

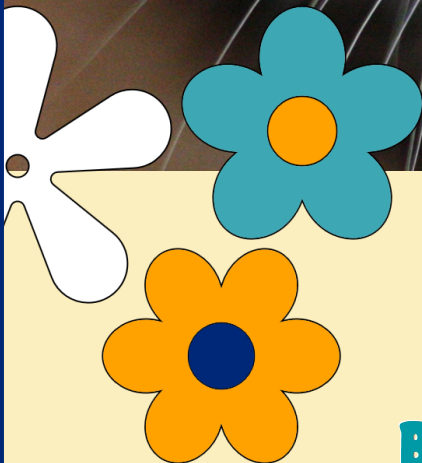
# Animal Tails

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**Bringing Happiness Home**

since 1948

## OUR MISSION

AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond and improving the role of animals in the well being of people.

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## A Note from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

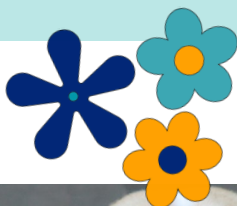
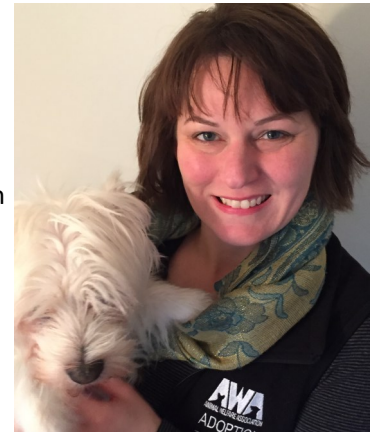
Each year we pick an annual theme to support AWA's many activities. This year's theme is **Happiness** and we chose "Happy Together" by the Turtles as our theme song. Stuck in my head is, "Imagine me and you, I do. I think about what we do, day and night. It is only right to think about the pets you love and hold them tight. So happy together." It is easy for us to celebrate happiness because we make happy happen at AWA!

By supporting us, you significantly improve the welfare of homeless animals in our communities. AWA's extensive programs - all self-funded - directly aid thousands of dogs, cats, rabbits, and people each year. AWA does more for pets and people than many shelters with more space, more money and more resources. Delivering pet food in the City of Camden, teaching workshops on pet health or promoting trap/neuter/return of outdoor cats, holding our youth summer camp, transporting pets who faced euthanasia only a few day before, and hosting a major adoption event, are all part of lifesaving activities.

We lead our area in innovative approaches to saving pets' lives. We blaze a path that other shelters follow. We collaborate with many to improve the lives of animals inside our walls, out in our community, and residing in other shelters. However, sometimes being the group that makes life better for all comes at an expense, and each year we struggle with being underfunded.

We face this challenge with a smile because we hope you will remain faithfully "together" by our sides. We are so thankful to all who gave a donation, gifted AWA stock, placed AWA in their will, created a Paws and Feet team, or held a fundraiser. By making AWA your charity of choice, you make a huge impact on so many pets in our community.

My sincere wish is to bring a smile to your face and warmth to your heart. Thank you for making so many happy "tails" possible.



## A Special Thanks to Our Top Sponsors



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# Happy "Tails" From Our Mailbox

Happiness is...  
snuggling  
with your  
best friend



"Ruby (AKA Friskers) and CoCo (AKA Nola) are inseparable and always have to be around each other when sleeping. They both have been absolutely amazing additions to the family." - Paul



"This is Molly, now Patches. We got her almost two years ago. She is such a pleasure to have in our home. We went in looking for a dog that would get along with cats and I think we did a good job." - Kelly

"Here is a picture of our AWA 'brothers' Bambi and baby Chase, literally holding each other when they sleep (I felt bad I woke them to take this picture!!) The love between these two is real! LOL" - Katie



## About AWA

Founded in 1948, we were one of the first organizations to serve Camden County and all the surrounding areas. We are pleased to provide the following programs and services to our community:

- Adoptions
- Public Spay/Neuter, & Pet Wellness Services
- Pet Retention and Rehoming Support
- Humane Education
- Pet Assisted Therapy

AWA is a private charity and receives no local, state, or federal support. No animal is euthanized due to space, length of stay or for treatable medical or behavioral issues.



