

# PET SAVERS

Improving the lives of companion animals



Summer 2009

## SUCCESSFUL BARK 'N BID

On March 14th Pet Savers held the Second Annual Silent Auction Benefit, affectionately known as the “Bark ‘N Bid”. The lively affair was enjoyed by all at the Adelphia Restaurant in Deptford, NJ. The large room was filled with gorgeous gift baskets filled with amazing items. Part of the fun was walking up and down the auction item tables to see how many items one wanted to bid on!

Special thanks go to the many wonderful contributors responsible for the evening’s success. The very generous, and pet loving patrons, gave an interesting collection of items to auction, while others purchased table sponsorships and still more pet lovers offered up the wide variety of gifts used for door prizes.

It was an exciting evening filled with fun, entertainment, good food and companionship. You can see by the picture to the right, there were many people who joined us for the gala evening. If you didn’t make it this year you must come next year!

Tana Sammons, chairperson for the event, modestly credited the success to a combination of; it’s being for a worthwhile cause, the generous sponsors and the other Pet Savers volunteers who worked with her on the project. It takes an incredible amount of work to pull off an event of this size and do the job so well. For accomplishing this with such style and

grace, Tana deserves accolades for her philanthropy, as well as organizational and fund-raising skills.

*Top picture: A room full of our generous supporters at the auction enjoying dinner before the lucky prize winners were called.*

*Bottom picture: DJ, Edie and Tana calling out one of the many winning numbers for the Chinese auction prizes.*



## **Ollie & Edie at Camporee Event**



**When Donating to a food drive ask if they take pet food. Unfortunately, too many animals are at the shelter because their families couldn't afford to feed them. Your generosity may save an animal his home.**

**Edie Bory and Ollie**, her Belgian Sheepdog, entertained the girl scouts with the story of how Ollie came to join Edie's family six years ago. When Edie adopted Ollie he only weighed 56 pounds, was skin and bones and very unhappy, having lead a hard life in his early years. He's a healthy, happy 87 pounds now and enjoys a wonderful life with Edie. Ollie is a laid back sweetheart, loved by all who meet him. Ollie patiently let everyone who wanted to pet him, as he's always happy to make a new friend!

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Gloucester County 4-H  
Fair & NJ Peach Festival**  
July 23rd -26th  
4-H Fairgrounds  
275 Bridgeton Pike  
(Rt. 77 South)  
Mullica Hill, NJ

**Fido's Festival USA**  
**Tropical Pooch  
Paradise**  
Aug. 28th - 30th  
Fri. 4-9 Sat & Sun. 10-5  
**Salem County  
Fairgrounds**  
**Woodstown, NJ**

[www.fidosfestivalusa.com](http://www.fidosfestivalusa.com)

**Dog Days of Summer**  
Aug. 16th 12 noon - 3  
**Powell Lane (off Haddon  
Ave)**  
**Collingswood**  
**For more info Call Rose**  
**@ 856-858-9275**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!!!**

Help us save animals in our community. Pet Savers needs volunteers, donations and caring homes for animals who will give you hours of companionship and love. There are many ways you can help and make a difference. Visit us at any local Pet Smart store where our volunteers take care of the animals waiting for adoption. You'll find us on the web at [www.petsaversnj.org](http://www.petsaversnj.org), you may reach us at Pet Savers, Inc., PO Box 546, Woodbury, NJ or call us at 856-796-0361. Help us make a difference in an animal's life!



# Pet Savers Attend Camporee Girl Scout Event

Fun was had by all on May 2nd at Soupy Island in Thorofare when Pet Savers joined 225 girl scouts and 50 of their parents at the Camporee daylong event.

## Pet Savers Volunteers at Camporee



On a beautiful Saturday May morning, dedicated Pet Savers volunteers ventured to Thorofare, for a fulfilling day with the Girl Scouts at Soupy Island. The Camporee Girl Scout Event presented a unique opportunity for Pet Savers to address the young ladies and their parents about the importance of responsible pet ownership which includes veterinary care, keeping pets indoors, playing with them and feeding them quality food. Our speakers stressed all animals need a yearly wellness checkup with the vet. Going to get their annual shots gives the vet a chance to check for problems. Early intervention for something newly developed can mean the difference between a good outcome and a bad one.

