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Our Mission

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center is dedicated to the humane treatment of animals. We believe in and provide services that support the human-animal bond and seek to foster an environment in which people respect all living creatures.

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Foster Volunteers Step Up During Pandemic

When Governor Murphy announced that an extended statewide shutdown was imminent due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were prepared. With many years of experience coordinating disaster response, we were ready to protect the health and well-being of our staff, volunteers, and the animals in our care.

We made the decision to move as many animals as possible out of the shelter and into foster homes to free up cubbies and kennels in case people affected by COVID-19 needed to temporarily or permanently rehome their pets, or in the event any of our staff contracted the virus.

What we were not prepared for was the outpouring of support from the community. We were quickly able to find foster placement for 310 shelter animals! Our foster team conducted online foster orientations and staff members matched people with suitable animals. A new drive thru pick-up process meant fosters didn't even have to leave their cars; they could simply pull up to the curb and a dog or cat, along with necessary supplies, were loaded in without contact.

More than 1,000 people have stepped up to join St. Hubert's foster team during the pandemic, many more than we have had animals for! Community members, including families, singles, college students, and seniors, have been excited to host a quarantine companion. Many have remained engaged as the pandemic has dragged on; since early March, we have sent more than 700 animals into foster homes.

Fostering is a deeply rewarding and enriching experience, and not just during a pandemic. You don't need to have previous animal experience to become a foster, just compassion, a love of animals, and a willingness to learn. Depending on the needs of the animal, a foster stay can range from a few days to a few months. Some foster parents fall in love and end up making their foster pets permanent family members. Others are not in a position to adopt but relish the opportunity to provide a short-term haven. If you'd like to join our amazing community of fosters, or just learn more, please email foster@sthuberts.org.

Letter From the President

Dear Friends,

As the businesses, restaurants, and organizations around us began to close their doors in mid-March, St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center remained open. The governor of New Jersey issued a stay-at-home order and mandated the closure of non-essential businesses, but our organization and our core activities were considered essential to the health and well-being of the communities we serve. We were faced with a daunting challenge: how to continue to fulfill our mission while keeping our staff, the animals in our care, and our community safe. Despite the difficulties the virus posed, our officers remained on the road and continued to investigate cruelty and save animals from harm's way with the help of additional protective equipment.



Lisa LaFontaine

With surgical supplies more readily available, our spay/neuter clinic is now operating at full capacity; we are sterilizing shelter animals, owned pets from low income households, and community cats through our TNR Program. Training and Behavior Center classes have started up again, following strict social distancing protocols for in-person sessions, along with drop-off classes and virtual classes. We redesigned our Summer Critter Camp into virtual sessions to provide a safe, educational, and fun experience for our youth participants. Doggy Day Camp has reopened, much to the excitement of

the dogs who were so happy to be reunited with their beloved counselors and canine friends. Adoption counselors have adapted to appointment-only adoptions out of our Madison shelter, and are hosting special adoption events out of our North Branch and Noah's Ark centers. And foster parents have been relying on virtual meet and greets to start the adoption process.

When we put out a call to our community that we needed more foster homes for our animals, more than 1,000 people signed up! As a result, we were able to move nearly all our adoptable animals out of our shelters and into foster homes. This incredible level of foster support has sustained throughout the pandemic, and many of our animals are living in safe and loving homes with our wonderful foster families. In this issue, you'll read some heartwarming stories about animals who have thrived in their foster homes during this trying time.

We are committed to using all the lessons from these uncertain times to better serve the animals and people of our communities. The work we do every day is anchored in the belief that everyone deserves the joy and love that come from sharing our lives with animals, and all of this is possible because of you, and the steadfast support you provide.

On behalf of all the people and animals who have been helped and found joy during an otherwise difficult time, thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Lisa LaFontaine
President and Chief Executive Officer

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For more information, please contact the Development Department at (973) 377-7094 or development@sthuberts.org. Please consult your tax or financial advisor.



Foster Spotlights



Codey (back) and Morey (front)

FOSPICE HOMES PROVIDE A COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR SENIOR PETS

Hospice fostering, “fospice”, is a crucial part of St. Hubert’s mission. Carol Satchell and Jean P. Duran began their foster journey by welcoming sibling seniors Codey and Morey at the start of the pandemic. The two quickly settled into their new home. Morey, who had failing kidneys, passed away peacefully in June. Codey is still with Carol and Jean, receiving the unconditional love and attention she deserves. “There is something extra special about giving a mature pet a safe and comfortable home,” said Carol. Soon after Morey passed, they opened their home yet again to a senior cat named Baby. Codey and Baby often share a nap together on the same scratch post and enjoy each other’s company.



