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Mr. Will Coggin
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1090 Vermont Ave NW, Ste 800
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Dear Mr. Coggin,

During these unprecedented times, **your gift of \$256.50 allows us to continue rescuing and aiding dogs, cats, and bunnies** in desperate need of a safe place to recover from illness, grow stronger, or to learn not to be scared of the world around them.

It is because of you these helpless bundles of fur get second chances at the love and happiness they deserve. **Each donation - \$10, \$50, \$250 – helps pay for veterinary care, behavioral care, surgical supplies, medicines, sanitizers, cleaning supplies, Personal Protection Equipment and so much more.** Thank you!

Just yesterday, we received a transport of dogs from an overcrowded and extremely poor animal shelter. As we usually do every night, the medical team circulated a short summary on the health of the recently arriving animals as well as an update on animals receiving extensive treatments.

“That is a ‘hot mess’ of ailments” was how it was described in the subject line of last night’s Medical Synopsis.

Below is part of the medical synopsis that reveals the impact each dollar has on each of their lives.



Toro	Fearful and shut down- Liz consulted for behavior plan.
Toby	Past wound, incision not healed - cleaned and covered.
Peter	Matting, ear infection, positive for ehrlichia, anaploasmois - started meds.
Gerti	Stitches to be removed, tarter & gingivitis, hair loss, skin scrap and culture pending.
Shakie	Mild debris in ears, scabs on chin, skin red – started medications, hooded vulva, fearful.
Roy	Unilateral cryptorchid, hair loss, pyoderma (pus skin), provided bath and started medications.
Seatie	Nasal discharge and areas of alopecia – bathed and started medication.
Terry	Limp, scar on right hock, pyoderma on chin and axilla (armpit area), debris in ears – started meds and further consult for limp.
Cristin	Mildly dehydrated, scabs/hair loss around ears, skin scrape, very pale MM, mild mucopurulent ocular discharge, ear infection, ehrlichia -started medications.
Ginger	2 upper deciduous retained k9s, ear infection, mild mucopurulent ocular discharge, hair loss ears, eyes, all 4 feet/skin scrape (-),(+) ehrlichia - started medications.

Over the last few years we’ve seen an upswing in dogs arriving at AWA that are positive for heartworm (a parasite transmitted to dogs from mosquitos and matures in the heart). Now we are also seeing an increase in tick-borne diseases like Lyme and Ehrlichia.

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All these diseases require extensive, prolonged treatments, and they lengthen the number of days under veterinary care before being able to be adopted. Their care – and their new healthy lives – wouldn't be possible without you!

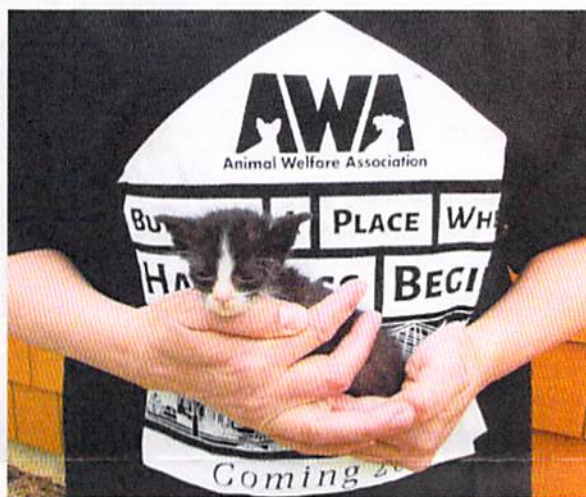
Nearly every cat and kitten arriving at AWA comes from local shelters or directly from caring neighbors who rescue them from dire situations.

Take the case of three, little, motherless kittens spotted at a goat farm living off goat's milk. Like malnourished children, these little ones arrived weighing just ounces -- 1/3 of what they should have weighed at their age and facing lifelong impairments.

Every bit of their life force was struggling to stay alive.

