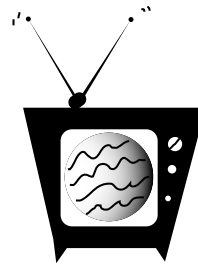




## MEMBERSHIP ALERT!

- **WINE TASTING OCTOBER 20, 2005:** Purchase tickets at the shelter or local Spirits Unlimited Stores. Light hors d'oeuvres and free wine glass with purchase of ticket.
- **2006 CALENDARS** will be available soon. They make great holiday gifts.
- **HOLIDAY RAFFLE BOOKS ENCLOSED.**
- **REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR PET SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAYS!**

The Jersey Shore Animal Center is a private, non-profit 501c3 animal shelter and serves as animal control for Brick Township. We adopt to good homes in the tri-state area. We spay/neuter all animals prior to adoption, unless age or health preclude the procedure, as well as supply all routine shots and preventative medicines. A Pet Therapy Program visits nursing homes weekly. We rely on your support.



If you live in Brick or Point Pleasant, please join us by tuning into our weekly TV show!

Our show times on Comcast Cable Channel 97 are:

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>

## WILLS & ESTATES

Please remember our animal friends in your last will and testament. Just use the simple clause "I bequeath to the JSAC, 185 Brick Boulevard, Brick, NJ 08723, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be applicable to the general care and protection of animals."



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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!  
*Holiday raffle books enclosed.*



"There is hope for those who enter here"

# The Wag Rag

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## THE THREE LITTLE PIGS



*Wilbur & Annabelle whispering to one another about the arrival of Porter.*

You may have heard the tale of the three little pigs as a child or you may have read it recently to your children or grandchildren. We think you may enjoy our recent version of the story....

Once upon a time there was a female pig named Annabelle who lived on a beautiful 56-acre horse farm. She had a beautiful home and beautiful surroundings but she was the only pig. She didn't know how lonely she was.

Then one day "Wilbur" arrived. Wilbur had been picked up as a stray in Bricktown by the Jersey Shore Animal Center and was later surrendered by an owner who worked too much to care for this big pig. A mutual friend connected the shelter and the owners of the farm and Annabelle. The shelter visited the farm and brought Wilbur there. The two pigs would have to wait for the right time to meet but when they did, it was love at first sight (we should advise our concerned readers that both pigs were altered... there are no little piglets in this story!).

While Wilbur and Annabelle were living joyfully on the farm, another little pig was reported to JSAC to be stuck in a retention basin. The shelter sent several employees to go rescue this little pig, who could not have gotten there by himself. When this little piggy, now called "Porter," was brought into the shelter, everyone fell in love. The shelter feared that Porter was some type of high

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## DID YOU FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Please fill out the form below, enclose your membership fee, and mail your check and form to:

Jersey Shore Animal Center, 185 Brick Blvd., Brick, NJ 08723

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:    Student/Senior 5.00    Family 15.00    General 10.00    Patron 50.00

Please check if you want a membership card:

Yes

No

## Rosemary's



## CORNER

Dear Friends,

Guess what! We're beginning our renovations. It's going to be busy and nerve-wracking (sometimes!) but what a beauty of a place it shall be when completed. We're all excited and ready to roll.

Of course, it's going to cost us some money, to put it mildly, but with your help, it will be a state of the art facility to care for our beautiful little guests.

Please come see us during and after renovations. We'd love to give you a tour.

Love, Rosemary

**2006 JSAC  
CALENDARS  
NOW ON SALE!**

## HAPPY TAILS

Many of our long-timers were adopted since our last newsletter.



**To all my friends at the Jersey Shore Animal Center:**

We were looking to adopt a cat with special needs. We found two cats with one special need. They needed to stay together. Blackie and Bear are two of the sweetest cats ever. They complete our family. Thank you for letting us take them into our home.

Julius & Kim Johnson



**To the JSAC:**

Thought you would want to know that "Sasha" is doing well in her new home. She has been to the vet and declared in excellent health.

