# **PET SAVERS**

#### Improving the lives of companion animals



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#### Holiday Newsletter 2008



### SUCCESSFUL WOOF WALK

On November 2, 2008 more than 50 dog lovers assembled on a cold fall morning at Alcyon Park in Pitman, NJ for our First Annual Woof Walk. Everyone had a good time, especially the dogs who enjoyed all the attention they were getting from everyone.

While we could have asked for a warmer day, we couldn't ask for one with more enthusiasm. Dogs, grownups and children eagerly took off down the path through the park and returned happy and smiling.

Everyone assembled was treated to great music by our DJ Darin Peters. Vendors set up tables with wonderful things to buy such as pet toys, collars and leashes. Canine snacks by The Barn Barkery looked good enough for we humans to eat. Hot Diggity Dog's table had free samples of a wide variety of premium pet food for both dogs and cats. Help making the best selection for one's pet was readily available.

Jan Narducci brought an impressive album to show case her adorable pet portraits. Behavior specialist Carl Johnson was on hand to answer questions about training and offer information about his private and group canine obedience classes. Corvoca Coffee was a most welcome addition to the roster of supporters.



Susan DeFrancesco was busy painting faces, which the children loved. On hand and available for consultation was a well known local pet communicator, Dr. Liz Severino, who charmed the crowd when it came time for the blessing of the animals. Along with volunteers Dr. Severino read a lovely verse and offered thoughtful insight into pet ownership and the love we offer our animals they so generously return to us.

The fun continued with contests for the smallest dog, the biggest dog, the dog who looked most like its owner (a run away win on this one) and for the person who raised the most donations. Our vendors provided lovely gift baskets for our winners. We will have pictures of this fun filled day in our next quarterly newsletter.

If you didn't get to join us this year, we're sorry you missed such a great day. Those pet lovers who did attend are definitely looking forward to the Second Annual Woof Walk next year!

If you did attend and you'd like to get in touch with one of our vendors, please contact us at our website for the information (<u>www.petsaversnj.com</u>). We will be happy to put you in touch with the wonderful people who supported our Woof Walk with their time and donations.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

2nd Annual Bark 'n Bid

Silent & Chinese Auction Benefit

Saturday, March 14th 7-11 p.m.

Adelphia's, 1750 Clements Bridge Road,

Deptford, NJ

#### YOUR DONATION DOLLARS AT WORK

Pet Savers is committed to helping animals. In order to do that, sometimes we have to help people. When an animal is adopted from a shelter, no one considers it a good adoption until the pet is happy and secure in its new home.

When an animal is brought back because it "didn't work out" it's stressful to the animal and makes it harder to place him with the next family. While everyone at the shelter wants to see the animals adopted, it's better that every one takes the time to find the right animal for the family. One needs to know what is required to successfully integrate a pet into one's home.

To keep the number of mismatches down, and make it easier for newly adoptive pet parents, Pet Savers has hired an expert to help. Carl Johnson of Glassboro is a well known dog trainer and animal behavior specialist in the Gloucester County area.

We've asked Carl to advise those adopting dogs from the Gloucester County Animal Shelter. With words of wisdom and very specific, useful advice, Carl holds an informative lecture class several Saturdays a month at the shelter. Knowing what to expect from your newly adopted pet can help make the experience more successful. Learning tips on how to be in charge and exhibit the necessary gentle leadership with your new dog will help him settle in and become a beloved member of the family.

Carl's schedule is available from the shelter staff. There is no cost to you for this service, even if it's been a while since you adopted. Pet Savers has paid for private lessons with Carl to save an adoption with a dog who needed special care and attention.

We hope you'll go to the shelter looking for that special someone to share your hearth and home. Don't hesitate because you're unsure you can train your dog to "come, sit and stay", we have help available for you. Go to the shelter today, your new buddy is waiting for you.



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