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IN MEMORY OF HARRIET DOOLITTLE, VMD.

On January 30, 2009, Oasis lost an invaluable member of our team, Dr. Harriet Doolittle. She was a trustee, advisor and a wonderful friend. Her accomplishments were many:

- **1958:** graduated from Penn State U. with a degree in Biology.
- **1961:** one of only TWO female graduates of The University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine.
- **1961-1966:** practiced veterinary medicine at The Angell Memorial Veterinary Hospital in Boston.
- **1966-1970:** began Vet Tech program in Maine through the Job Corps.
- **1972-2000:** Professor and Program Coordinator for Animal Science Technology at Camden County College in Blackwood, NJ, retiring in 2000. Additionally, throughout these years she remained associated with the University of Pennsylvania Vet School, on their Alumni Board and Admissions Committee; was the Animal & Team evaluator for the Delta Society (animal assisted therapy), and a trustee for the Camden County Humane Society.
- **2001:** became a member of Oasis' Board of Trustees and remained so until her death.

Harriet's insight, wisdom, humor and dedication to our animal friends, be they domesticated or wild, will be **GREATLY missed!** We have been truly blessed to have her as a member of the Oasis team.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! FROM THE VP'S DESK...

The sour economic mood floods our minds as we reflect on 2008 -- all of us could commiserate on being negatively affected. However, it's important to reflect on some positive things that happened. For instance, in spite of a bleak economy, donations to Oasis increased almost 10% over 2007. What a wonderful reflection on the general public this is! All of us are still concerned about homeless animals during these difficult times! Also, we accepted 13 more animals into foster homes than last year (an increase of 22%) -- including three horses. Our Sterilization Assistance Program was especially active. Even with the temporary suspension of the Program in October, we exceeded our goal of 675 surgeries -- by six more. The total number represents a 4% increase over 2007. Demand remains high for the Program even with slightly increased co-pays, and we continue to promote this vital initiative. Finally, while Oasis withdrew from a property purchase, we gained two devoted volunteers and helped a significant number of animals living on the farm find new homes. We are proud of these accomplishments, achieved with one full time employee, one part-timer, and a number of dedicated, hard working volunteers.

With 2009 comes new opportunities -- the country has a new President, a new Congress, and a new outlook on the future. Oasis is planning new fundraisers to reach more people -- a wine tasting event in March, a muscle car show in October, and an expanded itinerary at the silent auction in June, just to name a few. Our board members are optimistic about the new year and hope these additional activities will generate more awareness of the plight of homeless and abused animals. We hope that you share this

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sentiment, and will continue to support the work we do. **Now more than ever we truly need your support as the animals are completely dependent upon your generosity.**

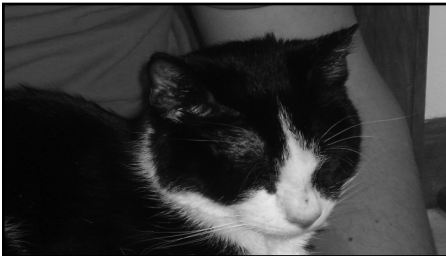
As I've said in the past, we learn everyday from both people and animals, and the lessons continue to make Oasis a stronger and more resilient organization. For all the late nights, long days, the struggling and the juggling, the joy of helping each animal makes it all worthwhile! We are so grateful for the volunteers, participating vets, and the companies and individuals who donate time, space, services, and merchandise to Oasis. As we head boldly into 2009, we want to stress again that YOU are, as much as we are, responsible for the success of this organization.

Thank you once again!
-- Phyllis Van De Weghe

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and input the zip code "08081"
to see all of our adoptables.**

TRIUMPH OVER TRAGEDY

On a frigid January afternoon, Oasis received a call from a supporter saying her son rescued a young cat from a storm drain on the highly traveled Cross Keys Road in Erial, New Jersey. A black & white "tuxedo" was very thin, very cold, and had a serious tail wound. The little guy clung to his rescuer and purred his heart out -- he somehow knew all would be well. Since the little cat beat the odds for impending tragedy, his rescuer named him Triumph.



TRIUMPH rests in his rescuer's arms.

Arrangements were made for the cat to receive care at Winslow Animal Hospital in Sicklerville, NJ, whose doctors and staff kindly donated their services. He stayed a few nights and was then taken to Pam Brighton, for evaluation before being placed in a foster home. He is now in his foster home, recovering well from malnutrition, a sore hip, and his tail injury. With no one claiming him, this very affectionate and talkative little guy will be available for adoption very soon.

Moving?

Please help us keep postage costs down by informing us of your new address. Also, if you are getting duplicate copies of the newsletter, please let us know. Drop us a line at P.O. Box 3, Williamstown, NJ 08094, call us at 856-262-1222, or email us at oasisanimalsanct@yahoo.com. This way you won't miss Oasis updates. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER WITH OASIS!

