

FOCAS



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THE SCOOP

FOCAS Involved More Than Ever at the Bergen County Animal Shelter

This past April, **FOCAS** President, Carol Burrows, was invited by the County to participate on a panel assisting with the recruitment of a new Director for the Bergen County Animal Shelter. It is quite an honor, and vote of support for **FOCAS**, to have the privilege of working directly with County Freeholders and the County Administrator on this vitally important project.

Now more good news. At **FOCAS'** suggestion, this July, **FOCAS** Vice President, Pam Berkovits, was confirmed by the County to function at the Bergen County Animal Shelter as on-site liaison and **FOCAS** volunteer coordinator.

Pam, in addition to being a school psychologist, is a trained veterinary technician. Her veterinary technician skills are invaluable when working with the animals and interfacing with staff at BCAS.

Pam's appointment as on-site **FOCAS** volunteer coordinator has aided in the effectiveness of managed **FOCAS** volunteer activities such as rotation and exercise of dogs to ensure all are exercised regularly, assisting with adoptions, and animal transport to and from veterinary hospitals or rescue destinations by **FOCAS** volunteers.

Very importantly, in addition to coordinating volunteer services on-site at BCAS, Pam is able to organize medical check-ins of newly admitted animals, manage special care and feeding of ill, injured and aged animals, and oversee **FOCAS'** programs for animal socialization and welfare at BCAS.

FOCAS is fortunate to have a relationship with a County Administrator who has a personal interest in animals generally, and specifically in working closely with **FOCAS** to make the necessary changes for the animals in our County shelter.



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FOCAS was established in 1984. Its mission: to promote the general welfare and natural conservation, protection and preservation of all species of animals. **FOCAS'** most immediate outreach...abandoned, homeless and injured animals in need of compassion and care.

After twenty years of providing funding and service to the Bergen County Animal Shelter and other animals in need, **FOCAS** is still going strong, thanks to the generous financial support of our donors and unwavering commitment of our volunteers.

Our faithful contributors make it possible for the ongoing support of: spay and neuter programs, veterinary services, surgeries and critical care for animals, medical supplies and equipment, computer chips for tagging animals, dog obedience training, fostering, air conditioning units for shelter surgical, examination and post-op rooms, financial support for modernization of the shelter's dog kennels, fans to augment appropriate air circulation in non air-conditioned shelter areas, fostering, and supplies for the care and feeding of "bottle babies".

Your support is priceless!

Visit www.focasnews.org to keep up to date on **FOCAS** events and activities.

FOCAS and The Bergen County Animal Shelter staff like to hear how pets are adjusting to their new homes. Please keep in touch. Email your updates to info@focasnews.org or mail them to **FOCAS**, PO Box 439, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Be sure to include pictures. We would like to share your happy experiences with other readers of *The Scoop* and shelter staff.

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FOCAS, Inc.
Primary Services & Programs

FOCAS Media Adoption Program

FOCAS developed a media outreach program for the purpose of: increasing adoptions of animals (especially mixed breed dogs) at shelters; decreasing the length of time the animals spend in the shelter; and, increasing public awareness of the considerable homeless population of healthy, socialized and very adoptable animals waiting to find homes, or face the potential alternative of Euthanasia.

As a valuable community service, **FOCAS'** media adoption program is responsible for bringing people and animals together at shelters that otherwise would not connect within a shelter facility. Special needs and older animals, including those with physical disabilities, which previously had little chance of being adopted, have especially been helped by this program.

FOCAS media adoption program includes cable television stations, newspaper and flyer publications covering Bergen County and surrounding counties.

FOCAS Rescue & Transport Program

FOCAS helps coordinate rescue efforts with shelter staff to place adoptable animals who are deemed to be especially difficult to place for reasons such as age, physical condition, size or breed. The goal is to place them with a specialized rescue organization that will work with each animal individually to adopt it into a permanent home. **FOCAS** assists with pure breed rescue as requested.

The transport of the animals is done by a member of the **FOCAS** rescue team.

FOCAS Offsite Adoptions (Cats & Bunnies) Program- PetCo

This **FOCAS** program brings animals to the local community. The same adoption criteria and processes apply at offsite adoptions (PetCo) that apply at the participating shelters.

FOCAS Stray & Feral Cat Trap & Spay/Neuter Program

The **FOCAS** Help Line 201-943-4019 offers follow-up calls by volunteer phone counselors. The program provides funding and assistance for trapping and spay/neuter of stray and feral cats. It assists with finding homes for strays that are adoptable. **FOCAS** also provides low cost spay neuter referrals for owned pets.

FOCAS Micro Chipping Program

Funding assistance for micro chipping of shelter animals.

FOCAS Dog Obedience Training

FOCAS funds a low cost dog obedience on-leash training program with classes held at the Bergen County Animal Shelter. This community service provides low cost obedience training for dogs. In addition, **FOCAS** subsidizes the participation of dogs adopted from the Bergen County Animal Shelter; an application is part of the adoption package. The program is particularly intended to help reduce the number of potential surrenders or returns of dogs to shelters for behavior/training issues.

FOCAS Foster Care Program for Infant, Medical or Special Needs Animals

Infant, medical and special needs animals require time and attention that cannot always be given in the shelter environment. Many of these animals require special therapy, mediation and handling. The purpose of this program is to assist shelters in the nurture, care and socialization of these animals.

FOCAS Volunteer Services Program

This essential **FOCAS** program provides volunteer services for animal exercise, on-site adoption assistance and grooming.

FOCAS Quality of Life/Animal Welfare Program

FOCAS provides enrichment for shelter animals, including animal socialization (close interaction and observation for basic training and evaluation for adoption placement) and funding of equipment and supplies (cages, beds, toys, etc.), both to improve quality of life and well being while awaiting adoption.

FOCAS Angel Fund

FOCAS covers the cost of medical expenses for extraordinary medical procedures and care that cannot be given to animals within the shelter environment.

FOCAS Helping Hand Program

FOCAS offers financial and "people" assistance to individuals referred by local veterinarians who, because of financial or physical hardship, are considering Euthanasia for their pet companion.

FOCAS Advertising to Benefit Shelter Animals

FOCAS funds advertising for adoptions of shelter animals and spaying and neutering of both pets and strays.

FOCAS School/Community Outreach Program

FOCAS volunteers visit local schools to educate the community on pet companion animal care, responsible pet ownership, the rewards of adopting a pet from a shelter, the need for spaying and neutering and the importance of volunteerism.

SERVICES & PROGRAMS



SPAY NEUTER

FOCAS 'No Cost' Spay/Neuter Program for Stray & Feral Cats...

Extremely Important to you... Vital to us!

FOCAS' 'No Cost' spay/neuter program for stray & feral cats *and* referral assistance for low cost spay/neuter for pets is thriving. Thanks to your compassion and financial support, it remains a cornerstone of our animal welfare programs. And, from the comments we are receiving from participants...it's better than ever!

FOCAS, working with the Emerson Animal Hospital in Emerson, has been able to offer more flexibility and extended animal care to program participants.

Not only does **FOCAS'** 'no cost' program at Emerson Animal Hospital provide complete veterinary services (basic examination, surgery, distemper and rabies shots for all strays), but also Emerson Animal Hospital provides the opportunity for intake 24 hours before scheduled surgery, longer operational hours for convenience of drop-off and pick-up (8:30am to 6:30pm Mon – Fri), and quick and easy appointment scheduling. For a nominal cost, program participants can request testing for Feline Aids and Leukemia and deworming.

FOCAS has further enhanced the program by providing adoption assistance for kittens born to outdoor strays and adults that can be re-introduced to homes as 'indoor companions.' We'd like to ensure healthy animals do not have to be returned to the streets, if possible.

In 2003, **FOCAS** spent approximately \$55,000 for its 'no cost' stray/feral spay/neuter program. Your ongoing emotional and financial support is vital to

sustain our efforts. If we are fortunate enough to gain increased financial support, we would like to expand our 'no cost' program to include automatic Feline Aids and Leukemia testing and deworming for all strays and ferals.

Pet overpopulation is a tragic problem. Each year, approximately 14 million animals nationally, and hundreds of animals at our local shelters must be euthanatized because homes could not be found for them.

Many people who breed their pets believe they aren't adding to the pet overpopulation problem, if they find homes for all the puppies or kittens. Unfortunately, that just isn't so.

In fact, many of the free roaming cats seen in our neighborhoods are not feral but indoor/outdoor cats, some having strayed too far from home and became lost, and some, sadly were "give-away" cats or kittens that later were abandoned to survive on their own.

If you need assistance or know of anyone who needs assistance with spaying and neutering of stray, feral or owned pets, call **FOCAS** at 201-943-4019 or email **FOCAS** at info@focasnews.org. We want to help you help them. Their lives are precious. Your support is priceless!

Remember...save a life, adopt a shelter animal. Tell everyone...spay and neuter your pet. And, keep your cat indoors!



FOCAS Announces a New Service... Helping Hand Program

FOCAS offers financial and "people" assistance to individuals referred by local veterinarians who, because of financial or physical hardship, are considering Euthanasia for their pet companion. This new program was added this year by **FOCAS** to help extend our services to the community. Our very first recipient was Pepe.

