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Monmouth County SPCA Fall Newsletter

2021



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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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Getting back to “real life” in 2021 was a pleasure for staff at the Monmouth County SPCA. It was a joy to see the public coming through our doors again, mingling about our Welcome Center and visiting our pets on the adoption floor. We were ecstatic to welcome our many volunteers back- we really missed them! Our veterinarians enjoyed meeting their client's owners face to face again rather than maneuvering through the ordeal of curbside service

and our Customer Service staff especially loved visiting with our youngest fans- children who come into the shelter with donations from their birthday parties and lemonade stands!

It is a relief for our staff to be busy with the work of animal rescue again rather than navigating the uncertainties of the pandemic, and accommodations necessary to remain in full operation during that time. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud each and every one of our employees for their commitment to this organization, and for working so diligently to keep our doors open and our mission strong while keeping everyone healthy and safe. It wasn't always easy, but they did it with passion.

Welcome back! Now that we are fully open to the public once more, we invite you to visit and see for yourself all of the wonderful programs that make Monmouth County such a great place to live for pets and their people. With an ever-growing number of municipal Animal Control Contracts, you can be sure that the lost and stray animals in your community are in the best of hands. Our adoption floor is bustling and finding new forever homes for so many animals, and our VVCC is hard at work vetting both our shelter pets and those in the community. In fact, we just hired another full-time veterinarian! Also new this year was our first-ever Animal Rescue Camp for children- a sure-fire way to ensure generations of animal advocates here in Monmouth County.

Finally, since we were not able to celebrate in person last year, it is my pleasure to invite everyone to a very special evening on Friday, October 8th at the Molly Pitcher Inn, Red Bank. It is with great pride that we recognize three-quarters of a century's worth of service to the county at the MCSPCA 75th Anniversary Fur Ball Gala!

Sincerely,

Ross Licitra  
Executive Director

# Our Doors Are Back Open!



After almost a full year of keeping our doors closed to the public due to COVID-19, we are so glad to be back open! During the shutdown, we tried different ways to safely accommodate the public while also finding the best homes for our animals. **We shifted the way we did almost everything to adapt to the social climate by way of appointment-only adoptions, curbside service for our Vogel Veterinary Care Center, call-in adoption interviews, and contact-less donation drop-offs, just to name a few!** We are so grateful to have received continued support from the public who believe in our mission as strongly as we do. Our adoption program is still running strong and contrary to popular belief, we have not seen an uptick in pet returns due to people going back to work.

## Adoption Hours:

Monday 12-5pm (cats only)  
Tuesday 12-5pm  
Wednesday 12-7pm  
Thursday 12-7pm  
Friday 12-7pm  
Saturday/Sunday 12-5pm



We welcome families to visit our shelter at 260 Wall Street in Eatontown to walk through our adoption floor to browse the adorable animals we have waiting for homes! Our adoption counselors are ready to help you find the best fit for your family! Visit our website to learn more at [www.monmouthcountyspca.org](http://www.monmouthcountyspca.org)!



## Super Mom Tallulah!

Imagine being alone on the streets, pregnant, scared and alone - that's exactly how our sweet Tallulah felt until she was rescued. When Tallulah was transferred to our shelter, her being pregnant was a surprise, but thankfully we got her just in the nick of time because this beautiful girl gave birth to NINE puppies the same week she arrived! Our foster coordinator was able to secure a foster home within hours so that this beautiful family could rest comfortably.

Tallulah and her puppies spent all the time they needed in foster to grow, and received plenty of TLC! Once the puppies were weaned and mama was spayed, they were all placed up for adoption and found homes within days of returning to our shelter. All 10 family members are thriving now and we're so happy to have been part of their story!



