

TAILS from the HEART

FALL 2023



13 Dogs Rescued from Mississippi Tornado Destruction

When a deadly tornado tore through Monroe County, Mississippi, in late March, Amory Humane Society's shelter suffered severe damage with animals still inside.

Team BVSPCA answered the call from the ASPCA to welcome adoptables from the devastated area. "Our specialized expertise in large intakes and disaster response, along with strong national partners like ASPCA, positions us well to act quickly in times of crisis. These are the times when we in the sheltering community need to all stand together, regardless of borders," said Adam Lamb, BVSPCA CEO.

It's a miracle no animals were injured, and no lives were lost in the destruction. An ASPCA van filled with fleeing dogs arrived at our West Chester Campus on April 4th, where many were adopted the next day.



Caring for Pets of People Transitioning from Homelessness

In May, the Brandywine Valley SPCA unveiled a new partnership with the Springboard Collaborative to support pet owners transitioning from homelessness in Pallet Village (Georgetown).

Together, we teamed up for the first free pet wellness day, where medical director Dr. Sheri Wood and our medical team provided wellness exams, vaccinations, and free surgery services. Residents also received free pet supplies such as food, litter boxes, litter, toys, leashes, and harnesses to ease the stresses of their transition.

"I wouldn't be here if I couldn't have kept my cats. It means a lot to have them here. The BVSPCA helped update their shots," raved Debbie, a Pallet Village resident. This partnership expands on the safety net programs we are proud to offer, ensuring the residents of Pallet Village and pet families in our community never face the harsh decision of living without shelter or parting with their beloved companions.



Mission

To put the "human" back in humane animal treatment and advocate on their behalf.

Vision

To be the recognized leader in animal welfare that empowers communities to treat life with respect and dignity.

Locations

Dover

Shelter & Animal Health Center

1757 Horsepond Road
Dover, DE 19901
Shelter: (302) 601-7000
Animal Health Center: (302) 516-1004

Georgetown

Shelter & Animal Health Center

22918 Dupont Boulevard
Georgetown, DE 19947
Phone: (302) 858-4203
Animal Health Center: (302) 516-1004

Animal Rescue Center (ARC)

19022 Shingle Point Rd.
Georgetown, DE 19947
ARC: (302) 858-4204

Eastern Shore Pet Resort

19022 Shingle Point Rd.
Georgetown, DE 19947
Phone: (302) 777-PLAY
easternshorepetresort.com

New Castle

Copeland Center for Animal Welfare Shelter & Animal Health Center

290 Churchmans Rd.
New Castle, DE 19720
Phone: (302) 516-1000
Animal Health Center: (302) 516-1004

Plymouth Meeting

PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center

2100 Chemical Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
Phone: (610) 567-2933

West Chester

Shelter

1212 Phoenixville Pike
West Chester, PA 19380
Phone: (484) 302-0865

Animal Health Center

9 Coffman Avenue
Malvern, PA 19355
Phone: (610) 482-4289

Letter From the CEO

Dear Friends,

As we round out 2023, I'm proud to be able to report new benchmarks in our life-saving work. It truly is amazing what we accomplish when we walk side by side to help pets in need. But there is always work to be done and a national animal crisis we continue to navigate.

Nationally, Animal Welfare organizations are struggling. Over 100,000 more animals are in shelters now than in previous years, causing shelters to be overwhelmed as they take in more and more unplanned pets, while operating understaffed. Locally, we are seeing the same surge. Even with the increase in animals coming in, we're committed to the individual animals' medical and behavioral journey, and rehabilitation, with the ultimate goal of placement in their forever home.

To help cut down on animal intakes from the local community, the BVSPCA invested in community resources that served more than 5,200 local family pets with discounted spay/neuter surgeries and free vaccines. We also hosted a record-breaking Mega Adoption Event in July that placed 1,469 pets from more than a dozen local and national shelter partners.

It's because of support like yours we can do all of these things while continuing to welcome some 50 animals a day through our doors, serving as Delaware's only open-intake organization for lost, stray, and neglected pets, partnering with Tangipahoa Parish Animal Services in Louisiana to save more lives, and expanding our programs and community resources locally, regionally and nationally to help save the unsavable animals who need us most.

