

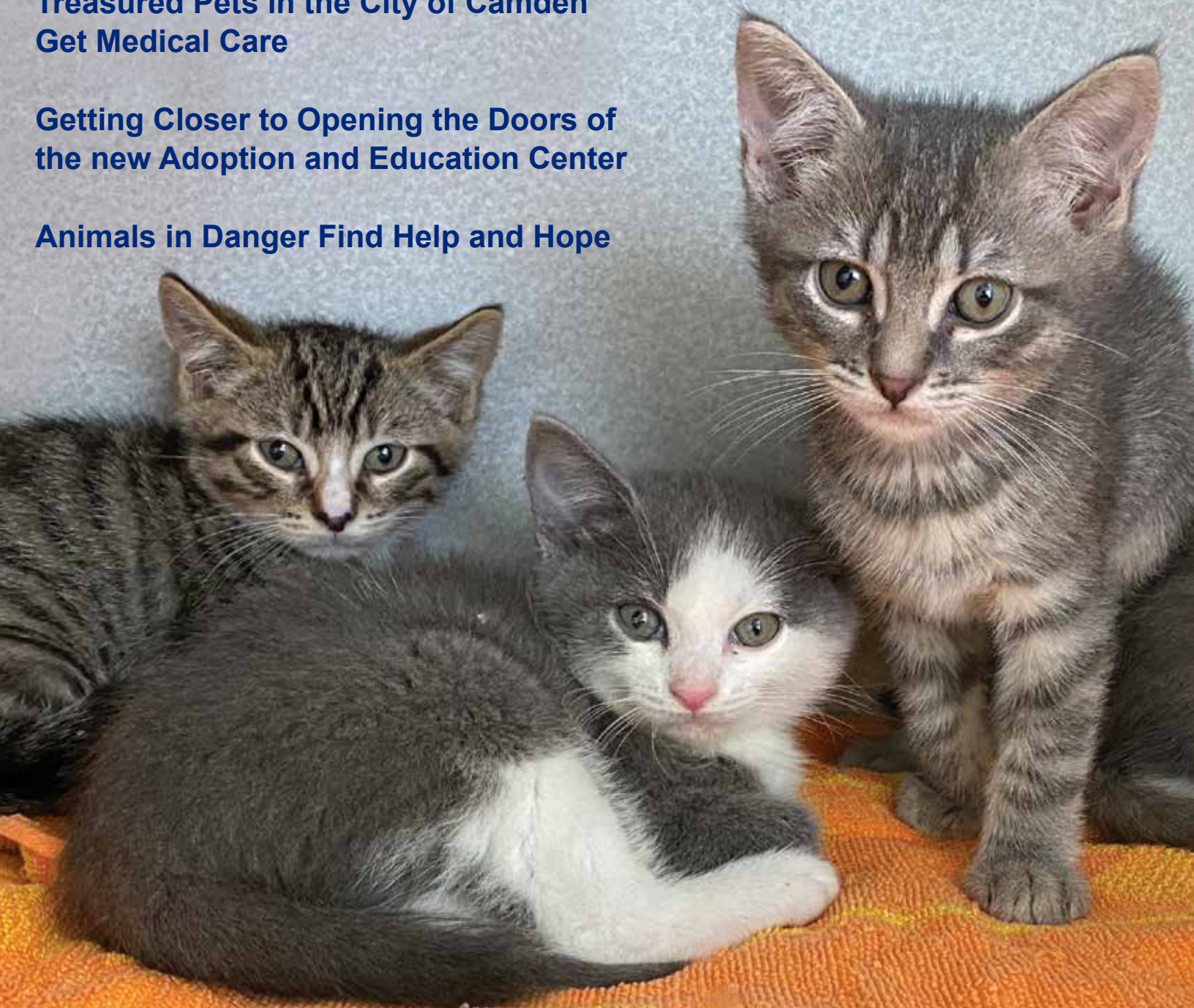
Fall 2021

Animal Tails

**Treasured Pets in the City of Camden
Get Medical Care**

**Getting Closer to Opening the Doors of
the new Adoption and Education Center**

Animals in Danger Find Help and Hope



From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

After 12 years of the most rewarding work of my life I am moving to my next adventure. Consider this decision a casualty of Covid-19. Last year my family moved to Vermont so my daughter could attend in-person middle school. Now it is time for me to join them.

