

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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St. Hubert's Partners with Puerto Rico Animal Unite to Keep Pet Families Together

During St. Hubert's initial response to Hurricane Maria, we mobilized our Sister Shelter WayStation Program, enabling 786 dogs and cats from devastated animal shelters in Puerto Rico to be welcomed to St. Hubert's and our partners throughout the Northeast for adoption. That was just the beginning and we pledged at that time to "be there" for the pets of Puerto Rico for the long haul.

Many Puerto Rico residents lost everything and out of necessity had to start over here on the mainland. With limited resources and logistical impediments they were forced to leave their pets in the care of others, afraid that they might never find a way to get them here. Others who need to relocate have been postponing doing so because they would not leave their animal family members behind.

Happily, due to the creation of Puerto Rico Animal Unite, the barriers have been removed and reunification of pets and people is in progress. Together with an incredible team of veterinarians, technicians and hands-on rescuers on the ground in Puerto Rico, pets are being airlifted monthly to the mainland to rejoin their families who relocated here following the devastation. Due to our expertise in effective long distance transport, together with our WayStation network already in place, St. Hubert's was asked to serve as the mainland coordinator assisting with airlift preparation, welcoming the arriving pets and ensuring that all are safely and joyfully reunited with their people around the country. The goal is to make relocated families whole again by reuniting 1,000 animals over 6 months.

Generous foundation support to Puerto Rico Animal Unite is assisting with preparing the dogs and cats for travel and covering the cost of the airlifts. St. Hubert's then takes over once the animals have reached the mainland, and our team hits the road delivering pets to their owners throughout the country. This work is being done without interruption to the programs and services St. Hubert's provides on a daily basis. We would like to extend a big thank you to our supporters who allow us to help animals when they need it most. Families belong together, and we're helping make that happen for Puerto Rico pet parents now calling the mainland home.



When Gia reunited with her 14-year-old dog, Nina, there wasn't a dry eye in the room.

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Spring is in the air at St. Hubert's as we work to expand our lifesaving reach to benefit animals in need throughout New Jersey and beyond.



Since our last newsletter, which detailed our Hurricane Harvey relief efforts and touched upon our role in preparation for Hurricane Irma, St. Hubert's disaster response program has grown to include our work to aid Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. I'd like to extend a special thank you to our friends at the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association (NJVMA) who put a call out to its membership, resulting in 25 veterinarians and their technicians putting in more than 162 volunteer hours performing physical examinations and providing veterinary care to the hundreds of animals who arrived at our Madison Shelter in the weeks following the hurricane. And now, we continue to assist Puerto Rico by partnering with Puerto Rico Animal Unite. I had the honor of traveling to San Juan in February to help with the logistics of the transports and spend time with those working tirelessly to reunite pets with their loving owners. It is an experience I will never forget.

St. Hubert's is deeply appreciative of the generosity shown by our community of supporters throughout our hurricane relief efforts, allowing us to continue our regularly scheduled programs and rescues on top of aiding animals and people who have lost everything.

As always, thank you for your support.

Warmly,

Heather J. Cammisa, CAWA

P.S. St. Hubert's has taken steps to grow our community outreach programs to help pet families in need and promote Trap Neuter Return efforts to humanely manage the population of community cats throughout NJ. Read more about our efforts in the Shelter News Section.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kids' Critter Camp

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

Our popular Kids' Critter Camp is accepting registrations for children entering grades 2-4 and 4-6. Children who love animals will enjoy learning about a number of animal species and the role of the animal shelter. Camp is designed to educate and inspire our youth to practice a lifestyle of compassion and respect. Visit sthuberts.org/crittercamp to register.

CATCH Canine Trainers Academy

Week-long sessions
June 18-22 & August 13-17
St. Hubert's Community Room

Register for a one-week session of learning the dog training skills that professionals use. For dog lovers and anyone that works in the dog industry who wants a hands-on approach to learning positive reinforcement training techniques.

To learn more, visit sthuberts.org or contact CATCH directly at **877.752.2824** or studentsupport@catchdogtrainers.com

Pet Loss Support Group

First Tuesday of each month
from 7:30-9:00pm
Third Sunday of each month
from 11:00am-12:30pm
St. Hubert's Community Room

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**.

St. Hubert's Angels

TAKE FLIGHT!

Become a St. Hubert's Angel

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.

Shelter News



In February, St. Hubert's partnered for the 5th consecutive year with *Daytop New Jersey*, a recovery center for teens struggling with addiction, to host the Teen Animal Welfare Enrichment Program at our Madison Campus. The major component of the 20-hour course is a daily training session with dogs awaiting adoption in the shelter, designed and led by the Center's certified dog trainers. Teens are paired up with a shelter dog, creating a mutually beneficial relationship throughout the week as the students learn positive training techniques and responsibility, and the dogs receive additional socialization and training which helps them get adopted. Classroom time with presentations and open discussions on animal welfare topics, and volunteer activities to benefit homeless animals and pet families in need round out the course.

