



# The Spay Ledger

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Community **Sat**  
Cats Workshop **8/31**  
PFA **4pm**  
401 Hillside Ave  
Hillside

Community **Sun**  
Cats Workshop **9/15**  
PFA **4pm**  
1 Sharon Rd  
Robbinsville

Community **Sun**  
Cats Workshop **9/29**  
PFA **4pm**  
401 Hillside Ave  
Hillside

## Adoption Days

Please visit  
our website

[www.pfaonline.org](http://www.pfaonline.org)

## PFA hits 20,000!

For the first time in its 28-year history spaying and neutering dogs and cats, People for Animals (PFA) has sterilized 20,000 animals in a single fiscal year, preventing the birth of untold numbers of unwanted animals that would have flooded already overburdened NJ animal shelters. PFA is the first veterinary clinic in New Jersey to reach this milestone.



The 20,000<sup>th</sup> animal sterilized was a feral cat nicknamed "Sneezy" by his caretaker. Sneezy was trapped during a collaborative Trap-Neuter

-Return project in Piscataway involving PFA and four other animal welfare organizations along with community volunteers and local businesses. The surgery was performed on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at PFA's new clinic in Robbinsville.

There are an estimated 50 million feral cats in the US according to the Humane Society of the United States. Unfortunately, feral cats are not appropriate as house pets so those that wind up in the shelter system are often euthanized. In 2011, more than 80% of the 30,896 animals euthanized in New Jersey shelters were cats, many of them feral.

For this reason, PFA places special emphasis on developing programs to address feral cat overpopulation in NJ.

## Seeing Cats in Your Neighborhood?

TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) is proven to be the least costly and most efficient way to reduce feral cat populations. It is also the only humane method.

In an effort to promote TNR and provide guidance on managing feral cats, PFA is now hosting monthly workshops on Community Cat management.

Topics covered include an in-depth discussion of How-To-TNR, dealing with kittens, and colony care basics such as best practices for feeding, sheltering, and monitoring the colony for newcomers and illnesses, and diplomatic solutions for dealing with nuisance complaints from neighbors.

Combined with our trap-loan program, this workshop offers everything you need to know about TNR and community cats for those good Samaritans who are feeding homeless cats.

Workshops and traps for loan are available at both of our PFA clinics. A refundable deposit is required to borrow a trap. The workshop is free but reservations are suggested.

Workshops are also available upon request in your community.

Contact us for more information at [TNR@pfaonline.org](mailto:TNR@pfaonline.org) or call the clinic 973-282-0890.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### PFA's Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser

When: Friday, November 1, 6PM

Where: Manville VFW

Tickets go on sale in September.

## CALL FOR DONATIONS

Donate your new, unused items to support our Tricky Tray Fundraiser. Your donations will be combined with others to form prize baskets. Cash, gift cards, event tickets or products are welcome. All proceeds of the event help operate our two low cost clinics and dog rescue.

Donations can be dropped off at either of our clinic locations or at our adoption days.

Need help getting something to us?

Contact [Valerie@pfaonline.org](mailto:Valerie@pfaonline.org) or (973) 282-0890 ext.222

## Community Cats Workshops

Want to learn how to TNR feral cats in your neighborhood? PFA now offers workshops monthly at each of our clinics. Dates are available on our website at [www.pfaonline.org](http://www.pfaonline.org) or email [TNR@pfaonline.org](mailto:TNR@pfaonline.org) for more information.



## Meme gets a new lease on life

Left to live in filth, horribly neglected then abandoned, Meme came out of her roach infested carrier with confidence and purring. But what a sight! She was covered in some of the most severe mats we've ever seen, her claws had grown painfully into the pads of her feet; we were amazed she could move at all! But her spirit was not broken by the severe neglect and pain she had endured. This sweet girl tolerated our handling and examination without even a hiss or growl.

