



# Pawprints

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## FALL/WINTER 2010

### *Did you adopt a cat or dog from PAL?*

We love to hear your stories. If you adopted from PAL, send a digital photo and an update to: [info@palpets.org](mailto:info@palpets.org) and we'll publish updates and photos of our cat and dog alumni in future newsletters.

### **DON'T THROW IT OUT! WE CAN USE IT!**

If you have food or pet supplies that you don't need or can't use, please consider donating them to Pet Adoption League.

### **DONATE TO PAL THROUGH [igive.com](http://igive.com)**

You Shop! PAL wins! We will receive two cents each time you search and a portion of each purchase will be donated to PAL. Make Pet Adoption League your cause!

[www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com)

### **AVON FUNDRAISER**

PAL would like to thank Georgi Matusewicz who generously donated 20% of all orders during her Avon fundraiser!  
Thank you for your support!

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### **SAM THE KITTY** – life is good these days ....



The care plan team at Heath Village brainstormed about what they could do to make life a bit happier for a resident who rarely left his room due to his medical condition. The staff remembered that this resident had mentioned that he thought it would be nice to have a cat in the Health Care Center a few years ago.

The Activities Department learned about a cat that was ready for adoption from the Pet Adoption League. A volunteer from that organization visited the Clarence W. Sickles Health Care Center to see where the cat, Sam would be living. The PAL volunteer loved our facility and thought Sam would do very well there. Sam went to live at Heath Village a few weeks later and settled on Ground Floor. Sam's room is fully equipped with all the best of food, supplies and from day one he adjusted quite well. Sam loves to wander the floor, and sometimes he can be found taking a nap on a resident's bed in a sunny room.

Residents and staff love him equally since he is up and around at all hours.

As far as the resident who didn't come out of his room – well that now has changed. The Activities Assistant invited this gentleman to meet Sam and he agreed. The gentleman was absolutely thrilled to meet Sam and his smile (from ear to ear) said it all. He has agreed to visit again soon, and the staff is hopeful that this positive experience will help make his life a little brighter.

We are so happy that Sam is at Heath Village and bringing joy to their residents each day.  
- Cathy Stukes, Heath Village

### **WHY I VOLUNTEER ....**

*Below are some of the reasons our volunteers give freely of their time. If you would like to volunteer, please call 973-584-0095 or email us at [info@palpets.org](mailto:info@palpets.org) for more information.*

***"I volunteer because when I look into those innocent eyes, all I see is unconditional love."*** Diane R.

***"I started volunteering because my cat had died and I could not get another. But, I have continued because it is just phenomenal working with all the kitties with their different personalities and see how they get back their confidence and sweetness with a little TLC."***

***"My couple of hours a week with the kitties is a very special time for me."*** Diane L.



## **PAL'S Annual Tricky Tray, Friday, October 22, Minebrook Golf Club, 500 Schooley's Mountain Rd. Hackettstown, NJ**

Tickets available in advance on our website from  
**August 1 – October 15**  
[www.palpets.org](http://www.palpets.org)

- Incredible baskets including Disney passes, airline tickets and hotel accommodations; theatre tickets; \$100 gift card; jewelry, home and garden, spa, golf packages, pets, sports, gift certificates and so much more. We have something for everyone on your list, including you!!!
- Specials, Super Specials, Grand Prize and 50/50
- \$15 admission includes 2 sheets of tickets (advance price)
- \$17 at the door (also includes 2 sheets of tickets)
- Doors open at 6 p.m.
- Calling of trays begins promptly at 7:45 p.m.
- A limited menu will be available for purchase from the Grill (no outside food permitted)
- **Nobody under 18 years of age will be admitted.**
- **If you would like to donate a gift certificate, basket or other prize, please contact us at [www.palpets.org](http://www.palpets.org), or call 973-584-0095**

## PAL PETS WAITING FOR A HOME.....

LILLY is a very good listener. She responds to her name especially when being called for belly rubs or for meal time. Ms. Lilly enjoys walks, car rides, as well as watching TV. She is not too keen on playing childish games. She would rather hear you read to her, watch the news or weather channel, with a little Animal Planet in-between! Lilly is a happy, smiling dog and content to live a nice quiet life with her new person. The best match for Lilly would be a quieter home all for Lilly – no other dog or cat to compete for attention of her person. Lilly does take medicine for arthritis in her hips. Please consider giving Ms. Lilly a wonderful new home to call her own.



