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Events Calendar:

Adoption Day **Sat**
 Petco **1/12**
 300 Route 202 **11-3**
 Raritan

Adoption Day **Sat**
 Petco **1/26**
 300 Route 202 **11-3**
 Raritan

Adoption Day **Sat**
 Petco **2/9**
 300 Route 202 **11-3**
 Raritan

Adoption Day **Sat**
 PetSmart **2/23**
 132 Route 31 **11-3**
 Flemington

Line Dance at **Fri**
 Newark Sym- **2/8**
 phony Hall **5pm**

PFA Promotes Humane Advocacy

It was standing room only at the Humane Advocacy Workshop held at the PFA Spay/Neuter Clinic in Hillside on December 1st with over 50 professionals and private citizens in attendance. Hosted by Kathleen Schatzmann, NJ Director for the Humane Society of the United States (and PFA Board Member), the workshop attracted animal welfare advocates from all areas of interest from feral cat management to animal sheltering to the controversial bear hunt.

The evening's informative discussion covered everything needed to effectively advocate for animals including how to find out who your representatives are, how to engage and

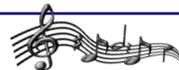
persuade them, and current pending NJ legislation. PFA's own Kevin Moore (Robbinsville Clinic Manager) shared some of his expertise, drawing on his 10+ years of experience in NJ politics, to give workshop attendees a real world perspective.

Special guest speaker NJ Senator Raymond Lesniak took time to inform the workshop audience of recent accomplishments he and fellow legislators have made in NJ in the area of animal welfare. Senator Lesniak also was presented with HSUS's Humane State Legislator of the Year award by Mrs. Schatzmann for his tireless efforts to advance animal welfare in NJ.



Senator Raymond Lesniak receives Humane State Legislator Award from HSUS NJ Director Kathleen Schatzmann at Humane Advocacy Workshop at PFA Spay/Neuter Clinic in Hillside.

Dancing for Dollars



Get out your dancing shoes and join us for a fun evening of line dancing, dinner and games at the Newark Symphony Hall on Friday, February 8, 2013. Dance instruction begins at 5:00 pm and the fun continues through midnight.

This is not the usual country line dancing but an exciting and fun R&B/Soul turbo charged dance that gets your heart pumping. Charismatic instructor Kenny J will get you on your feet. This is a great and fun workout! Not a dancer? Come out and join in

one of the games. A \$10 ticket reserves your seat and includes a night full of fun and games. Ticket proceeds benefit People for Animals. A tasty catered dinner, wine, beer, drink specials, and soft drinks are available for a small additional charge at the event. Guests must be 21 or older.

Order tickets online at www.pfaonline.org

or by mail:
 PFA Line Dance Tickets
 401 Hillside Ave
 Hillside, NJ 07205



PFA's free hotline referral service provides callers throughout NJ with information on low-cost spay/neuter options in their local areas. Drawing from our network of organizations and private veterinarians, SpayNJ helps those in need to connect with expert providers near them. Each month our SpayNJ Coordinator, Carol Hilton, facilitates scores of connections to solve callers' problems from feral cats to complicated pyometra surgery. SpayNJ is THE clearing-house resource for everything spay/neuter in NJ!

Call 877-SPAYNJ1

PFA Partners with University of Pennsylvania Vets



January 2013 marks the launch of PFA's Veterinary Student Externship Program!

PFA has teamed up with the University of Pennsylvania's prestigious School of Veterinary Medicine to provide fourth year veterinary students with hands-on experience in high-volume, low-cost spay/neuter. The goal of this program is to educate aspiring veterinarians about the need for, and surgical techniques used in, high-volume,

low-cost spay/neuter and to encourage them to provide this service when they enter private practice.

Because New Jersey is one of only four states that does not allow veterinary student externs to assist with surgery, externs will instead receive instruction while observing surgery and assist with non-surgical support tasks such as animal intake, pre-op examinations, pre-medication, induction, surgical prep,

monitoring recovery, and assisting with patient discharge.

The externship program will be overseen by Dr. David Croman, PFA's Director of Veterinary Services and himself a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.



