



Animal Adoption Center

A NO KILL Shelter for Companion Animals

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We couldn't rescue and care for all our animals without the support and generosity of our AAC Angels!

This list acknowledges those people, families, businesses, and organizations that have gone above and beyond with their donated funds or services.

Please consider becoming a guardian angel to our cats and dogs by making a donation:

Gold - \$500.00

Silver - \$250.00

Bronze - \$100.00

If you do not wish to be publicly acknowledged, please let us know when you make your donation.

A Message From Our New Director:

Hello, friends and supporters of the Animal Adoption Center!

It's been a pleasure spending the last several weeks getting to meet so many of you personally. It was apparent to me from my very first visit that this is a uniquely thoughtful and devoted animal welfare community. Everywhere I turn I see happy and healthy animals, enthusiastic and hardworking employees, and generous and dedicated volunteers. If the measure of a successful shelter is its supporters, Animal Adoption Center is second to none.

I'll be spending my first 90 days getting to know the rest of you, as well as reviewing everything from the state of the facility to our standard operating procedures and personnel ... exciting, right? I'll also be using this time to work alongside my staff, learning how to do what they do from day to day, and listening to their ideas about how to do it better. Experiencing our operation from the ground up will help me to do my job well.

As you may have guessed, however, there are some challenges to face in the year ahead. The unsettled economy continues to affect our bottom line, we have repairs and maintenance that we've put off to cut expenses, and the cost of caring for our animals presents a constant need. We have our work cut out for us, for sure, here's how you can help:

- If you haven't already, please consider visiting our website to make a donation. Individual donations of any size are welcome and appreciated. Recurring donations are especially helpful. Giving just a little bit each month adds up over time!
- If you can't visit our website, you can always send us a check or money order. We can even take a credit card donation over the phone!
- Tell a friend about the AAC. My own mom is on Facebook, and she loves telling her friends about our little family shelter. Sharing our story supports our mission "... to provide temporary shelter to stray, abandoned, and surrendered cats and dogs for the purpose of finding suitable and permanent new homes."

Thanks again for a warm welcome. I'm looking forward to working with all of you in the year ahead! - Don Jennings

Our AAC Angels

Gold

- Aikido Dojo of Stratford
- Digital Xpressions Web Design
- Alison Dunlap Photography
- RC Heating & Air Conditioning
- Linda Ewald
- Larry & Francine Galante-Dumhart
- Marilyn Meade
- Mark & Florence Rosen
- RP Consulting
- Joanne Hawkins
- Elizabeth Whitehill
- Cherrie Black
- Brigitte Baumann
- David Bader
- Theresa Brooks
- Manila Shutman

Bronze

Silver

- Robert & Virginia Botz
- Elissa Guerra
- Richard & Loretta Krimmel
- Cathy Leonard
- Theresa MacBride
- Caren Staskin
- Ruth Anne Taylor
- Paul & Beth Thomas
- Deena Gersh
- Steven & Meredith Wesolowski
- Stephen Bair
- Philip DiAntonio
- Peggi & Joe Foti
- Donald James
- Elizabeth Callahan
- Paul Alexander
- Steve Grau

- Sid Kreitzberg
- Carole Shankin
- Gerald J. Batt
- Nathan Supnick
- Lou Brian Trachtman
- Sarah Atlas
- Chris Zupsic

- Joseph & Alice Galcik
- Alfonso & Doralee Ganci
- Glenn & Annmarie Giveans
- Gizzie Meats
- Ronald & Frances Harrison
- Robert & Jeannette Jelonek
- Richard & Kate Johnson
- Michael & Jeanne Kernoschak
- Deen Kogan
- Eric & Ellen Krivchenia
- Joseph & Patricia Lattanzio
- Robert Lentine
- The Lattanzio Family:
- Linn One Hour Cleaners
- Margaret Marsh
- Ronald & Jeanne McCloskey
- J.D. & Beverly Miladin
- Margery Miller
- Joseph & Deborah Muoio
- Irma Nance
- Pam Nealer
- Joan Paskow
- Frances Petrozziello
- Christopher & Amy Pinkas
- S.M. Polhamus
- Marie Repko
- Victoria Romano
- Maria Rossi
- Christine Savage
- Mark & Karen Scarangelli
- Stephanie Sklar
- Kenneth & Joan Snay
- Joseph & Cynthia Sofka
- Henry & Grace Steenland
- Charlottee Steepy
- Lucille Stewart
- Adam & Mary Stierle

- Mary Teti
- Scott & Abrea Truskin
- Clarence & Marian Uhlard
- Daniel & Motoko Vining
- Lee & Virginia Weller
- David & Lynne Wrigley
- Stacey Abel
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- B.J. Celia
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- Theresa Fox
- Steven & Kathleen Goldstein
- Jack & Jane Hann
- Dolores Jones
- Monica Kane-Hughes
- Alexander & Susan Koszarecki
- Jeffrey & Gail Meersand
- Frances Misco
- Cindy Parks
- Henry & Deborah Peters
- Frank & Barbara Verticelli
- David & Elizabeth West
- George & Mary Lou Yelland
- Jo Ellen Young
- Maria & Liviu Dimattia-Dedes
- Paulette Perhac
- Dean Kogan
- Christine Roach
- Deborah Harris
- Bettyann DiVirgilio
- Lynn G. McDevitt
- Christine Savage
- Martha Barabas
- Richard & Loretta Krimmel
- Kaitlyn Amato

