

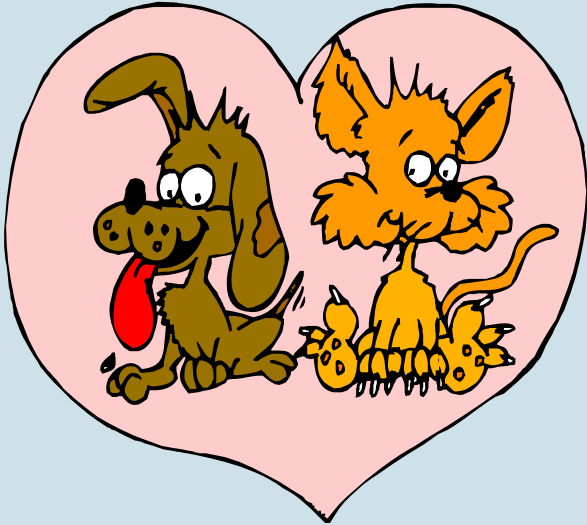
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One year later – our clinic has considerably increased the number of surgeries performed!!

It's more than we expected so soon...

With your support, we are well on our way to reaching our goal of doubling the number of surgeries performed at our new clinic, which was purchased just over a year ago. From July 1 through December 1, 2006, our clinic performed just under 2,800 surgeries. For the same time period in 2007, over 4,300 surgeries were performed. In addition several new services were added including microchipping, FELV/FIV testing for cats, along with ear tipping for managed cat colonies.

Each day, our surgical team performs between 50 and 70 surgeries. It can be quite complicated to determine the number, type and sizes of animals our clinic can accommodate each day. We schedule animals based on several factors, including the length of time required to perform surgery and the weight of the animals. We must make sure that an appropriate size cage is available for each animal scheduled. We take into account the differences in the sedation and anesthesia procedures for dogs and cats and the fact that preparing a dog for surgery takes significantly longer than to prepare a cat. The time it takes to actually perform surgery on a female dog or cat is significantly longer than the time taken for a male.

Decreasing the amount of stress each animal feels on their day of surgery is very important to People for Animals. Dogs and cats are kept in separate rooms in individual cages, so that the cats are not upset by the proximity of dogs. Dogs are given a mild sedative upon arrival which keeps them more relaxed while awaiting surgery. In order to minimize discomfort, additional procedures like vaccinations, microchipping and drawing of blood are done after the pet is anesthetized just prior to surgery. All animals, but especially small dogs or cats, puppies and kittens must be carefully kept warm during recovery.

Congratulations to our terrific staff. In the past 6 months, we have added several new employees who have happily joined us in our mission to *significantly lower the number of homeless animals through spay/neuter*. We thank them for their willingness to take on this challenge. Their creativity and the considerable streamlining of many of our processes over the past several months has allowed us to efficiently provide the highest quality care while continuing to take time to give each animal individual monitoring and attention.

Pre-register to attend our Tricky Tray Friday April 4

Looking for a fun way to spend a Friday night? **SAVE THE DATE!** Come to our **Tricky Tray** on April 4th at the Somerville Elks Club, 375 Union Ave in Bridgewater!! Doors open at 6pm, drawing starts at 8pm. Admission price at the door for \$10 includes one sheet of tickets for regular prizes. Pre-register by sending \$10 per person to our clinic and receive a second free sheet of tickets at the door when you arrive! Prizes will be posted on our website at <http://pfa.petfinder.org>.



50/50 raffle
Food and drinks available for purchase.
Adults only please

See our website <http://pfa.petfinder.org>,
Email pfadiane@optonline.net
or call 973-282-0890 extension 311 for more information



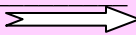
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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Number of tickets Requested: _____ Names: _____



Please enclose \$5 per person,
and list of names here

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Call for Tricky Tray Items!!

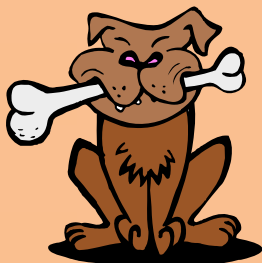
Our previous two tricky tray events were so successful, we're doing it again!!