Rosie

PUPPIES THRIVE IN FOSTER CARE

When young puppies or pregnant mom dogs come into our care, we work quickly to get them out of the shelter environment and into a foster home. We often turn to Glynis Burgdorff and her family, who have fostered 250+ puppies in the past seven years, with many needing round-the-clock medical care and socialization. “To be part of saving an innocent puppy’s life, and to offer them a place of refuge in your home until they find their own families, is such a blessing. Every ounce of work you put into caring for these dear animals is richly rewarded as you watch them blossom,” said Glynis, who considers opening her home to puppies in need a privilege. Glynis recently fostered Issy, Rosie, and their brother Aengus before they all found loving adoptive homes.

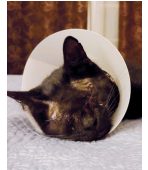


Issy



Fostering Nova has been a family effort by the Tolleth family!

SPECIAL NEEDS FELINE GETS A SECOND CHANCE THANKS TO FOSTER FAMILY



Nova

St. Hubert’s will never shy away from welcoming animals with special medical needs. Nova came to St. Hubert’s as part of the Trenton cat rescue. Her eyes were severely infected and needed to be surgically removed. The Tolleth Family, who had adopted from St. Hubert’s years prior, volunteered to foster Nova while she recovered. Despite being blind, she adores other cats and children, and has quickly learned how to navigate the house. Nova has a home with the Tolleth Family until the right adopter comes along, which will then allow them to foster another cat in need of their special brand of love and care.

CATS AND KITTENS FIND A SAFE, LOVING FOSTER HOME

Momma Deb and her eight kittens found a safe haven with foster volunteer, Melissa Cooke, only days after arriving at St. Hubert’s. Since 2017, Melissa has fostered 69 cats and kittens. “My two favorite fostering situations are feral moms with kittens and emergency sheltering under the TLCC program,” said Melissa. “When I can give a feral mom the opportunity to raise her babies in a warm, safe, and healthy environment, nothing makes me happier.” Melissa also takes in foster pets through St. Hubert’s Temporary Loving Critter Care (TLCC) Program which works closely with agencies assisting victims of domestic violence and other crises impacting their abilities to provide for their animals.



Momma Deb



Momma Deb's kittens

Shelter News

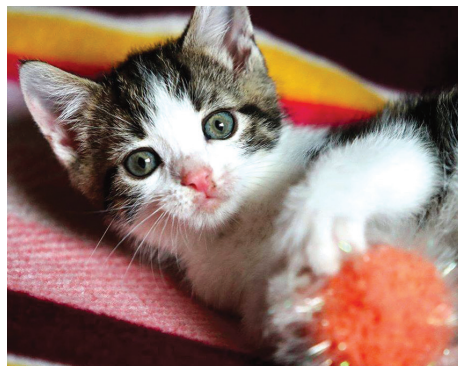


Community Outreach Manager Jennifer (R) and Animal Control Officers Cinda (L), Tim (Center), and Emma (Back) organize supply donations.

Our team continues to provide a strong **Community Outreach Program** to keep pets together with their families in the face of economic uncertainty. With the help of GreaterGood.org, we've distributed more than 118,000 pounds of pet food and supplies to 30 local rescues/animal control agencies in seven NJ counties and to our WayStation shelter partners. St. Hubert's no contact/no charge Drive Thru Pet Food Bank that ran from April to July out of our Madison Shelter served 503 families, for a total of 41,309 pet meals. We have returned to our regular pet food bank activities but continue to serve additional families in need on a one-on-one basis as well.



Despite the effects of COVID-19, our Sister Shelter **WayStation Transport Program** is running at full capacity to move at-risk dogs from partner shelters in the south to adoption centers in the northeast. In the past year alone, St. Hubert's WayStation saved the lives of more than 3,000 dogs and puppies by transporting them from crisis to care. Since the inception of the program in August 2016, more than 15,000 dogs have been transported to loving homes.



Our **Kitten Nursery** has moved from St. Hubert's Madison Campus to a larger renovated space inside of our Noah's Ark Campus, which allows us to provide lifesaving care for even more young, sick, and critically ill kittens. During the pandemic, our staff continued to care for kittens in need 24/7 by creating temporary shelters inside their homes. Now, staff, along with a dedicated group of volunteers, are settled in their new space and helping even more kittens.

St. Hubert's Assists Trenton Officials With Cat Rescue

Earlier this year, St. Hubert's responded to a request for assistance in animal rescuing and housing from the Trenton Humane Law Enforcement unit. A local resident had passed away and family members needed help in ensuring safety and placement for a large number of cats now left homeless. Six St. Hubert's Animal Control Officers were dispatched to the state capitol and worked side by side with the Trenton officers to remove 39 cats and 8 kittens.

In response, our team was quickly able to intake and triage this large group of felines. All of the cats were friendly and had some degree of upper respiratory infection. Once healthy and prepped for adoption by St. Hubert's, some were placed into our adoption program and some transferred to partner rescues. Collaborative efforts among animal welfare and municipal organizations ensure increased success in life saving.



Adoption Manager Alison feeds a newborn kitten from the Trenton home.