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New Business Hours!
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM, 7 DAYS/WEEK



**SUMMER
ISSUE**

ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER'S Quarterly Newsletter



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Our Volunteers Make the Difference Between Good and Great

AAC's volunteer community sets us apart from other shelters in the area. Their dedication enriches the lives of the animals they care for—and the employees, too!

You don't need to look very far to see the results of our volunteers' efforts at the shelter. Everything from clean cages to frozen peanut butter... *(continued on Page 2)*

The Summer Appeal

We're making progress!

If you received our Summer Appeal letter or email then you're aware of the challenges the shelter is facing. We're working hard to raise the funds we need to stay open, as well as restructure the business to stay strong in the future. AAC has spent close to 25 years saving animals in the Camden County area—with your help we'll save thousands more.

For those of you who have already donated—thank you! Your support helps to keep our animals safe, healthy, and loved. It also helps us keep the lights on, the AC running, and the front door open. We've made some changes at the shelter, some of which will help to cut expenses, and others to increase revenue.

HOURS

We've also changed our hours of operations. We're now open 1:00 PM—8:00 PM, 7 days a week. This allows us to complete more adoptions in the evening when people are home from work. It also provides extra time for volunteers to offer enrichment activities and support for our animals.

To date we've raised **\$26,866** but we still have a ways to go. Please mail your gift in the enclosed envelope, call to donate over the phone, or visit our website to make your contribution today!

STAFFING

After careful planning, we've reduced payroll by 30%. Most of the employees you're familiar with are still at the shelter, but we've worked with them to create a schedule that makes the best use of their time.

GOING FORWARD

We will continue our efforts to reduce expenses and increase efficiency. We're making progress, and are hopeful that December will find us in better shape. **Until then, we still need your help.** Please mail your gift, or visit animaladoption.com/donate today!

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

Alumni Corner: KARA

By Liz Callahan

This beautiful girl with sparkling green eyes is Kara. Kara is one of AAC's great success stories. She arrived from an overcrowded shelter with a bad case of *demodex*, a non-contagious mange that can be worsened by stress. Kara looked older than her 8 months, and had lost large areas of fur. The vet said it was the worst case of *demodex* she'd ever seen. Just looking at Kara would break your heart.

Luckily, we had a fantastic foster family willing to take Kara home while she recovered. After six months in a loving, stress-free environment she began to regain her health and trust in humans. Soon she was ready for adoption!

This is when we met the Millers, a lovely family with two teenage children and a playful dog named Blaze. They were looking for another dog, and adopted Kara to complete their family. As sometimes happens, Kara and Blaze needed a little help to learn how to live together peacefully, but an AAC donor paid for a trainer to work with the Millers. After one productive session they had the tools they needed to help Kara, Blaze, and the rest of the family get along.



It's been almost two years since the Millers adopted Kara and we hear from them often. Here is what Kara's mom has to say: *"Kara is doing great! She is your typical, spoiled, happy dog. She remains demodex-free, with beautiful, soft fur. Everyone compliments her temperament and behavior. Of course, she still has times when she's stubborn, but we just review her basic training and she's fine afterward. She's a good girl, and a wonderful companion for our family. Thank you for bringing her into our lives. They wouldn't be the same without her!"*

Your donations make stories like Kara's possible. **Please make a gift to support our Summer Appeal today: animaladoption.com/donate**



Volunteers Make the Difference...

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...treats provide comfort to our animals. Volunteers do more than clean cages and make treats, however...

SOCIALIZATION

Our volunteers take time to visit, play, and walk with our animals. This important work helps to socialize our residents and improves their chances of finding a home.



TRAINING

All it takes is a little bit of time at the end of a walk to teach our dogs helpful behaviors. Learning things like “sit”, “stay”, and “wait”, help our dogs make good impressions on potential adopters, and increase their chances of finding a home. AAC volunteers help to make this happen. Well-behaved dogs get adopted quickly!



SUPPORT

Our PetPal program teams volunteers with animals to provide enrichment activities and promotion to help find homes. Social media and personal networks make a difference!

Donations vs. Sustained Support

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 = 24 doses of de-wormer

\$15/mo = \$180/yr = 12 months of flea treatment

\$25/mo = \$300/yr = 10 fecal sample tests



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

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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SHELTER STORIES



Marshmallow

Marshmallow is a beautiful little orange tabby that found her way to us during kitten season this year. Our vet determined that she has cataracts, and that it's likely a genetic trait. Other than that she's as healthy as can be, and loves to play with our staff, visitors, and volunteers. **Your support of AAC helps special cats like Marshmallow find a home!**



Happy Tails for 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



Georgeanne

Georgeanne is a beautiful girl with a lot of personality! She also has a lot of energy, but she's attending training classes and learning to tone it down a bit. One of our volunteer PetPals is working extensively with Georgeanne—**your support will keep her safe and healthy until she finds her new home.**