St. Hubert's *Community Outreach Programs* continue to grow, as we expand our reach to areas in need of affordable pet services. Throughout 2018, St. Hubert's will have a strong presence in the Paterson community, holding multiple free vaccine clinics as well as providing ongoing support to pet families who need supplies and services to care for their beloved pets. St. Hubert's goal is to keep dogs, cats and small animals in the loving homes they already have by being a support system to families in need.



With warm weather comes an influx of kittens entering shelters. St. Hubert's goal is to end the euthanasia of healthy and treatable cats in New Jersey, and one way of accomplishing this is *Trap Neuter Return (TNR)* for outdoor community cats. We have been working to promote TNR in New Jersey communities where the outdoor cat population is growing, causing the birth of unwanted litters. St. Hubert's has partnered with People For Animals (PFA) to support TNR in the rural areas of Cumberland County where feline intake overwhelms the shelters. TNR immediately reduces outdoor cat populations by removing kittens and social adults for adoption programs and returns cats who can't be socialized to caregivers after they are vaccinated and spayed or neutered.

Pet Behavior Corner

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

"How do I get my dog under control? He's pulling my arm out of my socket whenever we go on walks!"

Spring has sprung. What does this have to do with dog training, you say? "MORE WALKS!" says Fido! What does "MORE WALKS!" mean to your dog? More stimuli, of course! "Stimuli" means all of the things that get dogs excited, including people, other dogs, squirrels, bikes, kids playing, etc. If it's outside and it's moving, it's interesting for your dog.

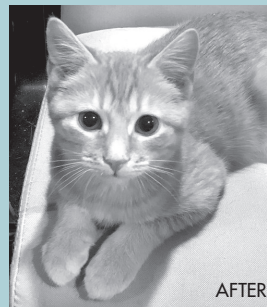
During spring, one of the most common calls dog trainers receive has to do with dogs becoming over-

excited on walks when they see all of these fun things that have been "hiding" for the winter. The key is to go back to basics and practice your dog's training skills so you can tell him what to do instead of pulling, chasing, running, and vocalizing. Remember to practice at home so the training is fresh in your dog's mind, and start bringing tasty little treats on walks so you can reward your dog for the "right" things. Focus on rewarding your dog with treats for looking at you, then build in those lovely "sit" and "down" behaviors so your dog remembers what he's supposed to do. Remember, practice is important, so make sure your dog is practicing the behaviors you want so you can tell him how wonderful he's doing.

If you're trying these things and still having trouble, sign up for a refresher course to get back on track. For more information on St. Hubert's Training and Behavior classes, visit sthuberts.org or call 973.377. 0116.

Toby the Tenacious

One day, a small orange kitten was found lying helpless inside of a dumpster. He had been discovered, at the age of 5 weeks, alone, immobile and in need of immediate medical attention. Upon his arrival, St. Hubert's staff jumped into action to make him as comfortable as possible. He was diagnosed with a spinal cord injury which made him unable to use his legs properly. One of our staff members became his devoted foster parent, naming him Toby. It was soon clear that this small yet tenacious kitten was a fighter and wanted to live. With regular physical therapy and acupuncture treatments, Toby started to gain strength in his legs, making great progress with each passing day. After months of therapy and specialized care, Toby can now walk normally and has been adopted by a loving family who spoils him on a daily basis. To consider a gift to our Rocket Fund for emergency medical care to help more animals like Toby, visit sthuberts.org/rocketfund.



WayStation Nation

St. Hubert's Sister Shelter WayStation Program is on the move, transporting canines from shelters in parts of the country that are



struggling with space and resources, to shelters in the Northeast that have the capacity to welcome dogs into their adoption program. This program is comprised of 32 source shelters and 32 destination shelters, forming a network of partners that work together to save lives. St. Hubert's acts as the hub, coordinating the transports and welcoming the dogs for a rest period before they make the final leg of their journey. There is also a Give Back component to this program which sends back funds to the source shelter for community spay/neuter, helping to solve the root cause of the overpopulation problem. Since the program's inception in 2016, we have transported more than 6,000 dogs from areas of need to areas of opportunity and sent back more than \$150,000 in "hands-up" funding to source shelters. To learn more, visit sthuberts.org/waystation.



16 Dogs Welcomed from Overwhelmed Caretaker

St. Hubert's received a call in January from friends at New Jersey Humane Society asking for assistance with a case in Hudson County where an overwhelmed caretaker was housing a large number of dogs, more than could be provided proper care and attention. The next morning staff headed out in St. Hubert's transport vehicle, The Griffin, and returned with 16 little dogs who were welcomed into our care, including a mom and two newborn puppies. That day and in the days to follow, staff provided physical exams and vaccines while volunteer groomers from the area graciously donated their time to clean and "fluff" up these adorable dogs. All have since found wonderful families and are enjoying life to the fullest. St. Hubert's is able to answer the call and provide assistance in urgent situations thanks to the generosity of our 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
10 am – 8 pm Monday - Saturday
11 am – 5 pm Sunday

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Noon – 4 pm Sunday - Tuesday
Noon – 6 pm Wednesday - Saturday

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