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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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Where could she run. Where could she hide. She had to get away from those vicious children...her wounds from the last encounter with them had barely healed. Rocks, stones, cans, everything came flying at her, and she was heavy and awkward, she just couldn't run as fast.

The day wore on. She was so hot, so tired. The puppies she carried made it even harder for her to move quickly. How could she get away. The bleak streets of North Philadelphia offered no escape. Every time she found a cool place to rest they found her again, shouted at her, tried to hurt her again. She had to keep moving, had to try to find safety.

Then she saw someone different, heard a different voice, a gentle voice with no meanness in it. She saw a woman, saw her kind face and watched her easy, careful way of moving. The woman spoke softly, offered water, food. When this dog who had no name hesitantly approached, the woman petted her head and scratched her ears. Ever so gently she moved toward this very scared and pregnant dog. "Come here little Mamma, come on over. Let's get you away from this horrible place." Mamma found herself being gently lifted into a car by this woman she somehow trusted. Exhausted, the little dog slept during the long ride to New Jersey. Then, out of the car and into a bright, cool, noisy, exciting place full of people and animals. A big shaggy man picked her up, cuddled her, and treated a wound on her head. He found her a clean place to stay with her own blanket to lay on. She had fresh water, and food—twice a day—and good food at that. It wasn't long before she began to get signals from her belly and she knew it was time for the puppies to be born. And, she wasn't alone. There were people there with her, patting and reassuring her, people who would be ready to help if she needed it. The puppies started coming, and coming, and coming. Nine of them, and all healthy. Weary and old though she was, she immediately began cleaning and caring for them with no thought of her own comfort and rest. Her cage became the center of attraction. Everyone



*One of the "Lindenwold Nine," this happy, healthy little guy is fun in the making.*



*John finds a safe place to put the kids while Mamma gets a little personal TLC.*

wanted to see this wonderful, caring, gentle Mamma and her brood. The name Mamma stuck. She is Mamma Mia – which means My Mother to nine lucky puppies. Now it's Mamma's turn. We've given her the care she needs, now she's healthy again, and even playful. If you're looking for a sensible, gentle companion, come meet Mamma Mia.

## Crafters and Vendors Wanted



Sign up early for Dogwalk '05 Sun., Oct 2. Contact 856 435-9116 or e-mail: carolenjays@yahoo.com for registration information.

## Dog Walk '05 (our 9th annual)

### Sunday, October 2nd in Haddon Hts. Park

- In Haddon Heights, NJ. Registration begins at 9am with the walk beginning at 11am. \$15 registration gets a free T-shirt and you get an event baseball cap if you bring in at least \$50 in sponsors.
- Crafters set up at 7:30; Breakfast is available from 8:30. Pizza lunch at 12:00.
- Speak to famed Pet Psychic Dr. Elizabeth Severino; Get pointers from an animal behaviorist; Talk to the Vet;
- Visit the pet-friendly Lexus from Cherry Hill Lexus; buy dog goodies from Jakes Dog House.
- Win a gold medal in contests including: Dog who looks most like owner; Biggest feet; Longest nose; Strangest bark, yip, or howl (dog or owner); Oldest; Youngest; Littlest; Best trick; Best dog costume; Best costume owner/dog; and several more.
- End a great family day with a hands-on blessing of the animals. Email carolenjays@yahoo.com for more info.



**Ginger** had been a house dog until her owners decided she was too friendly, and that she should be a guard dog, at which point she was thrown out of the house and kept in the yard. Her owners then bred her with the intent of keeping a couple of her puppies and “getting rid” of her. But the pregnancy went seriously awry and Ginger ended up at an emergency clinic. The puppies were dead and Ginger needed some major surgery to save her life. The owners let her down again. They refused to pay for the costly

surgery and opted to have her put down instead. The attending vet was furious and called us, asking that we ask the owners to sign Ginger over to us—which of course meant that we would have to take on her medical expenses. Ginger was just too great a dog to resist. We took her, and Ginger is now on the mend.

**Malcolm** is a big old fuzzy bear of a dog who was given up by his owner during what should have been his “golden years.” Sometimes even a wonderful guy like Malcolm ends up with friends that bail out on him because when Malcolm came in, it was determined that he has problems with his lungs and will need to be on medication for the rest of his life. Not a big deal, just a little extra trouble, but...here he is. Through it all, Malcolm has remained a big goof who loves attention and affection. Come meet our dear old boy!



