



Animal Tails



You helped over 22,000 animals in 2017. You are our heroes!

Rescued from Neglect

You Helped Save Four Little Dogs from a Backyard Breeder

Close your eyes and visualize their tiny matted paws stepping over feces, the smell of urine in the air, and the noise of whimpers calling for food and attention.

This was Jeta, Quincy, Harley and Griffon's lives, along with twenty other dogs and seven cats removed from the home of a backyard breeder. All four endured years of neglect. All four are old. All four were ill. They suffered from severe dental disease, malnutrition, upper respiratory infections, as well as other individual afflictions.

We asked for donations to provide them with much-needed medical and dental care, proper nutrition, time and love...and you stepped up!

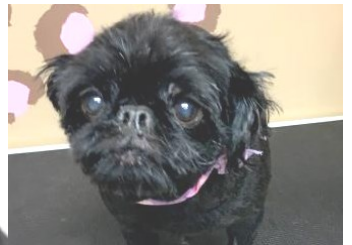
Because of you, they were able to recuperate in safe and warm foster homes where they received lots of love and attention while being treated for their upper respiratory infections. They were able to eat soft food so their gums did not hurt while they were chewing. They also got beautifully groomed so that they could look and feel much better.

Because of your donations, these dogs transformed from neglected breeding dogs, into loving adoptable pets.

And, our veterinarians crafted a medical plan for each dog and scheduled their respective dental and surgical procedures.

Because of your donations, these dogs transformed from neglected breeding dogs, into loving adoptable pets. Because of you, Jeta, Quincy, Harley and Griffon have each been adopted and now know what it's like to be loved in a warm home of their own!

We are very grateful!



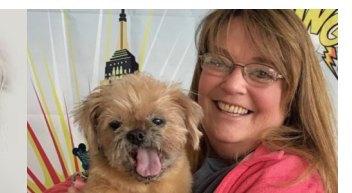
Jeta had severe dental disease and has a heart murmur. She was eager for someone to love her.



Quincy had an upper respiratory infection but now has a "forever" home.



Harley had a hernia, Lyme disease, an upper respiratory infection and dental disease but now has a new mommy.



Griffon had an upper respiratory infection but is now healthy and loves and warmth of his new home.

Dear Friends,

There may be four shelters in our county but there is only one AWA. For nearly 70 years, the lives of pets have been saved because of our donors' trust and generosity. Animals receive the care they need to become healthy at the adoption center; our veterinary outreach provides pets with food and medical care out in the streets of some of our county's poorest communities; and AWA continues to dedicate much of our work to conquering the reasons why pets end up in shelters in the first place.

We work to change the world one paw at a time.

Because of you, animals in our community are valued – they are rescued, rehabilitated, and get to rejoice in their new loving homes. Being the organizational foundation in the community, AWA's programs, services, and leadership have directly benefited other shelters in our backyard. It is because of donors' commitment to making a difference within our doors, out in the community, and at other shelters that we are able to give back so much to the community.



What sets AWA apart? AWA continues to aid over 2,400 pets annually at our no-kill shelter; we provide hundreds of low-cost or free spay/neuters aimed to curb pet overpopulation, we educate nearly 4,000 youths and special needs young adults; we keep hundreds of pets in their homes when their pet parents are facing life events that threaten to break apart their loving, human-pet families; we directly provide services in the City of Camden, and much more.

And we do it with a smile. We love our clients and supporters as much as the animals we care for. I like to think that the community sees and feels this and that is why AWA has been voted Best Nonprofit in S.J. for three years straight. I am very proud of the AWA team. **We have used this year's superhero theme as a challenge to make life even better for animals inside our walls and for those living in our community.**

Thank you for making AWA your charity of choice. We promise to continue to use each dollar so it does the most it can for the animals. We would like to share the stories that touched our hearts and thank you for improving the lives of all our community pets.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maya Richmond".

Executive Director,
Animal Welfare Association



In 2016,
volunteers
gave us over
50,000 hours
of their time.
They are true
heroes!



When our dryer was on the brink, Jinnie and her husband saved the day by taking all of these bags of wet blankets to the laundromat to dry them. Then a generous donor stepped up and made a gift so we could buy an industrial dryer!

OUR MISSION

AWA is dedicated to eliminating animal suffering, promoting the importance of the human-animal bond and improving the role of animals in the well being of people.

