

Animal Tails



Thank you for the countless tail wags and cat purrs...you make it happen!

Kermit is No One's Dinner

Read how you helped save Kermit from a meat farm

You would never know by looking into Kermit's sweet expressive eyes that he was bred for human consumption — it's hard to even imagine.



Kermit enjoying the "dog days of summer" at home in his new backyard.

Kermit came to AWA from a meat farm in South Korea. He came through a partnership with the Humane Society, Int'l as part of an effort to help farmers pursue other economic activities and end the farming of dogs for meat.

The conditions he survived were awful. He lived in a small wire cage and had never seen toys, leashes, or known comforting humans. Rehabilitating Kermit was a tall order for a small animal shelter. Because of your donations, AWA was able to take him and our Behavior Coordinator - Liz Stanley-Reicherter - was able to dedicate her time to determine how to help him adapt to his new world. She built a step-by-step plan so he could become adoptable. Through positive-reinforcement, playtime with other shelter dogs, and lots of patience and love, Kermit became more and more used to the new world around him.

Kermit surpassed everyone's expectations with how quickly he adjusted to life outside a cage. After six weeks of rehabilitation, he found a forever family to love him. His adopted family share Kermit's many milestones: he's relishing in his new world playing, running, and becoming quite the social butterfly. He is thriving with his new family, and especially loves his new canine brother. None of this could happen without your generosity.



Quality time with Liz, our Behavior Coordinator.

"Kermit is slowly getting used to getting touched and rubbed all over! He has an acre to run and is loving life! To those at H.S.I., AWA, and everyone that helped save him, thank you for giving him independence and humans to love him!" - Myla



Dear Friends,

I wish they could tell us what happened to them before arriving at our door. I guess they sort of do, with their eyes. When I gaze into their eyes, I sense so many emotions stirring inside them and all I can do is whisper "it will be ok, in time you will have a new life."

When you see their eyes you must feel the same way. You make it possible for the words I whisper to be true. You give them their second chances.

You did this for Kirby, a loving little bunny that was found atop a picnic table. His nails were so overgrown that his toes twisted under the weight of his body - he could hardly hop without feeling pain. Along with dogs and cats, we also save bunnies and other smaller pets, like hamsters, mice and rats and adopt them into new loving families – rats are wildly popular! All animals deserve care, compassion and second chances.

Kirby received the care he needed thanks to you, because you are part of our team. We gave Kirby proper shelter, special food, neutered him and of course, trimmed his long

bothersome nails. He soon turned his tail and hopped out of AWA with his new family. "Kirby is the most loving and smart rabbit. We adore cuddling with him," writes his new family.

So far this year*, donors have impacted the lives of 42 rabbits and 1,200 dogs and cats. Each one comes





to us with specific needs. Some need medical care that go far beyond basic shots, deworming, and spay/neuter surgery. Older pets need their teeth tended to. Kittens need someone to bottle feed them. Some pets are traumatized or scared and need help learning to trust people. While I wonder about their pasts, I am so thankful to you for making sure their next chapter in life will be a happy one.



Giving hope and happiness is a gift. Thank you for giving such a remarkable gift to us.

Executive Director,
Animal Welfare Association

*Data collected in this issue are from Jan thru end of July.

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, & Pet Wellness Services
- Pet Retention and Rehoming Support
- Humane Education
- Pet 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.

Happy "Tails" From Our Mailbox



"Hello Everyone,
Some say I'm spoiled. I say everything is just
perfect. I get to sit in any soft spot in our
house and no one minds at all. We go to the
park everyday and walk forever. I love it! I
am feeling braver and stronger each week.
Mommy said that perhaps we could come to
visit you. I would like to say 'Hello' and
'Thank You' for all that you did to help
me. Love and Hugs, Nell (aka Little Star)"



"Happy 3 year 'adoptaversary' to our pretty girl Grace (aka Funny.) She now has a little Min Pin sister and gets along great with the cats. Thanks for taking care of our precious baby before she found her furever home with us!" ~Tami Jo



You helped us save 1,299 pets since January!

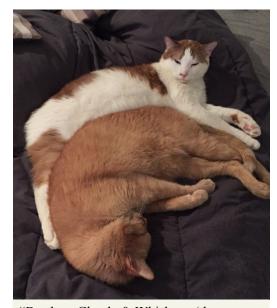


"Lola (aka Posie) is loving her new life! She loves to go hiking, on long walks, swim, and loves to chew anything we give her.
However, she's not too crazy about all of the wild rabbits in the area, but she's learning to live peacefully with them. She is still adapting but has made such a tremendous amount of progress in even the one week she's been with us. We feel very fortunate to have her in our lives now and spoil her like crazy." ~ Anjuli

"This is Tigger at age 2. We adopted Tigger at AWA two years ago. He is thriving and everyone loves him!" ~ Jennifer



