

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 Responds to Hurricanes Harvey & Irma

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, St. Hubert's mobilized its Sister Shelter WayStation program, welcoming the first flight of animals out of devastated Texas areas to the Northeast. On the night of August 29, St. Hubert's staff along with several of our destination shelter partners, eagerly awaited the first plane full of animals at the Morristown Municipal Airport. We applauded, in tears, as the flight safely landed and rolled into the hanger with 60 beautiful dogs on board, including Rosco, the first pup to step foot off the plane and be welcomed with open arms by St. Hubert's President/CEO, Heather Cammisa.

The dogs flown to New Jersey on this lifesaving transport were already homeless in shelters prior to the storm. By taking these canines, we helped Texas shelters make room for pets displaced by the hurricane. Once the dogs unloaded the plane, they were split among St. Hubert's and our partner shelters, each ready to get a good night's sleep and start life anew.

Our outreach continued to Irma impacted communities in Florida and South Carolina. St. Hubert's is proud to be a part of a national network of designated emergency placement partners with national organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the ASPCA and is called upon in response to natural and man-made emergencies to accept animals and/or deploy experienced staff to sites around the country.

We received an overwhelming response from our generous supporters near and far. Our phones and lobbies were flooded with people looking to adopt, foster and donate supplies and funds to continue our relief work. We are deeply grateful to those who contributed to our efforts, allowing us to help as many animals as possible.

The power of St. Hubert's WayStation is there every week for overcrowded shelters in the south and for communities near and far in times of crisis. To learn more about our efforts and for up-to-date information, visit sthuberts.org/blog.





Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

As we enter into the season of giving, I can't help but think about our devoted and trusted supporters who have helped St. Hubert's further our mission to save lives and give animals in need a chance at a happy life.

The Hurricane response and poodle rescue are examples of how our community of caring stepped up to the plate when funding was needed most. With this support, we were able to give these animals the care they needed.

Giving comes in many forms, and at St. Hubert's we are dedicated to giving back to our community by serving local youth and teaching lessons of compassion that ultimately strengthen the human-animal bond. Our Humane Education programs reach over 3,000 children per year through our summer Kids' Critter Camp, year-round school visits and programs for at-risk youth. We are continuing our partnership for the fourth year with DayTop NJ, a residential and out-patient facility for adolescents struggling with substance abuse and behavioral issues, for our Teen Animal Welfare Enrichment Program. This week-long workshop aims to help transform these teens into compassionate, motivated, adults by way of learning positive dog training techniques, bonding with their "project" shelter dog and giving back to the community by participating in our Pet Food Bank program.

The canine WayStation, a program that holds a deep meaning for me, our staff and all involved, also gives back by supporting source shelters in need. Our Hands-Up components are many. As just an example, we have given back more than \$90,000 to source shelters to address the root cause of the problem by supporting low cost spay/neuter for the public in the source community. This program is constantly growing and exceeding lifesaving goals. We currently have a network of 58 source and destination shelters who handle 156,702 animals per year.

We can accomplish so much more together than we ever could apart.

Thank you for your compassion and caring.

Warmly,

Heather J. Cammisa, CAWA

P.S. Check out the article about one of my favorite kittens, Cornflake, on page 4. This strong and mighty tabby has stolen my heart and the hearts of all who know her, and I'm sure she will do the same for you. Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Santa Paws

Sunday, November 12, 6-9pm

The Mall at Short Hills

Bring your dog to meet Santa and get a professional photo taken. Proceeds benefit the homeless animals of St. Hubert's.

Fall Wine Tasting Event

Date and location will be announced soon!

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 28,

All Day Long

Join the movement and earmark Tuesday, November 28th as the day to give a gift to your favorite charity – St. Hubert's!

Cat Tea

Sunday, February 11, 2-4pm

St. Hubert's Madison Shelter

Celebrate your love of cats with fellow feline fanciers while enjoying delicious food, drink and a presentation on exciting kitty updates.

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 for more information.

Shelter News

St. Hubert's Sister Shelter WayStation Initiative has grown leaps and bounds, surpassing our year one goal of lifesaving. This program, which moves dogs from overcrowded shelters from southern parts of the country to shelters in New Jersey and New England with the



capacity to help, has been an efficient, strategic hub-and-spoke transport system through which over 4,000 dogs and puppies have already been saved since August of 2016. This initiative has gone international and we welcome the Toronto Humane Society to the network. To learn more about the WayStation and how to help, visit sthuberts.org or call 973.377.7094.

Thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities, St. Hubert's will host a Fix 'Em Fridays event every Friday in October with the goal of spay/neutering 80 free-roaming community cats before the start of winter, for a total of 250 altered Trap Neuter Return (TNR) felines in 2017 through the program. This event is open to any person caring for outdoor community cats. Services include spay/neuter, vaccines, a microchip and ear tip, free of charge. Fix 'Em Fridays is part of a large-scale effort by St. Hubert's to eliminate the euthanasia of healthy, treatable cats throughout New Jersey. Know someone feeding a homeless, free-roaming cat? Call 973-377-2295 for more info and to schedule an appointment.



Meet Our Staff



Sam has sixteen years of experience in shelter medicine nursing. When the most needy, ill, mal-nourished or injured kittens come through our doors, the team looks for Sam right away. She provides round-the-clock love and care to those who need it most, like Cornflake, giving the most fragile kittens a chance at life. Having worked at St. Hubert's for two years, Sam feels she's found her 'home' and created #TeamCornflake to raise funds for the special medical animals she is able to save by working here. Thank you for your dedication Sam!

Pet Behavior Corner

St. Hubert's Pet Retention Specialist, Tara Sannucci, answers common questions about cat behaviors.

My cat has started going to the bathroom outside of the litterbox, and I'm not sure why. How can I get him to start using the litterbox again?

There are a few common reasons cats start avoiding the litterbox. Have you changed the type of litter or litterbox he is used to? Cats often prefer a certain type of litter-clumping, non-clumping, scented or unscented. As for the size of the litter box, it should be at least one and a half times the length of your cat- giving him room to turn around, dig and bury. If you have a young kitten or older cat, make sure he can easily get into the litterbox. When the sides are too high, it can be difficult for them to get inside of it. Has the location of the litterbox changed? A sudden change in location can surprise and confuse your cat. Try to keep the litterbox in a place that is socially significant to both you and your cat, not tucked away in a dark corner which can make your cat feel unsafe or trapped. Remember, cats WANT to use the litterbox, and if they aren't, it is just as stressful for them as it is for you. If addressing or making any of these changes still does not solve the problem, please call our helpline at 973.377.2253 and make an appointment for your cat to be seen by your veterinarian to rule out an underlying medical condition



Oodles of Precious Poodles

Earlier this year St. Hubert's responded to a call from New Jersey Humane Society in West New York regarding 25 poodles found in deplorable conditions and in need of urgent care. Staff immediately sprang into action, stocking our transport vehicle, The Zephyr, full of supplies and preparing kennel runs at our Madison Shelter for their arrival. The poodles were nervous, but friendly. Many needed to be shaved instantly to relieve pain, have dental procedures to clean and extract decaying teeth and be treated for ear infections and urine burn. With the help of volunteer groomers and veterinary professionals, we were able to free them from the severely matted fur that encased them and ready them for life anew. Just a few days after their rescue, many of the poodles were placed for adoption and found loving homes.

We quickly realized that one of the precious poodles was pregnant upon arriving at St. Hubert's. A dedicated foster volunteer welcomed mom Violet into her home and 4 healthy poodle puppies were born. All have been adopted and will know nothing but love for years to come.

Sweetie, now known as Sodapop, is enjoying his new life with mom Sandra. "Adopting Sodapop has made our family complete. We love him so much and can't picture our lives without him!" We are so happy to have facilitated these transformations and see these deserving poodles live a life free of pain and fear.

St. Hubert's community of supporters are the reason we are able to respond to large-scale rescues at a moment's notice. We know that friends like you will step up, allowing us to help animals when they need it most.

#TEAMCORNFLAKE

Meet Cornflake, a special needs kitten who has beaten all the odds. This adorable baby came to us from one of our NJ Sister Shelters earlier this year. Upon arrival we knew she needed medical attention and our staff took immediate action. She was lethargic, had a severe Upper Respiratory Infection and a double eye infection. We quickly noticed she wasn't as coordinated as other kittens her age. One of our medical team staff members quickly fell in love with this fragile little kitten, dubbed her Cornflake and became her dedicated foster mom. Our veterinarian diagnosed her with Congenital Hypothyroidism, a condition that most kittens her age do not survive. An effective treatment plan and a lot of love has helped her start growing at a normal rate and feel like a healthy, young kitten. With your generous support we can continue to welcome animals like Cornflake, in need of extra special medical attention, and give them the best possible opportunity for a long, happy life. Thank you for caring! Visit sthuberts.org/cornflake to view updates on her progress and to join #TEAMCORNFLAKE.



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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

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

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