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# Winter 2017 NEWS

## Happy Howl-i-days To All!

Hoping that your holiday season is warm and wonderful and that you have a furry friend to snuggle up to during the cold winter ahead. Warmth and wonder is what our supporters bring to the animals at our shelter and in our foster home network awaiting adoption. Without your dedicated and loyal support, we simply could not help nearly as many animals each year.

I chose this photo of our dogs, “The Trinklets,” because it shows the joy of new beginnings for shelter animals. These lovely dogs dressed in satin and bows were once throwaway dogs, strays or owner relinquishments. They arrived to Animal Alliance dirty, smelly, underweight and with mental and physical issues, before they became Animal Alliance adoption alumni. We are proud that their past is behind them and that today they look like perfect little dogs. We hope that each day with us erases some of the tougher memories they may have of life before adoption.

Each holiday season, we at Animal Alliance reach out to our supporters and ask for your continued goodwill and generosity to help us through another year of helping those most vulnerable animals who need us the most. Week in and week out, we receive in more courageous animals who have struggled against cruelty and neglect, injury, infirmity and adversity to finally find their way to the safety of Animal Alliance. Our supporters are the heart and soul of the work we do each



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day. It is your compassionate hearts and generosity that provide the intensive care these animals need to recover so they can have a fresh new start when they are placed into adoptive homes.

Your generosity also helps us assist other pet owners through our community outreach endeavors such as our low cost spay/neuter clinic, pet food pantry, vaccine clinics and crisis cat intake program. You are the behind the scenes benefactors who make miracles happen for cats and dogs in need, every day. Thank you for your continued support and goodwill!

Wishing a joyous & safe holiday season to you & yours,

Annie Trinkle, Executive Director



P.S. Our foster dog Pete is available for adoption.



Renee Soto, President

Renee Soto, newly appointed President of the Animal Alliance Board of Trustees, recently shared her thoughts on what Animal Alliance means to her

When I found a kitten who had been hit by a car on a cold night in February 2012, I called around for help and Animal Alliance came to the rescue. That was my introduction to this wonderful organization and the dedicated staff and volunteers who make a difference in the lives of pets and their people every day. As a long-time animal lover and burgeoning cat lady, I’ve spent many hours volunteering at animal sanctuaries and adoption events. Animal welfare is a cause near to my heart, and I have found that supporting local organizations like Animal Alliance that have an out-sized impact on the community they serve is the best way to help animals in need. What Animal Alliance has achieved over the past 16 years is truly remarkable given its size. The adoption services, low-cost spay and neuter clinic and outreach and assistance to those facing economic difficulties are vitally important in this community. As an attorney and crisis communications professional, I’ve had a lot of experience advocating for others. I hope to use those skills and experiences to support helpless and voiceless animals. I’ve seen first-hand the impact that Animal Alliance has on the local community, and I’m excited to help further our mission of keeping people and pets together!



# Volunteers to the Rescue

## Why I Volunteer at Animal Alliance

By: Robin Eagan and Denise Moser



L-R Tom, Petey, Randy and Robin Eagan

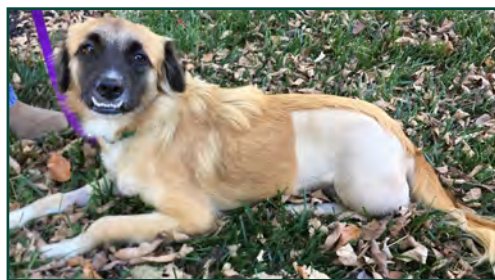
I began volunteering at Animal Alliance after adopting our first dog Petey, found in Philly in 2011 at 27lbs – he's now 65lbs. AA showed him love and fattened him up. Petey now has a sister Randy, also adopted from Animal Alliance. Animal Alliance is filled with the most kind-hearted, selfless people. Volunteering and adopting have changed my life for the better and I consider myself very lucky to be a part of this organization.



Denise Moser with her beloved dogs, both adopted

When I retired from Princeton University, I wanted to volunteer at a shelter. After some investigating, I realized that AA was the right fit. Working with all the animals is a total joy! Whether cleaning cat rooms, walking the dogs, doing laundry, or helping at an adoption event, I know I am benefiting the organization, the great employees, and all of the animals. It's a wonderful feeling!

## Summer Hurricane Dog Update



Ellie – Missing a Leg But Doing Just Fine

Ellie's leg was crushed during Hurricane Irma in Puerto Rico and was amputated. She's adopted, and living on a giant farm with several other dogs. Her 3 legged-run is quite impressive!

## Longtime Volunteer Becomes First-Time Foster Mom

By: Lisa Voorhees



Foster Mom Lisa, Hazel & Her Adoptive Mom

I remained in touch with all of the adopters and made lifetime friends!