"We adopted Rodney in 2006 (his name was Riley at AWA.) He is extremely loved and he is the most amazing dog!" - Lisa



"We adopted Blackie, now Maggie, and she stole our hearts. Thank you so much for helping us complete our family." - April

2,752 pets  
were  
adopted in  
2015!



"This is how Sasha sleeps ... if I try to take my hand out, she pulls it back!" - Christine



Thank you for following us on Facebook. We now have 192,000 followers!

# Celebrating Happiness AWA News and Events

## Summer Camp: Teaching Art and Compassion

AWA's **Summer Camp** will offer four 1-week sessions for campers ages 9 - 12 for \$225 per session. Registration



begins March 1st, so grab a spot before they fill up! Our camp program includes art, animals, and the outdoors. Last year our campers helped our animals by donating their

artwork to our **Bid for Pet's Sake** online auction. Many paintings from these budding artists now adorn a waiting room in a pediatrician's office! For registration, visit our website at [awanj.org](http://awanj.org).

## AWA's Community Workshops and Classes

AWA continues to be a resource for pet owners and offers free community workshops each month to help keep pets healthy and safe. Our workshops include helping feral cats, summer heat preparedness, pet obesity, and coming this fall, senior pet care and needs, to help owners when their aging pets struggle with arthritis and other serious ailments. Check our website for information on all our upcoming workshops.



Last year, our **Pet Food Pantry** gave away 7,300 pounds of food!

This spring and summer, AWA will offer on-site and off-site **Well-Mannered Dog** classes to train your dog in basic manners and introduce owners to training methods. Fee is \$100. Next class is scheduled Saturday, June 4th. Check website for details.

## Our Friend-raisers

At AWA, we love to make new friends which is why we will continue with our series of friend-raising doggie socials starting this spring. Don't miss our



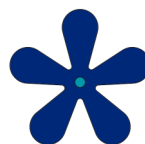
Over 5,000 youths participated in one of our Humane Ed events!

on-site **Yappy Hours** and off-site **Bark in the Parks**. Your dog will love AWA's signature Yappetizers, Bark-tini Bar™ and fun activities, including entertainment, and games!

Our first **Yappy Hour** will be held

on Thursday, July 14th -- so grab your four-legged friend and come have a groovy time with us as we celebrate our happiness theme!

Our first **Bark in the Park** will be held on Saturday, June 18th, from noon - 2pm at Timber Creek Dog Park. For more dates and info about these events, visit [www.awanj.org/events](http://www.awanj.org/events).



## Our 50/50 Raffle Brings Back Romance!

This year's lucky winner was about to celebrate her 40th wedding anniversary. She and her husband desperately wanted to do something special to celebrate their milestone, but finances stood in their way. This AWA supporter bought her lucky raffle ticket never thinking she could win. She was shocked to find that she won over \$17,000!



# PAWS & FEET 5K RACE & DOGGIE FUN DAY!

New Venue!

Come on, get happy and come run, walk, or trot to help us raise **\$100K** for homeless pets! This spring, grab your pooch and join us for a day of family fun that will be **outta sight!**

Registration is \$40 and includes event tee shirt. First 500 registrants receive a free goodie bag!

**Doggie Fun Day** is open to the public and admission is free!

**Saturday, June 11th**

9am - 2pm

at

**Eastern Regional High School**

1401 Laurel Oak Rd.  
Voorhees



## Fundraising is easy:

- use social media
- ask 10 friends for \$10
- ask businesses you frequent for a contribution
- ask your employer to match your money raised

Happiness is...  
fostering  
a pet

Poor little Shadow was left behind by his mom. Lucky for him, he was brought to AWA where he was placed in the caring hands of a foster family. His foster family fed him and nurtured him and when he was old enough, Shadow was adopted into a loving "forever" home. At AWA, fostering plays an integral part in the number of lives we save. **With kitten season approaching, the number of foster families willing to help us save lives is vital.** If you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience, please e-mail [fostercare@awanj.org](mailto:fostercare@awanj.org) or visit our website at [awanj.org/volunteers](http://awanj.org/volunteers).



Last year, 1,059 animals were **fostered**. That's **FAR OUT!**

## Volunteers

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all of our volunteers! Your hard work in the shelter, clinic, admin offices, outreach, events, etc., helps us carry out our mission of saving lives. **RIGHT ON!**

In 2015, 150  
volunteers  
gave 17,270  
hours!

