SOCIETY CONTINUES TO BE SAFETY NET FOR ANIMALS IN NEED

NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW CHALLENGES

Ears and Tail Sliced Off of Kitten in Neighborhood Fraught with Animal Cruelty

Society Rescues Dogs from Georgia’s Gas Chambers

Pain and Misery Continue Unabated in Guard Dog Industry
OLD COUNTRY BUFFET FUND RAISER SET FOR APRIL 15TH

Pat Trustan, Old Country Buffet’s Community Representative, visited Popcorn Park to set a brunch date...and meets Princess the Camel who asked for graham crackers to be added to the menu!

Saturday, April 15th – surely a date that reminds us of tax deadlines! But you can start out the day with some soul-satisfying food that will also help animals. Between 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Old Country Buffet at 635 Bay Ave. in Toms River is designating it as Popcorn Park Morning Gathering! Breakfast is $7.19 for adults; for children it is $.50 for each year between 2 and 12 – and the Society will receive a $1.00 donation for each person who attends bringing in a coupon or mentioning Popcorn Park.

Delicious French toast, scrambled eggs, salads, corn beef hash, home fries, pancakes, fruit, salads, muffins, juice, coffee...and so much more in the way of breakfast and brunch items. Society staffers will be on hand with t-shirts for sale, literature and hope to meet you. The restaurant, which is accessible from the parking lot, is in the Seacourt Mall, off Hooper Ave., off Rt.35. Please present the coupon below upon arrival.

KILLER OF POPCORN PARK BIRDS CHARGED W/ PROBATION VIOLATIONS

Matthew Mercuro, one of the 3 men who was involved in the killing of emus and ducks at Popcorn Park, was charged with violating the terms of the probationary sentence given for his part in the killing spree. On July 9th, the 20 year old Mercuro was arrested & charged with a disorderly persons offense of assault which is still pending.

Mercuro, along with two other men, were spared prison terms for killing 3 ducks and 5 emus at Popcorn Park. In addition, a goose was stoned to death at Wells Mills County Park in Waretown that same evening. Mercuro, along with Matthew Ronneberg & Thomas Cavanaugh, were placed on probation for 3 years. Mercuro violated his probation by driving drunk & was given 90 days in jail. Cavanaugh was sentenced to 5 years in state prison for using heroin about a month after receiving the probationary term. Ronneberg is the only one who has not violated his probation. Mercuro has re-scheduled a hearing for the probation violation. As soon as we get further information, we will advise readers.

SUPER FOODTOWN PATRONS CAN HELP POPCORN PARK

The Society’s agreement with SUPER FOODTOWN has helped to raise much-needed funds through your purchases. If you shop at SUPER FOODTOWN, send a SASE TO FOODTOWN FUND RAISER, c/o Society, 124 Evergreen Ave. in Newark, NJ 07114 & we will mail you a bar coded card. Each time you make a purchase, use your card and the Society will be able to obtain cash in lieu of S & H Green Stamps. These cards can also be obtained at our Tinton Falls and Forked River shelters. The following are Super Foodtown locations:

Super Foodtown of Colonia
Super Foodtown of Wanamassa
Super Foodtown of Port Monmouth
Super Foodtown of Wall
Super Foodtown of Red Bank
Super Foodtown of Sea Girt
Super Foodtown of Ocean
Super Foodtown of Toms River
Super Foodtown of Atlantic Highlands

PREMARIN PRODUCTION PHASED OUT IN NJ/NY- SHIFTED TO IRELAND

Wyeth Pharmaceuticals based in Madison, N J has announced plans to phase out Premarin production at its Rouses Point, NY manufacturing facility. The plan will discontinue all operations by 2008. Sales of Premarin started to plunge last year after a National Institute of Health study linked long-term use of Premarin to an increased risk for stroke.

The International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists issued a press release accusing Wyeth of ‘manipulating the law & facts in an attempt to restrict patients’ access to customized bioidentical hormone replacement therapy’. Wyeth will be transferring its Premarin operation to a facility in Newbridge, Ireland.

SAVE-A-LIFE SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS ANNOUNCED

We would like to thank all who participated in our 2005 Save-A-Life Sweepstakes. Your efforts helped to make this our most successful sweepstakes to date!

1st Prize 2005 Ford Mustang  Gwyneth Rogers, Toms River, NJ
2nd Prize Samsung 23”LCD-TV  Johnny Johnson, Little Egg Harbor, NJ
3rd Prize Kodak Zoom Digital Camera with Printer Dock  Jane Nelson, Marlboro, N J
4th Prize iPod Digital Music Player  Gary Francione, Mercerville, N J
PURCHASING EASTER PETS IS A “FOWL” IDEA

This handsome lop bunny is one of several waiting for adoption at our Newark Animal Care Center. He is one of many adults available for a lifetime commitment at our various facilities.

Sunday, April 16th is the celebration date which will include all of the trapings of candy, egg hunts and, of course, rabbits, chicks and ducks. Over the past several years, the Society has been inundated with huge numbers of rabbits given up by people who have become disenchanted with them as pets.

In N. J., it is illegal to sell or make these animals available as household pets when they are under 2 months of age. In many municipalities, it is against the law to own “farm animals”.

More importantly, these animals should not be purchased as a whim for youngsters who yearn for them. Children should not be given the responsibility for their care as these baby animals could be subjected to abusive mishandling, incorrect feeding, poor shelter... Another aspect of Easter gifts are that once a child is attached to the animal, it is removed from the home with anecdotal excuses of going to a happy farm. Rabbits purchased as pets are not “wild rabbits” and will not survive if dumped off at a local park or in the woods. This also constitutes abandonment.

The Society's Animal Care Center. He is one of many adults available for a lifetime commitment at our various facilities.

A perfect gift for your child is picking out a rabbit at Popcorn Park, supporting it for one year at $3.00 a month and your child will receive a color photo and a report. You will also receive free admission to Popcorn Park!

HUMANE FARMING ASSOC. SUES BUSH OVER CRUEL SLAUGHTER METHODS

The Humane Farming Association, a farm animal protection group, is suing President Bush & U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Secretary, Mike Johanns for allegedly allowing the inhumane slaughter of reindeer, buffalo, bison, antelope, North American elk, ostrich & more.

The lawsuit states that the USDA failed to apply a federal humane slaughter law to the commercial killing of reindeer, bison, etc., thereby causing intense pain, but requires slaughter inspections for only certain types of animals including cattle, calves, pigs, sheep & horses.

The lawsuit seeks a court order requiring Bush & Johanns to revise the applicable government regulations to extend the humane slaughter requirements of the law to currently unprotected species.

NJ GOV. CODEY SIGNS DISSECTION CHOICE BILL INTO LAW

An article appeared in the June/July 2005 issue of the HUMANE NEWS concerning a bill that would provide that public school pupils may opt out of experiments involving animals. Further, it would require schools to provide alternative education projects.

Society Director Roseann Trezza appeared before the Senate’s Education Committee to speak on behalf of such legislation. Trezza stated: “The dissection of animals before college age is useless and traumatic to most children & does not promote reverence for life. For those who have an interest in biology in higher education, there are progressive, animal-free learning tools”. There are 28 veterinary schools in the U. S. that no longer teach requirements of the law to currently unprotected species.

NYC CARRIAGE HORSE EUTHANIZED IN ACCIDENT – 3 PEOPLE INJURED

Years of campaigning against the hardships that horses endure as part of the carriage horse trade has done nothing to help assuage the abuse, neglect, injuries and temperature extremes.

On January 3rd, a carriage horse driver was tossed from his carriage & seriously injured in Midtown. It is believed that the horse was spooked by noises, bolted for more than 6 blocks & collided with a car. The horse was trapped under the car & suffered a broken leg. Firefighters & NYPD mounted cops spent 30 minutes trying to remove the horse. After the car was lifted off the horse, it was taken away in a police trailer; however, reports by NY1 indicate that the horse was euthanized. Local animal groups are urging that out-of-towners write letters to the editor as it is tourists who keep the industry afloat. Letters can be sent to letters@nytimes.com also letters@nypost.com, voicers@edit.nydailynews.com and NEWSDAY can be sent to http://cf.newsday.com/newsdayemail/email.cfm

The HUMANE NEWS has been publishing this paper for the last 37 years. Sadly, we have found that we cannot change the world...even though we've tried. It is our hope that the information printed herein will have a ripple effect on you, your family, your friends, your co-workers. If we can help one person to get involved, to rescue one animal from a cruel situation, to adopt a lonely pup from your local shelter, to consider a vegetarian lifestyle, then the HUMANE NEWS is achieving its intent. If this is the first issue that you have received and would like to be placed on our mailing list, all that is required is a donation - the amount we leave up to you. Please make checks payable to the ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES, INC., P. O. Box 43, Forked River, N J 08731-0043. Thank you.
OVER 200 CHICKENS VICTIMS OF RELIGIOUS RITUAL IN BROOKLYN, NY

Due to their experience, the chickens huddle together in fear facing away from people.