With our thanks,

Adam Lamb, Chief Executive Officer



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Helping Our Community



\$30 Spay/Neuters Provided to More Than 2,600 Pets

Already this year, 2,600 family dogs and cats have been scheduled for, or have received, special discounted spay/neuter surgery. Through multiple spay/neuter "blitz" promotions backed by a generous donor, we were able to provide the surgeries at a low cost of just \$30 per pet. This discounted community program not only makes the important surgery more accessible to pet families, it also reduces the population of unwanted cats and dogs in the community.

"We wouldn't have been able to pay for this, because our vet quoted us \$500. This will allow us to use some of that money we would have spent to get him trained."

- Carol Michael with Yasir and pup Noah, who took advantage of the \$30 Spay/Neuter program



Free Vaccines for Family Pets



We're always proud to be able to provide free vaccines to family pets at our annual vaccine clinics. This summer, our two drive-thru clinics set a new benchmark for



this important community service. The early August clinics, held at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, DE and Reeceville Elementary School in Coatesville, PA served a record breaking 2,626 family pets with free rabies and distemper/FVRCP vaccines. We are incredibly humbled to offer our local communities these critical resources, thanks to our sponsors Petco Love and FLASH Momentum, and our amazing staff and volunteers, who worked tirelessly

to keep the lines moving and help all who showed up.

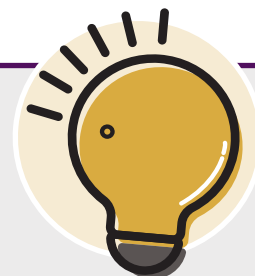


"A lot of people are having hard times, including myself, and so this is a real benefit to all of the pet owners, and we thank you so much for that."

- Dee Dukes and pup Sadie Mae who got vaccinated at our free clinic in Coatesville

Vet Appointments Available!

Appointments within a few days to a week are available at our Malvern, New Castle and Dover Campuses, thanks to additional vet schedules and our new, bigger facility in New Castle. Get high quality, low-cost care that supports our everyday work.



1,469 Adoptions Break Mega Record!



Mega Success

July's Mega Adoption Event, in partnership with Petco Love and BOBS from Skechers™, resulted in a two-day record-breaking weekend for adoptions. We matched 1,469 dogs and cats with their new owners at our 11th Mega Adoption Event, setting a new benchmark for the Brandywine Valley SPCA and its partners. With each adoption, our teams were overwhelmed by the tremendous feeling of gratitude for families accepting the companions for which we worked so hard to find loving homes.



Mega By the Numbers

BVSPCA Adoptions:



379 Cats
590 Dogs
969 Total

Total Adoptions:



505 Cats
964 Dogs
1,469 Total

Partner Adoptions:



126 Cats
374 Dogs
500 Total

Manpower:



600+ BVSPCA
Volunteers
100+ BVSPCA Staff



500 Partner Pets Find Homes

There were happy tears as Chico's adoption was made official as part of our Mega Adoption Event. Chico traveled from North Carolina with partner Currituck County Animal Shelter. Chico was the shelter's longest resident dog and, as the hours ticked down, staff and volunteers rallied to help him make a match. It turned out a family who had met Chico on Saturday couldn't stop thinking about him and came back on Sunday to welcome him home. All 41 animals brought by Currituck found homes and were part of the 500 partner pets from 5 states to find new forever homes.



This Little Whippersnapper is a Mega Success



Janice from Philadelphia came to Mega looking to connect with a grey and white kitty after the recent loss of her senior cat. Within minutes of walking into the cat room, she instantly fell in love with this sweet kitten called Whippersnapper. This little guy had been overlooked by two other families, and while this could have been a prelude to a sad story, we all know he was waiting for Janice to find him. Emotions flowed as the two snuggled for their gotcha day photos, and our team silently cried over another match successfully completed.

Saving Ray Charles

It took Mega to save the life of Ray Charles. The senior kitty, who lost his eyes, came from an overcrowded shelter where he was at risk of euthanasia. On day one of Mega, a wonderful couple fell in love with his magnetic personality. This is a family that only adopts senior pets or pets with special medical needs, and we know he is in caring and capable hands. Ray Charles is living out his golden years in comfort and receiving the love he deserves.