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ABOUT AWA

Founded in 1948, AWA was one of the first organizations to serve Camden County and all the surrounding areas. AWA is pleased to provide the following programs and services to our community:

- Adoptions
- Public Spay/Neuter, & Pet Wellness Services
- Pet Retention and Rehoming Support
- Humane Education
- Pet Therapy

AWA is a private charity and receives no local, state, or federal support. No animal is euthanized due to space, length of stay or for treatable medical or behavioral issues.

**Happy "Tails"
from Our
Mailbox**

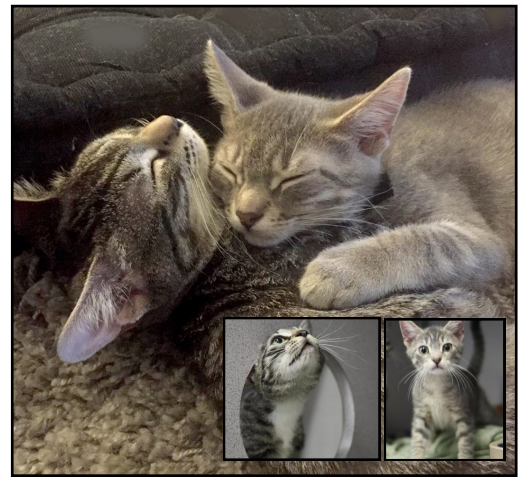
"Onyx and Patty (now Belle) are getting along great. Thank you AWA!" - Dan



"The Coyle family just wanted to update you on Zelda, formerly Abby. She is doing great! Her humans could not be more pleased with how much she has become a part of our family! She has already enhanced our lives. Couldn't imagine our lives without her!" - Christina



**You helped us
find homes for
2,407 pets in 2016!
That's 7 adoptions
per day!**



"Zena and Zulia in their new home after a few weeks. They love each other & their new family." - Zhang



"Harley, formerly Big Mama, has settled in wonderfully! She is a perfect fit for us and I think we are the perfect fit for her!! We love having her! Thank you AWA!" - Dawn



"Fern (now Piper) is healthy & happy and has become my best friend! Piper enjoys going to the beach every morning to chase seagulls. She is a great girl, I'm so happy with her and I'm nothing but thankful to AWA!" - Michael



"My son adopted Achilles as part of the "Pets for Vets" program. As you can see, he is my son's best friend and is all smiles with his new owner!" - Olga



Thank you for following us on Facebook. We now have over 250,000 followers!

You Help Create Heartfelt Stories

A Second Chance for a Senior Pet



Sweet Pea is a very special senior. She arrived at AWA with a mid-grade heart murmur and multiple mammary tumors, which are common in older dogs

that have not been spayed. AWA developed a treatment plan for Sweet Pea, and had her tumors removed and biopsied. She recovered in a foster home, and then she was spayed and vaccinated. Within a few days of being available for adoption, a family saw her and knew they had to have her. They wrote, "Thank you all so much... We lost our 10 year old Bassett hound and my husband saw Sweet Pea and has been asking to get her. We just couldn't stand for her not to have a forever home... It was meant to be."

BFF's for Life

Brandy (left) and **Buddy** were found together living on the streets of Dallas before they were transported to AWA. These handsome boys were so loyal to each other, they refused to leave each other's sides, even for a walk. They were very shy around new people and new situations and helped each other cope, which is why we did not want to break their special bond. It didn't take long to find a forever home for the loyal pair who had been through so much together!



Nola Can Now Run Figure Eights!

Four year old **Nola** came to us with a rather large growth on her belly. After our chief veterinarian removed it, she spent some time recuperating in foster care. Once she was ready for a new home, this sweet and gentle girl found a forever home in no time! Her family writes, "Nola is so happy. She gets tons of walks and runs figure eights in the back yard to burn off some energy. She sleeps in bed with us and gets tons of hugs and kisses. She has totally completed our family and we couldn't imagine life without her." Way to go Nola!

Helping Heal Their Pain



It was heartbreaking to watch **Peach** try to walk. She came to us with a severely deformed front leg from being broken and improperly healed. She dragged it around like an unknown weight, causing her glimpses of pain. Because our donors value veterinary care, we were

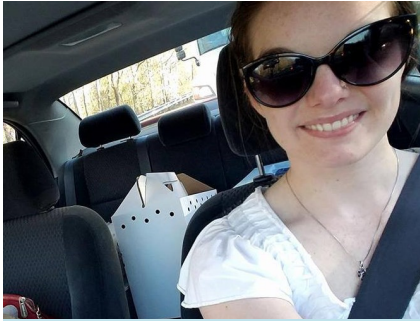
able to provide the necessary surgery to allow Peach to live - and live pain free - in the warmth and comfort of a home with her new family.