Out of belief in ***Building a Place for Happiness to Begin***, my dedication to Animal Welfare Association (AWA) and to ensure a smooth transition, I will be staying through the completion of the construction project and grand opening in early 2022.

The new space is far more than a building... it is home to unique community programs that include people in the work of saving pets' lives and makes AWA "more than a shelter!" We've come a long way in the past 12 years, and we are looking forward to many more years of service to the community.

I am excited to introduce AWA's next executive director to the talented and dedicated staff and volunteers who have given so much of themselves during this challenging time as well as to introducing him/her/they to YOU – many of our generous donors.

I started my work at AWA when my daughter was 18 months old and would accompany me down a wooded trail to the shelter lobby. Last week she accompanied me on a Hard Hat tour and left this message for AWA's next leader, "Love the place.

Love the animals. Great work happens at AWA every day. Good luck!"

I am very proud of all the work the board, staff and I have done in the past 12 years and look forward to watching the new leadership continue ***Building Happiness*** by enriching peoples' lives, saving pets' lives, and building a compassionate pet loving community.

Sincerely,



P.S. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me at mayar@awanj.org



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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About AWA

Founded in 1948, AWA was one of the first organizations to serve Camden County and all the surrounding areas. AWA is pleased to provide the following programs and services to our community.

- Adoptions
- Public Spay/Neuter, and Pet Wellness Services
- Pet Retention and Re-homing Support
- Humane Education
- * Pet Therapy

From Trash to Treasure

The noise coming from the trash can was at first a mystery, but it was soon discovered that it was the desperate cries of a small kitten. Dangerously dehydrated and malnourished when he arrived at AWA, little Riser miraculously survived thanks to Dr. Emily and her staff.

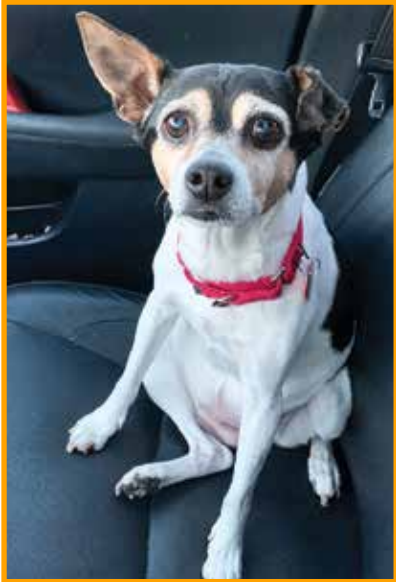
Now this adorable kitten, that was thrown away like trash, is a treasured member of a loving family.

Compassionate donors, like you, make these happy-endings possible.



Happy "Tails" From Our Facebook Friends

Save the Date



Angel is doing great! I am so glad I adopted her. She's really a little Angel...



Aang, now known as Vader, is doing well. He is one of the most crazy, playful, adorable, cuddly cats I've ever had. He adores his human dad. Follows us everywhere. We are very happy to have this addition to our little family.



These two are wonderful piggies and as you can see, the socialization process is going well! We are so glad to have them and glad they have each other.

Theo (formerly Beob)

Last summer ten dogs arrived at AWA from South Korea. These dogs were rescued from a meat farm and living in deplorable conditions. They spent their days and nights in small cramped wire cages, were shown no love and valued only for the price they would get from the meat vendor.

The outpouring of love and support for these dogs was truly amazing. We wanted to share this update from Theo's family.