Pepe, a 16 year old cat, and his companion (Ms. R) once again are enjoying each other's company. But in December, things looked bleak for Pepe. He was restless, not eating and meowing constantly as if he were in pain.

His companion, a retiree on a fixed income, made the painful decision to take Pepe to the shelter with the hope that someone would adopt him who could provide the medical care he needed. But, she was told that Pepe's chances of being adopted were unlikely because of his age; the recommendation was to put him to sleep. So, she brought him home, not knowing what to do.

FOCAS learned of Pepe's need. With the aid of **FOCAS'** Helping Hand Program, Pepe was taken for the veterinary care he urgently needed. He underwent surgery and treatment for severe gum disease.

Well, Pepe was returned 9 teeth lighter but a whole lot happier. Today, he is eating. He is tranquil. And, with all the TLC that he receives from his devoted care-giver, his future looks very good.

Mrs. Y...another Helping Hand recipient wrote **FOCAS** to say.....

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We can't thank you enough. Thank you for returned phone calls. Thank you for taking me to see the vet. Thank you for making it all possible. P.S. Chi-Chi hasn't had a seizure in 3 weeks. His ears are doing great. Your generosity and the beauty of your spirit are a Blessing. We thank you so much. Tia & Chi-Chi.

Because of the kindness and compassion of its donors, and the support of local veterinarians, FOCAS is able to sponsor programs like Helping Hand and our Angel Fund. We thank YOU!

Thanks to all FOCAS volunteers (old, new and everywhere in between) for caring, giving, being there for the animals. Make no mistake...you make a difference!!

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Thought you might like to know....

Sept. 12th

National Pet Memorial Day

October

Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

November 1st to 6th

National Animals Helter Appreciation Week

FOCAS is registered with the State of New Jersey as a 501 © 3 charitable, non-profit, volunteer, humane organization. No **FOCAS** volunteer or Trustees receives a salary. We do not pay for professional fund raisers (we do this ourselves). **FOCAS** does not receive government funding. We do not release our donor list to government agencies, organizations, or businesses. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

HELPING HAND

Flea Market & BMW Day

DID YOU KNOW THAT....**FOCAS FLEA MARKETS ARE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!!! AND, THEY ARE IN A NEW LOCATION: American Legion, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.**

We had to seek more space to accommodate a larger selection of items and a growing number of faithful supporters. Thank you!

Not only do we have a larger selection of items and more space, but we also are now able to offer for your convenience two days of pure shopping fun for a very worth cause.

Dates remaining this year are:

Sept. 18 & 19 Oct 16 & 17 Nov. 20 & 21
Times - Saturday 1- 4 p.m.; Sunday 10 - 3 p.m.

The Flea Market features specialty items and collectibles on "Mrs. B's table." And, a selection of small appliances, household items, occasional furniture, jewelry, electronics, linens, games, toys, pet supplies, videos, tools and more. Refreshments and baked goods are available.

All proceeds go to benefit shelter animals.

Flea Market merchandise donations are gratefully accepted. They may be dropped off at the American Legion on the Friday (4 - 6 p.m.) and Saturday (all day) of the Flea Market weekend.

For more information call the **FOCAS** Help Line at 201-943-4019 or send an email to info@focasnews.org.



**50 Bergen Turnpike
Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643
www.aselfstorage.com**

FOCAS is extremely grateful to A Self Storage of Little Ferry for their generous donation of storage space for our flea market items. We couldn't have made the move without their generosity, kindness and support.

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Special thanks to **FOCAS** volunteers Bob King and Kathy King for being our "official" event photographers.



Lorraine Lenge (right), Flea Market Chairperson, and students helping **FOCAS** as part of their community service project.



FOCAS volunteers helping at the Flea Market. Sue (right) Carol and Jeanne (bottom).



VOLUNTEERISM

Quality of life and animal well-being for shelter animals are very important to FOCAS

FOCAS provides funding, service and programs for quality of life and well-being of shelter animals.

Take a peak at some **FOCAS** volunteers in action....

Service –

..... Pitching in at BCAS when staff help is minimal.



..... Attending community service day programs (such as the ones held in New Milford in May), working with schools or corporations, to provide local communities with information and resources to spread the word about responsible and committed pet guardianship, the advantages of adopting from shelters, the need for spaying and neutering of pets and the rewards of volunteerism.



FOCAS volunteers Doris and Susan with an enthusiastic class at the Sacred Heart School in Jersey City. Susan and her dog Nash, a pit bull adopted from the Bergen County Animal Shelter, presented a class about animal kindness and dog bite prevention.



BMW Day.. FOCAS is grateful for corporate support for community education on animal welfare.

Funding – BCAS shelter dogs.....

.....Enjoying the comfort of a bed and toy to chew on; both help to make the long hours of confinement more bearable. **FOCAS** funding provides an ongoing supply of both. **FOCAS** volunteers give of their time to ensure both are kept clean and at the ready when needed.



Programs – See a descriptive list of **FOCAS** programs on page 3 of this issue of *The Scoop* and at our website www.focasnews.org.



Kris and Digby, adopted from the Bergen County Animal Shelter, spreading the good word in New Milford... save a life, adopt from a shelter.

VOLUNTEERISM

FOCAS Blessing of the Animals...

“God did not put us at the top just because we are superior; he put us at the top to take care of the creatures at the bottom.”...

Father Joe Bazzario

On May 2nd, **FOCAS** held its annual Blessing of the Animals. The sun was bright, so were spirits. There were new faces and lots of “old friends.”

As last year, the program began with **FOCAS** giving special recognition for acts of extraordinary kindness to shelter animals by individuals, businesses, rescue groups and media outlets that devote time and services to **FOCAS** in support of the animals at BCAS.

Father Joe Bazzario gave an inspirational invocation, as he has for nearly 20 years. After individually blessing each pet guest, he walked throughout the shelter, room by room, animal to animal, giving hope and comfort to all from the largest dog to the smallest mouse. He is very thorough to ensure that no shelter resident is overlooked, inside or out...even the shelter's beloved mascots at rest in the memorial garden... are blessed.

Can't be said enough. Thank you, Father Joe, for giving blessings and for being a blessing! Thank you to the participants of this event for the love and care you share with your pets. Thank you to our faithful supporters for your immeasurable financial blessings through the year. **FOCAS** gives thanks TO YOU ALL on behalf of the animals.

FOCAS and the animals it serves are very fortunate to be blessed with the support of a very compassionate extended-community of friends. They provide us with talent, resources, opportunities and inspiration to bring comfort and quality of life to the abandoned and sick animals we are so much about.

Thank you to **FOCAS** volunteers for their selfless dedication to the animals.

*A note of special **thanks** for acts of extraordinary kindness through time and services donated to **FOCAS** for support of animals in need goes to:*

*A Self Storage, Little Ferry, NJ
Bergen County Camera, Westwood, NJ
Bergen Sun Bulletin, Palisades, Park, NJ
Central Letter Shop, Fairfield, NJ
Emerson Animal Hospital, Emerson, NJ
Hasbrouck Heights Observer, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ
Hillsdale Animal Hospital, Hillsdale, NJ.
Maywood Veterinary Hospital, Maywood, NJ.
Nash Academy, Fairview, NJ
New Jersey Network, Trenton, NJ
News 12 New Jersey, Edison, NJ
Oradell Animal Hospital, Paramus, NJ.
Pascack Press, Westwood, NJ
Roeder's Ark, Finchville, NY
South Bergenite, Rutherford, NJ
Suburbanite, Creskill, NJ
The Bergen Newspaper Group, Palisades Park, NJ
Time Warner Cable, Palisades Park, NJ
Twin Boro News, Creskill, NJ
Univision 41, Teaneck, NJ
Villadom Times, Midland Park, NJ
Wag N' Wash, East Rutherford, NJ
Westwood Pets Unlimited, Westwood, NJ
Wood-Ridge Independent (Robert Hannon),
Wood-Ridge, NJ*



ANNUAL EVENTS

Annual Events – Blessing of the Animals



FOCAS Cat Show A "Purrfect Day"

FOCAS held its annual Cat Show on June 6th to a "full house." Cats and kittens. Children and adults. Old and new friends. Terrific prizes and delicious treats.

There were lots of "oohs and aahs" as participants gathered. The room overflowed with enthusiasm for felines of all colors, sizes and ages. Each one with its uniquely special story of how guardian and companion came to be a match.

It was a happy gathering with lots of fun had by all. The tricky-tray auction was exceptionally popular this year. Keeping track of ticket numbers kept the audience in suspense!

Contestant judging is always a challenge. Competition keen. But, as we all know, every pet is a prize winner!! This year's judges were Carol Stamm, Sue Rosenblum and Helen Barden.

FOCAS thanks its friends and their feline companions (many of them alumni of the Bergen County Animal shelter) for making this event such a success. It is a terrific testimony to the bond they share, as well as support for abandoned animals.

Special gratitude to Carol for chairing this year's program. Thanks to her it was "purrfect day".