**Boyd** The urgent plea said that Boyd was “unusual looking”. To say the least! We're not sure exactly what Boyd is (Basset? Boxer/Dachshund/Pit), but he certainly IS unusual! But Boyd is also typical of the many dogs that have been within

days or even hours of death at other shelters who we have been able to save: joyful to be alive and looking for that next “step up” to a new and loving home!

### ***Help Needed.***

Animal Adoption Center is seeking the assistance of a Real Estate Appraiser.  
Contact Alan at 856 435-9116



**Hero** needed a hero! Hero was found as a stray down in Delaware and taken to an animal control shelter down there. Hero, it turned out, was heartworm positive. Because the treatment for heartworm is lengthy and expensive, the decision was made to have him put down. We heard about Hero's plight and took him in to our family. This is a super dog

who needs his luck to change. We are bringing him back to health and he is now eagerly playing and going for walks with our volunteers. He has become a special favorite. Come in and meet Hero! He'll soon be ready to pack his bags and head for his new home!

### **Eyewitness Account of a Psychic Phenomena – Memories of DW '03 –**



Dogwalk '03 was winding down. The contests were almost finished, and we were just getting ready for the Blessing of the Animals. I was standing on the stage of the amphitheatre when an excited, tearful woman came up to me with a very strange story.

It seems that her cat slipped out a few days ago and had not returned. Her frantic family scoured the neighborhood, knocked on doors, put up signs but the cat was gone. By Sunday, the woman was desperate, and a friend told her that Elizabeth Severino, the pet psychic, was going to do readings at our Dogwalk. She brought a picture of the cat and a kitty toy and asked Elizabeth if she could tell her anything about her missing pet. Elizabeth concentrated on the cat's photo, then described the cat to the woman and told her that she saw it, still alive but trapped in a place that had a high window with some kind of a grating over it. Maybe a basement, maybe an outbuilding, but very close to the woman's home. The woman ran out of the park and headed for her street. She checked the nearby properties, and as she approached an outbuilding (with a grated window) at the back of a neighbor's yard three doors down the street, she heard a familiar meow.

The woman was still tearful from the happy reunion, but she ran back to the park to tell the story. She thanked me profusely for having the event — especially for inviting Dr. Severino.

This is a mystery far too large for me to understand.  
Carole Shankin, Editor





**Kayla** has had it rough. She lost her eye 3 \_ years ago due to an eye infection. She has been very shy, but once she gets to know you she will charm you with her sweetness. She has been with us for quite a while, and we are hoping that a loving family, preferably with older children, will not mind that she has only one eye, and see the beauty that is in her spirit. If you are part of that special family, come and meet Kayla. It's time

for her to have a home of her own.

**Max** is an adult gray Persian. He is an absolute love and would be a perfect addition to any home. He was found as a stray and then was surrendered to us and has become a favorite with his great personality.



**Regan's** babies were adopted out and she is now waiting her turn. Regan was rescued by our volunteer, Nancy, and is as sweet as can be! She is one of the many personable cats in our community room and loves attention!!



**Priscilla** What a lovely young lady. Amber eyes to charm, and sexy long whiskers. This domestic Long Hair-white, Tabby has had all her shots, and has all her house manners. A cuddler with a distinctive personality, she is an easy-to-love girlfriend.



## I am an Older Cat... Let Me Tell You About Myself,

- I'm a bit too heavy to swing from the curtains by my claws nowadays, so your window treatments are safe.
- I don't find jumping out at your shoe laces and tripping you any where near as much fun as I used to.
- I think laps are the most wonderful places in the world to curl up in for a snooze, and I've completely lost my urge to climb on your head and tangle in your hair.
- I'm still quick and agile enough to take care of any unwanted "visitors" that I might find crawling around in the basement or garage.
- I'm low-maintenance. If you need to be away all day, I can get along just fine. All you have to do is leave me food and water.
- I'm still totally ready to cause you fits of laughter if you bring out a paper bag, ball of yarn, or kitty fishing pole.
- I'm not too old to jump out at your dog occasionally, just to keep him on his toes.
- I really will make friends with the other cats in the house, even though it may not seem like we will ever get along. Just give us enough time to adjust.
- I can still lull you to sleep with my purrlaby.

### “Shedding” - Some Light

Pets shed in order to remove dead hair from their bodies. This hair can cause skin irritation and thus needs to be gone. If you don't remove it for them, they'll release it on their own. So, how do you keep your pets from shedding so much?

Shedding in cats is a natural phenomenon that happens for different reasons, mainly depending on whether your cat spends much time outdoors or whether your cat is purely an indoor cat.

