



Animal Tails



Starving. Broken. Suffering.

You Helped Save Woodstock from the Brink of Death

Woodstock ran for days in the sweltering heat on his broken leg. Hungry, in pain and exhausted, he collapsed in an alley where he was found. It's hard to imagine his pain and suffering.

Woodstock was diagnosed with a broken femur in his right rear leg. In these cases, amputation is the best solution, but not for Woodstock. He also had a torn ligament in his left rear knee which could never support his weight. We stabilized him with the proper nutrition but the only way to save him was through an immediate and complicated surgery followed by physical therapy and rehabilitation: a very expensive treatment plan for a small charity.

We asked you to help save him and you stepped up! With your help, Woodstock was able to get the

surgery he so desperately needed and live pain free.

Our vet partner, Mount Laurel Animal Hospital, released Woodstock after a successful surgery. He is now recovering in a foster home where he is kept comfortable and given lots of TLC. When he is able, Woodstock will begin rehabilitation.

In the meantime, Woodstock has been super affectionate and well-behaved. One day he will make a loving addition to a forever family. We are so grateful for his second chance!

Thank you so much to our donors and all of the animals' rescuers and friends.

**You are
true
heroes!**



When Woodstock arrived at AWA, he was emaciated and limping with pain on a broken leg.

Woodstock's surgery was a success. He is recovering in foster care and after rehabilitation, will be ready for a forever home. You helped give him a second chance.

Dear Friends,

Making a positive impact in our community for animals and people is what AWA does. Often we forget to celebrate how far animal welfare has come. We look at the vast amount of life-saving work ahead and we keep moving.

How we save lives continues to change. Just a few years ago, we tested and tried new programs which are now recognized as standards of care and adopted by other shelters and rescues. Programs like: transport, serving pets in underserved communities, intensive neonatal fostercare, dog training for the public and adopters, pet retention & rehoming services, TNR (trap, neuter, return) and behavior rehabilitation.

The programs that AWA offers – paid for by supporters – have directly decreased the number of homeless pets, increased adoptions, and lowered euthanasia region wide! In addition, our community programs also make an impact:

- We have one of the largest programs for special-needs young adults. By providing opportunities to work and help animals, pets are helped and people are valued for their contribution;
- Over 100 kids attend an AWA humane education event in the summer. Kids make toys for the animals and learn about how to help outdoor cats. They learn they are part of the solution;
- Because of our limited space, hundreds of foster volunteers save lives each summer by opening their homes to provide care to baby kittens;
- Community awareness campaigns and workshops on topics like providing basic care to your aging pets, pet first aid, heat awareness, and free microchips to help keep pets safe.



AWA is truly “more than a shelter.” AWA is a community resource. Your gifts make that happen.

Each month hundreds of animals leave to start anew in a loving home and each month hundreds of people take part in a program that helps animals directly and indirectly. We can't do it alone and the more inclusive we are the more animals are helped. Along with over 2,400 pets finding new loving homes, 1,200 shelter pets are medically treated so they can be adopted, 8,500 owned pets are spayed/neutered and 6,200 receive basic care and 3,130 receive specialty care at the Pet Clinic.

Your donations matter. The donations you provide do so much – feed the babies, keep the AC going in the summer, buy the pain medications for the injured and much more. Thank you for caring! Thank you for being a part of the AWA team!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya Richmond".

Executive Director,
Animal Welfare Association

Thanks to you,
AWA's **save rate**
is 96%. You are
our heroes!



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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jonathan G. Furlow, CPA-*President*
James J. Miles, CPA-*Treasurer*
Jennifer Wnek, Esq.-*Secretary*
Rebecca Acevedo
Steve Cohen
Richard Dressel, Esq.
Lynn Fryckberg
Yasmeen Khaleel, Esq.
Mark Schott

SENIOR STAFF

Maya Richmond, *Executive Director*
Stacie DaBolt, *Director of Operations*
Maria Giorla, *Director of Finance & Administration*
Maria Clarke, *Director of Events, Business and Community Relations*
Donna Alfieri, DVM, *Chief Veterinarian*
Nanci Keklak, *Shelter Services Manager*
Michael Lacivita, *Pet Clinic Manager*

