

# 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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## 3,000th Canine Served by Sister Shelter WayStation

We're so proud to announce that we have officially moved over 3,000 dogs and puppies through our WayStation Sister Shelter program in less than ten months after its expansion! St. Hubert's has been able to see so many four (and sometimes three!) legged friends come through their doors. Since the expansion of the WayStation program in August of 2016, we and our destination shelter partners have sent \$25 per animal back to source shelters in the southern part of the States to help with low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for the public in their communities. All 26 destination partners share the philosophy that transport is not enough. Therefore, St. Hubert's manages a "give-back" component that has provided more than \$75,000 to address the root cause of the need. Not only has the WayStation been able to give back financially, but in May of 2017 we were able to give five scholarships to attend the Animal Welfare EXPO presented by Humane Society of the United States, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, to employees of our southern partners, providing them with the opportunity to learn new techniques of animal welfare and meet others in the field. Scholarship recipients Bill and Ann Hunter from Humphreys County Humane Society in Tennessee were lucky enough to win a \$1,000 grant from Maddie's Fund during the EXPO! Our WayStation initiative is growing faster than ever, and we have no plans on stopping until there's an end to the euthanasia of healthy and treatable dogs across America. St. Hubert's is so pleased to welcome Toronto Humane Society as our newest WayStation destination partner— which means we're officially international! In the next year, we plan on offering a hands-up approach to even more source shelters in need, and transferring in more than 7,500 dogs and puppies. We're so excited to announce that we've opened our new dog adoption digs in the standing ASPCA Behavioral Rehabilitation Center, which opens up our entire back-of-house. With this transition, we're able to help save even more dogs and puppies. If you'd like to support this initiative, please visit [sthuberts.org](http://sthuberts.org) for more information.

*"Anderson County PAWS is so happy to report that due to your giveback program we have been able to implement a "Spay or Pay" program for dogs that are being returned to their owner. So far we have altered 23 dogs! We have also been able to spay or neuter 9 dogs as an alternative to them being surrendered to the shelter. We can't thank St. Hubert's enough for being a partner and helping us give back to the animals in our community!"*

— Dr. Kim Sanders, Director and Veterinarian, Anderson County PAWS in South Carolina

# Letter from the President



Friends,

We hope you are enjoying the warm, sunny days of summer with your human and pet family. This season continues to be incredibly busy as our animal intake increases and our resources get stretched to the limit as we care for orphaned kittens and continue to provide top-notch care to all animals who come through our doors.

The arrival of Ginger, the 3,000th dog transported since the recent expansion of the WayStation program in August, meant a great deal to the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to keep this lifesaving initiative in forward motion. Knowing that we are able to make a difference in not only the lives of these animals, but the source communities as a whole, makes the long days and hard work all the more worth it.

Our Feline Pipeline program is also in full swing moving healthy and adoptable NJ cats from overcrowded shelters to areas in state and New England with an abundance of adoptive homes. Wave when you see our transport vehicles, The Zephyr and The Griffin, on the road- they'll most likely have precious cargo aboard.

You will also read in this edition the news about the departure of the ASPCA Behavioral Rehabilitation Center from St. Hubert's Madison campus. This first-ever facility dedicated strictly to rehabilitating canine victims of cruelty and neglect, has been on site for the past 4 years. We have valued this unique partnership and wish their staff much luck as they move to their own facility in North Carolina. Our relationship with the ASPCA will continue in other lifesaving capacities and we are so proud of the program's success.

Thank you, as always, for your compassion and support.

Warmly,

Heather J. Cammisa, CAWA

P.S. If you're looking for an easy way to make a large impact, consider becoming an Angels Monthly Donor. You can sign up for automatic monthly credit card deductions by visiting [sthuberts.org/monthlygiving](http://sthuberts.org/monthlygiving). You'll also receive fun perks when you become an Angel, including photos and stories of animals you've helped and special updates from me throughout the year. We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

## Calendar of Events

### Stay-At-Home Ice Cream Social

July-August

**The comfort of your own home**  
Grab your cone, your dog's favorite bone, your cat's favorite treat, this stay-at-home event will be so sweet! No need to go anywhere for this virtual event, so cuddle up with your furry best friends and enjoy a cool summer snack together while benefiting homeless pets. Visit [sthuberts.org/icecreamsocial](http://sthuberts.org/icecreamsocial) for more info.

### Tricky Tray

Saturday, September 23

Doors open at 6:00 pm

St. Hubert's Training and Behavior Center

575 Woodland Ave., Madison

Join us for our popular basket raffle event to win great prizes and raise money for the thousands of homeless pets that are in St. Hubert's care each year.

### Phantom of the Pawpera Fall Gala & Wine Tasting

Thursday, October 12

6:30-9:30 pm

Olde Mill Inn, Basking Ridge

Dress up your pooch in his/her best costume and join us for this elegant and fun Halloween-themed event. Festivities include drinks, delicious cocktail reception, live music, silent auction, photo booth and much more.

### Pet Loss Support Group

First Tuesday & Third

Wednesday of each month

7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

St. Hubert's Community Room  
575 Woodland Avenue, Madison

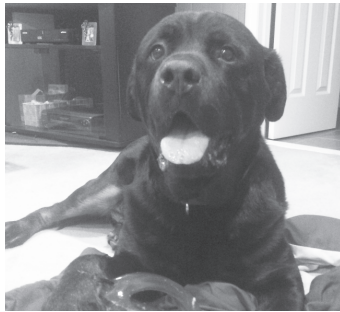
Free group support sessions facilitated by professional counselors in a compassionate environment.

Visit [StHuberts.org/petloss](http://StHuberts.org/petloss) for more information.



