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Mega Adoption Event	Sat 5/3
PetSmart 1515 US Hwy 22 Watchung	11-3
Fido Fiesta and Annual Dog Walk	May 3rd 11-3
Union County College Campus Cranford	

Neuter Scooter Program Expands



Who says you can't be two places at once? We can do it! Our Neuter Scooter program has expanded to make it even more convenient for clients to access our low cost spay/neuter services. In May, through a generous grant from the Petco Foundation, we were able to add two new vans to our fleet. PFA now has a total of five vans to safely transport cats and dogs to and from our clinics for low cost spay/neuter.

Over the next several months, PFA will be adding over two dozen

new Neuter Scooter service locations, including Petland Discounts stores and many other pet-related businesses. New locations have already been added in Brick, Tabernacle, New Egypt, Farmingdale, Lafayette and West Milford. Pet related businesses interested in serving as a Neuter Scooter pickup location can apply online at www.pfaonline.org/neuter-scooter/application/.

The expanded Neuter Scooter Program allows us to target areas in need of low cost services. Through our partnerships with the Salem County Humane Society and the Trenton Animal Shelter, we will have regularly scheduled Neuter Scooter service to Salem County and Trenton.



Now serving you better with Neuter Scooter Service from Petland Discounts!

PFA will pick up your pets from every Petland Discounts store in New Jersey.

Currently serving Hazlet, Union City and Paterson stores. Other stores will be added by July 2014.

PFA Thanks Veterans and Saves Pet

For Veteran's Day 2013, People for Animals thanked our brave service men and women by providing free spay/neuter packages including vaccines, pain medication and an E-collar, to the pets of twenty soldiers.

One of those pets, "Kitty" is a 9 year old beloved cat belonging to a young veteran from Oakland NJ. Every time Kitty went into heat, her yowling and assertive behavior were hard to live with. When PFA offered a free spay to this "peteran", her owner was overjoyed.

Everything seemed fine until our veterinarian discovered this was

more than a routine spay. During the procedure, PFA's surgeon found that Kitty was suffering from a serious infection of the uterus, a condition called pyometra. Left untreated, pyometra is life-threatening.

Kitty had shown no signs of illness at home, which is not uncommon for cats. Cats naturally tend to hide their weaknesses and it is sometimes difficult or impossible to know the cat is sick until the problem is advanced. Fortunately for Kitty, her illness was caught in time. The condition was cured by removing the infected uterus

and she was back to full health after a simple course of antibiotics.

Pyometra is only one of the potential dangers of delaying a pet's spay or neuter. The risk of developing problem behaviors, prostate disease, and breast or reproductive cancer can be reduced or eliminated by spaying or neutering pets before the age of five months.



**June is Precious-
Not Parents
Month!
\$20 spay or
neuter for pets
6 months of age
& under at PFA
in June!***

**for the first 100 patients*

Pups and Kittens are Precious—Not Parents in June

Thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities, PFA is offering spay or neuter surgery to cats and dogs 6 months of age and under for only \$20 in June! This is part of a nationwide campaign called "Precious -Not Parents" which promotes Early Age Spay Neuter to prevent those accidental litters.

The experienced surgeons at PFA have been safely performing Early Age Spay/Neuter procedures in puppies and kittens as young as 2 months old for nearly 10 years.

"Our younger patients tend to recover more quickly, with less pain, and heal faster than older pets," says Dr. David Croman, Director of Veterinary Medicine at PFA. "Within hours of surgery they are bright and active almost as if nothing happened."

Just as children heal faster and bounce back from injuries and illnesses more quickly than most adults, the same is true for puppies and kittens.

Early Age Spay/Neuter poses

no more danger of postoperative complications or long term ill effects compared to spay or neuter performed at the traditional age of 6-9 months. In fact, the pediatric patients at PFA have lower rates of post-operative complications and concerns than our other patients.

Many new pet parents don't realize that their precious new puppy or kitten can become a parent as young as 4-6 months old.

**DON'T DELAY
SPAY/NEUTER TODAY!**

Happy Tail! As good as it gets

Remember Muffin, one of the "breakfast pups" that PFA rescued in 2013? This adorable puppy was adopted quickly, by a wonderful family. Now called Max, he was the center of attention in his new home which he shared with a rescued cat.