As a result of a religious ritual in Brooklyn, NY, over 200 chickens were grabbed by their legs and swung over the head of the participating individuals to ward off evil spirits. Although the chickens were supposed to have been killed after the ritual, they were just thrown out with the garbage in inclement weather. Kymberlie Adams, a New York animal lover was able to recover all of them and placed them in temporary housing at the Catskill Animal Sanctuary. All animals were given initial health examinations & basic care. Blood tests were conducted to check for disease and they were found to be negative. Kymberlie started contacting groups to take in whatever they could. The Society took 20 into Popcorn Park and all the rest were placed with other organizations including Eastern Shore Sanctuary and United Poultry Concerns. The grouping stays together away from people and does not wander out in to the public area. These rescues are not usually mentioned in the HUMANE NEWS….it is just part of our daily effort to help animals in need.

USDA ATTEMPTING TO THWART HORSE SLAUGHTER BAN

With your help, Congress passed an amendment that prohibits the use of your tax dollars from being used to fund federally mandated inspection of horses destined for human consumption. Pres. Bush signed the bill into law; however, it has been ascertained that the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture is considering a petition (submitted by foreign-owned slaughter plants) that would create a whole new manner of paying for horse slaughter – an effort that directly undermines Congress’ mandate. Please contact USDA Secretary Mike Johanns & urge him to deny the petition for horse slaughter.

Secretary Mike Johanns
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S. W.
Washington, D C 20250
Phone: 202-720-3631
E-mail: Mike.Johanns@usda.gov

SEVERAL STATES PASS LAWS BANNING INTERNET HUNTING

When an internet hunting ranch opened in Texas, it unleashed concerns of many animal lovers throughout the U.S. All that is required to hunt a wild animal from hundreds of miles away is the purchase of a hunting license. The hunter need only click his mouse to shoot at an animal while a remote-controlled rifle does the shooting. As of several months ago, the site was operated by a San Antonio body-shop owner. Legislators throughout the country have introduced legislation to stop the practice. Listed below are the various states who have passed such into law. Each state is different in its wording:

CALIFORNIA – Effective January 1, 2006, it is illegal for Californians to kill birds or mammals in California using internet hunting.

MINNESOTA – Signed on June 3, 2005 by Gov. Pawlenty and became effective Aug. 1, 2005, the law bans the inhumane practice of remote-controlled hunting. The law also contains provisions that allows the Commissioner to destroy undesirable predator wild animals in their dens, nests or houses.

VERMONT – On June 7th, S.166 was signed into law which bans the taking of wild or captive animals with the use of a remote controlled hunting device. Remote controlled hunting is defined to include any computer, any device which uses the internet or any other technically controlled remote aiming & discharge of a device. The law also prohibits establishment or operation of a controlled hunting site within the state & the import, export of a wild or captive animal, or a part thereof taken by a remote hunting device. There is an exception for persons with disabilities who obtain a permit from the commissioner.

WISCONSIN – On Aug. 30th, Gov. Jim Doyle signed a bill requiring hunters to be in physical possession of a weapon for hunting. It prevents facilities from offering remote-control internet hunting.

NEW YORK STATE – On September 16th, Gov. Pataki signed into law S.2822 which bans the practice of remote-controlled or internet hunting in New York State. The ban includes running a business that permits clients to log onto the internet, aim and fire at animals that are at another location, as well as the use of such a business within the state. The law took effect immediately.

Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

–Martin Luther King, Jr.

WILDLIFE REHABBERS NEEDED AS BABY SEASON APPROACHES

We are coming into the season when wildlife will be born. Sadly, it appears that the N J Division of Fish & Wildlife has not made an effort to license more wildlife rehabilitators. As a result, people have taken it upon themselves to remove wildlife from their property – a dangerous effort if you are not knowledgeable. And then what do they do with wildlife once it is caught? If you would like to volunteer to become a wildlife rehabilitator, please call (908) 272-3566 for information. Training sessions will begin shortly.

POPcorn Park offers discount admission to AAA club members

The Associated Humane Societies/Popcorn Park Zoo has entered into a contract with the American Automobile Association Mid-Atlantic Club which offers to members of any AAA club a $1.00 discount on adult admission and $0.50 on senior admission to Popcorn Park. The discount is good to all members holding the SYC&S (Show Your Card & Save) discount card of the AAA, CAA and international clubs licensed by AAA. This agreement runs through December 31, 2007.

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RECALL ON CONTAMINATED DOG & CAT FOOD

We hope that by now, you have been made aware of a dangerous toxin found in Diamond Pet Food manufactured by them in Gaston, South Carolina. That plant supplies pet foods to 23 states. The toxin is a fungus that has already caused the death of over 100 dogs, a number that continues to rise daily, and several that have become ill. No animal species is immune to the acute toxic effects of aflatoxins including humans but humans are reported to have a high tolerance for the exposure. If your pet shows symptoms of illness: sluggishness, lethargy, poor appetite, yellowish tint to eyes/gums or severe/bloody diarrhea, contact your vet immediately. The following are the products that have been removed from sale:

- Diamond Low Fat Dog Food
- Diamond Hi-Energy Dog Food
- Diamond Maintenance Dog Food
- Diamond Performance Dog Food
- Diamond Premium Adult Dog food
- Diamond Puppy Food
- Diamond Maintenance Cat Food
- Diamond Professional Cat Food
- Country Value Adult Dog
- Country Value Adult Cat Food
- Kirkland Signature Maintenance Cat Food
- Canine Club Adult Dog Food
- Professional Chicken/Rice Senior Dog Food
- Professional Reduced Fat Chicken/Rice Dog Food
- Professional Adult Dog Food
- Professional Large Breed Puppy Food
- Professional Puppy Food
- Professional Reduced Fat Cat Food
- Professional Adult Cat Food

Diamond says it will reimburse veterinary bills and additional costs associated with the poisoning. Call the customer service line at 1-866-214-6945 or visit www.diamondpetrecall.net/contact.php to fill out a customer help form. There are 23 states affected by the recall: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, RI, SC, TE, VT, VA, WV.

CARE CREDIT NOW AVAILABLE AT BOTH SOCIETY’S MEDICAL DEPTS.

The Associated Humane Societies is pleased to announce that the Medical Departments in the Newark and Forked River Animal Care Centers have been approved to use CareCredit so that you will have the best care possible without the concern for lack of emergency funding. Now is it available with No Interest and Extended Payment. This is an easy solution to your concerns in the event your pet requires emergency care or an operation. There are no up-front costs, no application fees, no annual fees, no pre-payment penalties & there are several payment plans. If your pet needs care and you are concerned about the cost of treatment, worry no more. It is easy to apply for credit and it can be done online.

NEW – CRUELTY FREE DIABETES TEST KIT FOR PETS

Linco Research, Inc. of St. Charles, Missouri is teaming up with the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine to produce a unique animal-free test kit for diabetes research. Industry standard kits include antibodies grown in mice. It also avoids the use of fetal calf serum, a typical agent in producing test-tube cells. The effort was funded by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine which will be partially repaid by royalties on sales of the kit.

MANUFACTURER OF “GREENIES” SUED IN DOG’S DEATH

The subject of a lawsuit filed in New York State’s Supreme Court is the popular dog treat sold under the name “Greenies”, manufactured by S & M NuTec. It is alleged that the product is unsafe, inadequately labeled & ultimately caused the death of a 4 year old dog named Burt, a rescued Miniature Dachshund.

It was reported that Burt died after an undigested portion of a Greenies dog treat became lodged in the intestinal tract. The dog underwent surgery that resulted in the removal of over 3 feet of dead intestinal tissue along with the cause of the obstruction; an undigested piece of a Greenie. Burt died 48 hours later. Although it claims to be “highly digestible”, it is reported that the dg died from it not digesting & obstructing his intestines. For more information, please visit: www.burtscause.com or contact The Romeo Group at 212-362-5930.

DONATIONS NEEDED TO CONTINUE K-9 VESTED INTEREST FUND

Franklin Township, N.J. Police Officer Kevin Burns, with his partner, K-9 Jack who is wearing his new bullet-resistant vest.

