

DANCING WITH GLOUC CO. STARS SEPT 29, 2011

Dr. Bernadette Spector, a local veterinarian and owner of the Gray Fox Animal Hospital in Woodbury Heights, has graciously offered sponsorship to PET SAVERS in the 2011 edition of "Dancing With the Gloucester County Stars."

The local version of DWTS is sponsored by the Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce. The event will have two taped preliminary shows in late Aug. and the final show scheduled Thursday, Sept. 29th; all at Auetto's Caterers in Deptford.

Other county participants are Tracy Olson, Miss Glouc Co. Scholarship Org; Gina Romano, Glouc Co. Special Services Autism; Dr. Michael Monte Carlo, Center for Hope & Healing at Kennedy Hosp; Ryan Regina, Glouc Co Div of American Red Cross; and Michael Harris for the Rowan University scholarship fund.

Each volunteer dancer is paired with a professional partner. Each dancer will participate with other fund raising efforts throughout the dance season to raise funds for their charities. Watch for them so you can join in the fun.

We're looking forward to Dr. Spector successfully waltzing her way through DWTS on behalf of PET SAVERS this summer. Thank you Dr. Spector!

*Dr. Bernadette Spector of
Gray Fox Animal
Hospital.*



PET SAVERS FUTURE PLANS

With the closing of the Deptford Crossings PetSmart store came the realization that it was the only location set up to house dogs for adoption.

Of course you can go to the Gloucester County Animal Shelter in Clayton. But, the Deptford store was convenient for the many families looking for their next pet.

PET SAVERS supports the shelter's adoption services at PetSmart in Mantua and Turnersville. Unfortunately, those locations do not have dog facilities, so we must get creative. PET SAVERS is working with PetSmart's corporate staff to find a way

to incorporate dogs at their other stores.

We know by working together we'll find a way to get the animals the most exposure to insure their best chance for adoption.

One of our plans includes the purchase of a vehicle, specially outfitted to safely transport animals from the shelter to PetSmart stores for the day. This van could be used to take animals to adoption opportunities such as the 4-H County Fair too.

This unique van would also give the animals a safe, quiet retreat from the stress of being on display at the many adoption venues.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA



Along with the usual soft fuzzy cats and cute cuddly dogs Santa gets some pets that are a little different.

Santa loves them all; bunnies, sets of ferrets in matching Christmas finery, the cutest little baby goat and even this furry hat-wearing iguana!

PetSmart was a wonderful host to pet lovers looking for their Christmas pet photo.

Thank you to everyone who brought their pets for photos to benefit PET SAVERS this year.

2010 PET SAVERS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We think you'd like to know what we've been doing for companion animals over the last year. Following is an over view of our accomplishments, all thanks to your generous support of our fund raising efforts. Together we can make a difference for the many companion animals looking for a forever home.

* **PET SAVERS** provides one hour of free training for everyone who adopts a dog from the Gloucester County Animal Shelter. While this is not a requirement for adoption and not everyone takes advantage of the offer, those who do come away with new knowledge. They gain insights into dog thinking and behavior, even if they are long time dog owners. In 2010 we provided 24 training sessions at no cost to new dog parents.

* **PET SAVERS** has "adopted" over 70 third grade classrooms in Gloucester County and provided them with annual subscriptions to the Humane Society of the United States' "KIND News." This is double the number of classrooms we adopted in 2009.

KIND News is aligned with National Education Standards for the major subject areas and has been consistently praised by teachers as an "excellent" or "very good" supplementary resource. There are colorful articles, short features, and fun activities that teach children the importance of treating animals with kindness and respect. Each adopted classroom gets 28 individual issues of KIND News along with a Teacher's Guide throughout the school year. Our goal is to reach every 3rd grade classroom in Gloucester County.

For more information about KIND News or to explore adding your school to the program for 2011, contact **PET SAVERS** at info@petsaversnj.org.

* **As many** of you know, there are many more cats and kittens that need good homes than there are dogs. PET SAVERS now provides rebates on first vet visits to help

increase cat and kitten adoptions. Since beginning this program in mid 2010 we have provided 94 new cat and kitten parents with rebates through our monthly promotions.

* **To see** this month's promo visit the Mews & Events section at www.petsaversnj.org.

* **Financial hardship** is continuing to result in many animals being surrendered to shelters. While we cannot help with bills directly, we are building an information bank to help people plan ahead for pet care costs. There are some organizations that can help with pet medical bills, but there are typically income limits and other restrictions. For information on help with planning for or paying medical bills, visit the Lynx page at www.petsaversnj.org.

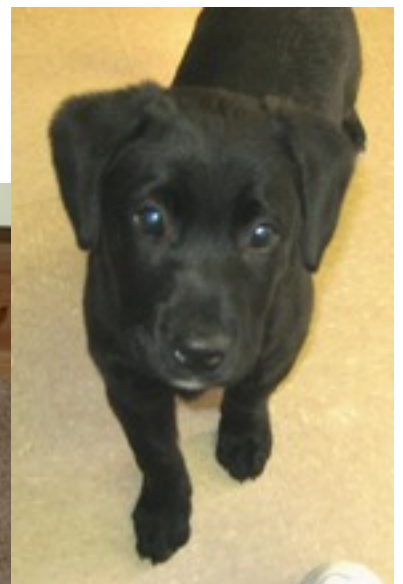
Future Plans

PET SAVERS plans to continue the cat Vet Visit Rebate program throughout 2011. In addition, we are exploring ways to decrease the number of animals admitted to the GCAS (Gloucester County Animal Shelter) and increase the number of strays that are reunited with their owners.

By evaluating shelter intake data we can determine where programs like TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release), micro-chipping and low cost spay/neuter will have the most impact.

