



Wishes!

A Periodic Newsletter from West Jersey Volunteers for Animals

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Who We Are — Still Saving Lives

The nonprofit group West Jersey Volunteers for Animals (WJVA) was formed in 1998 by volunteers determined to improve life quality, medical care, and adoption rates for the 2,200 animals that passed through West Jersey Animal Shelter each year.

In four short years, the group **dramatically** decreased euthanasia at the shelter. WJVA treated many sick and injured animals that would otherwise have been euthanized, and provided hundreds of vaccines and spay/neuter operations to prevent sickness and pet overpopulation. Volunteers gave shelter animals exercise and affection every day. The group is very gratified that its work, along with generous public support, helped save over 700 orphaned animals each year for the past eight years.

Sadly, in January 2006, West Jersey Animal Shelter was forced to close due to a drastic need for repairs. While we lost our shelter, **we have not lost our passion to help and save homeless animals.** We all know there are still thousands of suffering animals out there that need our help!

Our group is still strong, with approximately 20 active volunteers who still utilize their years of experience to provide homeless animals with affection, medical care, foster homes, training, and publicity. During the past eight years, we also made many wonderful connections in the areas of veterinary care, pet grooming and boarding, training, food donations, and fund-raising. **We are dedicated to continuing to use all of these fantastic resources to carry on our work on behalf of homeless and suffering animals.** □

"Ugly" Elwood Heads Parade Pack

Independence Day felt more like Thanksgiving or Christmas this year for WJVA. For the eighth straight year, volunteers had a great time walking adoptable and adopted dogs in the Riverton July 4th Parade. The crowd cheered to see the tiny celebrity Elwood, this year's winner of the "World's Ugliest Dog" contest, escorted by his generous "mom," Karen Quigley. The volunteers marched with big smiles on their faces and tears in their eyes. They were overwhelmed as people in the crowd waved, clapped, called out words of thanks, and handed them donations en route. Children rushed up to shower love on the dogs as they passed by.



After the parade, the group gathered in Riverton Park. Karen and Elwood posed for pictures with area residents for a small donation. WJVA's resident seamstress, Kathleen Jungers displayed her beautiful handmade pet coats, party collars, bandanas, and muddy paw mitts. The group also sold soft pretzels, cold soft drinks, and other pet items. All-in-all, generous patrons donated \$576 on the parade route and \$448 in the park. WJVA is incredibly grateful for all the support, both emotional and financial. The donations enable us to continue paying kenneling fees and veterinary bills that save the lives of suffering homeless animals. Special thanks to Karen and Elwood for donating so much time on the holiday to help our cause, and to Riverton for having us in their wonderful parade. □



PLEASE CONSIDER FOSTERING

**We need homes to help save animals
and to make room at shelters!**

- Pups, kittens, and older pets in particular.
- Short-term arrangements available.
- Support via Internet postings, PetSmartAdoption days, vet care, and supplies.
- *Be a part of this rewarding experience!*



Contact Iris at
856-728-3004 for more information

Upcoming Events

- **WJVA Casino Trip**, Sun., Oct. 14, 2007. One price includes bus fare, gambling money, and discounted meal. Details soon on our Web site.
- **The 24th Annual Cranberry Festival**, Sat./Sun., Oct. 20 & 21, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., downtown Chatsworth, NJ. Over 160 arts and craft vendors, antique vendors, WJVA's Handmade Pet Products by Kathleen (including coats and muddy paw mitts). <http://www.cranfest.org>
- **K-9 Basics Training Golf Tournament**, Valleybrook Country Club, Blackwood, NJ., Fri., Oct. 26, 2007. Proceeds benefit WJVA, 4thAnimals Rescue, Boxer Rescue, and CCAS.
- **Walk for Juvenile Diabetes**, Cooper River Park, Sun., Oct. 28, 2007. WJVA is walking to raise money/awareness for diabetes with our own lovable diabetic dog Kane. Crafts also available. Contact us to walk/donate or just visit the park to enjoy the activities!
- **WJVA Pasta Dinner**, Tentative date/place: Sat., Feb. 9, 2008, Pennsauken Fire Hall, Pennsauken, NJ. Details soon on our Web site.