MAILING ADDRESS

Animal Welfare Association
509 Centennial Blvd.
Voorhees, NJ 08043
Telephone: 856-424-2288
Website: www.awanj.org
E-mail: info@awanj.org

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 Facebook friends

Sammie, formerly Peter, is officially well adjusted into his new home! He and his brother, Ollie, love each other already!! Thank you so much AWA! You guys are awesome! ~Gina

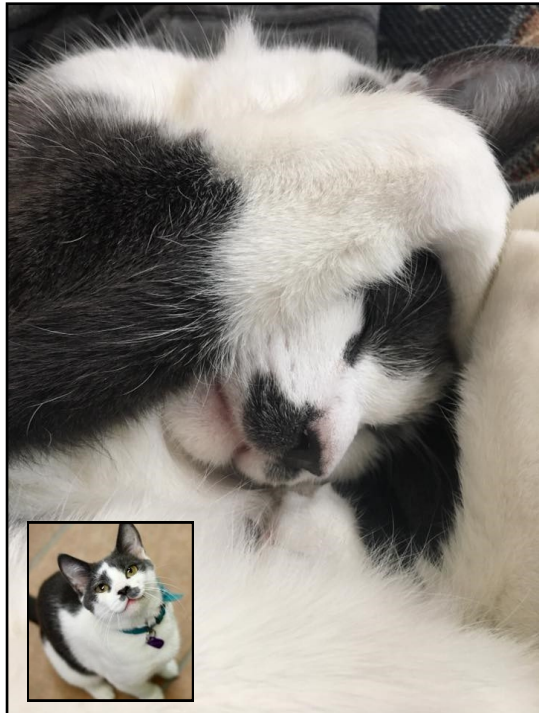
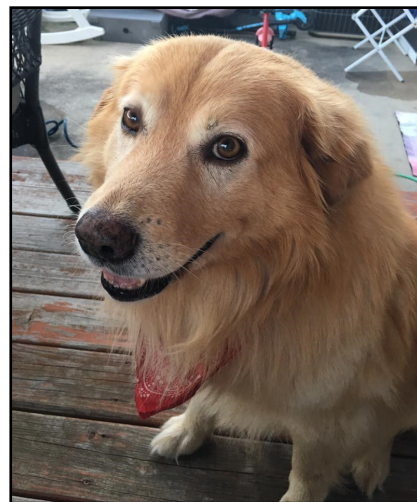


**You helped
us find 1,478
forever
homes since
January!**



Happy Adoption Day - 2nd Anniversary to Liberty, formerly Maisy Daisy. Two years of nothing but naps and chasing squirrels! ~Amy

We adopted Maverick, formerly Comet, 2 weeks ago and he's doing great! He has easily adjusted to his new home, tolerates the cats, enjoys his many walks each day and loves all of the attention. We absolutely love him! ~Stephanie



Tuck brings us so much joy every single day. He loves to walk on a leash and adores his two kitty siblings. We can't thank you enough for all you do; we are truly humbled and thankful. Tuck is doing magnificently and we just love him like crazy! ~Laurie



Nicole, now Ava, is doing great! She's the sweetest dog and absolutely loves everyone. She loves the dog park and puppy school. She also loves to play fetch in the backyard. Ava has adjusted great! ~Delaney



Happy (estimated) birthday to my precious best buddy, Foster. He was found in a parking lot covered in fleas and brought to AWA. He needed a foster home so I volunteered. Now he is my little Foster Failure. I love you! ~Daria



Thank you for following us on Facebook. We now have over 240,000 followers!

