or flight schedule. Also, Delta Cargo enlists professional kenneling services if overnight stays are required. For guidance with traveling with pets, log on to delta.com International customers should visit International Pet & Transportation Association for assistance at ipata.org

PETS ON TRAINS

You can now take your small dog or cat along with you on select trains. There are guidelines and restrictions including arrival at least 30 minutes early, making reservations, approved pet carriers, designated pet car, etc. For more information, log on to http://www.amtrak.com/carry-on-pet-pilot
A dog owner and friend of AHS who lived in Monmouth County moved to Ulster County, NY, we never lost touch! Most of the animals on the program are featured in their own personalized videos! For the $10.00 monthly donation, you will receive a color photo and report three times a year, a membership card, free admission to Popcorn Park, visit your pet for walks, etc. All funds gathered under this program are applied directly to the care of these animals. Any funds exceeding the need for a particular animal is applied to the care & welfare of other shelter animals. You can view and sponsor all Share-A-Pets on our website at www.ahscares.org. We have just published a brand new edition of the Share-A-Pet Booklet (see Page 2) The staff has undertaken an effort to take videos of many of our Share-A-Pets, and posted them on YouTube. Videos can also be seen on our Facebook pages (see Page 20 for the Facebook list). Then you will be able to view your Share-A-Pet “live”!

Reeses came to us in November of 2014 with his friend Buttons, turned in by their owner who could no longer care for them. The boys had been neglected & were badly matted, with ears so impacted with dirt that the ear canals were not visible. After lots of brushing, cleaning, and good medical treatment, the boys got back on their feet and were like brand new kittens. Unfortunately, it was soon discovered that Buttons had an enormous mass in his lung. His condition deteriorated rapidly and sadly, he left us to go on to a better place, leaving Reeses without his best buddy. Reeses is about 6 years old and was declawed by his owner. He has arthritis in his back legs, due in part to the declawing, and is on injectable medication monthly to make him more comfortable, but still enjoys a full and happy life. He is a big, lovable boy who just adores people and cats alike. All Reeses asks for is to be treated with kindness, and to have some good friends to share his life with. For his sad history & his present physical condition, we have opted to include Reeses on the Share-A-Pet Program. File#:24107-NMD.

Biggie & Jada are 7 year old mastiffs - a Dogue de Bordeaux and a Cane Corso - surrendered to AHS in Newark when their owner could no longer care for them. The gentle giants were upset with grief and confusion – but at least they had each other. They were brought to Popcorn Park where staff began to mend broken hearts & treat medical conditions that were neglected for far too long. Both dogs were thin, had poor skin condition & suffered several fractured teeth & dental disease. A large mass was removed from Jada’s shoulder & the result of the biopsy was that the mass was malignant. Although the condition will need to be monitored, no treatment is necessary. It is not known whether she has a couple of months or more but we just want Jada to remain with her best friend Biggie until the end. Despite their age, they are active, energetic & playful. They are loving, affectionate, well behaved & have great personalities. We would love to adopt them out together if there is someone willing to deal with a question mark in Jada’s future. They will remain together until Jada can no longer be with him. In the meantime, Biggie & Jada are included on the Share-A-Pet Program. They will be moved to the Animal Haven Farm at a later date. (Forked River).