



## CAMDEN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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## New Hours of Operation

### New Pet Adoption Hours

**Monday** - Closed

**Tuesday** - 12 to 7 pm

**Wednesday** - 12 to 7 pm

**Thursday** - 12 to 7 pm

**Friday** - 12 to 4 pm

**Saturday** - 12 to 4 pm

**Sunday** - 12 to 4 pm

### Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic Hours

**Monday** - Closed

**Tuesday** - 9 to 10:30 am

**Wednesday** - Closed

**Thursday** - 9 to 10:30 am

**Friday** - 9 to 10:30 am

**Saturday** - Closed

**Sunday** - Closed

## Summer Tips for You and Your Pet!

There is no better feeling than hanging outside with your animals on a beautiful summer day. It is important to know the risks and limitations of your pet's outdoor exposure during the hot months of summer. We have some tips for you to follow to assure your pet's safety!

Follow these tips below, courtesy of the ASPCA:

**Visit the Vet** - A visit to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer check-up is a must. Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventive medication. Do parasites bug your animal companions? Ask your doctor to recommend a safe flea and tick control program.

**Know the Warning Signs** - Symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees. Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

**No Parking!** - Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. "On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time – even with the windows open – which could lead to fatal heat stroke," says Dr. Louise Murray, Vice President of ASPCA Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital. Also, leaving pets unattended in cars in extreme weather is illegal in several states.

**Party Animals** - Taking Fido to a backyard barbecue or party? Remember that the food and drink offered to guests may be poisonous to pets. Keep alcoholic beverages away from pets, as they can cause intoxication, depression and comas. Similarly, remember that the snacks enjoyed by your human friends should not be a treat for your pet; any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe digestive ailments. Avoid raisins, grapes, onions, chocolate and products with the sweetener xylitol.

**Avoid Chemicals** - Commonly used flea and tick products, rodenticides (mouse and rat baits), and lawn and garden insecticides can be harmful to cats and dogs if ingested, so keep them out of reach. When walking your dog, steer clear of areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals. Keep citronella candles, oil products and insect coils out of pets' reach as well. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect your animal has ingested a poisonous substance.

Visit [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org) for many more summer tips!



# Saving Hundreds of Lives Every Day

In 2013, CCAS saved thousands of animals' lives.

- Total Adoptions: **2,174**
- Rescue and Partner Agencies: **891**
- Return to Owner: **439**
- Total Lives Saved: **3,504 and still counting!**



## Evie .....

"We adopted Evie, formally 'Snapple', in Sept of 2012. She was found abandoned and we met her at an adoption day at Petsmart. We instantly fell in love. She is now a very spoiled, very large lap dog who loves to dress up every so often!"

—Alexandra Adams, Camden County Animal Shelter Pet Adopter

## Remy .....

"My family and I adopted Remy, once known as 'Amore', last November. She is a pit bull boxer mix who was a stray in Camden City. We spent two days at your shelter trying to see which dog would fit our family best since we have an eight-year-old daughter. After one day of trying and about five dogs later, we saw "Amore". She was lying in her kennel so quiet, not even barking. Something about her drew me right in! We had to see her and play! We instantly fell in love. She was so kind and gentle and even a little bit timid. So, we brought her home the next night and ever since she has just grown so much. She's such a good girl. She loves to sleep with us, loves to tan on our basketball court and she LOVES to snuggle! Remy has been the light of our lives. We miss her every second we're away from her and she is welcoming when we get home and just so excited to see us! Every home should have a dog. The stigma on pitbull mixes is absolutely wrong! She's the sweetest baby I've ever been around and we couldn't imagine our lives without her! We hope to adopt another pitbull mix and give Remy a doggie sister!"

—Stefanie Taylor, Camden County Animal Shelter Pet Adopter



## Foster with us

A foster care provider volunteers for Camden County Animal Shelter to provide caring temporary homes to pets that need individualized attention or a little extra love. With the summer months upon us, fostering is vital to saving the lives of our animals. We receive many young kittens and puppies that are too young to be living in our environment. Not only are they young but they may be recovering from illness or surgery and in need of socialization before being placed in a forever home.

Foster volunteers are critical to our ability to save the lives of adoptable pets in our community. This allows us to expand our capacity to help animals that are in need. The benefits to becoming a foster parent come from directly helping to save a life! Foster parents take part in a bond without long-term commitment, help the dog find a new loving home, and give the animals a gift that money can't buy – your love!

If you are interested in becoming a foster care provider, please email us at [info@ccasnj.org](mailto:info@ccasnj.org) or call Debbie Hamlin at 856-401-1300, Ext. 101.

## Share Your Happy Tail Stories

Did you adopt a pet from Camden County Animal Shelter? We want to hear your Happy Tail! Send us a photo and short story about your CCAS alumni and they may be featured on our website and social media pages! Email us your story to [info@ccasnj.org](mailto:info@ccasnj.org).



Join us for a fun-packed day to pledge money to benefit the animals of Camden County Animal Shelter. Animal lovers and community members are invited to come out and support our animals. Events will include a one-mile pledge dog walk, pet contests, vendors and exhibits with local animal rescue groups along with businesses in our community, a stage featuring music and entertainment, raffles, prizes and more! Pre-register to begin collecting pledges now! By pre-registering, you will get an exclusive event t-shirt, prizes for top fundraisers in both individual and team categories, a pledge packet, a free personal web page, and monthly fundraising tips and event updates. We look forward to this event and thank you in advance for your support! To pre-register, visit [www.ccasnj.org](http://www.ccasnj.org) or call Monica at 856-401-1300 or email her at [outreach@ccasnj.org](mailto:outreach@ccasnj.org)

# Pledge a Paw Dog Walk and Event Coming this Fall!

**Need some fundraising tips for the event? We can help!**

**1. Set a Goal:**

Set an aggressive goal for yourself and challenge your friends and family to match it. Remember, the more pledges you collect, the more animals you can help. They are counting on you!

