

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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WayStation Nation: Ending the Euthanasia of Healthy, Adoptable Dogs in the United States

As we approach the two-year anniversary of St. Hubert's Sister Shelter WayStation Program, we are proud to share that more than 7,200 dogs and puppies have been moved from source shelters lacking space and resources to destination shelters with capacity and plenty of potential adopters. With St. Hubert's as the hub, this lifesaving network consists of 70+ shelter partners working together to solve the root cause of pet overpopulation. The "Give Back" component of the WayStation has sent back more than \$180,000 to source shelters to promote the spay/neuter of community pets.



Jessie is one of the 7,200+ dogs to have been moved on a lifesaving WayStation transport.

With our program successfully functioning on the East Coast, we have started promoting the replication of this lifesaving model by mentoring shelters in the Midwest and West Coast to become hubs, organizing the effort in their part of the country. This month, as part of the Maddie's Fund Apprenticeship Program, we welcome staff from shelters in areas of the country in the perfect position to become a WayStation hub. Our transport team will teach them the ins and outs of how to organize transports efficiently and safely, saving as many lives as possible in the process.

Having source and destination shelters all working together under the same set of guidelines, and lending a "hands up" to source shelters, will ultimately lead to the end of the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable animals in the United States. To learn more about our Sister Shelter WayStation Program, visit sthubert.org/waystation.



Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

Even as you embark on summer vacations and enjoy time together with your beloved family members (furry included), I know you'll be thinking about those animals not as fortunate as yours and the many ways you can help. To me, this issue of Humane News is about empowering animal lovers to make an impact and directly change the lives of pets in need.

Have you ever considered volunteering your time to help animals? We are always in need of morning cleaners, dog walkers, cat socializers, front desk helpers and more at any of our shelter locations. If you'd like to learn more about committing to just one hour per week, head to sthuberts.org/volunteer for more information on how to get started.

Looking for fun ways to get your whole family involved? We have great resources on how you can use your creativity to benefit St. Hubert's. Simply visit sthuberts.org/fundraiser for ways you can start an in-office supply drive, create a virtual fundraising page, or help your kids to organize a fundraiser through school or after school activities.

St. Hubert's depends on its community of volunteers and supporters to provide for pets in need. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter as we celebrate lives saved, partnerships built and animal lovers empowered.

Thank you for all of your support.

Warmly,

Heather J. Cammisa, CAWA

P.S. A big thank you to everyone who voted for St. Hubert's to win a spot in Petco's Innovation Showdown. Your efforts allowed us to win \$60,000 in funding towards our WayStation "Give Back" Program to support source shelters in need. Thank you!

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center has earned Charity Navigator's 4 star rating, the highest possible rating, for the fifth consecutive year. Only 9% of the charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have received at least 5 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center outperforms most other charities in America.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tricky Tray

Saturday, September 22
Doors open at 6 pm
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.

CATCH Canine Trainers Academy

Week-long sessions August 13-17 & October 1-5
St. Hubert's Community Room, Madison, NJ

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, Madison, NJ

Free group support sessions facilitated by professional counselors in a compassionate environment. Visit sthuberts.org or petloss for more information.

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

Shelter News



St. Hubert's hosted two veterinarians from Humane Society International's veterinary internship program. Dr. Roshdy traveled from Egypt and Dr. Kumar from India to learn alongside our resident veterinarian Dr. Perrin and medical team in our Spay/Neuter Clinic. Both were able to experience first-hand new medical procedures and techniques to bring back with them to help animals in their countries. We also enjoyed learning about all they do to help animals in need back home.

A new adoption room has opened up at St. Hubert's Madison Shelter – a room devoted to FeLV+ cats and kittens. FeLV, Feline Leukemia Virus, is an incurable viral infection that causes Leukemia and affects a cat's immune system leading to increased susceptibility to various infectious diseases. Many of these felines will remain asymptomatic for weeks, months or years, and can live happy healthy lives during this time. We are grateful to adopters who are opening their hearts and homes to these special cats.



