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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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Let Her Spirit Fly High

St. Hubert's Sister Shelter WayStation Program, which has moved more than 13,000 dogs since its inception in 2016, welcomes transports of animals weekly from overcrowded, under-resourced shelters in the south and sends them to organizations in the northeast for adoption. On Sunday, January 12, a very special transport touched down at Morristown Airport thanks to Wings of Rescue, the ASPCA and GreaterGood. Dedicated to Julia Rae Wells, the late daughter of St. Hubert's VP of Operations Becky Burton, this flight brought 55 homeless dogs from Louisiana and Mississippi to start life anew. This lifesaving transport was especially meaningful as Becky's family and friends gathered to remember Julia while greeting a special group of canines in her memory. Julia passed away in a car accident this past October, leaving behind a legacy of love and compassion. At a very young age, animal welfare became a way of life for Julia. She spent countless hours with her mother fostering animals and providing nurturing care for sick and vulnerable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. She also regularly joined Becky at St. Hubert's volunteering her time with the animals and lending a hand wherever needed. Julia's spirit will forever live on in the animals at St. Hubert's and in the hearts of all who loved her.



Lila was one of the 55 dogs who arrived at St. Hubert's in memory of Julia.

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

In this edition of Humane News, we showcase the diversity of life saving services provided to thousands of animals at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center each year. This includes the hundreds of kittens who spend time in loving foster homes, our successful rescue of 84 roosters from a cockfighting operation, and the homeless cats and dogs we welcomed after the devastating earthquakes in Puerto Rico. It's already been a year of life saving wins for our animals, and none of this would be possible without your support.



Lisa LaFontaine

Following St. Hubert's merger with Humane Rescue Alliance last July, I've been focused on expanding our programs to maximize our impact in the communities we serve. Tackling big challenges requires a great leadership team. It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to St. Hubert's new Chief Operating Officer Michelle Thevenin. Joining the team this past November, Michelle brings years of experience in animal welfare and non-profit leadership. Having run both a well-resourced destination shelter, the Monadnock Humane Society in New Hampshire, and an overwhelmed source shelter, Humane Society of Greater Savannah in Georgia, her experience with diverse organizations and her experience on both sides of the WayStation transport equation gives her a great perspective on how to work towards our goal of ending the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals in the United States. Her drive to further the mission of St. Hubert's and her passion for helping both animals and pet families in need make her a welcomed addition to the team.

When Michelle is not busy here at St. Hubert's, she is enjoying hikes in the Morristown area with her three dogs, and time spent snuggling with her 17-year-old cat.

We hope to see you soon at one of our shelters. Whether you're visiting our adoptable animals, dropping off pet food donations, or joining us for a training class, we are always happy to see you and we are deeply grateful to you for your support!

All my best,

Lisa LaFontaine
President and Chief Executive Officer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kids' Critter Camp & Youth Advocacy Experience

Week-long summer sessions
St. Hubert's Community Room,
Madison, NJ

Critter Camp

June 29 – July 3: (Level 1 – upcoming 3rd and 4th graders)

July 6 – 10: (Level 2 – upcoming 5th and 6th graders)

July 13 – 17: (Level 1)

July 20 – 24: (Level 2)

Youth Advocacy

Aug. 3 – 7: (upcoming 7th and 8th graders)

Aug. 24 – 28: (upcoming 9th and 10th graders)

CATCH Canine Trainers Academy

Level 2 Workshop: A Week of Working Behavior Cases

October 5 – 9

St. Hubert's Community Room,
Madison, NJ

This workshop is ideal for dog lovers and industry pros who want a deep dive into behavior cases. Get hands-on experience taking the topics taught in our other two workshops and applying them at a more advanced level. To learn more, visit sthuberts.org/catch-dog-training or contact CATCH directly at 877.752.2824 or studentsupport@catchdogtrainers.com.

Paint Your Pet Party with Jody

May 15 at 6:30 p.m., May 16 at 5:00 p.m. and more dates TBD

St. Hubert's Training & Behavior Center, Ring 3, Madison, NJ

Join artist Jody Whitsell to create a beautiful painting of your pet! You do not need to have any special artistic talent. Jody will help you paint a beautiful, colorful, frame-worthy painting of your pet. Fee includes all materials, 3 hours with Jody, and your completed 16x20 painting. Visit sthuberts.org/paint-your-pet-party to register!

Foster to Save a Life

With summer around the corner, St. Hubert's is in need of volunteer foster caregivers to provide a home and daily TLC to young kittens as they grow old enough for adoption. We welcome hundreds of kittens into our shelters over the warm months and depend on foster homes to be able to save as many lives as possible.

Adele Cockrill, one of St. Hubert's dedicated foster parents, has been volunteering with us for three years and has fostered more than 85 kittens, cats, puppies and dogs. "I was initially inspired by a Facebook post from a friend of mine that was fostering puppies. From there, I became aware of so many wonderful pets that needed love, care and a temporary home. At that point it became very clear, the timing to save some lives was just right. My three kids were at a great age, so I had a little more time on my hands. Once I learned about the excellent work St. Hubert's does and had the experience of the wonderful staff and volunteers upon my visit, I knew that St. Hubert's was the perfect fit."

