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## TRICKY TRAY TICKETS—ON SALE NOW!! FRIDAY, MAY 1

Before you know it, winter will be winding down and that means it's time for our 11th ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK TRICKY TRAY benefitting the Friends of the Shelter of Clifton! As many of you who faithfully attend this successful tradition know, our tickets sell out each year, so please gather your friends and book your table early!

Prizes are pouring in and they are items you will want to bid on — watch our website to see prizes as they arrive! **We are always grateful for donations of new unopened items and gift certificates to just about anywhere.** In addition to great food and a quality tricky tray, **we will also hold a 50/50 raffle during the evening so there are many ways to be a winner on May 1!**

There are three ways to purchase your tickets: You can stop in the shelter during open hours, mail us a check, or get your tickets online on our website [www.cliftonanimalshelter.com](http://www.cliftonanimalshelter.com)!

Like last year, **we will include one value pack with each admission.** Every ticket includes dinner, drinks AND a Value Pack, so each admission is \$60 per person. If you book a table of 8, the cost is only \$55 per person or 8 for \$440.

**You can purchase additional Value Packs in advance at a discounted cost** of \$25 each pack or for \$30 the night of the event. The Value Pack includes: one sheet of small prize tickets, 10 medium prize tickets, 7 large prize tickets, and 3 extra large prize tickets.

Our Beefsteak/Tricky Tray details are featured on page 2 of this newsletter— **please feel free to post up at work or share with your family and friends,** it promises to be a lot of fun! And if beefsteak isn't your thing, no worries — we offer a pasta or chicken alternative if ordered in advance. Join us and support the homeless animals of our area while having a great time!

This is our major annual fundraiser—it produces the bulk of the money we require each year to care for the animals. We are so fortunate to enjoy wonderful attendance and we hope this year is no exception. **We hope that our community will once again come together to support homeless pets.**

Hope to see you there!

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015  
THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 7pm  
TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

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**FRIENDS OF THE SHELTER**  
**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**BEEFSTEAK DINNER BENEFIT**  
**TRICKY TRAY & 50/50 RAFFLE**

***Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 @ 7:00 pm***



**Boys & Girls Club of Clifton**  
**181 Colfax Avenue**  
**Clifton, NJ 07013**



**ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY – TICKETS ARE LIMITED**

**Tickets: \$60 per person**  
**GROUP DISCOUNT - Table of 8 @ \$55 per person**  
**\*\*SPECIAL BONUS\*\***  
**(ALL TICKETS INCLUDE "FREE" VALUE PACK)**

***"PREPAID" TRICKY TRAY VALUE PACKS***  
***\$25 each prior to event (\$30 on May 1<sup>st</sup>)***

**VALUE PACK includes: 1 sheet of SMALL prize tickets, 10 MEDIUM tickets,  
 7 LARGE tickets & 3 X-LARGE tickets (combined ticket value = \$40)**

**To Purchase Tickets/Value Packs:**

**Stop by the Shelter (in the Municipal Complex, behind City Hall)**  
**Mon. - Fri. 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm or Sun. 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm**  
 OR  
**Mail your check, payable to "Friends of the Shelter" to:**  
**Friends of the Shelter - Beefsteak Dinner, PO Box 4923 Clifton, NJ 07015**  
**(Please be sure to include number of tickets and a return mailing address)**  
 OR  
**Buy your tickets online: [www.cliftonanimalshelter.com](http://www.cliftonanimalshelter.com)**

*For more information, call (973) 470-5936, visit the website or E-mail: [cliftoncats1@gmail.com](mailto:cliftoncats1@gmail.com)*



**Menu (catered by Nightingale Catering) includes: Sliced Filet Mignon  
 on French Bread, Salad, Fries, Ice Cream, Soda, Coffee, Tea and Beer**  
**(Chicken/Pasta available – MUST BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE)**



## HOLIDAY TREE of LOVE

These beloved animals were remembered over the holidays last year...