Empowering Our Youth

St. Hubert's Humane Education department is excited to roll out two new programs that empower and inspire youth to advocate for animals, the Youth Task Force and the Youth Ambassadors. The Youth Task Force is a cohort of 32 high school students, trained in basic animal handling, social media promotion, and fundraising methods, who function in an auxiliary role for shelter operations. In teams of four, the youth volunteer each week to perform specific designated tasks including socializing dogs and cats, fundraising for specific needs, promoting adoptable animals on social media and getting involved in animal advocacy on the state and local levels. The Youth Ambassadors is comprised of 25 children ages 9-14 who gather together regularly at our Madison Shelter to learn about animal advocacy as well as pet health and behavior, all while taking on meaningful service projects to help the animals at St. Hubert's. To learn more about how your child can join in the fun, visit sthuberts.org or call 973.377.7094.



Pet Behavior Corner

ST. HUBERT'S PET RETENTION SPECIALIST, TARA SANNUCCI, ANSWERS COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT CAT BEHAVIORS.

“I want to adopt a second cat, but I'm not sure how my other cat will feel. How can I properly introduce them to each other?”

Welcoming a new cat into your household is both exciting and nerve-racking, especially when you already have a feline living in your home. The initial introduction plays a vital role in ensuring a happy lifelong relationship. Always take the introduction slowly. Think of how each side feels – the current cat may think his or her home is being invaded by a strange newcomer, and for the new cat, every scent and sound is

unfamiliar with possible threats lurking around each corner. Start by setting up a safe haven for your new arrival, complete with food, water, scratch post, toys, bed and a litter box. You can then swap the cats' beds to ease their curiosities allowing for a safe sniff exchange, and try a calming pheromone spray called Feliway to help everyone feel more comfortable. Once the new cat is starting to feel more confident, let him or her explore temporarily while secluding your other cat. The next step is to use a baby gate to allow for a visual exchange. Once you feel confident the cats can mingle, supervise the first meeting. It is important to make every meeting positive by rewarding both cats with treats and play. Don't be discouraged if the first meet doesn't go as planned; you can always go back to the visual exchange step and start over. For more tips on welcoming a new cat into your home, contact our free Pet Helpline by calling 973.377.2253 or visiting sthuberts.org/pethelpline.





Zeke's New Beginning

Zeke came to St. Hubert's North Branch shelter as a stray in early 2017. Staff scanned the handsome brown dog for a microchip upon arrival, learning that he was indeed microchipped, but the contact information for his owners had been entered incorrectly, making it difficult to contact them. After exhausting all possible avenues to find his owners, St. Hubert's placed Zeke for adoption. During his stay our shelter staff noticed Zeke was having troubles with his right eye, which eventually we needed to surgically remove. The procedure went smoothly and resilient Zeke continued living his life with just as much zest as before. Fast forward one year, and Zeke is still available for adoption at St. Hubert's. Then one day a miracle happens. A couple comes into the shelter with the hopes that we had their dog Zeke – their friends had visited days prior and thought they recognized him. Turns out... Zeke was their beloved dog who had been missing for over a year! The reunion was joyous for everyone, with both Zeke and his family crying with joy at the sight of each other. Zeke was also reunited with his human, canine and feline siblings, all of whom were ecstatic to have him home. His first night home, Zeke curled into his bed, the same one he had before getting lost – his family kept it all this time in hopes he would return. If you have any questions about how to update your pets' microchip, contact our Pet Helpline at 973.377.2253.

Staff and Volunteer Spotlight

At our recent semiannual all-staff meeting, we recognized the 40th work anniversary of Nora Parker, who plays a vital role in the daily functions of St. Hubert's. On top of her regular job, she often welcomes the neediest of dogs, cats and small animals into her home, including her two cherished "littles" who came from a recent dog hoarding case. Her hard work and dedication has changed the lives of countless animals and pet families in need.



Nora Parker

Volunteer extraordinaire, Tom Thornton, recently celebrated his 90th birthday, surrounded by St. Hubert's staff and office cats. For the past 10+ years, he has been helping us open and sort incoming mail, welcome the older animals under his wing to walk and socialize, foster senior cats and be a cheerleader at all fundraising events. Tom's kindness and compassion touches the lives of all he meets, both human and animal alike.



Tom Thornton



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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

BUDDY'S BOUTIQUE GIFT SHOP
(Madison Campus) 973.377.2295
Noon – 4 pm Sunday - Tuesday
Noon – 6 pm Wednesday - Saturday

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