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ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER'S Quarterly Newsletter



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Alumni Corner: Jersey Boy

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In March, 2017, AAC took in a wonderful, heartworm-positive dog all the way from Jesup, Georgia. Jersey Boy was with us for a little over a month when he met the family that he would soon call his own.

On April 10th, Jersey Boy was adopted and would begin a life that included extensive travels with his new family. His new mom, Gloria, makes sure that Jersey Boy accompanies her as she travels around the country. He and his family have traveled all over the eastern part of the United States, stopping in West Virginia, Arkansas, Louisiana, Ohio and various other locations. They have been hiking through multiple national parks, and Jersey Boy even got to charm a pageant queen!

What could have ended with Jersey Boy being needlessly euthanized in Georgia actually resulted in a storybook ending that makes us all jealous. During the year, through hundreds of adoptions, we get the opportunity to successfully impact, and, in many cases, save the lives of dogs like Jersey Boy. We love sharing stories like his, and we would never be able to without your help.

Your support makes it possible for wonderful pets, like Jersey Boy, to find the homes that they so richly deserve. Help us continue our mission by donating today: www.aacnj.org/donate

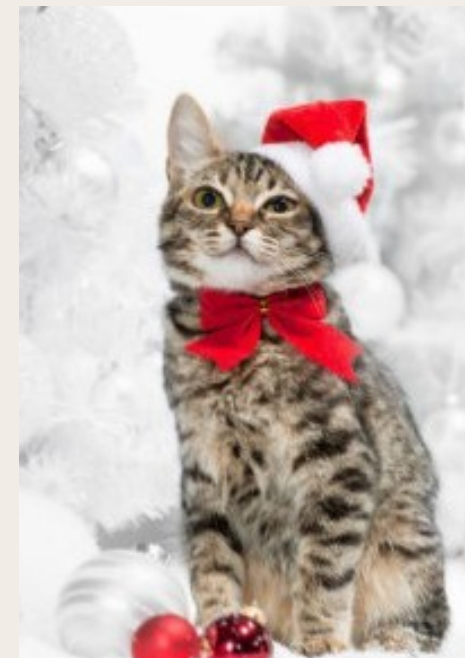


It's Holiday Season!

Virtual Holiday Event

You read that correctly. This year, rather than throwing our normal holiday shindig, we'd rather you spend time with your family instead of digging out a festive outfit and spending an evening with us.

We know that, for all the fun and cheer, the holiday season can be stressful on families as they try and meet obligations that can be daunting, to say the least. (Cont'd on Page 2)



From the Executive Director . . . *Casting a wider net!*

In 2017, Hurricanes Harvey and Irene devastated much of Texas and Florida, respectively. Families were forced from their homes, with no warning in some cases, leaving behind all of their belongings. So often during tragedies like these, family pets are left out of plans.

Although Animal Adoption Center is a bit smaller compared with other local organizations, we provide as much assistance as we possibly can to minimize any loss of life for dogs and cats in tragedies such as these.

In the aftermath of these hurricanes, both Texas and Florida were faced with overcrowding in local animal shelters. AAC heeded the calls for assistance and was able to make room for over 20 displaced and abandoned dogs from both states combined.

Houston, an 8-month-old Doberman mix was one of the dogs that we were able to help. He was abandoned at a local intake shelter just outside of Houston, Texas when his previous owner had to evacuate his home.

Houston came to us underweight and suffering

from a skin condition that needed attention. The staff worked diligently to monitor his weight gain and treat his skin conditions. After a few weeks, he had gained a healthy amount of weight and his skin cleared up. He even earned his keep by working the Kissing Booth at our annual Rascal's Run fundraiser in September. In a little over a month, we found a home for Houston and every dog we took in that had been displaced by these hurricanes.



Houston (far right in the adjacent photo), now has an amazing

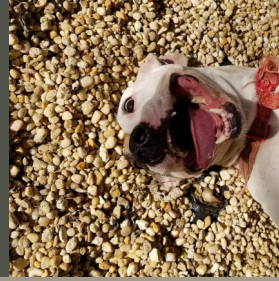
new family to call his own. His success story would not have been possible without your support.

Please **DONATE TODAY** and help us continue to make a difference in the lives of more great pets, like Houston.

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



Happy Tails



Mia



Mia came to AAC in September of 2017, and our staff and volunteers immediately sensed that she was meant to have a very special family. Her easygoing nature and love of affection made her the perfect fit for just about any family, but we just knew that she was waiting for a very specific family to call her own.

When her new mom stopped in at AAC, she was very specific about what she was looking for in a new family member. Her two children had been through some tough times recently, and their lives had been very emotionally challenging. The staff realized, right away, that we had the perfect dog for them, and that dog was Mia. As soon as the entire family met her, they knew that they'd found the perfect addition to their family.

Her new mom, Nicole, sent us wonderful pictures and told us, quite plainly, that "Mia is a God-send to our family." We couldn't agree more.

Miss B.

Having been with AAC since 2014, Miss B. was overdue for the perfect home. She spent some time in a foster home and began to settle in, gaining the attention and affection that she craved. When her foster mom moved to a new home, she couldn't take Miss B. with her, so she came back to the shelter. Here at the shelter, she spent lots of time relaxing in our outdoor cat enclosure, affectionately referred to as "the catio." It was there that she met the person who would become her new dad, Ed.