We walk at least four times a day, so she's getting her exercise (me, too)!

Thank you for my new best friend!

Sincerely, Ann Hern

These are just a few of our many four-legged friends who have walked through our doors and forever touched our hearts. Congratulations to their new families for choosing to adopt. Thank you to our supporters for making it possible to treat medical conditions, provide spay/neuter, vaccines, trained staff and offer a long-term home for adoptable animals.

## BUILDING UPDATE!



**GREAT NEWS!** Building renovations have begun and we are so excited to finally

be underway. On September 26th work began with the digging for the footings. So far, the concrete has been poured for the footings and some new doorways have been built. We are surrounded by construction safety fencing, but we are open and operating. We will remain open throughout the renovation to meet our mission to rescue and care for unwanted, abandoned, abused, sick animals and to adopt these animals to responsible, loving homes.

Please continue to visit our animals, shop and donate to the Thrift Shop and visit us with donations for the animals.

Construction should take 9-12 months as we will be going through four distinct phases of construction. Phase one will be the construction of the new areas of the shelter. Phase two will involve the complete renovation of the back dog runs and the construction of our new lobby. Phase three will involve the renovation of the "old" Thrift Shop area and turning it into animal space. Phase four will involve the creation of the small animal room, free roaming cat room, wildlife room, dog meeting rooms, kitten room and puppy rooms.

**PLEASE CONSIDER A SPECIAL DONATION FOR OUR BUILDING FUND. WE STILL NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

Donations to our building fund can be made to:

Jersey Shore Animal Center  
185 Brick Boulevard, Brick, NJ 08723.

**Thank you for your support!**



## ANIMALS SEEKING HOMES

**Junior**

Male neut.; 8 months old  
TERRIER MIX

I should have been born a kangaroo  
Cause bouncing and jumping is what  
I love to do.  
I'll play fetch too till the day is done  
Won't you consider me,  
Our life together would be  
Tons o' fun.

**ROSS**

Male neut.; 6 months old  
SHEP/TERR MIX

The best pup JSAC has for adoption  
He's handsome, smart, playful and sweet,  
There is no other option.  
Playing fetch is his most favorite pastime  
Take him home, he'll give you friendship  
To last a lifetime.

**ADOPTED!****Kora**

Female spayed; 6 years old  
ROTTI MIX

Kora's story is sad and one we've heard  
Many times before.  
Surrendered due to divorce,  
She and her 4-legged friend Sasha  
Were the first out the door.  
Sasha has since found a new home.  
It's Kora who now sits in her cage all alone.  
Longing and waiting  
For someone to appear,  
Who will take her home forever  
And share her love and cheer.

**CHLOE**

Female spayed; 4 years old  
ROTTI MIX

Returned to us after 3 years  
Because of anxiety  
Chloe's the type of girl who's a little needy.  
She needs love & patience  
Of a kind-hearted soul  
Who will keep her calm and ease her woes.  
She's a loving and sweet dog  
And would benefit from a true best friend.  
Won't you give her the home she deserves,  
Her faithfulness to you would never end.

**ROCKY**

Male neut.; 7 months old  
Cockapoo Mix

I was purchased at a puppy store  
Taken to a home with little kids  
Why didn't someone tell the woman  
That puppies and toddlers don't mix  
After a lot of commotion  
And a lot of grief  
My mommy had to bring me  
To the loving folks at the JSAC  
The shelter staff adores me  
I'm a happy little guy  
I love other dogs and kitties  
Won't you please give me a try?

**Skipper**

Male neut.; Adult  
DMH

I'm the most popular cat  
In the shelter, you see  
Without exception  
Everyone is in Love with me.  
And while I like it here  
and everyone is such a dear  
I've been here since June  
And I want a home  
To call my own.

**REGGIE**

Male neut.; Adult  
DSH

I'm a former Tom Cat  
Who roamed the streets  
I'm a big orange boy  
That you should meet  
I'm good with the kitties  
But I don't like pups  
Come to Meowville to meet me  
I'll be your best bud.

