



The Spay Ledger

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 PetSmart **4/20**
 132 Route 31 **11-3**
 Flemington

Fido Fiesta **Sun**
 Fundraiser **5/5**
 Echo Lake Park **10-2**
 Westfield

Adoption Day **Sat**
 Petco **5/11**
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 Raritan

Adoption Day **Sun**
 PetSmart **5-19**
 132 Route 31 **11-3**
 Flemington

Fun Awaits Pets and their owners at Fido Fiesta!

This year, PFA's Annual Dog Walk Fundraiser will be expanded and will center around a Cinco de Mayo Party theme! Volunteers are currently hard at work planning Fido Fiesta, a fun-filled family event and pet festival to be held at Echo Lake Park on May 5th (raindate May 19). Presented by the Petco Foundation and sponsored by ASPCA, the event will raise funds to support our two low-cost spay/neuter clinics in Hillside and Robbinsville as well as our animal rescue and adoption program.

Fido Fiesta promises a fun time for human and canine family members alike. The event is centered around a one-mile dog walk in Echo Lake Park dubbed Paseo de Perros. Walkers and their dogs recruit sponsors from among friends, relatives and coworkers

who make donations to help raise funds for PFA's many programs.

As always lots of fun dog contests await participants in our Fun Zone filled with games and activities for dogs and kids. Compete in silly fun contests with your dog to win prizes!

New this year are the Health Zone and Exhibitor Fair where participants can gather information and resources for their pets various needs. Vaccinations and microchipping will be available in the Health Zone, which will also feature an "Ask the Vet" booth. Participants can make their way over to our "Ask the Trainer" booth and Exhibitor Fair where pet-related businesses will showcase their products and services.



**TELL YOUR AMIGOS!!
 COME JOIN THE FUN!**

When: May 5, 2013
 10 AM—2 PM

Where: Echo Lake Park in Union County at the border of Mountainside and Westfield just off of Route 22.

To participate:
 Advance registration not required.

Use the enclosed Participant Registration Form (or download one at www.pfaonline.org) to gather sponsors. Collect your sponsors' donations and bring it all to the event!

Proposed Law Could Help Pet Overpopulation Programs

Did you know? New Jersey is one of only four states that does not allow veterinary student externs to practice veterinary medicine under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. At PFA, students participating in our UPenn externship are only permitted to observe surgery and assist with non-surgical support tasks like those generally performed by a veterinary technician or assistant.

But thanks to Senator Raymond Lesniak this may change soon! The Senator and Humane State Legislator Award Winner, has introduced a bill (S-2504), that would allow

veterinary students to engage in supervised veterinary activities under the direct responsibility of a licensed veterinarian as part of their studies.

Bill S-2504 would not only allow veterinary students the opportunity to gain real world experience prior to graduation and bring NJ Veterinary practice laws in line with those in 46 other states, but also will assist in attracting quality veterinarians to our state through development of positive externship relationships between these future veterinarians and NJ veterinary practices.

PFA is most excited about the bill because it provides the foundation upon which cooperative efforts between NJ's veterinary community and Institutions of Higher Education can build public outreach projects targeting NJ's pet overpopulation problem!

NJ State Senator Raymond Lesniak, is the recipient of HSUS's Humane State Legislator Award and sponsor of S-2504



PFA Offers Non-surgical Sterilization for Male Dogs



Ark Sciences, the makers of Zeuterin™ injectable sterilant, recently visited the clinics at PFA to educate veterinary staff on this exciting alternative to traditional castration and to certify four of our veterinarians in the proper administration technique. PFA was proud to host veterinarians and administrators from the ASPCA who also attended this training session at our Hillside Clinic.

Zeuterin™ is an FDA-approved, nonsurgical alternative to traditional castration for male dogs three months of age

and older. Zeuterin™ allows PFA to offer a less invasive, hormone sparing procedure to pet owners. Zeuterin™ (zinc gluconate neutralized with arginine) renders the dog sterile with a simple, painless injection in each testicle.

“We regularly run into male dog owners who refuse to sterilize their pet because they don’t want the testicles removed,” says Executive Director Jane Guillaume. “Since Zeuterin leaves the testicles in place, we are hoping it will allow us to convince more of

these male-dog owners to sterilize their pets.”

We are excited to announce that, as of April 1st, 2013, Zeuterin™ is available upon request at PFA! We will still offer traditional castration of course.

For more information on Zeuterin, check out the information sheet at <http://www.pfaonline.org/spay-neuter/instructions-forms/> or visit us during our Wellness Clinic hours to speak to a veterinarian.

Happy Tail



Junior came to us after having been found tied by the side of route 78 under an overpass. We can only imagine how scared this less-than-10-pound boy must have been, with cars and trucks zooming by before a good Samaritan finally stopped to help him. Upon intake we discovered Junior likes to be cradled in the nook of your arm like a baby and will eventually fall asleep there. A sign that

someone once loved him. What we also discovered was that Junior had the worst dental disease we’ve ever seen—so bad that not only his teeth but his jaw bone were deteriorated to the point where breaking his jaw was a concern as not one but two dental surgeries were required. Feeling great and free of what must have been years of severe mouth pain,



tiny Junior now lives with his considerably larger sibling—a Rhodesian ridgeback!

