

PET SAVERS

Improving the lives of companion animals



WORKING TOGETHER TO SAVE LIVES

by Phyllis Epstein

This summer the Gloucester County Animal Shelter (GCAS) and Victory Animal Rescue joined forces to save a beautiful Australian Shepherd named Hannah. After some time at the Gloucester County Animal Shelter, Victory Animal Rescue stepped in to assist the wonderful little dog.

Hannah was in dire need of a home and required life-saving and expensive treatments for heart worm disease. Her treatment was paid for by the GCAS prior to her going into foster care. During her course of treatment there were many complications and it was touch and go for quite awhile. Thankfully Hannah did pull through and made a full recovery.

A family had been approved for Hannah and they waited patiently during her recovery process. The family supported her and kept in close contact with the foster Mom, Phyllis.

Hannah's successful fight against heartworm disease and her adoption were made possible by Victory Animal Rescue Volunteers, Gloucester County Animal Shelter, and a wonderful team of vets and supporters. This goes to show how far good vet treatment and loving care can take you.

Victory Animal Rescue is a small private rescue in New Jersey. They volunteer their time to help pets in need find loving forever homes. Pets are fostered and cared for in their homes until they find permanent families. For more information, visit their website at: www.petfinder.com/shelters/NJ549.html

Right: *Photos of Hannah and the Epstein family on vacation in Maine this past summer.*





Fall Migration

by Michelle Biehl

Looking Out for our wild friends both great and colorful

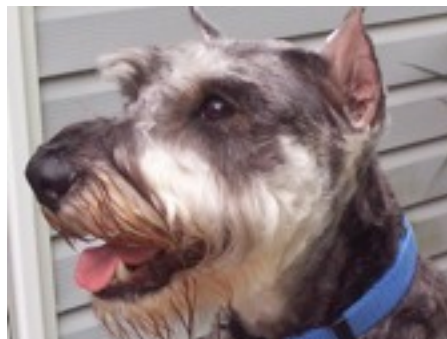
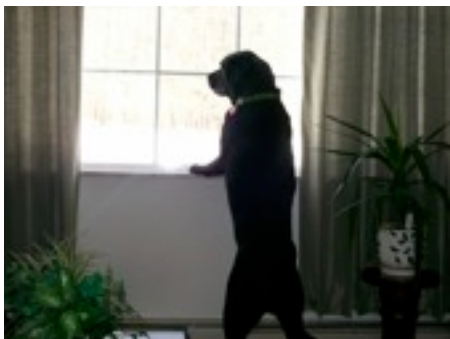
On a September afternoon, or at dusk in October, many amazing sights soar across Cape May Point. Cape May Point is a vital geographical funnel along the Atlantic Flyway.

During the Fall migration both birds of prey and colorful butterflies, especially Monarchs, stop to refuel before making their way across the Delaware Bay to their final

destinations. Annually volunteers monitor the sightings on the “hawk watch” hoping to catch a glimpse of any one of a variety of hawks, falcons, as well as golden or bald eagles soaring high above Cape May Light House.

The next land fall for many of these birds is over twelve miles away across the bay in Cape Henlopen Delaware. It’s not just birds that are passing through though. Afternoons are filled with hundreds of colorful butterflies as they too stop to rest before continuing on their migrating journey.

Layers of Monarch butterflies cover trees and their bright orange and black wings can be seen fluttering everywhere you look during the Fall. Weighing just one half a gram they must carefully navigate a journey of over 2,000 miles to the mountains of central Mexico. These are wonderful sights to see and nature at it’s best waiting to be witnessed.



Rescue “Tail”

by Barb Spector

Labor Day weekend my friend Frank and I were riding our bikes and pedaling along the path when I first caught sight of the little white dog. He was frantically running around, no tags or collar.

I was worried about him. Did he belong to anyone? What was he doing on the loose? I felt he was in danger as there were streets that intercepted the bike path and cars flew by quickly. A little dog could easily be hit and not noticed.

I called him over towards us and he came. He only weighed about 5 or 6 pounds at the most. He seemed scared so I didn’t touch him but tried to be soothing with my voice. He sat down on the bike path right next to our bikes.

Luckily I had my cell phone with the Gloucester County Animal Shelter’s (GCAS) number in it. I called and followed directions for animal control. I deemed the situation an emergency and reached a dispatcher. She took down all the information and said someone would come out for the dog. I said we would wait for them, and we waited for over an

hour while the dog sat next to us. The shelter finally called back to let us know someone was on the way.