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Please join us for two "Must Attend" events; both will be held at the Bergen County Animal Shelter...

FOCAS Dog Show on October 3rd. Registration from noon to 12:45; program 1 – 3PM. (Please be sure to bring a folding chair or two.)

Pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Claus on December 5th. 1 – 3PM.

For details call the **FOCAS** Help Line at 201-943-4019, send an email to info@focasnews.org, visit www.focasnews.org.

ANNUAL EVENTS

FOCAS Angel Fund

They come in all sizes and ages. Their need is immediate. Thanks to you, our faithful contributors, **FOCAS's** Angel Fund continues to provide extraordinary medical care to shelter animals that would otherwise face permanent disability or euthanasia.



Blinky
Surgery for eye; treated for respiratory problems



Rocky
Treated for vision problems, kennel cough



Scooter
Treated for a broken leg.



Ginger
Surgery for severe leg fracture



Kitten – five month old female surgery for severely fractured leg.

Black Lab “Stevie” - senior male Hospitalized for pneumonia. **He needs a home**

Sheppard Mix puppy - five weeks old Hospitalized for seizures.

Other “Angels” Helped to Date

Dalmatian “Spotty” - adult female
Surgery for mammary tumors

Kitten - ten month old female
Surgery for severely fractured leg

Kitten - five week old male
Gastrointestinal disorder

Cat - 19 month old female
Hospitalization for diagnosis of possible diabetes

Black Lab “Black Magic” – young adult male black Lab
Hospitalization for pneumonia

Rottweiler “Athena” - young adult female
Hospitalization for pneumonia

Pit Mix - 2 year old female
Surgery for severe fracture

Chow – young adult male
Hospitalization for diagnosis of joint disorder

3 Kittens – 3 weeks old
Hospitalization for treatment of severe dehydration and abuse

Spaniel Lab Mix “Sassy” - adult female
Treatment for thyroid condition

Pit/Boxer Mix “Bruno” - young adult male
Treatment for dramatic weight loss

Beagle “Jase” - adult male
Tested for thyroid and blood conditions

Rottweiler – young adult female
Surgery for hip dysphasia

Kitten “Arik” – 4 month old male
Tested to determine if blindness was a permanent condition

Pit Mix “Perkins” – Senior male treated for upper respiratory.
Therapy for heart worm condition

Kitten – four month old male
Surgery/amputation for severed nerve in leg.

ANGEL FUND



Hi, everyone. I wonder if you remember me. My name is Cook. I was adopted about 4 1/2 years ago by a family who wanted an older pet who was housebroken. I live in a nice house with a yard. I love to chase the squirrels and the birds, but my favorite activity is playing ball. I hope that my friends at the shelter were also adopted and have nice homes like me.

Cook



Just wanted to send you a photo of our cat, Friendly, who we adopted in 1997. He is such a love. When Friendly was first here, he was shy, but he has blossomed. More people need to realize that an older cat can be a lap cat. No kitten is a lap "cat" immediately. Through interacting with the kitten, the kitten learns about laps. Same way with cats. If shown love and affection, they will respond.
Doe & Frank



Hi,

We are happy to see Gwen on page two of your happy endings section. She continues to do well. She is now living with us in Keene, NH. As you can see from the photo, she is living the life of a New England Victorian Lady. She is such a good girl. She is very content to sit on her Victorian cushion and only meows for tummy tickles. If her meows go unheeded, do not worry. She tiptoes over to the couch to get them.
Gwen's family



Dear friends,

I'm writing to share with you a happy adoption story. Back in August of 2003 I adopted a dog from your shelter. Having lost my only child to cancer seventeen months prior to the adoption, I was far from the person whom I once was. Mikie, our adopted friend, has helped me in more ways that I ever could have imagined. With him in my life I have been able to rediscover hope, joy and love. It's simply astounding how therapeutic our four legged friends really are.

Karen & Mikie



Hi! Back in early November 1997, I took a walk through your shelter with no intention of adopting an animal. Before I knew it, I was adopted by a stray kitty found in Bronx, NY. The shelter had named her Jellybean, but she has since become KC (short for Kitty Cat).

I was living in River Edge at the time, and she was my very first pet. I had no idea what I was getting into, but we instantly became quite attached to each other. Needless to say, 6 years later (and 6 addresses later!), KC Kitty still lives with me... but we are now in Clarks Summit PA (northeastern PA). The family has grown a little bit. Now KC has two other kitties and a golden retriever to play with (all were adopted from shelters). I have attached two pictures of KC Kitty-- one is with her best friend, Toby. Although I love all my pets, I have to admit that KC Kitty is and always will be my favorite. (Don't tell the others!)

I thought you would be interested in a happy story about one of your animals!

Dana

ALUMNI

Dear **FOCAS**, please print this letter in your next Scoop. Rosebud was "the greatest".

I woke up on the morning of Mach 3, 1990 with an urgent mission in mind. I had a dream and in that dream I went to the Bergen County Animals Shelter and found a "yellow dog" to take home. Chili, our year old miniature poodle needed a sister.

That's where we found Rosebud. Her name was chosen, before we met, after a county in Montana. She was not yellow but black with a little white but the only puppy, a very young 5 ? weeks old at her adoption. Her ears were enormous and remained a dominant feature throughout her life.

At the desk the adoption worker asked "if I knew she was an American Pit Bull Terrier mix. I explained it did not matter, she was the right dog for us. The previous year we had put to sleep our three dogs at 12, 17 and 18. Our 12 year old, Clinker, had been a Coyote/dog mix, so we felt capable of handling any dog.

Rosebud was a very good puppy. It took her awhile to sleep through the night but she only had a couple of accidents in the house and crate trained fast. She chewed one sofa cushion and a rug pad but did no other damage. She attended FOCAS obedience training classes, first as a puppy spectator and then for the rest of her 13 years. Classes helped her get over a rough puberty, having a serious dog aggression problem that later became manageable enough for us to board other people's dogs. Like all of our dogs she came to love people and greeted all with great enthusiasm.

She will never go down as one of the star obedience dog competitors but she will be remembered by many of a long time as a "oner." She tried to do what her teachers and I asked. Judges who were originally skeptical learned to love the reluctant, rogue performer.

At home Rosebud, whom we affectionately called "Bud Bud" was the most perfect leader of the pack. She patrolled our yard and tried to keep the garden free of vermin but would drop any hapless animal that I told her to drop. She was a leader with discernment and self discipline. Rosebud loved to lead her merry pack of dogs on a run around the yard. She helped herself to grandpa's garden broccoli. She loved a good game of tug and adjusted her pulling power to her opponent, challenging the physically fit young male and yet able to play with her elderly grandma or young children without hurting anyone.

Thanks to you from all the people who have been touched by this shelter dog. I know I will never cease to thank God for the 5 ? extra years post cancer that Ge gave us wit this most perfect "American Pit Bull Terrier mix." Rosebud Wrangler" died peacefully on September 25, 2003.

Karen & Chris, Rosebud's proud guardians

Dear Friends:

My mom and I arrived at the Shelter in January 1997, accompanying a friend who was considering adopting a second dog. We had no intention of adopting a pet ourselves because Oreo, our wonderful Lab/border collie mix, had unexpectedly passed away two months earlier. We were still heartbroken, and bringing a new dog home seemed unthinkable. Much to our amazement, we did not leave the Shelter empty-handed.



When I first saw "Dobie" she was standing silently in her cage, her tail wagging, and gazing at passersby. Nobody gave her a second glance, but I kept returning to her. She was a two-year old Doberman mix with striking brown eyes, a distinct widow's peak, and floppy ears. Dobie had been returned to the Shelter by two previous owners because of behavioral problems, but I was convinced that she just had not found the right home yet.

I brought my mom over to meet this sweet dog with the widow's peak. She was not thrilled with the idea of adopting Dobie because I was away at college, and could not always be home to help care for her. However, I think it was easier for my mom to give in rather than to rebuff my pleas to adopt this dog (and I believe she secretly liked the idea). We were driving home with our new family member thirty minutes later.

Upon our arrival, Dobie immediately began running gleefully through the backyard. She collided with the sliding glass door of our sunroom, briefly stopped to steady herself, and continued on her merry jaunt in the yard. We renamed her Pella, after the manufacturer of the glass door that momentarily interrupted her revelry that day. Pella's calm demeanor at the Shelter belied her truly exuberant personality – we thought we were getting a quiet and mellow dog, but she pulled a "fast one" on us. We were in for a few surprises.

It took Pella many difficult months to adapt to our household. Several times my mom considered returning her to the Shelter due to hyperactivity and other behavioral issues, but she could not bear to follow through. Pella's winning personality was simply irresistible and, after years of patience and a lot of attention, she is now well behaved and we cannot imagine life without her. Pella is extremely lovable, intelligent, and endlessly entertaining.

We are often asked what breed Pella is, and my favorite response is "A little bit of all the good things in life." I am most grateful to my mom for loving Pella (and me) enough to have given Pella many chances to win our hearts. It worked. We are extremely thankful to the Shelter for allowing Pella repeated opportunities to find her forever home – apparently the third time is a charm.