It took a few weeks for Ed and Miss B. to settle in together, but Ed was willing to invest the patience Miss B. needed to feel safe in her new home. Once she felt comfortable, she really began to come out of her shell. Now, she and Ed like to lounge around and watch movies together when they're not taking strolls around the neighborhood. Not only is Miss B. comfortable in her new home, but Ed also found out that she enjoys walking with a harness on.



Bernard



Bernard came to AAC as part of a litter of puppies. He was the only male in the group, and his sisters, Kora, Kira and Kara, were all quite a bit more outgoing than Bernard. On a normal day, the girls would run and play, but Bernard would just lie in his bed, terrified of everyone and everything.

After meeting Bernard, one of AAC's amazing fosters offered to take him in and help him gain the confidence and socialization that he so desperately needed. Bernard spent three months in a foster home with other dogs, and his foster mom made sure to take him for lots of walks and to other pet-friendly events to help him come out of his shell.

His time in a foster home helped Bernard become the sweet, dog-friendly guy that he is now, and he has a new home with a new dad and a new dog brother to add to his life. We couldn't be happier for our shy Bernard to have found the perfect home.



Happy Tails



Maverick



Maverick joined the AAC family late in 2016 all the way from Georgia. A Bluetick Coonhound with plenty of kisses to go around, Maverick became a volunteer favorite because he fit in at every adoption event that he so willingly attended. Although he got lots of attention at the events, it wasn't until an amazing family that we knew well stopped in, looking for a friend for their dog, whom they adopted from AAC a few years prior.

It only took a few minutes for Maverick and everyone else to realize that he had, in fact, found the perfect family to call his own. Along with his new sister and AAC alum, Sadie, he insists on greeting every person that he meets and spends his days running around his big back yard for hours on end. He and his sister are inseparable, and if Maverick is having a rough day, Sadie will lie beside him until he's in the mood to run and have fun.

Maverick is just one of the many dogs who managed to find their perfect new family.

Luna

When we first met Luna, what struck us about her personality was that she was absolutely perfect with every staff member, every volunteer, every dog and even every cat. Nothing seemed to change her warm and welcoming personality. When her new family first met her, they were taken by her willingness to love every member of their family.

Luna's family keeps us up-to-date with lots of photos. Her mom told us, "Luna is the sweetest, goofiest dog. Eighty percent of the time, she's super calm and when she's not, we bring her to the dog park where she loves playfully beating up all the boy dogs. She's got so much personality, and we can't thank you enough for letting us adopt her into our family."

Luna reminds us that, no matter where they're from, there is a perfect family out there for every dog and cat that comes through our doors. All we have to do is keep an eye out for that perfect match.



Shelly



Shelly, a striking calico, has a story that reminds us all that it just takes a little time to find the right fit for the right pet. Having come to AAC in 2011, Shelly had been adopted and returned on three separate occasions. She was first returned when her owner passed away. After that, Shelly developed a very strong personality and became very standoffish with resident pets. She was returned two more times, and the fears of the staff and volunteers were that Shelly would be with AAC for the remainder of her life.

We might get a little doubtful sometimes, but we continued to believe that there is the perfect family out there for each of our pets. After hearing about Shelly from an AAC volunteer, who happened to be her niece, Trudi stopped in to meet Shelly one night and decided that she could give Shelly the home that she needed. Trudi was right, and now Shelly, who had bounced in and out of AAC's care, has found her family. After all of that, Shelly has the opportunity to eat all the kitty junk food that she wants, not to mention access to all of the sunshine she can handle.

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE OUR HAPPY TAILS POSSIBLE

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YES, I want to help **save animals** and **change lives!**

WINTER
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So, this year, we want to be more considerate of your time and stress level. Instead of asking you to purchase tickets to our holiday party and to bid on holiday baskets or other *objets d'art*, we are asking that you help Animal Adoption Center from the comfort of your own sofa, possibly in your pajamas and with just a few clicks of a mouse.

The process is simple: rather than wearing an ugly holiday sweater for a contest you'll probably lose, donate \$10. Don't want to go out on a freezing, rainy night, possibly get lost, and stay too late only to order a pizza as soon as you get home? Donate \$20. We want to make supporting AAC as convenient as possible, considering how hectic this time of year can be.

To see all of the ways we want to make your holiday season easier, stop by our website at www.aacnj.org/notholidayparty and check out all of the options. If you have any questions about this or any of our other events, please give us a call: 856.435.9116.

Use this form and the enclosed self-addressed envelope to make your gift today! You can also donate online at animaladoption.com/donate, or call the shelter to make your gift over the phone: **856-435-9116**.

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Recurring donations provide monthly revenue we can count on, and we save money by making fewer requests. Help us use more dollars for saving lives by visiting our website to make your sustaining contribution today!

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

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

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

SHELTER STORIES



Chowder

Chowder is a 3-year-old male domestic short hair cat. He likes to perch himself at the top of a cat tree and watch TV in our community room. This gray and white guy is a consummate gentleman who welcomes affection and gets along great with other cats. He would welcome a home where he can just be himself and keep you company.

Your **support** helps amazing cats like Chowder live in a safe and secure environment until they find their forever home!

Happy Tails from Fall & Winter!

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



Athena

Athena is an athletic 2-year-old shepherd mix who would love nothing more than to chase a tennis ball for hours on end, and then to retire to a snuggly spot next to you for a movie. She would prefer to be an only dog, but she has enough love to go around to any number of people.

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