Happy Gotcha Day, Theo(formerly meatfarmdog, Beob)! You've come a long way in a year. No more "pancaking" when you get scared. You're accepting pets and, sometimes, hugs. You're playing, taking walks, prancing(hence your nickname- twinkletoes), enjoying all kinds of food, just being a wonderful DOG 🍷 Thank you Animal Welfare for saving him🐾😊❤️

The holidays are coming!
Will you help homeless animals get life-saving care so they are ready for their adoptive families to find them?

Giving Tuesday

Show your love for animals by giving on November 30th.

Holiday Drive to Save Lives

Help raise **\$100,000** to help care for animals that arrive at AWA in 2022!
awanj.org/tribute

AWA
SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE



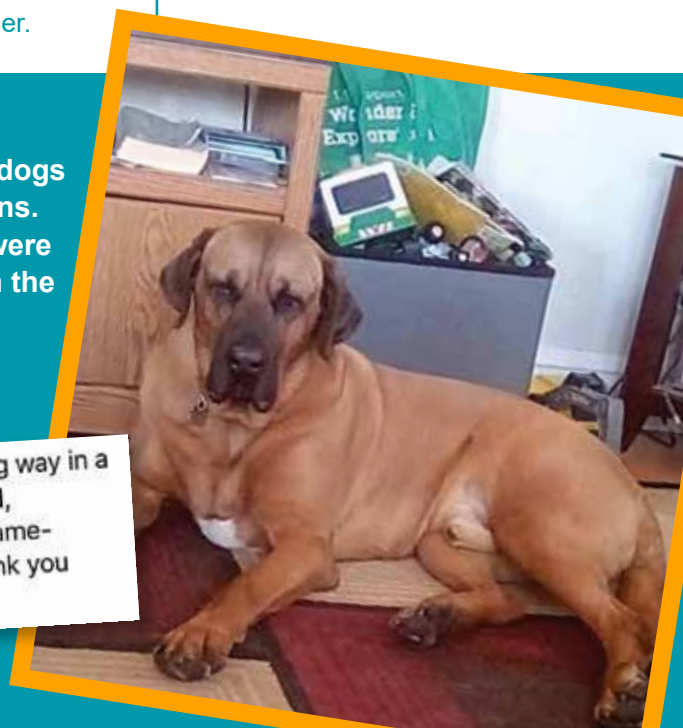
10,000 tickets to be sold at \$10 a ticket. The more you buy; the better your odds.

Reserve you tickets at awanj.org
Raffle Drawing
December 16th at 4pm

Wine & Whiskers Drag Queen Bingo

New Exciting AWA Event

Watch for the announcement for the date on our website and Facebook.



Caring People Make a Difference in Animals' Lives

Keeping Pets in Camden Healthy

The residents of the City of Camden braved a frigid rainy day in April to get care for their pets at AWA's Vets on Wheels (VOW) event. It had been over a year since this under-served community could receive vaccines, microchips, and other medical services due to Covid-19.

"Everyone's spirits remained positive despite our frozen toes and fingers turning into icicles. Seeing so many loved pets and hearing some touching stories warmed our hearts," said a VOW staff member.



A cute little pet clinic client returns to the loving arms of her owner.

437
Pets Served
to Date



Two little kittens showed up with their person for VOW.

Throughout the day the staff met so many amazing residents like Chris, a community volunteer, who came out to help because AWA fixed his kitties and he wanted to give back.

The large turnout at VOW events demonstrates the love Camden's pet owners have for their furry friends. **\$50 helps fund medical care for a pet, will you help? Access to medical care keeps pets healthy and makes it affordable for pet owners to retain their pets, keeping them out of shelters where the average cost of care is \$550.**

Thank you!

Subaru of America, Camden County Board of Commissioners and AWA donors for keeping pets in the City of Camden healthy.