If you are ever looking for a way to give back to our community and provide a loving environment to these mistreated or abandoned animals, it doesn't take much. . . open your heart and home! P.S. *To my little foster pups (who are now big!), as your first birthday approaches, I wish you a very Happy Birthday and I hope Santa brings you your favorite toys!!*



Lisa and her team of puppy helpers

Having been a volunteer with Animal Alliance at adoption events, I was looking for a way to get more involved. I saw the Facebook post needing an urgent foster home for a mom-dog named Hazel and her litter of 8 pups born December 14, 2016 who were abandoned on the side of a road. The fact that I had never fostered or raised pups did not stop me from jumping in with both feet...two arms and many friends and family!! Annie & the vet staff were there every step of the way to provide guidance and support. Holding those tiny, cuddly pups, watching them play and grow was an amazing and rewarding experience. Fostering provides a caring home and socialization for a better transition into their "fur-ever" family! Not only did I get to share this experience with my son, but my family and dearest friends. Memories made for a lifetime! Each little pup and mom still holds a special place in my heart, so much that



Lisa and son Daniel and 2 of their foster pups

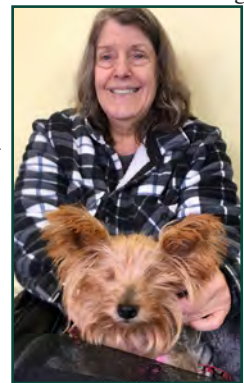
## Refugee Dogs from Hurricanes Harvey & Maria Flown to NJ



Animal Alliance is an Emergency Placement Partner of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), and has a strong local partnership with St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, who coordinated the rescue flights from Texas and Puerto Rico. Annie Trinkle pictured with Brian Hackett of HSUS as a plane of dogs is unloaded.

## Miel Mila-Gross

Miel means "honey" in Spanish, and Mila-gross is "miracle." Since her adopter's last name is Gross, a slight twist on the spelling of Milagros gives this sweet blind dog a very special name. Miel came to Animal Alliance from Puerto Rico, traumatized after losing her eyes in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. She now lives a very happy life, sleeps in bed with her mom Fern and gets around just fine.





# Community Outreach

## Free Pet Vaccine Clinics in Trenton Improve the Health of Hundreds of Pets & People



(L-R) Annie Trinkle, Dr. Kim Weisner and their team of incredible clinic volunteers

Animal Alliance partnered with St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center & Trenton Humane Law Enforcement to have two free vaccine clinics in underserved neighborhoods in nearby Trenton, NJ. Over 250 pet owners came to each clinic to receive vaccines and were given vouchers for free spay/neuter at Animal Alliance's Planned Pethood Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic. Animal Alliance and St. Hubert's split the cost of the surgeries and all other costs of this community outreach endeavor. For pet owners that did not have transportation, Animal Alliance volunteers stepped up and drove those pets to the clinic for surgery, and then returned them home. We were able to make a significant dent in animal overpopulation in the city of Trenton by spaying/neutering 52 animals, many of whom had previous litters.



Several hundred people waited in line for hours for vaccines for their pets



Dr. Kim Weisner and Technician Kelly Quinlan vaccinated over 100 pets in 4 hours!



Underserved areas in Trenton are without nearby traditional veterinary care options

*This family had 8 (!) unaltered pets spayed/neutered at Animal Alliance using vouchers from a vaccine clinic. These dogs had numerous litters and there was no end in sight — but now all are “fixed” and no more unwanted puppies!*

## Crisis Intake for Cats



Chris Lynch, MSW, with “Christina,” whose owner could no longer keep her due to housing issues. Christina is now awaiting adoption at Animal Alliance.

Through a community partnership with psychiatric social worker Chris Lynch, a Lambertville resident, Animal Alliance assists cats in emergency situations where owners are hospitalized indefinitely, are unable to care for their cat properly, or are facing immediate crisis such as the loss of their home. We have a limited number of spaces for cats, so our priority is to aid cats in most desperate need.

## Offsite Cat Adoptions in New Hope, PA



Animal Alliance was chosen as an adoption partner at the new PetValu next to Giant Supermarket in New Hope, PA. Three lucky cats at a time are in residence at the store and enjoy deluxe accommodations while they await adoption -- their cages are right at the front window! A team of Animal Alliance volunteers takes daily care of the cats, while PetValu generously donates litter and food. Animal Alliance is super grateful to PetValu for this wonderful community partnership!







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# The Road to Recovery!

Sweet Chihuahua Joanna arrived to us in the arms of Officer Joe Antonello (hence her name Joanna, a blend of his names) from Trenton Humane Law Enforcement. She'd been hit by a car in Trenton and left for dead. Our vet Dr. Lesley Vannerson determined she needed orthopedic surgery ASAP on her

smashed hip. Our friends at Belle Mead Animal Hospital immediately stepped in to help Joanna — arranging for a board certified orthopedic surgeon to perform surgery. They have a full Pain Clinic where Joanna had a lot of rehabilitative modalities, such as acupuncture, cold laser, and TENS therapy. The

kind vet team cheered on Joanna every step of the way, feeding her baby food and chicken when she was too scared and traumatized to eat. Happily, she was adopted by one of the nurses, Taylor!

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