**Interested in opening your home to a foster dog? Email [fostering@monmouthcountyspca.org](mailto:fostering@monmouthcountyspca.org)!**

# The Monmouth County SPCA Remembers Anne Vogel

The Monmouth County SPCA suffered a tremendous loss with the passing of an ever supportive, and deeply caring friend, Anne Vogel. Anne spent years on the MCSPCA's Board of Trustees, guiding the shelter through its grassroots beginnings to becoming a large, humane welfare organization with a myriad of programs that help not only animals, but their human counterparts as well. The Vogel Spay/Neuter Clinic served our community for decades until it was reborn in 2018 as the Vogel Veterinary Care Center, a full-service veterinary clinic where affordable vet care was available to all. We will always remember Anne's warmth and compassion for all creatures large and small; her presence here at the shelter will be missed but her legacy will live on through our mission forever.



Sheldon & Anne Vogel at our 2018 Fur Ball



## No Pests Around These Parts!

It's no surprise to anyone that lives in NJ (or anywhere really!) that ticks and mosquitoes are never pleasant! We're lucky to have such generous businesses in our area provide gratis services - one of those businesses is **Last Bite Mosquito!** Last Bite has been treating our grounds with tick and mosquito repellent to keep our shelter dogs (and outdoor cat colony) pest-free! Owners, Jeremy and Jason stopped by recently to do a "twinning" photoshoot with a pair of twin kittens!

## Little Fox Pup Gets Fixed Up!



Our Veterinarians performing lifesaving surgery



Little pup out of surgery

Just dogs and cats here at the MCSPCA? No way! The Monmouth County SPCA continues to be a leader in the state for Animal Control and the more towns we take on, the more animals we take in! During the warmer months, wildlife calls to our Animal Control dispatch triple and our team is out 24/7 rescuing, relocating, rehabilitating and rehoming almost every NJ species you can think of. This summer, our ACO Division got a call about a baby fox that was stuck under a shed and crying out in distress. Our team arrived and was able to free the pup but then noticed he had an open, infected wound on his side. The 8-week-old fox was taken to our Vogel Veterinary Care Center, where our skilled veterinarians cleaned out his wounds, administered antibiotics and sutured him up so that he could finally feel better. A few weeks later, the little fox is doing great with his rehabilitator - he's growing strong and will be released into the wild when he's ready. We're grateful this little guy got a second chance, and that we were able to provide the care he needed to get it!



Much happier in foster!

# Puppy Boots Gets a Second Chance



Sweet Boots after surgery

Poor Boots was born outdoors, was the runt of his litter and had the odds stacked against him until he was thankfully rescued and brought to the Monmouth County SPCA. **Boots suffered from a congenital defect where blood vessels wrapped around his esophagus causing dilation, difficulty swallowing and can lead to aspiration pneumonia.** Without a special surgery called a thoracotomy, Boots would suffer from lifelong problems growing, bouts of pneumonia and sickness and likely a shortened lifespan. Our team knew Boots needed this surgery to live a normal life, and we turned to you, our donors, for support.

We put out a call for help, and within days, we were able to raise enough money to not only get his surgery, but also fund another surgery for a shelter dog named Annie! While Boots waited for his life-changing appointment, our staff monitored him around the clock while feeding him small meals throughout the day and letting him digest in an upright position for 20 minutes after each feeding.

Boots received his surgery and recovered beautifully in his foster home over a period of 6-weeks. Once he was available for adoption, he came back to the shelter and was adopted within days!



Digesting upright after meals!



So healthy & grown up now!

Boots is doing amazing in his new home; he's playful, sweet and affectionate - everything you'd expect from a happy puppy! Boots will need to be fed small meals in an elevated feeder for the remainder of his life but other than that, he'll require no special medical treatment. **Success stories like this remind us how grateful we are to have such a supportive donor base to give us the power to say "Yes, we can take them in!"**

*Boots and countless other homeless pets in need are given a second chance to live a good life because of you!*

## Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Expansion

The Monmouth County SPCA has contracted almost double our amount of Animal Control contracts since 2018 and with that, comes more towns coming on board with TNR programs. In 2016 not 1 municipality had a TNR program, yet today we have 16 municipalities who have passed TNR resolutions for the MCSPCA to perform TNR services in their communities. In 2020, 2,700 community cats went through the TNR program, which provides spay/neuter, vaccinations and microchips. The TNR program not only stops the unnecessary over-breeding of community cats, but addresses a major public health issue of preventing the spread of the deadly rabies virus. Our organization has some exciting plans in the coming months, and by our next newsletter, we hope to share these lifesaving initiatives with you!



