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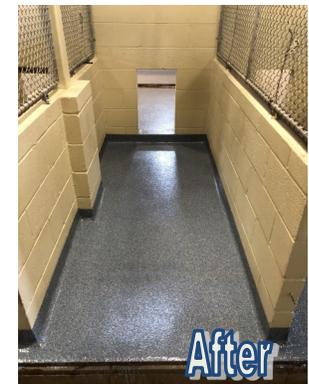
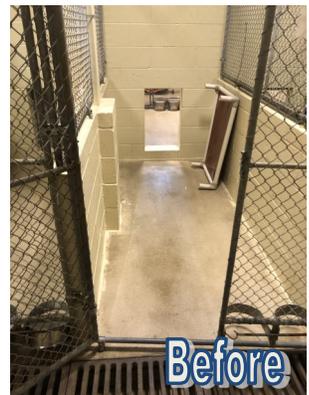
A PAW-fect Start to 2018

We want to share some paw-sitive news of how 2018 is going so far at the Friends of the Shelter here in Clifton!

We have seen some of our long term feline residents finally get their forever homes! Many house favorites who sat and waited patiently for their turn are now in the loving homes they deserve. We also had several "special needs" cases who needed extra TLC, and thanks to our terrific volunteers-they got it and were adopted...

- **Tigger** - a big boy who just wanted to be loved!
- **Samantha & Wendy** – the last two adopted of 11 abandoned black cats
- **Winston** – a kitten with an eye infection so severe, he had to have it removed
- **Gracie** – born with congenital leg defects, but her new family thinks she's perfect!
- **Grant** – an alpha male who just needed someone to believe in him
- **Bear & Carlton** - homeless and down on their luck, both now beloved pets
- **Atreyu** – grew up in a cage until the right home came along - now his best friend is a dog named Krash
- **Stripes** – her owner moved and gave her up, she had a hard time adjusting to the shelter.

A great big THANK YOU goes to the Clifton City Council and our Health Officer John Biegel for making the new floors in our dog room possible. The front part of the floors were done in 2015 when we won the Purina contest and now we are one contiguous building! The floors are anti-microbial and will improve the lives of the dogs while at the shelter. It was a big project and we are grateful for this improvement!



14th ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK & TRICKY TRAY DINNER — Tickets Selling Quickly!

Our 14th Annual Beefsteak & Tricky Tray is coming up on Friday, May 4, 2018 at the Boys & Girls Club—this is our biggest annual fundraiser of the year, and tickets are selling like crazy!

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

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 Sunday, April 22!

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. MARCH 31 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...