We are also hoping to build a mobile adoption capability to replace the adoption space lost with the closing of the Deptford Crossing PetSmart.

We thank you for your continued support of our efforts to improve and save the lives of companion animals.



A QUEST FOR PUPPY SIGHS

"Danielle keeps repeating it and we've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It's been weeks since we started looking," the mother said.

"What is it she keeps asking for?" the volunteer asked. "Puppy size!" "Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for..." "I know, we have seen most of them," the mother said in frustration.

Just then Danielle came walking into the office. "Well, did you find one?" asked her mom. Danielle said sadly, "Not this time". "May we come back on the weekend?"

The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed. "You never know when we'll get more. Unfortunately, there's always a supply," the volunteer said.

Danielle took her mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I'll find one this weekend," she said. Over the next few days both Mom and Dad had long talks with her. They felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking anymore," Dad finally said. "We don't want to hear anymore about puppy size, either," Mom added.

Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter Sat. morning. Danielle knew her way around now and went right to the section that housed the small dogs. Mom sat in the waiting room.

Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage and one by one dogs were brought for her to hold. To each one she said, "Sorry, but you're not the one."

The volunteer opened the door on the last cage. Danielle carefully picked up the pup and held it closely. This time she took longer.

"Mom, I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!", she screamed with joy. "It's the puppy size!" "But, it's the same size as all the puppies you've held the last few weeks," Mom said.

"No, not size...the sighs. When I held him in my arms he sighed. Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sigh."

The two women looked at each other. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry and stooped down to hug the child and did a little of both.

"Mom, every time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy hold each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if he sighed when I held him in my arms. Then, holding the puppy up close to her face she said, "Mom, he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart!"

You can find a heart full of love at your local shelter too. Stop by and look for your forever friend today.

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KLAYMAN, ESQUIRE**

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**FOR ANYONE WHO
DONATES**

\$75 TO PET SAVERS

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COMING EVENTS

5TH Annual Wag n Walk

Sat. April 30, 2011

**Connolly Park,
Voorhees, NJ**

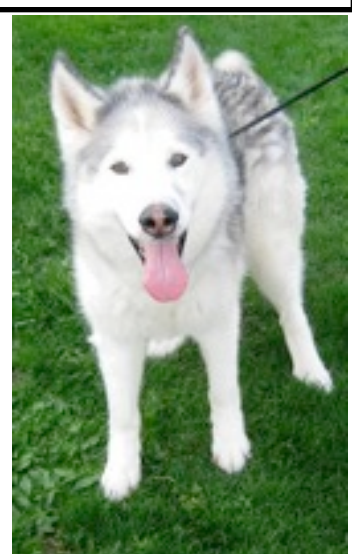
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Shine**

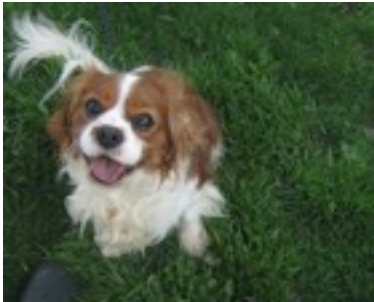
**See Animal Orphanage
website for details**

**PetSmart Charities
PetWalk**

Sat. May 7, 2011

**FDR Park
Philadelphia, PA**





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TAKE A STAND

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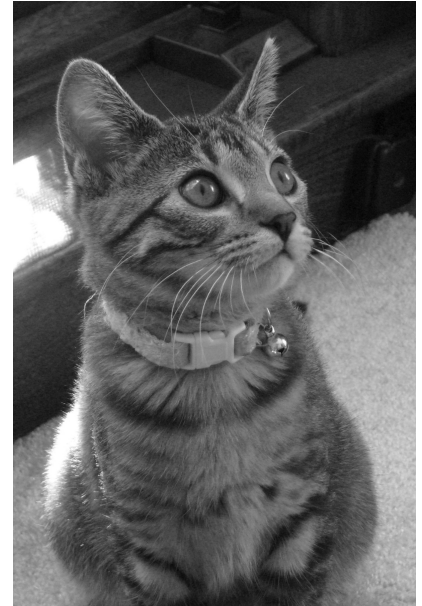
Long before the
business
plan
Dancing tails danced
across this
land

A rainbow shined up in
the
sky

A promise from
The one up high

The mighty whale
Swims across the sea
Knows the truth
But doesn't want to
believe
The food supply is
running out
The humpbacks song
Is now a shout
Polar bears prey
For ice caps not to melt
away
Monkeys smoke, Lions
choke

Money talks, the forest
walks
The earth is hot
It's all we've got
Bears black and grizzly
brown
Find their way into our
towns
No rivers rich
With hardy fish
A garbage can
Won't do the trick
When will man
Understand
Natures Plan



SASHA...A RESCUE TALE

A loving tale of rescue by Sasha's "Daddy," David Rochester-Flannaghan.

We got Sasha when she was about three years old, and were her fourth owners, not including the time she was a stray. She was quiet and well behaved, but mostly ignored us for six months. Then one day it was like she suddenly realized we were not going to abandon her, like everyone in her past. Suddenly, she came to life and was very loving.

Sasha is totally spoiled and the most well behaved dog you could ever meet. Even when we decided to return to the UK the timescales were built around her, and the return delayed, so she did not have the trauma of quarantine. She came on the same flight as us and it didn't phase her in the least.

We owe a great deal of thanks to her last owner. While he loved her to pieces, he was out most of the day at work. All credit to him that he recognized this was not fair and asked us about giving her a home. He let us think about it for a couple of weeks before and we all made the decision together. That was 3 1/2 years ago, we've never looked back, and we've loved every minute of our life with Sasha.

