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Tuesday & Thursday 12-7

Monday, Wednesday  
& Friday 12-4

Saturday & Sunday 12-5

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We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

The Newsletter of Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The phrase “second chance” is prevalent in the world of animal welfare. In fact, it’s what we’re all about here at Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter. We get wonderful pets from a variety of sources here in New Jersey and from out of state — adoptable animals that just need a “second chance” — and, with medical care, immunization, spay and neuter services, food and shelter, and TLC, we give them that chance. As a result, we are able to find forever homes for over 1,100 cats and dogs each year.

For some of the pets that come to us, however, the phrase “second chance” takes on an extra meaning, and that’s what **Nicky’s Second Chance Fund** is all about. Each year, we are faced with the challenge of caring for cats and dogs that need an extra level of medical or dental care in order to get them adoption-ready. Facing euthanasia in their source shelters, these animals need extra care, and we’re so pleased to be able to offer it to them. The road is longer and more challenging for these pets, but they seem to display the same determination as the staff and volunteers who care for them here at Mt. Pleasant.

Featured on the next two pages of this newsletter are the stories of some of our **Nicky’s Second Chance Fund** “graduates”. They have been given a new lease on life, thanks to our medical care providers and, of course, our contributors. We celebrate in their success; and it’s easy to see that when one of them is adopted, it is cause for real celebration here. We hope their stories bring a smile to your face, a tear to your eye, and a lump to your throat — but most of all, we hope their stories will inspire you to get involved in greater support of **Nicky’s Second Chance Fund**.

With Many Thanks,

Abby Berenbak  
Executive Director

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### 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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# NICKY'S SECOND CHANCE FUND



OZZY

OZZY is an absolute love bug who looks a little bit different, as he has misshapen "lobster claws", but that absolutely doesn't prevent him from getting around!!! Ozzy was found on the street with a broken leg which needed repair as well as evaluation for his misshapen

paws. Despite all he has endured, he is a total sweetheart and is now spending his days chilling in his new home!



TINY TIM

Tied to a truck and dragged in an effort to kill him, **TINY TIM** not only beat the odds to survive, but he is already walking again! All 4 legs mangled, the orthopedist recommended physical therapy for Tim so that his legs will hold his weight once he is fully grown. Thanks to donations from the public and the support of numerous fosters, volunteers, staff, and veterinarians, Tim is enjoying running around his new home.



KARMA & PHOENIX

Abandoned at a local store, it was clear that **KARMA'S** leg needed repair and it soon became obvious that **PHOENIX** wasn't feeling well either. Thanks to the combined efforts of donors to our Nicky's Second Chance Fund, Community Animal Hospital, Animal Alliance, our amazing staff, and of course our fabulous fosters Willow and her mom Erika, these two kittens got everything they need (Karma's leg amputated) and were adopted in a home together as they were inseparable!

# 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).



JUNE BUG

As Hurricane Harvey rolled through Texas it became clear that many humans and animals were going to be rescued from the flood waters. To prepare, shelters throughout Texas sent dogs North in an effort to clear their kennels in advance of the displaced pets that would be coming in after the storm. **JUNE BUG** was one such dog who suddenly found herself far away from the only life she had known. It was clear that life had been rough, and we believe June Bug was bred over and over again. As she settled in at Mt. Pleasant it became clear that she had a massive infection. Testing and treatment commenced with recovery in her new home. Where she is properly spoiled along with her new feline siblings!



## ROCK

You can get a 'piece of the rock' with our solidly built and handsome black and tan shepherd mix. Rock is looking to spend his golden years with a family that is seeking loyal and playful companionship. He is eager to please. This boy will Rock your world with his sweet and loveable personality.



THING 1 & THING 2

**THING 1** and **THING 2** were removed from a local home where they were not being properly cared for. Severe neglect had damaged both their bodies. But with treatment and tumor removal thanks to Nicky's Second Chance Fund, they recovered well. After a lot of TLC from shelter staff and volunteers, these two boys lucked out and found an amazing family where they could continue spending their days together and would never want for anything again.



TILLY

There was no missing the massive infection that had ravaged **TILLY'S** eyes. Unfortunately, the shelter she was in didn't have the resources to fix her, but thanks to Nicky's Second Chance Fund we could commit to taking her and making sure she received the necessary surgery to remove her eyes. She is recovering well and will be headed to her new home soon!



## MARIE

Marie's hobbies include looking gorgeous, being petted (a lot!) and hanging out on the couch. Won't you add "hanging out with Marie" one of your hobbies?

# Need to clean out your closet?



## Items you could donate from our Wish List:

- \*Towels and Blankets
- \*HE Laundry Detergent
- \*Germicidal Bleach
- \*Paper Towels
- \*Toilet Paper
- \*Garbage Bags

To see our full Wish List please go to [www.njshelter.org](http://www.njshelter.org)

## PAPER TAKING OVER YOUR LIFE?

Bring it to our **SHRED-A-THON**  
MAY 5TH | 9AM TO 1PM

Watch as your unwanted personal papers are SAFELY AND CONVENIENTLY disposed of IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

Suggested donation of \$10 per box. All proceeds benefit homeless animals at Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter.



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## Whiskers & Wine

*Benefiting the homeless pets of Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter.*

WINE TASTING  
& SILENT AUCTION

TICKETS \$50

Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert Served

MAY 16  
7PM TO 9:30PM

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