When Solo, a Shepherd with the Monmouth County (N.J) Sheriff’s Department was fatally shot to death in June 1998, the Associated Humane Societies took up the fight to protect all law enforcement K-9’s with a bullet-resistant K-9 vest. It was at that time that the Society decided to help those dogs that serve and protect the public alongside the other member S of the police team. They answer their master’s call and obey commands without hesitation. As a result of the Society’s efforts combined with those of school children, civic groups, scouts, etc., almost 900 K-9 vests were given to New Jersey law enforcement including municipal police departments, county sheriff’s departments, state troopers, Port Authority of N.Y. & N.J. and even Sheba who patrols the Statue of Liberty. Not only did the Society give out vests in N.J., vests were donated to other police units across the nation upon their request – Texas, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Vermont, Wisconsin and more.

The Society’s program has also spurred the efforts of animal groups in 27 states to take up the cause in their local areas. Unfortunately, the bullet-resistant (and the bullet-proof/stab-proof) vests have doubled in price. Our fund is extremely low. All donations made to the Vested Interest Fund are used only for that purpose. We hope you will help us to continue this effort in N.J. and wherever needed. Send donations to VESTED INTEREST FUND, c/o Society, 124 Evergreen Ave., Newark, N.J. 07114.

BIG GAME HUNTING BRINGS BIG TAX BREAKS

As the result of an undercover investigation by the HSUS, it was discovered that a tax scam was being perpetrated that allowed trophy hunters to write off their big game safaris at taxpayers’ expense. The WASHINGTON POST article showed that wealthy hunters killed a few “extra” animals & donated the trophies to pseudo-museums (such “museums” were literally in someone’s basement or even abandoned railroad cars), then inflating the value of the trophies & taking a huge tax deduction for their “charitable” donation. Thousands upon thousands of wild animals are killed solely for their trophy value & that includes rare & endangered animals. If this pointless killing & tax savings were stopped, it would save the taxpayers more than $40 million. There are two versions of this bill which would change part of a massive “tax reconciliation bill” Sen. Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley (R-IA) tightened up part of the current tax code but the bill is massive. Please ask your U.S. lawmakers to close the taxidermy tax scam loophole.
Memories of being injured, neglected & thrown out in a trash bag are hopefully just a memory to Aurora (l.). Her sidekick, Oliver, was adopted from the Society much before Aurora arrived.

She was tied up in a plastic bag & thrown behind a building in an industrial section of Newark. Discovered by a pit bull who was being walked by his owner, Darius Webster, the dog refused to leave the bag. Inside was a Shih Tzu, matted, injured, starved and neglected beyond belief. After being shaved down, it was discovered she had a crushed left paw. Although a reward was offered for the arrest & conviction of the perpetrator, no information was ever forthcoming from the public. Adoption applications were pouring in and it was a difficult decision. Daniel Mills and Keith Armstrong were just what the doctor ordered for an adorable female with a frightened psyche. With so much love and attention showered on her, she came out of he shell. In a recent note to us, Dan and Keith advised: “Aurora is doing really well. She loves being with Oliver (who was adopted from the Society) and they play for hours a day. They also both get plenty of play time with us. And they have Donna (a pet sitter) who comes & visits with them on weekdays when we both have to work. She is kind of quiet, though she loves to bark when we are making her breakfast or dinner. She is probably the sweetest dog that we have ever met. We could not imagine not having her in our family. Thanks to you and everyone involved in helping her”.

Aurora is a memorable success story and was accomplished through our Res-Q Fund. For complete story and more pictures, please see Aurora’s story on our website at www.ahscares.org and type Aurora in the Site Search Box.

On Feb. 19, 2003, the troubles of the world stopped as the public was captivated by a dog, helplessly trapped on an ice floe in the Passaic River. The current was causing drifting of the ice floe which was headed out to the sea. Society staffers were immediately dispatched with a boat to the area. A television news crew in a helicopter was feeding live footage directly back to the TV station. Society General Manager, George Smith along with Kearny Fire Capt. Tom McDermott were the two rescuers in the boat. Discounting their personal safety, George Smith and Capt. Tom McDermott cut the safety tow line to the boat and headed out towards the lonely figure on the ice. Many rescue units were involved including the Kearny Fire Dept., Newark Emergency Service, Kearny Police Dept., Newark Fire Dept. & NJ State Troopers. Lucky was snared and brought onto the boat as millions watched it on television. The dog had been owned by an elderly couple who did not even know he had escaped. Thankfully, Kearny Fire Dept. Captain Tom McDermott who had rescued him once….would rescue him again! Lucky now lives with the McDermotts and their Labs, Abigail and Smokie.
In August 2004, the Society confiscated a neglected dog from a hell hole used to "guard" a building in an industrial area. The dog had no food, no water & was a target for abuse & taunts by strolling youths. After a year at the Society’s Newark facility with no offers for adoption, the sweet, gentle fella was transferred to the Forked River facility where he was placed on the Share-A-Pet Program. Within a short time, Ben Haase of Cape May, N J visited & met “Bishop” & it was a terrific match! Waiting at home were three well-man-nered canine companions:Hatteras, Timber and Cape. According to Ben: “I am so happy to have Bishop in my life. He is such a sweet & loving little boy”. Also sent to us was a letter from Bishop which was the icing on the cake! “I would like to thank everyone at Newark for saving me. Now I go to sleep in my own bed where I can hear the Cape May Lewes Ferry Terminal fog horn. Every morning, I wake up in a warm safe house with a daddy who loves me and cares for me. Now have a big yard to play in and a beach just a mile away where my dad takes me all the time where I can explore. Love, Bishop”.

Merlin – on the day he came in – starved and suffering from an embedded collar.

Merlin was placed on the Share-A-Pet Program in November 1999 after he and a companion were two of ten dogs still waiting for adoption. The dogs had been left in a Newark, N J backyard when their owner went on vacation. No special arrangements had been made for their care and so they languished until someone noticed and called Animal Control. All 10 were in a sorry state when they arrived at the Society – and Merlin had an embedded collar in his neck. He was given all necessary medical care and along with his buddies, were fattened up and placed for adoption. When it was obvious Merlin was being left behind with no plans for the future, he was sent to the Animal Haven Farm where he enjoyed several years of rest & relaxation. In January 2004, after spending 6 years at the Society, Merlin was adopted by James & Amy Margotti of Barnegat, N J …and his life has gone from good to great!!! According to James & Amy: “He is a big baby; he will not go to sleep until he has a pillow under his head & is right next to me. He is always making me smile every day. When I come home from work, he acts like he hasn’t seen me for years & I have to sit down & pet him for 20 minutes. Then he is fine. He is a wonderful dog & I thank God for bringing him into my life”.

Above: Exploited to be used as a lonely guard dog, Bishop wanted nothing more than to be loved & accepted in a home. Ben Haase of Cape May gave Bishop just what he needed. Below: It appears that for the first time, Bishop discovers what a handsome gent he is!

Merlin (l.) with his companions, Weasil & Rodie

Merlin on the day he was adopted by James Margotti of Barnegat, N J.

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After 6 Years at Society, Merlin Finds Forever Home

“Guard” Dog Moves Out of Hell Hole to a Happy Home

OF LOVE FOR SOCIETY ORPHANS

Bishop’s lonely life as a guard dog, with no food or water, and subject to the taunts of passers-by.
ABUSED AND INJURED CATS NEED LIFETIME OF LOVE

As a new year begins, sadly, we see a continuation of the heartbreaking situations that animals endure. One day follows the next.....as do the weeks...and the months with no relief to the cruelties perpetrated on animals. As we go to press, we have been alerted to the discovery of the bodies of 25 cats found poisoned in one area in West New York, N J.

Below are some of the cats that were rescued by the Society that are waiting for new homes.

This young male was exhausted and worn out from a hideous experience of being an outside stray cat. The cat had obviously been injured and traumatized and was immediately brought to our veterinarian, Dr. Jennifer Feeney. After a thorough examination & a partial shaving on the side, he was found to have suffered with what appeared to be cigarette burns. He was neutered and now he waits for some meowvelous purrson to open their heart to Melville. File M-43696-NM (Newark).

Several feline victims of cruelty have come to the Society from one particular block in Newark. It is the area of several high-rise buildings where some dogs and cats have fallen to their deaths or been injured. This tiger/white female was an unfortunate victim of the same area. Her ears and tail had been sliced off and she is now at the Society’s Newark Medical Dept. for continued medical care and then to be spayed. Her sweet, innocent personality and friendly manner had made her an easy target for those who would want to seize her. Thanks to the Society’s Res-Q Fund, such medical care is covered through your donations. File 44232-F (Newark). Please see Page 9 for additional animals benefitting from the Res-Q Fund.

On my face, I once had a growing cyst; and what it boiled down to was this – I had swallowed a needle complete with thread; it appeared in my last home it had chosen to embed. My care was what my owner couldn’t afford; but now I’m SO ready just to be adored! I’ve waited oh-so patiently; is that not someone special who’ll come for me? File 35017-M (Newark).