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RUDY is a handsome English Pointer, with a happy smile, and a beautiful brown and white coat, with speckles. He is about 3 years old, with plenty of energy, and will need some help in getting used to his leash! Rudy enjoys being outside for lots of walks and exercise, and when he's done, like to lay down and drink his water, then enjoy some scratches and petting. He is looking for a family who will be sure he gets lots of time for play and exercise, and will need someone who is committed to training him. He is neutered and up to date on vaccinations.



TAMMY was hit by a car in Budd Lake and left to die, but a Good Samaritan took her to a vet where it was found she was lucky and only had mild injuries. Tammy is fully recovered now and looking for a nice home where she can play with her toy – as you can see from the photo. Can you be her new Samaritan?

### PAL'S WISH LIST

With the holidays coming up, there are a few items on the PAL Wish List that would make our animals more comfortable :

Frontline, Bio Spot or Advantix Flea and Tick Protection; Dog toys and treats; premium canned dog food; Fancy Feast canned cat food (please no chunky or sliced flavors); cat treats, toys, catnip; Pedialite (regular flavor) Infant formula; kitten size litter boxes and scoops; scooping litter, paper towels, baked goods for our bake sales; we also accept cash donations or gift cards for local pet and grocery stores.

See our website for more details!  
Many thanks from PAL



### "BAKE SALES"

Sam's Club, Mt. Olive

10:00 - 2:00

Oct 18 - Nov 20 - Dec 18

Leave your Holiday baking to us!!



### ADOPTION UPDATES!!

**Since our last newsletter several of our featured cats have found a home – Nathan Annie and Claire.**

**Unfortunately we cannot feature every animal we have because of space, so please visit our website at [www.palpets.org](http://www.palpets.org)**

## Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Information

Friends of Animals 1-800-321-PETS (7387) or

[www.friendsofanimals.org](http://www.friendsofanimals.org)

SPAY / USA

Call 1-800-248-SPAY (7729) or visit

[www.spayusa.org](http://www.spayusa.org)

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Eastern PA Animal Alliance Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic  
(570)994-5846

Peaceable Kingdom

(610) 432-2532

[www.pklvshelter2@yahoo.com](mailto:www.pklvshelter2@yahoo.com)

## DONATE YOUR CAR TO PAL



If you're thinking of selling or trading in your car, consider donating it to the Pet Adoption League. You will avoid all the hassle of finding a buyer, greatly help our homeless animals find their forever home and get a tax deduction!

It's easy, just fill out the donation form on our website ([www.palpets.org](http://www.palpets.org)) and you will be connected within 3-4 days to make arrangements to have your car towed at your convenience. The car doesn't have to run as long as it has all major parts (tires, engine, etc....). Visit our website now at [www.palpets.org](http://www.palpets.org). It couldn't be easier to get rid of that clunker!

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**MORE PALPETS WAITING FOR A HOME .....**



**HADLEY** had it very tough after he was abandoned by his first family. Other cats were very mean to him and he and his friend, Ned became close buds. Hadley is very sweet, a little shy, but likes to take life easy. For him a good day is watching the birds outside, taking a nap or play. He loves dinner time too! Hadley is currently in a foster home, but his foster mom is very busy and doesn't have much time for him. He has been waiting patiently for that special someone to come along and give him and his buddy, Ned a nice loving home. With the holidays coming up, it would be a great present for this sweet kitty.

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**BO** is a handsome Boxer/Pointer Mix, with a happy smile, and a sleek *brindle coat on his* muscular body. Bo is about 2-1/2 years old, with lots of energy and love to share. Bo was a stray found in Bergen County last year, and initially was very timid he went. He has been at the pound with the PAL dogs for several months, and recently came placement in a forever home. Since he's been with us, he has come out of his shell, is friendly, to please. Bo is very good on a leash, loves the adventure of getting out for walks and rides in scratches and petting. He's happy to be out and socializing with people but may be a little too looking for a home that can provide him with lots of love, playtime and exercise. Bo is up to neutered.

and afraid at the shelter where under PAL's wings for and a quick learner, and eager the car, and also enjoys lots of strong for little ones, and is date on vaccinations and



