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The Newsletter of Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter

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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.

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

**Thanks to you** over 1100 dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens had a warm place to stay and a full bowl to eat this year. On behalf of them, thank you for saving their lives and finding new families.

We recently helped Naomi, a dog at risk for euthanasia because her family could not afford a C-section to save the life of her and her baby. She was rushed to our vet partner, who performed the lifesaving surgery and helped care for mother and daughter as they recovered. Without your help, Naomi and her daughter, Noel, might be dead. Today, they are safe, warm and loved. Our kennel and catteries are filled with pets who have stories similar to Naomi's, and we do our best to ensure their health, and see that they are fit for adoption.

**Every day, your support makes stories like Naomi's possible.**

We simply can't do it without you. Your support will make a real, lasting impact in the lives of those who are still in need. Thank you for your continued support and friendship.

With gratitude,

Abby Berenbak  
Executive Director



**FOSTER WILLOW KEEPING A DAILY LOG OF NOEL'S GROWTH.**

## MPAS STAFF

*Executive Director*  
Abby Berenbak

*Manager, Shelter Services*  
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Ally Conte  
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Carly Waitt  
Ryan Wan  
Dean Wiggins  
Alexis Wilgus

### 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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@mpasanimals

# MUTTS MANIA



A beautiful sunny day welcomed our guests, staff, and volunteers to Lurker Park and Mutts Mania 2018. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day. We would like to thank Autosport Automotive Group for once again stepping up as our Title Sponsor. Their continued support of our homeless dogs and cats is always appreciated. Mutts Mania is one of our largest fundraising events of the year, and this big day wouldn't be possible without the support of countless volunteers who started arriving at 6am to start setting up the field. We had over 75 volunteers working vendor tables, hosting contests, and helping with our adoptable dogs. In addition to our many volunteers we also had the support of the East Hanover Recreation and Police Departments throughout the day and the Hanover Park soccer team who gave their time and muscle to help with cleanup that evening.

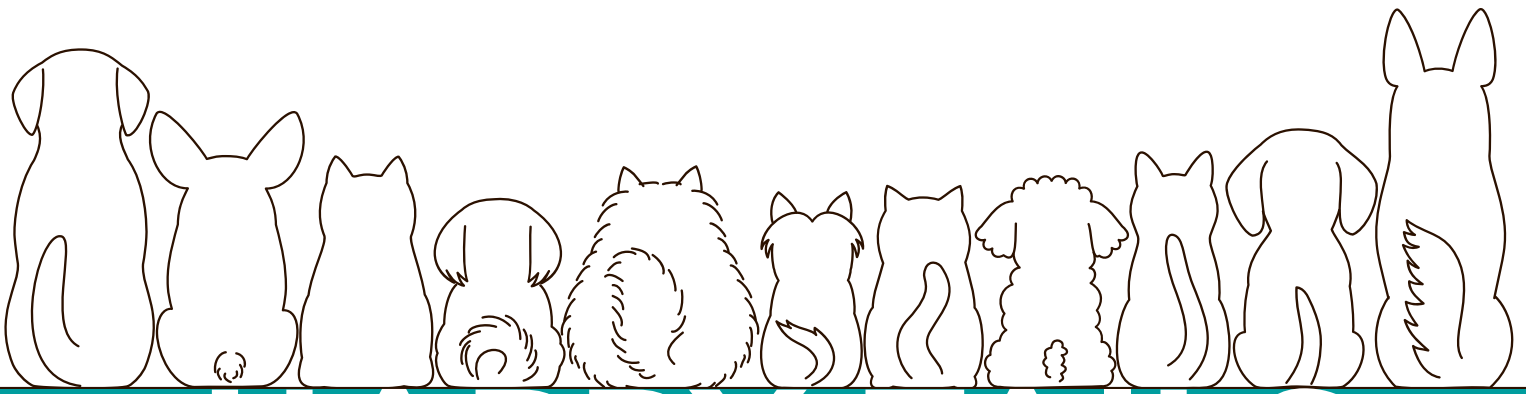


The day offered everything from shopping with our vendors to our Sent-Well.com canine fashion show sponsored by Farmers Insurance. Lunchbox took home the top prize as the Bride of Frankenstein, wowing guest judges Grant Marshall (NJ Devils), Randy Veliscek (NJ Devils), Klajd Gazulli (Farmers Insurance), Soleil Thomas (Miss NJ Pre-teen), and Ava Thomas (Miss East Coast Pre-teen). Terri Carr and John Hodorovych from WDHA were our rocking DJs for the Fashion Show and throughout the day.