I just wanted to THANK YOU for having Kitty Sue" yesterday at the Feral Cat Clinic. I can't tell you how valuable the service is that you provide to all the people who came yesterday that had feral cats. It weights heavily on all our minds when we have a feral cat "adopt" us and they have unwanted litters of kittens. I am so relieved to now have a nice feral cat that is safe and who will no longer bring other feral cats into the neighborhood. Your staff was so wonderful and a special thanks to the doctor who worked on Sunday and provided her expertise and surgery. Job well done and kudos to the entire AWA for providing this community service. Kathy

No More Litters for Kitty Sue

Feral cat, Kitty Sue, will no longer bring unwanted kitten litters into her community thanks to **your support** of AWA's Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) program.



A female cat can give birth to an average of 180 kittens during her life-time, so providing a low-cost TNR program is vital.

Your donation of \$40 will alter one feral cat and help reduce the cat population.

Caring for a feral cat after surgery.

Vulnerable Animals are Helped Because of Caring Donors

Hopping into Happiness

Small, cramped outdoor cages, unsanitary conditions, sounds like a typical dog or cat hoarding case that makes the local news. Not this time. The victims of this hoarding situation were rabbits. After spending their entire lives in outdoor pens with little-to-no-socialization with humans meant they were scared and defensive.

When an animal isn't properly cared for it takes time and intensive rehabilitation before they are comfortable interacting with people. Fortunately, AWA's faithful foster families stepped up to help by working diligently with them to slowly acclimate them to the human touch, living in a home, and to bond.

These bunnies hopped into a better life thanks to YOU.



Approximately 500 animals come to AWA each year in need of behavioral rehabilitation, thereby increasing the care cost per animal by \$242. Will you give so these animals can recover from their past and find a family that will love and respect them?



Veronica was left in a dirty carrier with a nasty head wound at the doors of AWA. This poor little abandoned girl was confused, in pain and for good reason, not too friendly. With medial care and lots of TLC from her loving foster family both her physical and emotional wounds are healing.

A \$75 donation helps provide medical treatment to injured or sick animals.



What was Velvet's crime? Simply being a dog and wandering onto a farm in Texas searching for food or a friendly face. Whatever Velvet was looking for she did not deserve being shot repeatedly with buckshot.

She is now a member of a loving family thanks to you.

A \$30 donation helps cover the transport cost so more animals like Velvet can be saved.



Assisting Pets & Their People During Crisis

While AWA is not seeing more pets adopted during the pandemic returned, we are anticipating the end of the eviction moratorium impacting the ability of pets to remain in their homes. Christian, AWA's Intake/Re-homing Specialist, spoke to over 550 pet owners in the past month. These numbers demonstrate the need for and importance of AWA's **Pet Re-homing Programs**.

Finding a solution that works best for pets and their owners is the goal. Sometimes behavioral modification training solves the problem so the pet can stay in the home. Other times, the only option available is to find the pet a new home either permanently or temporarily. That's why our **Pets Looking for People** and **Temporary Pet Guardianship** programs are so vital.

"...Christian was absolutely amazing to work with. Re-homing our little guy was one of the hardest decisions we've made as a family, and Christian was with us the entire way. He made the process seamless, and I can tell he went above and beyond to help us incredibly quickly." Neal

A gift of \$100 ensures these programs continue to keep pets safe and give their owners peace of mind. Please read the story on the following page to see the impact of AWA's Pet Re-homing Programs.

You Took a Dream and Made it a Reality!

New Year - New Building - Same Mission

Heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the many supporters who donated to the *Building a Place Where Happiness Begins* campaign to replace the 50-year-old shelter with a new Adoption and Education Center. **We are nearly there – \$60,000 remains to be raised to reach our goal!**

Every donated dollar counts and will ensure homeless and hurting animals will have a place to turn to for another seventy-five years.