Best wishes,
Christine

ALUMNI

Letters, We Get Letters



Hi my name was Charity.....I was adopted last Saturday.....and I wanted you to know that I love my new house.....I have a special place to sleep with a little 5 year old boy who loves me very much! I love my new home as you can see.

Love,
Thi (formally Charity)



I believe my wife has written you but I wanted to also. As I sit in my home office with Hunter at my feet, I just wanted to thank you for this wonderful dog. You have made rescue believers out of us.

Shame on those that discard these wonderful animals. They should be in the cages. Anyway it is our gain. Hunter has been here for four days and has gotten so comfortable. Thanks again to your excellent staff of employees and volunteers

Norman



Happily Adopted...

I have recently adopted a dog which came, via a breed rescue, from your shelter. He was at the shelter for a month and was then removed by Chesapeake Bay Retriever Rescue. He is our second adopted Chessie, and we are happy to have him.

Linda



Susanne, we took Heidi (the Chihuahua) from your shelter a few years ago. Judy and Bill adopted her, they recently moved to Florida. They sent me "getting ready for Christmas" photos that I thought you might enjoy.

Karen

LETTERS

Buster was a 3 year old shepherd/lab mix who was slightly overweight (about 50 lbs over!) His previous owner brought him to the shelter because his daughter was allergic to him.

I told my family I would agree to get a dog as long as it was no more than 20 lbs. As we looked around at the many dogs there was none that really hit us. We did play with a terrier mix but he was too excitable for our family.

The volunteer that was assisting us asked many questions about us and our lifestyle. With this information she was able to narrow down our search. She asked us "Did you see Buster?" He was an adult, housebroken, short haired and friendly with children. He sounded too good to be true. When we saw him he was 95lbs. of pure loveable dog. (A little higher than the 20 lb. limit I originally had). We filled out all the paperwork, paid our fee and we were off.

We purchased a bed, and my oldest son donated his pillow for Buster to be comfortable. My children ! do not even want to go on vacation unless Buster can come. They refuse to have him stay in a kennel any more. He has made himself very at home in a very short timeframe. He continues to be on an eternal diet (like everyone else), is not very protective of his family and his home and receives more love and affection than he knows what to do with it.

Gratefully,
Buster's Family

I adopted a lovely green parakeet from the Bergen County Animal Shelter. I saw the little bird's ad on petfinder and fall in love. I decided to go to the shelter the next day and see the bird.

When I got there, the parakeet was in the office area. I was told by the staff that the little parakeet was left on someone's porch. How could someone leave a little bird on a porch in the middle of December?

I looked at the bird in it's the cage. She was so cute. She was chirping and playing. Despite what had happened to her, she had a positive disposition. I decided to adopt. I brought her home that day and named her "Honey".

Two years later, Honey has become a wonderful pet and has two bird friends named ChiChi and Buddy who were also adopted from a shelter.

Danielle

Would you like to have your "happy tails" adoption story published in the Scoop or on the FOCAS website. Please send with a picture to FOCAS, PO Box 439, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604.



Always room for more.....

Thumpers loves to sit by the window and watch the birds and squirrels. She found a hiding place in my closet where she sleeps in one of my travel bags. We got her a soft bed to sleep on instead.

Maggie loves her new bed as you can see. I was able to cut all of the matted fur off her back and brushed her out. In this way she did not have to go to the groomer to be shaved.

The both of them fit in well with our other four cats and our Bernese Mountain dog Mandy, although Maggie hisses at Mandy when she walks by.

I'm sure both of them will have a long and happy life in the Linder household.

Regards,
Bill & Mary

Hi all,

I just wanted to drop you a note about Nestle and Mousse, the ferrets we adopted from you. We love them!! We have four now, my little herd, they are healthy, happy and very much loved. I think they like it here too.

Nestle has just recently taken to kissing our faces until they're sore, so I think she's approved of us. As for Mousse, he is a kick; he's the only one without a mask, but that doesn't stop him from stealing! It's funny to see the things he tries to drag under the couch, Barbie dolls, shoes. One time he got a hold of an elephant tusk, part of a costume, and he had it in his mouth in such a way that he actually looked like he had a tusk. Where's a camera when you need one!

We just want to thank you!

With Love,
The Gourin Family

LETTERS



Here is the latest picture of Milo...he's with my girls. He fits into our family like a little puzzle piece...Thanks for bringing us together, and saving his life!

Heather



Dear Carol,

Thanks for your help with the SPCA bunnies and Pussy Willow, especially. Here is a check and matching donation.

Happy Holidays!
Kathleen & Pets



Dear FOCAS,

Adopted spot on August 30, 2003. Her favorite place to "hang out" is by the heating vent. Spot wanted me to let you know that he is having a "red eye" moment. Brother Boo Boo and sister Tracey are also adopted from BCAS. All doing well!!

The Haggis Family



Carol,

Tommy is a sweet lap cat (a little needy) who loves attention. Will sleep with you every night. He's very gentle and does well with kids.

Robin



Dear FOCAS volunteers,

OK. My new family dresses me funny. But, the couches are soft, the chow is great and I know they love me!

Merry Christmas. And, thanks for giving them the opportunity to find me.

Love,
Morgan Johnson – adopted 6-24-03

LETTERS

Hi Folks,

I adopted a Boston Terrier (Spencer) on December 8 or 9, 2003... not sure of the day now. I just wanted to let you all know that he's doing GREAT...he gets along very well with my 2 Min-Pins. In fact, their favorite chair isn't big enough for everyone, but they squeeze in together. And as an alternative to balls...which he chews up..I give him apples, my vet says to not over-do it though. I'd like to thank you all for letting me adopt this delightful little guy. He's a pure joy to have around.

Karin

Hi Susanne,

Thanks so much for letting me adopt Gizmo. He is as sweet as pie and so gentle. I have him in another cage next to the cage with my other two chinnies (chinchillas) and they nuzzle each other through the cage. I'm introducing them slowly to make sure there aren't any squabbles. The kitty as doing fine as well. I renamed him Carob. He is sleeping on the couch right now. I took Gizmo and Carob to the vet to make sure they were ok. We're very happy and I love them alot. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Mina

I wanted to thank the women who helped me pick out Tut/Teddy a Orange and white cat who his former owners said he doesn't use the litter pan. Well I renamed him Jonathan and he was checked out by my vet and he is just perfect!! He uses the litter pan with no mistakes at all, and I have 2 other cats and they are having so much fun. I couldn't of adopted a nicer cat!!!

He loves my 8 yr old son also. Thank you so much

Tara and Joseph



Hi, Carol...

I hope you and your family are going to have a nice holiday. We have a picture of Tiger to send you.

Sabastiano



Patches Before



Patches After

Hi, Susanne –

just wanted to drop you a note and let you know that PATCHES is doing excellent! she was the black/white cocker spaniel I pulled from your shelter this past Thursday night when I brought my Rottie to meet her.

Today she went to the vet and got a good bill of health for a 12 yr old,, THEN she went to the groomers :) SHE WAS ADORABLE BEFORE,, AND NOW SHES IS JUST -- I CANT EVEN THINK OF A WORD TO DESCRIBE HER! Patches looks like a completely different dog. I attached BEFORE and AFTER shots! ((as you will see, she is resting comfortably and allowing us to spoil her))

see for yourself..



Here she is, fitting in very well!!!
Thank you for all your help!!!

Mike and Anne

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Hi,

Do you remember me??? I am a one-year-old M/N Cocker Spaniel who used to live in the Puppy Room, on the very first cage on the bottom, under the white little poodle. I came in with other Cocker Spaniels and I was made available for adoption on June 6th, and I was taken home just last Saturday, June 12th!

Jorge from BCAS and Susan from FOCAS were the ones who helped introduce me to my mommy & daddy. I really appreciate the time they spent on me so that I could be taken to the dog run outside and let my prospective parents decide whether I should be an addition to the family. Now I am! Yippeeeee!

Thank you so much for taking care of me and for giving me that little space until I could find my forever home. For those of you who remember me, I had no name then. I am now called "Joey"...since I am Joseph IV, named after my human uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. I was also a little shy at the shelter. I refused to walk at all. Now I enjoy following my parents around, especially my mommy. I also take walks on a harness with my new brother and sister. I may be the biggest kid, but I am the baby. I am a joy to this big family of humans, canines and felines, etc! I'm just so happy! Thank you! (below are my pictures! --- I guess you can just pick the one you like for "Happy Endings")

Joey

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He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

Author Unknown



Dudley is doing great! He latched onto to my husband, Larry, like a puppy! He is perfectly well behaved. We are just astonished at what a nice dog this is and we can't understand how the owner that lost him didn't turn the world upside down searching for him. He is a jewel! THANK YOU ALL for keeping him alive and being there

Nancy & Larry

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Thinking of adopting a dog or cat? How about an older one?

Why not give an older pet a chance at a new life? Find out how and why to adopt a "senior" pet. **FOCAS** has two brochures with helpful information like:

- How older animals become homeless.
- Common objections to adopting an older pet.
- Who should consider adoption an older pet.
- Where to find a older pet to adoption.
- Tips for keeping an older pet healthy.
- Top 10 reasons to adopt an older dog or cat.