**PEEPS** was abandoned and pregnant and had been nursing a badly infected foster home where she had her babies and received medical care for her eye. lose her ability to live and love. If you visited our Adoption centre at PetSmart you all found loving homes. Peeps is a very sweet and loving kitty that is now ready herself as any different from the other furry felines she shares her current foster a special person – is that person you?

eye. Thanks to PAL she was placed in a She lost the sight in her eye, but did not may have seen her adorable kittens who for her own home. Peeps does not see home with. Peeps has a lot of love to give

**PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR PET!**

What if your pet outlives you? It seems like an unlikely scenario, but it could happen. No one plans on dying, but it is a fact of life. Most people have wills, or provisions to care for their children. But what about your pet? New Jersey, along with several other states, has adopted a specific law authorizing trusts for the care of domesticated animals, known commonly as a "Pet Trust." The benefit of having a Pet Trust is simply the peace of mind of knowing that the animal you love is going to be taken care of after you're gone; that money is set aside for this purpose and you won't have to rely on people who may, or may not, carry out your wishes. The Pet Trust is a legal mechanism that requires people to do certain things in a certain way. The Trustee your name will make sure that your money is being spent properly.

You should also choose a Caregiver for your pet. Your caregiver obviously is the key to successfully providing for your pet as you will want to find someone who is going to share your compassion for animals and be willing to care for your pet.

Also, something very useful to have on hand in your wallet is a Pet Emergency Card. If you are in an accident and unable to go home, who will care for your pet until you return? This card should give your home address; the name and phone number of your emergency contact person; and the name, phone number and address of your veterinarian. A sample card can be obtained online at:

[http://www.3arkangels.com/Ark\\_angels/Pet\\_Emergency.htm](http://www.3arkangels.com/Ark_angels/Pet_Emergency.htm)

This information was provided to us by Charles M. Lee, Hackettstown. Please contact PAL if you are interested in more information.



**XENA** needs a quiet home with a patient owner she can "talk to". Xena was found abandoned by some very kind people who wanted to keep her, but she just did not get along with their other cat. Xena was a resident at PetSmart for a while, but it proved to be too stressful for her and her sweet personality did not come through when people would ask to meet her. Since being back in a foster home, Xena loves sitting in the window, watching the birds and wildlife outside, but she would love a home to call her very own. Can you give Xena the home she dreams of?

## PAL Alumni – Grace, the Shepherd



"We called PAL after seeing a photo of a dejected German Shepherd on their website. Having just lost our Shepherd we had an empty home and a place for another dog. The woman we spoke to at PAL said "Grace seems to be a lovely girl." We picked her up and brought her home. As it turns out, she really is lovely. She is beautiful, considerate, affectionate and friendly to all. My husband and I are so grateful to have her with us.

At first she was very serious and sad; she had been abandoned by her family, the worst thing that can happen to a dog. Grace loved us, was sweet and good and clearly appreciated having a home. But she never smiled. I'm home all day so I was able to be with her all the time. Gradually, with a steady routine, exercise, and lots of companionship, she became the happy girl she is today. She is my constant companion. Just the sight of her makes me smile and when I'm with her my worries and troubles wither away. She fills my heart." *Carol B.*

### CAT AND DOG ADOPTIONS

Cat adoptions are held weekly at PetSmart, Mt. Olive from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Dog adoptions are also held weekly at different locations in the Hackettstown area. Please check our website for pets available and locations. [www.palpets.org](http://www.palpets.org)

### OCTOBER IS "ADOPT-A-SHELTER DOG" MONTH

Any month or time of year is a good time to adopt a shelter animal, but the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) suggests that people looking for "their best friend" check out their local animal shelters.

However, before any big decision that will affect your life for many years to come, a potential adopter should research what kind of dog will fit their life-style. Are you ready for a long-term commitment? Many pets live up to 15 years of age or older – can you make this commitment? What kind of dog would best fit into your home? Do you have small children? Is your home safe and secure for the animal? Will the pet receive sufficient exercise and training? Can you afford a pet? Adoption is more than the adoption fee – there is food, pet supplies and vet bills to consider. If you can say "yes" to all of these questions, then please consider adopting a shelter dog.

Across the country there are millions of dogs entering shelters daily and many being euthanized. Due to the current economy their owners perhaps cannot afford them anymore due to loss of jobs and housing – perhaps they must move to a new apartment/house where pets are not welcome; perhaps the dog was not trained when first adopted and now has "behavior" issues; - usually through no fault of their own do most of these dogs find themselves abandoned, abused and confused.