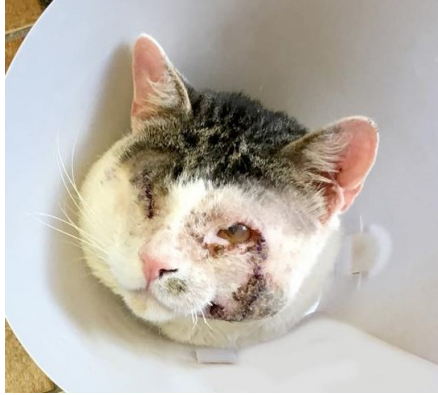
You Help Create Heartfelt Stories

Mr. Phathead Can Still See Because of You

He was born without upper eyelids and suffering from chronic eye infections. He was in pain and at risk of losing both eyes. Because of your donations, AWA has skilled veterinarians who could save his left eye.

Our vet team surgically created an eyelid out of part of his lip so that he could keep his eye and part of his vision. **Mr. Phathead** is now recuperating in our shelter office and awaiting a second surgery.

Thanks to a non-profit discount from our vet partner, Dr. Ringle at RBVH in Tinton Falls, we are able to afford the much-needed second surgery. Thanks to you, our veterinary partners including Voorhees Veterinary Center, Countryside Vet Hospital and RBVH, Mr. Phathead - who has quite the personality - will one day make a wonderful addition to a family and will be able to see the faces that love him!



Filthy and Tied to a Tree...

You would never know by looking at this handsome, sweet boy that **London** was living in horrible conditions. London was part of "Operation May Day 2", a rescue operation that saved several animals found tied to trees or chained to barrels. All were filthy and in need of care and love. Because of our donors – you – we were able to help. We provided London with care, love, medical attention and ultimately a

new home where he knows what it feels like to be valued and loved by a family. Thanks for giving London a second chance.



~~Ripley's~~ AWA's Believe It or Not

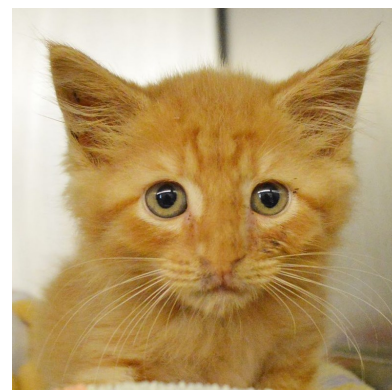
What are the genetic odds of being born a MALE tortoiseshell cat? About the same as being struck by lightning. Some estimate it can be as much as 1 in 400,000! That's why an AWA veterinarian was so shocked and excited when she examined **Burrito** and discovered the three week old orange and black kitten was a boy. "They are so rare," she shares "that he may be the only male tortoiseshell I ever see again."

This rarity was not lost on our community. Not only did Burrito make national news but the outpouring of interested adopters was so enormous that we decided it would be best to hold a lottery drawing. The lucky adopter proudly went home with this sweet gem!



Helping Heal Their Pain

When poor **Boop** came to AWA, he was limping on his front paw and barely able to walk. X-rays showed that Boop had a fracture. Was he hit by a car? Did he have a bad fall? We will never know. Luckily he wasn't showing any signs of pain so our vets made a splint for him out of a spoon. After two weeks of careful observation, Boop's fracture healed and he was able to walk into the hearts of his new forever family.



It's hard to believe that someone would throw a four week old kitten out of a moving car, but that's exactly what happened to little **Geronimo**. When he came to AWA, he had an upper respiratory infection and was extremely frightened, but remarkably, sustained no injuries.

Because of your gifts, we were able to treat Geronimo with antibiotics and give him the extra TLC he needed to feel more secure. Thank you!

You Make an Impact On Our Community

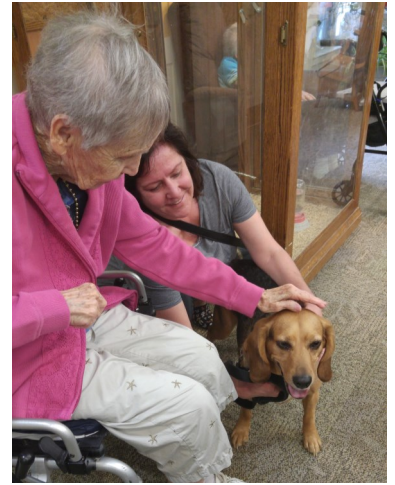
AWA remains focused on engaging our community, stepping outside our walls and working with pet owners and other shelters to improve the lives of animals.