Hunter Finds His Forever Family

He was one of PFA's longest residents. An affectionate and playful, yet gentle, dog with an immense hunger for life, Hunter has a story, like that of all the animals we rescue, that was filled with tribulation before PFA met him. Found emaciated wandering the streets of Newark, he was brought to the local shelter where he was attacked twice by his kennel mates. So severe were Hunter's wounds,

he was placed in intensive care. Luckily, Hunter recovered and his buoyant personality survived the attacks. He was taken in by PFA when volunteers at the shelter begged us to rescue him fearing another attack. On adoption days, Hunter was overlooked possibly because of his wounds, his deformed leg (possibly a birth defect) or his breed. After a 20 month stay with PFA during which he

snuck many a kiss to staff members and played lots of tug-of-war, Hunter was adopted by a mom who dotes on him every second of the day, a dad who cuddles him while watching TV, and a doggie sister. Because of your support, Hunter was able to stay with us as long as he needed while waiting adoption by his forever family. Thank you.

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Adoptable Dogs (see Adoption Days Calendar on Front Page)



Mr. Pants is PFA's longest resident—he has been with us for over 3 years! He prefers to be an “only child,” but his personality will easily fill your home. This boy LOVES belly rubs, long walks and playing with toys. Come meet him and fall in love!



Melanie became homeless at the not-so-young age of 7. Almost blind due to years of neglect for dry-eye, she is otherwise in great health and will gladly frolic in the grass on walks. Don't pass this sweet girl up because of her age—she has many years of love to offer!



Looking for a perfect little Chihuahua girl? Here she is! Luna is an absolute doll. She may be shy for the first 30 seconds but boy does she warm up fast; she'll be in your arms giving you sweet kisses before you can blink an eye! Stop by to see her soon!

Robbinsville Clinic Hits 2,000 Surgeries

It seems like only yesterday we were in the planning stages of our second high-volume, high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter clinic. How time has flown! On May 22nd, we opened the doors at our Robbinsville clinic and began the important work of spaying and neutering animals in central and southern New Jersey. Since then, we have had over 100 days of surgery and have performed over 2000 spays and neuters at

our new clinic! We project 6,000 animals will be sterilized in the first year of operation. To put that number in perspective, our Hillside clinic was performing 6,000 surgeries before relocating across the street to its current location in 2006. Put another way, the Robbinsville clinic will perform in one year the number of surgeries it took our Hillside clinic 20+ years to reach. Now that's impressive!



Dr. Biely performs 2000th spay at PFA's new Robbinsville Clinic.

PFA Promotes Pediatric Spay/Neuter at AWFNJ

Following up to ensure puppies and kittens are spayed or neutered after adoption is a struggle for all of us in animal rescue but there is a simple and safe solution: neuter all animals before adoption. Pediatric spay/neuter is a critical component in achieving 100% Neuter Before Adoption (NBA) and is often the stumbling block preventing organizations from adopting such a policy.

In March 2013, Executive Director, Jane Guillaume and

Director of Veterinary Medicine, David Croman, VMD will be speaking at the 2013 Animal Welfare Federation of NJ Annual Welfare and Care Conference promoting 100% Neuter Before Adoption (NBA) and pediatric spay/neuter. Their presentation will discuss the benefits of adopting a policy to neuter all animals prior to release and how pediatric spay/neuter can help achieve this goal. Pediatric spay/neuter will be described in depth including safety concerns due to age, as

well as long and short term effects on the animal's health and development.

The conference is being held on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch.

For more information or to register for the conference, please visit www.awfnj.org.

HELP US CONVINCE THEM!

As an adjunct to our AWFNJ presentation, PFA will be offering incentive discounts for pediatric spay/neuter surgery to assist rescues and shelters in their effort to achieve 100% NBA in their organizations.

The first \$2000 in donations received to our "Prevent Litters Adopt Neutered" (PediPLAN) Fund will be matched through the generosity of an anonymous donor.



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

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Sparkles for Spays!

Your pet is the light of your life. Share the joy this Holiday Season!

PFA will again be displaying our "Sparkles for Spays" holiday tree to celebrate another great year! Your \$5 tax deductible donation per "light" for each pet will be used in support of our spay/neuter programs. Come and see your pet's name on our holiday trees displayed through January 31 in the lobby of our clinics in Hillside and Robbinsville.

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