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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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Canine WayStation Update A successful start to a lifesaving program

Our WayStation initiative, an unprecedented strategic transport program aimed at maximizing the potential for dogs in overcrowded shelters to be adopted into loving homes, has expanded since its start in August of 2016. Within a 6-month time period, the program has successfully transported more than 2,000 dogs and offers a “hands-up” to source communities through our “Give Back” funding and support. This groundbreaking platform modeled after our NJ “Sister Shelter” program, is leading the way for destination shelters with capacity and potential adopters in the Northeast, to accept animals from overburdened source shelters with a lower population density, less potential adopters and lack of affordable, accessible spay/neuter services.

We already have 23 source shelters from West Virginia to Louisiana and 18 destination shelters in the Northeast region. This network of destination shelters adhere to “Above and Beyond Best Practices” in their sheltering and transport protocols, and are committed to providing a “hands-up” to source shelters.

They each embrace our “Give Back” component, ensuring that the source shelters receive back a portion of each adoption fee from the destination shelter, providing a major support system for shelters with a limited yearly operating budget. To date, our Give Back program has sent over \$50,000 towards spay/neuter programs in the source communities, addressing the root cause of overpopulation.

St. Hubert's also provides source shelters with animal care supplies, unlimited expertise in all areas of sheltering and scholarships to attend professional training conferences. On a recent trip to one of our source shelters in Kentucky, St.

Hubert's staff arrived with several banks of animal cubbies so they could add additional warm, indoor housing. We were so touched by their note: *“For the first time in years, we are able to house all of our animals inside in the heated kennel during cold weather without having to use the outside, unheated area. Thank you, St. Hubert's! Our animals are warm because of you!”*

As we move forward with transport operations, our goal is to increase the number of partner shelters who participate in this lifesaving program. We will invite any shelter currently participating in a transport program who welcomes animals from other locations, maintains best practices and promotes the “hands-up” philosophy to join us in our mission. Please visit our website for the most updated news on our WayStation program and to learn how you can be a part of it all. www.sthuberts.org





Letter from the President

Friends,

As we enter into spring, we have a great deal to be thankful for here at St. Hubert's. Your caring and support has allowed us to bring lifesaving to a new level. We are pleased to tell you that 2016 was a groundbreaking year for us as we welcomed 6,222 animals and increased adoptions 41% over 2015.

As you will read in this newsletter, our WayStation efforts have really taken off. Welcoming transports of 50, 60 sometimes 95+ dogs from overcrowded shelters, and sending off the Zephyr vehicle filled with happy, adoptable dogs to destination shelters continues to bring tears to the eyes of every staff member and volunteer involved in this amazing program. Plus, this program gives back to source communities to help them advance their work.

With our Noah's Ark Campus grand opening in the fall, we now have four active shelter locations and partner with numerous pet supply stores and veterinarians in the area that provide us offsite adoption space throughout Morris, Somerset, Middlesex and Hunterdon Counties. Our presence in local communities has also grown, as we continue to provide services to pets living in poverty and offer humane education programs which work to enhance compassion and the human-animal bond. Last year alone we gave over 60,000 pet meals to families in need and reached over 3,000 children through our variety of educational activities.

Looking to adopt one of the many wonderful dogs, cats, or small animals we have waiting in our shelters? Visit our website to view current adoptable pets. www.sthuberts.org

Warmly,

Heather J. Cammisa, CAWA

P.S. It's kitten season! Have any clean blankets, extra paper towels, or heading to the pet supply store soon? We can use canned kitten food along with specialty items on our wish list such as Snuggle Safe heating pads and KMR (Kitten Milk Replacer). Thank you! Visit our wish list at www.sthuberts.org/wishlist.

Calendar of Events

5K-9 Run/Walk & Pet Fair

Saturday, April 22, 9:30 a.m.
Central Park of Morris County,
Morris Plains

A 5K run and walk for you and your best friend. Also enjoy our vendor fair with earth-friendly shopping, activities, contests and much more! Sign up now by visiting www.sthuberts.org/events.

Ice Cream Socials

Select Summer Evenings
Madison Shelter Courtyard
575 Woodland Ave, Madison

Fun and treats for both you and your dog. Dates will be announced on our website.

Tricky Tray

Saturday, September 23
Doors open at 6 p.m.
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 animals in need.

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/petloss for more information.

For up-to-date, detailed information on all events, visit sthuberts.org or call 973.377.7094.

Shelter News

Check out all of the latest happenings at St. Hubert's!

It was a cold and icy morning in February when **St. Hubert's and People for Animals** arrived at an overwhelmed animal rescue in northern NJ. More than 130 cats were removed and brought to St. Hubert's for initial examinations and vaccinations. St. Hubert's kept 83 of the felines, while People for Animals welcomed 50 cats to their program. Thank you to all of our supporters who generously donated food, supplies and volunteer time to help these felines in need.



(From Left to Right) Pamela from Shelby Humane Society in Alabama, Caitlin from Animal Protective League in Illinois, Jennifer the St. Hubert's Volunteer Manager, and Emi from Helping Hands Humane Society in Kansas.