Not only does fostering help save the life of the animal, it is one of the most enriching and meaningful of our volunteer opportunities. "Fostering has been and continues to be an amazing experience. I was blessed with an added purpose in life – to get shelter pets ready for a family that loves them as much as I do. The past three years of fostering have been an enriching and rewarding experience for the rest of my family as well. My children have learned what it means to contribute and have fun participating in their care."

Along with kittens, St. Hubert's also has opportunities to foster adult cats, dogs and puppies. We provide all supplies and training needed to be a successful foster parent. If you're looking to make a difference in the life of an animal, visit sthuberts.org/foster-a-pet to learn more and fill out an application. We hope to see you soon as part of our lifesaving volunteer foster team!



Calling all Youth Animal Lovers!

St. Hubert's is now accepting registrations for this summer's week-long camp sessions! Both Critter Camp and our Youth Advocacy Experience are designed to educate and inspire our youth to practice a lifestyle of compassion, respect and responsibility through the humane treatment of animals.

Each fun-filled day in Critter Camp is packed with a wide variety of activities to engage upcoming 3rd – 6th grade campers! Each day will consist of interactive lessons on a wide variety of animal welfare topics and visits from St. Hubert's professional staff and animal experts from other organizations who will share their vast array of knowledge on the specifics of animal sheltering. Campers will also have the opportunity to observe our adoptable animals on an educational tour of our shelter and participate in games and crafts.

Our Youth Advocacy Experience is for children in grades 7 – 10 who are interested in learning about and advocating for animals. Children are introduced to all aspects of animal welfare, including sheltering, farm animal advocacy, animal legislation and plant-based eating. This educational program will allow students to learn how to become the voice for animals.

Join us for an experience you are sure to never forget! Visit sthuberts.org/youth-camps to register.



Pet Behavior Corner

ST. HUBERT'S DIRECTOR OF TRAINING AND BEHAVIOR, ADRIENNE CARSON, ANSWERS COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT PET BEHAVIORS.

"Is there hope for my fearful dog?"

All dogs are different – some are outgoing, and some may see everyday situations as scary. Fortunately, you can help your dog feel better about the big bad world.

Start by identifying the things that scare your dog. Is it certain people? Busy locations? Next, figure out how to "soften" these situations to make them more bearable. For example, if a dog is afraid of being greeted by someone, instruct them not bend, reach or stare at your dog. Teach guests to avoid eye contact, turn to the side or even ignore your dog when they arrive. In situations where you can't modify the scary thing, you can modify the distance from it. Getting your dog comfortable walking down a busy street may start by walking down nearby quieter streets while focusing on easy training tasks to build confidence.

Fearful dogs can enjoy group activities designed to move at their own pace. Check out our Fearful Friends classes at www.sthuberts.org or call 973-377-0116 to find out more.

Shelter News



St. Hubert's field services team recently assisted in the rescue of 84 roosters and chickens from a suspected training and cockfighting operation in Paterson, New Jersey. The birds were removed and received evaluations and medical treatment upon arrival at our Madison shelter. Our staff jumped into action to ready our emergency sheltering space for this large group of birds and quickly learned how to handle and care for these fragile creatures. We are happy to report we've found new homes for all of the roosters thanks to local adopters and exploring rehoming options in partnership with trusted shelters in areas with an abundance of surrounding farmlands. St. Hubert's was honored to be asked for assistance by the Paterson Police Department and Paterson Chief Animal Control Officer who took swift action in this case.



Following the devastating earthquakes in Puerto Rico, St. Hubert's was able to offer assistance by welcoming 40 homeless dogs and cats from overwhelmed shelters on the island. By taking these precious animals, we are helping to lighten the load for shelter workers in areas most affected by the recent disaster. When responding to emergency situations like this, we never disrupt regularly scheduled local and distance rescues, and count on our WayStation partner shelters in NJ and up the northeast to each help by taking in a small group of animals so that no one shelter is burdened. We find that when shelters work together during disaster situations, we can make a significant impact in the lives of animals in great need.

ST. HUBERT'S ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER

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ADOPTIONS 7 DAYS A WEEK

Madison, Ledgewood
and North Branch
Noon – 4 pm
Sunday - Tuesday

Noon – 6 pm
Wednesday - Saturday

BUDDY'S BOUTIQUE GIFT SHOP

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

Noon – 6 pm
Wednesday - Saturday

Remembering Barbara Irwin, a friend to all animals

St. Hubert's mourns the passing in December of respected and much-loved Trustee Emeritus Barbara Ridder Irwin of New Vernon, NJ. "Barby's" 98 years were full of joy, adventure and a deep commitment to causes close to her heart. She deeply loved her family, her community and all creatures great and small. Well known and oft honored for her expertise in training and showing her award-winning Collies and Papillons, she was also a tireless champion for animals of every kind, especially homeless dogs and cats. St. Hubert's will always be grateful for her support of our programs and services, including the donation of an examination room and our training/behavior wing named in her honor. Her strong spirit and innate kindness to people and animals will be sorely missed.

