



CAMDEN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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New Hours of Operation

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - 11 am-6 pm
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Thursday - 11 am-6 pm
Friday - 11 am-4 pm
Saturday - 11 am-4 pm
Sunday - 11 am-4 pm

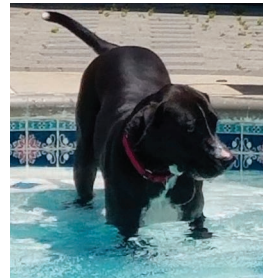
Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic Hours

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - 9 am-10:30 am
Wednesday - Closed
Thursday - 9 am-10:30 am
Friday - 9 am-10:30 am
Saturday - Closed
Sunday - Closed

Adoption Successes

Pets for Vets Adoption Success Codah

In 2012, at the young age of 18, a man signed up as an Infantryman with the U.S. Army and was quickly sent off to fight the war against Terrorism. After several tours in Iraq he has only spoken once about the time that changed his life forever. One day on patrol his convoy was suddenly struck by several IED's. This young man struggled ferociously in dust and fire to pull his brothers one by one, extremely wounded and screaming for their lives to try to get them to safety. He lost so much that day, lost friends, soldiers and brothers. When he came home, he was a changed man. Paranoid, afraid, lost and broken were his new emotions. He was in need of a companion and already on the search for a service dog. He was recommended to adopt a dog from Camden County Animal Shelter. With the help of shelter staff, he was shown Codah, a large Coon Hound/Labrador Mix, a beauty that was continuously overlooked because of her size because she looked intimidating. **He took her in the Play-yard at the shelter and played Frisbee for almost an hour. She jumped up any chance she could get to lick his face! They immediately bonded.** He ended up adopting her through the **Pets for Vets Program**, which is a program the shelter offers to veterans to waive adoption fees for these heroic men and woman. Veterans have served our country in high-risk, life-threatening jobs to keep Americans safe! Codah and her new companion have become best friends. They go for long walks and runs. He takes her into a swimming pool while holding her so she feels safe. She will lick your face for hours if you let her. She is obedient, loyal, loving and does great with kids, cats and other dogs. **Adopting a dog through the Pets for Vets program not only saves the lives of animals but it also provides a therapeutic option for struggling Vets. For more information on the Pets for Vets program call 856.401.1300 to speak to an Adoption Counselor today!**



Ameleyea – “Did someone say third wheel!”

“We adopted Ameleyea at the Clear The Shelter event on July 23rd. Upon meeting Ameleyea she was so nervous she clung to the staff at the Camden County Animal Shelter. I also noticed she was heartbroken to leave. She actually stopped and looked back at what was her home for the past 4 weeks. When we got in the car she took it upon herself to ride shotgun and licked my fiancé's face the whole drive home. She's very friendly to all around her and when we walk I've gotten so many compliments on how well behaved she is. Ameleyea is such a wonderful dog and I love her so much. Seeing her react the way she did upon leaving the shelter shows me how well the CCAS staff and volunteers take care of every animal when they come in. She has gotten comfortable the past week and even kicks my fiancé off the couch!”



— Theresa Macri



Seniors Adoption Success!

As is always the case this time of year, "kitten season" is in full swing here at the Camden County Animal Shelter. Kitten season is the time of year when cats give birth, flooding animal shelters and rescue groups across the nation with homeless litters.

Shelter staff and volunteers alike always dread kitten season and it seems like no matter how hard we try, we're never prepared for what it brings! Believe it or not, there are some that dread kitten season even more than we do ... our senior cats. For them, kitten season usually means taking a back seat to the cute, playful kittens and staying at the shelter longer.