“Because of your support, we are able to continue to save these pets, and many more! Thank you!”

Adoptable Dogs (see Adoption Days Calendar on Front Page)



Meet Clark, a smart little chihuahua boy around 5 years old! This boy came to PFA about 1.5 years ago after being found as a stray and is still waiting to find his forever home. Common with this most sensitive breed, Clark is initially reserved with strangers but warms up almost immediately when held!



Meet Buddy, a middle-aged shepherd unceremoniously dumped in a shelter by his owners. So sweet, Buddy loves everyone and is so easy to take care of. He’s just looking for a soft place to lie down and someone to love.



They say that black and white dogs are the least adoptable dogs, especially when they are a bully breed. Let’s show them that that is not the case with this special girl! Kloe is less than a year old, and attaches herself to people within seconds of meeting them.

Promoting 100% Neuter Before Adoption (NBA) at AWFNJ Conference

Audience members attending a presentation by PFA's Jane Guillaume and David Croman, VMD at the AWFNJ Conference last month were encouraged to take responsibility for ensuring that they are not inadvertently contributing to the pet overpopulation problem in NJ by allowing animals to be adopted into homes without first being spayed or neutered.

The discussion included survey results from various national

humane organizations demonstrating that the general public does not share our priorities, and too often delay spay/neuter until an accidental litter occurs.

Dr. Croman spoke in depth regarding the safety of early-age spay/neuter, fielding many questions during the lively discussion.

Several rescue groups in attendance have since expressed interest in exploring pediatric spay/neuter and enacting a 100% NBA (Neuter Before Adoption) policy!



Executive Director, Jane Guillaume and Director of Veterinary Services, Dr. David Croman urge adoption groups to neuter before adoption at the AWFNJ Conference held in March.

Results of Early Age Spay Neuter Study are in!

Always striving to provide the best quality at PFA, Drs. David Croman and Laurie Heeb, along with Jane Guillaume and Alyssa Dillonair, recently examined records and gathered information from our clients regarding surgical risks and complications among patients undergoing spay/neuter surgery at 2 to 4 months of age.

The Results: **97.5% of PFA's pediatric patients have NO complications.** Our study shows that early age spay/neuter at People for Animals clinics is safe and is not associated with significant postoperative complaints. No ma-

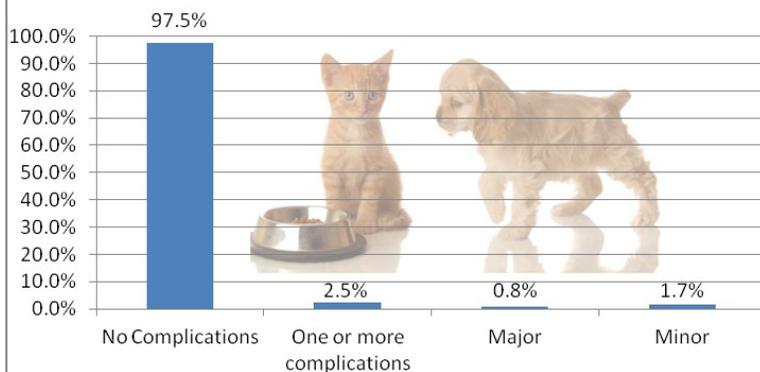
major complications or mortalities were directly associated with the surgical procedure. Minor complaints included changes in appetite and energy levels, localized wound infections and upper respiratory infections, most often resolving with simple oral medication or with no treatment at all.

However, we discovered that some cats in this age group may be at risk of developing minor respiratory infections postoperatively, especially those which originated from a shelter setting. As a result, PFA will be recommending that clients monitor cats for this poten-

tiality and consult a veterinarian if respiratory symptoms are observed.

Also revealed in this study: it is important to consider the risk of exposing patients with naïve immune systems to congregations of animals (potentially harboring harmful germs) in a high-volume clinic setting like ours. PFA now strongly recommends pediatric patients have at least one DAPP or FVRCP vaccination a minimum of one week before surgery to help reduce the risk of kittens and puppies acquiring serious infections.

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Complication Rates in Early Age Gonadectomy
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To get a copy of the complete Pediatric Spay/Neuter Study Report:

Download from our website at www.pfaonline.org/2013/pediatricstudy

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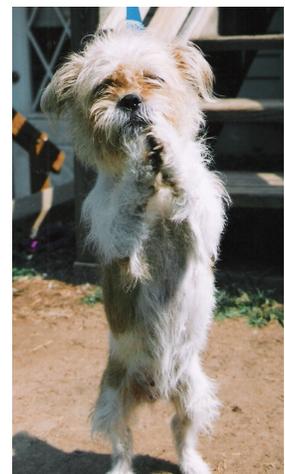
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