Nuby, Black Jack & Valentine Ackley  
 Zack, Romeo, Max, Scooter & Mac Ackley-Raps  
 Cassady, Chelsea, Question Mark, Zoe, Curious  
 George, Bella, Tiger Lily, Iddles, Lulu  
 & Dante Altman  
 Ebony & Inky Angle  
 Mylo Dante Arnone  
 Felix Bekas  
 Cleo Binaso  
 Mitsy, Chloe, Penny & Baxter Bionci  
 Cookie & Muppet Bonfante  
 Nick Brienza  
 Suzie, Sophie, Lily & Summer Brown  
 Sunshine & Jade Cabral  
 Patty Campbell  
 Rigel, Smudge, Flash, Tex, Sweetie & Kit Campo  
 Phoebe & Tabitha Cangialosi  
 Tammy Carafello  
 Shadow & Chanterelle Caron  
 Dino Carrion  
 Bubba & Suzie Casale  
 Mott, Mugsy, Hoop, Harley & Hank Casamenti  
 Puddin Chambers  
 Taffy, Sabrina & Lacey Chiarella  
 Kelly, Lily & Miss Molly Chipura  
 Joseph Chobar  
 Miss Kitty Christy  
 Sean, Brett & Casey Connor  
 Leo, Sophie Lee & Tody Cristaldi  
 Big Daddy, Tweety, Godzookie, Tinker Belle  
 & Penny De Luca  
 Tabithia DeVries  
 Mama, Precious, Smoki, Baby & Trouble DiStefano  
 Chopper, Morris & Buddy Doyle  
 Belle & Scruffy Dymek  
 Maggie, Lucy, Ozzy, Chloe & Marley Federle  
 Sparkey, Harley, Gracie, Satori & Taffy Federle  
 Sundance, Butch, Tex & Spanky Fisher  
 Sedona, Cody, Sophie, Casey, Casper & Cash Friess  
 Kiwi, Pippa & Cocoa Bean Frim  
 Tuck, Teddy & Tony Gallo  
 Mikey, Penny, Abbie, Gabby & Kimmy Gelman  
 Shelter pets on behalf of the Gevas Family  
 Shamrock and Susie Gibba  
 Charlie Gorbaty  
 Rawley Gorbaty  
 Barley & Dee Grass  
 Willie, Nelson & Rascal Greco  
 Moose, Simon, Boots, Belmont & Mittens Gruno  
 Portia & Valentino on behalf of Linda Gruno  
 Shana Lee & Maggie Lee Hilsinger  
 Corki Huber  
 Bandit, Perry, Baby & Salem T. Hughes  
 Onyx & Shadow Janusz

Candy Jentz  
 Homer, Mr. Dinkins & Rusty Kaminski  
 Rebecca & Ari Kanter  
 Keshmesh & Mittsie King  
 Tabby, Marby, Shane & Bella Kircher  
 Peanuts & Teddy Kommer  
 Jeter Kondel  
 Lilly Belle Koske  
 Fiona Krajkovska  
 Emma Laura  
 Shelter pets on behalf of June Lewis  
 Lana, Happy, Fritz & Floyd Lohnes  
 Princess & Tora Lomuscio  
 Daisy Maino  
 Jimmy Marotta  
 Precious, Muffin & Tammie Marren  
 Miss Kitty Matulewicz  
 Lady, Elvis, Max, Bella & Oliver McNamara  
 Major McQueen  
 Midnite, Nikki, Princess, Kelly & Pappy McShane  
 BooBoo, Murphy & Kelly Meneghin  
 Molly, Cody & Chauncy Mihalik  
 Lucky Murolo  
 The Murphy Kitties  
 Dayton Myers  
 Pepper, Kitty II, Samantha, Donna & Andy Narish  
 Casey & Bubba Nikovits  
 Peanut Ozimek  
 Molly Pappas  
 Pepper, Josephson, Trouble & Romeo Pinchak  
 Calico, Princess, Target, Montague & Mooch Pirozzi  
 Spotty Plokhooy  
 Rascal, Gypsy, Mischief & Squeeks Popek  
 Princess Carpinelli & Queenie Carpinelli Popowich  
 Gypsy, Cujo, Casey, Brandy & Snoopy Porretta  
 Venus Prasisto  
 Rocky and Coco Price  
 Star, Darla, Munchkin, Trinkin & Toby Rastaetter  
 Petunia, Salem & Savannah Regetz  
 Ninky & Timmy Reonieri  
 Brandy Reuther  
 Spike, Prissy, Bonnie & Star Roback  
 Starbucks, Dunkin & SaraLee Romaniello  
 Adam Sisco & Lady Sisco Rusnak  
 Leo Russo  
 Maggie, Penny, Annie, Gigi & Toby Sadowski  
 Mitzi & Sandy Sarkozi  
 Finn, Tigger & Chopper Seasock  
 Mittens & Beau Sgambat  
 The Sinatra Kitties  
 Molly, Teri, Lila, Coco & Harlem Sinisi  
 Leo Skealan  
 Smokey, Dukie, Tawny, Missy, Keiko, Tiffany, Suko  
 & Vivi Smolensky