Contact Us: E-mail: wjvolunteers@yahoo.com • Web: www.wjas.petfinder.org
Phone: 856-845-3860 or 856-728-3004 • Mail: WJVA, 27 N. Warner Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096

Four Quick, Free, Easy Ways to Help!

1. Use **goodsearch.com** for Internet searches; pick WJVA as charity.
2. Use **igive.com** for Internet purchases; pick WJVA as charity.
3. Order pet medication online via **1800petmeds.com**; pick **WJVA** as charity.
4. If you donate, check if your employer has a **matching gift program**.

Support These Businesses That Support Us

Allens Kennels
116A Borton Landing Rd.
Moorestown, NJ 08057
856-235-0196 • www.allenskennels.com

Clif Wyck Kennels Boarding/Grooming
131 Kenilworth Rd.
Marlton, NJ 08053 • 856-983-3050

Evesham Veterinary Clinic
800 Route 73 South
Marlton, NJ 08053 • 856-983-9440

K-9 Basics Training
131 Kenilworth Rd.
Marlton, NJ 08053 • 866-592-2742
info@k9basics.com • www.k9basics.com

Pennsauken Animal Hospital
6717 Route 130 (at Cove Rd.)
Pennsauken, NJ 08110 • 856-662-4450 □

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In Loving Memory of . . .

Holly	Beloved cat of 19 years <i>D. Siebert, NJ</i>
Robby	Shelter dog, loved, not forgotten <i>WJVA Volunteers</i>
Cuba	Now at peace <i>Posey C., NJ</i>
Peanut	In loving memory of Peanut <i>B.G. King, NJ</i>
Baxter Noah Little Boy Wally	Kathleen's boys <i>WJVA Volunteers</i>



Attention: Pizza & Joe Corbi Fans!

Satisfy your cravings and help homeless animals at the same time.

Go to www.joecorbi.com, place your order, and list **West Jersey Volunteers for Animals** as your Donation "shopping for" selection.

Items delivered right to your door.
Mangia! Mangia!!



LUV-A-PET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for 2- to 3-hour sessions mornings, evenings and weekends at **Moorestown, NJ PetSmart** to feed cats, clean cages, and help potential adopters.

Contact Cat at
catherineharr@hotmail.com or call
856-845-3860 for more information.

Help Us "Hang Up" Animal Suffering!

We are collecting old cell phones to recycle for funds. Please help us reach our goal of 100 cell phones.

Please send them to:
27 N. Warner St.
Woodbury, NJ 08096
or call 856-845-3860
for more information.



TRAINING/ADOPTION SUCCESS STORIES!



ZOEY

Zoey is a beautiful, highly energetic, young pit bull that was rescued just in the nick of time. She was kenneled for a year while the group searched for a home and worked to bridle her energy. About

six months into her kennel stay, Zoey started her training. A few months later, Zoey's new mom, Vicki was smitten when she first saw Zoey dressed in a pink tu-tu in an Internet photo. Vicki tells us: When I first saw Zoey, I thought, how nice that she doesn't rip off the clothes! Upon meeting her, I fell in love with her HUGE smile and all the kisses she gave me. Then I was completely amazed at the results of her K-9 Basics training. I have had Zoey for two months now and am completely attached to her. K-9 Basics allows me to keep taking Zoey to training for free as often or as little as I want to enhance her already amazing skills. The wonderful classes have helped me to communicate better with my dog, and most of all, they've brought out the best in Zoey, who once was a crazy little dog and is now an obedient,

loving, and gentle addition to my family. I have never been happier to have a dog. West Jersey Volunteers are still training several rescue dogs that need caring, loving homes, and I would definitely recommend any animal lover to consider adopting one of these smart and wonderful dogs! They will bring happiness and joy into your life that you never even knew existed.



FAUNA

Fauna is a smart, graceful German Shepherd mix who arrived absolutely terrified at the West Jersey shelter in July 2005. She was so incredibly scared, she covered in fear in new situations.

