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Animal Adoption Center a.k.a. Friends of Camden Animal Shelter (FOCAS)

A No-Kill Shelter for companion animals

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Pet Therapy Program

Little things mean a lot. Look at these four pictures and know what our job is about. The special bond between people and animals. Thursdays are special in this rehabilitation facility, because it is the day that an Animal Adoption Center volunteer brings a pet for a visit. Sickness, aches, immobility, even pain are briefly forgotten when a loving dog places a wet nose on a lap, when a gentle cat cuddles and purrs. People who do not respond to music, art, or conversation will often brighten up and open up when a loving animal touches them. Many patients wait eagerly for the Thursdays to roll around. The animals do too.

But we have a problem. There is a waiting list. Because the link between human health and happiness and companion animals is so well known, our volunteers and their pets are highly sought after, and the sad part of this is that we do not have enough teams to fill the need. **WILL YOU HELP?** Do you have a gentle outgoing dog? A placid, affectionate cat? We'll provide the training, you provide the time and pet. Many of our volunteer teams go out only once or twice per month, according to what works with your schedule.

Right now Animal Adoption Center has eight fully-certified Pet Therapy representatives who have completed the 10-week pet therapy training program with their pets at Camden County College. **We pay the tuition** for our volunteers. All you have to do is promise to make at least 12 pet therapy visits over the coming twelve months.

Marsha Hershman, our Pet Therapy Coordinator, oversees our visits to local retirement homes and assisted living facilities that include Moorestown Estates, Cadbury, Sunbridge, and New Seasons. We also support the Pet Therapy Program at the Developmental Center in Vineland (mentally handicapped children) and Seabrook House (drug and alcohol rehabilitation center). Other sites have requested visits, and as soon as volunteers become available, we send them to take the courses.



It's Dog Walk time again! Sunday, October 1st

see enclosure for complete Dogwalk instructions

Animal Adoption Center's
Dog Walk '06
at HADDON HEIGHTS PARK



A pet masseuse, a dog-friendly Lexus, a water station, crafters, food, contests, the pet psychic, and a lovely walk in the park on a fall day...we've got it all, and you can win a Dell PC by getting sponsors!

Win a DELL PC

Bring in the most sponsorship donations and win a new Dell PC. Intel Pentium 4 processor w/HT technology for multimedia applications: flat screen monitor, 120MB (or larger) hard drive, DVD R/ W+, 2 USB ports front and back (exact model tbd). In order to be eligible to win you must have at least \$150.00 in bona fide sponsorship donations. Prizes determined and awarded by October 15, 2006.



Nathaniel

Just a little over a year old, this boy is probably glad he's here now...he was adopted by a family that booted him outside when the Grandmom moved in (we don't know why he couldn't co-exist with Grandmom, that's just what they did). Kept outside since February, Nathaniel had no comforts or companionship, and didn't understand why he was left alone while the other family dog (who bullied him) was brought into the house. He came to us with cuts and scrapes, some fear, and lots of shyness. He's a bright guy though, and he's learning. We've walked him and petted him and shown him lots of attention, and he is really coming around. Nathaniel has had all his shots, is neutered and is a sweet and gentle dog who likes everyone and is learning what it means to play.



Chazz

Gentle giant. Chazz is already neutered and up-to-date on all shots. We saved this two-year old boy (his time was almost up) from another shelter. What a character. This guy loves everybody. Kids, dogs, cats, older people...everybody. Our staff calls him the "cupcake." Chazz likes to have his belly rubbed, gives lots of kisses, and has somehow developed a real fondness for water. He will happily climb into any wading pool

within his reach, and if you turn your back on him, you'll find him fully stretched out in the water...makes quite a splash when he wags his tail, which he does all the time. Chazz is waiting...do you have a wading pool?