A team of three staff members spent nearly an hour removing two and a half pounds of

densely matted filthy fur. After a careful manicure, teeth cleaning and a skin-soothing bath, she was feeling much better.

One month later, Meme's fur is growing back in; her skin infection is healing well, her appetite and bodily functions are back to normal (she was "blocked up" because of the obstructive mats) and she is getting lots of love and attention from PFA staff. This Persian mix sweetie is now available for adoption and looking for a forever home where she will be doted on! Potential adopters should be aware that Meme is at risk for future medical issues related to the neglect she endured.



**Because of the generosity of our supporters, PFA was able to provide the care and medical attention that Meme needed.**

### THANK YOU!

Apply online to adopt Meme: [www.pfaonline.org](http://www.pfaonline.org). Fill out the DOG adoption application under "Adopt" and specify that you are interested in Meme.

## Happy Tail



Recently, PFA's Adoption Committee was challenged to find homes for nearly 20 puppies! Some of these puppies came to PFA through "Free Puppies" ads on Craigslist. PFA staff responded to these ads to talk to the owners about spay/neuter for their dogs. We offered to spay/neuter their dogs at no cost AND take the puppies to find them good homes.

Bacon, pictured left, was one of 7 puppies in a litter born

to single parent family on public assistance in the inner city. This loving mother was struggling to put food on the table for her children and working full-time at a low paying job when a neighbor's dog "got to" her beloved family pet. She was so grateful to PFA for helping her find good homes for her dog's pups and especially for making sure this didn't happen again by spaying her dog for free.

Bacon and all the puppies found loving homes thanks to the dedication of our wonderful adoption volunteers. Of course, all of the pups were spayed and neutered first!

With the generous support of our donors, PFA can continue to develop programs like this to stop the cycle of unintentional pregnancy and unwanted litters.

**Because of your support, we are able to continue programs like these that help prevent unwanted births. Thank you!"**

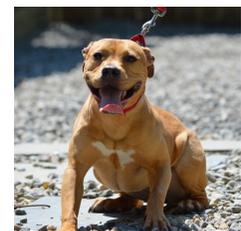
## Adoptable Dogs (see Adoption Days Calendar on Front Page)



Blaise came to us when his previous owner could no longer care for him. This boy is a typical lab: playful, lovable, friendly and energetic! He is about three years old, 65-70 lbs and would LOVE to find a new home soon!



Blarney is a handsome, well-mannered, playful and goofy husky. He is about 2 years old and likes the company of other dogs but especially likes people! He would love an active family to run or hike with, or just play in the yard!



Nala has a TON of energy so is looking for an active family that can keep up with her. She would do well in agility classes or as a running partner, too! If you have room in your life for this smiley girl, come out and meet Nala!

## New Ways to Support PFA

- Donate new unused items to our Tricky Tray! Items can be dropped off at either clinic or at our adoption days. Please leave your name and address so we can properly thank you!
- Check out our Amazon wish list—find the link on our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/pfanj](http://www.facebook.com/pfanj)
- While you're there—"Like" us on Facebook to help us raise up to \$5000! An anonymous donor has pledged to give \$1 to PFA for every new "Like" we get on FB.
- Car recycling program— Recycle any car, truck, boat, RV or motorcycle in any condition - Go to [Donatecarusa.com](http://Donatecarusa.com) and choose People for Animals as your charity.
- Good Search is a search engine that makes a donation for every search. Choose People for Animals as your charity and just start Good-searching. A search bar can be added to your web home page.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## Update on S2504

Last issue, we told you about legislation making its way through the NJ Legislature that would allow veterinary students to engage in supervised veterinary activities under the direct responsibility of a licensed veterinarian as part of their studies.

We are pleased to report the bill, S-2504, sponsored by Senator Raymond Lesniak of Elizabeth, passed both the Senate and General Assembly on June 20<sup>th</sup> and was signed into law by Governor Christie on August 9, 2013.

The new law will bring NJ in line with the overwhelming majority of states and provide 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.



