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Designer Handbags Galore!

Handbag Bingo

This year, Animal Adoption Center is hosting its first ever Designer Handbag Bingo event. We'll have designer bags from designers like Coach, Michael Kors, Tory Burch, Kate Spade and others.

On May 11th, we're going to pack Our Lady of Good Counsel School (23 West Prospect Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057) for a night of bingo games, some incredible raffle items, and much, much more. (cont'd on pg. 5)

Designer Bag Bingo



Why pay full price when you can win it?

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet one of our dedicated volunteers!

Animal Adoption Center is lucky to have a group of dedicated volunteers who really make the shelter run. They're here day in and day out, helping the staff maintain the shelter. They're also integral to the health and happiness of our dogs and cats while they wait for their new homes.

Considering their importance to the success of AAC, we decided to highlight one in each issue of the newsletter going forward. Meet Lindsay, one of our amazing volunteers.

Lindsay has been a part of our volunteer group for five years, having previously volunteered with rescue organizations in Virginia. According to Lindsay, "when I moved to New Jersey, I researched animal shelters in the area. I went to training and the rest is history!"

From the beginning, Lindsay has helped AAC keep our cats healthy and happy while also assisting the staff with keeping the cat rooms clean and organized. When asked what her favorite part of her volunteer experience is, she replied, "When an animal that you have bonded with gets adopt-



ed, and you see pics of them in their new home. Seeing an animal go from a cage to that loving environment helps me to feel like I have had some small part in helping them to a better life!"

Lindsay is one of our longest-serving volunteers and is part of a group who spend some of their valuable free time helping the shelter staff maintain the quality of care standards that we've set for all of our dogs and cats. At times, it's far from glamorous.

Scooping and cleaning out litter boxes, refilling food and water bowls, and making sure the cats are brushed and happy is all part of what Lindsay, and our other volunteers, do every day to make AAC as successful as we can possibly be.

Animal Adoption Center, as an organization, is built on a collaborative effort to save lives and find our terrific dogs and cats the permanent homes that they deserve. Our success is the result of the dedication of our staff and volunteers.

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

Alumni Corner: Pepper

By: Chris Harris

Pepper originally came to Animal Adoption Center as a kitten in the summer of 2014. She was outgoing and confident, and the staff immediately fell in love with her personality. She fit in perfectly with the other cats in our cat room, and we were sure that she wouldn't stay with us for any extended period of time. Pepper's journey with us was just starting, but we would remain dedicated to helping her find a new home, despite some bad luck along the way.

She stayed with us for about six weeks before meeting her new mom. She adjusted quickly and settled in to what everyone thought would be her forever home. After a year, Pepper's mom experienced health issues - she was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. As a result of her treatments, her immune system was terribly compromised, which, for several reasons, unfortunately resulted in her having to return Pepper to AAC.

Despite her winning personality and affable approach to people, Pepper would experience three more disappointments before finally finding the perfect new home to call her own.

Pepper and her new mom spend lots of time snuggling. If there's ever a time when Pepper isn't next to her mom, she can easily be found napping under the covers on her mom's bed. She gets to play whenever she's feeling sassy and adores playing with any of her toys that have feathers on them. But the best discovery about Pepper: she LOVES watching basketball on TV. She parks herself in the best possible viewing spot and watches all of the action.

Pepper is the perfect example of our approach here at AAC. Once a dog or cat is with us, they're family forever. Our commitment to these dogs and cats doesn't end when they get adopted. We encourage each of our adopters to reach out to us with any questions, no matter how long it's been since they adopted their dog or cat.

Help make stories like Pepper's possible by donating today: www.aacnj.org/donate





Happy Tails



Frankie



When we were first introduced to Frankie, his name was actually Shortie. This little guy was appropriately named, as his legs definitely seemed a bit too short for the rest of his body. That didn't slow him down though. He loves to play with toys and go for walks at every opportunity.

When his new family met him, they knew immediately that he would fit into their young, active family. Frankie's personality and his new family's excitement made his transition into a new home very easy for everyone.

Frankie's new family couldn't possibly love him any more than they do. They describe their new family member glowingly, using words like "outstanding" and "wonderful." Frankie even got to host his very first Super Bowl Party and, as a host, did a bang-up job. He is well on his way to having a long, happy life. That's the kind of life we want for each of our pets.

Foxy



Foxy came to AAC from one of our rescue partners, Cape May County Animal Shelter. Initially, she was very shy and had little interest in engaging either with the staff, with our volunteers, or even with the other cats.