One of our handsome colony cats

**For more information about our TNR program, email [info@monmouthcountyspca.org](mailto:info@monmouthcountyspca.org)**

# Senior Cats in Pajamas? Yes, Please!

Teddy Bear is a senior boy (we're talking almost 20 years old!) who came to the shelter when his owner passed away. Teddy Bear had multiple mammary tumors, a cauliflower ear from untreated infections/trauma, an enlarged heart and a laundry list of other issues! Poor Teddy was missing most of his fur from fleas and skin infections and looking at him just broke our hearts.

Unfortunately, his medical prognosis was grave, but after we cleaned him up and saw he still had a twinkle left in his tired eyes, we knew he still had some good time left here on earth. **One of our incredible staff members took Teddy Bear home as a hospice foster and describes him as a total lover boy whose favorite things are laps and naps!**

Teddy Bear has a different pair of pajamas for each day of the week and is so happy to be loved and cared for in his old age, you can see the appreciation in his face! When you support our mission, you support hope, happiness and a second chance for animals - even if it's just for a short time, it makes all the difference to them.



**Many animals come to us without any type of surrender fee so when we fundraise, we're doing it for animals like Teddy Bear! He's living the good life now because of donors like you, thank YOU!**

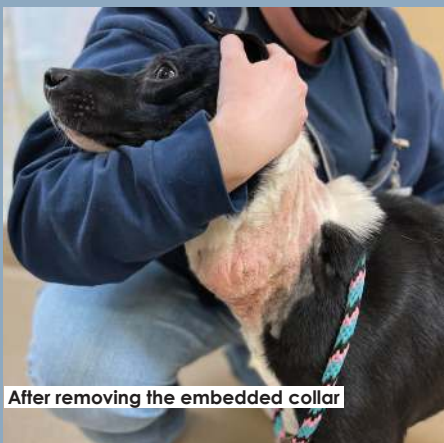


## Summer Camp Pilot Program Takes Off!

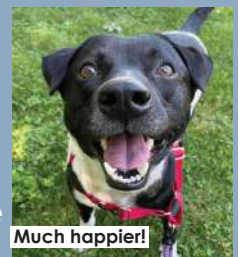
The MCSPCA held its first-ever **Animal Rescue Camp** this summer, thanks to a gift from the *Priem Family Foundation*. 12 campers, over a course of 4, 1-week sessions, followed a curriculum exploring all of the amazing aspects of the Monmouth County SPCA! Our campers had hands-on, interactive experiences with baby birds and raccoons, learned about foster kittens while observing a neonate bottle-feeding session, had some cuddle time with our shelter pets plus lots more! We loved meeting and working with the young, brilliant minds who will be the future of animal welfare!

## Travis Barker, Our Resident Rockstar!

Travis came to the shelter when his elderly owner couldn't give him the care he needed. Unfortunately, Travis was wearing the same collar since being a puppy and as Travis grew, the collar stayed the same size and became embedded. When Travis stopped eating, his owner called for our help. He couldn't drive due to his own medical issues, so we sent an officer over. Travis needed to have his collar removed by an emergency vet. Just a few weeks later, Travis was feeling so much better - and was adopted in just a few days! **Travis's story is the perfect reminder of why your donations are so important to the well-being of our animals!**



After removing the embedded collar



Much happier!

# New Jersey Natives: Our Local Dogs Finding Homes

We're so proud of the work we do for animals regardless of where they come from, but our priority is always here in Monmouth County and New Jersey. The different ways dogs come to the shelter are by animal control as stray dogs, which can be from any of our 50 contracted towns; as owner surrenders from residents of Monmouth County; as dogs from our Humane Law Enforcement cases; or from in-state shelter transfers, where we assist other New Jersey shelter or rescue organizations by reducing their pet population and placing their animals up for adoption at our shelter.