Joey is a neutered male who enjoys being very overbearing when it comes to smaller animals than he. The 5 year old is a loving guy to people and knows his place when it comes to larger animals. Joey is larger than a bread box so judging by his size, the only thing larger is a dog! He hangs out in the Society’s Newark Medical Dept. overseeing the veterinarian’s efforts. (Newark).

An East Orange, N J landlord discovered that one of his tenants moved out a month ago and left this cat behind. The only thing that kept him alive was drinking out of the toilet bowl; however, all of the water was out by the time the cat was discovered. He’s been at the Society since November 1st so his physical condition has improved greatly. Had he been unable to get to any water and had not been found in time, he would have surely died. We do not know how many lives he has used up, but the rest of them belong to you. File 42545-M (Newark).

This Persian pair was discovered inside the walls of a building which was in the process of being torn down. They were sick, unkempt, frightened and unfriendly when they arrived. Society staffers found it necessary to shave them down as they were badly matted with huge clumps of hair making life uncomfortable for them. Their personalities have improved somewhat but they would do best in a quiet home where they will be kept safe. They have been at the Society since mid-November and would love a peaceful home. File 42842-NM and File 42861-F (Newark).
In order to update our Medical Departments, we need to provide medical equipment to our various Animal Care Centers. These machines will assist us in performing more in-house analysis without the added expense of obtaining necessary medical data from outside labs. If you can assist us in the purchase of one of these machines, it will greatly enhance our services.

Anyone wishing to donate should send their contributions to Medical Equipment Fund, c/o Society, 124 Evergreen Ave., Newark, N J 07114. Please put MEDICAL EQUIPMENT on your check if possible.

Casey came to the Society because the owner said she was food aggressive ... (surely not a major problem). However, after an examination, it was found that the 1 year old Lhasa Apso needed surgery for luxating patellas (a condition in which the knees pop in and out) and it may have been the reason for surrender. Arrangements are being made for costly surgery. By the time you receive this, Casey should be available for adoption. File L-12405-M (Forked River).

This lovely stray Bassett Hound came in with a grotesque eye. The Society’s veterinarian removed it and Sarah was put up for adoption. She has been at the Society since November & needs “a new leash on life”. File L-12279-F (Forked River).

Angel the 7 year old Shar Pei was brought to the Society due to new circumstances at home. As with many Shar Peis, eye surgery is needed for inverted eyelids on both eyes. The well-mannered Angel will hopefully be available for adoption by the time you receive the HUMANE NEWS. File L-4283-F (Forked River).

Found as a stray was this gentle female West Highland Terrier. She was immediately brought to the Medical Dept. for the neglected, ignored conditions that she had endured. Her uncomfortable dry-eye condition & crusty lids needed care. The entire under portion of her body was severely inflamed, bleeding skin. The ears had similarly acute problems. The diagnosis was a bacterial & yeast infection that was left unattended. The nails were extremely long. All in all, this pathetic sight was obviously long term and the Society has taken blood tests and will continue to treat her until she is well enough to be placed for adoption. File L-12498-F (Forked River).

SOCIETY MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS IN NEED OF NEW EQUIPMENT

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NEWARK
Ultrasound machine $20,000
Blood machine $13,500

FORKED RIVER
Stainless steel table & New x-ray machine $30,000-$50,000

ANIMAL WELFARE GROUPS SUE NJ DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

Nine animal welfare groups have filed suit against the N.J. Dept. of Agriculture requesting that they set aside standards previously set forth which the groups state are actually inhumane.

* Cutting tails off dairy cows to facilitate milking;
* “Forced Molting” – starving chickens who have stopped laying eggs so that they will start again.

DONATIONS NEEDED TO SUPPORT RES-Q FUND

The ResQ Fund is a unique fund established for the sole purpose of providing emergency, surgical or other intensive medical care to animals that have suffered excessively cruel or neglectful treatment. Unfortunately, there is never a lack of animals who have been abused or left to languish in terrible conditions. We are happy to provide these unfortunates with the chance to live in love and safety. But before we can heal their broken hearts, we often have to heal broken bodies. This may require the help of emergency care facilities at off hours and/or the attention of veterinary specialists and/or longterm care at the Society’s facilities.

The ResQ Fund covers the costs of addressing the issues that will put that dog or cat on the road to recovery. Any funds donated to a particular animal that exceed the cost of care for that animal are applied to others needing care under the ResQ Fund.

A JOINT VENTURE IN ANIMAL LAW FOR STUDENTS

The George Washington University Law School & the H.S.U.S. have joined together in a project to give law students clinical experience defending animals with lawyers from the H.S.U.S.’s Animal Protection Litigation staff. There are course credits & it is the nation’s first such joint animal law clinic in an unprecedented alliance in animal law that moves from the classroom into the courts.
I’m just a very young lass who had an owner who was an a-s. They let me run loose – no collar or tag. Being homeless is quite a drag. I sit watching out the front of the kennel door, hoping I can find love & acceptance once more. File 43971-F.

Barely out of my puppyhood, I was allowed to roam. But I couldn’t figure out how to get back home. I’m sweet as can be and my name is Jack - a loving home is all I lack. File 38470-M.

Am I really someone who blends in with the crowd? I asked and I know my adoption’s allowed. Staff wanted you to see my face once more; in hopes that soon I’d go out the door. Life together would be just grand. File 38470-F.

I’m only 6 months old & really cute. I’m searching for someone who likes Alaskan Malamutes. My owner has moved out of state, but if you can give me a home, that would be just grrrrreat! File 44427-M.

Won’t you cradle me in your arms? I’m just too young to have been stray and alarmed. Coming to this place was my lucky break; they know my new owner won’t make the same mistake. File 44650-F.

If you knew how unhappy I am, you’d come & rescue me out of this jam! It was New Year’s Eve & people were noisy & celebrating. I was walking around … I wasn’t even dating! So amidst the noisemakers & party hats, I was just looking for someone who rescues dogs & cats. File 44218-F.

Allowed to roam loose is why this Siberian Husky is here. No tag & we’ll never find the owner we fear. He came to the Society on December 2nd. A responsible loving home is what we hope will beckon. File N-43480-M.

I am partly Mastiff…but mostly pussycat. Sweet, gentle & obedient & here is where you’ll find me at. I came to the Society in mid-September. A loving home...I can hardly remember. Please extend your heart & hand. Life together would be just grand. File N-40732-F.

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AT NEWARK
124 Evergreen Ave.
Just off Rt. 1 & 9 near Newark International Airport
A PHOTO AND RHYME
TO CHOOSE YOUR NEW VALENTINE

My name is Juno, an American Eskimo. I’ve been here awhile with no place to go. My owner said I was too possessive & they had no time. Find me just the right home and our lives could be sublime. File N-43922-M.

The sweepstakes is over, and the prizes are won; I bet the lucky winners are having some fun. But for me? I’m feeling blue; I thought for sure some one would want me, too. I’m not a Mustang, just a yearning pup. Is there no loving home who’d like to ante up? File 37822-MM.

Friday the 13th was my lucky day. I was rescued after being found as a stray. I am feeling lonely and very subdued. Take me into your heart … & I’ll no longer be blue. File N-44587-M.

I looked really bad when I arrived. They shaved my coat and now I feel refreshed & alive! I would look great with a beautiful red bow. And I’ll be ready for Valentine’s Day and good to go! File N-44552-M.

I’ve an Isabella coat and eyes that have become sad; that I’m still waiting has made me feel bad. Who else but a Dobe can give such devotion; why has no one put their love for me in motion? Please don’t delay and meet me soon; all I need in your heart is just a little room. File 41354-F.

Being a senior citizen isn’t so bad….if I had a loving owner & a comfortable pad. So I’ll sit here quietly & watch the door. Perhaps you’ll be the one to visit & love me ever more. File N-44585-F.

Can you imagine how great life would be, if my owner would have carefully considered me? The owner had a child and didn’t want me anymore; we could have been a happy family forever more. File 43659-M.

I’ve not housebroken. I’m just a puppy …now my heart is broken. So now my life is going to start again. We just need to have a schedule so if I have to go, I can tell you when. File N-44274-F.

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GUARD DOGS CONTINUE TO LANGUISH IN PAIN & MISERY

Although stories concerning the guard dog trade have not been mentioned in the HUMANE NEWS for awhile, the Society continues to fight against such places and monitors the horrendous situations that come to our attention. One wonders about those dogs that languish in areas where they are not seen by the public.

On December 1st, Society representatives and NJ SPCA officials visited a guard dog operation in Newark which consisted of 9 dogs. NJ SPCA official, Terry Clark, confiscated two of the Rottweilers who were in horrendous condition.