After she spent some time in our main cat room, we decided to give her a condo all to herself, away from the other cats. We were worried that she had just become overwhelmed with all of the activity in the cat room. When that move did not have the desired results, we decided to take her to one of our offsite locations at PetValu. There, she flourished. She really started coming out of her shell and initiating affection. That has carried over to her new home and to her new family. She loves to perch herself on her cat tree and look out the window. When she's tired of that, she finds the first available person to give her a little bit of attention.

Sadie



What can we say about Sadie? Well, we can say A LOT about this wonderful girl. Sadie came to us from Georgia in March of 2017. As soon as we got the chance to spend some time with her, she showed us how loveable and affectionate she could be once she developed a little bit of trust. This leggy girl wanted nothing more than to snuggle up next to one of us and fall asleep. When she played outside, she ran to the closest toy and entertained herself and then, without any prompting, sauntered over to join whoever was in the play yard with her and just take in the day. We didn't think she would be here for long.

Unfortunately, when meeting potential adopters, Sadie would jump up as far as she could, barking to get people's attention. As cute as this behavior was to us, it was a little concerning to potential adopters. As a result, she ended up staying with us until January of 2018, when she finally met her new family. They came in specifically to see her after watching a video on our web site of her interacting with one of our volunteers. After spending almost a year at AAC, Sadie is now in a home where she is loved and spoiled.

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Happy Tails



Cora



We took Cora in as an adorable three-month-old puppy. We were all immediately smitten with this little wire-haired girl. She and her sister were a hit with everyone that they met, especially the couple that ended up adopting Cora.

They had been in to visit us previously but were in the process of buying a house. They decided to wait until they finished that process to officially adopt a dog. They stopped back in to see us a few weeks later, met Cora and just knew that she was the one for them. We were just as excited for them as they were to add Cora to their family.

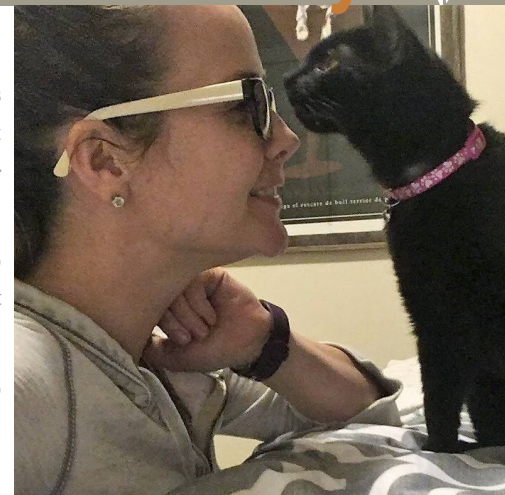
Now, she gets to spend her days running around her big back yard and, sometimes, digging her own little holes. Her dad enjoyed his experience with AAC so much that he helped us put on our First Annual Stand-Up for Animals event. As a stand-up comedian himself, he and Cora helped make this event very successful, so much so that he can't wait to help us again.

Daisy

We have a running joke here among the staff that as soon as we find out that one of our cats is good with dogs, the cat gets adopted right away. We like to be able to test our dogs with a cat for potential adopters who are considering adopting a dog but who currently have a cat. Daisy was one of the cats that helped us.

Daisy had absolutely no fear of dogs. In fact, she would just walk up to a dog and nudge it. No hissing, no growling . . . nothing. She was perfect. A few days after we found that out, she went home with her new mom.

These days, Daisy gets to spend as much time snuggling with her new mom as she wants. To top it all off, her best friend, Rue, is a 13-year-old dog who loves her feline sister.



Mabel



Mabel, named Taffy Anne when she was with AAC, quickly became a favorite of our staff and volunteers. She was a regular member of our morning dog play groups and attended our weekly adoption events because she was such a friendly girl with people and dogs alike. People would meet her and begin the adoption process, only to back out with no notice. Inexplicably, she would stay with us for seven months until, one day, her new mom and dad walked through our door.

They were looking for an affectionate, outgoing dog, and our kennel staff knew exactly who would make the perfect fit. It was love at first sight, all around. Mabel crawled right into her new dad's lap and, well, that was that.

Since going to her new home, Mabel gets to walk around a nearby lake with her family and has become a constant snuggle partner on the sofa. Mabel's new mom told us, "She's already 100% the star of the show everywhere she goes." All she needed was the chance to shine and, thankfully, she has that now, thanks to a loving new mom and dad.



handbags and bingo
...for a cause



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

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For our inaugural Designer Handbag Bingo, we're pulling out all of the stops. In addition to being a great way to kick off Mother's Day weekend, the event is a wonderful way to enjoy lots of laughs with a few friends while simultaneously supporting Animal Adoption Center's mission of successfully finding homes for each of our deserving dogs and cats.