### 2014 Holiday Tree of Love

Scootie & Jax Steup  
 Squeaky Talamini  
 Gianna Tesoroni  
 Rita Thorn  
 Lieutenant Wiley Trinkle-Baran  
 Tommy Ferlise, Crystal & Black Turba  
 Scamper, Cooper, Barbara & Fred Tyma  
 Sara Usuriello  
 Topsy, Velvet, Cleo & Panera VanDuyn  
 Sox, Ashes, Amberly, Cali & Ditto Wasnesky  
 Shelter pets on behalf of Terri Waxman  
 Snickers, Twix and Ranger Weihenig  
 Coconut, DC, Traxie, Moushe, Katie & Kiddo Weber  
 BB, Sammy, Cosmo, Belle, Brutus, Lucy, Mookie, Mojo,  
 Byron & Max Wilson  
 Lucky Woehrl  
 Romeo & Julie Zangara  
 Specky Zastawny  
 Beau, Andie & Harley Zisa



Evelyn,  
 Petey is doing well in his new home! He seems very happy and we renamed him "UNO" - Thanks for everything!  
 -Aaron

PETEY

Gabby is an amazing little girl. We changed her name to Autumn. She has definitely helped me smile again. I also love watching the baby with her. I placed her in his crib and he just babbled to her and pet her. She fell asleep! It's so great. Thank you again for everything. What a match made in heaven.  
 Love, Jackie



Nala

### PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS

People for Animals is a low cost spay/neuter clinic for dogs and cats. Located in Hillside, NJ this clinic is well known for affordable surgery, vaccines, microchipping and FELV/FIV tests. Fixing cats & dogs runs between \$75-\$140!

See More At:

[pfaonline.org/spay-neuter/services-fees](http://pfaonline.org/spay-neuter/services-fees)



Call for an appt:

973-282-0890

[pfaonline.org](http://pfaonline.org)

401 Hillside Avenue  
Hillside, NJ 07205



YES! I would like to help combat the pet overpopulation problem. Below is my contribution towards spaying/neutering an animal:

DOG \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CAT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your contribution payable to:  
**The Friends of the Shelter** and mail it to  
 P.O. Box 4923, Clifton, N.J. 07015

# BAKE SALE

## Sat. APRIL 4

### 10:00AM-2:00PM

Please feel free to bake and/or buy - calling all animal lovers who want to support our cause! Please visit the day before Easter and buy dessert for Sunday! Those of you who bake, please make something for us to sell and drop it off the morning of the bake sale or the night before between 6pm-8pm. Always a Yummy Selection! See you there!

## Happy Tales...Notes and Letters



Just wanted to thank you again for everything. Whiskey is doing great and adjusting well. He has been great with people and other dogs. Super friendly and obedient. A great companion and just a joy to have around the house. A few days ago I had him out on a hike and he stopped on the trail and turned around and started hugging and kissing me out of nowhere...as if it was the best time of his life. Just wanted to let you know that he's doing great and has a good home here! Thanks!  
Steve

**BOYD / WHISKEY**

Hi Liz,  
The kittens are doing great! They are enjoying their new home and have adjusted very quickly. They enjoy chasing and tackling each other around the house.  
-Kenny & Melissa



**LEWIS & CLARK**

### Parker Found a Home for the Holidays

Just emailing to let you know that Parker (we actually named him Hemingway on the drive home), has arrived home with absolutely no problems at all. He didn't cry or get restless on the car ride. Thank you for all of your help in this process. **We couldn't have had a better experience with Friends of the Shelter.** We're definitely in love!



**PARKER**

Hello my friends at the Clifton Shelter,

I would once again like to tell you that my friend, Tater (your Buddy) and I are very happy together.

I could never have imagined the bond he would have formed with his little (older) sister, Brookie, or his little brothers the cats, Twink and Flip. They all are very sweet together, we even find the cats sleeping with him now and again!