**FRIDAY**

Male neut.; Adult  
DSH

I came home as a gift  
by an underage lass  
But Mom and Dad didn't want me  
The match didn't last  
It was barely Springtime  
When I came thru the JSAC door  
Please come visit me  
Each afternoon from one to four.

For more animals seeking homes, see page 6.

# OSCAR'S STORY

On Thursday evening, August 18th, our Animal Control officers responded to a call from the Brick Police department. The police had received a call about a snake near a dumpster. During the spring and summer it is not unusual for JSAC to respond to residents' homes where snakes are spotted. The majority of the time the snakes are those native to our area and are no cause for concern.

When we arrived at the complex we were told the snake was inside the dumpster. (Hence we named him "OSCAR"). Imagine our surprise when we peered in the trash to see a snake whose body circumference was greater than our arm. Carefully, we removed Oscar from the garbage, trying not to alarm him. He was then transported back to the shelter for further examination. Oscar, a Colombian Redtailed Boa, weighed in at approximately 25 pounds and was 8.5 feet long. He also smelled of an infection. The following day he was transported to a veterinarian who treats exotics. There he was diagnosed with an upper respiratory infection. His mouth and nasal passages were filled with pus. He needed to be hospitalized, given antibiotic injections and put on breathing treatments to clear up the infection.



Steve Irwin has nothing on Charlene Pitre who rescued "Oscar" out of the trash. Charlene reports "Oscar had no problem with me putting him in the carrier. He seemed happy to be rescued."

Was this why someone just threw him away? Because he was sick? After his hospital stay the shelter was able to place him with a veterinary technician and owner of "Tara's Travelling Tails," a mobile reptile and exotics unit that educates school children and others in the community about the proper care of reptiles and why they should not be obtained as novelty pets. Oscar is now living a healthy life and participating in educating the public on the care and handling of reptiles.



**Red-Tail Boas can live 20-30 years and are found from Northern Mexico south to Argentina. Most live in rain forests and humid jungles. Adequate housing is an enclosure 6'x4'x2' and must provide proper temperature of 90 degrees in the daytime and 75-80 degrees at night. Humidity must be kept above 50 percent.**



 If you witness any type of animal abuse in Brick, call the Jersey Shore Animal Center at (732) 920-1600. We have 3 Animal Cruelty investigators on staff. If we are unavailable to take your call, contact the Brick Police at (732) 262-1100 with a detailed report. For towns outside of Brick, contact the State SPCA at (800) 582-5979.

 **PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA**   
At the shelter

**Saturday & Sunday  
DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2005  
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
Donation: \$8**

# HALLOWEEN PET SAFETY TIPS

Halloween can be a festive and fun time of year for children and families, but for family pets, it can be a stressful and even dangerous time of year. Jersey Shore Animal Center offers pet owners some common sense tips to help pet owners keep their pets safe during this time of year:

- ▶ **Don't leave your pet out in the yard on Halloween:** There are plenty of stories of vicious pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen, even killed pets on this night.
- ▶ **Keep your outdoor cats inside several days before and several days after Halloween;** black cats in particular may be at risk from children's pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. Many shelters do not adopt out black cats on Halloween as a safety precaution.
- ▶ **Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets:** Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.
- ▶ **Don't dress the dog or cat in costume unless you know that he or she loves it.** Otherwise, it puts too much stress on the animal.
- ▶ **If you do dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe;** it should not constrict her movement, hearing or ability to breathe or bark. Also, there should not be small, dangling, or easily chewed-off pieces on the costume that your pet could choke on.
- ▶ **Be careful not to obstruct your pet's vision,** as even the sweetest animal can get snappy when he or she can't see.
- ▶ **Be careful of pets around a lit pumpkin:** Pets may knock it over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned.
- ▶ **All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room during trick or treat visiting hours;** too many strangers in strange garb can be scary for a dog or cat.
- ▶ **When opening the door for trick-or-treaters,** be very careful your cat or dog doesn't dart outside.
- ▶ **Make sure your dog or cat is wearing proper identification.** If for any reason they escape and become lost, you increase the chances that they will be returned to you.