**2. Create a Team:**

If you are an animal lover, we bet many of your friends, family and colleagues are, too! Gather your entourage to raise money together and walk as a team. Not only will you have more fun, but you will have much more fundraising potential!

**3. Talk to Your Co-workers and Employer:**

Company Gift Matching challenges the local businesses around you to a competition where the animals always win. We will announce the Company name the day of the walk! (And here is a competitive tip: ask your employer to match your team's pledges!)

**4. Utilize the Power of Social Media:**

Reach out to your online social network by using the FaceBook and Twitter buttons on your personal fundraising page once it's created. Clicking these buttons will post your personal page address to your FaceBook or Twitter account. Encourage your friends to re-post your link!

We invite you to become a sponsor for this community event that will attract thousands of animal lovers and supporters in Camden County.

Our goal is to raise \$60,000 in support of our mission to find a loving home for every pet in our care. We are proud to say that we have saved the lives of over 3,500 animals in 2013 and with your help we will save more lives in 2014! If you would like more information on how to become a sponsor, please contact Monica Munciello at [Outreach@ccasnj.org](mailto:Outreach@ccasnj.org) or 856-401-1300.

## Volunteer with us

Our shelter thrives off of our dedicated volunteers. Come out and learn more about how to become a volunteer with Camden County Animal Shelter at our interest meetings! We have created different niche groups to cater to your volunteer calling. Whether it is walking our dogs, acting as a nurse to our kittens, assisting with housekeeping within the shelter, or representing us at local events, we have a specialized volunteer group for you! Visit [www.ccasnj.org](http://www.ccasnj.org) and follow the 'You Can Help' link for more details.

**Volunteer Roles:** Dog squad, purr pals, Kong crew, kitty nurses, matchmakers, greeters, web photographers, foster care providers, party animals, Petsmart/Petco cat crew, tour guides, spirit leaders, community ambassadors, virtual volunteers and dream team



# Spay Our Strays!

Spay Our Strays Clinics are low-cost spay/neuter clinics for cats and kittens only, that are held once a month in an effort to reduce the number of stray and orphaned cats brought into the Camden County Animal Shelter. Cats can reproduce at just four months old so it is important to fix them as soon as they hit four months! These clinics provide spay/neuter services to more than 100 cats at each clinic.

If you have a dog or puppy in need of spay/neuter surgery, please look into our In-Shelter Clinic.

**How to Make an Appointment:** Call (856) 401-1300 to schedule an appointment. Please call between 11am and 6:30pm Tuesday through Thursday or between 11am and 3:30pm Friday through Sunday. Walk-ins are not allowed, you must have an appointment for each of your cats. You are required to pay a \$20 deposit per cat to reserve appointment slots. Deposits may be paid via cash, Visa, or MasterCard.

The remaining balance must be paid IN CASH at the time of your appointment. Credit cards will not be accepted on the day of the clinic. Deposits are NOT refundable.

## Upcoming clinic dates:

July 13	Oct 12
Aug 17	Nov 9
Sept 14	

## Location:

CCAS "Spay Our Strays" Clinic  
Senior Bldg/Community Center  
2119 White Horse Pike  
Lindenwold, NJ 08021

## LuLu's Journey

Broken. Hopeless. Abandoned. These are the best words to describe Lulu the first time two of our volunteers laid eyes on her. She had just been brought in by animal control and was sitting in a crate in the bustling hallway of the shelter awaiting intake. Her head hung low and she wasn't responsive to all the activity around her or even to human touch. Can you blame her? Poor Lulu was found in a dumpster in her carrier lapping at her own urine trying to stay alive. Lulu is a senior Shih Tzu so we had to assume that she was used for breeding at one time and once she was no longer useful she was – literally – thrown out.

Lucky for Lulu, it turned out her guardian angel happened to be at the shelter the day she arrived. Pat McCarthy couldn't stop thinking about Lulu after she left the shelter that day so she called back and said she would take Lulu once her hold time was up. Pat picked her up and took her home on February 27th.

After a thorough physical exam it was determined that Lulu had mammary tumors and likely cancer which, sadly, may also explain why someone abandoned her. But luck was on Lulu's side again because Dara Ruble, the shelter's animal behaviorist, was able to get Lulu into Penn Veterinary School's mammary study program which would cover all medical expenses and tests related to her condition.

Like everyone else that comes in contact with Lulu, Dr. Erica Moore at Penn promptly fell in love with her when she met her. Dr. Moore examined her and scheduled her for surgery to remove her mammary tumors for a couple weeks later. But before Lulu was able to go into surgery, her tumors burst and she had to be rushed into surgery. Lulu's tumors were removed but, sadly, she's been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer which will surely return. In fact, Dr. Moore gave her 1-3 months to live.

Lulu has now hit her 2.5 month milestone and she's a happy girl. We're not sure how much time Lulu has left, but this little dog is living the rest of her life in luxury with lots of love and TLC. She loves going on "walks" (translation: Pat walks and carries Lulu until she's ready to do her business), getting her hair done at the groomer, and parading around in one of her many sweaters or t-shirts.

Lulu's favorite things include sitting next to Pat when she reads or watches TV and sleeping under the covers in Pat's bed. Lulu can't hear well or see well either but she certainly knows and appreciates who her guardian angel is and we're sure she's eternally grateful!