# Shelter News

In May of 2016 St. Hubert's was called on by Humane Society International to assist with 122 dogs who were rescued from the South Korean meat market. James, a beautiful Rottweiler, was one of those lucky dogs who made his way into our care. He wasn't with us long, as his mom Amy, who was on deployment helping with these dogs, scooped him up and gave him a life he truly deserved. Although their time together was short, as James passed from kidney failure this May, Amy gave him all of the love, kindness, patience, and cuddles James had always longed for. James will forever be in our hearts as a true ambassador, putting a face behind the dog meat trade to help effect change.



For four years we were honored to house the ASPCA Behavioral Rehabilitation Center, a program dedicated to rehabilitating fearful, under socialized dogs from puppy mills and hoarding situations. Due to the success of this program and partnership, the ASPCA has moved on from St. Hubert's, and moved down to North Carolina, where they will not only have a much larger facility, but they'll also be able to house other shelter staff members from around the US to learn tips and techniques to help save more lives. St. Hubert's wasted no time with the vacant space, as we've already moved our dog adoption area over, and we're using our back of house dog digs for caring for WayStation canines.



Matt Bershader, President & CEO of the ASPCA (back center) joins Kristen Collins, Senior Director of ASPCA Anti-Cruelty Behavior Rehabilitation (back center) and members of the Behavior Rehabilitation team to celebrate their Send-Off Party with St. Hubert's friends including our own Heather Cammisa (back right).



## Pet Behavior Corner

St. Hubert's Director of Training and Behavior, Meg Byrne, answers common questions about dog behaviors.

*My dog steals everything – he steals food from the counters, clothes from my hamper, shoes, and other items like the TV remote. How can I teach him to play with his own toys?*

Dogs steal items for a number of reasons, and how we react to their behavior can sometimes make the behavior worse! Dogs steal food items because they are delicious, socks and remote controls because they smell like their favorite people, and your favorite pair of shoes because we make a big deal when they do it (which inadvertently gives the dog attention). First things first: prevent your dog from accessing areas that are not "dog-safe." This means close bedroom doors, puts shoes in closets, the TV remote in a drawer and keep food items off of counters. Crate training can be especially helpful to prevent your dog from stealing things when you're not around. Next, rotate your dog's toys every couple of weeks to keep him engaged, and make sure your dog has different types of items to chew and play with. Lastly, if you catch your dog with a stolen item, trade him for a tasty morsel or engage him with one of his own toys by making it more interesting than the item he's taken. And remember to tell your dog how wonderful he is when he chooses his items over yours! ***If your dog is growling when you want him to relinquish an item, please call us so we can help you teach your dog to relinquish items on command.***

## Bringing Up Baby

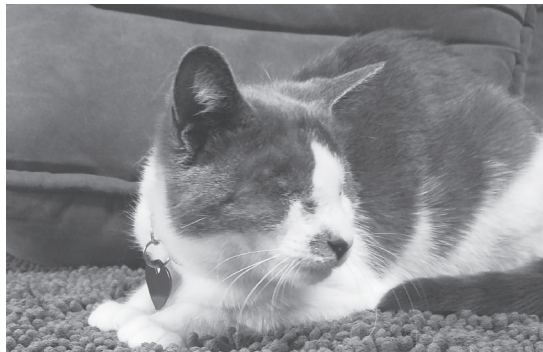
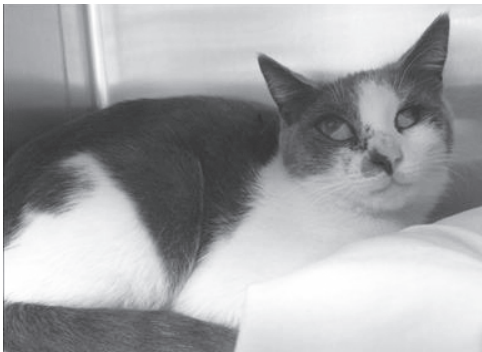
Thank you to everyone who has donated much needed items from our Wish List. As warmer months bring pleasant weather, they also bring an influx of kittens and puppies into our shelters which can quickly dwindle our supplies.

Meet Sweetie the kitten and Coco the puppy, two babies St. Hubert's welcomed recently and were able to provide necessary care for, allowing them to thrive and grow strong. Sweetie came in with her sibling as part of our TNR (Trap Neuter Return) program and needed round-the-clock bottle feeding from a dedicated staff member. Coco came in with her mom and five siblings from one of our WayStation source shelters. The family was placed into a foster home until ready for adoption.

St. Hubert's is so grateful to the generous supporters who give us the resources necessary to take in these young babies who have so much to live for. While in our care, we are working to solve the root cause of pet overpopulation by promoting Spay/Neuter programs throughout NJ and beyond.



If you'd like to contribute by donating items from our Wish List, please visit [sthuberts.org/wishlist](http://sthuberts.org/wishlist) for more info.



## Valentina gets a Second Chance

St. Hubert's welcomes animals of all ages and health conditions, so when Valentina needed a place to go when her owner was hospitalized and could no longer have pets, our North Branch shelter brought her in with open arms. Valentina was suffering from a strong infection in both of her eyes, causing discomfort and blindness. After a consultation with a veterinarian, the decision was made in her best interest to have both eyes removed, relieving any pain she was experiencing and giving her a second chance at a happy life.

When animals come to us needing emergency care, we look to our Rocket Fund which allows us to provide immediate lifesaving medical care to those in need. This includes surgeries, specialist visits, medications and more. Contributions can be made directly to our Rocket Fund by visiting [sthuberts.org/rocketfund](http://sthuberts.org/rocketfund) to help ensure lifesaving care is given to animals like sweet Valentina, who is now in a loving home thanks to our friends and supporters!

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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

### BUDDY'S BOUTIQUE GIFT SHOP

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Noon – 6 pm Wednesday - Saturday

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