Wilma came to AWA when she was three weeks old with a mysterious eye infection. Our veterinary staff identified that a botfly had laid its larva behind her eyeball. It's unimaginable how uncomfortable she must have been. We removed the larva and treated Wilma with antibiotics and closely monitored her during her recovery. She is now well and lives a happy, pain-free life in her new home!

You Make an Impact On Our Community

AWA remains focused on engaging our community, stepping outside our walls and working with pet owners and other shelters to improve the lives of animals.



Shannon, our Foster Care Coordinator, took 3 sets of moms & kittens and two adults from an overcrowded shelter - 17 felines in all! Some of the kittens were only 5 days old. All went into the loving care of our foster families.

982 pets were fostered in 2016

At AWA, fostering plays an important part in the number of lives we save. Fosters bring animals into their homes to give them the specialized care they need. They bottle feed neo-natal kittens, provide care to puppies, help animals recovering from surgery, and much more. We could never save as many lives without our fosters. **With kitten season approaching, we need help!** If you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience, please e-mail fostercare@awanj.org or visit our website at awanj.org/volunteers.



Gretchen, who came to AWA when she was 3 weeks old and less than a pound, went into foster care so she could be bottle-fed and socialized.

Great news! The Pet Clinic added a vaccine clinic one Wednesday evening a month. Check our website for the schedule.

Staff at our **Pet Clinic** are always busy with spay/neuter surgeries, vaccine clinics, exams, workshops, and more. In 2017, they spayed/neutered 8,481 pets, (including 1,287 feral cats) and provided free or low-cost wellness care for 9,333 pets! They also performed 18,361 medical procedures for pets in our community, including 72 life-saving *Helping Hands* surgeries.



Eight year old Sumi had a severe infection in her uterus and would have died if she had not come to our **Pet Clinic** and received care under our *Helping Hands* program. She had lost nearly 15% of her body weight and the infection was doing her in. The vet team provided lifesaving surgery and thanks to your help, Sumi is slowly gaining back strength and energy.

Thanks to donors and support from **PetSmart Charities** and **The Camden County Board of Freeholders**, AWA continues to deliver a variety of pet care services to targeted Camden City neighborhoods. Through our **Vets on Wheels** program, pet owners can get exams and vaccinations, as well as access to free or low cost spay/neuter surgeries. AWA staff is out in the neighborhoods each week talking to residents and giving away pet food. This program helps keep their pets healthy and in their lives.



In 2017, **Vets on Wheels** provided 581 spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinated 547 pets. Throughout the year, we also gave away hundreds of pounds of food. Your help ensures that pets don't go hungry.

Thanks to you, AWA's **save rate is 96%**. You are our heroes!



We joined forces with the ASPCA and other agencies to respond to a rescue in New York City where over 500 cats were quarantined for a rare case of Avian flu. We also responded to a rescue in Ohio to help care for 200+ dogs rescued from dog fighting.



AWA is proud to have so many talented and professional staffers. Leah (on left) and India joined forces with the ASPCA to help with an urgent cat rescue in NYC.

You Help Us Celebrate with Fun Events and More!



Paws & Feet & Doggie Fun Day!

May 20th

Eastern Regional High School, Voorhees

9am-2pm

HERO UP and come run, walk, or trot to help us raise \$120K for homeless pets! Grab your "Super Dog" and join us for a day of family fun!

Register at awanj.org/PF2017

Your Kids Will Love AWA's Unique Summer Camp!

Our program teaches children ages 9-12, the importance of the human/animal bond in a fun and friendly environment. We offer 4 sessions that will be packed with new friends, fun, art, animals and adventure:

July 17-21
July 24-28
July 31-August 4
August 7-11

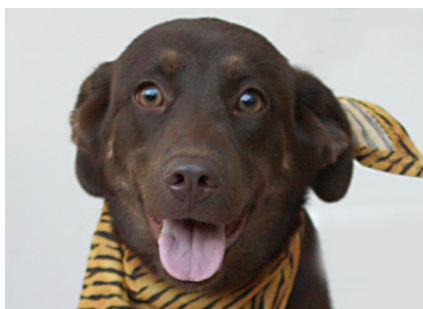
For more information, visit our website at awanj.org, or contact outreach@awanj.org, 856-424-2288, ext. 122.



Officer Heron and "Duke" visit campers. Kids learned about Duke's important job doing scent work for the police dept. to help find illegal narcotics.

Last year, the **Pet Pantry** gave away 2,026 lbs. of dry pet food and 1,451 cans to feed hungry pets in the community.