"It has been 3 years since I've adopted my best fur friend forever, Mimzy. I went to AWA with my friend to get her cat spayed and spotted this cutie and wanted her immediately. Her bright big blue eyes were just irresistible! I just knew she was meant to be mine. She follows me everywhere, she loves me and I love her. I've trained her to do some basic obedience too. Thanks to AWA I met my best fur friend." ~ Jianna



"Brothers Claude & Whiskers, (then Gilligan & Gertie), were adopted 4 years ago. They are inseparable!" ~ Jeanine



You Help Save Our Most Needy Pets



You Helped Fix Leland's Painful Palette



Poor Leland had a hole in the top of his mouth. Each time he ate, food would get trapped in his sinuses causing pain and possible infection. AWA was able to provide him with special food, clean his mouth, monitor him for infections and control his pain, but the surgery to fix his hard palette was not something we could do. A veterinary partner generously offered to do the surgery for a discount, but we still needed to raise funds. Because of you, Leland now lives a normal, pain-free life and is enjoying the love and comfort of his forever home and family!

Sugar - Yes Sugar - Saved Little Man's Life Now, that's sweet!







"Please help me" is what those soulful brown eyes seemed to say as Little Man gazed into the eyes of our veterinarian, Dr. Alfieri. Even though his tail wagged, his discomfort was seen in his pleading stare.

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Little Man, a tiny 4 week old puppy, was brought into AWA by a family member on behalf of another because they couldn't afford to pay for his medical needs. He had a large wound that abscessed and worsened as his mother licked it to try to heal her pup. Because the wound was open for so long, it couldn't simply be cleaned and sutured closed. Instead, Dr. Alfieri cleaned the wound and asked for some sugar! It turns out

that sugar is an old-but-true medical treatment for certain open wounds. It can be a non-toxic, absorbent, sterile alternative dressing. Little Man received his sugar treatment and over the next several days, the dressing was changed, the wound cleaned, and it healed. In time, Little Man will be old enough and healthy enough for adoption. It was your sweet heart and kind donations that saved Little Man and is giving him a chance for a happy, healthy life.

Maybe his new family will rename him "Mr. Sugar!"

You Helped Rescue Guppy



We will never know how both of Guppy's legs got fractured, all we know is that his purr and determination saved his life. This strong and mighty kitten was found on a construction site and survived a mishap. With both legs fractured, Guppy was moving despite the pain he felt in his hind legs. His little black body was hard to spot on the construction site, but a kind worker

did see him move and saved him. Your donations helped us give Guppy the proper care and physical therapy that he needed to grow, thrive and be adopted!

Since January, your support has helped us provide **5,940** meals to our shelter dogs and **3,030** clean litter pans to our shelter cats!

Your Gifts Fixed the Hole in Stella's Heart



Inside Stella's petite, 16 pound body beats an enlarged heart. She was born with a condition where the blood vessel connecting the two main arteries did not close. At around two years old, she had nearly outlived her life expectancy. We asked for support to help pay for Stella's life-saving surgery, and you were there for her. Your support gave her the second chance she deserves.

Stella had her surgery and everything went well. She is currently recovering in foster care. We thank Red Bank Veterinary Hospital for giving Stella such amazing care. And we thank all of our kind-hearted donors who made this possible. We will keep you updated on Stella's progress, so please check out our Facebook page.

You Foster Pets like Tipper...

Tipper lived her life at the end of a chain before being rescued and coming to AWA. She and her 7 puppies bore the summer heat, and without proper water and shade, were in grave danger. At AWA, she and her puppies went into our foster care program so they could gain weight and get the loving care they needed in a home. Fostering Tipper also helped her get socialized and learn what life can be like living INSIDE a home. It proved to be no problem for Tipper and her pups, they have since been adopted and are living a cozy life!

So far this year, **632** animals have been fostered. That's amazing!





At AWA, fostering plays an important part in the number of lives we save. Fosters bring animals into their homes to give them the specialized care they need. They bottle feed neo-natal kittens, provide care to puppies, help animals recovering from surgery, and much more. We could never save as many lives without our fosters. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience, please e-mail fostercare@awanj.org or visit our website at awanj.org/volunteers.

...You Volunteer



Volunteers are part of the AWA family. They walk dogs, do Outreach events, fundraise, train in our Mutt Mentor program, and so much more! Since January, volunteers have given us 18,720 hours of their time. Simply put, we could not save lives without them! Thank you!

Deb Lovinsky has been a dedicated supporter for over 4 years. She generously donates, volunteers her time, and has adopted 3 pets! When asked why she chose to support AWA, she said, "Because AWA's philosophy matched mine and I know they make a difference. Here I am 3 senior dogs later — my latest treasure is a twelve year old Chihuahua. She was abandoned and found walking down the road at 5 am, picked up by a good citizen and ended up at AWA. The minute I saw her, I told myself she is joining our pack. She was barely able to walk, missing most of her teeth and had fur loss on her tail and ears. Edna now has a fairy tale new beginning. Everyday is a better day for Edna. I am so grateful to AWA for bringing Remington, Bitty and Edna into my life and so happy I made the decision to volunteer!"