The festivities start when the doors open at 6PM, and the games will begin at 7PM, giving you time to buy tickets for and check out the 30 or so raffle items. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$35, and tickets purchased at the door are \$45. Included with your ticket purchase is one set of bingo boards for 10 different games. Also included are a dauber, a ticket for a door prize, and coffee or tea. Players can also buy cards for additional games, cards for the final special game, and tickets for the various raffle items.

The winner of each round of bingo will be awarded a stylish designer handbag. We're also featuring a 50/50 and the aforementioned raffle items, so be sure to get your tickets today. We encourage you to make a night out of this event and bring your own beverages. This event is BYO in every sense of the word. You can purchase tickets at www.aacnj.org/designer-bag-bingo. We can't wait to see you there!

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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Please have someone call me.

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\$10/mo = \$120/yr = 480 lbs of cat litter
\$15/mo = \$180/yr = treat a heartworm pos. dog
\$25/mo = \$300/yr = 100 combo vaccinations

SHELTER STORIES



Hinata

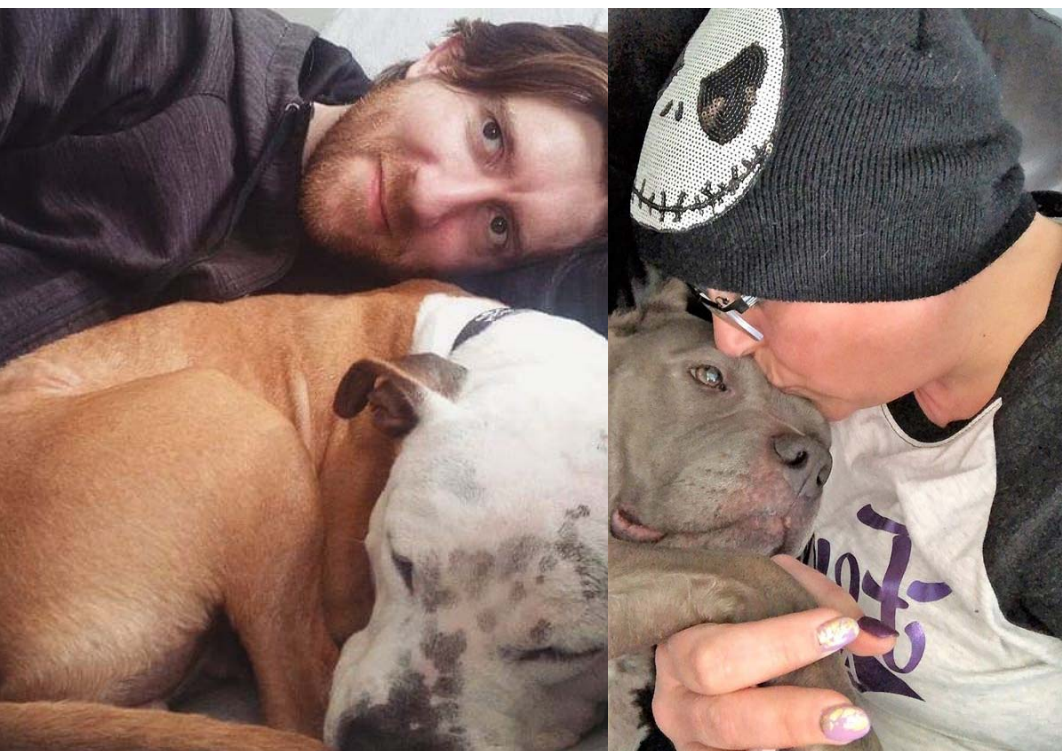
At six years old, Hinata has figured out what she likes in life and that boils down to three simple things. She likes to get comfortable in our outdoor enclosure to watch the birds and catch some sunshine. When she's not bird-watching, she's snuggled up in her favorite pumpkin bed. Finally, and most importantly, she LOVES her canned wet food.

Your **support** helps amazing cats like Hinata find a home!

Happy Tails from Winter & Spring!

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.

Like us on Facebook where you can see Happy Tails: facebook.com/animaladoptioncenter



SHELTER STORIES



Deb

Three-year-old Deb would love a home where she can go for long walks and absorb as much affection as you're willing to give. She's very food motivated and has been working on her obedience training with one of our very experienced volunteers. She'd prefer to be the only dog in the home, but Deb is all you'll need.

Your **support** of AAC helps amazing dogs like Deb find a home!

