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## BAILEY ZUCK - PAYING IT FORWARD!

When Linda and Glenn Zuck came to the Shelter to tell us to expect a "large delivery", we never expected a three day procession of Fed Ex, UPS and regular mail trucks pulling up twice a day for three days in a row!

The Zucks lost their beloved Golden Retriever, Bailey, recently. Their son Glenn Jr., a runner, decided to enter a race in Philadelphia in honor of Bailey and asked friends and family to sponsor his effort , called "Run Fur Bailey", through "Go Fund Me".

The generosity of Bailey's friends and family came to almost \$1,500! The Zucks felt this was a wonderful way to honor their beloved pet and to give back to other animals in need at the Clifton Animal Shelter. The \$1,500 was applied directly to our Shelter Wish List on Amazon and you can see some of what we received in the pictures below.

Our Shelter is so grateful to have supporters like this; on a regular basis, we see children who tell their party guests to bring donations for the shelter in lieu of birthday presents. We see brides and grooms who donate to the shelter in lieu of party favors at their receptions. We have had animal lovers remember our efforts in their wills and estate, we are very fortunate.

These donors "Pay It Forward" — as does every supporter who brings items to the shelter — handmade hook rugs, clean towels, pet food, pine-sol, everything we use in our daily efforts to care for the animals until they can be placed in a forever home.

Thank you to Bailey Zuck and his family and to all of our supporters for your generosity and regular contributions.



No act of  
kindness,  
no matter  
how small,  
is ever  
wasted.



## 13th ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK & TRICKY TRAY DINNER — ALMOST SOLD OUT!

Our 13th Annual Beefsteak & Tricky Tray coming up on Friday, April 28 at the Boys & Girls Club, our biggest annual fundraiser of the year, is almost sold out !

If you attend regularly, you probably already have your tickets — if you don't, please call the shelter to see if there are any seats still available. In the event that tickets are not available, we will keep a waiting list on hand as we do each year in case there are any last minute cancellations. Our shelter number is 973-470-5936, please leave us a message and we will get back to you.

Tickets are \$65 each or if you book a table of eight people, each ticket then costs \$60 each. Each ticket purchased includes dinner, drinks (soda, water and domestic beer) and one "Value Pack" which includes an assortment of prize tickets for every category except Grand Prizes. You can see these details and much more on our website [www.cliftonanimalshelter.com](http://www.cliftonanimalshelter.com)

The Value Pack includes a sheet of small prize tickets, 10 Medium Tickets, 7 Large Tickets and 3 Extra Large Prize Tickets. If purchased individually the night of, these tickets would cost \$40 ; when purchased in advance, the cost is \$25 per pack and the night of, the cost is \$30. There is no limit as to how many Value Packs you can purchase in advance, but the deadline is Friday, April 21!

If you cannot attend, we are always grateful for donations of new/unopened items and gift certificates to just about anywhere. Every penny raised goes to help us make a difference in the lives of the animals that come through our doors everyday.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has purchased tickets and / or donated items to help make this event the annual success that it is — it is all thanks to you!



**SAT. APRIL 15  
BAKE SALE  
10 AM - 2 PM  
@ SENIOR BARN**



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 at the shelter the night before between 6 pm-8 pm OR the morning of. There is always a variety of yummy treats for everyone... hope to see you there!



**HOLIDAY TREE OF LOVE**

These beloved animals were remembered over the winter holidays...

Nuby I and Nuby II, BlackJack, & Valentine Ackley  
Lady, Missy, & Jack Alongi  
Murphy & Ginger Astore  
Rocco & Marlowe Belfi  
Misty, Chloe, Penny, & Baxter Bionci  
Alice & Juliet Bocchino  
Emma & Bella Bohinek  
Heidi Bohinek  
Cookie & Muppet Bonfante  
Spike, Buddy, & Ein Bordino  
Shadow, Kirby, George, & Florence Bove  
Riley & Sophie Bush  
Patty Campbell  
Rigel, Smudge, Flash, Tex, Blaze, Sweetie, & Kit Campo  
Tammy Carafello  
Cariani Kitties  
Princess & Queenie Carpinelli  
Chelsea & Valerie Caruso  
Mookie & Simba Casale  
Mott, Mugsy, Hank, Harley, & Hoop Casamenti  
Taffy, Sabrina, & Lacey Chiarella  
Alice, Ralph, Annie, & Kelly Ciccolella  
Sean, Brett, Casey, & Jack Connor  
Lola Coppola  
Coco & Loco DaCosta  
Mocha Daisley  
Leo Davide  
Crystal Day  
Princess Dec  
Big Daddy, Tweety, Godzookie, TinkerBelle, & Penny DeLuca  
Tabithia DeVries  
Buddy, Morris, & Chopper Doyle  
Belle & Scruffy Dymek  
Sami Elias  
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Punkin (Alan) Ferro  
Sundance, Getty, Skittles, Andy, & Patrick Fisher  
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Sedona, Cody, Casey, Sophie, Casper, Cash, & Shayla Friess  
Kiwi, Tia, Cocoa Bean, Brandi, & Pippa Frim  
Tuck, Teddy, & Tony Gallo  
Mikey, Penny, Abbie, Gabby, & Kimmy Gelman  
Gus, Diesel, Taz, Pebbles, Meatball, & Gypsy Giardelli

