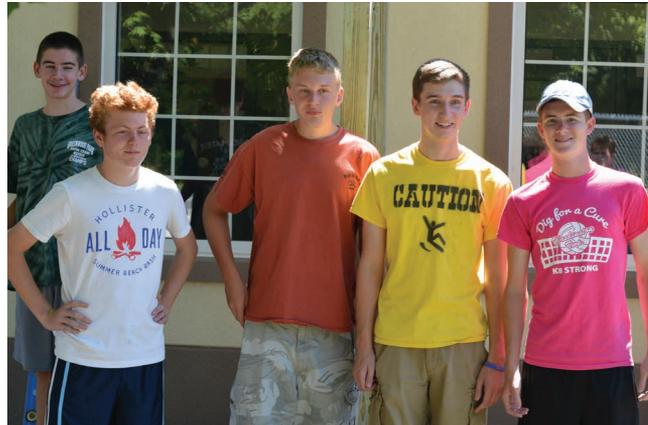




Eagle Scout Catio Project

Eagle Scouts Project for Camden County Animal Shelter Cats – a CATIO!



The Eagle Scout Troup 57 has opened a new window to the world for cats at Camden County Animal Shelter. The catio - that's a cat patio which is a unique screened enclosure that gives cats the pleasure to enjoy the fresh air outside safely. The catio includes ramps and tiered platforms for cats to climb and sleep on while enjoying the sunshine.

"I have chosen as my Eagle Project to build a "Catio" for the Camden County Animal Shelter. I love animals and spend a lot of time with animals so it is close to my heart to do anything in my power to improve the lives of animals. I think I can improve the lives of the cats at this shelter and they can be happier and healthier while they are waiting for their forever home by building them this outdoor protected enclosure," Timothy S. Alibrando, Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The designation "Eagle Scout" has a long history since its founding over one hundred years ago. Only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after a lengthy review process. The requirements necessary to achieve this rank take years to fulfill.

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout.



CAMDEN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

125 County House Rd.
Blackwood, NJ 08012

Phone: 856.401.1300
Fax: 856.401.1309
Email: info@ccasnj.org
www.ccasnj.org

Mailing Address:
PO Box 475
Blackwood, NJ 08012

New Hours of Operation

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - 11 am-6 pm
Wednesday - 11 am-6 pm
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



Connect with us on Social Media
www.facebook.com/CamdenCountyAnimalShelter
www.twitter.com/ccasnj
www.instagram.com/ccasnj

Petco Foundation Invests In Lifesaving Work of Camden County Animal Shelter

Grant of \$30K will extend efforts to save more animal lives in Camden County

In December 2016, Camden County Animal Shelter announced it has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to support its efforts to provide spay/neuter surgeries for personally owned cats as well as community cats within Camden County. Camden County Animal Shelter has been progressively working to reduce the overwhelming stray and unwanted animal populations in Camden County through low-cost spay/neuter services.

Camden County Animal Shelter depends on community support to provide shelter, care and find loving homes for over 4,000 homeless animals. Since 1997, Camden County Animal Shelter has altered and found homes for more than 80,000 pets through adoption and low-cost spay/neuter services. In 2015, the new \$1.5 million adoption center expansion, sponsored by the Camden County Board of Freeholders, was completed, which increased capacity and provides more living and recreational space for cats and dogs.

The Petco Foundation investment will help to provide low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for cat owners and community cat caregivers in Camden County. Free spay/neuter services for owned and community cats will be used for the purposes of controlling, aiding, and providing medical treatment to an overabundance of cats in the City of Camden. Furthermore, the grant will support Camden County Animal Shelter through adoption preparation for cats and kittens received at the shelter; this would include spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, flea and medical treatment, and testing; all of which costs the shelter approximately \$150 per cat.

"Our goal is to continue to reduce the rate of euthanasia among community cat populations and achieve no-kill status. Thanks to, the Petco Foundation,

we can target free spay/neuter resources to the City of Camden and expand low-cost services to Camden County cat owners. Our lifesaving programs will reduce our cat population and save more animals' lives", says Vicki Rowland, Executive Director of Camden County Animal Shelter.

For more information about Camden County Animal Shelter or the Petco Foundation, visit www.ccasnj.org or www.petcofoundation.org. Join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or by using the hashtag #PetcoFoundation.



About the Petco Foundation

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$170 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we've helped more than 5 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved.

Camden County Animal Shelter was able to provide spay and neuter services for the following:

- 107 Owned Cats were spayed/neutered
- 66 Community Cats were spayed/neutered
- 21 Camden City Cats were spayed/neutered
- 102 Neonates for adoption preparation

Approximate data reported as of January 17, 2017

Continue to support our efforts by donating online at www.ccasnj.org and click on 'Give Today'



Clinic Services

Microchipping

Microchips are implantable computer chips that encode a unique identification number to help reunite you with your lost pet. They are very simply placed under your pet's skin and are similar to a routine vaccination. While collars and ID tags can fall off or fade, microchips will never break or fall off. They have an encoded chip identification number that is scanned with a microchip scanner and the owner's information will show up right away. This means if your pet is lost and brought to a shelter, the pet will be scanned and the staff will have your personal phone number to call and let you know that your pet is no longer lost!