Max ruled the roost for a few months until his new owners told him he was getting a sister...or so they thought.

Max's new companion, Millie, was too shy to attend PFA's adoption days but Max's family saw her picture on Petfinder.com. The resemblance was so uncanny they just had to inquire.

Much to Max's surprise when the family brought home the 'new dog,' it was his mother! Max and Millie are now reunited and living happily ever after.



Max and Millie Together Again

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

Adoptable Pets (see Adoption Days Calendar on Front Page)



Georgina is a senior Shih Tzu with a passion for taking it easy and relaxing. She does enjoy her walks but will prefer to cuddle in your arms and watch the world go by. She needs eye drops twice a day, but her eye problem doesn't hold her back.



Stop in your tracks as you have just stumbled upon a potential super-star! This is Rupert, a 1 year old terrier/retriever mix with one of the best personalities around. He is quite the ham in front of the camera!



Ryder
Looking for love is this 60lb cutie. Truly the perfect for pet for any home. Good with cats and children. He came to us from a local shelter, needed some TLC and is ready for a home to call his own. Ryder is about 5 yrs old and will be good for a first time dog owner

Shelters Brace for Kitten Season—You Can Help

What is a Kitten Season?

Due to the heat and breeding cycles, female cats give birth to a huge number of kittens in the early spring. Many of these kittens are born outside to feral moms. Feral cats are in nearly every community and are the most common source of the litters surrendered to NJ's overburdened shelters. Female cats can produce up to four litters per year of 5 kittens or more. Sadly, 75% of the kittens born outside will not survive, according to experts at University of Florida.

Well-meaning citizens often surrender apparently abandoned newborn kittens to shelters by the thousands every Spring. In 2012, over 52,000 cats and kittens entered NJ's shelters. Nearly half were euthanized due to illness or lack of homes. Spay/neuter and TNR are the most effective tools to prevent this tragedy. Cats can be safely altered as young as 2 months of age and should be fixed before the age of 5 months when they become fertile. If you care for outdoor cats now is the time to have them fixed.



NJ's shelters are inundated with kittens every spring. These kittens were brought to a local shelter after being left by their feral mom on the doorstep of her caretaker.

Lost Cats Find Their Way Back Home Thanks to Microchips

Thanks to his microchip, Winky was reunited with his owner after being lost for over two years!

Roger and his handsome grey long haired cat, Winky, moved to a new town in 2011. Unsettled and skittish in his new surroundings, Winky darted out of the house unexpectedly only two weeks after the move. Roger searched the neighborhood frantically, calling the police and animal control for their help. He searched for weeks, checking the shelter regularly and hanging fliers, all to no avail. As days turned into weeks and then months, Roger began to lose hope of ever finding Winky. Roger updated Winky's microchip registration with his new address and contact information and hoped for the best.

Meanwhile, in the next town over, Jamie was caring for a colony of feral cats when suddenly a newcomer began showing up at feeding time. This new cat was shy and she was not able to approach him, but he was always there. Jamie would often find Forest, as she came to call him, curled up in the shed the cats used for shelter from the weather. Forest was very friendly with the other cats, especially the kittens, but would not let Jamie touch him.

Over the course of a year and a half, Forest gradually came to trust Jamie until finally, she was able to get him in a carrier. She brought him to the People for Animals clinic in Robbinsville for an evaluation and to update his vaccina-

tions. As she expected, Forest's examination revealed he was already neutered. She did *not* expect to find that he had a microchip which was registered to an owner!

A grateful but surprised Roger was reunited with Winky that very afternoon.

Since its opening in May 2012, the Robbinsville clinic has reunited four lost cats with their owners through microchips. All of these cats were found after they joined feral cat colonies.

Microchips are an important step to protect your cat against being lost.

Don't delay, chip today!



More than colorful scrubs

People for Animals Wellness staff poses for a picture with Santa.

Our wellness staff is dedicated to keeping pets healthy, vaccinated, flea and heartworm free.

See hours and the service we provide at www.PFAOnline.org

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