## Help Fester



Through our ongoing collaboration to promote spay/neuter with Jersey City's Dept of Health, we met Fester's owner at one of the many spay/neuter drives we attended in Jersey City this summer. We were thrilled that Fester's mother was finally spayed at PFA after having 8 litters in 5 years! However, the owner was at the end of her rope and had no one left to adopt the last 2 puppies. So they were taken into PFA's adoption program.

Happily, Fester's sister has already found a home. But we noticed that, even though Fester was displaying normal puppy behavior and intelligence, something was not quite right. His motor skills were much slower than his sister's, he had a mildly abnormal gait and his forehead was large with wide-set eyes. The original owner told us the scar on his head was from the pup's mother who had been "too rough" when she was cleaning the newborn pup.

Neurologist Dr. Logan at NorthStar veterinary specialist hospital diagnosed Fester with "Quadrigenital cyst, dilated lateral and third ventricles (hydrocephalus), forebrain malformation" likely congenital or secondary to trauma early in life.

Fester is currently on medication to decrease fluid production in the brain. We hope that this will control his condition but if symptoms progress, he may need surgery to install a shunt to drain any fluid buildup from his brain.

Fester is a ridiculously cute and friendly puppy. He's happy and curious. He will be in foster care until we can stabilize his condition. Won't you help us give Fester the best care to ensure him a bright and healthy future?

Please donate online at [www.pfaonline.org](http://www.pfaonline.org).

## New Threat to Pets: "Dog Flipping"

Recently, ABC news brought to the public's attention a new threat to the safety of our pets: Dog Flipping. Unscrupulous dealers "flip" dogs by acquiring intact pets, often stolen, and reselling them online through Craigslist and other web-based outlets.

Their recommendation? Spay or neuter your pets and protect them with a Microchip. Unaltered pets are considered more valuable by thieves because of the potential income they may gain through breeding and selling offspring.

Spaying or neutering makes your pet a less attractive target for thieves.

Microchips provide unquestionable proof of ownership should your dog be stolen and resold. Many veterinarians routinely scan new clients' animals for microchips. An online search tool allows a vet to quickly determine if a microchipped animal is properly registered to the client who brought it in.

PFA microchips pets for only \$25 either during their spay/neuter surgery or during our Wellness Services hours.

Be Your Pet's Hero  
**Microchip Your Pet**

Learn about microchipping at [HomeAgain.com](http://HomeAgain.com)

Help protect your pet from theft with spay/neuter and a microchip!

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AND

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### YOUR 2014 SWEEPSTAKES TICKETS ARE ENCLOSED!

**Please return your payment and address stubs in the enclosed envelope** or return unwanted tickets to PFA at your earliest convenience.

Need more? Pick them up at either clinic or request them by mail—call the clinic 973-282-0890 or email us [Hillside@pfaonline.org](mailto:Hillside@pfaonline.org).



## MUCHAS GRACIAS!

Thanks to our sponsors, donors and participants, Fido Fiesta was a huge success! Our appreciation goes out to all the wonderful organizations and individuals that contributed to the event.

Presenting sponsor - Petco Foundation.

Sponsors - ASPCA, Coloron Plastics Corporation, Merck Animal Health, Longhill Kennel, Eleos Vet and United Forms Finishing Corp. (UFF).

Prize donors & Special Guests - Morris Animal Inn, Spoon Me Frozen Yogurt (Scotch Plains), Author John Zeaman and Illustrator Claire Zeaman, Positive Dogma, Pet First Aid & CPR LLC, Merck Animal Health.

A special thank you to Liz at UFF for printing our flyers.

Thanks to all of our vendors for the huge part they played in making the event a success!



### Yes! I would like to support People for Animals!

Please use my tax deductible donation to support (check one) :

General Support - all PFA programs     Fester and adoptable dogs     Feral Cat Programs

Please send your check and this form in the enclosed envelope,  
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