## Save the Date

### AWA WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

- **First Aid and CPR Workshop**  
April 28th, 6-7pm
- **Well-Mannered Dog**, June 4th, 10am-12:30
- **Pet Obesity "Biggest Loser"**  
Kick-off, October 6th, 6-7pm
- **Helping Feral Cats**, October 13th, 6-7pm
- **Caring for Senior Pets**, November 10th, 6-7pm

### AWA EVENTS

#### Kids Camp

Registration opens March 1st

#### Paws & Feet **NEW VENUE!**

**Saturday, June 11th** at Eastern Regional High School, Voorhees

#### Bark in the Park at Timber Creek Park:

**Saturday, June 18th** 12pm-2pm

**Saturday, July 23rd** 12pm-2pm

#### On-site Yappy Hours

**Thursday, July 14th**, 5-7pm

**Thursday, Aug. 11th**, 5-7pm

#### Date Nights with Your Dog

Dog socials hosted by PetSmart in Marlton. One Wednesday a month from 4pm-7pm. Next one is **March 9th**. Check website for future dates.

#### AWA Yard Sale

September 17th, 8am-12pm

#### Bid for Pets Sake

Our 2016 auction will take place this October. We're accepting donations - gift cards, sports memorabilia, vacation packages, etc. To make a donation, contact Maria at [events@awanj.org](mailto:events@awanj.org).

# AWA's Programs Directly Impact Our Community

AWA's **Vets on Wheels** works in targeted neighborhoods to deliver a variety of pet care services. Pet owners can get vaccinations, exams, as well as access to free or low cost spay/neuter surgeries for their pets. AWA staff is out in the neighborhoods each week talking to residents and giving away pet food.



During the last hour of our November *Camden Pet Care Day*, an older woman in a wheelchair arrived with her 13-year-old Akita named **Snowball**. Snowball had several noticeable health issues: hair loss and weakness when standing. The woman was unable to visit a veterinarian since she doesn't drive and can't transport Snowball on the bus or in a taxi. Due to her limitations, she was giving him human medications that were putting his poor health at even greater risk. We knew Snowball needed a more extensive examination so we arranged to transport Snowball to the Pet Clinic. We provided Snowball with appropriate medications, vaccinations, and a special shampoo to make him more comfortable.



Right before the holidays, our "elves" gave away 900 pounds of dog and cat food to residents. "Everyone was beyond grateful and happy that we were out there just as Christmas is here," said a staff member.

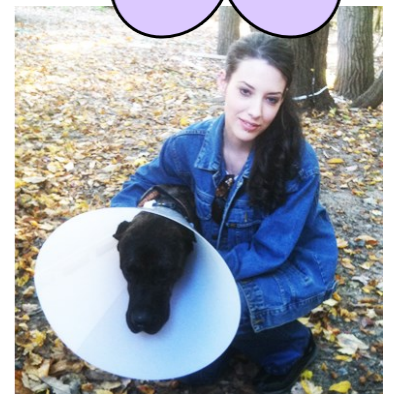


## AWA's Clinic Works Hard to Help Pets Stay Healthy

Staff at our Pet Clinic are always busy with spay/neuter surgeries, vaccine clinics, wellness exams, workshops, and more. They are also busy helping animals in need, like Kayda. With nowhere to turn, the owner of Kayda, a 6-year-old presa canario with a large tumor, contacted AWA. Crying, the owner said the tumor broke open and that Kayda could barely walk. We told her to "bring her dog right in." Our veterinarian examined her and determined that we could safely remove the tumor. Kayda was immediately prepped for surgery and in under a hour, the massive ulcerated tumor was removed. Kayda felt so much better, she was able to walk out of AWA's clinic with her regular swagger! Her owner cried once more - this time with happy tears!

We spay/neutered  
9,900 dogs and cats  
-including  
1,653 ferals

Last year,  
8,703 pets  
received free  
or low cost  
wellness care!



Thanks to grants from the following, we are able to help prevent neglect and help control over-population, keeping more pets out of area shelters.



