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

OUR SINCERE APOLOGY TO ALL :

The past several months have been a little overwhelming here at the shelter. We have encountered many variables that have consumed all of our time. We strive in trying to help everyone and most importantly show our kindness and appreciation to all our wonderful friends, sponsors, adopters, donors, etc. If in the

Recent past, we have failed to acknowledge you in any form of matter, via mailings, thank you, correspondence, e-mails, spending time with you in the shelter, etc. PLEASE excuse us and accept our sincere apology. By all means it was not intentional. It has

Been extremely hard trying to keep up and comply with everything and to try keep the shelter afloat at the same time. Your understanding in this matter is so deeply appreciated. Please, if there is something we have forgot, feel free to contact us and let us know.

THANK YOU !!



ADOPTIONS ON A RISE:

Claws has been blessed in the past few months with many wonderful forever adopted homes. Our adoption rates have always been high, but lately we have seen a major increase. We went from 692 adoptions in 2009 to over 800 adoptions in the year 2010. Yeah!!

THE INSIDE SCOOP !!!!!!!
CLAWS CAT RESCUE AND ADOPTION SHELTER OF SUSSEX, INC.
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- Recently we have encountered unusual questions from many of the public and our clients. We are not sure how to approach this matter due to our devoted love to all animals. We certainly don't want to jeopardize the chance of any animal becoming rescued or adopted. The questions we have been asked, and the issue is, many clients are either receiving solicitations in the mail, or, noticing in public places, all these new so called shelters popping up asking for donations. If you stop and research or count, there are somewhere around 20 plus listed shelters in Sussex County. Excluding municipalities, there are only two that I know of, us and one more that are true shelters open to the public and rescuing animals from your NJ communities. These others are shelters with names, that are worked out of peoples homes. Some of them I have never heard of. Seems like a new one every week. Although they have some of the same fundraisers that we have, sit in front of the same stores that we do and collect pet food donations from local stores when only caring for 4-5 dogs from their home, They have no overhead, take mostly dogs from the south not our community, and no cats at all. Dogs are are not a problem here in NJ like cats are. Probably one homeless dog to one thousand homeless cats. As everyone well knows, we are inspected by the local and state Board of Health offices, have to have our water tested annually, pay hundreds of license fees, registration fees, fire inspections, SPCA inspections, charity registration fees, NJ registration fees, and much overhead and utilities, and abide by all NJ state Animal welfare regulations for a shelter. We must be open to the public a minimum amount of hours a minimum amount of days a week, etc. All this costs us thousands and thousands. They, although do not have to abide by any of this. We here, all own dogs and love them dearly. Wish we could house dogs and other species. The public is very concerned about the welfare of these animals if they are not having to go through inspections, etc. Not many of them are even a 501c3 or legal. But yet, collecting thousands of dollars from the public and taking away from the shelters like ourselves who have these grave expenses and have to abide by all the rules and regulations. This has been a factor in the last year or two with the decrease in our donations. Once again, we love all animals!!!! But find this not to be justifiable and have concerns for the safety of these animals

HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR PET TODAY ?

UPCOMING EVENTS - NEW VENUE

Claws is very excited. This year we have landed a new venue. We will no longer be having our events at the Firehouse. We are booked for the year at the SUSSEX ELKS Lodge located on Rte. 628 behind the Sussex Library. Plenty of ample parking, no walking distance, and

Lots of new opportunities for us. We will be holding events both indoors and outside under their large pavilion. To all interested, a cash bar will be available at some of our events. So, please join us this year for our Dinners, etc. They are going to be fantastic. TAKEOUTS AVAIL

MARCH 5th- Saturday. HAM AND CHICKEN DINNER: 5:00-8:30pm. ELKS Lodge Sussex. Ham, Chicken, Potatoes, Corn, Stuffing, Rolls, Cranberry, Drink and Dessert. \$10 Adults, \$6 Children 12 and under, 4 and under free. Music, SILENT AUCTION. Ticket Sales and Reservations avail. and Recommended.

CHECK OUR SITE AT www.clawscatshelter.com FOR LOTS OF OTHER EVENTS, OR CALL THE SHELTER AT 973-875-8540 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS.

APRIL/MAY: Mothers Day and Easter Flower Sales. Orders in Advance, Pick up at Shelter. Info. Avail. In March with order Forms.

JUNE- POKER BIKE RUN. American Legion Franklin. Date and time will be advertised.

JULY 30th. CHICKEN BBQ. ELKS LODGE SUSSEX 12:00pm-6:00pm. Outdoors, rain or shine. BBQ Chicken, Potato Pancakes, Sabret Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Sauerkraut, Corn on the Cob, Macaroni Salad, Adults \$12 Children \$7 Live Music. Reservations recom.

May and August Yard Sales at Shelter.

April 30th. & May 1st. Adoption Event at the Shelter. Food/Supply Drive.

April: TD Bank Event/Affinity Program.

Sept- Adoption Event/Food Drive/Shelter

October 1st. Annual Spaghetti Dinner. SUSSEX ELKS Lodge.

November 6th. Our 5th. Annual Holiday Bazaar SUSSEX ELKS Lodge, this will be a joint venture with the ELKS. We plan on a super large event.

All events that are not posted with the specifics, will be advertised in the near future. All events listed at the ELKS Lodge do have snow dates if needed so any ticket sales or reservations will be good for the snow date if needed.

To Enable us to Continue our Newsletter. A new idea!

Due to the costs we incur producing our Newsletter to keep you informed on all the happenings around here, we have come up with an idea both for the shelter and our clients. Our Newsletter goes out to over 2000 clients. Your information is totally confidential with us. We do not sell addresses like many shelters do. We have decided to originate a client business section. Where you, the client can advertise your business, etc. on a business card size ad for only \$15.00. this will enable us to cover some costs and hopefully you will generate some business for yourself. Our Newsletter goes out to these 2000 clients every other month which is six times a year. Just one Newsletter would cost your business \$ 15.00, or just think, an entire year is only \$90.00. All of our clients are wonderful people and I'm sure they are in need of services throughout the year, it could possibly be yours. If you would like to get into our MAY/JUNE issue either stop by or drop the card in the mail



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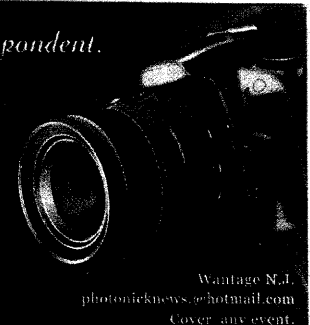
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“Our Pay-Pal Donate Button is now on our site. For donations. “

Claws is in the process of waiting on approval to initiate our own sponsored spay/neuter program. This program will consists of low cost Claws certificates that we can use to help the public in need of this service along with all our shelter kitty’s.

There will be certificates that will be issued upon approval for this program. Claws will cover the spay/neuter fees, where the client will cover the vaccination fees. We are really looking forward to this program to try and help decrease the massive numbers of unwanted born kittens each year, and to help aide in giving our feline friends a chance at a longer healthier life. Program should take effect this spring.

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(circle)

1- SHELTER KITTY : M or F

2- SHELTER KITTY: M or F

Please forward your address or the address you would like the Kitties photo and info to go to as a gift:

\$10.00 a month to sponsor a shelter kitty. Your sponsorship goes towards the costs of housing your kitty you sponsor. You will receive a photo and history of your cat.