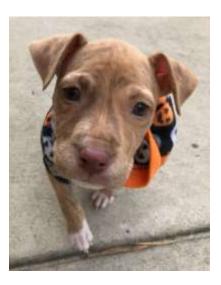


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## AWA Sets Holiday Fund Drive Goal of \$100,000 to Help Care for Shelter Animals

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Voorhees, NJ: The Animal Welfare Association (AWA) announces their annual Holiday Fund Drive goal, which focuses on giving the gift of hope to local animals.

"Our donation drive is critical to paying for the vet care and medication for the 2,500 dogs, cats, and bunnies we find homes for each year," says Maya Richmond, Executive Director, "many of them ill or injured." AWA receives no government or national funds, and is supported entirely by donations.

"Without support," says Richmond, "We would not be able to help pups like Nutmeg, who was found abandoned at only five weeks old. She was unable to walk, see or hear, and her situation was critical. After spending time in the care of AWA staff members including our medical team, Nutmeg has started to make a miraculous recovery. Although she is still recovering, Nutmeg is now running around like a healthy puppy and her vision and hearing are rapidly improving."

Supporting AWA this giving season means providing animals with critical care, joy, and love and the special gift of a forever home. To make a donation towards helping shelter animals, please visit www.awanj.org/holiday.

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**Animal Welfare Association**, a private, non-profit, 501(c) 3 animal welfare organization, serves the people and animals of southern New Jersey. 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. Through a variety of programs including adoptions, veterinary services, pet therapy, and humane education, in 2017 over 22,000 pets were served through AWA programming. AWA is South Jersey's leader in progressive companion animal care.