And, best of all, success stories for seniors adopted from the shelter. If interested in receiving a copy, call the **FOCAS** Help Line at 201-943-4019 or write to **FOCAS, Inc.**, PO Box 439 Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 08604.

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FOCAS works closely with the Bergen County Animal Shelter to find rescue alternatives that will provide a "last chance" for animals at the end of their journey in the shelter.

FOCAS give thanks to committed rescue organizations and individuals who find it in their hearts to take in animals who are senior, physically impaired, have medical needs, breeds that can be difficult to place, or for those whose time has simply run out.

FOCAS gives thanks to its committed volunteers who work tirelessly nearly 24 x 7 to locate and network with quality rescues. It takes an incredible amount of preparation to arrange the details of a rescue. It's not uncommon for a **FOCAS** volunteer to drive in excess of 8 hours or more to give dogs, cats, and bunnies a chance for permanent companionship.

As you read these heart-warming comments, know that the efforts to make this happen were nothing short of a heroic.



Buckey

From the rescue.....

Buckey has a new home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania with Larry and Terri!

They have a ton of land...2 teenage kids + a snoodle!

Jodi,

From the adopters...

Just thought I'd fill you in on our first day. Buckey (aka Atila) did great on the ride home. We stopped at Pet Smart for some toys, a strong leash, and a pillow bed for him. Larry stayed outside with him and said he was good just watching the other dogs. When we got home our dog met him with no growls for quite awhile. He ate yesterday. He slept the night through and woke up in our bedroom on his pillow with a smile on his face.

He is such a sweet boy and we are so lucky to have him in our lives! Friends came over last night to see him and he was full of kisses. He has claimed one of our bean bag chairs as "his". We can't wait 'till he starts to understand this is his forever home. We'll send some pictures soon.

Terri

Hi Susanne -

Just wanted to let you know that Butterscotch and Carmel (the tan "twin" rabbits we pulled from BCAS last fall) were adopted last weekend by a very nice family. It was hard to see them go - they were the cutest pair!! But they are a lucky pair - who got to stay together!

Wendy

Hi,

This is Catharine updating you on Chrissy the Persian. She was adopted this weekend by a lovely middle aged couple from New York, who plan to love and pamper her forever. Thank you for allowing us to give her a brand new chance at life.

Sincerely,

Catharine

To the FOCAS Board:

Just want to let you know that Carol S. (FOCAS volunteer) and I drove to Pennsylvania yesterday to deliver "Carol" (FIV positive cat) to her new home Carol (the cat) came out of her carrier, looked around, walked out the open door onto a sunny, fully enclosed patio, stretched, took a DEEP breath of fresh air, and settled in. She'd been in a cage at BCAS since 10/9/03.

This hospice for FIV and FELV cats also houses other non-contagious but seriously ill cats (neurological problems) and has a bunny rescue group on the site.

It is truly an amazing place.

Lynne, the director, is an energetic and inspiring woman with a great sense of humor.

Helen

RESCUES



Before



After

Hi Carol,

I'm Jody from the rescue that took the bunny with head tilt. She is completely clear of the ear mites and her head tilt is nearly completely better. Unless you knew she had it before, you'd just think she was "cocking her head" to look at you.

She comes out to play, never loses her balance, and enjoys running through my bunny tunnel, willow teepee, and other bunny things I have around.

She is very, very sweet and just loves attention. She loves her twice-daily salad, and is litter trained!

I'm happy Pamela told me about her, and I was happy to help "Little One" (as Pamela called her), who is now named "Sweetie Pie" - as it fits her so.

Jody



Rocky

From the rescue...

I want you all to know that Rocky has gone to his forever home on Saturday!! His new mom is absolutely wonderful and Rocky has already adopted her!! She tells me that he follows her all around, comes to her when she calls him, and gives her lots of love!! He also totally ignores her cats and one of the cats is already used to him.

By the way, his eye and ear infections are all cleared up. **THREE CHEERS FOR ROCKY!**

Vicki

From the adopter...

I feel so lucky, Rocky is truly a wonderful pet! He bonded so quickly and he made himself at home, even with the cats. He looks happy; he fetches squeaky toys when I throw them. I take him on long walks and many little outings. When we come back he goes to the closet where the treats are. He will not let me forget his treats! I know I am spoiling him already. He is so affectionate with his kisses on my face!



St. Joe

Yesterday our boy, St. Joe, finally went to a senior rescue in New York State!!! He was at the shelter since November 2002!! The rescue is on 16 acres with about 4 or 5 acres that are fenced in for the dogs and horse to enjoy. There is a pond on the

property which the dogs enjoy weather permitting. We also took a senior cat, Cricket, to the facility. She is 12 years old but acts much younger. She is finding her place in the feline pecking order. Amy is great with the dogs and cats.

Through all the time St. Joe spent at the shelter, he always maintained his wonderful disposition. When we arrived at the meeting place, he put his head out the door of my van and Amy greeted him as if she knew him and he responded to her as well. He jumped into the back of her van as if she was his long lost best friend. We kissed him good-bye and off they went.

I got a note from Amy saying that he has settled in quite nicely. He enjoyed the outside and was sleeping when she sent the note to me. I'm sure it will work out for him. If he does not get adopted, he will spend the rest of his years in a wonderful place.

Doris

From the rescue...

Joe was in the "house " today. I didn't close the gate and he went into the kitchen. He could have cared LESS about the cats!!!!!!

I am going to have him tested as a therapy dog. It can't hurt .He would also be PERFECT for a nursing home as he is such a low energy dog.

A.R.

Carol and Helen,

Yesterday Dinky went out with a rescue who had a home for him. Because they were transporting today, I went with Dinky who knows me much better than the rescue people, and I personally handed Dinky over to his new family.

This is one of the happiest adoptions I have participated in. Dinky was a huge old pit bull who was very aloof in the kennel, where he remained for very many months being depressed and lonely. Nobody, and I mean Nobody ever looked at him. His one consolation, besides FOCAS going in and taking him out and sitting with him as he rolled over in the sun which was what he loved to do, was that BED! HE LOVED THAT BED! Every night he brought his food bowl on his bed with him and cuddled up to it and dove in. After that he immediately put his head down and went to sleep.

Pam

RESCUES

The Journey

Written by: Crystal Ward Kent

When you bring a pet into your life, you begin a journey - a journey that will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever known, yet also test your strength and courage.

If you allow, the journey will teach you many things, about life, about yourself, and most of all, about love. You will come away changed forever, for one soul cannot touch another without leaving its mark.

Along the way, you will learn much about savoring life's simple pleasures -jumping in leaves, snoozing in the sun, the joys of puddles, and even the satisfaction of a good scratch behind the ears.

If you spend much time outside, you will be taught how to truly experience every element, for no rock, leaf, or log will go unexamined, no rustling bush will be overlooked, and even the very air will be inhaled, pondered, and noted as being full of valuable information. Your pace may be slower except when heading home to the food dish - but you will become a better naturalist, having been taught by an expert in the field. Too many times we hike on automatic pilot, our goal being to complete the trail rather than enjoy the journey. We miss the details - the colorful mushrooms on the rotting log, the honeycomb in the old maple snag, the hawk feather caught on a twig. Once we walk as a dog does, we discover a whole new world. We stop; we browse the landscape, we kick over leaves, peek in tree holes, look up, down, all around. And we learn what any dog knows: that nature has created a marvelously complex world that is full of surprises, that each cycle of the seasons bring ever changing wonders, each day an essence all its own.

Even from indoors you will find yourself more attuned to the world around you. You will find yourself watching summer insects collecting on a screen or noting the flick and flash of fireflies through the dark.

You will stop to observe the swirling dance of windblown leaves, or sniff the air after a rain. It does not matter that there is no objective in this; the point is in the doing, in not letting life's most important details slip by.

You will find yourself doing silly things that your pet-less friends might not understand: spending thirty minutes in the grocery aisle looking for the cat food brand your feline must have, buying dog birthday treats, or driving around the block an extra time because your pet enjoys the ride. You will roll in the

snow, wrestle with chewy toys, bounce little rubber balls till your eyes cross, and even run around the house trailing your bathrobe tie - with a cat in hot pursuit - all in the name of love.

Your house will become muddier and hairier. You will wear less dark clothing and buy more lint rollers. You may find dog biscuits in your pocket or purse, and feel the need to explain that an old plastic shopping bag adorns your living room rug because your cat loves the crinkly sound.

You will learn the true measure of love - the steadfast, undying kind that says, "It doesn't matter where we are or what we do, or how life treats us as long as we are together." Respect this always. It is the most precious gift any living soul can give another. You will not find it often among the human race (so true!). And you will learn humility. The look in my dog's eyes often made me feel ashamed. Such joy and love at my presence. She saw not some flawed human who could be cross and stubborn, moody or rude, but only her wonderful companion. Or maybe she saw those things and dismissed them as mere human foibles, not worth considering, and so chose to love me anyway.