A Microchipping service is only \$30 at Camden County Animal Shelter. Dogs and cats with microchips are reunited with their owners much more often than animals without microchipping.

Losing your pet can be a scary and traumatic experience causing panic and sending you on a mission to find your missing loved one. Hopefully your pet will never get lost, but in case it happens, by having a microchip, you are giving yourself and your pet the best chance of a speedy, happy reunion. Microchipping is an extremely useful service should you ever need it and is an extremely worthwhile investment.

Microchipping is provided by 24PetWatch and additional annual registration fees may apply. For a full list of vaccinations, surgeries, clinic services and prices please visit our website at www.ccasnj.org and click on 'Spay/Neuter Clinics' and then click on 'In-Shelter Clinic'.



Pet Food Pantry

The Animal Alliance of Camden County needs to restock the cat food supply for the Pet Food Pantry; a community pet food assistance program. You can donate cat food to Camden County Animal Shelter located at 125 County House Road, Blackwood, NJ or any alliance location. Pet Food Pantry will accept any brand of cat food including dry or canned.

The food assistance program has provided 5,800 pounds of cat food and 7,900 pounds of dog food to 2,300 owned pets since the program launched in April 2015.

Camden County Pet Food Pantry's purpose is to keep pets with their families by offering food assistance. Owners surrender pets to local shelters regularly, and financial hardship is a common reason for doing so. The Alliance seeks to help Camden County residents keep pets in their homes by providing nutritional assistance to those in need. The only requirement is a need for assistance in providing food for a pet.



Connect with us on Social Media
www.facebook.com/CamdenCountyAnimalShelter
www.twitter.com/ccasnj
www.instagram.com/ccasnj

The Animal Alliance of Camden County Shared Services and local welfare agencies in addition to Camden County Animal Shelter include Animal Adoption Center, Voorhees Animal Orphanage, Animal Welfare Association and Independent Animal Control. Alliance members share a common goal of finding homes for unwanted and neglected animals, including efforts to keep owned pets with their families.

The Pet Food Pantry dates are:

- Saturday, March 11, 2017
from 11 am to 2 pm
- Saturday, June 10, 2017
from 11 am to 2 pm
- Saturday, September 9, 2017
from 11 am to 2 pm
- Saturday, December 9, 2017
from 11 am to 2 pm

New Off-Site Adoption Location

Petco Brooklawn New Cat Adoption Center

The Camden County Animal Shelter cat volunteers recently opened a new Cat Adoption Center on November 5th at the new Petco located on 700 Crescent Boulevard in Brooklawn, NJ. While the adoption space may be a little small, the center is comprised of four cages and can only hold six cats at a time, the adoptions have been huge! Since opening the center has had 23 adoptions for 2016. With just a small group of volunteers the center has been able to start things on the right foot and they look forward to what the New Year will bring.

If you're interested in volunteering at this Petco Location or meeting any of our adoptable cats, contact Mike Hoffman at volunteer@ccasnj.org, or call (856) 401-1300 ext. 104.



Volunteer Spotlight: Weekday Walkers

At Camden County Animal Shelter, our volunteers come in all shapes, sizes, ages and walks of life, but the one thing they all have in common is their love of our animals. We have a cadre of dedicated volunteers who, because of their various circumstances in life, are able to walk our dogs during the week. Thanks to Diane, Darlene, Ken, James, George, Annette and Kathleen, who we call the WEEKDAY WALKERS.

Because of these dedicated volunteers, our dogs get walked for a bit every weekday. Weekends are bustling at Camden County Animal Shelter with so many potential adopters looking for their new family pet, our dogs get plenty of attention.

During the week, however, it can get boring for our pups and the weekday walkers ensure our orphans get the much needed exercise and love that keep them happy while waiting to be adopted. Annette calls it a win-win, "I come to the shelter because I enjoy spending time with the dogs and we both get some needed exercise! Also, the dogs really don't ask for much and anything I may do that helps get them adopted makes me so happy". George has

another perspective, "Having my own pampered pets leads me to feel empathy for less fortunate dogs. I want them to be as happy as possible while they're waiting for their new families. Now that I'm retired from my job, I have some time to help make these dogs' lives a little better".

For James, a retired Vietnam veteran, "I have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and walking the dogs' provides some tranquility for me. I also love getting to know each one so I can provide information to customers if they have any questions about a particular dog".

Diane says with a wry smile "I have two 16-year old daughters...the dogs don't talk back. Truth is I just enjoy walking the dogs, taking pictures of the dogs then posting them on Facebook. You never know who may be interested".

Darlene, speaking from the heart, "I volunteer because I think it has made me a better person. I have learned forgiveness and compassion and that there really is a thing called unconditional love. When people ask me how can I volunteer because it's so sad, I just wonder why they don't!"

So, maybe you would be interested in becoming a volunteer and joining our weekday walkers. Visit our web page www.ccasnj.org and follow the Links 'You can help' then 'Volunteer at the shelter'. Sign up for our monthly information meeting, learn our specific protocols and start walking!



Connect with us on Social Media
www.facebook.com/CamdenCountyAnimalShelter
www.twitter.com/ccasnj
www.instagram.com/ccasnj

15-CAMNJ-0317-N