Nero: A Story of Hope



This big hunk of love is Nero, and he has an extraordinary story. We found our sweet Nero living on borrowed time at a local kill shelter. We simply fell in love with his sweet face and gentle demeanor and brought him to our center just in time for Christmas! While Nero got to enjoy the holidays in a safe and loving environment, the joy was sadly short lived. Nero became suddenly ill and his foster Mom immediately rushed him to our emergency vet's office. Nero was diagnosed with sudden onset pneumonia and required IV antibiotics, nebulizer treatments and an extended stay at their 24 hour care facility. He was on oxygen and could not breathe on his own and had an IV and was in ICU. The vet came out to tell his current foster mom that the prognosis was not good, that the road Nero was on was going to be a very rough and expensive road. She handed her an estimate of roughly \$5,000 and warned that even after incurring these costs, Nero still might not make it. In a gentle way the vet said that maybe with all of the animals we have to care for that spending this much money on one may not be the right answer. She

then said you could "go back and say goodbye." Many shelters would have taken this path, but not AAC. We knew we would find the money to give this beautiful ten-month-old Mastiff a fighting chance. It took days with around the clock care to regain Nero's health. While not giving up on our Big Boy is part of our no kill mission, our emergency funds are completely depleted. If you would like to see us be able to continue to help animals like Nero who would never have made it without Animal Adoption Center, please consider making a donation; no amount is too small and every dollar is greatly appreciated! Nero was then actually fostered by one of the vets that cared for him. Now to put a bow on the story, Nero has been adopted by a great family. It is a former Philadelphia police officer, his lovely wife and grown children. They love Nero to pieces. As all our friends know, Animal Adoption Center is a no kill facility that receives no governmental assistance - We exist only on the generosity of our donors. We thank all of our friends who have contributed to the Nero vet bill fund!

Candy: A Story of Love

This little girl is named Candy, and for just a one-year-old baby she has been through a lot. When we saw Candy at a local kill shelter, we could not believe how cute she was. At just six months, this adorable Jack Russell stole our hearts. We could not imagine what she was doing there and how she could be days away from not making it out of there. We brought Candy to our center and did a full evaluation on her. Candy's issue was that she was a nipper. She did not trust people, she was afraid they would hurt her and she snapped at the majority of people who tried to pet her. At AAC we do not give up easily on our animals. One of our fosters stepped up to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers and adopters and we called a professional trainer. Chris from Progressive Dogs, who is an amazing trainer, noticed right away that Candy did not sit properly. He also noticed that Candy's aggression came out when you went to touch her near her lower half. We then took Candy to the specialist at Pet Therapy in Cherry Hill. The wonderful Dr Howe-Smith diagnosed Candy as having

luxating patellas – essentially loose knee caps that were causing her a great deal of pain. The reason Candy had shown aggression was because she was in pain and it was her way of telling people, "please don't touch me it hurts!" Dr. Howe-Smith prescribed a pain killer for Candy. Within 48 hours she was a different dog – affectionate and loving. Candy was then ready for her forever home. Candy was adopted by a sweet couple who just cherish her and report that she has put her issues behind her. Other shelters would have given up on Candy. We went above and beyond to get her the help needed. We thank Chris from Progressive Dogs, Dr. Howe-Smith, Candy's foster and of course our donors – without you we would never have been able to save Candy and she would not be living the happy life she so deserves!



AWESOME ADOPTIONS!

With 125 dogs and 68 cats already adopted for 2014, we are well on our way to making this one of our best years ever for finding our animals their forever homes!



Upcoming Events



Wine and Brews for Paws and Hooves

**MAR.
21**

Join us for a night of fun with a wine and micro-beer tasting, delicious appetizers, delectable desserts and a rockin' DJ! All proceeds go to benefit AAC and Forgotten Angels Equine Rescue. The event will be held at The Gibson House in Marlton, NJ. The festivities start at 7:00 p.m. so don't be late! Tickets on sale now at www.animaladoption.com

**APR.
12**

Center City Pub Crawl

What could be better than a day of fun and excitement with family and friends among the pubs of Philadelphia? How about if a percentage of the proceeds from all sales in select bars were being donated to benefit the cats and dogs of AAC! You won't want to miss out. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook Page for more details! Tickets will be on sale at www.animaladoption.com

Bark-B-Que

**JUNE
21**

Enjoy a day of good food and awesome music with friends to support a great cause. All proceeds will go to benefit AAC and Lilo's Promise pit bull rescue. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details!

**SEPT.
(Date to be determined)**

AAC Annual Dog Walk

AAC will again be having its annual dog walk. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details!



Yes, I want to help rescue more animals and support South Jersey's ONLY no kill animal shelter!

Please find my check for \$_____ to supply food, shelter, and veterinary care for those waiting to find their homes.

Gold Donor- \$500
Silver Donor- \$250
Bronze Donor- \$100

Please sign me up for a monthly credit card donation. You can visit our website to make a donation online at www.animaladoption.com. You can also mail us your credit card information using the self-addressed envelope included.

Select Credit Card Donation Amount

\$18 _____

\$25 _____

\$36 _____

Other \$ _____

I would like this to be a ONE TIME credit card donation that does not occur monthly.

Credit Card Type _____

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

We also offer the opportunity to honor a loved one (be they human or furry) for \$800. We will have a personalized plaque created with your tribute and display it in our center. Print the words exactly as you want them to appear:

Please Print Clearly:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

E-Mail Address _____

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