People for Animals

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OH, what a CUPCAKE!!!

There had been thunder every night,

and sweltering heat during the day for at least four or five days straight. A woman had called our hotline several days earlier saying that her grandson had left his dog in a crate in her backyard and 'gone on a trip', and she was afraid of the dog. She could not open the crate door to let the dog out to relieve itself, or give her food & water. We advised her to call animal control in her town to come get the dog, and we followed up with her to make sure she was able to get through to them. She did speak with someone and they were sending their people out to collect the dog.

Several days go by, and PFA got another call from the same woman. Animal Control had been to the house. They had come, taken pictures of the dog, and left the dog there. What the heck? I thought of the weather. I thought of this dog trapped in a crate with no roof, exposed to the sun all day and the thunderstorms all night for so long a time. I was hopping mad. I resolved to deliver this dog to this town's municipal building that very day, to the mayor's office in fact, with the full story of how their 'animal control' handled a frail elderly woman asking for help with a pit bull penned in her backyard by coming to take pictures of it. Oh, they were going to hear from me alright.

I arrived around 10am, with my ketch-pole in hand, expecting an aggressive pit bull that hopefully wasn't bigger than I was. And then I saw her. Her coat sparse. Sunburned. Dehydrated. Tongue hanging down panting from the heat. She bowed her head, and wagged her tail tentatively. My resolve for retribution towards everyone and everything crumbled immediately. I just wanted her out of there. The crate was padlocked to prevent her theft or escape. Unbelievable. Within a few minutes, she was in the van, rescued.

We named her CupCake, for her sweet personality. Not a mean bone in her body. Tolerant, patient, friendly. The best dog we had. But because of the prejudice against her breed, she took a very long time to be adopted. But adopted she was, and is now with one of our wonderful volunteers who looked past her outward appearance to the wonderful dog hidden inside. She now goes to the dog park several times a weekCupcake is a true gem.

Walk for Animals - May 3rd

Please join us on Sunday, May 3rd (raindate May 17) 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 PETsMART 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!

Call for Tricky Tray Items!!

Our previous tricky tray events were so successful, we're doing it again in the fall on Oct 16!!

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 over 250 prizes at the last tricky tray events, raising thousands of dollars for our programs. ALL funds are 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 Hhttp://pfa.petfinder.comH under 'Adopt') or at our Clinic in Hillside (401 Hillside Ave, Hillside, NJ 973-282-0890). THANK YOU!



Sweepstakes Drawing November

Enter early and often!!! 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 holiday 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!!

Yes! I would like to support People for Animals!



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

Name				
Address				
City		State	Zip	
Phone	Email			

Return to: People for Animals, 401 Hillside Ave, Hillside, NJ 07205



Oh, Chester!

Chester was seen being tied to a railing while being abandoned by his owner. How sad they just walked away. Badly matted, nails grown into the pads on his paws, and worst of all the largest growth we've ever seen on his lower abdomen. After seeing our veterinarian, it was determined that the growth was actually a tumor on his testicle. This growth developed over a period of time, along with a lot of fluid, caused by NOT BEING NEUTERED!! Imagine our outrage at his previous owners not only for abandoning him, but for allowing this to happen when neutering him would have only cost \$55 at our clinic. Instead, the removal of this growth was quite costly and uncomfortable for poor Chester. He was a trooper through the entire procedure, and has now found his forever home!



Oh, Archie!

Archie was found wandering the streets, and it shows. SharPei's scar easily even from small scrapes, and Archie's got his share of permanent marks. Not the most handsome dog we've ever had, but certainly one of the best personalities. Poor Archie, until a month ago, had a painful but common condition called entropia where the eyelid folds under causing the eyelashes to rub directly on the eye. At 5 years old, he's probably never until recently been able to see very well. The entropia has been corrected surgically, and Archie no longer runs into things. He has mild permanent damage on only one of his eyes. But it all doesn't get Archie down – he is super-friendly and "dances" in place when he gets excited. He's an absolutely captivating dog, still in search of his forever family.