Shyla & Sparky Glennon  
Baby Glogiewicz  
Brownie Gonzalez  
Barci-Cat Goodrich  
Rawley Gorbaty  
Rascal, Willie, & Nelson Greco  
Moose, Simon, Boots, Belmont, & Mittens Gruno  
Megan Mary Henn  
Annie, Spike, Preston, & Halo Higdon  
Miles, Lilly, & Cindy Hochmuth  
Corki Huber  
Bandit, Baby, Perry, & Salem T. Hughes  
Onyx & Shadow Janusz  
Candy Jentz  
Pepper Josephson  
Midnight Beauty Juengling  
Homer, Mr. Dinkins, & Rusty Kaminski  
Lily Belle & Gigi Koske  
Penny & Midnight Krajewski  
Moo, Lilly, Pumpkin, Daisy, & Cleo Lefko  
Lana, Happy, Fritz, & Floyd Lohnes  
Tora & Princess Lomuscio  
Shannon, Myles, Owen, Chloe, & Maisy Mariano  
Jimmy Marotta  
Precious, Muffin, & Tammie Marren  
Miss Kitty Matulewicz  
Midnite, Nikki, Kelly, Princess, & Pappy McShane  
Buddy Meyers  
Lucky Murolo  
Duke, Oliver, Peanut, Stray Gray, Sweeney, Petey, & Angelina Murphy  
Pepper, Kitty II, Samantha, Donna, Andy, & Mandi Narish  
Matthew, Eugena, Ming, Joseph, & Tojo O'Donnell  
Rocky, Felix, & Kibbles Omelczuk  
Peanut Ozimek  
Bella #1, Cooper, Blue, Simba, Cassie, White Baby, Blue, Bella #2, Stray Boy, & Jasmine Paddock  
Max (Boo Boo Kitty) Papay  
Sugar & Spice Papay  
Trouble & Romeo Pinchak  
Calico, Princess, Target, Montague, Mooch, Mikah, Simba, & Mystique Pirozzi  
Spotty Plokhooy  
Mischief, Squeeks, Rascal, & Gypsy Popek  
Dayton & Mayreau Ramsahai  
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Jinx & Jax Rezendez  
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Hi Evelyn and all other friends,

Cooper has been a delight. It's as though he has lived here forever! Cooper has had no accidents, eats and sleeps well, loves attention and we, in turn, love the attention he gives us. We kept the name Cooper - it was too overwhelming with 3 people making too many suggestions - we met him as Cooper and fell in love with him as Cooper, so Cooper it stays! Again, thanks for all you did for Cooper and for any and all the inhabitants of the Clifton Animal Shelter! -John & Diane Shephard



## TNR - Trap Neuter Release

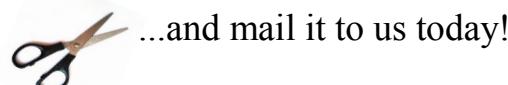
Unneutered, free-roaming cats lead stressful lives that produce thousands of cats and kittens that flood shelters every year. Through a successful TNR Program, cats will lead a healthy happier life and kittens will no longer be born to live a difficult life outside. Your contribution of any amount will be used to help us make a difference!