Does Your Dog Lack Basic Manners?



AWA offers on-site **Well-Mannered Dog** sessions to train your dog in basic manners and introduce owners to training methods to help Fido become better behaved. Fee is \$100.

Learn to be Your Pet's First Responder!



April is *National Pet First Aid Awareness Month*. In honor of this month, AWA is offering a FREE pet CPR and first aid workshop. You will learn the warning signs of respiratory distress, and how to respond in an emergency with your pet's well being in mind.

Save the Date

We'd love to see you there!

AWA WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

Pet First Aid (Free)

April 13, 6-7pm

Vet Your Stuffed Pet (\$20)

For kids ages 5-8; April 29, 2-4pm

Disaster Preparation (Free)

September 14, 6-7pm

Caring for Senior Pets (Free)

November 9, 6-7pm

Well-Mannered Dog Training Sessions

April 8, 15, 22, 12-1pm

July 8, 15, 22, 12-1pm

September 9, 16, 23, 12-1pm

October 7, 14, 21, 12-1pm

AWA EVENTS

Paws & Feet

Saturday, May 20, 9am-2pm
Eastern Regional High School,

Kids Camp

July 17-21

July 24-28

July 31-August 4

August 7-11

Bark in the Park

Timber Creek Park

June 17, 12-2pm

September 23, 12-2pm

Date Nights with Your Dog

Dog socials hosted by PetSmart in Marlton.

May 10, 4-7pm

July 12, 4-7pm

October 11, 4-7pm

Bid for Pets Sake

Our 2017 auction will take place
October 2nd thru October 23rd.

Trunk or Treat

Kids can safely Trunk-or-Treat right in the AWA parking lot!

October 28

Check out our event page for details and updates!

awanj.org/events

Why We Need Support From Animal Lovers Like You

DO YOU WONDER WHY WE ASK FOR DONATIONS SO FREQUENTLY?

On average, it costs \$425 to provide care for a pet while he waits for his new family to come and take him home. Some dogs and cats arrive in need of medical care or social rehabilitation and stay longer. **Each year we have a deficit because we always want to do more.** AWA relies on our donors to stick with us so we can continue to save lives.

Today, we need donations to cover snow removal costs, new rabbit cages to replace our old, broken ones, and as we approach kitten season, we need money for training fosters as well as kitten formula and supplies.

You can help save lives by being a part of AWA's **Life Savers Circle**. This circle of monetary supporters allows AWA to tend to our daily operational needs so that our programs always remain strong. Members are listed in our Annual Report and have their names displayed in our shelter foyer. Please join our Life Savers Circle at one of our four levels. Call Ron at 856-424-2288 x107 to learn how to join.

Liberator Circle: \$5,001+
Guardian Circle: \$2,401 - \$5,000
Rescuer Circle: \$1,201 - \$2,400
Defender Circle: \$500 - \$1,200

Consider these significant ways you can make a difference:

Monthly Giving

Consistent, reliable funds allow us to spend more of our time and resources on our lifesaving programs and less on fundraising. You set the amount and the giving frequency, and your donations automatically transfer. To make a recurring gift and be a *Constant Companion*, please call at 854-424-2288, ext. 107 or go to: awanj/ways-to-give.

Planned Gifts

They can make a huge impact in saving lives in your own backyard while providing you with substantial tax breaks and financial advantages.

IRA Rollover Gifts

If you are 70.5 years of age or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 directly from your IRA to a charity each year.

Gift of Stocks

When you donate your stocks to AWA, you can get an immediate tax deduction for the full market value of the stock.

Allow Us to Beg Today
and Tomorrow



To donate your stocks, make an IRA rollover gift, or leave a planned gift, contact Maya Richmond at 856-424-2288, ext. 109 or email: Mayar@awanj.org.

AWA is a charity. We receive no government or national funds. Everything that we do for animals and the people who love them is funded by donations, grants and funds that we raise through our programs.



YES, I WANT TO HELP!

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You can count on us to put your dollars into use supporting our mission to save lives.

For the 3rd year in a row, AWA has been given a **4-star rating from Charity Navigator** and was chosen as **one of the best South Jersey non-profits** by SNJ Business People!

And that's not all -- in 2016 our Executive Director, Maya Richmond, was the proud recipient of the **Smart CEO Comcast Brava Award**.



Thanks to grants from the following, we are able to help prevent neglect and help control over-population, keeping more pets out of area shelters.



Happy Beginnings at AWA...



Thank you for being their heroes!