## Girl Scouts & Parents



Deborah Stoyko, Jennifer Kulyik, Gina Megay, Edie Bory and Anne Abruzzese spoke about a variety of topics. Jennifer told the girls about the physical and emotional impact declawing has on a cat. Pet Savers members are very aware of the negative behavior this common and disfiguring operation can produce. Anyone who works at a shelter sees the effect first hand with the many cats surrendered for behavior problems. Hopefully, educating the girl scouts about why one shouldn't declaw a cat will reduce the request for this procedure and the resulting problems declawing brings.

**More Scouts, Volunteers & Parents** The girl scouts also heard about how many animals are brought into the shelter every year and what happens to them. The children were encouraged to adopt from the shelter. Ollie, a Belgian Sheepdog, was introduced to everyone by his owner Edie. Edie told everyone Ollie's story and bragged about what a great dog he is. At the end of the session Ollie got to meet the girls as they crowded around to pet him and agreed he is a very special dog.



Coloring books about pet care were handed out to the younger girls (age 5-10 years) and an informative magazine was given to the older girls.



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## Why Your Cat Should Be Spayed or Neutered

### NEUTERED (Male)

- Reduces or eliminates risk of spraying and marking
- Less desire to roam
- Risk of testicular cancer is eliminated
- Number of unwanted cats/kittens *is at an all-time high*

### SPAYED (Female)

- No heat cycles
- Less desire to roam
- Risk of mammary gland tumors, ovarian and/or uterine cancer is reduced or eliminated
- Number of unwanted cats/kittens *is at an all-time high*



Most people don't know that a cat can have her first litter at the age of five months, and just one litter means that five more good homes must be found! That is why there are so many strays, and why our shelters are full of cats. Each day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. As long as these birth rates exist, there will never be enough homes for all the animals. As a result, millions of healthy, loving cats, dogs, kittens and puppies face early deaths as a form of animal control. Others are left to fend for themselves against automobiles, the elements, animals and cruel humans. What can you do to stop the suffering? *Spay and neuter your pets!* Work with Spay USA (1-800-248-SPAY) and together we can make a difference. You can also contact Save The Animal Foundation for information on low cost spay/neuter. (856-582-3661).

## TREATMENT FOR WORMS

Worms. The thought of them living within your pet can be downright repulsive. Unfortunately, this common problem is part of pet ownership. Fortunately, treatment is easy when you do it the right way. The worst mistake is to purchase an over-the-counter wormer found on the shelf of a supermarket or pet supply store. Unless you're lucky, the wormer will not treat the type of worms your pet has. There are several different types of parasites and your treatment must use the correct medication to work.

The most common type is roundworms. Puppies and kittens can be born with them. These worms are long spaghetti-like parasites that can often be seen in the stool. If not, a veterinarian can identify them from a fresh stool sample examined under a microscope.

Other common worms like hook and whip worms cannot be seen with the naked eye, so a microscopic examination is necessary. Tapeworms can be seen without a microscope and look like uncooked rice in the stool. Dogs are prone to becoming infested with roundworms, hookworms and whip worms more so than cats. Tapeworms are seen more often in cats than dogs.

Animals that are infested with these types of worms may or may not show symptoms. A pot-bellied appearance, increased appetite, loose stools, a very dry, unhealthy looking coat and in certain cases, specks of blood in the stool are potential symptoms.

Another less common type of worm that is seen in both dogs and cats is called coccidia. These are microscopic worms that cause symptoms similar to the others but more pronounced. Listlessness, a loss of appetite and weight loss can also occur. The symptoms mimic parvo disease in dogs and distemper in cats.

A puppy might start the distasteful habit of ingesting its stool while being treated for worms. When this happens the worm infestation can continue longer than it would have. Another reason to always clean up immediately after your pet. Be proactive and make sure she has plenty of chew toys to hold her attention.

New pet owners should get their puppy's or kitten's stool checked by a veterinarian as early as eight weeks of age, then again in two months. Finally, a once-a-year check will keep your pet healthy.