Due to delays related to Covid-19, the building is opening in two phases. Just as the holidays are in full swing the shelter and the animals will move into their new spaces. Then the general contractor will begin renovating the Pet Clinic and adding a second floor. This work is expected to last into February, but once complete the Pet Clinic and Shelter will be united as one building and a huge Grand Opening celebration will occur!

Like AWA, the building is "more than a shelter." It is a state-of-the art community center designed to provide remarkable care to homeless animals. And it is designed to be a gathering place for people to do good work that benefits our community's animals.

On this page is a brief story about why building a place of happiness centered on the saving of pets' lives matters.

It isn't too **LATE** to be a part of the journey. It isn't too **LATE** to be a builder of **HAPPINESS**.

Remaining Naming Opportunities

Kids' Korner - \$10,000 • Vestibule - \$20,000

Kennel Suites - 2 left at \$25,000 ea.

Surgery Room - \$25,000 • Office Areas at \$3,000 ea.

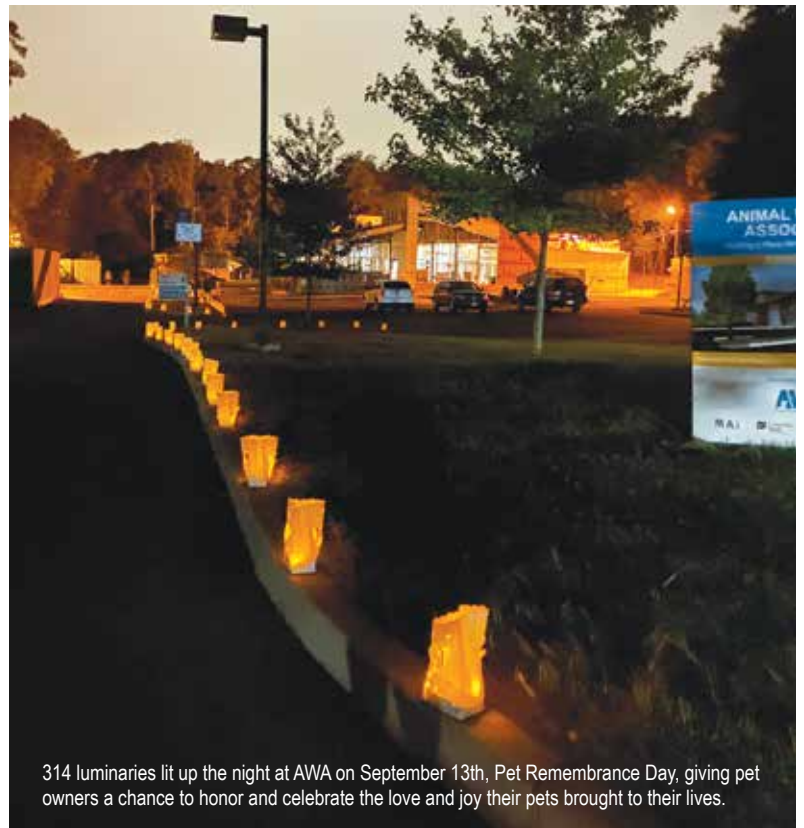
Kitchen - 4 left at \$2,500 ea. • Laundry Area - 3 left at \$2,500 ea.

For more information about the capital campaign, contact Maya Richmond, Exe. Dir. at Director@awanj.org or 856.424.2288 ext. 109

More Room to Impact More Lives

Real-life Rooms – these spaces allow for so much... they are spaces for stressed pups to relax outside the kennels, areas for kids to read to dogs as part of the reading program and they are areas we can use to help families in crisis keep their beloved dog.

Recently, a child with special needs risked losing her beloved dog, which was a part of her well-being, because of a family emergency. A permanent separation would have been devastating. Fortunately, AWA could offer five days of boarding for the family during this crisis through our **Temporary Short-term Boarding Program**. Witnessing the joy on this little girl's face and the wagging tail of her dog when they were reunited touched the hearts of the entire staff.