If you would like information about becoming an Oasis volunteer, please drop us a line at oasisanimalsanct@yahoo.com or call **856.262.1222**

TD BANK OFFERS A UNIQUE CORPORATE GIVING PROGRAM

Oasis Animal Sanctuary has teamed up with TD Bank for a unique fundraiser. The bank's AFFINITY PROGRAM helps raise money for non-profit organizations.

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HOME 4 THE HOLIDAYS: A NATIONAL SUCCESS

Oasis participated in the 10th annual "lams Home 4 The Holidays" event. This endeavor is the brilliant creation of Michael Arms of the Helen Woodward Animal Center in California, which partnered with more than 3,500 shelters around the world, actress Felicity Huffman, and the lams Company to encourage prospective pet parents nationwide to adopt a shelter animal rather than purchase one for the holidays.

This year's adoption drive took place from October 1st through January 4th, and the goal was to complete 1,000,000 pet adoptions in that time period. Oasis found homes for 16 of its critters during that timeframe, which helped propel the national event to its highest adoption rate ever – 1,202,751 animals!

Over the last ten years, the lams Home 4 The Holidays event has helped 3,278,267 orphaned pets find new loving homes. Thank you to Michael Arms, for this revolutionary idea, and thank you to The lams Company, for the great support and sponsorship of this event.

Finally, a great big thank you to **Donna Civatte**, for all of her efforts in making our **Adopt-A-Thon** event a success!

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HOLIDAY MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS

Our fall fundraiser helped ten lucky people with holiday bills while raising approximately **\$3,788** for the animals in our care. Mr. Mike Gabbianelli, the mayor of Williamstown, NJ, pulled the winning raffle tickets on November 21. The winners were:

- 1st prize: Lorraine Fay,**
Merchantville, NJ; \$757.50
2nd prize: Flora Hoelderle,
Monroeville, NJ \$606.00
3rd prize: Joan Kramer,
Gloucester City, NJ; \$530.25
4th prize: Harriet Doolittle,
Pine Hill, NJ; \$454.50
5th prize: Liz Abuschinow,
Barrington, NJ; \$378.75
6th prize: Carol & Kevin Long,
Newfield, NJ; 340.87
7th prize: Gregory Sclafari,
Jackson, NJ; \$265.13
8th prize: Wendy Burke,
Logan Township, NJ \$227.25
9th prize: Delores Beecroft,
Thorofare, NJ \$151.50
10th prize: Maria Ferrato,
Philadelphia, PA \$75.75

Congratulations to each of you and **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, March 14 – Come Wine with Us! A wine tasting event is being held at the Sharrott Winery, 370 S. Egg Harbor Road, Winslow, NJ from 6 to 9 p.m. Fabulous wines and finger food will be served for all palettes. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please call Oasis to reserve your spot.

Thursday, June 4 – Celebrate our 8th birthday at the annual Animal Lover's Dinner & Silent Auction from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Winslow Villa Manor, 55 Hall Street in Winslow, NJ. Tickets are \$35 per person for a hot buffet dinner, a room full of desserts, beer, and wine. Bid on items in the Silent Auction, and this year we'll be offering a Bucket Auction to boot! (You will receive \$5 of bucket Auction tickets at the door; additional tickets may be purchased during the auction.) Play Bingo for prizes! Reserve your tickets in advance by calling 856-262-1222.

We're putting together an "Ad" Book for the silent auction.

If you would like to place an ad in the program, please call the office and request a form. Proceeds from the program will be split between our Sterilization Assistance Program and our Building Fund.

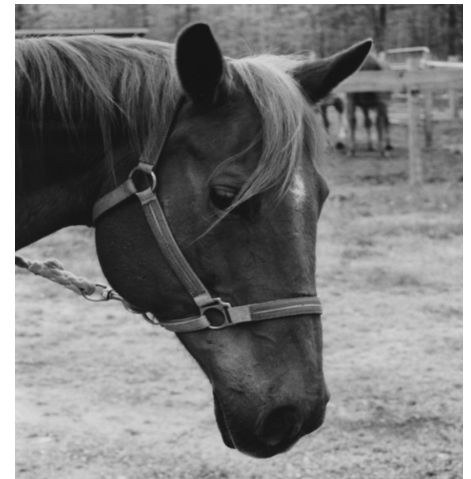
JUST SAY WHOA!