If you pay attention and learn well, when the journey is done, you will be not just a better person, but the person your pet always knew you to be the one they were proud to call beloved friend.

I must caution you that this journey is not without pain. Like all paths of true love, the pain is part of loving. For as surely as the sun sets, one day your dear animal companion will follow a trail you cannot yet go down. And you will have to find the strength and love to let them go. A pet's time on earth is far too short - especially for those that love them. We borrow them, really, just for awhile, and during these brief years they are generous enough to give us all their love, every inch of their spirit and heart, until one day there is nothing left.

The cat that only yesterday was a kitten is all too soon old and frail and sleeping in the sun. The young pup of boundless energy wakes up stiff and lame, the muzzle now gray. Deep down we somehow always knew that this journey would end. We knew that if we gave our hearts they would be broken.

But give them we must for it is all they ask in return. When the time comes, and the road curves ahead to a place we cannot see, we give one final gift and let them run on ahead - young and whole once more. "Godspeed, good friend," we say, until our journey comes full circle and our paths cross again.

THE JOURNEY

Tenderly Remembering Companions That Have Completed The Journey



I have some bad news and I hate to start your day off like this. Apache passed away on Tuesday night from natural causes. He had been in some pain on Monday and had a vet appointment scheduled for Wednesday. He went peacefully, and I and my roommate, were with him. Even as sad as this is, I just want to thank you again for helping bring us together. His fate was already decided and we managed to help him live out his last couple of months in dignity and in a loving home. The bond and love that developed between myself and Apache in the two months I had him was amazing and I can't help but believe it was predestined that I was chosen to help him pass on peacefully and happily. I have cried a whole bunch in the last two days but realize there was nothing that could have been done. Thanks again.

Dave

Dear FOCAS,

Enclosed is a small donation in memory of Macavity who crossed over The Rainbow Bridge on the 10th of November. He lived 18 months past the diagnosis of a cancerous nasal tumor.

I adopted him as a 10 year old "gentlemen" who was named Murray. I was lucky to have 6 beautiful years with him. So please accept this Christmas donation in memory of Macavity.

Anne

Dear FOCAS,

Enclosed is a donation given in memory of our dog, Millie who was adopted from the shelter. Millie added such happiness to our lives. Sadly she died in 1998. She will be for every missed.

Sincerely,
Marueen & George



Dear FOCAS Group,

Please accept this donation for the Angel Fund in memory of my cat, Patches, who died on November 16 from VAS. I adopted Patchy on September 10, 1999 and she was just a skinny thing. I found her on the website and felt if I didn't adopt her, no one would because of her deformed right eye. As I grew to know and love her, it became a part of her sweet personality. She quickly put on weight and developed a saggy belly.

God Bless you for the work you do.

Warm regards,

Toni, Valentino & "Angel" Patches



Dennis, a precious 10 year old shepherd mix with arthritis, was abandoned outside of the Bergen County Animal Shelter in November of 2002. Despite his affectionate, gentle personality, being a "senior" with arthritis presented a challenge in finding him an understanding adopter.

FOCAS placed Dennis in its media adoption program. He was featured in the "pet sections" of the February 2003 editions of newspapers and he appeared on channel 10. Dennis' media appearances were noticed by a wonderful family from Palisades Park. It was love at first sight when they met at the shelter.

FOCAS volunteers were so saddened to learn that In march of this year, Dennis' journey with his adoring companions came to an end as he passed from this time and place.

FOCAS volunteers are so indebted to his "family" for the depth of their compassion and kindness. FOCAS pays honor to Dennis and his companions for the love and comfort they gave to each other, and for their valiant journey together.

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Picking-up from reception desk at the Bergen County Animal Shelter

How to Approach a Strange Dog

DON'T

- Don't rush up and try to pet the dog.
- Don't stand directly facing the dog.
- Don't lean over the dog.
- Don't stand like a tree (too straight and rigid).
- Don't immediately reach out to the dog.
- Don't stare at the dog.
- Don't force it, if the dog isn't interested.
- Don't reach over the dog's head; and, don't make any sudden movements.
- Avoid petting the dog's hindquarters.
- Never hug a dog you don't know. Most dogs do not like to be hugged.
- Don't pet the dog's fur in the opposite direction (it's very irritating).

DO

- Let the Dog come to you.
- Stand sideways in a relaxed manner.
- Lean away from the dog slightly (weight on the back foot).
- Bend your knees a little but not low enough to be eye-to-eye.
- Keep your hand at your side but slightly toward the dog.
- Make friendly glances (look at the dog briefly then look away. (Repeat)
- If the dog approaches you, let it sniff your hand. Use a calm, pleasant voice.
- If the dog seems to want to make contact, slowly extend your hand to pet it on the side of the chest that is closest to you.
- Start petting low under the dog's chin; then you can work your way up the dog's side, if the dog likes it.
- Be careful not to reach above and around the dog while petting its chest.
- Pet the dog with gentle, downward strokes (the way the fur lays naturally).

PET POINTERS

Disaster Preparedness for Pets

Tips from the Humane Society of the United States

Hurricanes, floods, wildfires, hazardous material spills—disasters can strike anytime, anywhere. If you think you will never have to evacuate unless you live in a flood plain, near an earthquake fault line or in a coastal area, you may be tragically mistaken. It is imperative that you make preparations to evacuate your family and your pets in any situation. In the event of a disaster, proper preparation will pay off with the safety of your family and pets.

If You Evacuate, Take Your Pets

The single most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to take them with you when you evacuate. Animals left behind in a disaster can easily be injured, lost, or killed. Animals left inside your home can escape through storm-damaged areas, such as broken windows. Animals turned loose to fend for themselves are likely to become victims of exposure, starvation, predators, contaminated food or water, or accidents. Leaving dogs tied or chained outside in a disaster is a death sentence.

If you leave, even if you think you may be gone only for a few hours, take your animals. Once you leave, you have no way of knowing how long you'll be kept out of the area, and you may not be able to go back for your pets.

Leave early—don't wait for a mandatory evacuation order. An unnecessary trip is far better than waiting too long to leave safely with your pets. If you wait to be evacuated by emergency officials, you may be told to leave your pets behind.

Don't Forget ID

Your pets should be wearing up-to-date identification at all times. It's a good idea to include the phone number of a friend or relative outside your immediate area—if your pet is lost, you'll want to provide a number on the tag that will be answered even if you're out of your home.

Find a Safe Place Ahead of Time

Because evacuation shelters generally don't accept pets (except for service animals), you must plan ahead to ensure that your family and pets will have a safe place to stay. Don't wait until disaster strikes to do your research.

Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets. Ask about any restrictions on number, size, and species. Ask if "no pet" policies would be waived in an emergency. Make a list of pet-friendly places and keep it handy.

Call ahead for a reservation as soon as you think you might have to leave your home.

Check with friends, relatives, or others outside your immediate area. Ask if they would be able to shelter you and your animals or just your animals, if necessary. If you have more than one pet, you may have to be prepared to house them separately.

Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices that might be able to shelter animals in emergencies; include 24-hour telephone numbers.

Ask your local animal shelter if it provides foster care or shelter for pets in an emergency. This should be your last resort, as shelters have limited resources and are likely to be stretched to their limits during an emergency.

If You Don't Evacuate

If your family and pets must wait out a storm or other disaster at home, identify a safe area of your home where you can all stay together.

Keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers, and make sure they are wearing identification.

Have any medications and a supply of pet food and water inside watertight containers, along with your other emergency supplies.

As the Disaster Approaches

Don't wait until the last minute to get ready. Warnings of hurricanes or other disasters may be issued hours, or even days, in advance.

Call to confirm emergency shelter arrangements for you and your pets.

Bring pets into the house and confine them so you can leave with them quickly if necessary. Make sure each pet and pet carrier has up-to-date identification and contact information. Include information about your temporary shelter location.

Make sure your disaster supplies are ready to go, including your pet disaster kit.

In Case You're Not Home

An evacuation order may come, or a disaster may strike, when you're at work or out of the house.

Make arrangements well in advance for a trusted neighbor to take your pets and meet you at a specified location. Be sure the person is comfortable

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with your pets, knows where your animals are likely to be, knows where your disaster supplies are kept, and has a key to your home.

If you use a pet-sitting service, it may be able to help, but discuss the possibility well in advance.

After the Storm

Planning and preparation will help you weather the disaster, but your home may be a very different place afterward, whether you have taken shelter at home or elsewhere.

Don't allow your pets to roam loose. Familiar landmarks and smells might be gone, and your pet will probably be disoriented. Pets can easily get lost in such situations.

For a few days, keep dogs on leashes and keep cats in carriers inside the house. If your house is damaged, they could escape and become lost.

Be patient with your pets after a disaster. Try to get them back into their normal routines as soon as possible, and be ready for behavioral problems that may result from the stress of the situation. If behavioral problems persist, or if your pet seems to be having any health problems, talk to your veterinarian.

Evacuation Planning:

You may not be in a flood zone or have to flee wildfire, but even a hazardous material incident on a nearby street could force you to evacuate. It pays to be prepared!