When we saw the Animal Control Officer’s truck, we screamed for them to come over to where we were. The dog got frightened from our yelling and took off. I dropped my bike and ran after him.

Frank got on his bike to try to catch up to him, and the Animal Control Officer (ACO) went looking with her truck.

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PET SAVERS BUYS KONGS FOR ANIMALS IN SHELTER



Pet Savers recently purchased Kongs of various sizes and delivered them to the Gloucester County Animal Shelter. Kongs are a toy made of natural rubber and they come in a few sizes; so there's one that's right for every dog. The dogs can chew on them as is, but they're made to be filled with peanut butter, Kong treats or flavored Kong paste. The toys safely entertain the dogs and keep them from getting bored. This is especially important in the stressful shelter setting. The GCAS staff tell us they're a big hit and very helpful. You only have to look at the dogs on the left to see how much fun they're having with their Kongs!



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Please help. The Gloucester County Animal Shelter needs Kong treats, Kong paste or peanut butter. You may drop your donations at the shelter during business hours.

COMING EVENTS

<p>Woof-Fest Family Fun!</p> <p>Bring Your Dogs Dress Them Up!</p> <p>Oct. 9, 2009 7:00-9:00 pm</p> <p>Broad Street Woodbury, NJ</p> <p>Music & Activities</p>	<p>Gloucester County Animal Shelter</p> <p>Open House</p> <p>Oct. 17, 2009 11am-4pm</p> <p>Dog & Cat Costume Parade @ 3:00</p> <p>Goodies for Kids & Pets</p> <p>Join the Fun!</p>	<p>2nd Annual Woof Walk</p> <p>Oct. 25, 2009</p> <p>Alcyon Lake Park Pitman, NJ</p> <p>Registration \$20 starts at 9 am</p> <p>Pre-Register On Line</p> <p>Food, Fun, Vendors, Contests</p>	<p>Vote for GCAS</p> <p>\$100,000 Shelter Challenge together with Petfinder.com</p> <p>Help GCAS win a grant by voting till Dec. 20th</p> <p>AnimalRescueSite.com Click on Shelter Challenge & search for GCAS</p>
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!!!

Help us save animals in our community. Pet Savers needs volunteers, donations and caring foster 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 PetSmart store where our volunteers take care of the animals waiting for adoption. You'll find us on the web at 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!



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Contact Save The Animal Foundation for information on low cost spay/neuter. (856-582-3661)

PET SAVERS GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

Pet Savers is providing subscriptions to KIND News, from the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States), to every third grade classroom in Washington Twp and also for the entire General Charles G. Harker school (3rd, 4th and 5th grades) in WoolwichTwp. Each classroom will get 28 issues plus a teacher's guide every month during this school year.

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 that requires little or no prep or class time. It can be readily incorporated into subjects like math, science, and language arts or simply handed out for students to read during free time or at home.

The idea is to promote respect and kindness to animals and responsible pet ownership which is a key part of our core mission of education and outreach. We are sponsoring a total of 62 classrooms in Gloucester County for the 2009 -2010 school year.

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I caught sight of the dog but he ran off again. I followed him to a townhouse development where I spotted the ACO truck.

I waited until I saw the officer carry the little guy and put him in her truck. A lady came out of her house and yelled out for us to go to the shelter if we wanted to adopt him. Frank and I left, glad the dog was caught and not in harm's way.

The following Saturday I went to the GCAS to do my volunteer work in adoptions. I wanted to ask about the dog but it was very busy.

As I was walking down the hall, I noticed a man holding a little white dog that looked just like the rescued dog. The man was in one of the shelter's acquaintance rooms. These rooms are quiet places where people go to spend some time with the dogs or cats they wish to adopt.

I asked the man what kind of dog he was holding and he said it was a Maltese. His friend came in the room and I said hello and asked about the dog. It was indeed the rescued dog and this lovely couple wanted him very much.

The best part is that the woman was the mother of Sharon, one of the ACO's I knew quite well from working on Saturdays at the shelter. I was overjoyed with the perfect ending to this story. A dog that wasn't wanted and could have been in grave danger, ended up in a super home.

CAUTION!!

A common sweetener called Xylitol is deadly for pets. Do not let your pets near anything containing the artificial sweetener found in sugarless gum and other sugar-free snacks.

Urgent!! Pet Savers needs newspaper at every PETSMART store in Gloucester County. Please drop your newspapers at the adoption center in the PETSMART store nearest you. Thank you.