You Help Make an Impact on Our Community

AWA's **Vets on Wheels** works in specific Camden City 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 our **Pet Care Day**, a resident brought her pitbull, Psycho, to get microchipped. She told us about Psycho's tragic past. He was born into dog fighting and was severely



abused, leading to a permanently broken rib and seemingly life-long fear of people. This woman saved him from a horrible fate when he was still a puppy and has had Psycho for the past 2 years. Through our program, Psycho was signed up to be neutered, but his owner was afraid of how he would react to us. Two AWA staff members introduced themselves to the dog to help put the owner's fears at ease. They coordinated with the owner to bring Psycho to our pet clinic directly for his surgery.

During the surgery, the owner and her son waited in our lobby the entire time. Our veterinarian, Dr. Schatz, was able to safely perform the neuter as well as address an ear infection that he had.

Psycho's family was eternally grateful. You bring hope to our friends in the community!

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 Spooky.

Spooky was a stray cat who was found by one of our clients who brought him into the clinic for his neuter. Spooky had trouble with his leg - it was broken in two spots and would not have healed correctly without extreme medical attention. Instead of euthanizing, we made a collaborative effort between the owners and clinic staff to come up with a way to help both owner and patient. The vets recommended a leg amputation for the cat, knowing that he was young enough to thrive and have a chance at a long healthy life. The owners elected to do it but were very nervous to care for the cat post-op, not knowing if they could take on such a burden. With coaching and support from our clinic staff, they decided to amputate Spooky's leg. The owners report that Spooky is doing very well and they are all very happy! Your support helps save pets like Spooky.





"Here's my Baby Boy Blu. He was neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped at the AWA Pet Clinic. Your staff is awesome - very friendly and treated my baby great!" ~ Zayda

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.











You Help Us Celebrate with Adoptions, Fun Events, and More!



We had a *groovy* time at our **Paws & Feet** fundraising event and it was our most successful yet! You helped us surpass our goal and raise over \$110,000 --that means more food, shelter, and medicine for our homeless animals! Thank you! **Save the date for Paws & Feet 2017: May 20th at Eastern Regional High School,**



Friend-raisers

At AWA, we love meeting our supporters and making new friends. Thank you for joining us at our doggie socials- Yappy Hours and our off-site Bark in the Parks. Dogs love AWA's signature Yappetizers, Bark-tini BarTM and especially all the game and activities! Check our event calendar for our upcoming Bark in the Park fall dates

A total of 50 kids participated in AWA's **Summer Camp** program. They had the rewarding experience of training our shelter dogs to help them become more adoptable. They also made treats and enrichment toys for our shelter animals, did fun arts and crafts projects, heard interesting guest speakers, and most importantly, learned to give back to homeless animals! In journaling about her camp experience, one camper wrote, "I am really going to miss AWA camp. I had so much fun, the counselors were so nice, and my favorite part was training the dogs on the training trails."



Adoption Highlights

Once again, AWA participated in a national Clear the Shelters adoption event, July 23rd. Despite the heat, a line of people waited for us to open our doors and 47 animals found their forever homes!

It rains cats and kittens every summer and for this summer's **Raining Cats** promotion, we found homes for 316 felines in just two months! Thank you for helping us save them!



Save the Date

We'd love to see you there!

AWA WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

- 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 SOCIAL EVENTS Bark in the Park at Timber Creek Park:

September 24th and October 29th, from 12pm-2pm

Date Nights with Your Dog

Dog socials hosted by PetSmart in Marlton. One Wednesday a month from 4pm -7pm. Next one is **October 12th**. Check website for future dates

Sips for Tips October 27th, 6-8pm

October 27th, 6-8pm at The Robin's Nest Restaurant, Mt. Holly

AWA's Open House

Thursday, Dec. 15th at 5:00 in our Pet Clinic lobby. Come for light refreshments, tours, our 50/50 Raffle drawing, and fun! Check out our website for details at awanj.org.

AWA FUNDRAISERS AWA Yard Sale

September 24 and 25, 8am-1pm AWA Parking Lot

Bid for Pets Sake

Our 2016 auction will take place October 2nd thru October 23rd. We're accepting donations - gift cards, sports memorabilia, vacation packages, etc. To make a donation, contact Maria at events@awanj.org.

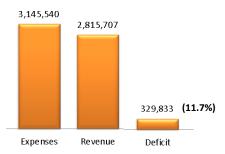
50/50 Raffle

Sale starts November 1st. Don't miss out - last year's winner walked away with over \$17,000! Check our website for details at awanj.org. Drawing is Dec. 15th.

You Can Help Support Us

Wonder 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.



Consider these significant ways to help:



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!



If you are 70.5 years of age or older, the IRA rollover is a great way for you to help 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.



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.



Mrs. Carmella Winter wanted to make sure AWA could care for animals for years to come and left AWA in her will. "I wanted to leave a legacy of care for the animals and trusted AWA to be there for them because of what I know about the good work they do." 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.

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.

Liberator: \$5,001+

Guardían: \$2,401 - \$5,000

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Defender: \$500 - \$1,200

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