Sonny Boy Acerra
 Valentine, Nuby I & II, & Black Jack Ackley
 Zack, Romeo, Max, Scooter, Mac, & Pixie Ackley-
 Raps
 Lady, Missy, Jack, & Rudy Alongi
 Biggie & Gigi Beramini
 Misty, Chloe, Penny, & Baxter Bionci
 Lindsey (Lulu) Bobrowski
 Holly, Bella, Emma, & Heidi Bohinek
 Cookie & Muppet Bonfante
 Shadow, Kirby, George, & Florence Bove
 Charlie Calabrese
 Hero & Hennessy Campbell
 Patty Campbell
 Rigel, Smudge, Flash, Tex, Sweetie, & Kit Campo
 Tammy Carafello
 Spanky Cardillo
 Marco, Trey, Copper, Bella, & Ella Cariani
 Queenie & Princess Carpinelli
 Chelsea & Valerie Caruso
 Mookie Casale
 Mott, Mugsy, Hank, Harley, & Hoop Casamenti
 Taffy, Sabrina, & Lacey Chiarella
 Kelly, Lily, & Miss Molly Chipura
 Lola Marie Colacino
 Sean, Brett, & Casey Connor
 Mocha, Jazz, & Ana Daisley
 Crystal Day
 Princess Dec
 Big Daddy, Tweety, Godzookie, TinkerBelle, &
 Penny DeLuca
 Tabithia DeVries
 Buddy, Morris, & Chopper Doyle
 Belle & Scruffy Dymek
 Samie Elias
 Jada Emery
 Old Cat, Corny Long-Tail, Pinball, Truffles, Nik-
 Nik, Espresso, Jake, & Elwood Folsom
 Sedona, Cody, Casey, Sophie, Casper, Cash, &
 Shayla Friess
 Teddy & Tony Gallo
 Mikey, Penny, Abbie, Gabby, & Kimmy Gelman
 Amber & Oliver Glinkin
 Barci Goodrich
 Rascal, Willie, & Nelson Greco
 Moose, Duchess, Boots, Belmont, & Simon Gruno
 Keiko, Shadow, Tu-Tone, Bandit, Jessie, Thunder,
 Willow, Sammie, Pepper, & Smokey Hensgen
 Annie, Spike, Preston, Halo, & Joy Higdon
 Katie & Tina Hollenstein
 Corki Huber
 Bandit, Baby, Perry, & Salem T. Hughes
 Onyx & Shadow Janusz
 Pepper Josephson
 Midnight Juengling
 Homer, Mr. Dinkins, & Rusty Kaminski
 Mittsie & Keshmesh King
 Lily Belle & Gigi Koske
 Penny & Midnight Krajewski
 Pica (Hazel) Lindsay
 Fritz, Floyd, Happy, & Lana Lohnes
 Tora & Princess Lomuscio
 Sally & Bootsie Lorillard
 Shannon, Myles, Owen, Chloe, & Maisy Mariano
 Jimmy Marotta
 Precious, Muffin, & Tammie Marren
 Miss Kitty Matulewicz
 Toby, Penny, & Cookie McCormick
 Midnite, Nikki, Kelly, Princess, & Pappy McShane
 Petal & Pearl Neering
 Peyton & Eli Olsen
 Rocky, Felix, & Kibbles Omelczuk
 Peanut Ozimek
 Casey, Brandy, Spanky, & Murphy Paonessa
 Max Papay
 Sugar & Spice Papay
 Trouble & Romeo Pinchak
 Bud, Weiser, Palamina, & Sweetie Pinke
 Spotty Plokhooy
 Rascal, Gypsy, Squeeks, & Mischief Popek
 Dayton & Mayreau Ramsahai
 Salem, Savannah, & Petunia Regetz
 Ninky & Jinx Reonieri
 Brandy Reuther
 Bonnie, Spike, Prissy, Missy Grey, & Missy
 Whiskers Roback
 Chopin & Smokey Robinson
 Sara Lee, Starbucks, & Dunkin Romaniello
 Simba & Alfalfa Russell
 Maggie, Penny, Toby, Gigi, & Annie Sadowski
 Mitzi & Sandy Sarkozi
 Missy Scangarello
 Travis Sciancalepore
 BJ Scototino
 Finn, Oliver, & Edmond Seasock
 Jack Showers
 Brandy, Molly, & Teri Sinisi
 Lila, Coco, & Harlem Sinisi
 Boots & Cliff Sinisi
 Lady Sisco-Rusnak
 Adam Sisco
 Leo Skeahan

Sammi & Midnight Smith
 Simba, Domino, & Gypsy Smith
 Smokey, Dukie, Tawny, Missey, Tiffany, Vivi,
 Suko, & Buttercup Smolensky
 Pippin, Archie, Cottie, Gracie, Trixie, & Ginger
 Taylor
 Krystal, Shadow, Brandi, Timber, Holly, Reggie,
 Scamper, Cooper, Merlin & Boomer Tyma
 Jeremy, Hazel, & Suzie Usuriello
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 Coconut, D.C., Traxie, Mouche, Kiddo, & Katie
 Weber
 Snickers, Twix, Ranger, & Guinness Weihenig
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 Beau, Andie, Harley, & Tony Zisa

ROBERT BOYLE ACO

CONGRATULATIONS

ON YOUR RETIREMENT

AFTER 37 YEARS ON THE JOB!

WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST!



Hello Friends of the Clifton Shelter:

I wanted you to know I made a donation on behalf of my dog Oliver, who was formerly a rescue in your care by the name of Dickens. I had seen him on your Petfinder link in May, and when I called a nice woman told me he had been transferred to Daniel's Dream Rescue. I immediately got in touch with them and was able to adopt him mid-May! We changed his name to Oliver! As an experienced Lhasa owner I am used to dealing with growling, etc, and with some work and training, he is becoming a very obedient boy. I am lucky to have a groomer who is patient and is very good with him with minimal stress to him; and have found a vet that is the same.

He has blossomed into a happy and beautiful boy; I am attaching pictures so you can see.

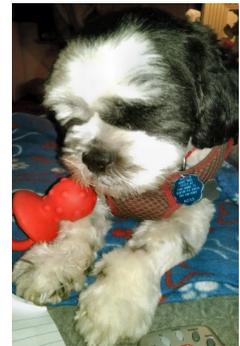
Again, I want to thank you for caring enough about Dickens/Oliver to make sure nothing happened to him and that he was able to eventually find a good home. You have my everlasting gratitude, and his too!