**YES! I WANT TO HELP!**

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**The Friends of the Shelter**



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# TROY & DYLAN – HAPPILY EVER AFTER

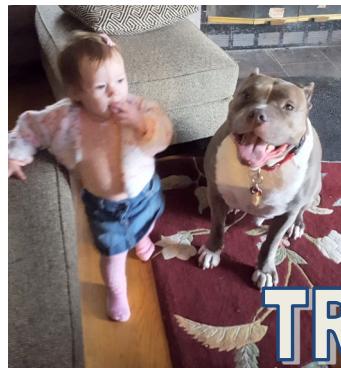
## *Troy Healed Three Hearts*

In Aug 2016, we lost our American Bulldog to old age and on Dec 27, 2016 we lost our American Staffordshire Terrier to cancer at age 10. Needless to say, we were devastated and didn't want to find another dog right away. However, even with a broken heart I did start looking to see if there was someone in the shelter that had less of a chance to find a forever home than a puppy. When I found Troy, his smiling face melted my heart. I was sure that Troy would not have a hard time finding a forever home. But, we still were not ready to adopt. Every day, I would view Troy's page and hope that he would find a home. After two weeks of viewing Troy's page, I called to find out Troy's status and found out that he had been in the shelter for three months.

The fact that Troy was six years old, big, a pitbull and in the shelter for three months told me his chances for adoption were not very good. It broke my heart to see this gentle giant in the shelter and told my wife that we had to meet him. When we met Troy at the shelter he greeted us as if he had known us for years. At that moment we knew Troy was coming home with us that day. However, there was one problem; in the three months that Troy was at the shelter, he had earned the love of the entire staff and we had to wait until the next day to take Troy home so that the staff could say goodbye.

When we got Troy home it was as if he was with us for years. He loves to snuggle on the couch and greets everyone with a smile. He is our granddaughter's best friend. Troy loves to play in the yard and even though it is cold outside he doesn't want to come in. He gets along with every dog (big and small) that we introduce him to. We couldn't ask for a better friend. **Staffordshire Terriers are lumped into the pitbull group but are wrongly classified as an aggressive breed. They are not aggressive but have a strong desire to please. They are known as the 'nanny' dog and it seems their sole purpose in life is to please their owners. They are full of love.** I would recommend that anyone who wants a loyal, smart and loving companion, to adopt a "Staffie" and also to consider an older dog because they are full of love. Troy healed our broken hearts and we think his heart is also happier. **Troy has his forever home!**

Walt Furtak, Wayne NJ



*EDITOR'S NOTE: DYLAN AND TROY BOTH JOINED THE SHELTER OCTOBER 2016 ; TROY WAS ADOPTED IN LATE JANUARY AND DYLAN IN MID FEBRUARY 2017. THESE TWO DOGS ENCAPSULATE THE ADOPTION MIRACLE, THE HAPPY ENDINGS THAT WE BELIEVE ARE WAITING FOR EVERY SHELTER ANIMAL.*



Dylan has been a wonderful addition to our home! He is the sweetest dog we have ever met; he never ceases to make us smile after a long day of school and work. He's a quick learner and a great listener too! He loves to play fetch with us, relax in the sun during brush time, and cuddle up at night. Dylan's affectionate personality has brought so much life into our home and has made going out the door to work so much better knowing we will be coming back to see him. We are so lucky to have him be a part of our lives and we love him very, very much!

-The Piscopo Family!

FOLLOW THE  
ADVENTURES OF  
DYLAN ON  
INSTAGRAM AT  
PITBULLPICKLE! HE  
HAS 39 FOLLOWERS  
ALREADY!



## ~HAPPILY EVER AFTER~

Hi Liz

**"CHANCE"** has a new name - **"RAH"**. I just started to call him Rah (almost like a Roar!!!!) because of the way he plays. He started answering to Rah and it kinda' stuck! So, you might say he chose his own name, which in my opinion is a perfect depiction of who he is:)

My boyfriend Frank and I adopted little Rah around my birthday in November. I had been using petfinder to search kitties in my area who needed a home. I am a firm believer in adoption because there are so many animals who need homes and love.

Frank never had a pet and I always had cats. Maybe I'm a little biased but I think they are the perfect companions. He had gotten to know my old cat before he passed and really wanted a little kitty we could adopt together.

The day we went to the shelter, Liz (the cat mommy angel to all) assisted us in finding the kitty that would best suit our lifestyle. Chance (now... Rah, little Rah, RaRa, and Mush Mush) just clicked with us. He's a perfect balance of playful, loving and curious.

Rah was definitely nervous when we brought him home. I always try to put myself in other people's shoes, in this case, paws. He had spent his life at the shelter and coming home to a new space was a little scary at first. However, with encouragement Rah very quickly let down his guard and is now the unstoppable kitty cat he is today.

He absolutely loves plants and windowsills preferably when the two are combined. Rah is the kind of guy that likes to know what you are doing at all times. Even if he is half asleep if he hears me get up, he gets up too! My boyfriend was shocked to discover that Rah is an amazing fetch player - better than most dogs! He is also fascinated by water. The little guy can hardly wait for somebody to shower. He likes to push the bathroom door open so he can lifeguard. Such a valiant cat.

