

St. Hubert's Humane News

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Our Mission

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center is dedicated to the humane treatment of animals. We believe in and provide services that support the human-animal bond and seek to foster an environment in which people respect all living creatures.

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Darling Dara

A puppy who survived against all odds

As you may have seen in the news, St. Hubert's President/CEO Heather Cammissa received a call from our friends at Monmouth County SPCA to assist with a large-scale rescue case involving 280 dogs inside of a single home in Howell, NJ. St. Hubert's immediately sprang into action, sending down trained staff inside of our transport vehicle, The Zephyr, to provide support in removing the dogs from the home. The Zephyr, along with two of our vans and a volunteer vehicle, drove back to St. Hubert's that night with **141 dogs and puppies** on board, all ready to start life anew.

Dara was one of those puppies removed from the Howell home. She was found in great need of medical attention. At first glance her fragile body was very weak. Upon her arrival at St. Hubert's we discovered this sweet puppy was infested with fleas and her belly was full of worms. Normally an animal with these problems can be treated with a good bath and proper medications. Since she was so young and had been severely depleted by the parasites, her body was failing. We rushed her to the veterinarian and she required three days of 24/7 care and a blood transfusion to bring life back into her little body. One more day in the home without treatment, and this adorable puppy might not be here with us today.

We are happy to say that Dara is now happy and healthy, living life to the fullest with her new adoptive mom and many furry siblings. Thanks to our generous supporters, we were able to give Dara the care and love she needed to survive. Special care is still being provided to three of the dogs who were more traumatized by their former life. All of the other dogs and puppies from the home have been adopted!



Letter from the President

Friends,

With great pride and gratitude we share updates on impactful lifesaving initiatives, the opening of our new campus, a heartwarming story about a tiny pup that barely survived — but did thanks to your support — from the historic hoarding case in Howell and much more in this issue of the newsletter.

A heartfelt thank you is sent out to so many of you who contacted us with caring and support over the loss of our beloved North Branch manager, Cliff Brescia. If you knew Cliff — whether from adopting an animal, dropping off donations, volunteering at the shelter or otherwise — you know what a good friend the animals lost with his passing. Cliff had a special place in his heart for senior pets and he cared to his core about the North Branch shelter being a positive, performing shelter for animals and those who cared about them. When the new walking trail was done last year — at Cliff's urging — it created a new, beautiful way for volunteers and staff to walk the dogs. The trail will be renamed "Rolling Stone Way" in honor of Cliff. As you may have guessed, he was a big fan of the Rolling Stones band. He will be long remembered and very much missed.

There are many ways to get involved in rescuing animals even if your home is full. We never 'take it easy' around here and with the new WayStation initiative you'll read about, there are more opportunities for volunteering and for becoming involved to help save more animals' lives. We hope you will.

Warmly,

Heather J. Cammisa, CAWA

P.S. Be sure to see our new mobile friendly website, designed and implemented by a 17 year old this past summer. www.sthuberts.org.

Calendar of Events

Wine Tasting

Thursday, October 27, 6-9pm

Morris Museum

6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown

A fun and elegant wine tasting to benefit St. Hubert's. Visit sthuberts.org to buy tickets.

Santa Paws

Sunday, November 13, 6-9pm

The Mall at Short Hills

1200 Morris Turnpike, Short Hills

Bring your dog to meet Santa and get a professional photo taken. Proceeds benefit the homeless animals of St. Hubert's.

Tree of Love

Wednesday, December 7, 5-7pm

St. Hubert's Madison Shelter

575 Woodland Avenue, Madison

Join us for a tree lighting ceremony and chance to view your tribute ornament in honor or memory of your beloved pets.

5K9 Run & Walk

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:30 am

Central Park of Morris County

91 Central Avenue, Morris Plains

Save the date for our 5K run and walk, now being held in the spring! Dogs are invited to run/walk alongside their owner. Prizes awarded to top runners and fundraisers. Visit sthuberts.org for further details.

Pet Loss Support Group

First Tuesday & Third Wednesday of each month

7:30 to 9 p.m.

St. Hubert's Community Room

575 Woodland Avenue, Madison

Free group support sessions facilitated by professional counselors in a compassionate environment.

Visit sthuberts.org for more information.

Annual Fund Donors —

You Did It!

You helped us reach our \$70,000 goal for our 2016 Annual Fund Matching Gift Challenge. Every one of these dollars were doubled! Thank you for all you do for the animals.



Shelter News

Autumn is in the air and we have a lot of exciting news to share!

It is with great happiness we announce the opening of our **Noah's Ark Campus in Ledgewood, NJ**. We needed to give the shelter a full renovation including new kennels, kitty housing, small animal room, Meet and Greet rooms, exam room and a facility wide air handling overhaul. Stop by during our open hours to see the new building and meet our adoptable pets!



Our **Sister Shelter Partnership** program has been making a big difference for animals in need across NJ. Meg Byrne, our Interim Director of Training and Behavior, recently traveled down to one of our Sister

Shelters — Burlington County Animal Shelter — to share a goody box filled with enrichment items for their dogs and cats. She also spent time with their staff and volunteers teaching techniques to train dogs in need of behavior modification. Our newest Sister Shelter Partnership has officially begun with **Brandywine Valley SPCA (BVSPCA)** and the Delaware Division of Public Health, Office of Animal Welfare (OAW), to which we will provide routine canine intake. Commitment to our Sister Shelters includes not only animal intake, but also sharing of educational and enrichment resources, and sending a portion of all adoption proceeds back to fund low-cost spay/neuter efforts in their community.