A special thank you to Silver Sponsor Madison Animal Hospital for coming out and supporting the shelter, and for keeping our dogs and cats healthy all year long. They sponsored our adoption tent where we had our adoptable dogs, and dogs and cats available for adoption from Associated Humane, Sedona Shepherd Sanctuary, and Animal Control Solutions. Silver Sponsor Home Again offered low-cost microchipping, helping ensure 14 dogs will come home safe to their families if lost! Other sponsors who helped make the day a success are the NY Red Bulls, The Lustig & Wattstein Families, Jane Dickson & Gary Rotenberg, Corradino & Papa LLC, The Ristuccia Family, CD Equipment Services, and TD Bank.

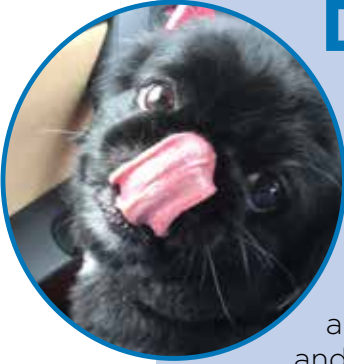
You can see all the families and businesses that helped ensure a successful event for our homeless dogs and cats on our website ([www.njshelter.org/events/mutts-mania/sponsors-advertisers/](http://www.njshelter.org/events/mutts-mania/sponsors-advertisers/)). Thank you again to everyone who made this incredible event possible!

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# HAPPY TAILS

## DUFFY



I just wanted to give an update on Duffy, the Pekingese I adopted exactly a year ago today. She has brought so much happiness to me and my mother and we feel so blessed to have her in our family. She's doing very well! She's active and loving, quirky, silly, protective, and utterly wonderful.

-Kellyanne H.

## PANTHER

I adopted Panther from you in March, he's a hound mix puppy that is more than I could have ever asked for. I think we were meant to be. He's the extrovert to my introvert self, he loves people, dogs, children. He has people he has to see on his walks on the block everyday. Whenever I take him anywhere which is always because we are always together people comment on how good looking he is. I couldn't have asked for a better dog, from his expressive faces to his sweet love to his energy. He is the absolute best, and is never fazed by anything.

-Clara



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## JAX & ROSE

We adopted Jax (formerly October) in Feb and Rose on July 15th. They have adjusted to life together and have become very close. They eat, sleep and play together. As you can see, Jax is huge and Rose has already grown so much! We love them very much.

-The T Family



## SPONSOR ME

For more information on how you can sponsor the care of and/or adoption fee for any of the pets in our shelter, please contact Steve via email ([steve@njshelter.org](mailto:steve@njshelter.org)) or phone(973-386-0590).



**GIGI**

GiGi is simply larger than life! She is a highly intelligent cat that thrives on the companionship of humans. She is almost like a dog! Gigi is the star of the show, so she would do better with cats who are also very confident. She is sure to be a crowd-pleaser and will always keep you entertained with her wit and affection.

Are you a fan of the 1950 movie by the same name? Then this loveable boy with the big brown eyes will soon become



**HARVEY**

your constant companion. Our Harvey will make you laugh and at the same time show you the power of kindness. He's a gentle soul who is seeking a comfortable place by your side to enjoy life. A chocolate Lab/Retriever mix, Harvey is seven-years-young.

# HOLIDAY FAIR 2018

- \* Thousands of new items priced at least 50% off retail
- \* Gifts for everyone on your list – including your pet
- \* All proceeds benefit our Shelter dogs and cats

**December 1st — 9th, 2018**  
**Saturdays: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Sundays: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm**  
**Monday — Friday**  
during regular adoption hours



## New Jersey Monthly's Top Dog Contest



Enter your dog for a chance to win  
and Mt. Pleasant's pets receive a  
portion of the entrance fees!

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Keep an eye out for the Cutest Cat Contest in the Spring!