

A quarterly newsletter for Volunteers, Friends & Supporters of The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.

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## SAPPHIRE SURVIVES HURRICANE IRENE

Oasis received a call just after Hurricane Irene blew through New Jersey with its incredible winds, tornadoes, and heavy rain. A tiny kitten somehow survived the tempest, alone, and was found under a porch in Williamstown. She was brought to Oasis yowling from fear and hunger. Too young for kitten food, the baby was bottle fed special kitten formula around the clock by her foster family. They named her “**Sapphire**” for her incredibly beautiful blue eyes.



**Sapphire in the sink**

Sapphire went to the vet the next day and weighed in at a whopping 10 ounces! The techs, who estimated her age at just three weeks, were amazed that this tiny creature survived the horrible storm. However, this was just an example of this little feline’s determination to live. As she gained her strength and began to grow, she was introduced to adult cats and a large dog. This feisty baby held her ground as they all learned to play with this adorable little spitfire. In a very short time all the animals enjoyed each other’s company.

The ending to this story is the wonderful beginning of a new life full of love and contentment for Sapphire. She was adopted by a local family who dote on her every need. From the chaos of Irene to the happy ending of a loving family, Sapphire is the flesh and blood embodiment of the incredible power of the will to live.

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## GREETINGS FROM THE BACK OFFICE!

It is with so much pride that I say how happy I am to be a part of the Oasis team. As the “back office” person, I don’t get to regularly interact with all the animals on a daily basis; instead I provide the bulk of the bookkeeping, accounting, tax, grant writing and written communication work to keep the Company going. However, I am kept abreast of the many ways in which Oasis not only helps the unfortunate animals in the area, I feel deeply privileged to know that we positively affect the human community also.

For example, in this newsletter you will read about how Oasis was selected by the Timber Creek High School’s Job Transition Program to help teenagers prepare for the adult working

world. We have a number of other students that volunteer their time for “community service hours” for their honors courses. Oasis volunteers willingly take our animals and provide educational seminars to children on caring for pets. We assist local lower income families keep their pets by providing low cost spay and neuter service, as well as offering excess pet food to those caregivers who are in dire circumstances of losing their pets to a financial crisis. I could go on and on!

We are not a big company; Oasis is two employees and a network of truly dedicated, solid volunteers who work together as an intricate team. We continue to grow steadily, in both the

numbers of animals saved as well as in the wisdom of dealing with the raw emotional atmosphere of the animal welfare arena. We are so thankful for the financial and supportive blessings we have received from all of our donors throughout the year, which allow us to continue this humane endeavor. I personally am deeply humbled and honored by your generosity.

**A very happy holiday wish from all of us at Oasis!** May peace and comfort be with you all throughout the Holiday season and the New Year.

Sincerely,

*Phyllis Van De Weghe*  
 Vice President & CFO

## WELCOME DR. NEWELL

**Our Company Board of Trustees has expanded!** The Oasis Animal Sanctuary is happy to announce the addition of **Dr. Heidi Newell** to the Board earlier this past summer. Dr. Newell earned her B.A. in Sociology (Criminal Justice) from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania in 1991. Her M.S. in Applied Psychology (Industrial/Organizational) was completed in 1993 at Clemson University. She earned her doctorate in Educational Leadership (Higher Education Administration) from the University of North Dakota in 1997. She is a certified focus group leader. Since 1998, Heidi has served as the Assessment Coordinator for the College of Engineering at Rowan University. She joined The Oasis Animal Sanctuary in March of 2010 as a volunteer and became a foster parent for a litter of five kittens in July of that year.

Among other initiatives, Heidi plans to head up Education programs and coordinate special projects for groups looking to volunteer, such as 4-H, BoyScouts, Girl Scouts, and others. Her work will be invaluable as we plan for the future of Oasis.

## 2011 IN NUMBERS

### Animals Surrendered Through 11/15/11

18 cats, 6 dogs, 1 bird, 1 ferret, 1 horse, 1 mini-horse & 1 turtle. Additionally Oasis helped a family find another home for their 3 pigs!

### Animals Placed/Adopted:

14; 1 returned to its original caregiver

Grand total of all animals surrendered to Oasis: 454

# participants in the Sterilization Assistance Program: 409

Grand total of all animals sterilized thru the Sterilization Assistance Program: 4,545

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## OASIS ANIMALS HELP THE COMMUNITY

Oasis is pleased and honored to have been chosen to assist **Timber Creek High School's Job Transition Program**. This endeavor provides a variety of job experiences to help the students make possible career choices for their future. The students come to the farm where we have our horses boarded, along with other Oasis animals that are being fostered. The students help with animal husbandry and provide lots of love to all the critters there. While doing their chores, the students have a firsthand glimpse at medical treatments for our horses and also learn about animal behavior.