This is Tarzan. He was given the name because he was found in a tree. His foster family is lucky because he recently “graduated” from bottle feeding to “mush”.

605 pets were fostered so far this year!

At AWA, volunteers play an important part in the number of lives we save. During kitten season - in the spring and summer - we especially depend on foster volunteers. 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 recover from surgery, and much more. We could never save as many lives without them. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience, please e-mail foster-care@awanj.org or visit our website at awanj.org/ volunteers.



An AWA volunteer brings “Bentley” to visit a resident at Lion’s Gate nursing home. Our Pet Therapy program brings comfort and joy to so many elderly residents.



Staff at our **Pet Clinic** are always busy with spay/neuter surgeries, vaccine clinics, wellness exams, workshops, and more. They are busy helping pets like **Lola**. Lola is a very happy six month old pit bull brought to us by her owners. She had run into the street and was hit by a car. Fortunately she only had abrasions on both her hind legs and no broken bones. Lola’s owners took her to their primary vet and had a full work up and had both legs bandaged. However, the cost of these services left them unable to afford the cost of the twice a week follow up care. With no where to turn, they came to AWA for help. Through our **Helping Hands** program, we cared for Lola’s wounds until they healed. Her owners are so grateful to have her back to her old self!

Thanks to donors and support from **PetSmart Charities** and **The Camden County Board of Freeholders**, AWA continues to deliver a variety of pet care services to targeted Camden City neighborhoods. Through our **Vets on Wheels** program, pet owners can get exams and vaccinations, as well as access to free or low cost spay/neuter surgeries. AWA staff is out in the neighborhoods talking to residents and giving away pet food. This program helps keep their pets healthy and in their lives.



Five week old Whitney only weighed one pound and wouldn’t eat or drink. Her owner was concerned that her life was in danger. Whitney was examined by one of our vets through our **Vets on Wheels** program. Whitney was given critical care prescription diet food which she gobbled right up. She came back weeks later for her vaccines and is thriving!



Donations from our **Hope for Hops** campaign helped us secure eight brand new bunny cages. AWA is the only

area shelter that houses and adopts out rabbits. Replacing our old, damaged cages was essential in providing quality care for hundreds of helpless rabbits. Thank you!



For the second year in a row, we joined forces with the Camden County Board of Freeholders to raise heat safety awareness during the hot summer months.

You Help Us Celebrate with Fun Events and More!

Kids Love AWA's Unique Summer Camp!

"My favorite part of camp is EVERYTHING and my least favorite is that it doesn't last forever!" shared one of our summer campers. Through arts & crafts, guest speakers and hands-on learning, kids had the rewarding experience of learning compassion for animals. They even trained shelter dogs with some basic manners to help them become more adoptable!



Campers learn from "Zoey" the very important work of a search-and-rescue dog.

Our Humane Ed Program Continues to Grow!



"Future veterinarians" ages 5 thru 8 learn how veterinarians care for pets through our **Vet Your Stuffed Pet** program.

Learn How to Care for Senior Pets



AWA is offering a FREE informational workshop on **Caring for Senior Pets**. You will learn how to help aging pets when they struggle with arthritis and other serious ailments.

Save the Date

We'd love to see you there!

AWA WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Caring for Senior Pets (Free)

November 9, 6-7pm

Well-Mannered Dog Training, 3-Week Session

October 7, 14, 21, 12-1pm

AWA SOCIAL EVENTS

Date Night with Your Dog

Dog socials hosted by PetSmart in Marlton.

October 11, 4-7pm

Trunk or Treat

Kids and (well-mannered) dogs can safely Trunk-or-Treat right in the AWA parking lot!

October 28, 1-3pm

Pet Photos with Santa

Capture holiday memories with your pet as he smiles for Santa!

Dec. 9 & 10 in the Pet Clinic

AWA's 50/50 Drawing

Come for light refreshments, our 50/50 Raffle Drawing, and Fun!

Dec. 14, 5pm in the Pet Clinic

AWA FUNDRAISERS

Bid for Pets Sake

Our 2017 auction will take place **October 8th thru October 22nd**.