Through no fault of their own, our senior cat residents find themselves at our shelter after being in one home for their entire lives ... their family moves, their owner gets sick or passes away, their family experiences financial hardships. Whatever the circumstances, these senior cats come to our shelter and are separated from their loved ones, surrounded by other cats, confined, confused, and sometimes frightened. Sadly, most people gravitate toward the cute, bouncy, big-eyed kittens. Older cats sit by and watch, as one loving family after another passes them over for a cute kitten. **Adopting an adult cat is a way to say to a deserving animal "I believe in you."**

We all agree that kittens are adorable and playful and simply irresistible but they do grow up quickly, too. So if you're looking for a new four-legged family member you should consider adopting a senior. For many people, seniors and adult cats are much better suited for their lifestyles. Here are some of the many benefits of adopting an older adult or senior cat:

- 1)** What you see is what you get. Adult cats already know who they are. But you never know what you'll end up getting with a kitten ... how large they may get, what their personality will ultimately be, etc. An adorable little kitten will be an adult in the blink of an eye.
- 2)** Kittens have a tendency to make a mess and chew things, lots of things. Whether teething or just exploring bits of the world around them, kittens chew on shoes, the corners of books, ear lobes and fingers, carpet tassels, electrical cords, drapery strings, plants, and much, much more. Most adult cats don't chew inappropriately at all.
- 3)** If you have an older cat in your home and are looking for a friend for him or her, another adult cat may be the best choice. Kittens can be too playful and may irritate and stress out your cat instead of providing companionship. A kitten may cause your resident cat to be more annoyed than amused.
- 4)** After a long day at the office, you may just want

to come home and curl up with your furry friend—but most kittens prefer an action packed evening—lots of tussling, frolicking, and plenty of running and jumping, and it continues throughout the night while you are trying to sleep! An adult cat will greet you at the door and be more than happy to curl up and watch your favorite shows on TV. They've already learned about the unconditional love thing. And adult cats usually sleep at the foot of your bed or another cozy spot in your house.

- 5)** Adult cats won't be climbing up your leg or your curtains; they won't be swinging from your chandeliers, knocking down knick-knacks or just running full speed ahead for no good reason.
- 6)** Adult cats are usually a better choice for families with small children. Kittens often play rough and are constantly underfoot. They're sharp—they can't help it, but kittens are all teeth and claws. Generally speaking, adult cats are mellow, and often more patient with young children. The experience should be a good one for both the cat and the child.
- 7)** Adult cats require less attention and supervision. They're quiet companions. They're usually far less messy, too, and require much less clean up and maintenance.
- 8)** You truly are saving a life because seniors are the least likely to get adopted.

For the abandoned, forgotten, and heartbroken older adult cats, you just might be their last chance to have the love and warmth of a home where they can live out their years in comfort.

When properly cared for, cats often live well into their late teens or longer. Typically, they will remain active and even playful throughout most of their lives. Once a cat adjusts to a new home where they can feel safe and secure again, they'll offer years of faithful companionship and unconditional love. Check out our wonderful senior pet companions at www.ccasnj.org and ask about our "Seniors for Seniors" Program.



Tender Loving Care Volunteers!

Visitors coming to Camden County Animal Shelter generally find our facility spotless. Each and every day, events occur behind the scenes. Behind the scenes of the clean cat cages and dog kennels, behind the scenes of the clean hallways, offices, windows and countertops. We call them the **"TLC" team for the Tender Loving Care** these volunteers take to make sure all the tedious cleaning tasks are taken care of, and they do it all 'behind the scenes'.

The TLC volunteer team of Sue Wahl, Donna Grimditch and Kim Williams are the core members. Like mailmen and mailwomen, neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night prevents these remarkable volunteers from completing their volunteer activities. Litter pans, dog and cat bowls need to be scrubbed and sanitized every day. Dog beds, cat beds, towels, blankets and sheets are washed every day. **Why do they do it?** To hear 59 year old Sue tell us, "I feel that cleaning the bowls and pans is the most important part of the process to keep our animals healthy. I do it as therapy. It forces me to get out of the house every day

and it gives me the opportunity to interact with animal loving people like myself" Like Sue, Donna says, " It gets me out of the house knowing that I will make a huge difference. The never ending piles of blankets and towels and beds just needs to be washed. And besides, I got my furry companion from the shelter".



Besides the reasons why they do what they do, one of the most important facets is the appreciation of the housekeeping staff members. Catherine Stutski said "Without their help, the staff could not accomplish all the wash and cleaning needed to keep the shelter immaculate. I am so grateful for everything that they do every day."

So when you come to shelter and see any member of our TLC Team, give them a smile back and let them know how much they truly are appreciated.

3rd Annual Pledge-a-Paw Dog Walk and Event

Presenting Sponsor

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Register and Start Building Your Team Today!