Disaster Supply Checklist for Pets

Every member of your family should know what he or she needs to take when you evacuate. You also need to prepare supplies for your pet. Stock up on nonperishables well ahead of time, add perishable items at the last minute, and have everything ready to go at a moment's notice. Keep everything accessible, stored in sturdy containers (duffel bags, covered trash containers, etc.) that can be carried easily.

In your disaster kit, you should include:

Medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container and a first aid kit. A pet first aid book is also good to include.

Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pets can't escape. Carriers should be large enough for the animal to stand comfortably, turn around, and lie down. Your pet may have to stay in the carrier for hours at a time while you have taken shelter away from home. Be sure to have a secure cage with no loose objects inside it to accommodate smaller pets. These may require blankets or towels for bedding and warmth, and other special items.

Current photos and descriptions of your pets to help others identify them in case you and your pets become separated and to prove that they are yours.

Food and water for at least three days for each pet, bowls, cat litter and litter box, and a manual can opener.

Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to board your pets or place them in foster care.

Pet beds and toys, if you can easily take them, to reduce stress.

Other useful items include newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items, and household bleach.

Other Evacuation Tips

All mobile home residents should evacuate at the first sign of a disaster.

Evacuate to the safest location you can that's as close as possible to home. Long-distance evacuation can be a problem when highways are crowded.

When planning for hurricanes, identify your evacuation zone and level to determine if and when you would have to evacuate. Be prepared for one category higher than the one being forecast, because hurricanes often increase in strength just before making landfall.

Your local humane organization or local emergency management agency may be able to provide you with information about your community's disaster response plans

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Free rabies clinic at the Bergen County Animal Shelter on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 4:30PM to 6:00PM. Due to the holidays, for the months of November and December, clinics are held instead on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.



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FUNDRAISER

A Tasty Way to Raise Dough for FOCAS' 20th Anniversary

Here's how it works. Uno Pizzeria/Chicago Grill will help **FOCAS** raise funds by providing fundraising coupons that allow 20% donations to go toward **FOCAS' 20th Anniversary** fundraising effort in 2004 to help the animals, especially those at the Bergen County Animal Shelter.

For **FOCAS** supporters who dine at the Uno/Chicago Grill on Route 4 West in Paramus, on the dates of the coupons, and present the coupons, Uno will donate 20% of their check total to **FOCAS**. It's easy, it's fun...it's a way to help us make our **20th Anniversary** year one filled with new opportunities to improve the comfort and care for abandoned, sick and injured animals. The needs are great. The funds limited.

We encourage all **FOCAS** volunteers and supporters to dine there during that day. Uno is open from 11:00a.m to 11:00p.m. for lunch and dinner. The good news is, we will have the opportunity to do this the first Thursday of every other month during 2004.

Encourage your friends and family to join in this **20th Anniversary** fundraising celebration. Coupons may be duplicated.

Please help us make our **20th Anniversary** year really special for the animals.

FOCAS 20th Anniversary Raffle Tickets On Sale

Check website for dates and locations of ticket/book sales or call FOCAS helpline at 201-943-4019

Prizes include:

- BMW Slide Carver Scooter, Est. Retail Value = \$695
- 14K White Gold Bangle Bracelet w/diamond accents, Est. Retail Value = \$395
- Autographed Roger Clemens Baseball, Est. Retail Value = \$250
- Clinique Make-up in Travel Case, Est. Retail Value = \$189
- BMW Baby Racer Car, Est. Retail Value = \$79

FOCAS 2004 Calendar of Events

PetCo Offsite Cat Adoptions

PetCo, Rt. 17 North, Paramus, one Saturday each month from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PetCo, Rt. 59, Nanuet, one Sunday each month from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Visit www.focasnews.org for specific dates, call **FOCAS** at 201-943-4019, or email info@focasnews.org.

Come in meet some of our volunteers, and perhaps give a loveable, deserving animal a home.

Flea Markets

Our flea markets have moved to a new location: American Legion Post, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry.

We had to seek more space to accommodate a larger selection of items and a growing number of faithful supporters who attend. Visit www.focasnews.org to verify dates or for more information, call **FOCAS** at

201-943-4019, or email info@focasnews.org

Saturday 1 – 4p.m.; Sunday 9 – 3p.m.

Dates :	April 24 & 25	September 18 & 19
	May 22 & 23	October 16 & 17
	June 26 & 27	November 20 & 21 (featuring our Raffle drawing)

Stop by and select from a potpourri of the collectible and practical. Refreshments and home baked treats available. Items for donation gratefully accepted the weekend of each flea market on Friday 4-6pm, Saturday all day. Regrettably, no items can be accepted on Sunday.

Annual Events

Dog Show – October 3

Pet Pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Claus – December 5 (featuring a holiday gift table & baked treats)

All annual events held at the Bergen County Animals Shelter, 100 United Lane, Teterboro. Visit www.focasnews.org for specific event times, call FOCAS at 201-943-4019, or email info@focasnews.org

Help us save lives. Join us, please. We thank you...the animals thank you.

UPDATES

Special Donation to Celebrate FOCAS' 20th Anniversary

(20 years of service to the protection, preservation and well being of animals)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY !!! On behalf of the animals this donation will touch and all **FOCAS** volunteers, thanks for caring and for assisting us in helping those that are so completely dependent upon our benevolence and compassion for their well-being.

YES! I want to offer this special donation in support of **FOCAS' 20th Anniversary** year to help **FOCAS** protect and care for abandoned, injured and sick animals.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Supporting | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 or more - Patron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Sustaining | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Check here if the address above is different than our mailing list or should be added to it.

Please clip this coupon and return it along with your special anniversary year donation to: FOCAS, PO Box 439, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604-0439.

Donations to **FOCAS** are tax-deductible as allowed by law. No volunteer of **FOCAS** is paid. All funds go to benefit the animals. **Thank you for helping us save lives. Thank you for making a difference!**

FOCAS, Inc.

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Friends of Bergen County Animal Shelter, Inc.
PO Box 439, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604



A non-profit organization founded in 1984 to promote the general welfare and natural conservation, protection and preservation of all species of animals

Volunteer Application (All volunteers must be 18 years old or older.)

Your interest in being a **FOCAS** volunteer is very much appreciated. As a non-profit organization, your support and participation will help insure that **FOCAS** can continue its ongoing commitment to the well-being of animals. Please indicate which activity/activities would make the best use of your interest, time, talent or professional expertise. When complete, please return this application to the above address. You will be contacted thereafter. Thank you.

Please PRINT.

- Adoptions Assist the public at shelters and off-site locations in selecting a suitable pet for adoption.
- Dog Walking Exercise, socialization and basic training of dogs.
- Foster Care Participate in foster care program to provide temporary in-home care for infant animals or animals with medical or special needs. Time commitment usually is 2 – 4 weeks or less.
- Dog Obedience Assist setting up, signing in “students”, fitting collars; assist trainer or coordinator. Monday. 6:30PM – 9:30PM. Each session is six weeks. (day and times may change)
- Cleaning Assist with cleaning; remove animals from cages or kennels; wash cages/kennels; provide clean water, food dishes and litter pans. Wash food dishes and litter pans.
- Grooming Provide attentive care (bathing, brushing, nail trimming) to animals.
- Transportation Transport animals to veterinary or approved rescue facilities, as needed.
- Help Line Return calls from your home for calls made to Help Line regarding **FOCAS**’ low-cost spay/neuter program for feral cats and provide information on low cost spay neuter programs for owned pets.
- Computer Computer expertise in graphic design and layout for producing newsletter, posters, brochures, website.
- Fund Raising Assist in fund raising (such as flea market), raffles and/or auctions (set-up, selling, baking, crafts).
- Newsletter Write articles for and assist in producing editions of *The Scoop* or www.focasnews.org.
- Publicity/PR Assist in PR efforts.
- Grant Writing Assist in applying for grants or seeking corporate support/sponsorship.
- One Time Events Annual events like cat show, dog show, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, Blessing of the Animals.

Animals that I have a specific interest in working with are (check all that apply):

dogs cats rabbits guinea pigs rats/hamsters/mice birds reptiles

Yes No My employer participates in matching funds programs for non-profit charitable organizations.

I understand that along with my application for volunteer membership in **FOCAS**, I will submit a \$25 membership fee to **FOCAS**. The fee entitles me to receive *The Scoop* and any rights I may have as a member under the By-laws of **FOCAS**, as may be amended from time to time. I also understand that upon acceptance of my application, I must attend a new volunteer orientation session and receive an official name badge before becoming actively involved in any volunteer activities.

JOIN FOCAS

Please answer the following (**reminder...please PRINT**):

1. Do you have a valid New Jersey driver's license.? Yes _____ No _____

2. In case of an emergency, please specify a person whom we should contact.

Name: _____ Relationship _____

Address: _____

Telephone (day) _____ (evening) _____

3. Do you have allergic reactions to specific animals? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please describe: _____

4. Do you have a medical condition we should be aware of ? Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, please specify: _____

5. Please list any organizations that you are or have been actively involved in. _____

Please read the following statements. They constitute the conditions under which you would be volunteering with **FOCAS**.