## NJ Dogs Since January 2020

*132 Surrenders*

*231 In-state Transfers*

*533 Strays*

*118 Law Enforcement Cases*

That's over 1,000 dogs from New Jersey! Thanks to our donors, we're able to not only find homes for our community dogs, but branch out to pets just about anywhere in need as we believe all animals deserve a second chance!



## Motel Cats Get Real Homes

Early this summer we got a call from the manager of a motel a few miles away from the shelter. There were guest complaints of a foul smell from a room so our Humane Law Enforcement Division responded ASAP. What we found upon arrival were 13 cats and kittens living in clutter and filth, scrounging for food and water and in desperate need of veterinary care. After recovering the cats and kittens, hiding in every closet, cabinet and corner, they were transported to the shelter for assessment. The cats were generally in fair condition, but none of them were fixed, and some suffered from chronic illnesses that had never been addressed. Thankfully, these kitties ended up in the best of hands and were given everything they needed to find their forever homes! All but 1 has been adopted and we're hoping that by the time you read this - they all will have found a forever family! Your support is why we're able to save these lives!

Securing all the cats to bring back to the shelter for treatment



## Turtle Power!

Did you know that New Jersey is home to 14 species of turtles? Our MCSPCA Animal Control Officers have probably come across all of them at some point! Every year we get over 100 calls about displaced, injured or stuck turtles. **Most of the time, the turtles can be left alone and will continue in the direction they're going but sometimes we need to lend a helping hand.** Our ACO's have dealt with different species of turtles ranging from 10oz to over 60lbs! We exSHELL at reptile rescue at the MCSPCA!



You can see the variety of turtles we get calls for!

# Thank You's All Around!



Thank you to the Martyrs Motorcycle Club of New Jersey for taking up a huge collection of pet supplies and dropping by our shelter to deliver! Our animals were grateful for the goodies!



Willow, one of our Animal Rescue Campers, had a lemonade stand over the summer and raised over \$250 for the MCSPCA! Willow proudly presented her hard earnings to our Directors!



Dean's Natural Food Market in Ocean and Shrewsbury had a donation campaign at their stores and raised nearly \$8,000 for the MCSPCA over a period of just 6-weeks. Incredible!



## Virtually Amazing : Another Successful "Stay Home" Event!

Our 2021 Dog Walk Unleashed event, with our new peer-to-peer fundraising platform, really let the dogs out, raising over \$60,000 for the Monmouth County SPCA! Virtual teams raised money for new and fun incentives like MCSPCA branded blankets, water bottles and even a chance to name a shelter animal! And, BONUS - thanks to a generous, anonymous donor, all funds raised were matched dollar for dollar - doubling the impact to support our mission!

## Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming MCSPCA Events!



Our 75th Anniversary Fur Ball will be held October 8th at the Molly Pitcher Inn! Tickets & Sponsorship Opportunities are currently available on our website!

Hold your phone camera over this code to visit our Fur Ball website!



Our FIRST Annual Polar Plunge is a new, fun and family friendly event that we think will make a huge SPLASH! Registration is OPEN - we hope to see you!

Hold your phone camera over this code to visit our Polar Plunge website!



## We're Hiring!

Hold your phone camera here to learn more



The MCSPCA is currently hiring for different positions at our Eatontown shelter! We offer competitive salaries, health benefits, paid time off and the opportunity to work with caring, compassionate animal lovers!

## Legacy Giving

Making a planned gift to the Monmouth County SPCA is an excellent way to ensure that your love and compassion for animals continues to benefit orphaned pets for many years to come. With your gift, the Monmouth County SPCA is able to care for the community's lost, abused and unwanted pets.

Contact us to talk about planned gift options to support the MCSPCA. **Please help us fulfill our mission and vision to save more animals.** For more information about legacy giving, please email [barbara@monmouthcountyspca.org](mailto:barbara@monmouthcountyspca.org)