BVSPCA Longtimer is a Mega Success

Oakley waited 242 days for his Mega Success to happen. One of the longest resident dogs from our Georgetown Campus, Oakley found his new family on the first day of Mega. The wonderful couple shared Oakley's freedom ride, pool time and new shades they got for the sweet, one-eyed goofy boy. Oakley's happy ending is thanks to the time and dedication of so many staff and volunteers during his time spent in Georgetown.



Petco Love President's Foster Puppies Find Love at Mega

Puppies Fern and Sully were lucky siblings who spent time in foster with Petco Love President Susanne Kogut. The sweet pair were lucky enough to find love at our Mega Adoption Event sponsored by Petco Love and BOBS from Skechers™. Watching them snuggled in the arms of their new families was extra-special and symbolic of the important partnership that goes into making Mega such a lifesaving success. We're so grateful to Susanne and Petco Love for making matches like this possible.



Investing in Shelter Dogs

Longtimer King Goes From Foster to Forever

He waited 563 days and spent eight months in foster, but West Chester Campus's longest resident dog, King, is finally home.

King came to the BVSPCA looking for a second chance, and it was a special day in June when he walked out of the shelter doors for the last time. A BVSPCA foster herself, King's adopter Sarah said, "I had been following his story and was finally ready to meet him after grieving the loss of my own beloved dog." She reports, "He's the happiest guy and is getting lots of walks, time in the yard, toys and naps. After losing my dog in December, my house has felt empty. King has already brought so much heart and laughter back. I'm excited to share my home with such a happy, loving pup."

Happy tails, sweet King!



Co-Housing Increases Adoptability

Two-Bit was rescued from alleged dogfighting, and Robin was found extremely emaciated and abandoned. The two became buddies while co-housed in our care and captured the hearts of our staff, volunteers and even their adopters, who exchanged contact



information to set up playdates. Providing dogs with a roommate while they spend time in our care can provide comfort, social enrichment and a way to show potential adopters their ability to live with another dog. It also increases our capacity to care for more animals in need.

Playgroup Adoption Events Showcase Dogs' Social Sides

A staple for daily enrichment of our shelter dogs, playgroups became the focus of a very special adoption event this (past) April. Potential adopters were invited to our campuses to see dog-friendly social dogs playing with each other in our expansive play yards. Adopters then could choose



a dog to meet or meet with their own dog to see if they would be a good match. Dogs who may otherwise be overlooked found homes that day because they were able to show their true selves.

Adopt at the Animal Rescue Center (ARC)



For the first time, The Animal Rescue Center (ARC) in Georgetown is now offering adoption hours to the public, expanding our ability to accept and find homes for even more animals in need.

The ARC first opened in January 2019 as a resource for animals in need of extra support to reach adoption. Since then, animal cruelty survivors, disaster victims, newborns and pets at risk of euthanasia at other shelters have found safe haven at the ARC to rehabilitate and get the care they needed as a bridge to adoption. We're now proud to welcome adopters through our doors to meet and add these furry companions to their family.

This state-of-the-art 11,500 square foot facility on 13 acres in Georgetown can house as many as 250 animals at a time.

Dogs at the ARC enjoy large indoor-outdoor runs, floor to ceiling kennel enclosures, heated floors and acres of yards to explore and play.



Animal Rescue Center

Address

19022 Shingle Point Road
Georgetown, DE 19947

Phone: (302) 858-4204

Adoption Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 12-6pm
Saturday and Sunday 11am-5pm

Recently, the Cat Retreat at the ARC got a fun and colorful makeover. This area serves as a resource for cats that come to our shelters that may not be adoption candidates or may be harder to adopt. It also now houses kittens and cats available for adoption. All live together, expanding enrichment and socialization for each and every cat in our care.

The ARC Cat Retreat provides a cage-free, indoor/outdoor life full of enrichment and nurturing with room for more than 200 cats. The kitties have free-ranging access to be inside or outside, with ample cat trees, gymnasiums, perches and hiding places, now all with a new, vibrant and playful décor.

Utilizing the ARC for adoptable pets expands our ability to help even more dogs and cats in need locally, regionally and nationally, saving even more lives.

Sneak Peak!

Get a Virtual Sneak Peek
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