1. It is recommended that **FOCAS** volunteers handling animals receive a series of pre-exposure rabies vaccinations to protect them in case of being bitten by a rabid animal. The volunteer must make their own arrangements through their physician. If a volunteer does not wish to receive rabies vaccinations, the volunteer must sign a waiver releasing **FOCAS** and/or any animal shelter or refuge where my services for **FOCAS** are given from any responsibility and agrees to assume all of his/her medical costs, if a rabies incident occurs. **Before this application can be accepted, FOCAS must have a waiver or proof of vaccination for rabies.**

2. I certify that all information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Any misrepresentation or omissions of facts called for in the application may result in a denial of a volunteer opportunity or dismissal from **FOCAS**.

3. I understand that if I am selected as a volunteer, I am devoting my time to **FOCAS** on a voluntary basis and primarily for my own benefit. I am serving with no contemplation of compensation for my services.

4. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of **FOCAS** and, if my volunteer activities are performed at a shelter or animal refuge, I agree to abide by all rules and regulations that shelter or refuge may adopt from time to time. I give **FOCAS** my permission to investigate all pertinent information and references concerning my volunteer application. And, I release **FOCAS** and/or any shelter or refuge where my services for **FOCAS** are given from all liability for any damage, both legal and otherwise, for issuing this information.

5. I hereby release **FOCAS**, any shelter or refuge where my services for **FOCAS** are given from all losses, damages and claims of any kind arising out of my own negligence or misconduct.

Signature of Volunteer Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ email Address: _____

Address: _____

Tel. (Home) _____ Tel. (Work) _____ Tel. (Cell) _____

Name of Employer: _____

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Special Donations

FOCAS receives donations in celebration and honor of animals or individuals, and in memory of departed family, friends or pets. It is a fitting tribute to individuals, with compassion for animals, or a devoted pet to celebrate how they have touched lives or to perpetuate their memory in such a meaningful, caring way... by helping homeless animals live.

Memorials - People

Al Kaplan, from Rose Kapla
 Althena Kostopoulos, from Nereo & Marilyn Condini
 Alexander Hylicke, from John Sommer
 Benjamin Fleishman, from Rose Kaplan
 Bessie Fleishman, from Rose Kaplan
 Charlotte Amicucci, from June Rossetti
 Elsie & Georgia Monahan, from Joan & Edward Slavinsky
 Frances Doka, from Janet A. Doka
 Frances Vee, from Cheryl Vee
 Harry A. Carley, from Irene V. Carley
 Helen Perna, from Cheryl Cereso
 Henriette Bertelsen, from Elizabeth Bellamy
 Irene Wouwenberg, from w. Wouwenberg
 James J. Monahan, from Mrs. Violet Monahan
 Jane A. Foy, from Thomas Foy
 Janet Marie Wenstrom & Callie, from Amelia Morgan
 Jenny Lenge's Grandmother, from Lorraine & Joseph Lenge
 John Kotowski, from Lorraine & Joseph Lenge
 Joseph Hoffman, from Rose Kaplan
 Katie Gustern, from Carol Skarimbias
 Lucille Piccirillo, from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moody
 Marie L. Moore, from Stephen R. Moore
 Maria Sheer, from Ms. Alice Lenehan
 Morgan K. Cameron, from Carol & Bernie Glassman
 Morgan K. Cameron, from Mr. & Mrs. LeBofsky
 Morgan Kelly Carvelor, from Linda, Tommy & Andrew Irving
 Mr. & Mrs. R. Alfano, anonymous
 Nellie Gluck, from Rose Kaplan
 Rebecca Hoffman, from Rose Kaplan
 Robert Clapper, from Helen Clapper
 Rosina Baldasty, Mary Wagner
 Ruth Erickson, from Richard & Karen Erickson
 Sheldon Hoffman, from Rose Kaplan
 Wanda Panek, from Wanda Gorman

Memorials - Pets

"Amy," from Mrs. Barbara Doran
 "Ashes, Missy & Holly," from Barbara Bosch
 "Bagel," from Dominica Nisch
 "Black Face," from Dr. Paul Cusano
 "Blackie & Stan," from Dan, Cyndi & Kit Frascella
 "Bonzaï" Muller, from Blanche Muller
 "Boo Boo," from Gail Marie Volpe
 "Boo Boo," from Gladys Volpe
 "Brian Michael, Rose & Pam" Monahan, from J. Little
 "Cleo, Jane, Jim, & Philipie," from Bertha Bishoff
 "Cleo," from Alice Mirsky
 "CoCo Puff," from Carol Haines
 "Cory," from Edward W. Wood
 "Cupcake," from Michelle Meisenbach
 "Denny Cat," from Hilda Tauber
 "Duchess," from Edith S. Scott
 "Dustry," from Leetty Munz
 "Felix," the Richard & Mary-Jo Teslenko
 "Freckles", beloved dog for 16 years, from Mr. & Mrs. E. Stampoulos

"Gabby" Gilbert, from Lydia Rutledge
 "Harry Mudd & Miss Lisa," from Regina Bloomer
 "Heidi," from Alice L. McCutcheon
 "Huskey Bar," from Diane Schroeder
 "Jake," from Lilian Procalo
 "Joe," from Felice & Steve Margolies
 "Katie" Policastro, from Mrs. Matthew Coombs
 "KC," from Joyce McComb
 "LuLu," from Sari Goldstein
 "Macavity," from Anne Brenner
 "Mackie & Harley," from Mrs. Cecelia Barry
 "Midnight" Clark, from Terry Schuster
 "Millie," from Marueen & George Howlin
 "Misty," from Jean LeBreton
 "Mokey," from Marilyn Parente
 "Molly," from William Keeley
 "Molly" Peterson, from Roxanne Ettinger
 "Molly" Smith, from Mr. & Mrs. Gerald F. Feulner
 "Mr. Henry & Tessa Girl," from R. Marlene Cassolini
 "Otis," from Joan Link
 "Patches," from Toni Marie Calamito
 "Pepe" Koss, from Roxanne M. Ettinger
 "Peper" Tolar, from Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Conklin
 "Poko," from Sharon McGlothlin
 "Pogo," from Tammy Miller
 "Princess," from Marie Gnecco
 "Red Rover," from Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Taylor
 "Rowdy Rosebud Wranger," from Christine Emerizy
 "Ruby," from Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Conklin
 "Samara," from Phillis Saleh
 "Sandy" Reger, from Dolores H. Politz
 "Schapp," from Dennis Christensen
 "Snoopy" Schwalb, from Jane Hylicke
 "Suss," from Frieda R. Grab
 "Taffy," from Anthony & Lorraine LiGregni
 "Tamara & Teddy," from Franziska M. Montague
 "Tess, Licorice & Polly," from Irene Stuart
 "TJ" Haus, from Helen Barden
 "Tootsie" Raskin, from Barbara Rubin

In Celebration and In Honor...

Animals I have cared for, from Lorraine Mould
 "Baby Boy," from Allison Kepsel
 Brian Michael, Rose & Pam, from J. Little
 "Coco," from Gloria Cappelluti
 Dina Ferlanti, from Edward Gandler
 Doris Weintz & "Duchess," from Judy & Bob Griffin
 Edmund Prucalo, from Lillian Procalo
 "Flash," from Kathryn Smith
 FOCAS Volunteers & shelter animals, from Mary Kris Biggins
 "Gypsy & Pablo," from Susan DiFazio
 Helen Barden, from Rose Kaplan
 Judith A. Grace, from Larry J. Robertson
 Judy Rao, from Renee Aubert Rao
 Luke, from Jay G. Dederick
 Magda Patrascanu, from Bogdan Caceu
 Melissa Skoroka, from Kimberly Skoroka
 "Perkins" Cage K27, from R. Bloomer
 Ruth Warnaar's birthday, from the Cherico Family
 Shelter animals, Eva M. Burns
 Shelter animals, Marysue Gripenburg
 "Spanky," from Barbara A. Lange
 "Spot," from The Haggis Family
 "St. Nick," Joyce Molinari
 "Tawny & Beige," from Mary L. Ferguson
 Two Nice Cats, Mr. & Mrs. A. Masulaitis

DONATIONS

FOCAS T-Shirts & Sweat Shirts

Back by popular demand... **FOCAS** shirts. You may already have seen our volunteers wearing them. They're high quality 50/50 (cotton/polyester). Available in men's sizes only, so they do run large. Short-sleeved T-shirts are \$17 each; Sweat shirts \$27 each (shipping and handling included). **All orders must be received by October 15th. All shirts will be delivered 4-5 weeks from the order date close.**

Colors available are: white, red, light gray, royal blue, black, dark green and purple with the **FOCAS** logo. T-shirts only are also available in teal blue.

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type: T or Sweat	Size: S, M, L, XL	Color	Quantity	Unit Cost

Amount of check enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **FOCAS**

Mail shirt order to: **FOCAS**, PO Box 439, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604-0439

Help **FOCAS** help the animals by purchasing a shirt and wearing it to show how much you care.

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