St. Hubert's recently partnered with a pilot organization and the ASPCA to welcome dogs from overcrowded shelters in California after the devastating wildfires that took place there this summer. With the help of our East Coast placement partners, we have collectively welcomed over 237 small breed dogs so far from this

In Memory of our North Branch Shelter Manager,



Cliff Brescia

In August we lost a much-loved member of our St. Hubert's family, with the untimely passing of Cliff Brescia, our North Branch Shelter Manager. Cliff worked at St. Hubert's for 13 years, dedicating his life to caring for homeless pets. His compassion for both the animals and people he worked with on a daily basis was an inspiration to so many. While he loved all animals, Cliff had a special place in his heart for seniors, including his beloved cat Hubes. A fund has been set up in his memory which will support our Red Collar Society for senior pets. Cliff's legacy will live on forever at St. Hubert's, in the hearts of everyone (two-legged and four-legged) who loved him.

FALL WISH LIST

High-Priority Items:

- Monetary Donations to pay for shelter and care
- Canned Cat and Kitten Food (ground, no fish)
- Canned Dog and Puppy Food
- Soft Treats
- Clean Blankets and Towels

Food Bank Items:

- Pedigree or Purina Brand Dog and Cat Food (wet and dry)
- Scoopable/Clumping Kitty Litter
- Supermarket/PetSmart/Petco/PetValu Gift Cards

Enrichment Items:

- Kongs and Peanut Butter
- Hard Dog Toys, Cat Toys, and Nylabones
- Feliway Spray
- Chill Pill and Aromatherapy Oils
- String Cheese

Other Items:

- Collars and Leashes
- Small Animal Food, Bedding and Toys
- Cat Carriers
- All-Natural Cleaning Supplies

Shopping online has never been easier. Visit sthuberts.org/wishlist to view our Amazon wish list and have items sent directly to our shelter. Remember, if you shop through Amazon Smile and choose St. Hubert's as your designated charity, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to us!

St. Hubert's Takes Leading Role in Lifesaving Network



In parts of the country, a combination of factors — social, economic and legal differences, even the impact of local climate — mean greatly varying levels of pet overpopulation and lifesaving. Encouraging progress has been made the last few decades in the United States. Best estimates show the euthanasia rate of 100 dogs and cats per thousand humans in the 1970s is now at 10 dogs and cats per thousand humans. The greater Northwest, New Jersey, New England, areas around Denver and the Great Lakes region are greatly succeeding in lifesaving. Connecting areas with capacity and areas still in great need requires strategy among organizations. In addition to moving animals, we must provide education, awareness and resources to effect change in struggling communities.

St. Hubert's 2015 strategic planning identified "Increase WayStation Efforts" as a key leadership responsibility. Our location, mission, infrastructure and relationships make us able to take on this initiative. Working with partner shelters in New England, St. Hubert's has stepped forward to better coordinate lifesaving capacity in the region and broaden hands-up efforts in communities struggling with high intake and euthanasia. With great help from a \$552,000 grant from PetSmart Charities, we coordinate the transport of dogs, many formerly in their Rescue Waggin' program in the eastern half of the country, to the WayStation and on to our destination partners. We bring our effective "Sister Shelter" model to the program, whereby we welcome animals and also give back part of the dog adoption fee for the source community to provide low-cost spay/neuter to the public. We offer training and resources to these partners too. All destination shelters have agreed to adopt this method of hands-up help.

We are committed to the challenge of furthering companion animal lifesaving and reaching greater resolution of the root problems. Increased food, laundry, transport, medical and other financial costs will go well beyond the grant award. Extra volunteer hours and special giving are needed to support this exciting and meaningful program. Please join in to be a part of it all.



Meet Dale, an Angels Monthly Donor

We call our monthly donors Angels, a group of dedicated supporters who make monthly gifts that provide a consistent and reliable income stream allowing us to focus on lifesaving programs. Dale Githens, pictured here with her beloved kitty, Lily Bell, has been a loyal monthly donor for the past two years.

"I love being a monthly donor to St. Hubert's. I've had many incredible rescue cats over the years, and they have changed my life profoundly.

There is nothing else like the bond one has with a beloved pet. Being a monthly donor allows me to help many other dogs and cats who need homes. The more donors who sign up to be a monthly Angel, the more love and care St. Hubert's can give animals in need!"

You can join the St. Hubert's Monthly Angel Program with any gift amount. It's easy to sign up by automatic credit card or bank withdrawal and we take care of the rest. You can make a difference in the lives of so many homeless pets. Visit sthuberts.org/monthlygiving for more information and to sign up!



We call our monthly donors Angels, supporters we rely on every month so that we can help thousands of animals in need each year.

For more information visit sthuberts.org/monthlygiving.

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ADOPTIONS 7 DAYS A WEEK

Madison, Ledgewood and North Branch

Noon – 4 pm Sunday - Tuesday

Noon – 6 pm Wednesday - Saturday

Mt. Olive Adoption Center

9 am – 8 pm Monday - Saturday

10 am – 8 pm Sunday

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(Madison Campus) 973.377.2295

Noon – 4 pm Sunday - Tuesday

Noon – 6 pm Wednesday - Saturday

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