50/50 Raffle

Don't miss out - last year's winner walked away with over \$17,000! Tickets go on sale starting **November 8th**. Drawing is on **Dec. 14th** at our Pet Clinic.

Burritos for Bucks

Dine at Chipotles in Voorhees on **Nov. 13th between 4-8pm** and a portion of the proceeds will go towards AWA's homeless pets!

Check out our event page for details and updates!
awanj.org/events

Our website has a new look! Check it out: awanj.org.

Adoption Highlights



It rains cats and kittens every summer at AWA. Thanks to you we were able to save **316** felines in June and July during our **Raining Cats** promotion!



Once again, AWA participated in a national **Clear the Shelters** adoption event sponsored by NBC10 and Telemundo62. A line of people waited for us to open our doors and with over 29 adoptions, AWA helped bring many pets and people together.

Why We Need Support From Animal Lovers Like You

\$425 That's the average cost to provide care for a pet while she waits for a new family to come and take her home. Some dogs and cats arrive in need of medical care or social rehabilitation and stay longer. **Each year we have a deficit because we always want to do more.** AWA relies on our donors to stick with us so we can continue to save lives.

-YOU CAN GIVE US THE ABILITY TO MAKE A COMMITMENT FOR ANOTHER DAY AND ANOTHER WEEK-

How? You can help save lives by being a part of AWA's **Life Savers Circle**. Our Life Savers Circle is a special group of donors who make monetary gifts of \$500 or more per year. These gifts allow AWA to tend to our daily operational needs so that our programs always remain strong. As a member, your name is listed in our Annual Report and proudly displayed in our shelter foyer. You also receive copies of our spring and fall newsletter as well as our Annual Report, where you can read how your donations directly impact so many lives. Please join our Life Savers Circle at one of our four levels. Call 856-424-2288 x107 to learn how.



Liberator Circle: \$5,001+
Guardian Circle: \$2,401 - \$5,000
Rescuer Circle: \$1,201 - \$2,400
Defender Circle: \$500 - \$1,200

Consider these significant ways you can make a difference:

Monthly Giving

Consistent, reliable funds allow us to spend more of our time and resources on our lifesaving programs and less on fundraising. You set the amount and your donations automatically transfer. To make a recurring gift and be a *Constant Companion*, please call at 854-424-2288, ext. 107 or go to: awanj/ways-to-help.

Planned Gifts

They can make a huge impact in saving lives in your own backyard while providing you with substantial tax breaks and financial advantages.

IRA Rollover Gifts

If you are 70.5 years of age or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to a charity each year.

Gift of Stocks

When you donate your stocks to AWA, you can get an immediate tax deduction for the full market value of the stock.

Allow Us to Beg Today and Tomorrow



To donate your stocks, make an IRA rollover gift, or leave a planned gift, contact Maya Richmond at 856-424-2288, ext. 109 or email: Mayar@awanj.org.

AWA is a charity. We receive no government or national funds. Everything that we do for animals and the people who love them is funded by donations, grants and funds that we raise through our programs.



YES, I WANT TO HELP!

Name:	
Address:	
City:	Email:
State:	Zip:
Please charge my credit card: () Visa () MasterCard () Amex () Discover	Donation Amount
Credit Card Number:	Expiration Date: Security Code:
Cardholder Name:	Phone:

Your contribution to AWA is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. AWA is a registered 501 (c) 3 organization and relies on the generosity of our supporters. Donations may be made online at awanj.org or call 856-424-2288, ext. 107.



509 Centennial Boulevard
Voorhees, NJ 08043
P. 856-424-2288
F. 856-424-8318
info@awanj.org

www.awanj.org



Instagram: @AWA_NJ

Twitter: @AWANJ

You can count on us to put your dollars into supporting our mission!

For the 4th year in a row, AWA has been given a **4-star rating** from **Charity Navigator**.

AWA was also chosen as **one of the best South Jersey non-profits** by SNJ Business People!



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:



William G. Rohrer Charitable Foundation

Heroes make us smile.



Thank you for being their heroes!