Sincerely, Elysse Frick
 (Milton, MA)

Dickens

now

OLIVER



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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Dear Evelyn and the Clifton Animal Shelter,

I wanted to drop you a note to thank you for your help in our adopting Coco.

I was heartbroken after losing our poodle, Rush, 2 years ago. We debated about getting another dog and were going to put it off until later. Then my daughter saw Coco on your website.

If I had written a letter to God explaining what I wanted in a dog, he would have sent us Coco. He is smart, well behaved, loving and can always make us laugh. He has filled the hole in my heart that losing Rush left. It took him about an hour to get used to living with our family. As you can see, he made himself comfortable in our home. I can't thank you enough for bringing us together.

Sincerely, Clare & George Kuch

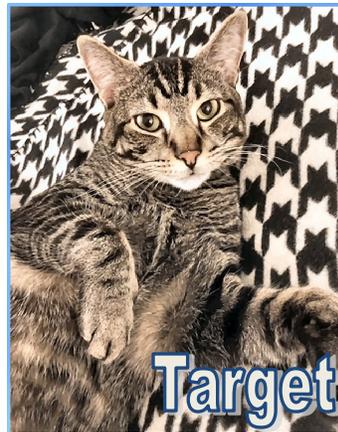
I adopted my girls Coco and Chanel (previously known as Bethany and Brandy) a little over a month ago and they have brought so much joy to our house!

They are so sweet and loving, it's hard to believe that they had been waiting for a home for so long. Every time they chase each other, greet me in the morning or welcome us home, I can't help but smile. I'm extremely grateful to the shelter volunteers for taking care of them and for their time in making sure we weren't allergic to the girls. **Some might say Coco and Chanel were lucky to find us, but I think we are luckier; they give us unconditional love, companionship and laughs!**

Thank you!

- Cristina

Target was found in a "Target" parking lot abandoned in a box with a bed and blanket over Thanksgiving weekend. He was brought to the Clifton Shelter and cared for by the amazing volunteer team. When we first met Target, a volunteer told us his story. He told us he wasn't eating much and seemed so depressed. As soon as we were able to let him out of his cage, he started to play with us and started to eat. **That was the moment we knew Target would be our "fur-ever" cat.** He has been nothing but loving, playful and affectionate since we brought him home.



Target loves to curl up on the couch with us after playing with the laser pointer or his other toys. **Every animal deserves a second chance and we are so happy we are the family giving that chance to Target!**

- The De Boer family

Hi Liz!

Leo & Newton are doing great! They played all day, had dinner and they are now relaxing and purring up a storm! They seem to feel comfortable. We are overwhelmed by the amazing job you did through this adoption. **We are thrilled, and new fans of Friends of the Shelter!** Thanks for everything!

- Denise



~HAPPILY EVER AFTER~

As my 30 something birthday was approaching, my hubby and I decided it was time to start a family and started our search for our new fur baby. I was very familiar with cats, but the same could not be said for my partner. We devised a plan to go visit a few shelters and see if we fell in love with any cats. After going to countless shelters in the area and feeling super pressured to look at cats we were not interested in, we decided we would visit one last shelter. Upon arriving at the Clifton Animal Shelter we were greeted by people who were real cat people, and had a genuine interest in the animals. We filled out the initial form, which no other shelter had required us to do, and were led into the cat room. Knowing a little about us and what we were looking for, we were introduced to Forest and Ash, two 5 month old brothers. **One kitten was placed in each of our arms, which again no other shelter had done, and it was love at first sight.** Each of our hearts melted with their little purrs, as their tiny little bodies cuddled into our arms. After spending some time with the boys we scheduled our visit to return (and one more after that as well). I could not believe how helpful the staff was, answering all of my questions and emails, and even continuing the communication long after our adoption was finalized. Needless to say our new family has been the best thing that could have ever happened to us. **Friends of the Shelter in Clifton helped us find our children and our kids find their forever home, and for that we are forever grateful!**

-Ashley Anderson & Ramazan Mehmedi



Now
MARTY
&
HANK



Just wanted to give you an update on Lucky. He is doing great. **We love him and grateful that we have him!** Thank you for getting my application and giving me a chance. Here is the most recent picture I have of him. He came out of the groomers happy.

