

St. Hubert's Humane News

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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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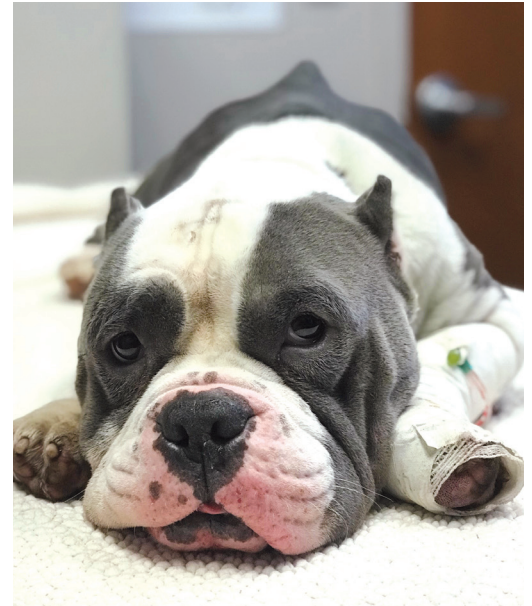
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St. Hubert's Partners with the City of Newark

In November of 2018, St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center was asked to step in to provide sheltering services for the City of Newark's animal control. Time was of the essence when we received the call, as the City and the agency who provided sheltering services had severed their relationship and alternate housing and care was needed immediately. Our team jumped into action, dedicating space in our Madison Shelter for incoming dogs, cats and small animals. St. Hubert's also secured a local veterinarian with boarding space for overflow. During the first three weeks of the contract, we welcomed 126 Newark animals into our care. This work is in addition to our other animal control contracts and regularly scheduled rescues and transports throughout New Jersey and the United States.

St. Hubert's has agreed to extend its contract with the City through April 2019 while permanent solutions are investigated and undertaken. Since November we have seen an influx of animals coming through our doors who need above and beyond medical care. The veterinary costs add up quickly, especially when animals need emergency treatment. The monthly payment we receive from the City of Newark does not cover the cost of our above and beyond quality standard of care. It is in our core values to provide needed medical treatments and exhaust all efforts to relieve pain and suffering. A number of the animals we receive from Newark are in need of basic services (e.g. vaccination, spay/neuter) or extraordinary medical care in order to be healed and placed for adoption, and in some cases, returned to their loving owners.

St. Hubert's is also dedicated to getting to the root cause of pet overpopulation by providing services to the residents of Newark through our Community Outreach programs. Our team has created a "boots on the ground" presence to identify areas of need and implement targeted efforts to assist as many animals and pet owners as possible. St. Hubert's secured the funding to host a large-scale, free spay/neuter and vaccine clinic, which ultimately altered 238 felines (most of which were outdoor community cats) and 33 dogs, and vaccinated/microchipped 279 owned pets. We were also able to create a waiting list of residents looking to get their cat or dog spayed/neutered, and now all we need is funding to make these surgeries possible. The City of Newark has expressed extreme satisfaction with our response and gratitude for all of the additional work that we're doing to help the animals and residents in their community.



Letter from the Interim President

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to be back here at St. Hubert's where I have spent many prior years in the development department. I have dedicated my career to animal welfare and the environment through fundraising and hands-on animal care and rescue. With 20 years of experience working for animal protection organizations, my past experience includes Farm Sanctuary, the Animal Legal Defense Fund, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and The Nonhuman Rights Project. I have served in all aspects of development, including direct mail, major gifts, planned giving, capital campaigns, foundation and corporate gifts, as well as events and publicity. Past involvements include the Marine Mammal Stranding Center and Liberty Humane Society in New Jersey, and I served on the boards of St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, The Grey Muzzle Organization and the Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey.



Erika with her senior rescue horse, Reba.

As always, we are anticipating welcoming many kittens as spring approaches and are dedicated to renovating a room in our shelter to serve as a kitten nursery. The nursery would provide 24-hour care to neonatal kittens that come in from the 20 communities we serve through animal control, including Newark.

The nursery would be staffed with specially trained staff and volunteers to feed, stimulate and medicate orphaned, neonatal kittens around the clock. The nursery would have specialized kitten incubators that can help stabilize temperature and provide humidity, as well as a built-in nebulizer for upper respiratory conditions. Kittens are often kept warm by their mother's body heat, which makes it challenging to keep body temperature regulated for orphaned kittens without an incubator.

Staff and volunteers will keep a log of each kitten's feeding schedule, amount eaten and weight (using a kitchen scale). As kittens get older and are eating well, they will go home with trained foster care volunteers who will continue to care for them around the clock as well as socialize them to get them ready for adoption.

For the animals,

Erika Mathews

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Interim President



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kids' Critter Camp & Youth Advocacy Experience

**Weeklong summer sessions
St. Hubert's Community Room,
Madison, NJ**

Our popular Kids' Critter Camp is accepting registrations for children entering grades 2-4 and 4-6. We are also excited to introduce a new program, our Youth Advocacy Experience for teens ages 13-17. Limited spots available, visit sthuberts.org/youth-opportunities to learn more and register today!

Feline Film Festival & Reception

**Thursday, May 9 – 6:00-9:00pm
St. Hubert's Training and Behavior Center, Madison, NJ**

Join us for a special screening of "The Cat Rescuers," followed by a reception and Q&A with the cast and producers. Enjoy delicious food and drink, raffles, one-of-a-kind feline artwork and more! For more info and to register, visit sthuberts.org/events.

