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ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER'S Quarterly Newsletter

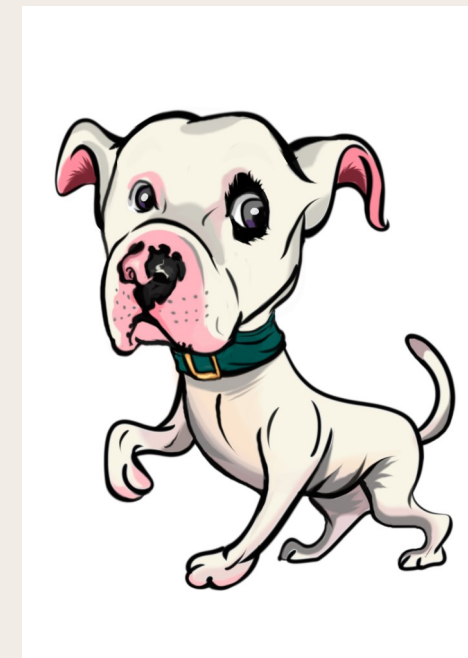


The first of many!>>>

Rascal's Run

We've revamped our annual Dog Walk event to make it bigger and better than ever. Our fundraisers are an integral part of our annual budget and enable us to continue our mission of saving lives and finding great new homes for our dogs and cats in need.

Animal Adoption Center is extremely proud and excited to be hosting our first ever 5K /Walk/Dog Walk event on September 17th, 2016. (Cont'd on Page 2)



From the Executive Director . . . Commitment and Dedication!

For more than 25 years, Animal Adoption Center has striven to embody the true spirit of a no-kill rescue. Our dogs and cats are with us until we find loving homes for them, no matter how long it takes. Every once in awhile, we're presented with a challenge that we're all too willing to confront...

In May of 2011, Animal Adoption Center took in a young cat named Shelly. She was scared and standoffish, but we knew that she just needed time and the chance to get settled. We provided her with a space all to herself so she could quietly observe her surroundings without feeling forced to acclimate before she was ready. We felt that Shelly just needed time and patience.

However, as time went on, she remained very shy and reserved. Her unwillingness to interact with potential adopters made it extremely hard to find her a home. Finally, after spending two years with us, Shelly was adopted but was returned a month later because she spent most of her time hiding, choosing to remain isolated from her adoptive family.

This exact scenario played out a total of four times. Shelly would get adopted and then returned within a month or so. We even found her a foster home, but that lasted less than a week because the foster just couldn't handle a challenging cat like Shelly.

This past July 31st, Shelly found the perfect home. After previously having a cat with similar challenges, Trudi was introduced to Shelly by her niece, Brittany, herself a great volunteer with AAC. It only took a few minutes for Trudi and her husband to know that they could give Shelly the home she so richly deserved.

The dedication and commitment of our volunteers and staff made it possible for Shelly to find a home after five years with us. Please [DONATE TODAY](#) and be a part of stories like Shelly's.

Please Note: All supporting donors will be listed and acknowledged in our Annual Report.



Alumni Corner: Owen

By: Chris Harris



A few months ago, Owen, named for the road in Blackshear, Georgia where he was found, was part of a transport of dogs AAC received from Georgia. At two years old, he is a quiet, calm guy who really enjoys attention and all the affection he can get. Soon after his arrival, we discovered that Owen had been shot in his left shoulder. Veterinarians concluded that the bullet fragments were buried deeply in the muscle tissue of his shoulder and recommended leaving the fragments alone with Animal Adoption Center monitoring his mobility and his health while working tirelessly to find him a loving new home.

We began giving Owen an organic supplement called methylsulfonylmethane (MSM) to address pain and inflammation and to aid in the recovery of the damaged soft tissue in his shoulder. He responded very quickly to the supplement while also becoming a staff and volunteer favorite. He quickly found a loving home and his family reached out to us, saying, "I just wanted everyone to know at the Animal Adoption Center that ever since I took home Owen a few months ago, he's been a very sweet, loving, and happy boy. I feel very grateful to everyone who works and volunteers at the shelter for giving him a good life while he was there and giving me the opportunity to meet him."

Unfortunately, stories involving injuries like Owen's are more common than people realize. Donations like yours help us provide a future for pets like Owen. **Please make a gift to support our ongoing mission at: animaladoption.com/donate**



**Rascal's Run
5K & DOG WALK**
register at www.runsignup.com/rascalsrun5k

September 17th
Enjoy food, music, and vendors after the race!

Come and join the fun!



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Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, September 17th, 2016 from 9AM—1PM for our inaugural Rascal's Run 5K/Walk/Dog walk fundraiser. The event is named after an AAC alum, Rascal, who was adopted by a wonderful family in May, 2016. It will be held at the very scenic Timber Creek Park in Blackwood, NJ for what we know is going to be an excellent opportunity to raise money and have a lot of fun with our volunteers, supporters and the public.

Runners can enter to run in our chip-timed 5K and join runners from other local running groups like RUN856 and RRCW. If running



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\$10/mo = \$120/yr = 40 bottles of bleach

\$15/mo = \$180/yr = 5 kitten neuters

\$25/mo = \$300/yr = 100 combo vaccinations

SHELTER STORIES



Shelby

At nearly three years old, Shelby has a personality that is all her own. She's been with us since December, 2015, but she's a very affectionate, playful girl. She does have a strong personality, so she would definitely do best in a home as an only pet. Don't let that deter you though; she's a terrific girl who will make a very loving companion.

Your **support** helps amazing cats like Shelby find a home!

Happy Tails from Spring & Summer!

Nothing beats seeing a dog or cat meet their family—it's one of the best parts of the job! Here are some of our adorable animals with their new forever families.

Follow us on Facebook for more Happy Tails: facebook.com/animaladoptioncenter



SHELTER STORIES



Jasmine

Jasmine is a four-and-a-half-year-old Plott Hound mix who came to AAC as an owner surrender. She's been with AAC since February, 2016 and she's still looking for a loving new home. She likes to play when it's appropriate and, having come from a home, is housetrained. If you're a hiker or a runner, Jasmine would be the perfect companion.

Your **support** of AAC helps amazing dogs like Jasmine find a home!