Gonzo

This Boxer/bulldog mix has all his shots and has been neutered. A happy fellow, this guy is a talker. Mr. Personality. The staff says he is a "Jim Carey" of a dog who looks somewhat like Danny DeVito. He has lots of energy and will jump up and give hugs--for this reason, Gonzo will be better with older kids and a house with a big yard. He loves toys and will keep you amused for hours if you feel like playing. Just watching him is fun.



Spaulding Wellington

How's that for an impressive name for an impressive dog. Welly is a Boston Terrier/Beagle mix; was neutered and is up-to-date on all his shots. This guy will do best with older children--he was with a family who allowed their younger children to hurt and mistreat him. Welly has some interesting ideas about being a guard dog, and will valiantly protect your home and garden from all manner of birds and squirrels...and he'll tell you what he

thinks of them too. Although he was rescued from Georgia, he doesn't bark with a Southern accent. Come meet Welly

ASTROLOGY AND YOUR PET

Learn what the stars say about your pet!

To learn what the stars say about you, come to our October Psychic Event at Stone Grille in Clementon. See the end of this article for more information.

ARIES

These pets are bold and adventurous. Aries dogs want to be the leader of the pack, cannot bear to be tied down, and must frantically explore every nook and cranny in their environment. They want to make their mark upon the world and can be completely intolerant of other dogs, get into inevitable scraps, and can try to dominate every pet and person in the house. Aries cats are loners and sometimes you won't see them for days as they would have been eating at every house in your street except yours. These cats are "scrappy" and often come home looking a bit beat-up. They are certainly not dull--you'll love their exuberance and character. Both cats and dogs do not tolerate any pet that they view as an intruder

Taurus

These pets are generally placid in nature, except when pushed to the extreme. The Taurean dog is faithful, loyal, and usually easy to train. Excellent guide dogs, they are also great with children. Everyone adores these big softies. They are vigorous and strong when young but get fat with age. This sign loves music and can gravitate toward it. The Taurus cat can have gorgeous eyes. Youngsters can easily win at cat shows- particularly blue eyed Siamese. But forget it when they get older- they'll probably look more like an overstuffed hairy cushion. The Taurean feline takes a sensuous delight in luxury and will be forever on your lap wanting continual pampering.

Gemini

Gemini pets are intelligent, entertaining, and quick to learn tricks. Your Gemini dog doesn't settle easily. They get bored quickly and can require constant attention. They like new environments and will love it if you ask a friend to have them for a few days. Overcome their impatience and you'll soon be able to teach them tricks. They love to show off. But watch your Gemini dog, they can be unfaithful and may run away forever! Among Gemini cats are the exceptional ones that will obey human instruction. They seem to understand what we're saying and may meow back as if to answer us. High-strung and hyperactive, they are exceptionally bright and will soon learn to open the cat flap for themselves.

Cancer

Your over sensitive Cancerian pet thinks it's one of the children. Cancerian dogs are the most sensitive of all the zodiac signs--they can get their feelings hurt and be very moody. Because they need to know that you need them, they need lots of patting and reassurance. Great with children, they think that they are one of the kids. They love water and will jump in at every opportunity. Cancerian cats are the "night flyers." You'll have trouble rousing them during the day but at night they're extremely active and they love the sound of their own voice. Not prone to fighting, most will timidly back off, like the lion in Wizard of Oz. They will melt your heart with their constant affection.

Leo

Extrovert and gregarious Leo pets need to be admired. Here is royalty. The Leo dog is confident, fearless and proud. Excellent when trained as police dogs, they will fearlessly chase criminals, enter blazing buildings or sniff out bombs. Do not ignore your Leo dog, she is vain and loves to be the centre of attention. Fiercely loyal he would rather die protecting you than allow you to come to any harm--however, they may be afraid of cats. Lucky Leo Cats will experience good health--nine lives are just the start. Many will be born into affluent homes. They enjoy the "best." Long haired varieties, such as Persians, will be exceptionally beautiful. They are extroverted and gregarious yet your Leo cat is not arrogant- she's loyal and true.