Other dogs still waiting for families – each with their own story. Please logon to http://pfa.petfinder.org for full descriptions!



Newton - must be seen in person!!



Lucky - scaredy-dog!!



Brownie - goes with the flow!!



RJ - mellow & well behaved!!





Cindy - will be your best friend!!

Gifts in honor of ...

Polyanna, from Josette Bordiga
Bella, adopted from PFA, from Nicole Sabella
Tina & Turner, my beloved cats, from Karen Rockoff
Nancy Briston, from Judith Schwartz
Sharon Byra, from Marion Suffness

Gifts in loving memory of these cherished friends ...

Edith E. Williams, from her daughter Wendy Williams
Joy Carroll from Laura Mahoney

Miranda Dougard from Robert Johnstone

Catherine O'Brien Quigley from Robert Johnstone

Audrey C. Gerstein from Yvonne Yetman

Marie A. Wentzek & Gene Labonia from Robert Johnstone

Catherine Lorraine Thomson, an active animal welfare advocate.

Mary Ellen, from Nancy Curtis

Leonard DiMenna, from Hugh, Susan, Kristen & Steven Carano

Stephen A. Hutler Sr. and Boccuss, from Robert Johnstone

Robert E. Thomas, from Robert Johnstone

Leonard Dimenna, from the family of Ilmars Paupe

Karen Susko, from Robert Johnstone

Frederick "Toby" Casale, from Anne & Matthew Kaufman, Leslie Carmen Irizarry, PatCurtin,

Pat & Paul Friedman, Carolyn Sharkey, P.S. 128 The Bensonhurst School

Marie Cieplak, from Terry Jardim & Jardims Auto Body

Salvatrice (Tessie) Galatro, from Robert Johnstone

Margaret Franchino, beloved sister of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Franchino, from Rob & Cindi Rutler

John Patrick Foley, from Nitsat Hadas Elami & Colleen Snow

Elizabeth Hansen, from Ruth & Harvey Yablonsky

Mark Baron, from Talda & Louis Alfonso

Stuart Fenston, from Contemporary Women's Club

Maureen Carse, from the school nurses of Cranford Board of Education & Angel Lazo

Pauline Ruzicka, from Donna Rumelhart

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Gifts remembering these beloved pets ...

Maxie, Cathy's wonderful little sidekick, from Robert Johnstone Lola, The Franov family's retired guide dog & everyone's buddy, from Robert Johnstone

Chelsea, Elena's beautiful German Shepherd girl, from Robert Johnstone

Buckley's Angel, my best friend & loving tabby, from H. Barry Epstein

Buddy, from Laraine Gilroy

Casey, from Garrett Glennon

Buster, adopted from PFA & had a wonderful life, from The Jankowskis

Tyler, on the day that would have been her 14th birthday, from Paulette Furino

Amy Zisa-Keegan from Marguerite Zisa

Sandy, a beloved friend – a great dog, from Gail Malmgreen

Brandy, from Garrett Glennon

Edison Shelter Cats, from Elda Hubbard

Ashley, my little wondercat who had a lot to say, from Robert Johnstone

Molly, from Bobbi & Garry Glennon

Beebe, from Bobbi & Garry Glennon

Penny, our beautiful liver spotted Dalmatian, from Garry & Bobbi Glennon

Floyd, our beloved 17 year old cat, from Harriet Keehn & family

Tory, the sweetest little dog who ever lived, we loved her with all our hearts, from Laura Mahoney

Casey, adopted from PFA, beloved pet cat of Diane Stahl, from Dawne Luetscher

Barney and Rocky, they will be forever in our hearts, from Michael & Anne Marie Mastroianni

Peaches, my beloved cat, from Suzanne Johnson

Friday, from Dawne Luetscher

Ramsey, beloved dog of Suzanne Droban, from Olga R. Pylar

Duffy, beloved dog of Sheila & Gerry Siderman, from Longhill Kennel

Chelsea, dearly loved Bassett Hound of Louis Klein, from Arlene Klein

Bailey, beloved Golden Retriever of Barbara & Harold Rachbuch, from Arlene Klein