While the general public is relatively aware of the magnitude of cat and dog overpopulation, fewer people know about the horrific plight of excess horses in New Jersey (as well as the rest of the country). Like elsewhere in the country, the economic conditions in New Jersey have deteriorated drastically. The state's Labor Department reports that in December 2008 the unemployment rate was 7.1%, the highest in 15 years. The Wall Street Journal, on October 8, 2008, stated "New Jersey tops the list when it comes to the state with the highest property tax." Furthermore, farmland and open space continue to be gobbled up by development. Since horses are costly to keep, these factors have had an enormously negative impact on these magnificent creatures. They are being cruelly abandoned: left in enclosed paddocks with little to NO food and water, dumped in parks, brought to auction houses and abandoned there, or sold for slaughter. This is a sad fate for an animal that provided income, pleasure, or labor to his caregiver.

While still unacceptably high, New Jersey's euthanasia rate for cats and dogs in shelters is, thankfully, on the decline. This is a direct result of (1) low-cost spay and neuter programs offered by governmental agencies and private animal welfare groups; and (2) a public that's more educated on the plight of homeless companion animals. Before you decide to breed your mare or keep your stallion "active," please read up on the realities of the horse industry on any of these reputable websites: The Humane Society of the United States, the Unwanted Horse

Coalitions, and the American Horse Council. These organizations' missions are to reduce the number of unwanted horses and to improve their welfare through education in responsible care (and disposition) of these animals. A heartfelt plea to horse owners – before you decide to breed your animal, learn about the unwanted horse epidemic. Killing these splendid, sentient creatures for population control is simply not the answer. Think before you breed.

ADORABLE ADOPTABLES



DD IMPRESSIVE is a 19 year-old REGISTERED QUARTERHORSE mare and is in excellent health. She is from the Impressive line, but is negative for HYPP. We are surprised she is still available for adoption because she is so well trained. She has a sweet disposition (not dominant) and loves attention from both other horses and people. When last ridden she was very excited to have a job again and seemed happy. Whether trail riding, western riding, or maybe even some dressage, DD deserves someone to dote on her and give her a job she can enjoy.

2008 IN NUMBERS

- 73** animals surrendered
- 52** adoptions completed
- 353** total animals surrendered
- 681** animals spayed/ neutered
- 3,183** animals spayed/neutered since the program began

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CODY is an 11 year-old chestnut quarterhorse gelding trained in western riding. He has experience in team penning and LOVES the sport. Cody was rescued a few weeks ago because his caregiver could no longer afford to feed him, and it shows. He is sound, and after getting a bit more weight on him he will be ready for adoption. Cody is a very sweet animal, and stands quietly for the blacksmith, the vet, and to be de-wormed. With good food, hay, and a nice warm blanket, Cody is getting a sparkle in his eyes and a better energy level, too.



CREAMIE is the thoroughbred peering over the Paint horse ("Quincy"). Her registered name is "Cream the Cat." She has come a long way from when she and Quincy were rescued from a farm where they were trapped in a small pen up to their knees in manure, with very little food and water. After Oasis rescued them, their former home burned down so both are lucky to be alive. Creamie is 20 years old, and is good for the vet, the blacksmith and the dentist. She has gained weight and is rebuilding muscle. She is very gentle and loves to be around kind people. Grooming sends her into horse heaven! She would make a wonderful companion horse, and she may be up to some very light riding. (Quincy has already been adopted.)



PAIGE is a young adult female who was dumped at a NJ farm, along with two other cats – all stuffed into a Rubbermaid container and sealed shut with duct tape! Because it was raining that day the animals were soaked and scared due to water coming through the "breathing holes". She is a beautifully marked calico, friendly with people, and would probably do best as an only cat.

How SWEET IT Is!

In the summer 2007 issue, Oasis reported that at the Dinner and Silent Auction, a female boxer named Carmen found a new forever home. We wanted to share an update on her from her new mom, Carol, who reports that she is the best thing that has happened to her and her other boxer! When Carmen turned five years old, Carol threw her a party. Below is a picture of Carmen and a friend waiting for the next fun activity to begin!



Carmen the Boxer celebrates her birthday in her Tuckerton, NJ home with her friend Nikita. Hey, how about more doggie treats?

WHERE IS OASIS

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Amish Market
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10 - 3 p.m. - Visit the adoption showcase the first Saturday of every month.

PETCO

1730 Clements Bridge Road
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856.384.9609

12 - 4 p.m. - Visit the adoption showcase the third Saturday of every month.

WXTU

Tune in to 92.5 FM on every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. president, Pam Brighton presents an adoption segment.

WISH LIST

- **Items for our Silent Auction**
- **Property leads** – at least 20 acres (no Pinelands or preserved lands - Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland counties)
- **Good quality hay or hay cubes**
- **Manna Pro horse feed**
- **"Garlic & Rose Hips"** for horses (fly control) from Herbs of the World
- **Horse blanket size 99** (draft horse size)
- **Ivermectin horse de-wormer**
- **Good quality cat food**
- **Non-clumping cat litter**
- **Pennzoil 30 weight oil** for the van
- **Marketing expert** (call for details)

"If I want my dreams to come true, I mustn't oversleep."



Please Help the Animals!

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