St. Hubert's is proud to be a part of the **Maddie's Fund Apprenticeship Program**, welcoming animal welfare workers from all over the United States to learn about Volunteer Management and Pet Retention/Hotline. These week-long, hands-on sessions are taught by St. Hubert's professional staff who are eager to teach colleagues about running successful lifesaving programs. With two sessions already completed, it has proven to be a beneficial learning experience for all involved.

In January, St. Hubert's partnered with the ASPCA to host an **Animal Advocacy Meeting** in the Community Room of our Madison shelter. More than 100 members of the community were in attendance to listen to our own Heather Cammisia speak about key issues facing NJ today, including leg hold traps, and ASPCA Government Relations team members discuss Federal efforts to protect horses from cruel slaughter practices. Participants left armed with the information and tools needed to instill change and make their voices heard to legislators. To sign up to be a member of our advocacy team and receive email updates, contact St. Hubert's administration office at 973.377.7094.

Our NJ **"Sister Shelter"** program continues as we offer help to overcrowded shelters around our home state. Our friends at Atlantic County Animal Shelter shared their words of gratitude with us after a recent trip to their shelter. *"Thank you St. Hubert's for taking 40 cats and 13 dogs. You have no idea how much we appreciate your staff and your organization. Our "Sister Shelter" is awesome!"* St. Hubert's is proud to give assistance to our hard-working friends at our Sister Shelters as they work tirelessly to find adoptive homes for the homeless pets who come through their doors.

Our **Noah's Ark Campus** is up and running with the ability to house dogs, cats and a host of small and furry animals in a beautiful, renovated building. We are thrilled to be serving the community and hope you will stop by to visit, we are open 7 days a week. To see a virtual tour of this campus, please visit www.sthuberts.org/noahs-ark.

SPRING WISH LIST

High-Priority Items:

- Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR)
- Canned cat food (ground, no fish)
- Canned kitten food (ground, no fish)
- Canned dog and puppy food
- Soft treats
- Blankets and towels
- Snuggle Safe heating pads
- Financial donations for medical care

Enrichment Items:

- Kongs and peanut butter
- Cat toys
- Hard dog toys and Nylabones
- Feliway Spray
- Chill Pill and aromatherapy oils
- String cheese
- PetSmart, Petco, or PetValu gift cards

Food Bank Items:

- Pedigree or Purina brand dog and cat food (canned and dry)
- Scoopable/clumping kitty litter

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!



Miss Patty

It was 11:30 p.m. on a back road in Kentucky, when Good Samaritans came across a weak, injured dog laying in a ditch. She was brought to one of our WayStation source shelter partners, where staff dubbed her “Miss Patty,” a fitting name for such a sweet young dog of only 8 months. It was evident that she was in immense pain, so staff acted immediately to get her to a veterinarian. She was diagnosed with a broken leg and fractured pelvis. Surgery was performed and a pin was placed into her hip to help the healing process. Miss Patty transferred to St. Hubert’s Noah’s Ark Shelter as part of our WayStation program where she became an instant favorite with staff and volunteers. We were able to continue the special care of her injuries, have her pin removed and she is now in a loving home where she can lounge on the couch and snuggle with her furry siblings.



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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

(Madison Campus) 973.377.2295
Noon – 4 pm Sunday - Tuesday
Noon – 6 pm Wednesday - Saturday

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Luke and Leia are a 12-year-old bonded pair who came to St. Hubert's North Branch shelter when their owner passed away. Thanks to your support, we were able to treat Luke's dental disease and maintain Leia's special dietary needs and get them adopted into a loving home!

Red Collar Society

We have an exclusive club at St. Hubert’s called the Red Collar Society. To be a member, cats must be at least 10 years old and dogs at least 8 years old. These Red Collar pets are in the prime of their life and make great companions. To give them the chance they deserve at finding a new home, St. Hubert’s provides special care as needed, including senior blood work, dental procedures and special diets, which start potential adopters and their Red Collar pet off on the right foot. When you give to the Red Collar Society, you are providing these pets with a new chance at a happy life and the opportunity to live out their golden years in comfort and happiness. Thanks to you, we can welcome animals of all ages and health conditions. To donate, visit sthuberts.org/redcollarsociety.



Griffin

The cat, the transport vehicle, the legend.

Griffin came to us from a local NJ rescue who needed help caring for his special medical needs. During treatment, Griffin quickly became a staff favorite, and

enjoyed spending time at our front desk, greeting visitors, and getting quality time with employees and volunteers alike. Today, Griffin is enjoying a comfortable, happy life in his new home thanks to the care made possible by supporters of our Rocket Fund for emergency medical needs. He even has a kitty brother named Good Guy who was also adopted from St. Hubert’s!

As our Feline Pipeline and WayStation programs continue to ensure transports of felines and canines from overcrowded shelters to areas with an abundance of adoptive homes, we realized the need for another transport vehicle to join The Zephyr on the road. It was an easy decision to name this new vehicle The Griffin, a worthy addition to our lifesaving transport program. Watch out for The Griffin as he hits the road, saving lives one rescue ride at a time.