The NJ State SPCA issued 8 Summonses to the guard dog company and its owner. A court date has not yet been set.

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This female Rottweiler was estimated to be about 9-11 years old and was in very poor condition. Her legs were painfully swollen with abscesses, multiple abrasions on the body, muscle atrophy and a prominent spine. According to Dr. Tony Tavormina of the VIP Animal Hospital, the dog was malnourished, emaciated and in severe pain. She was euthanized for humanitarian reasons.

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HAMSTERS A-PLENTY AWAIT HOMES AT SOCIETY

These are just two of a number of hamsters brought to the Society after their families no longer wanted them. Although each hamster has its own wheel, these two enjoy sharing a wheel. It is important that hamsters have access to a wheel that they can use. Lack of exercise could result in paralysis.

STARS FOR CHARITY HELPS POPCORN PARK

The Anchor & Palette Gallery on Mount St., in Bay Head, N J has organized art auctions for charity several times in the past. This year, STARS FOR CHARITY was a silent auction they held in which 25 artists designed and painted stars which were on display for a month. Each star listed a charity that would receive the proceeds …and this made it even more special to the winners.

Artist, Pauline Mickle of Point Pleasant Beach, N J, painted a nativity scene which included farm animals & listed Popcorn Park as the charity for that star. The Society received a generous donation for the purchase of this beautiful artistic work which aptly included animals at Popcorn Park. Our thanks to Ms. Mickle for her artistic talents being used to help animals. For more information on the gallery, log on to www.anchorandpalette.com
JOIN THE POPCORN PARK WILDLIFE CLUB

Popcorn Park Zoo is a 7 acre zoo located at the Society’s Forked River Animal Care Center and caters to wildlife, farm animals, and exotics that have been abused, exploited, injured, abandoned, handicapped, elderly, etc. The zoo is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $4.25 for adults and $3.00 for children under 12 years and senior citizens over 62 - including tax. Babies under 1 year are free, as well as all members of the Popcorn Park Wildlife Club, Popcorn Park Zoological Society and the Share-A-Pet Program. Members must present their membership card when entering. If you would like to support one of these unfortunate animals, it is $3.00 a month & will include a membership card, free admission, a color photo and report every 4 months. For information on the zoo’s residents, just send $2.00 for a copy of the booklet to POPCORN PARK WILDLIFE CLUB, POBox 43, Forked River, NJ 08731 or visit all the Zoo animals available for sponsorship on our web site at: www.popcornparkzoo.org and click on Wildlife Club.

Curly, a 4 year old female, and Victor, a 5 year old male are Llamas that had been living in Middletown, N J until their owners decided to pack up and move to Florida. The curious twosome were introduced to Princess the Camel and now they all enjoy living in the spacious barn and outdoor area where they enjoy watching visitors. Although they prance around as if they are aloof, they are quite curious and enjoy following staff who visit their area.

Trudy and her daughter Seven were two Belgian Draft horses involved in a case of cruelty, neglect and starvation in Monmouth County, N J. After being with us a short time, Seven had several bouts of colic that necessitated a trip to the University of Pennsylvania’s New Bolton Center. The veterinarians discovered a huge mass of stones, wire, sand & other rubbish – 40 pounds worth! Seven came through the operation successfully and was reunited with her Mom. Carrots and apples are always special treats for these lovely ladies.

Looking for a great Valentine’s Gift? Here’s an idea! How about our beautiful beige colored tee shirt featuring Seven, our Belgian draft horse. The tee shirt is available in sizes: Adult - M, Large and X-Large at $11.95 each; XX-Large and XXX-Large at $12.95, plus $2.00 S&H per shirt. You can order the Seven tee shirt please send a check, money order or charge card info to: Tee Shirt Order; Associated Humane Societies, 124 Evergreen Ave., Newark, NJ 07114-2133.

This entitles the bearer to one FREE admission to Popcorn Park Zoo with one paid adult admission

Open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Popcorn Park Zoo
Humane Way at Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ 08731
(609) 693 - 1900

Name of animal(s) sponsored: __________________, __________________, __________________.
NAME _____________________________________________
ADDRESS __________________________________________
CITY, STATE, ZIP ____________________________________
# OF ANIMALS _______ X $3.00 each = TOTAL $ __________

Pictured on their ‘jungle gym’ are three goats, from left to right, Pudgy, Snowflake and Keika. Pudgy and Snowflake are two of nine goats we took in from a slaughterhouse, resulting from a state SPCA investigation. All were sick and emaciated ... but no more! Keika was surrendered to us because, as a kid, she was unable to stand. With massage therapy, and water physical therapy in our Newark Medical Dept., she gained use of her limbs, and was named after the staff member who cared for her. Each would love new sponsors!!
IN ALL OUR EFFORTS
OF SHOWING YOU THE PUPS WHO

If you’re searching for a sweet-heart who is willing to please, may we suggest this adorable Pekingese. He wears a smile upon his face for the whole human race. File TF-33235-M.

Some people like to get a dog for the tots. It’s not always such a great idea ... believe it or not. Buddy the Golden Retriever was too big & too strong. He would knock the kids over .. so he could no longer belong. File TF-33913-NM.

A concerned animal lover brought this Sheltie in after he was found by a lake. We don’t know if he was abandoned or got out by mistake. But he’s been at the Society long enough if they were seeking. If you are looking for a Sheltie sweetheart, here is where you might be peeking. File F-35699-M.

A Wire Haired Fox Terrier was found microchipped. It was assumed she’d be returned in a zip. Her owner never had the dog’s number registered. Now the owner’s search for his dog has been blurred. File TF-35629-F.

I have been one of the homeless since October. That’s enough to make a giddy pooch sober! If you don’t mind my wrinkles .... I won’t mind yours. Good food & companionship are the things that endures.File TF-35537-M.

Poofe has been an unsociable Himalayan. While people are around, he hides in his bed – he doesn’t like playin’. His owner will be adopting a child ... Poofe doesn’t find children something he beguiles.File TF-35764-NM.

It is 10 p.m.— do you know where your children are?? Well the owner of this Chihuahua/ Papillon mix allowed him to travel too far. Our ACO brought the frightened fella back to base. It’s been over a month & no one has claimed this adorable face! File TF-35526-M.

I once had an owner...that’s all I remember. But no one has called & I’ve been here since early December. I’m a polydactyl (that means extra toes). And you will find happiness with me...wherever I go.File TF-35392-NM.

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2 Miles from Rt. 33-34 Circle, Parkway Exit 102 (So.) Parkway Exit 100B (No.)
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WE NEVER TIRE
MIGHT SET YOUR HEART AFIRE

He’s a really sweet fella who we call Mack. If we found his owner, we wouldn’t give him back. Scars were evident on his neck of a once-embedded choke chain. Thankfully, we have a dog who is no longer in pain. File L-4928-M.

If you want a youngster who sure likes grooving, this fella is homeless because his owner was moving. A Jack Russell who is more active than relaxing. If you like a couch potato, Precious would be too taxing. File L-4759-M.

He was found as a stray & no one claimed him. So we sent him to our Forked River facility where they named him. The staff calls him “Spider”... we don’t know why. But you can re-name him if you adopt this guy. File L-12337-M.

Starting off the New Year wasn’t too glad. For Shelby’s owner – the landlord was mad. Now 1 year old Shelby has nowhere to go ... so she is waiting with us until a happy ending is put on this tale of woe. File L-12430-F

Jenny is a lovely Chihuahua who thought she had a new life. But she didn’t like the husband .... she just loved the wife. So single females !!! We hope you’ll apply – she’ll give you lots of love .... but watch out for your guy! File 12355-SF.

She arrived as a stray & we thought she’d go far. That was in October...and we still have Star. She’s a sweetheart found as a stray & we hope she’ll find happiness by Valentine’s Day. File L-4924-F.

I came here over a year ago. Anyone want to hear my tale of woe? I honestly didn’t think you cared...but a home without kids is what I’d like to share. You see I enjoy being a potato on the couch. As for wanting affection, I’m no slouch! File L-3462-M.

He was wearing a pronged collar, but no ID. There’s a concerned look on his face that you can plainly see. We’d like to see his future filled with pleasure, not pain; and so the pronged collar has gone down the drain! File TF-35749-M.

AT FORKED RIVER
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ALABAMA

According to PET PRODUCT NEWS, the First Assembly of God Church in Florence has stopped the practice of having teens swallow live goldfish as part of the church’s Fear Factor ministry. A church minister said the goal of the exercise was to teach teens about fear. PETA asked for the ban after learning of the practice as reported in a newspaper.