Virgo

Virgo pets are conscientious, clean, and love to work. Virgo dogs are the cleanest and most hygienic in the pet zodiac. They like routine so try to walk them at the same time every day; they'll expect to be fed on the dot. Sheep dogs and working dogs will work from dawn to dusk and enjoy being productive. Virgo cats are fussy in the extreme and just won't tolerate second best. If you want to make her happy make sure she always has the very best brand of food served in the same place and at the same time each day. Spotlessly clean, they spend more time preening than getting themselves dirty. Cats born under this sign are hopeless at catching mice and would rather play than kill.

Libra

A pretty pet that naturally blends in with its surroundings. You can't say no when those big brown eyes of your Libran dog plead for food at the table; these dogs are remarkably persuasive; they hate being alone and will pine for you when you're away from home. Librans need the company of other dogs and love peace and harmony in their environment. They can sometimes be ridiculously stubborn. Libran cats are completely indecisive and won't know whether they want to come in or go out. They can be finicky about their food and will move from your lap to the radiator to the sofa trying to find the most comfortable spot. For the Libran cat nothing is ever good enough. Don't be alarmed if she's sometimes listless, she's probably just in love or distracted by something!



Scorpio

Scorpio pets are loyal and expect absolute loyalty in return. Scorpio dogs are either your best friend or worst enemy and can love or hate with passionate intensity. Scorpio dogs never forget kindnesses or hurts. Dogs born under this sign make the best trackers, and they are ideal breeding dogs. The ideal Scorpio cat is jet black with deep emerald eyes—this is the zodiac sign that governs the occult. You may have a special telepathic bond with your mysterious Scorpio. She'll know what your thinking, will sense danger and come for dinner just moments before you call her. If there's a death in the family your cat may well be the first to know. She is strange and arcane but will bring you luck and protection. She is magic.

Sagittarius

Brave, active, and bright the Sagittarian pet will always amuse us. Sagittarian puppies are a whirlwind of energy and they grow into more controlled, muscular and sturdy dogs. These dogs are exceptionally brave and lucky. Trustworthy and reliable, they are particularly suitable for working with the blind; they also have lots of character and can be quite funny. Sagittarian cats are subject to serendipity—they can be in the wrong place at the right time. Often at meal times they just don't turn up or if there's a cat stuck up a tree it's likely to be a Sagittarian. They like affection but hate it if you smother them. Just when you stop petting, he seeks more. She is mostly active and energetic.

Capricorn

Capricorn pets look old before their time. They say that Capricorn dogs look old from the moment they are born but improve with age. This sign favors breeds that can withstand cold climates such as St Bernards or huskies. Their practical earthly nature makes them unafraid of hard work but they may take an exceedingly long time about anything they do. 'Walkies' with a Capricorn dog can be infuriating as they forever lag behind, can be stubborn and may ignore your commands or calls. Some of the most selfish cats are born under the sign of Capricorn. They'll eat your food, take your treats, accept your affections then walk away as if you don't exist. Or not!—she may then do a complete turn-around. Of all the signs, the Capricorn cat survives best in the wild. Sometimes introverted, she's not always the life and soul of the party.

Aquarius

If your pet is totally bonkers it's probably an Aquarian for these dogs have traits that other dogs would find strange. They'll perform in the circus and on TV, and may sometimes appear more human than dog. But they love to run with the pack albeit somewhat erratically. Train him carefully, then make him happy for this dog wants as much freedom as possible—and he just loves to be off the leash. You could probably delight a white Aquarian if you dyed her pink—the Aquarian cat is an eccentric. Her best friends may be birds and she'll sleep in the dog's basket. She may even enjoy a bath. Like no cat you've ever known, he's very independent (you're only there to supply the food) so affection can be very inconsistent.