Have you received a gift that doesn't quite fit? Do you have things around your house that you don't want but are new and you don't want to throw them away? Don't know what to do with your 'stuff'? **WE DO!**

We need your help to collect **NEW, UNUSED** items to use as prizes. Our volunteers combine your items with others into 'baskets' to be raffled. People for Animals raffled off almost 400 prizes at the last two tricky tray events, raising over \$13,000. **ALL** funds were used to help homeless animals and to provide low-cost spay/neuter to prevent overpopulation.

Won't you help us by donating items? Drop off items to our PFA volunteers at any dog adoption day at Bridgewater PetsMart (dates listed at <http://pfa.petfinder.com> under 'Adopt') or at our Clinic in Hillside (401 Hillside Ave, Hillside, NJ 973-282-0890). **THANK YOU!**

Sweepstakes Drawing June 28



There's still time to enter!!! PFA is conducting a sweepstakes to benefit our clinic and homeless animals – only \$1 for each ticket to enter our drawing for a \$500 shopping spree at any Simon Mall (for example, Livingston or Menlo Park mall)!!

Just in time for summer vacation shopping!

If you haven't bought tickets yet, or would like more tickets please call 973-282-0890 ext 313 leave your name and address and the number of tickets you wish to buy. Request extra tickets, and help us by selling them to friends/coworkers/family/anyone!!

Walk for Animals – May18th

Please join us on Sunday, May 18th (raindate June 8th) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford, across from Union College, as we WALK FOR ANIMALS. All proceeds will be used exclusively to support our Pet Rescue and Adoption Program, which provides medical care, food and shelter for homeless pets awaiting adoption.



Participants may start the Walk any time between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Walk is approximately two miles in length. Refreshments will be served. You may attend with or without a dog. Each dog that attends will receive a Doggie Bag filled with goodies.

Contests for the dogs will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The contest categories are: Best Trick, Best Kisser, Fastest Tail Wagger, Highest Jumper, Shortest Dog and Tallest Dog. Dogs may enter any or all of the contests but may win only one contest. To participate in a contest, a dog must be registered for the Walk.

Every participant who turns in \$100 or more in sponsor donations on the day of the event will receive a free People for Animals tee-shirt. There will also be tee-shirts and animal-friendly merchandise for sale. In addition, the four participants who turn in the most money in sponsor donations on the day of the event will each receive a \$25 PETS^{MART} gift card.

TO REGISTER please use the enclosed form. Please **call 973-282-0890 Extension 312 with any questions**. If you are unable to participate, please consider donating to People for Animals to help support our animal rescue programs.



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My Inspiration.

My beautiful Fred has died.

My story of Fred is a wonderful one of love, perseverance, survivorship, loyalty and more love.

In winter of 1992 I was living with a rescue dog Lucky and a cat, Jane. I was open to a second rescue dog, and I saw a most pitiful photo of a young dog propped up in a corner showing the line of black stitches from his shoulder down his chest from his recent leg amputation. The caption said he would need very special care and patience. I called People for Animals. When I met him my mind told me to say: "Let me think about it" and get out of there, but I heard myself say: "I think he needs me".

Speaking with a PFA staff member she told me that Fred at first seemed doomed – he was emaciated, covered with mange, front right leg snapped off, back right foot splayed from being pulled from a trap and not treated. They even found a bullet in his side. But none of these injuries were life-threatening and PFA's mission is to save who can be saved. Thank you, from Fred, me and all who came to know him.

So Fred came home with me. The first six months of Freddie sharing our home was anything but boring. He was so paranoid that he wouldn't let anyone else feed him, let him out, touch him. He would just hide under a table or behind something and not come out. He would always make sure he had a visual vantage point so he could see if you were going to try to 'catch' him. You couldn't catch him. He was used to being chased and was the fastest 3-legged dog ever – he was used to running for his life.

Fred was the poster pup for why you should never give up. He became one of the nicest dogs. He took a very long time to warm up to new people but that was okay. I remember a friend saying "He came over to me to say Hi!!" She was so honored that Fred finally trusted and welcomed her. It was a great moment and only took three years of visits.

Fred will always be an inspiration to me – one of overcoming both physical and emotional challenges, that spirit can always grow with love and care, and we can survive and thrive through almost anything. We will miss him but will gratefully remember the 15 ½ years we shared his life.

