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The Newsletter of Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter

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ADOPTION CENTER HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday **12-7**
 Monday, Wednesday
 & Friday **12-4**
 Saturday & Sunday **12-5**
Closed all major holidays.
 We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.



FORTY-FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING

Celebrating Our 45th Anniversary of Animal Rescue

By Paula Ristuccia

- **CATS SAVED - about 540 annually**
- **DOGS SAVED - about 480 annually**
- **In the last 10 years, Mt. Pleasant adopted out 4368 dogs/puppies and 3695 cats/kittens.**

Please read on to see more statistics and learn about what it takes to continuously achieve a 98% adoption rate.

In 1972, a group of concerned citizens organized with the goal to rescue animals from deplorable conditions in community pounds and find them forever homes. For many years the group held adoption days, eventually securing its own shelter on U.S. Route 10. The current location opened in 1987. In the last 12 years the organization completed an isolation unit, which facilitates the ability to give more pets a second chance.

Board Member Mary Jane Lenox has given decades of her time to the cause. Since our early days, Mary Jane has worked diligently to support homeless pets. She encourages the public to visit, even if they are not looking to adopt. She explains: "By coming to the shelter and seeing all of the cats and dogs and how well they are cared for by the staff and volunteers, people are not only helping Mt. Pleasant spread the word of its works, they are also helping the animals become friendlier and more adoptable."

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MPAS STAFF

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NIGHT-SHIFT CAREGIVERS

Michael Clarey

Abbie Gramatica

MISSION STATEMENT

Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter is a non-profit 501(c)3 animal welfare organization that is 100% privately funded. Our mission is threefold:

- To provide exceptional care for homeless animals
- To promote spaying/neutering, microchipping and humane education
- To place homeless cats and dogs in permanent, loving homes

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@mpsanimals



GIDEON FINDS HIS FOREVER HOME!



DOUBLE ADOPTION! CHARCOAL AND NALA GO HOME TOGETHER!



GRIZZLY WITH HIS SISTER!



POUNCE HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

We had a bountiful Spring here at Mt. Pleasant. Our **Tricky Tray, Shred event**, and **Wine Tasting** were great successes for our homeless pets. And we saw so many of those dogs and cats walk out the door with their new families! We absolutely love seeing the updates you all send us and post on Facebook letting us know how well these sweet pets are doing.

As Spring turns to Summer and then into Fall, we think ahead to **Mutts Mania**. This year's event will be on September 24th and we plan to celebrate our 45th birthday in style. As part of our Anniversary festivities, we are calling all Mt. Pleasant alumni to come to **Mutts** for our adopter's reunion at 3 pm.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of saving tens of thousands of lives over these many years. It takes many hands to do such good work and we are lucky to have you as part of the Mt. Pleasant family.

So come celebrate with us and toast to another 45 years of life-saving care!

See you soon!

Abby Berenbak
Executive Director

ADOPT Wish List



- Paper Towels
- ProPlan Wet Dog & Puppy Food and ProPlan Small Breed
- Germicidal Bleach
- Gift Cards
- Stamps
- Non-clumping clay litter
- Martingdale Dog Collars
- Friskies Pate Wet Cat Food
- Science Diet Light Dry Cat Food
- Dry Dog & Puppy Food
- Garbage Bags (42 gal.)
- Dog Collars
- Small, Medium & 6' Leashes
- Brillo Pads
- HE Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Copy Paper (8.5 x 11)

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING

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“Plus,” she adds: “the cats and dogs love the attention.”

To celebrate our legacy and mission for the future, let us count the ways Mt. Pleasant saves pets throughout the year.

Mt. Pleasant by the Numbers:

What is the amount of dog/cat food consumed in a year?

- For dogs and puppies, about 31,000 cups of dry food and 10,000 cans.
- For cats and kittens, about 21,000 cups of dry and 21,000 cans.

What is the cost of kitty litter?

- About 900 bags in a year...equivalent to around \$5,850 dollars

What is the cost of vet bills?

- More than you might think. In the neighborhood of \$150,000-\$200,000 on medicine, procedures, surgeries, etc.

What is the age of the oldest cat adopted?

- 18 years old

Currently, how many volunteers assist in making it all happen?

- 200 strong helping in the shelter and at events
- 70 foster families caring for pets at home

The satisfaction gained from watching pets walk out the door with their new families is immeasurable. But there’s always more to be done! Thank you to all those who have contributed to forty-five years of lifesaving work, and to those who remain committed to supporting Mt. Pleasant’s efforts to aid abused, abandoned, neglected and homeless animals.



RIBBON CUTTING - APRIL 1987, LEFT TO RIGHT, KATHY NEEDLE, DIANE MILLER, BARBARA DYER AND RUTH MONAHAN.



THE CATTERY



SHELTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION



FOSTER LESLIE PRENDERGAST

CELEBRATING FORTY-FIVE YEARS

Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter is proud to celebrate 45 years of life-saving care for homeless pets. To celebrate what we have accomplished and to kick off another 45 (plus) years, we are looking to undertake 45 projects to help revitalize our little building that does so much! We are looking for individuals, skilled laborers, scout troops, and businesses who can help us financially or physically ensure we can continue to care for our dogs and cats in the best possible environment. If you or someone you know can help with all or part of one or more of these projects, please contact Abby at 973-386-0068 or abby@njshelter.org.

GENERAL

1. Electrical Consult & Repair
2. Duct Cleaning
3. Vent Covers
4. 45 Ceramic Bowls
5. New Windows
6. Roof & Gutter Repair
7. New Front Door Buzzer
8. New Doors
9. Permanently Installed Generator
10. Replace Ceiling Fans

LANDSCAPING & FRONT YARDS

11. Trees by Front Business sign
12. Yard Mulching & Seeding
13. Replace Interior Parking Lot & Paint Lines
14. New Shed Roof
15. New Picnic Table & Benches
16. Waterproof Storage Bins for Yards
17. Privacy Screening for Yard Fencing

MEDICAL AREAS

18. Vet Scale Calibrated/Replaced
19. Hydraulic Lift Exam Table
20. Light for Wall above Exam Table
21. Microscope
22. Wood's Lamp
23. Microchip Scanners
24. Medicine Cabinet
25. Folding Exam Table for ISO area
26. Replace ISO Commercial Washing Machine

TRAINING/ADOPTION/MEETING ROOMS

27. Organization
28. Blinds for Windows

KENNEL

29. Paint
30. Replace Slop Sink
31. 45 Kongs
32. 45 "Adopt ME" Leashes
33. 45 Martingale Collars(S, M & L)
34. Shade Covers for Ex-pens

CATTERIES

35. 45 Cat Toys
36. Reading Nook for Cattery
37. Cattery Make-Overs

PUBLIC BATHROOM

38. New Vanity/Sink
39. New Floor
40. New Toilet

OFFICES

41. Paint Offices/Adoption Rooms
42. Modern Functional Furniture
43. High-Speed Internet (DSL is slow)
44. New Blinds
45. Updated Humane Education & Outreach Materials

Celebrating 45 years and counting!

MT. PLEASANT ANIMAL SHELTER PRESENTS:
MUTTS MANIA
A family and dog friendly fun day!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 12PM TO 4PM
LURKER PARK, EAST HANOVER, NJ
\$10 PER ADULT - KIDS AND DOGS ARE FREE

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