Camden County Animal Shelter's 3rd Annual Pledge-a-Paw Dog Walk and Event, sponsored by the Camden County Board of Freeholders, is going to be here before we know it! **We are looking forward to this celebration on Saturday, October 15th, at Camden County College.** Please encourage your friends, family members and colleagues to register, join a team or make a general donation today.

The events will include a 1 mile Pledge-a-Paw Dog Walk, Police Service K-9 Dog Demonstrations, Doggy Snack Bar, water stops, local animal rescue groups, vendors and exhibitors, a raffle basket auction, live

entertainment, food and a beer garden. Sponsorships and Vendor Booths are still available.

We are hoping to meet and exceed our fundraising goal of \$40,000 which directly benefits the cats and dogs of Camden County Animal Shelter. Register to receive an exclusive event t-shirt, goody bags, prizes for Top Individual and Top Fundraising Teams, a pledge packet, a free personal fundraising page, and monthly fundraising tips and event updates! **Teams of 10 or more receive free registration! Email Melissa Meccariello for more information at outreach@ccasnj.org or call 856.401.1300 ext.112.**



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Pledge-a-Paw Team Spotlight



As of August 1st, Wine and Clowder is the currently the Top Fundraising Team by raising \$540. Team Captain Erika Gardner said, "The Turnersville Petco Team, Wine and Clowder (a group of cats),

has been supported by friends, family, coworkers and past adopters. Our goal is to be incredibly passionate about our animals so that we can get as many donations as possible to reach our goal of \$1,000. This money ensures that all the animals at

CCAS, dogs and cats, get the care they need and can find their forever homes."

In addition, as of August 1st, Andrea Huhn is the Top Individual Fundraiser; raising a total of \$455 in donations. There are prize tiers starting at \$50 up to \$1,000. Individuals that raise \$1,000 will receive a special entry for their pet to become our next "SpokesPet" of the year. Each additional \$1,000 raised will earn you an addition entry! The SpokesPet will be featured on all print material, newsletters, websites and social media for the entire year!



Company/Matching Gift Programs

A great way to help Camden County Animal Shelter is through an employer Matching Gifts program. Ask your employer if they match contributions made to a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and we will be happy to help you provide any information necessary to assist in their process. We accept matching gifts from dozens of organizations already and your organization may offer this service that you could take advantage of! Please call Melissa Meccariello at 856.401.1300 ext. 112 or email at outreach@ccasnj.org for more information.

TNR Program: What is it and How does it help?

A feral cat has never lived with a human family and is generally born outside left to fend for themselves. They live in colonies, making homes wherever they can find food and avoid human contact at all costs. Tomcats prowl for mates, impregnate them and expand the colony. Feral cats have a home – outdoors. They usually cannot be socialized and are perfectly content living outdoors. Feral kittens can often be tamed and placed in homes but they must be socialized in the first weeks of life, which is a critical window and if they aren't handled in time, they will remain feral.

TNR stands for Trap/Neuter/Return and is a program in which stray and feral cats that are already living in your community are humanely trapped, evaluated, vaccinated and sterilized by veterinarians. Kittens and tame (stray cats) are adopted into good homes. Healthy adult cats that are too wild to be adopted are returned to their outdoor homes and continued to be cared for by local volunteers for the rest of their lives. This ongoing care creates a safety net for both the cats and the community. The feral population is being controlled, no more kittens are born and the homeless cat population is

reduced. TNR works! The breeding stops, and populations are gradually reduced and annoying behaviors of mating cats, yowling and fighting stops.

Clinic Services: At Camden County Animal Shelter we offer traps for the TNR Program. We also offer a low-cost spay/neuter clinic open to the public.

At Camden County Animal Shelter we offer low-cost spay/neuter services for as little as \$35 dollars and even offer a discount if proof of state assistance is provided at the time of surgery. Surgeries must be scheduled so do not forget to call 856.401.1300 ext. 109 to schedule your surgery. Camden County Animal Shelter has a vision of a no-kill county, which can only be achieved by targeted, spay/neuter services and pet ownership and accountability. For CCAS efforts to have an impact, we need animal advocates to educate others about this crucial problem and how they can help. For more information on how you can help, please visit our website, www.ccasnj.org.

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