Outdoor cats start releasing their fur at the first sign that the days are starting to lengthen. Indoor cats shed virtually any time of the year depending on lighting conditions, air conditioning levels and the constant temperature control in your home.

Dogs shed all the time. Originally, canines in the wild shed in spring and fall, but our indoor couch-potatoes provide us with non-stop fur.

How to control it? There is no agreement about shed medications, but there is one remedy—daily brushing. The more frequently you brush and remove dead and loose hair, the less shedding you'll have to deal with. It is also a way for you to monitor your pet's health as you check for fleas, ticks, cuts, or other signs of illness such as lumps or bald spots. The rhythmic stroking is good for you and good for your pet and you have control over where the fuzz balls end up. Our advice—either brush, brush, brush or you'll vacuum, vacuum, vacuum.

### Corporate Appeal

We are currently seeking corporate sponsorship for the following projects:

- \* Pet Therapy
- \* In-School presentations with A/V and pets
- \* Event support which includes liberal use of your logo and materials throughout the event, on flyers and posters, acknowledgement in our newsletter and on T-shirts, publishing of coupons and your message in any ad books or other media.

# Calendar - SAVE THESE DATES!

## PetsMart Adoptathon Sept 16-18

- Help us find good homes for our pets at our Luv-a-pet center at the Cherry Hill Petsmart.

## Psychic Night - Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at Stone Grille on Blackwood Clementon Rd.

- Great food, drink specials, more psychics, less waiting. \$20 per reading. Call Kitty at 856 534-5734 to pre-book your time slot.

## Craft Show - Sun. 9/25 9-4pm. at Post 1616, 1940 N. BH Pike, Williamstown, NJ.

## Dog Walk '05 (our 9th annual) on Sun., Oct 2 in Haddon Hts Park

- In Haddon Heights, NJ. Registration begins at 9am with the walk beginning at 11am. \$15 registration gets a free T-shirt and you get an event baseball cap if you bring in at least \$50 in sponsors.



## Fashion Show w/emcee Carol Erickson — Chico's Clothing, Hair/Makeup by Rizzieri

- Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm. This year we will be at the beautiful Riverton Country Club.
- Fashions supplied by Chico's, hair and makeup by Rizzieri; Event is being hosted by TV news celebrity CAROL ERICKSON.
- Atmosphere, food, fashions, a celebrity, and lovely gifts in our silent auction and Tambola (Chinese auction). An afternoon not to be missed. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and are being sold already. We hope you can join us again this year. Call Pat at 856 303-1224 for more information.

## Wine Tasting

- Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful time we had last year! Soft music, elegant surroundings, excellent food, and the finest wines. Lucky winners in our silent auction will reap rich rewards. Join us again this year at Lucien's in Berlin.

## Memorial Walkway and Patio Drive

- Don't miss your chance at immortality!! Buy your personalized engraved brick now for our walkway and patio. Benches and fence portions also available. Pricing starts at \$50. Benefits our renovation fund. Call 856-767-2776.

## Pets w/Santa

Please check back for more details as the events draw near. Call 856 435-9116 for more information.

### MEMORIUM

Many of you knew Oscar and many of you didn't. Oscar was our resident cranky little old man. He originally came to us under circumstances that still annoy me too much to even go into it right now. But sometimes bad things bring good things and it was a joy to know this little old guy with the soulful gaze. Oscar's health had been on a dramatic downward spiral for the last several months. But he kept on loving attention and he especially loved munching down his "chicken tenders", which are actually chicken jerky strips that Janice Feinberg bought him and which Chris White kept stashed for him and him alone in the kitchen. :) But we all knew that his time amongst was not long and today his physical conditioned worsened dramatically and, perhaps even more meaningfully, he had no interest in the "chicken tenders" that we offered him. So today Oscar made his last journey to Mt Laurel Animal Hospital, where Anita Anastasi and I stayed with him to a very peaceful end.

We will miss you, Oscar. Take care.

**Low Cost Spay/Neuter...call our representative  
Carol Roman at 856 663-1836.**

# Yes, I want to help the animals and your NO-Kill mission!

Use my donation to:

- Supply food, shelter, and veterinary care for those waiting to find their homes. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor the pet I cannot take home \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Support kitten or puppy for \$15.00 per month, or support an adult cat or dog for \$20.00 per month (A calendar and envelopes will be sent to you.)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Honor a loved one \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Dedicate a cat cage \$300
  - Dedicate a dog kennel \$500
  - Sponsor the Feline Aids/Leukemia room \$800
  - Sponsor the Cat Community Room \$800
  - Sponsor a Doggy Play yard \$800

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