ARIZONA

Plans are underway in an initiative campaign to ban the confinement of breeding pigs in gestation crates & calves in veal crates. Arizona residents are urged to contact Arizonans for Humane Farms at P O Box 3095, Tempe, AZ 85280, Phone: 480-449-7644, Fax: 480-449-7648 or e-mail: info@YesForHumaneFarms.org They need to collect 200,000 signatures to get the initiative on the ballot.

CALIFORNIA

A new anti-tethering law, Section 53.70 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, establishes specific standards for the care, maintenance and confinement of dogs. The ordinance strengthens existing requirements for food, water & shelter. Temporary short term tethering must be done in such a way that it does not endanger the animal’s safety.

CALIFORNIA

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a law that bans the sale of dogs younger than 8 weeks of age – making it stronger than a federal law which allows the sale of puppies 6 weeks after birth. The law which takes effect January 1, 2006, does not apply to shelters, rescue groups or pet dealers. The author of the bill, Sen. Christine Kehoe, contended that a large number of puppies are being smuggled into California from Mexico & carry diseases such as ringworm & parvo virus.

FLORIDA

A controversial ordinance in Edgewater states any household with more than one dog or cat must get each subsequent animal altered. If do not, they must pay a $500 fine or obtain a breeder’s permit.

ILLINOIS

Gov. Rod Blagojevich vetoed a bill sponsored by Fur Takers of America that would have allowed trappers to use wire neck snares to trap & strangle wild animals for their pelts. The governor announced that he refused to support this “particularly gruesome hunting method that’s been banned in Illinois for over 50 years”.

KENTUCKY

The American Kennel Club’s Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Randall Good of Phyllis from all privileges for 10 years effective Nov. 7, 2005 & imposed a $2,000 fine for conduct prejudicial to the AKC, purebred dogs, the sport of purebred dogs, based on his plea of guilty to animal cruelty in the Pike District Court.

MICHIGAN

The State’s official bird is the Mourning Dove – the bird of peace & was protected until June 2004 when the state established a hunting season. The Committee to Restore the Dove Shooting Ban needs support to qualify this referendum for the Nov. 2006 ballot. For more information, call 517-321-DOVE or contact@stopshooting-doves.org

MINNESOTA

Officials rescued 156 dogs at an abandoned farmhouse – mostly Jack Russell terriers & yellow Labradors. The owner of the property is a supplier, a wholesaler of dogs, known as a puppy mill and was on the scene while the dogs were being seized. This individual has a prior history of animal cruelty & neglect. All animals were brought to the Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley.

MONTANA

The last of America’s wild buffalo have become victims of a “sport hunt”. The first hunt in 15 years, was reinstated as a direct result of political pressure from the powerful cattle industry. According to the Animal Protection Institute, the authorizing agency in this canned hunt is Montana’s Dept. of Livestock.

NEW MEXICO

According to Best Friends, Albuquerque will give out summons to retailers who sell antifreeze that does not include a bittering agent, making it unpalatable to pets & kids. Tickets carry a fine of up to $500 & a jail term of up to 90 days for each illegal sale.

NORTH CAROLINA

Gov. Easley has signed into law a bill which makes ANY person who instigates, promotes, conducts, profits from an exhibition, allows their property to be used for, participates as a spectator in cockfights, to be guilty of a Class 1 felony with punishment of up to 12 months in prison.

 PENNSYLVANIA

H.B. 2194 (Bernard O’Neill) would license & discipline dog groomers & was introduced after O’Neill’s Golden Retriever, Murphy, died after being groomed. The bill would require at least 2,400 pet groomers to pass an examination. Licenses are renewable every 2 years for $100. Groomers who fail to be licensed can be fined & jailed. It is believed that if passed by the legislature, Gov. Edward Rendell is likely to sign it because he rescues Golden Retrievers.

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NEWS FROM NEW YORK

PORT JERVIS

Derrick Ford, 19 years old, was held in jail for felony animal cruelty after allegedly biting the head off a gecko as part of a $10 bet. Ford is also charged with violating parole.

NEW YORK STATE

Assembly Bill 7644/Senate Bill 4560 was signed into law and becomes effective August 2006. The law expands the low-cost spay/neuter program to low income New Yorkers regardless of where they obtain their pets. Currently the program is limited to residents who adopt dogs and cats from shelters, humane societies and SPCAs within the state.

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“Never ‘for the sake of peace and quiet’deny your own experience or convictions”’
-Dag Hammarskjold
Just 2 of the 14 Georgia dogs awaiting adoption - a Setter/Chow mix left, File# L-12502, and a Beagle mix, right, File L-12508.

When Hurricane Katrina hit, the Society wanted to do our part to help some of the thousands of animals stricken by this catastrophe. We contacted many of the organizations who had rescued Katrina dogs & brought them back to N. J. We advised that we had made room and were ready to accept 35 dogs. Despite our reaching out several times, it appeared that they preferred to keep these animals under their own control. Millions of dollars were raised by these national animal organizations, and it clearly became a promotional opportunity for some of them. Unfortunately, as a result of their decisions, the Society was never able to help the animal victims of Katrina. However, we do receive dozens of requests daily to help other unwanted dogs and cats. We do what we can, helping animals that have tragic and/or unique stories.

Recently, we were contacted by Death Row Dog Rescue – an all-volunteer non-profit group dedicated to rescuing animals from the gas chambers in Georgia. They asked if we could take some of their dogs – all were scheduled for death by the horrific gas chamber. We advised that we could take 14 dogs without putting any of our own orphans in jeopardy, our primary concern. The dogs all arrived late one Saturday night at our Forked River Animal Care Center, driven up from Georgia by hard-working volunteers. Many of the animals had already been spayed/neutered, and our contact advised that all future dogs we would take would be altered. These dogs were all accompanied by health certificates and had all necessary inoculations. As the dogs walked in to our place, they were well mannered … disheartened … but eager to please. At least four of the dogs tried to give their paw to a staffer in a sign of friendship.

In discussing future animal trips, we were advised that there are many, many small adoptable animals being gassed due to lack of space in Georgia shelters. Many puppies and kittens are drowned. We have offered to take in some of these dogs to our four shelters as space permits. Death Row Dogs has volunteers in various parts of the country and many Georgia dogs are coming into New Jersey shelters. The efforts of this group are replicated in pounds and shelters in many states – focused on saving cats & dogs in shelters that still use gas chambers as an inhumane form of euthanasia. For more information on gas shelter killings, please log on to http://www.savingshelterpets.com

It is illegal in New Jersey to euthanize unwanted dogs or cats by use of any gas chamber. Unfortunately, many other states routinely put to death unwanted animals this way. It’s a horrific way to die. The Society is pleased to be able to alleviate a small amount of this suffering.

In regards to Katrina, we were very disappointed that our offers to help these dogs were rejected. We have since received feedback from individuals & groups who went to New Orleans, who found that there were unfortunate policies, practices, and actions being carried out by some of the largest national organizations. One group’s viewpoint on these shortcomings, “The Fleecing of Disaster Animals”, can be found here: http://adogsview.aspenbloompetcare.com/?p=91

According to Garo Alexanian of Companion Animal Network TV: “It is obvious now that the great majority of New Orleans residents are not coming back. Only 60,000 out of 450,000 have returned three months after the disaster. Tens of thousands of dogs and cats must be removed from the 150 sq. mile area, which will need a long-lasting, well-oiled effort. Let’s do it, even as the large groups hide under public scrutiny. There will be plenty of time to crucify our colleagues who betrayed the animals. Right now we must increase rescue operations, not get diverted by politics.”

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP (Mercer County)

Mercer County Judge Maria Sypek issued a restraining order against Eric Ford to keep away from his mother’s home where his pit bull is. When Ford allegedly attacked Tigger, his mother attempted to call police & he ripped the phone out of the wall. Ford reportedly told his mother: “It’s my dog, I can kill it if I want to”.

MILLBURN

Officials have agreed to use the “net and bolt” method to slaughter deer within the town as well as having sharpshooters come in. This decision was made as a result of 10 families who complained. Last spring, an aerial survey showed only 62 deer living in Millburn. The majority of the 22,000 residents oppose this violent method. A local group, HALT, Inc., has a campaign going and made 200 copies of a DVD that shows graphic video of a deer, pig & horse being bolted.

HADDON TOWNSHIP

A township ordinance allows only 2 dogs per home. Christine Clifford who is a native of England, has 7 English Cocker Spaniels. Township officials say they must enforce the law & Clifford will be fined up to $25 per day for each dog she has above the limit. Commissioner James Broderick said they’ll have until the beginning of April to move.

