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Our Mission

St. Hubert's Giralda 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 Welcomes New Transport Vehicle—the Zephyr

St. Hubert's has a long history of partnering with fellow shelters to maximize adoption opportunities for homeless pets. And on the evening of June 4, the staff and volunteers at St. Hubert's were lined up outside the Madison shelter with a welcome banner, eagerly anticipating an arrival that would significantly increase our ability to help pets both regionally and across the nation. Once the Zephyr pulled into the driveway, and we welcomed its first transport passengers—dogs from the Humane Society of Parkersburg in West Virginia—we marked an exciting new chapter in our life-saving transport efforts.

The Zephyr, our new 26-foot custom-designed transport vehicle, was designed by La Boit Specialty Vehicles in Gahanna, Ohio, and named after a beloved senior Beagle mix who quickly gained friends (and near-celebrity status) when he arrived at our Madison shelter in 2011.

This new vehicle allows us to maximize our life-saving programs and adoption opportunities for animals in need. With space for 30-80 pets to travel in climate-controlled comfort, the Zephyr lets us partner with shelters not only regionally, but also through long-distance transfers so that pets can relocate to shelters where they have a greater chance of being adopted. When our sister shelter, Cumberland County SPCA, reached out for help due to an overcrowded cattery, we deployed the Zephyr and brought back 77 kittens—our largest transport yet.

The Zephyr will also serve in disaster relief efforts, ready to respond quickly to both local emergencies and those at a distance. The St. Hubert's Go Team, a skilled group of handlers who are deployed to respond to animal emergencies, will be deployed with the Zephyr to assist pets who have been displaced from their homes and provide comfort and support to pets and pet parents alike.

The Zephyr is an exciting new component of our outreach program, enabling us to form stronger and more frequent partnerships with fellow shelters, expand our reach, and help more pets find their new homes. We are accomplishing great things thanks to the Zephyr—and your help makes it possible! To learn about sponsoring a transport, please call 973-377-7094.

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Letter from the President

Friends,

What a year 2015 has been so far! I'm excited to share the many new developments from the past few months with you.

The new catteries in Madison and North Branch are open, providing beautiful, enriching spaces for felines and visitors looking for matches, and the new small animal adoption suite in Madison includes a room that gives our little friends a place to run, hop and socialize.



We're still working on the renovation of the Noah's Ark campus and are thrilled to be given the "Everyday Adoption Center" space inside the PetSmart in Mount Olive. What better place for animals that need loving homes than in front of pet parents picking up food, supplies and toys for their pets? The location, right by the Noah's Ark campus, will enable us to offer adoption opportunities in addition to our community outreach efforts already running in the area.

Our front page article celebrates an especially meaningful expansion: our new transport vehicle, The Zephyr. Named after our beloved senior beagle mix who became a St. Hubert's legend, the Zephyr is a testament to our commitment to helping homeless animals from overcrowded areas and increasing our level of partnership with source shelters.

It is a joy to share this news with you, and I thank you for your continued caring and support. Please visit us in person, and keep up with us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. We want you to see the wonderful work that you make possible.

Warmly,

Heather J. Cammisa, CAWA

P.S. We have new corporate sponsorships available and program naming opportunities. Know someone who wants to be the Enrichment sponsor? The Food Pantry sponsor? The Humane Education sponsor? Please be in touch! *Thank you.*

Hope for Elvis

Here at St. Hubert's, we welcome dogs of all shapes, sizes, ages, and breeds to our adoption centers. This past summer, one of our Sister Shelters, Cumberland County SPCA, reached out to us about Elvis, a six-year-old hound mix, who was found in urgent need of food and veterinary care near their Vineland shelter.

Of course, St. Hubert's agreed to come get Elvis. At first sight, not only was he severely underweight and suffering from a double ear infection, but he was also missing 80% of his hair and clearly suffering from a painful skin disease. Elvis was immediately put on a host of medications to treat his ailments, along with a soothing bath schedule to calm his skin.

Elvis is currently recovering and getting healthier day-by-day with one of our volunteer foster families. On a recent veterinary visit, we sadly discovered from x-rays that Elvis had been shot with shotgun pellets. It's clear that this special dog has been through a great deal in his life but has never complained—only showing love and gratitude for his caregivers.

To learn more about our Rocket Fund for emergency medical care, and how to help animals like Elvis, visit sthuberts.org/aboutrocketfund.



Shelter News

Hello and happy fall! It is time to catch up on all the good things happening at St. Hubert's.