Nearly 10 years ago, donors like you committed gifts to AWA to enable us to hire a full time shelter veterinarian - making AWA the only SJ shelter equipped to aid so many ill and fragile animals.

Our veterinary team examined them and began the task of handfeeding the needed kitten formula to these little ones, slowly helping them gain health, weight and strength. With each day, they are looking and acting like kittens should. Now they no longer resemble the wide-eyed skeletons they were when they first arrived. **Thank you for making this possible!**



AWA is here to help the community and its pets. We are ready to face our challenges.

- Kitten season is here, and soon hundreds of kittens will come through our doors.
- In addition, as people feel the lingering health and economic effects of COVID-19, we know more animals will be coming through our door as their owners can no longer care for them.
- And pet owners, struggling due to unemployment or other life-impacting crisis, will need food and vet care for their pets.

Because of you, we are ready!

It is our sincere thanks to you for trusting AWA to do be there for the animals, for making AWA your charity of choice, and for changing the lives of animals each and every day with each and every dollar donated.

Sincerely,

Maya Richmond

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Executive Director

Wow - thank you again for supporting the charities like ours - the smaller places ^{MAKING} having a great positive impact.

P.S. The AWA team hopes your summer is filled with smiles, memorable moments, and maybe some cat cuddles and doggie kisses sprinkled in.

Stay safe and be well.

in the lives of pets + people!!



Shelter Stats



Year to Date

- ⇒ **529** ANIMALS ADOPTED
- ⇒ **17,500** PET MEALS GIVEN TO SHELTER ANIMALS & COMMUNITY PETS
- ⇒ **1,044** DOGS & CATS TRANSPORTED FROM CROWDED SHELTERS
- ⇒ **215** FAMILIES HELPED TO AVOID PET SURRENDER
- ⇒ **406** CARED FOR BY FOSTER FAMILIES
- ⇒ **28** ANIMALS PLACED THROUGH AWA'S FUR-EVER FINDERS PROGRAM

YOUR GENEROSITY SAVES LIVES! THANK YOU!

Fur-Ever Finders Program

The Fur-Ever Finders Program is a Foster facilitated adoption program. This program has been vital so that AWA could continue adoptions as COVID-19 limited our ability to have staff on-site to support animal care and adoptions.

Throughout COVID-19 Fur-Ever Finders has been essential to continue saving lives.

AWA's Foster Families help source promising adoptive families and work with our adoption counselors through the application and interviewing process to find the animals they have lovingly fostered their forever homes.



Foster facilitated adoption has ensured AWA doesn't have to turn away animals due to limited shelter staff and resources during COVID-19 safety measures.

ONGOING RESPONSE TO COVID-19: SOUTH JERSEY PET RECOVERY PLAN



HELP LOCAL. GIVE LOCAL. SAVE LOCAL



The SJ Pet Recovery plan is a set of specific solutions to combat the negative impact of COVID-19 on pets. ***“Our mission to help pets and people positions the charity to step-up during these uncertain times,”*** says Maya Richmond, Executive Director of Animal Welfare Association, ***“the SJ community has been recognized nationally as a leader in saving homeless animals’ lives and it is critically important that the progress our community has made in addressing pet abandonment, increasing pet adoptions, and decreasing pet overpopulation doesn’t slip backwards.”***

- ⇒ **Expanded Pet Food Pantry:**
Curbside, grab & go pet meals
Chow Stops in partnership w/ SJ Food Bank
- ⇒ **Temporary Short-Term Boarding:** Temporary short-term boarding is being provided to pets whose owners have been impacted by COVID-19.
- ⇒ **Subsidized Veterinary Care:** Access to affordable vaccine clinics, spay/neuter services, and preventative products for heartworm and flea and tick to keep pets healthy and safe.
- ⇒ **Temporary Guardian Program:** This program helps find volunteers willing to provide care to a pet until they can reunite with their family again. It is neighbor helping neighbor.