She only warmed up to a few people at first, but once bonded, she poured out loyalty and love. When the shelter closed in January 2006, WJVA boarded her at Clif Wyck kennels. Fauna began K-9 Basics training that April. By July 2006, she was a different dog! She walked in a parade and went to the park, interacting with many dogs and people, showing no signs of fear and confidently

obeying commands. In October 2006, Judy and Joe Cassario began fostering Fauna. Judy and Joe tell us: We were still feeling a big void from the recent loss of our dog Maggie, but Fauna's unique personality soon filled our home. She plays enthusiastically, especially chasing Frisbees, footballs, and sticks! She fit quietly into our home routine. She is trustworthy when left alone (except for an occasional lounge on our sofa!). She loves walks, hikes, and car rides and will vacation with us at the beach this summer. Fauna has had some socialization issues, but with patience and discipline she's become more at ease with family and friends. A big thank you to K-9 Basics! Without training, I am sure we wouldn't have been able to adopt Fauna. She is quite obedient, and we now have the tools to deal with any problems that do arise. The staff at K-9 is always so ready and willing to give advice. Since Fauna is a lifetime member, we can always go back for a refresher or to progress in training. She has so much fun renewing old acquaintances with both dog and people friends. Thank you always to Iris for your friendship and support and to the West Jersey Volunteers for the work you do. We love our "Funny Fauna."

Dog Training to the Rescue

Many people are frustrated each day by their pet's bad behaviors. Sadly, a dog that is not under control is a danger to itself and possibly even those around it. Every dog, from a purebred spoiled since birth, to the average mutt from the pound, usually displays some bad habits. **The absolute and little-understood truth is that good dog training can make very nearly any (and we mean ANY) dog well-behaved and a pleasure to be around.** The key point is that dogs are naturally pack animals and respect the dominance of the pack leader. Good dog training teaches dog owners a little about dog psychology. It teaches owners that by using the body language, cues, and consistency that make sense to the dog, the dog will respond well, behave remarkably, and be under control under all circumstances.

Recently, WJVA was forced to board four dogs for over a year in order to save their lives. Some of them had tough behavior problems such as excessive fear, extreme hyperactivity, and dog aggression that made them difficult to adopt out. Our group has been very fortunate to train all four of these dogs through K-9 Basics in Marlton, NJ. At K-9 Basics, owners take their dog through an interactive program on a flexible schedule. Sessions are 1 hour; owners may go unlimited times per week. There are 18 weekly classes including morning and evening sessions. After graduation (typically in 2 to 4 months) the dog knows basic commands, heels off-leash, and can socialize with other dogs. The dog will be calm, content, and under control. It will also be more at ease in its environment and in its relationship with its owner. The owner will know how to calmly and effectively give commands and communicate with his or her dog. Dog owners are granted follow-up

ADOPTION SUCCESS STORIES!



WILSON

Wilson was found in a Pennsauken, NJ yard 8 weeks old, starving, flea-ravaged, fearlessly eating dog food while the dog looked on. His finder contacted WJVA for help. WJVA gave him vet care, vaccines, a bath, and a foster home with TLC. His luck changed when he was adopted to a very loving home. His new family reports that he adjusted quickly and grew fast. He has a big sister named Ginger who he loves to torment with silly games. She tries to pretend she doesn't like him much, but when the new family members see them sleeping peacefully together, they know they love each other. The proud new parents report, "He is a perfect fit for our family!"

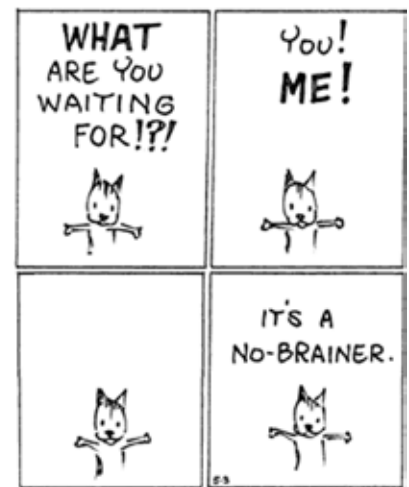


LISIE

When the West Jersey shelter closed, Lisie had nowhere to go. WJVA placed her at a barn, but the barn workers (who were also WJ Volunteers) noticed that Lisie was lonely, always looking for affection and head rubs. Too loving for the barn, the volunteers took Lisie to the Moorestown, NJ PetSmart Luv-a-Pet adoption center, where she was adopted by a senior citizen who loves her dearly. He says he doesn't know how he lived without her. Lisie is his constant companion, sleeps with him, and runs to the phone when it rings! She has found the affection she needed, and he has the companionship and love to give him something to look forward to each day.

training for the life of the dog. To learn more about K-9 Basics classes and methods visit www.k9basics.com.