Thank you again.

Jovita Rosario
(Happy Mom)

Miko and Toby (formerly Pierson) are the sweetest kitties one could possibly imagine. At first they were extremely shy and stayed hidden under my bed but have slowly grown in confidence, more comfortable with their surroundings and this human with whom they now share an apartment with lots of windows! Both are love bugs and hop on my bed for petting and scratching sessions each morning and evening, but Miko is specially cuddly, I can pet him for 30 minutes plus and he will come back for more. Petting two cats at the same time is not easy, the hand coordination gymnastics are challenging, but I've gotten better at it as they both compete for my attention at the same time. I wake up each morning with an assortment of toys, from a catnip filled sock to a squeaky mouse. They love their new cat tower, and are such goofballs exploring its many hammocks and rings.

From the moment I saw them on the website, they caught my attention and the connection was confirmed when I went to meet them at the shelter and spent more time getting to know them. The fact that they had been there for 8 months, since they were 8 weeks old, was even more incentive for me to give these kitties a chance and with love and patience help them become wonderful cats. In two weeks they went from being hidden under the bed all the time, to playing around, coming to me for petting sessions.

I cannot imagine my life without them now. I thank the wonderful staff of Friends of the Shelter in Clifton, NJ for letting me adopt Miko & Toby, for the time they took to tell me all about them and for all the supplies they gave me when I took them home!

-Ana

~A NEW BEGINNING~

Wow, talk about life changing. It was an early morning when I received news of a beautiful, strong, and intelligent puppy who just got hit by a car and ended up being taken to Clifton Animal Shelter. Little did that little pup know that he would have a new home later that week.

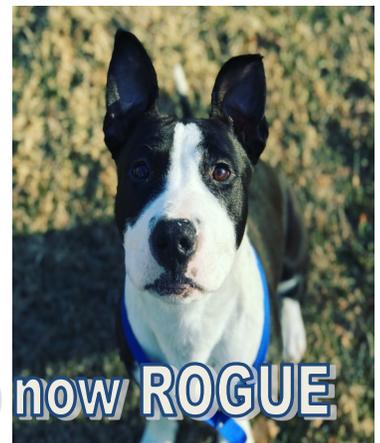
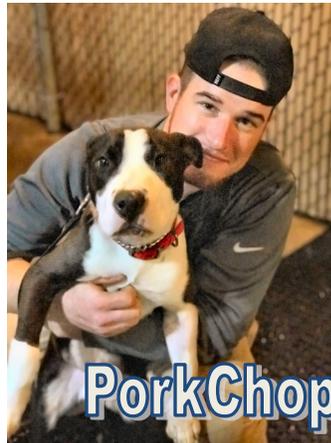
At our first meeting, I couldn't have been more surprised by the enthusiasm and love he gave. Clifton Animal Shelter made him feel right at home, right away. I was expecting a scared and lonely dog, but with the support and love from the shelter he greeted me with a smile (a smile I will never forget.) They treated him like he was their own, and it was so amazing to see. **Every volunteer made it their priority to make every animal there feel at home, whether it be a cat or dog.**

During the adoption process, especially with being a first time owner, I couldn't have been helped out more. Not only did they do their due diligence about home life and security for the dog, but they helped with surgeries, food, vaccinations along with many other things. Until I was able to bring my dog home, they allowed me to visit him every night creating the truly special bond between us.

Its been two months since, and I can say that I haven't been happier in my life. It took a few days for my dog, Rogue, to realize his home, but once he did he hasn't stopped wagging his tail. He runs up the stairs everyday to greet family. He sits, gives paw, plays, and is overall ecstatic walking through the door. He cuddles at night, and shows so much love for the people around him. Every human and dog he comes in contact with has loved him and that adorable little smile.

I want to give a special thanks to Clifton Animal Shelter for all the generosity, love, support, and warmth we were given. They gave me my happy place, and I will never be able to appreciate them enough.

- Andy



PorkChop now ROGUE

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 4 -APRIL 22, 2018** 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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number : _____

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

ANIMAL'S NAME (S) : _____



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- *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 CANNED Dog Food (Ground)**
- DOG CHOW /PUPPY SHOW Dry Dog Food**
- DOG CHOW LITTLE BITES**
- Leashes, Collars & HARNESSES**
- ***LAUNDRY SOAP***

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

Spring Tree of Love
March 4 - April 22, 2018

Easter Bake Sale
Saturday, March 31, 2018
10 am - 2 pm

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