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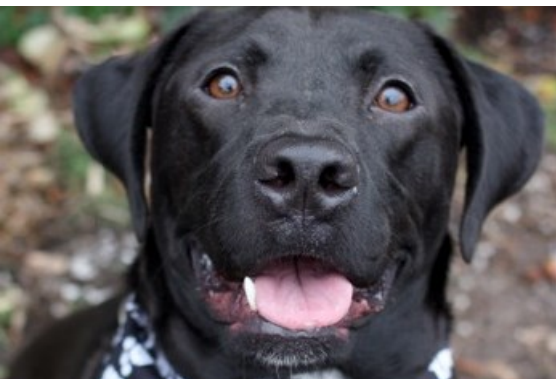
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# Stories of Hope and Second Chances



Momma was hit by a car and found by the side of the road unable to move. Her companion, a younger dog, stayed with her until a caring person discovered them and brought them to a shelter. Because her pelvis was fractured, Momma, a sweet 2-year-old lab, needed surgery to heal properly and live a pain-free life. Thanks to our donors, Momma had the surgery and recovered in a foster home. Her foster mom decided she couldn't live without Momma and has made it her forever home!



Dougie was found with a rope embedded into his neck, malnourished and tested positive for heartworms. Now 30 pounds heavier, neck healed and heartworm free, Dougie is now enjoying his loving, forever home!



Maisy



Logan



Iris



Daria



Connolly



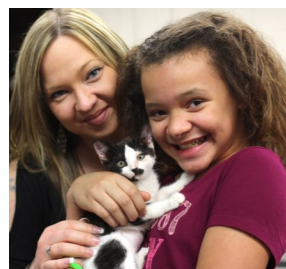
Chanelle

We assisted a local shelter overwhelmed with an intake of 120 cats from a hoarding case. **We accepted 12 ill cats and kittens** (some are pictured above.) All of the cats had upper respiratory infections and some were infested with fleas and mites. These cats who may not even have had names, were soon safe in the care of our veterinary team. Because of animal lovers like you, we were able to treat them with medication and spay/neuter them. After they healed and recuperated, we were able to give them the extra enrichment and behavioral work they needed to become more socialized and adoptable. Under the tender loving care of our staff, the cats started to come out of their shells and some have already been adopted!

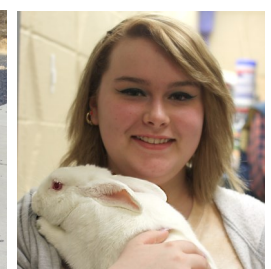


During a snowstorm, we were here for pets like Hazel and Zoey. Their survival was in question when they were found out in the cold, safely captured and brought to AWA. We kept them safe and were able to save their lives!

Shiver was found in a box at a local Home Depot right before a snowstorm. Shiver is a senior dog with dental disease and mammary tumors. Thanks to our generous donors, we are working hard to give Shiver proper medical treatment so she can find the loving home she deserves.



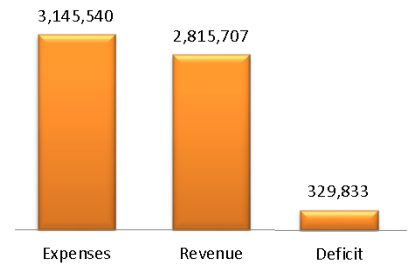
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is...Going  
Home!**



# Ways to Help AWA

## WHY WE ASK

AWA receives no government or national funds. Everything that we do is funded by donations, grants and funds that we raise through our programs. **Each year we have a deficit because we always want to do more.** In our 2015 fiscal year, AWA operated with a \$329,833 loss.



### Poorly Behaved Stocks?



Do your stocks have you on edge? Are they not behaving as you want them to? The time has come to donate them to AWA. At AWA, we know how to get the best from your stocks. Don't overlook the benefits of giving appreciated stock -- you can get an immediate tax deduction for the full market value of the stock and also avoid the capital-gains tax. It is very simple, it takes only 3 phone calls: one to your broker, your broker to our broker, and one to AWA so we can thank you!

### IRA Rollover Gifts



If you are 70.5 years of age or older, the IRA rollover is a great way for you to AWA. The rollover allows donors to transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to charity each year. An IRA rollover gift is a tax-exempt distribution. And it can be used to meet all or part of an IRA required minimum distribution.