RARITAN

The NJ SPCA has charged Darrick Doughty, 28, with 2 counts each of causing the death of an animal & for failing to provide proper shelter for a mother pit bull mix & her five 3 week old pups which he kept in a metal crate in the back of his second floor home. Doughty told authorities that 3 puppies fell 15 feet to their deaths from the balcony of his home.

CAMDEN

Known as Sarah’s Law, this ordinance passed in June and will help protect animals and people. Sarah’s Law mandates that the city’s animal control officers, during their course of business, report signs of potential child/human abuse to police and police officers and fire fighters report signs of potential animal abuse to animal control.
Each year, the 6th, 7th & 8th grade Paw Pal members at Kawameeh Middle School in Union, N J raise funds to help the animals that come through our doors. The hard-working students ran their “Coins for Critters” campaign – collecting coins during lunchtime for the last 5 days of school. The extremely generous students gave to Paw Pal members and as a result, the Society was presented with a check in the amount of $453.00! Our thanks to Paw Pals Advisor Diane Dziedzic who said: “Please use this donation to help some of the many dogs and cats that you rescue. The Associated Humane does a wonderful job & we are proud to be a supporter of your cause! Please give them hugs and kisses from us all!”

MANALAPAN BAR MITZVAH FELLA COLLECTS PET FOOD FOR SOCIETY

On the happy occasion of his October 1st Bar Mitzvah, Michael Perdichizzi of Manalapan, N J made up a sign: PEOPLE FOR PETS and collected dog and cat food, toys, treats, blankets, cleaning supplies and more for the benefit of the animals at Popcorn Park. What a great way to celebrate the occasion of his 13th birthday. Thank you Michael for a job well done!

SWEET SIXTEEN...& SWEET IN MANY WAYS
I have recently celebrated my 16th birthday. I wanted to give some of my birthday money to the animals at the Societies. I hope that this money will help your efforts to provide for all the animals. Thank you for helping me express my love for animals. A couple of years ago, I started sponsoring Leah the Bobcat & I got my brother to sponsor Seven the Horse. Last year, we also adopted a cat named Socks. I appreciate all the work that you do for the animals.
Melissa Czinn – Springfield, New Jersey

MANALAPAN BAR MITZVAH FELLA COLLECTS PET FOOD FOR SOCIETY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM CARLY & COURTNEY

We are two girls who know a lot about animals. We care so much for them. We also think they would enjoy it if they had some nice toys for the holidays. So we took some of our money and bought toys for them. We bought about 24 dog toys & about 16 cat toys. In all, that makes 30 toys. We hope the animals have as nice a holiday as we do & hope some even get homes. We will raise more money and send it to you! So have a very Merry Christmas, Hannukah and New Years and we hope the pets do too. With much care and love.
Carly Paulison & Courtney Relyea-Spivack – Demarest, New Jersey

MIDDLETOWN CURRY COMBS 4-H CLUB HOLDS FUND RAISER


The Middletown Curry Combs 4-H Club held a fund raiser to help animals at Popcorn Park Zoo. Members of the club visited our Forked River facility and presented us with a check for $250.00 and then toured to see the hundreds of residents at Popcorn Park.

KAWAMEEEH MIDDLE SCHOOL RAISES $453 IN “COINS FOR CRITTERS”
GUARDIAN ANGEL FOR GERBILS FOUND IN DELAWARE

This year has been the worst year for the number of unwanted “shelf pets” that come in from disenchanted pet owners: ferrets, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, rats – allowed to reproduce before they ever arrived and so the population is rising! Thankfully, April Perry of Newark, Delaware traveled several hours to our Newark Animal Care Center where she adopted several gerbils. According to April: “Mom lives in a big cage with her 5 daughters & the 3 boys are in a regular cage. They are all little busy-bodies. They play on their wheels and make cereal box forts & chew cardboard all day”.

For more information on “shelf pets”, see page 12.

FREEHOLD PRESCHOOLERS HOLD FRUIT SALE FOR SOCIETY

There are smiles on the faces of the students at Freehold Montessori Village Preschool who raised over $217.32 for Popcorn Park! Through the efforts of teacher Aruna Kancharia, they sold fruit in July and all of the proceeds went for Society orphans. We applaud the efforts of the preschoolers in helping animals.

WARETOWN BOY SCOUT TROOP GATHERED HOLIDAY TREATS

Popcorn Park was visited by enthusiastic members of the Boy Scouts, Pack 42, Den 5 of Waretown. The community-minded animal lovers helped to gather pet food and treats and donated them to help the animals during the Christmas holidays. Our thanks to these fellas and to their leader, D. Mackanic for helping to make the holidays brighter for unwanted animals.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 284 DONATES PET FOOD & PLANT FLOWERS

Several months ago, Girl Scout Troop 284 of Jackson, N J visited Popcorn Park – loaded down with a huge assortment of donations including cat food, dog food, treats, towels & blankets for the comfort of Society orphans. This great group also planted flowers and weeded out a much-needed area of the front of the Society’s building! Our thanks to all members of Troop 284 & the group leader, Mary Ellen Rada.

BRIDGEWATER BOY SPENDS ALLOWANCE ON GRAPES & GOODIES

Bearing gifts that make Popcorn Park Zoo residents smile was 5 year old Brady Bryson of Bridgewater, N J. Brady saved up his allowance and brought grapes, bananas, lettuce, carrots, apples and bird seed. These are the most favorite foods of most of the zoo’s monkeys, horses, deer and bears. Of course, treats also came in for the cats and dogs. For his tender years, we think Brady is a wise shopper….and generous too!

Brady Bryson holds a package of grapes just waiting for Popcorn Park residents.
HANDICAPPED AND HOMELESS

Many of the animals that come through the Society’s doors are handicapped in some way...either physically or neurologically. They make wonderful companions – and we put forth extra effort in the care and adoption of handicapped animals. We are extremely gratified by the outpouring of love and support from HUMANE NEWS subscribers to this belief. On any given occasion, the Society always has handicapped animals waiting for a lifetime commitment of love. Your continued donations have helped us with our compassionate belief that all animals deserve a chance for adoption.

Unbelievably, this blind Doberman mix was found as a stray. Surely, he had been owned by someone but has been at the Society since late November with no inquiries. He would make a wonderful gentleman addition to someone’s home. File N-43296-M (Newark).

We can’t imagine how an elderly blind poodle could have gotten loose and was found running down the street. A concerned resident picked up the lost soul who was ascertained to be blind. “Elmo” was wearing only a flea collar, but missing an identification tag and/or microchip. We would like Elmo’s sunset years to be filled with love and tranquility. File L-12386-M (Forked River).

Her name is Darby the Doberman – found in the woods with many scars upon her body. We cannot know the cruelty or neglect inflicted upon her but she appears to be neurologically impaired. The Society’s Medical Dept. has already spayed her... so she is ready to embark on a new life! File L-4612-SF (Forked River).

He’s called James Bond...but he doesn’t have the swift, intelligent perception of his namesake. He was found as a stray with obvious inabilities to find his way out of a paper bag. Jimmy came to the Society in mid-October and his eye-paw coordination has not improved at all. But his temperament is calm; he is loving and we hope that 2006 is a banner year for James Bond. File 41818-M (Newark).

Tookie was found as a stray during Thanksgiving. The handsome, quiet fellow was missing a rear leg. He was wearing a red nylon collar... but no tag to help us return him to his owner. We are hoping that 2006 will bring him a new life and a new home. File L-12316-M (Forked River).

We have had a spate of cats falling out of windows lately. Smokey fell out of a 5th story window. Instead of concern for her injured cat, the owner threatened to dump him on the street. We picked Smokey up immediately and brought him directly to our Medical Dept. It was determined that Smokey needed to have his front leg removed as a result of his fall. He is completely healed, and now just needs someone to heal his heart. File 41767-NM (Newark).
LOOKING FOR LOVE IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES?
FOR A LIFETIME LOVE, JUST LOOK AT THESE FACES!

No one in this place has a heart that is bigger than this young fella whose name is Tigger. He is a year old and enjoys sitting in the Waiting Room ... hoping to give gladness to a visitor instead of doom & gloom. File U-32041-M.

If you’ve been seeing spots in front of your eyes, it is probably this Dalmatian...that’s no surprise. She was found waiting for food behind a restaurant. Waiting for a new home where she can have as much food & love as she wants. File U-32053-F.

My owners moved & I wasn’t in their plans. Now I’m hoping to find some new fans. Goldie’s my name & I’m one year old. If you want a family companion, I’m as good as gold. File U-32038-NM.

If you’re looking for a cat that’s very nice, meet Big Bear - you needn’t look twice! Eight years old and neutered and sweeter than pie; he simply longs to be the apple of your eye. File 32015-NM.