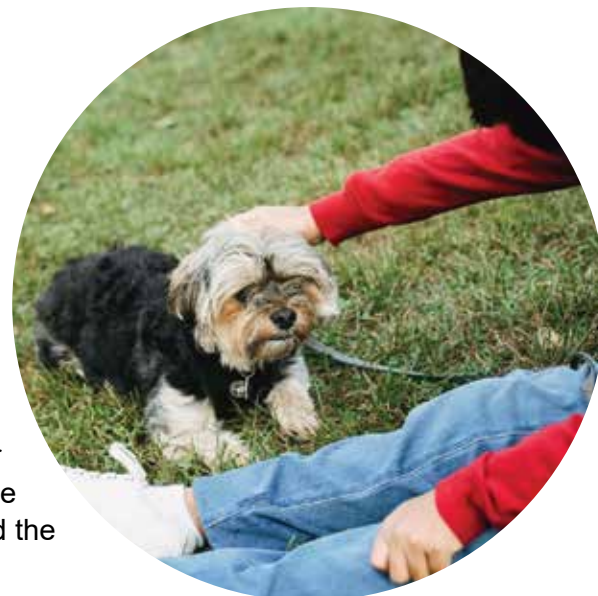
314 luminaries lit up the night at AWA on September 13th, Pet Remembrance Day, giving pet owners a chance to honor and celebrate the love and joy their pets brought to their lives.

The **Luminaries of Lost Love** event at AWA illustrates AWA's mission at work - the love for animals. We look forward to holding this heartwarming event next year by lighting up the grounds and the new building.

Everyone at AWA is very excited to have you on a tour, please consider signing up to see the building and go behind the scenes!

October 24th 10:00am & October 27th 5:30pm

To RSVP or for more dates please contact design@awanj.org or call 856.424.2288 ext 122



Happy Holidays for Once Homeless Animals



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Holiday Drive to Save Lives



We need to raise **\$100,000** so homeless and neglected animals in our community get a second chance at a happy life. Will you help?
awanj.org/tribute

JOIN OUR LIFESAVERS CIRCLE

Become a Defender, Rescuer, Guardian, or Liberator so AWA's programs can continue to enhance the lives of animals and people.
awanj.org/life-saver-circle

BECOME A CONSTANT COMPANION

Your automatic monthly gift will provide reliable and consistent funds for the animals at AWA.
awanj.org/constantcompanions

LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE PLANNED GIVING

Help AWA carry on its mission for years to come. Options include: wills, annuities and trusts, gifts of appreciated property, stock, life insurance, and retirement plans.

IRA ROLLOVER GIFTS

Rolling over an IRA makes your gift tax-exempt and can be used to meet all or part of a required minimum distribution (RMD).

To learn more about the **Legacy of Love Program**, please contact Maya Richmond, Executive Director at director@awanj.org or call 856.424.2288 ext. 109



Nestled on a rug in front of a roaring fire or curled up on the couch on a blanket, that is how many AWA alumni will spend their holidays this year. **Please know that it is because of YOU, these animals that arrived homeless, sick, injured, and neglected, found a better life.**

The cost of saving lives has soared. Hopefully the worst of the pandemic crisis is behind us, but challenges remain: the biggest inflation jump in decades, supply chain issues and staffing shortages.

Fortunately, for nearly 75 years, AWA has been able to depend on dedicated donors like you. During the winter holiday months, we **receive 40% of our yearly donations.** To stay strong and continue to be a place where happiness begins, **we need you!**

Your spirit of generosity will provide lifesaving care for animals in desperate need throughout the year.



Because of your support, Pallie, a sweet puppy evacuated due to the dangerous threat of Hurricane Ida was able to come to AWA and find safety, care and a new family. **Will you help more animals, like Pallie, find a brighter future?**

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Donation \$ _____ Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex ☐ Discover

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