I just wanted to let you know that we are very happy together and are grateful to you folks for allowing him to come home with us. **Thanks again for doing what you do!**--Beth Stout

Mimi is doing amazing. She is officially Queen of the Castle (and she knows it, too). If she is awake at 4:00AM and wants to play, she does everything in her power to wake us up as well! She is much more friendly around strangers as well. Truthfully, the only thing that scares her now is Andrew's puffy winter coat. We are not sure why, but whenever he is wearing it she goes running for cover...hahahah! We are so happy we adopted her and only wish we came sooner!

Sincerely,  
Marie Worsham



**MIMI**

This is to give you the recognition of how you take so much care of the animals in the shelter. We have had ALL our cats from the shelter since we bought our home in Clifton. You spent a lot of time with us when we finally knew that PATTY was the cat for us. She is so lovable and spends a lot of time with me including BEDTIME. Wishing you all the best,  
Thank You—Alice Campbell

## ~HAPPILY EVER AFTER~

Hi Liz!

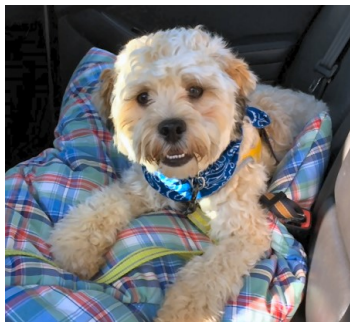
Just wanted to let you know that Tara & Scarlett, now Holly & Stella, are doing amazing! They adjusted very quickly to my apartment and love to jump right on top of anyone that comes over. Thank you again for their adoption. - Jim Sabino



Dear Ev,

Rue has grown to from under 5 pounds to a whole 10 pounds!! She is such a sweet, playful and fun pup and absolutely adores to play fetch. Only slightly lower on her list of favorites is playing with other dogs (big and small!) and anyone who will stop to say hello/offer a pat. Fortunately for Rue, that's pretty much everyone and we are stopped all the time by people who want to say hello and/or take a picture! We are so happy to have her in our lives and to have found her through your shelter! -Brian and Olivia

# WALTER



Hi Evelyn!

**Things are going really well with Walter and he has made such a happy addition to our family. Went through puppy training with Beth Bradley and he has really picked up all the commands! He loves the dog park and to play in the leaves this autumn! He is also a master snuggler...but only after plenty of play!**  
- Marne & Dave O'Brien

Brooke is a SWEETHEART! She purrs constantly. I have become her personal couch. She loves to jump in my lap, walk up my body and sit on my shoulder when I am at the computer. We cannot believe our housemate has been with us for less than 2 weeks. After all the sadness we experienced at the end of 2014 with the loss of Katie, we now believe Brooke acted up at the shelter with other potential adopting servants because she was waiting for us. We cannot thank you and Laurie enough! She has brought us pure joy! Best Regards, Ken & Karen

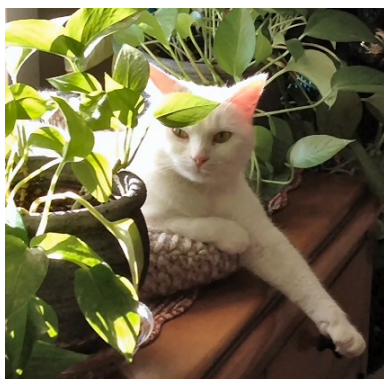


# BROOKE

Dear Liz,

Wanted to give you an update on Holly. She is doing great. Very playful, very sweet kitty. Always up for somebody playing with her. Our son is in LOVE with her.

Thank you!  
Michael, Robbie,  
Jack,  
and of course...Holly



# HOLLY

Evelyn, My daughter sent me the picture and I have to say that it brought tears to my eyes because I can see that he is living a much happier life—that is what we truly want for our pets. Sometimes things are blessings in disguise—perhaps my mom being allergic to him gave him the opportunity for us to seek you out and help him find a brother. Although it was painful to let him go, and I do miss him dearly, my heart has been eased with the fact that he as found happiness.