Marilyn Martino, Frank Anson, Jasmin and Segundo - *People for Animals salutes you.*



Jim's Dogs

Jim Henry is a special volunteer with our Dog Adoption group. He came to us when he was looking to adopt Shadow, pictured above. Since then, he has been a loyal volunteer – always ready to pitch in to help. Also pictured above former PFA dogs Henry and Eve (who was given up at the age of 10 when her owners located to a nursing home), now members of Jim's family, and his current foster dog Rosie. Thanks Jim for your great attitude, reliability and hard work!

Gifts in honor of ...

The 50th Anniversary of Robert & Lillian Stefanic, from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stefanic

The 85th birthday of Eileen Leone, from James Gleason and Lisa Ann & Jim Heims

Suzanne Hughes Whitehead, from Joanie M. Parks

Anne Marie & Michael Mastroianni, from Elizabeth O'Donnell

Ken & Fran Kirchner, from Harry & Donna Kirchner

Denise Sierra-Bagnara, in recognition of 20 years of employment with McCarter English Attorneys at Law

Gifts in loving memory of these cherished friends ...

Michael Kordilla, father of Michael Bucci, from Dawne Luetscher and Michael & Anne Marie Mastroianni

Jim Donelan, from Andrea & Melissa Donelan

Edward Lang, from Dorothy Del Rossi

Stu Fenston, our dear friend, from Shana & Greg Janoff and The Sheffield Family

Gudran Lechliter, from Carl Heide

Philip "Skip" Kreie, from Beverly & Bob Conroy, The Henels, S. Dale Parkin, Albert Ng, Joseph Fosko James & Marlene Rapp, Deborah Timpson, Arlene & Jim Donlin, James & Joann Ulozas, Edwin & Marian Scholl, David & Theresa Stollsteimer, Art & Mary Braunschweiger, Neda & Brian Donlin, Artie, Nancy & Paige Stutzman and Doug Gleason, Richard & Marie Purdy, Linda & William Smith, Roselle Park Mayor Joseph DeIorio, Members of Roselle Park Borough Council, Roselle Park Chief Financial Officer Ken Blum, Roselle Park Borough Engineer Nick Villano, Roselle Park Borough Attorney William Lane, the Vitale Family, Mr. & Mrs. Veryl Jessen, Evelyn Guarino, Firstwatch, Jahos, Broege & Shaheen LLP, and Doris Kurtz

Geoffrey Kiah, he always had a smile, from Yvonne Yetman

Rebecca's dad from HairCare, from Andrea Goodman

Rose Peters & Barbara Beynon, who were true pet lovers, from Kathleen Satkosky

Joshua K. Cabrera, from Erin Jackson (Sunshine Club), Carolyne Salkind, Daniel Kurz, Helen Alexis, Anna Krizinauskas, Linda Hall, Pam Myers and James & Karen Young

Mildred Berg, from Marilyn Hahn

Brenda Spofford O'Neil, sister of Judy Gibson, from Pam Rudnicki

Gifts remembering these beloved pets ...

Chloe, beloved dog of Alison Keehn, Harriet Keehn & Hortense Shider. She is in our hearts forever.

Chewy, from Marcy Brooks

Brandy, from Bobbi and Garry Glennon

Cherokee, our beloved cat, from Molly & Tad Baker

Belle, a dear dog I know, from Vera Tehayel

Penny, our beautiful Dalmatian, from Bobbi & Garry Glennon

Utmost, who enjoyed his rescued friends Trevor & Nigel, from Patricia Graham

Nicky, beloved dog adopted from PFA by Carleen and Bob Porreca, from Marilyn Prall, Nicky's foster mom

Casey, from Bobbi & Garry Glennon

Barney, beloved pet of Anne Marie & Michael Mastroianni, from Michael Bucci

Brianna, beloved pet of Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Rothermal, from Veterinary Surgical & Diagnostic Specialists

Cody, beloved pet of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Pullizzi, from Veterinary Surgical & Diagnostic Specialists

Snowee, beloved dog of our friend Rebecca Thompson, from Judy Byron

Mr. Mittens, from Judith A. Paterno

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Please send your check and this form in the enclosed envelope, or donate online at <http://pfa.petfinder.org> with your credit card!

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