CATCH Canine Trainers Academy

**Canine Body Language, Behavior, and Behavior Problem Solving: June 17-21
Professional Training Skills - Build Any Behavior: April 22-26 or August 19-23; St. Hubert's Community Room, Madison, NJ**

Here's a chance to enhance the lives of our shelter dogs while earning yourself a certificate in dog training and behavior. This is a full week working hands-on with the shelter dogs to hone your dog training skills with top notch pro trainers. To learn more, visit sthuberts.org or contact CATCH directly at 877.752.2824 or studentsupport@catchdogtrainers.com.

For up-to-date, detailed information on all events, visit sthuberts.org or call 973.377.7094.

Monthly Donor

Meet Jenn, an Angels Monthly Donor, and her best friend Maddie

We call our monthly donors Angels, a group of dedicated supporters who make monthly gifts that provide a consistent and reliable income stream allowing us to focus on lifesaving programs. Jenn Suozzo, inspired by her beloved dog Maddie, has been a loyal monthly donor for the past 6+ years.



“When I adopted Maddie from St. Hubert’s, her name was Queenie. She sure has lived up to that persona! She is the sweetest, most elegant, astute girl you have ever met. Maddie just turned 14 this past Valentine’s Day! She is as beautiful and as smart as ever. Maddie loves being by our side wherever life takes us. Maddie was our grandfather’s best friend, so loyal to him until he passed away. Maddie’s ears make you sit up straight and listen and laugh. Her sighs are always on cue when someone talks too much, she never misses a beat. Maddie’s eyes read your soul. Simply put, Maddie is THE BEST. Without St. Hubert’s rescuing her, our family would never have been so blessed. And that is why we choose to be a St. Hubert’s Angel and donate every month. Without St. Hubert’s we cannot imagine a world without our angel, Maddie. I cannot imagine what life would be like for so many animals who just need a little love and support to find their forever home. Maddie knows she was rescued. And we know Maddie rescued us. We are forever grateful.”

You can join the St. Hubert’s Monthly Angel Program with any gift amount. It’s easy to sign up by automatic credit card or bank withdrawal, and we take care of the rest. For just \$25 per month, that’s only \$.83 per day, you can make a difference in the lives of so many animals in need. Visit sthuberts.org/monthlygiving for more information and to sign up!



Iron Mike

Iron Mike was discovered by Newark Animal Control, just days before Christmas, when authorities responded to a report of gunfire in the area. He had suffered head trauma, a broken jaw and his body was covered in tar. Upon arrival, he had zero use of his right front leg, but it has improved over time. Despite all of this, this sweet feline immediately knew he was safe at St. Hubert’s and began eating, bathing himself and using the litterbox. He spent the next month receiving round-the-clock TLC with our VP of Direct Animal Care, Becky Burton, and was recently adopted into a loving home. Thank you to all who donated towards his medical bills!



Dr. Day visiting Heaven one month after she saved his life.

Heaven

Heaven, a 3-year-old bulldog mix, was fittingly named by our friends at Madison Veterinary Hospital after a brush with death. He was found abandoned in a blanket, hypothermic, emaciated and in immediate need of medical care. Dr. Barbara Day, one of St. Hubert’s board members, jumped into action by warming him up and performing CPR, ultimately reviving him. He was then hospitalized at Animal Emergency and Referral

Associates for a few days to receive 24/7 care. We knew his road to recovery would be long, and would need to be monitored closely by a veterinarian and his caregivers. Fortunately, his bloodwork came back normal considering all he had been through, and he is expected to make a full recovery. We are happy to report that Heaven is now getting all of the attention and TLC he deserves with a loving family.

Shelter News

St. Hubert's bids a fond farewell to Heather Cammisa, who served as President/CEO for the past 8 years. When Heather took over the helm at St. Hubert's in 2010 the organization had only the shell of its current Madison animal shelter erected and funding for completion had stalled, placing St. Hubert's in a compromised financial state. Her expertise and insight brought the organization back to financial health and opened the doors for countless lifesaving opportunities for animals in great need. Heather's incredible understanding of the issues and trends in animal welfare, along with her forward-thinking innovation has enabled the amazing growth St. Hubert's experienced during her tenure. The Board of Trustees and staff at St. Hubert's will be forever grateful for Heather Cammisa's dedicated service to the organization, and we wish her and her husband well in their next adventure in Colorado.



Heather with her beloved Jazzy and Sammy.

Earlier this year, animals in need brought compassionate youth and their families together to build warm, sturdy shelters for outdoor community cats. With your support, we were able to purchase enough supplies to create more than 100 insulated cat houses, and with the help of 90 volunteers of all ages, we were able to provide these warm shelters to numerous community cat colonies throughout the City of Newark.



A big thanks to our youth volunteers who spent their weekend making warm cat shelters.

Wish List

Shopping online has never been easier. Visit sthuberts.org/wishlist to view our Amazon wish list and have items sent directly to our shelter. Remember, if you shop through Amazon Smile and choose St. Hubert's as your designated charity, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to us!

High-Priority Items:

- Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR)
- Canned cat and kitten food (ground, no fish)
- Canned dog and puppy food
- Soft treats
- Blankets, towels and cat beds
- Snuggle Safe heating pads
- Gas gift cards
- Financial donations for medical care

Enrichment Items:

- Kongs and Nylabones
- Peanut butter and canned pumpkin
- Cat toys: balls and wands
- String cheese, cream cheese, apples and bananas



Carson going home with his new dad.

Our Sister Shelter WayStation Program has reached an exciting milestone... 10,000+ dogs have been transported from areas of need to areas of opportunity since the program's inception in 2016. Lucky for Carson, he was number 10,000! This lifesaving network consists of 84 shelter partners, with St. Hubert's working as the hub. For every dog adopted, the destination shelter sends back funds to the source shelter for community spay/neuter, targeting the root cause of pet overpopulation.



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ADOPTIONS 7 DAYS A WEEK
Madison, Ledgewood and North Branch
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