We want Rah to live a beautiful long life and we are committed to giving him that. Adoption is such a gift to both parties involved because it's love at its finest.

- Corinne Tweddel

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### **\*\*From Adopter to Volunteer\*\***

One of the saddest days of my life, was the day I lost our beloved Princess. She was the most adorable, lady-like cats there ever was, a true tribute to her name, a rescue of course. In her honor, my husband and I decided to save another life. We did an online search and found the Clifton Animal Shelter. The first thing we noticed was that the facility was one of the cleanest we had ever experienced. This was the place for us to adopt. We were escorted to each of the adoption rooms, visiting the sad little souls, hopeful eyes peering through cage doors, patiently waiting for their second chance. While we had no particular preference in mind, one little 1-1/2 year old gray tabby stretched out his paw to try to grab me as I walked by. When I put my finger up to him, he took his paw and squeezed his pads together to hold me tight. That was the minute I fell in love with Meow Meow (renamed Montague). When we took him out of the cage, he hopped onto my shoulder, the same thing Princess did almost daily. I knew right then and there he was the boy for us!

We were very impressed by the professionalism of the shelter and the wonderful volunteers, led by Liz Taranda. But my heart went out to all the rescues we left behind, so I continued to watch for happy announcements of successful adoptions. As time went by, I noticed that Mooch, a 10 year old boy, was still there, surrendered by his family because they didn't want him anymore. He was at the shelter for more than four months, awaiting his second chance. Although we had three furbabies at home, I could not stand seeing Mooch stay in the shelter any longer, so I asked my husband if he would mind having a fourth. "Who would want a 10 year old cat?" and in true fashion, my husband replied, "You, that's who!"

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Well, he was right, so off we went to adopt Mooch. He was one of the sweetest cats we ever had. Turns out we were very lucky to have him for the second 10 years of his life; he joined Princess at 20 years young. Then, sadly, we lost another, our 16-year old baby Target, within six months of Mooch's passing.

So, back to the shelter we went, as Montague was now all alone. The goal was to seek out the cat who was the oldest, and at the shelter the longest. We adopted Thelma and Louise (now Mikah and Mystique), two black 3-year old sisters abandoned outside the shelter. While they were both pretty frightened at first, they have settled in very nicely, enjoying high places to sleep and watching birds out the windows.

As before, my heart continued to go out to the rescues we left behind. Although we continued to make monetary donations throughout the years to help with the care of the animals, it just didn't seem like I was doing enough. **That's when I asked myself, what better way to help and care for the animals than to be a volunteer?** This way I would be able to give and receive kitty hugs and actually see the difference I can make in their lives, as they await their second chance.

**It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my lifetime.** I enjoy cleaning their cages, feeding, brushing and playing with them.

Every once in a while, a little challenge will arrive, whether it be they are super frightened of a new place, were abused before, or are anxious because their caregiver passed away. These are the special angels that need extra care and love. That's when it is time to pull out all the stops! The best feeling is when they relax, begin to trust again and some extraordinary guardian comes along to give them their forever home.

**If you would like to make a true difference in the lives of the voiceless shelter animals, donate, adopt and/or volunteer.** You will be rewarded with kitty purrs, doggy hugs and kisses and what could be better than that?

PS – Our latest addition, Simba, is also a rescue from the shelter!

-Tracey Pirozzi

**Make change happen,  
volunteer!**

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 at the Shelter. The SPRING HOLIDAY TREE tradition is observed **March 20 - May 7, 2017**. 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 ORNAMENT COUPON

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

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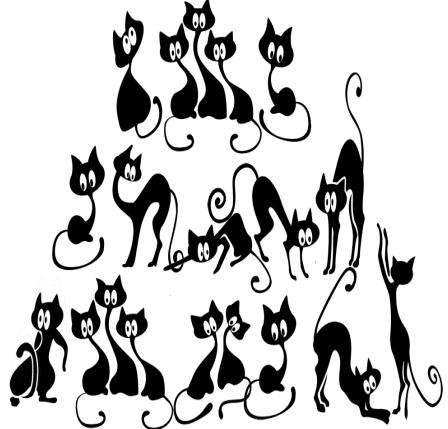
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#### Spring Tree of Love

March 20—May 7, 2017

#### Easter Bake Sale

Saturday, April 15  
10 am - 2 pm

#### SAVE THE DATE 13th ANNUAL Beefsteak Dinner & Tricky Tray

April 28, 2017 7:00 PM

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