*If you are interested in donating your stocks, making an IRA rollover gift, or leaving a planned gift, please contact Maya Richmond at 856-424-2288, ext. 109 or email [Mayar@awanj.org](mailto:Mayar@awanj.org).*

### Allow Us to Beg Tomorrow



Planned Gifts are one of the most effective ways to ensure that AWA can carry on saving pets for years to come. A planned gift to AWA can make a huge impact and means that you are saving lives in your own backyard. And, leaving a gift in your will/estate can also provide you with substantial tax breaks and financial advantages.

### Constant Companions Help Our Pets in Need through Monthly Giving

On average, it costs \$425 to provide care for a pet while he waits for his new family to come and take him home. Some dogs and cats arrive in need of medical care or social rehabilitation and may be here for awhile. **Your monthly gifts make this care possible.** For more information on monthly giving, go to "Ways to Help" on our website and click on "Constant Companions."



Be part of AWA's **Life Savers Circle**. Our supporters allow AWA to tend to our daily operational needs so that our programs always remain strong. Members are listed in our Annual Report and have their names displayed in our shelter foyer. Please join our Life Savers Circle at one of our four levels or call Ron at 856-424-2288 x107 to learn how to join.

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# Memorial and Tribute Donations

...are a special way to honor loved ones and pets. A card will be sent to whomever you wish us to notify. The following gifts were made between August 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015 for amounts of \$50 and over. Visit [awanj.org/ways-to-help](http://awanj.org/ways-to-help) for comprehensive lists of tribute gifts.

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**The O'Donnell Wedding**  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew O'Donnell  
**Paige and Faith Persons**  
Rosemary Greer  
**The Wedding of MaryAnn Ragone and Bob DeLambily**  
Adrienne and Nash Hale  
**The Marlene and Paul Rigby**  
Mr. and Mrs. Doug Hedges  
**Joseph Rosato**  
Owens & Minor  
**Paulette Siegfried on her Birthday**  
Carolyn and Dennis Jones  
**Paulette Siegfried at Christmas**  
Carolyn Jones  
**David Slayback**  
Melissa Previte  
**"Carlos" Smith**  
Taylor Marcum  
**Earl Stahl's Birthday**  
Linda Blumberg  
**Diane & Anthony Terruso at Christmas**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Canuso  
**Anne Marie Tisone's Wedding Shower**  
Diane Bonanno

Ellen Wentworth  
Your co-workers at ETA Region 3  
**Natalie Wright-Griffin**  
Gerald Griffin, Jr

To make a gift tribute in honor of or in memory of a person or pet, please use the attached envelope or go to [awanj.org](http://awanj.org) and click on "Ways to Help."



**In Loving Memory:**  
"I wanted you to know that sadly, I had to put Taz down. I got him Oct. 2004, from

AWA. I don't know what his first 5 years were like, but his last 11 were amazing. Thank you for what you do. I will be back soon for my next furbaby."  
- Adria

## AWA's Leaves of Love Memory Tree

AWA's *Leaves of Love Memory Tree*, located in our Pet Clinic hallway, offers a meaningful way to memorialize your beloved pet, while helping to save the life of another one.

Our Leaves of Love are \$300 per leaf, and includes your personal message engraved on an acrylic leaf and placed on our "tree" for years to come.





Thank you for making AWA your trusted charity of choice. You can count on us to put your dollars into supporting our mission to save lives. For the 2nd year in a row, AWA has been given a **4-star rating from Charity Navigator** and was chosen as **one of the best South Jersey non-profits** by SNJ Business People!



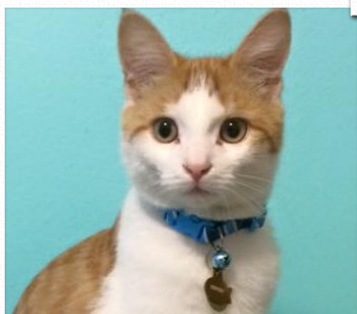
**Happiness is...  
saving a life.  
Thanks for  
saving theirs.**



**Adopted**



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**YES, I WANT TO HELP!**



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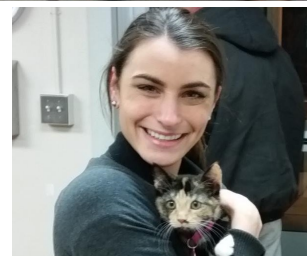
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