Pisces

Piscean pets will know if you're happy or upset. Mixed breed dogs fare best under the sign of Pisces for this is the sign contains qualities from all the other signs. It's confusing being a Piscean dog. No sooner an idea springs to mind than another better idea replaces it. You may notice your dog pacing—well, he's sorting out his ideas, or maybe intuitively tuning into yours. He may also be a salty dog who likes a walk by the sea. Piscean cats are the Elizabeth Taylor's of the feline world—a diamond collar is an absolute must. She may strut around with her nose in the air and her tail straight as a stick and you may wonder how you offended her. Then moments later she's craving for your affections—a peculiar mixture of conflicting emotions. They are extremely intuitive and will know straight away if you are happy or upset.

● DogWalk (10th Annual)

Sunday, Oct 1– Registration at 9:00 • Haddon Hts. Park
Walk starts at 11:00... Crafters, Pet Psychic, Pet Friendly Lexus. Food, Contests for pets to win prizes Ends w/Blessing of Animals, Bring DOGS only. \$15.00

● Fashion Show

Sun., October 15, at 1:00 pm • Tavistock Country Club
Carol Erickson, emcee—lovely luncheon and fashion display. exquisite Silent and "Chinese" auction gifts, gorgeous clothes, great food, fantastic conversation in a room full of pet lovers. Get your tickets early, last year we sold out two weeks before the show.

● Psychic Evening

**Wed., Oct 25th 5-11pm • Stone Grille,
Blackwood-Clementon Rd, Clementon, NJ**
Walk-ins welcome, \$20 per reading (for entertainment only) Free Happy Hour Buffet 5-7pm, 1/2 price appetizers all evening long.

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Sydney

Look at this face. This girl (yes, Sydney can be a girl's name) is a stunning Maine Coon. She is four years old, has already been spayed (so she can go home right away), and her paws have been declawed in front. This girl has the personality of a movie star...we'll leave it up to you to decide which one. She loves people, and will probably prefer to be right with you. Sydney also likes other cats, so if you are already a cat family, she will fit right in.



Maxi

This domestic short-hair girl is five years old and has already been spayed. This is a snuggler. Chilly days are coming so get your afghan, your favorite novel, cup of cocoa, and grab Maxi to curl up with. She loves laps. Maxi is friendly and gets along well with other cats. She is a real

people person and will let you know how much she likes you with her rubbing and cuddling.

Onyx

Another lovely domestic short-hair. A Halloween cat, but there is nothing spooky about Onyx. She is four years old and has already been spayed and declawed in front. This very sweet girl loves to be loved. Onyx is easy-going and will play or cuddle with you, depending on what feels right. Onyx is a diplomatic cat and gets along well with other cats in the family.



Marge

Lovely large eyes that seem to know what you're thinking. This domestic short-haired tabby has just enough white markings to make her look elegant. Marge is a youngster, only 10 months old, She has a charming personality, but she will not want to share you with other cats, she will want you all to herself...but she doesn't feel that way about dogs. Marge gets along

well with canine household members. She is very playful and sweet, and may consider them playful companions.

"Ooooh, that Leopard print jacket is to die for."



Pet Poison Safety: Products Sweetened with Xylitol Can Be Toxic To Dogs

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) has issued a warning to pet owners that xylitol, a sweetener found in many sugar-free products, can cause serious problems for companion canines.

Dogs ingesting significant amounts of items sweetened with xylitol could develop a fairly sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, loss of coordination and seizures. Signs can develop quite rapidly, sometimes less than half an hour after ingestion. It was previously thought that only large concentrations of xylitol resulted in problems—but new data is beginning to disprove this. "We seem to be learning new information with each case we manage," says APCC veterinary toxicologist Dr. Eric Dunayer. "We also have begun to see problems developing from ingestions of products with lesser amounts of this sweetener."

APCC experts urge pet owners to keep candy, gum and other foods containing xylitol out of their animals' reach. If you suspect that your pet has ingested products sweetened with xylitol—call your veterinarian or the APCC's emergency hotline at (888) 426-4435 for round-the-clock telephone assistance.

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