K-9 Basics owners, Brian and Lisa Berg, have generously allowed our homeless dogs to attend the classes for free. Remarkably, they have also promised that any adopter of these dogs may bring the dog back to the classes as often as they would like for the life of the dog. See Page 2 for stories about two of these dogs — Zoey and Fauna — and testimonials from three very happy people who adopted them. Also see information on Sammy and Kane, two more of our rescue dogs currently looking for homes, who come with the lifetime K-9 Basics training (info on Page 4). □



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Yes! I want to help save homeless animals!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Note: Our typical costs — Spay/Neuter & Shots: \$90; Kenneling: \$8/day, \$240 per month

Please use my donation for the following purposes:

___ **Sponsor a Kennel** — helps with kenneling costs: \$ _____

___ **Sponsor a Spay/Neuter** — helps with spay/neuter/vaccines: \$ _____

___ **Vet Fund** — helps with vet bills, medications for sick animals: \$ _____

___ **In Loving Memory** — Please make my donation of \$ _____ in memory of:

Name: _____ Description (e.g., Beloved poodle): _____

From: _____ (e.g., J. Smith, Pitman, NJ).

Please send acknowledgement to (name/address): _____

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Directly Benefit Animals!**

Please make checks payable to
West Jersey Volunteers for Animals;
mail to
27 N. Warner Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Burlington County Animal Shelter is offering **discount microchipping** for dogs every other Wednesday. You don't have to be a Burlington County resident to participate. **Cost: Only \$10 per dog.** Discount rabies vaccines are also offered.
Contact information:
BCAS, 35 Academy Dr., Westampton, NJ, 609-265-5073 • www.co.burlington.nj.us/departments/animal_shelter.



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All proceeds donated to West Jersey Volunteers for Animals (WJVA), a nonprofit volunteer group improving life for homeless animals in the South Jersey area.

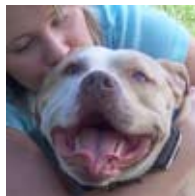


For questions or orders, please contact Kathleen at keenondogs.knine@verizon.net.

THESE PETS DESPERATELY NEED HOMES!

KANE

- Very loving special dog who **NEEDS SPECIAL CARE**
- He is **diabetic** and needs insulin shots twice a day
- Super sweet personality; very affectionate, he is a Velcro dog: wants to be close to you
- Currently in **K-9 Basics** training
- New owner gets free training for life
- Learned to heel, sit, down, and place, also to socialize with other dogs; he recently graduated!!
- Neutered; up to date on shots
- He'll return your love 10 times over
- Loves kids and most other dogs



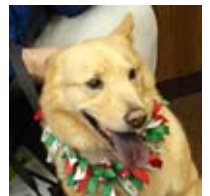
YING & YANG

- Almost identical twin males, almost one year old
- Soft, thick, silky black-and-white “tuxedo” coats
- Petite build; only about 8 lbs.; neutered; current on shots
- GREAT personalities — love to cuddle & sleep with people
- Purr like crazy, love to be petted; enjoy toys; affectionate
- Love to play/wrestle with each other; very playful
- Good with other cats and dogs
- We strongly prefer to adopt them out together



SAMMY

- Silky, fluffy coat with plume tail; loves to be brushed
- Handsome Chow/Shepherd mix, neutered, up-to-date on shots
- Very confident, yet friendly; loves affection and attention
- Enjoys leash walks, especially in the park
- Good with most other dogs; does best with females
- Recently started **K-9 Basics** training; doing very well
- New owner gets free training for life
- Would do best in family with children in late teens or older



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Best Wishes for a Safe and Happy Summer!

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