Thank you so very much  
for keeping in touch!  
Halina

# OREO (Chinchilla)



# From CHS with Love...Key Club Organizes Supply Drive for Shelter

When I participated in Animal Shelter Week last year as a member of Key Club, I knew close to nothing about the shelter, save for the fact that it housed animals. I liked cats, adored dogs, and felt pretty good about having played a role in the successful drive - but all of it had a rather impersonal feel to it. I didn't exactly have a reason to be passionate about the cause when I didn't even fully understand it, nor did I grasp how much of a help the donations would really be; I never asked myself exactly why I was participating, only that it was The Right Thing to do.

After unloading box after box of the record number of supplies that Clifton High School collected, our small group of Key Clubbers were invited to take a quick tour through the shelter. The volunteers who greeted us nearly skipped with gratitude as we peered into each cage, pairs of eyes glancing back at us with curiosity.

When I had scanned the list of needed supplies for the shelter, I pictured just that - supplies - without much of a thought to their application. Walking along what seemed like endless rows of cages while listening to the volunteers discuss their desperation for donations, the cause was suddenly put into perspective. If each animal needed only a single sheet of paper towel a day - a gross underestimation - the shelter would use approximately a roll a day, accumulating to \$60 of paper towels a month, or \$720 a year, for a single item. Taking into account that each animal needs its own food supply (it costs about

\$800 a year to feed a single dog), toiletries, bath towels, toys, etc., it became clear that the shelter's resources could barely keep up with necessity.

Our tour concluded at the front desk, where I noticed one of the volunteers gingerly handling a kitten. A woman had simply dumped the day old kittens on the shelter without their mother - an unfortunately common and tragic occurrence - and their chances of survival were nearly hopeless. Undeterred, the volunteer, who has been offering her services for years, continued to feed all six of the kittens, one by one, every two hours. She had her own job outside the shelter, and all the responsibilities of her family and home; yet regardless, she remained all night long, without sleep or any expectation of reward, continuing their feeding schedule and keeping them alive. I was absolutely taken aback by her dedication; if she could put in so much heart into a single task, Clifton could certainly repay her with at least a fraction of her passion.

I'm incredibly grateful that the district chose to support the shelter; it gives both our high school students and entire faculty a chance to make an incredible impact on an organization right in our own backyard. It makes service personal.

Marija Kamceva  
Key Club President,  
CHS



**What better way to celebrate life than to help those less fortunate? A \$5 donation purchases an egg on our SPRING HOLIDAY TREE with your animal's name on it that will be hung outside the shelter. The SPRING HOLIDAY TREE tradition is observed MARCH 15 - APRIL 24. All proceeds will benefit the homeless animals in our care. Celebrate the life of a beloved pet while helping other animals trying to find new homes! We will list participants in the next newsletter!**

## SPRING HOLIDAY TREE COUPON

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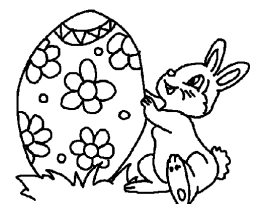
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF EGGS : \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMAL'S NAME (S) : \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Friends of the Shelter, Inc.**  
and mail To: **FOS, P.O. Box 4923, Clifton NJ 07015**



**\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\***

**SPRING HOLIDAY TREE**

March 15 –April 24, 2015

**EASTER BAKE SALE**

Saturday April 4, 2015  
10 am—2 pm

**11th Annual  
Beefsteak and Tricky Tray**

**MAY 1, 2015 7:00 PM**

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Spring Rabies Clinic  
Call the Health Dept.  
At 973.470.5758 for dates

**WISH LIST**

ITEMS IN **\*BOLD\*** NEEDED MOST :

- C9 Unscented Clay Cat Litter (non-clumping)
- \*SPECIAL KITTY Cat Litter (Walmart-red bag)**
- COMPLETE FORMULA Purina Cat & Kitten Chow**
- Friskies & Fancy Feast Canned Cat Food**
- Jars of Baby Food (chicken, turkey or beef)
- \*KMR Kitten Formula Powder**
- Small & Medium Plastic Litter Boxes

- PEDIGREE Dry Dog Food
- PUPPY CHOW Dry Food

- \*\*PEDIGREE GROUND Canned Dog Food\*\***
- Pouch Dog Food for Small Dogs (Little Champions)
- Nylabones & Kong Toys
- Leashes, Collars & **Harnesses (esp. small sizes)**

- Hand Sanitizer
- Liquid Anti-Bacterial Soap
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Sponges, Dish Towels
- Towels, Dog & Cat Beds



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