There are many local shelters, shelters online and you will find them all full of wonderful dogs waiting for a new **leash on life!**



### **"SANTA CLAWS"**

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year, PAL has been invited to participate in the Santa Claws benefit at PetSmart during the month of December. "Santa Claws" provides the chance to have a picture with your pet(s) and Santa Claus. PAL will be at PetSmart on Saturday and Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. (please check our website for any changes ([www.palpets.org](http://www.palpets.org))).

For only \$9.95, Pet Parents receive a 4 x 6 digital photo in a holiday themed frame. Five dollars of the purchase goes to PAL and their efforts to help the rescued animals.

**No reservations necessary! Santa and his Elves "ho-ho-hope" to see you!!**

### **BE A "PAL FOR LIFE"!!**

The PAL for Life Campaign was created several years ago to appeal to the community for those PAL pets that have had a difficult time finding homes. The sponsorship program consists of monthly or one-time donations made to help offset the cost of extended care. Many dogs and cats find homes quickly, others take more time, and for some, a permanent home becomes just a dream.

As unbelievable as it sounds, 12 week old kittens have been shunned because potential adopters felt they were already too old! "We want a KITTEN". And because of this mentality, cats as young as one-year old have had a difficult time finding a home, and at 6 years old, well we are asking for miracles. Visit any local shelter, pound, or rescue group and you will find each filled to capacity with cats – and most of the cats would probably make a most wonderful pet if just given the chance.

Chronic problems, like teary-eyes, are often a turn-off to potential adopters; people always want perfection. But what people need to understand is that, just like people, dogs and cats are not always perfect. There is so much more to having a pet than worrying about perfection. Unconditional love, companionship, and the ability to provide for the needs of a disadvantaged pet are the true pleasures of pet adoption!

Look at our website at [www.palpets.org](http://www.palpets.org) to see how many cats we have for adoption, foster care or PAL for Life sponsorship because we realize that not everyone can take in a pet but still wants to help in some way. For as little as \$5 a month, or any amount you are comfortable with, you can sponsor one of these pets. We'll even send you a coupon book to help you keep track of your donations! You can sponsor an animal for as long as you like, or sponsor a different animal each month!

There are no obligations or contracts and you may rescind your sponsorship at any time. If you are unable to sponsor an animal on a monthly basis, one-time donations are always welcome. To participate in this wonderful program, please return the donation portion of this newsletter with your request for a coupon booklet or to make a donation. If you know of anyone interested in adopting one of our wonderful pets – please contact us! We will be happy to provide you with additional information.

*"To everyone who supports this program – THANK YOU! We could not do it without your care and support."*

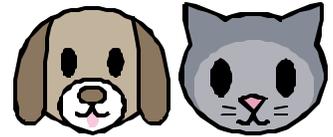
## Please help us help the animals by making a tax-deductible donation today!!

**Pet Adoption League**  
**PO Box 206**  
**Hackettstown, NJ 07840**

**Tel.: 973 584 0095**

Yes, I want to help the Pet Adoption, food, fostering and to help find homes for pets in need.

We need your help now more than ever, with so many animals being abandoned, so thank you for your support.



All donations are tax deductible

Enclosed is my gift of: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to contribute monthly, so please send me a coupon book.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in volunteering

Phone/E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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PO Box 206  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840

**Pet Adoption League's  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Tree of Lights**

**Miracles Happen When We  
Work Together**



**The miracle of an abandoned dog finding a happy home; a tiny kitten receiving the medication that saves her life.** Become a part of a miracle. Join us in providing hope to homeless cats and dogs this holiday season, and hope that they will be loved once again.

The Pet Adoption League is celebrating our 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and we need your support more than ever. Every penny we raise goes to cover food, boarding and vet bills so that we can help the animals in need.

For each donation you make, we dedicate an ornament in your pet's name on a beautiful evergreen in front of Hackettstown Animal Hospital.

**Celebrate the miracle of the bond between owner and pet by supporting your local rescue.**

Please fill out the following form and mail it to us with a minimum donation of \$5 for each pet.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City / State / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's Name	Is this pet living or in memory?	Is this a gift Yes / No	Donation
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Additional donation – thank you!			\$ _____
<b>Total</b>			\$ _____

For gifts, please complete the following:

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