



The Cats Meow

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NEWSLETTER

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*ALL CREATURES
GREAT AND SMALL
GOD CREATED
THEM ALL !!!!!*

Hopes For A Brighter New Year !!!!

This new upcoming year has been brought in with a new positive hopeful outlook. We have adopted out record numbers of our feline friends. This has enabled us more space to utilize some areas for our fundraisers and volunteer workers. We are also very happy that many of our feline friends that we had rescued went home to some wonderful loving families. We have taken on a few more volunteers to help with our daily overload, along with a few excellent prospects for new board members. These changes have definitely been an asset to CLAWS. Hopefully, with all these new adventures, we will be able to stay afloat and accomplish all our goals that we strive. In these past few months we have gained many new wonderful clients and have met lots of new cat loving people. Our adoptions and recommendations from their friends and relatives have given us hope for success for this new year. We have all kinds of new and exciting ideas. We will remain to have our regular annual events along with some new and exciting ones. We will try hard to continue to keep our newsletters circulating on a regular basis to keep everyone up to date and informed on everything going on throughout the year with claws.

We are trying to keep our public pet adoption sites updated on a regular basis. We post our furry friends on Petfinder.com and now on adopt a pet .com along with other types of advertising strategies. This has also contributed to our large numbers of adoptions. If our fundraisers remain successful along with our adoptions, public awareness and influx of wonderful donations, both material and monetary, we feel that we can continue on this new year stronger than ever with an extremely hopeful outlook.

“RED” THE OFFICE

MASCOT



OUR BELOVED "Neuro"

APRIL 2008 - DECEMBER 9, 2009

Words are hard to explain the loss of our very dear friend "NEURO". He left us suddenly on a day that we will never forget. Many of you came by the shelter on a regular basis just to visit him. He loved the attention and looked forward to the visits. I want to thank everyone who made his day.



"Neuro" loved life and loved people. He came to us back one sunny day in April of 2008. He had been mistreated by a human, almost near death when he arrived. We were able to save him, but unfortunately he was permanently damaged. The neurological damage that he had incurred was permanent. It was recommended that we euthanize him. Although he would sway back and forth as he smiled, he was a healthy little guy. Never caught a cold when others did, never had issues with food like others had, just an all around joy to all. He was very special and never complained about anything. He will be greatly missed by all and never forgotten. Rest in peace in kitty heaven little guy !!! His ashes remain at the shelter close to our hearts everyday.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010

February:

A special month to Sponsor a CLAWS kitty. We Have Valentine kitty cards. Each card contains a special Shelter kitty that you can Proudly sponsor. The card Consists of a color photo of a Kitty, along with a story and Bio. You can sponsor one for \$10 a month, for as many Months as you like or as many Kitty's. They can be picked up At the shelter or mailed to You or someone for a gift.

March 6th. We are having our Second annual Ham and Turkey

Dinner due to popular demand. The Dinner will consist of, Ham Turkey, Potatoes, Gravy, Rolls, Corn, Cranberry, Drink, and dessert. It is all you can eat. At the Sussex F.H. Loomis Ave. Sussex. 5:00 pm-8:30 Adults: \$10 Children: \$5 takeouts avail. Tickets sold in advance or at the door if not sold out. We will be also having a silent auction and live music. Tickets are avail. At the shelter in advance. Reservations will be taken at the shelter for the dinner. No reservations needed for The giant silent Auction. Don't miss this event. Tell a friend, neighbor, relative or co-worker to come join the good food and fun. All you can eat.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010

APRIL: Car Show date to be announced.

MAY 1st. Indoor Flea Market. Sussex Firehouse. 9am-5pm. Rent a table for \$25 sell your own items, or come and shop. Lunch will be avail. The entire day. CLAWS will have their sales section too. Deadline for table reservations will be April 25th. Vendors must be there on the morning

Of the event by 7:30 am to set up.

JUNE: Special event, will be advertised.

JULY: Skylands Ballpark, game event. Date will be advertised.

AUGUST 7th. Second Annual Breakfast. Sussex Firehouse. Breakfast Buffet. All you can eat. Adults: \$9 Children \$5, 8:30am-11:30am.

SEPT: To be advertised.

OCTOBER 16th. 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Along with cash \$\$\$ for gold, silver, and coins.

NOVEMBER 7th: fourth Annual Holiday Bazaar. Sussex Firehouse, 10:00am-4:00pm. Table rentals.\$25

DEC. 11,12 Open House

PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF SUSSEX COUNTY, 169 US HWY. 206 AUGUSTA, NJ. 973-579-1155. PHOTOS WITH YOUR FAVORITE PET. TAKEN BY A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER . \$ 8.00 per photo. SUNDAY MARCH 21, 2010. 10:00am-1:00pm. Make sure to mention that CLAWS sent you. 50% of the proceeds goes to Claws Cat Shelter.

BOARD MEMBERS:

In order to get the organization back on it's feet and strong again, we are seeking new Board Members to come on Board. To be a Board member, all it involves is coming to a few meetings, filling out a board application, coming to a meeting one evening a month, usually the first Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm. Helping out with ideas and attending some fundraisers to help raise funds.

CLAWS 2010 CALENDARS

Time was running short, we did not anticipate having Calendars for this upcoming year of 2010. Fortunately a new prospective Board member was able to give me a hand and produce one. The Calendar consists of shelter cats that are in the shelter verses ones that have been adopted out. Well, it is complete, and better than ever. They are now on sale at the shelter and all our events for \$ 8.00. They can also be mailed for and additional \$ 1.50.

TD BANK AFFINITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

How it Works: TD BANK will make an annual contribution to our organization based on the average balance of your members account. Eligible accounts include: checking, savings, money market, certificate of deposit, and retirement. A percentage annually will be contributed to the shelter. For more info, contact the shelter or your local TD BANK. We are also registered with CHASE BANK.

“Another Year”

Another year has come and gone.

I hope and Pray that we can hang on.

Still so many left behind, will it ever end ? Is there enough time?

I look around and see one more, But there's no space to open our door.

I sit and wonder as time goes on, will this problem ever be gone?

Another year has come and gone, I guess I'll just pray and try to hang on.

ANIMAL RESCUE SITE SHELTER

CONTEST CHALLENGE:

<http://www.animalrescuesite.com>

THE CONTEST HAS BEGUN, LOG ONTO THE SITE ABOVE AND VOTE FOR CLAWS CAT RESCUE AND ADOPTION SHELTER EVERYDAY. TELL A FRIEND, RELATIVE, NEIGHBOR, CO-WORKER.

CHECK OUT THE NEW CLAWS SITE : ON

[Www.clawscatshelter.com](http://www.clawscatshelter.com)

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO !!!!!!!

KITTIES SHOPPING LIST:

- Friskies Can Food
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Tidy Cat Litter
- Old Towels
- Cat Toys
- Bleach / High effic. Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Garbage Bags
- Kitten Milk
- Office Supplies
- Sponge Mops

CLAWS IS MY FOREVER HOME, AS LONG AS I'M THERE I'LL NEVER BE ALONE.

Your Tax Deductible Gift will help us to save lives of many Felines in need. Enclosed Donation: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

We are funded strictly by donations. Your donation is deeply appreciated and goes directly to help the cats. Thank You.

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