In August, we were thrilled to welcome representatives from Facebook, the Ad Council, and the Humane Society of the United States to launch the Shelter Pet Project's **Local Legends** campaign, an effort to recognize and promote the unique and impressive qualities of shelter pets to help find them their new families. Keep an eye out for our own **Local Legends** in your Facebook feed!

We are pleased to announce that **Todd Cramer, CAWA**, has joined the team here at St. Hubert's. Formerly the Senior Program Manager, Adoptions, at PetSmart Charities, Todd has assumed the role of Senior Vice President of Community Engagement and Chief of Staff at St. Hubert's. In

this position, Todd manages the St. Hubert's programs that involve and engage the community, while also supporting and coaching our staff and volunteers to ensure that our organization fulfills its mission and provides high-quality services addressing the needs of animals, people, and the community at large.

St. Hubert's is proud to announce that Camden County Animal Shelter is our newest Sister Shelter partner. Working closely with our Sister Shelters, we commit to routine canine and feline intake, along with providing training and behavior sessions, enrichment packages, funding for low-cost spay/neuter programs and ongoing support as needed.



Calendar of Events

5K9 Run & Walk

Saturday, October 17, 9:30 am

**Central Park of Morris County
91 Central Avenue, Morris Plains**

A 5K run and walk for you and your best friend to benefit St. Hubert's.

Wine Tasting

Thursday, November 5, 6:00-9:00 pm

Morris Museum

6 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown

A fun and elegant wine tasting to benefit St. Hubert's.

Santa Paws

Sunday, November 8, 6:00-9:00 pm

The Mall at Short Hills

1200 Morris Turnpike, Short Hills

Bring your dog to meet Santa and get a professional photo taken.

Tree of Love

Wednesday, December 9, 5:00-7:00 pm

St. Hubert's Community Room

575 Woodland Avenue, Madison

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

Pet Loss Support Group

**First Tuesday and Third Wednesday
of each month, 7:30 to 9:00 pm**

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.**

Volunteer Spotlight: Bruce Franz



Bruce Franz, a 16-year-old Northern Burlington County Regional High School student from Springfield, NJ, started his volunteer career this past summer when he spent 5 weeks delving into all aspects of animal welfare. From assisting with a transport of 66 cats to our sister shelter in New England, to helping with behavior evaluations at the ASPCA® Behavioral Rehabilitation Center at St. Hubert's and launching a virtual portal for volunteers to sign-in and track their hours more efficiently, Bruce's youthful enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge has inspired all those around him. He hopes to continue in the animal welfare field by mixing his love for animals with his skills in photography and videography. His biggest lesson was learning just how important the human-animal bond is and how it can change lives.

Want to learn more about volunteering? Call 973.514.5920 or visit sthuberts.org/volunteer for more info.



Home Sweet Home

Puppies, kittens and small dogs fly out our doors. Happily, we celebrate these adoption stories, too:



Magnum was found as a stray near our North Branch shelter. We hoped that this sweet ten-year-old Lab Mix would find his owner, but when nobody came forward to claim him, Magnum entered our adoption program. In early August, a kind-hearted woman named Jenifer came into the shelter looking to find a new canine addition for her family. She fell in love and ended up adopting him that day. He is doing wonderfully and Jenifer tells us, "He is amazing. I'm completely in love with him and I'm sure it's mutual. I don't have words for how much he's already enriched my life."

Jersey Girl, a five-year-old Pit Bull mix, found herself at our Madison shelter this summer when her owner experienced landlord issues and was unable to keep her. Jersey Girl quickly became a staff favorite with her fun-loving personality. A few weeks later, the Kaytovich family came in to adopt a dog. After meeting with Jersey Girl and seeing how great she was with the children, they welcomed Jersey Girl into their home. The family reports that "she has gotten fully acclimated within a week or two and is another member of our family. We all love and spoil her every day."



Zoey, a senior tabby, came to our North Branch shelter when her owner became ill and was unable to care for her. With her adorable face and mild-mannered ways, Zoey made friends with everyone she met. On a special summer day, Valerie saw our Facebook post about Zoey and answered our call to find this feline a loving home. The next day Valerie came in and adopted Zoey, and she is doing great with her new family. "Zoey is such a love. By the second day she was sitting next to me in my chair and talking and chirping and rubbing all over my legs."

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/angels.



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ADOPTIONS 7 DAYS A WEEK

Sunday–Tuesday, Noon to 4 pm
Wednesday–Saturday, Noon to 6 pm

BUDDY'S BOUTIQUE GIFT SHOP

(Madison Campus)
Sunday–Tuesday, Noon to 4 pm
Wednesday–Saturday, Noon to 6 pm

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