**Jess**, one of the students, is excited every morning thinking about going to the farm where she loves to pet and groom the animals, and she would actually like to continue working with horses. She loves the fresh air and sunshine (not the rain so much) and thinks it is an awesome experience.

**Ashley**, another participant, would love to continue working with horses and dogs; she really enjoys being at the farm. She tells her family and friends how happy she is being around the animals. Ashley enjoys spending time with Cain, an older greyhound pit bull cross, and likes to take him for walks. (Cain thinks Ashley is pretty special, too!)

**Michael** prefers clerical work and volunteers his time helping prepare the envelopes that are used in the stuffing process for the newsletter mailings. Because of his (and others' efforts), Oasis saves well over \$600 in processing fees for every major mailing we send out.

Oasis wants to thank all of the students for their dedication and hard work to help the animals. Animal welfare is not just about people helping animals, it is also about animals helping people.

## Is TD BANK YOUR BANK?

If it is, please let them know you want TD Bank to support The Oasis Animal Sanctuary through their "Affinity" Corporate giving program!

TD Bank, via their Affinity Program, annually donates a certain percentage of **THEIR CORPORATE PROFITS** to charitable organizations based on the number of their customers that select a particular charity, and their monthly account balances. **Last year TD Bank donated over \$3,000 to Oasis through this program.** Please join the Affinity Program today to let TD Bank continue to support The Oasis Animal Sanctuary.

There is **NO COST** to you, as all donations come strictly from the Bank's annual net income. **Please call Nikkia Warlow at the Williamstown, NJ branch of TD Bank at 856-728-1700 and sign up today.** It takes less than 5 minutes to sign up! **Thank you!**

## WE WENT HOME!

Oasis is pleased to announce these recent adoptions:

**Maks** – this energized dog found his match with a man who loves to run.

**Sam** – the Rottweiler that was chained to someone's fence in Williamstown not only has a new family, but a new girlfriend as well. The family had a female Rottie that needed a friend. The two hit it off immediately and have been happy ever since.

**Mimosa** – one of the three gray kittens went to a nice home in Virginia.

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## ADORABLE ADOPTABLES

Our Adoption Program offers animals that are vetted, up to date on age-appropriate shots, socialized, de-wormed, and sterilized. Adopt two animals, and receive a 20% discount off the already reasonable adoption fees.



**Bismark smiles for the camera**

**Bismark** is an INCREDIBLY affectionate young adult male cat. His buff and white semi-long hair coat is just beautiful, and it complements his sweet gentle nature. His favorite thing to do is cuddle, and he will literally jump into your arms to snuggle and caress your face. A little over a year old, Bismark is highly socialized with cats and dogs, and really wants to be part of a loving family.



**Missy Moo!**

Found alone in a mechanic's garage at about 4 weeks old, tiny **Missy Moo** was critically ill. She was brought back to health by exceptional medical care from a family who tried to assimilate her into their 1 cat home. Missy had difficulty socializing with their cat. She was placed in a foster home where she overcame her fear of animals and made remarkable strides in learning to get along. Now living with two large cats and a Golden Retriever, Missy waits for her forever home as a happy, playful, silly kitten..

**MaiTai** (male) and Margarita (female) are two beautiful gray kittens who have been socialized with other cats and dogs. They are about 6 months old and ready for their new homes. While they can be adopted separately, the two cats have bonded and would prefer to go home together.



**Mai Tai**

## INTERESTING ANIMAL FACTS

### Smoking Kills Cats and Dogs

Secondhand smoke causes at least two fatal cancers in cats: lymphoma and oral carcinoma. Housecats get a double dose of toxins by breathing cigarette smoke in the air and by licking the residue off their fur when grooming. Dogs with long noses may develop cancerous nasal tumors from living with a smoker — and short-nosed breeds are more prone to lung cancer.