Fritz is a sweetheart who’s been waiting awhile; a comfy life with you would be more his style. Everyone knows how sweet orange males can be; Fritz is no exception - could he be your Valentine’s sweetie?

We call this lady Miss Congeniality. No one has a sweeter personality. This little lass enjoys visiting other kennel canines, telling them to perk up; that life is just fine. So we give lots of credit to this great cheerleader. If you want a family pet, nothing could beat her!

AT UNION
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Phone: (908) 810-1663
Turn right directly after Temple Abraham Memorial Park
Don’t See What You Want? Log on to www.petfinder.org
In Memory Of

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.

My dear friend, Dian Boone, who died Oct. 18, 2004. She loved animals & thought they were very special people. Sylvia S. Clark – PA

Rose Londino, a sweet and gentle soul who was kind to everyone and everything who crossed her path, two feet or four.

Dr. Jennifer Feehey, DVM – NJ

Carol Bonafide – N J
Claudia Knapp – N J
Oliver & Patrick Buck – N Y
Carole Shaffer-Koros, Ph.D
Jim & Teresa Minardi – FL
Kean University Communications Dept. – N J
Freda Remmers – N J
Dr. John Minardi – MD

Our beautiful Katie for all of her love for 13 years
Bill & Carla McGrath - CA

My friend, Tommie Lohmiller, loved animals (and birds – she had a house full) and I thought this contribution would have made her smile.

Madalen A. Bertolini – N Y

My mother’s very best friend, Janis Puma. She truly treasured your zoo & loved animals dearly.

Allyson Cimochowski – N J

Scott T. Agnew
Tom & Donna Agnew – N J

George Klos, a good friend who, many years ago helped save a small black dog from a life of suffering. George lives on through the great love of his wife & daughter & in the hearts of his friends with their many happy memories of his generous nature & his good humor.

Hopefully, he & the small black dog are waiting for us all.

Celeste Senneur – PA

Jean Bruce
Employees of New Brunswick Municipal Court – N J

Valera Ciecierski
Louise Clarke – N J
Dr. Antonios & Dinamari
Tsompanidis – N J

Lara E. Dunetz loved all the Popcorn Park animals but her special love for her own three Schnauzers who now lie buried in the Popcorn Park cemetery. I know that Lora would be pleased that her gift helps in the care of animals at Popcorn Park.

Mildred Dunetz – N J

Our tri-color Collie Nemo who died 6/15/05 & now his sable Collie brother Nome died

11/6/05. They were our boys. We have peace because they are together…but we are lonely & sad.

Rosemarie & Jack Ray – N J

Viola Stoppello who passed away 12/7/05

Employees of Big Ed’s BBQ in Old Bridge – N J
Jean Rimmele – N J
Thomas Collins – N J
Darlene and Brian Bean - NJ

Edward Bowen

Lloyd G. Dewar
United Ass. of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 9-N J

Nina Fuchs
Our Lady of Victories R. C. Church – N J

Frances Kierman
Kindergarten Class of P.S. 24 - NY
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Leibrick – N J
Staff of P. S. 24 – Spuyten Duyvil School – N Y

The Vitale Family – N Y

Mary MacNeely
Carol Kozlowski – N J
Jean & Richard Krohn – N J

Harry Porter
Brian E. Cofferty - N J
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Danziger & Family – N J
Israel & Ray English – N J
Eric & Linda Houghtaling – NJ

Marlene Howard – N J
Jean & Robin Libby – N J
Members of the Neptune N J BBRL

Albert Dence – N J

Artwork Needed For Society Coloring Books

The Society will be putting together a brand new HUMANE SOCIETY EDUCATIONAL COLORING BOOK geared for youngsters from 4 to 9 years old.

We welcome any drawings suitable for coloring that you may wish to submit. The sad look of a performing elephant or a circus monkey would also be welcomed. We are striving to send important messages to our young animal lovers. No drawings will be returned unless requested and accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope. Just send your artwork to COLORING BOOK, c/o Society, 124 Evergreen Ave., Newark, N J 07114.

Spread The Word - Help The Society Meet Our Budget!

In reviewing our records, we note that our annual budget in 2000 was $4 million dollars. Starting out the New Year, we have a brand new budget -- $6 MILLION DOLLARS. This year, we must raise that amount to feed, medically treat, shelter and give these animals the best possible care. In order to assist in our fund raising and membership expansion program, we are asking that you ask one friend, relative or neighbor to join our team. If you would like additional copies of the HUMANE NEWS to pass out to co-workers, friends, etc., just send us your name, address and zip code with your request …and we thank you for helping us in our efforts to make life better for animals.

An alternative way to accomplish this task is to e-mail them our web address, www.ahscare.org, asking them to please help us by making a donation and/or supporting one of our many programs. In return, they will receive updates as well as the HUMANE NEWS via e-mail.

Around The World

Austria

Effective January 1, 2006, all experiments on apes will be banned. It is hoped that the ban will have a ripple effect to stop such experiments elsewhere. For example, a fur farm ban in Austria eventually helped to trigger a similar ban in England. In 2002, the last chimps in Austria were retired from vivisection.

Greenland

According to the H.S.U.S., for the first time in its history, this country will allow sport hunting of its polar bears. By 2007, 10 permits a year will be issued for tourists to participate in “polar bear safaris”. This “tourist entertainment “ comes on the heels of Greenland’s announcement of a polar bear hunt quota which includes new evidence that the animals are in serious jeopardy due to global warming on the Arctic.

Rome

The City of Rome has passed a law barring the giving away of fish as fairground prizes. The law is part of a national movement in Italy to punish people who abuse animals. Monica Cirrino, the Roman councilor who sponsored the law, advised that civilization of a city can be measured by this.

Egypt

The veterinary authorities in Giza announced a poison campaign against cats and dogs despite the fact that the Giza area has a spay/neuter project in cooperation with 3 animal groups. They are using strychnine, prohibited world wide because it is harmful for people and the environment & it causes a lingering, painful death. This poison has killed dogs that were already altered and vaccinated. E-mails can be sent to the Embassy of Egypt in Washington, D.C. at embassy@egyptembdc.org Letters can also be sent to Ministry of Tourism, Mr. Ahmed Alaa El-Din Amin El-Maghrabi, 32 Entidad Ramsis St., Abassia Square Borg Msr Travel, Cairo or e-mail Mot@idsc.gov.eg
IN RESPONSE TO THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US: NEITHER THE HUMANE NEWS, THE ASSOCIATED HUMANE SOCIETIES, NOR POPCORN PARK ZOO MAKES ITS MEMBERSHIP LISTS AVAILABLE TO ANYONE.
**BEAR OF GOSHEN, NY**

Bear was one of several dogs given up by an elderly gent whose failing health & personal problems caused him to fall on hard times. He asked if we would accept all of his pets and so, the Society took his dogs in. After Bear’s lengthy stay with his canine companions, his owner decided he wanted Bear to be returned to him. We were very concerned for the owner’s future care of the dog but we acquiesced to his wishes. Within a very short time, we were urgently called to return to his home & take Bear. Bear is back for anyone who wishes to help support him. Both Bear (left) and Jessie Belle (below) received stockings from their sponsor, Piper & Grover Davidson. Many sponsors sent tasty treats and stockings for the animals whose holidays were spent at the Society.

**LINDA BLAIR OF NEWARK**

Remember “The Exorcist”? Regan needed a priest. What I need is love at the very least. I am not possessed, nor does the devil reside within; my body does odd things, but it’s not related to sin. I was dropped off at the Newark facility’s door; since I’d once been loved, I felt really poor. A stiff rear leg and broken heart were found, but then they found my head can rotate nearly 360 degrees around! So staff decided to name me Linda Blair; I don’t care what you call me, if only you’ll care.

Linda Blair has a wonderful personality and is so very sweet; she’s the Share-A-Pet kitty to sponsor and meet! (Forked River).

**LICORICE OF BARNEGAT**

At the not-so-tender age of 10 years, I was removed from my home, for DYFS had fears. The children were taken, and so to protect me; I was brought to the Associated Humane Societies. I was in good health but for a flea allergy; I’m safe and sound and hope you’ll sponsor me. This sweet boy, a Lab mix, was not perceived as having been abused, but DYFS thought it best to protect Licorice by removing him from the home, as there is such a strong connection between violence towards children and pets. Licorice has been with us awhile now, and he’s doing fine, but since he’s known a home all his life - we hope you’ll take him into your heart. (Forked River.)

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**SHARE-A-PET**

Name of pets sponsored: ____________________________

JAN/FEB ____________________________

NAME ____________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________

CITY, STATE, ZIP ____________________________

# OF ANIMALS _____ X $10.00 EACH = TOTAL $________}_