**Go to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and input the zip code "08081" to see all of our adoptables.**

**We're also on Facebook!  
Connect with us!**

### Dear Friends and Supporters:

With the economy still in a slow recovery mode, so many companion animals are still victims of the downturn: left in abandoned homes and barns, dumped alone in wooded areas, and worse. Oasis continues to find ways to stretch every donated dollar in order to help as many animals as possible. The little faces that can stare right through to our souls let us know how deeply they appreciate our help. We hope that you too can appreciate what is being accomplished and continue to support us as best you can during these trying times. An easy way to do this is to participate in our Pledge Program for 2012.

Oasis is a shared dream of many people. As you reflect on your own personal finances, kindly consider the situation of so many homeless critters in our area. Then complete the pledge form and return it in the enclosed self-addressed envelope. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Pamela C. Brighton  
President & CEO

Please cut along dotted line and submit before January 1, 2012

The Oasis Animal Sanctuary Inc. 2012 Pledge Form:  
(Minimum pledge of \$5 for credit cards, please.)

Monthly Pledge:

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month from January 1 through December 31, 2012.

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## WISHLIST

- Pine shavings for horse bedding
- Canned / dry cat food, non-clumping litter
- Canned – dry dog food
- Gift cards to Petco, Wa-Wa, Shop Rite or Staples
- Postage stamps
- Ivermectin horse de-wormer tubes
- Gift cards for Horse N' Around Tack Shop (Sewell, NJ) or KC Tack Shop (Bridgeton, NJ)
- Office supplies - #10 envelopes, glue sticks, printer paper
- Empty ink cartridges from your home printer

*Right is a letter from the president of the South Jersey Region AACA. This is a wonderful, creative example of a way to help the animals at Oasis.*

## AND THE WINNERS ARE:

Our 2011 Holiday Money Raffle fundraiser helped ten lucky people with holiday bills while raising approximately \$2,883 for the animals in our care. **Williamstown's Mayor Mike Gabbianelli** pulled the winning raffle tickets on November 18th.

### The winners were:

#### 1st prize:

Joan Ford; Swedesboro, NJ \$576.50

#### 2nd prize:

George Ciccarelli; Aldan, PA \$461.20

#### 3rd prize:

Johnnie Muller-Denston; Millville, NJ \$403.55

#### 4th prize:

Mori Kiger; Woodstown, NJ \$345.90

#### 5th prize:

Irene Krause; Columbus, NJ \$288.25

#### 6th prize:

Louise Garrison; Vineland, NJ \$259.43

#### 7th prize:

Joanne Hoover; Williamstown, NJ \$201.77

#### 8th prize:

Marie Piccone; Vineland, NJ \$172.95

#### 9th prize:

Tamara Ballier; Clayton, NJ \$115.30

#### 10th prize:

Linda Otero; West Deptford, NJ \$57.65

**Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated!**

## APPRECIATION LETTER

August 23, 2011

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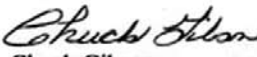
Dear Animal Lovers:

On August 18, 2010 we held a gathering in the back yard of our home for the members of our antique car club, the South Jersey Region, Antique Automobile Club of America. As evening was approaching, some people said they heard a cat crying. We all looked and couldn't find a cat. Eventually a small kitten was discovered sitting on top of the right rear tire of a 1941 Chevrolet belonging to one of our members. The kitten was scared and hungry and finally one lady reached in and picked him up. We placed him in a cage in our garage for a few days until he had a visit with the vet and shortly thereafter he moved into the house with our other cats. Since we found him on an old Chevy, we appropriately named him "Chevy!"

So, on the first anniversary of finding "Chevy" this year, we held a party in his honor and decorated for a birthday party serving hot dogs, cake and soda. Chevy received several cat toy gifts but most importantly we thought it would be a great way to raise some much needed funds for one of our area humane societies.

Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of \$100.00 as a donation from the membership of the South Jersey Region AACA. Included also is a picture of Chevy!

Very truly yours,



Chuck Gibson,  
President



Chevy

## SAVE THE DATE!

On **Saturday, January 28, 2012**, Oasis will be hosting another wine tasting party at **Sharrott Winery, 370 S. Egg Harbor Road, in Winslow NJ**. This 35 acre vineyard offers many wonderful, award winning wines made under environmentally friendly standards. Soft live music lends to an inviting, warm atmosphere. **Come join us from 6 – 9 PM as we celebrate the coming of Valentine's Day**. Admission is \$20 per person and includes the **wine tasting, good company, and a smorgasbord of nibbles**. A cash bar is available after the wine tasting for additional enjoyment.

## Please Help the Animals!

Send your tax deductible donation to:

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