## THE BOW WOW BOUTIQUE



The Bow Wow Boutique is located next to the shelter. The shop sells gently used (or new) clothing, accessories, housewares and seasonal items. All proceeds benefit the homeless animals at the shelter.

**JANUARY 2006  
CLEARANCE  
SALE!**  
Friday, January 6  
Saturday, January 7

**OPEN:**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday - Friday  
10 a.m. - 3p.m. Saturday

**CLOSED:**

**Thanksgiving Holiday:**  
Close 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 23  
Reopen Tuesday, November 29

**Week of Christmas:**

Close 4 p.m. Friday, December 23  
Reopen Tuesday, January 3

**Bag Sale Schedule:**

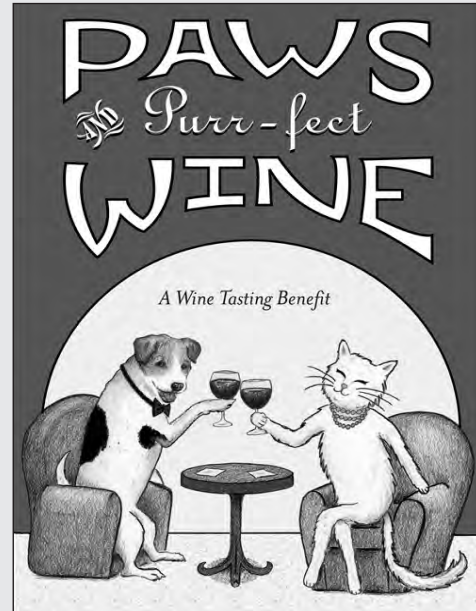
Tues., November 22 &  
Wed., November 23

**NO BAG SALE  
IN DECEMBER**

- \$6 per bag; 5 bags - \$25.00
- All bag sales start at 10 a.m.

\* Please, no donations while we are closed. We do not want your generosity to go to waste in the elements.

## Thursday, October 20:



**Old Time Tavern, Toms River, NJ**  
6:30 p.m to 9 p.m. (Auction from 9 -10 p.m.)  
**TICKETS: \$50 / \$65 at the door**



## ANIMALS SEEKING HOMES - CONT'D



### Kittens, kittens, kittens!



Kitten season this year for animal shelters has come to an end.  
 Hundreds have come through our doors,  
 And on our hardworking staff they must depend.  
 Love, clean and feed each and every kitten,  
 For all of us shelter employees, that is our daily mission.  
 A good home for each one is all that we ask.  
 Won't you come help us accomplish this task?  
 So many are waiting, come take a look  
 At these precious little faces and we're sure you'll be hooked.

### Maggie



Female spayed; 6 months old  
 DSH

I'm a gorgeous girl with silver streaks  
 Who was abandoned at the Thrift Shop  
 In a Donation Heap.  
 I was sick and malnourished,  
 just barely alive  
 Found by an employee  
 Who was leaving for the day  
 I was taken in, fed  
 Cleaned and revived.  
 After months in foster homes  
 Receiving tender loving care  
 I'm ready for a home  
 I have plenty of love to share.



### PRIVACY POLICY:

**WE DO NOT SELL, RENT, LEND OR SHARE OUR MAILING LIST OR GIVE OUT ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OUR MEMBERS OR SUPPORTERS.**



## THE THREE LITTLE PIGS CONT'D



*Above: Porter. Below: Porter and Annabelle.*



school prank and that there was a concerned owner out there somewhere. Despite calls to large-animal vets, calls to other police departments and shelters, an owner was never found and never called looking for this little pig.

After a failed attempt to place Porter in a home in Ocean County, the shelter wondered where they might find a suitable, loving home for him. Did they dare call the nice people who adopted Wilbur? Would there be room for another pig on the farm?

Thanks, again, to the mutual friend who had helped in the past, "Porter" was welcome and wanted to live on the beautiful farm.

Wilbur and Annabelle sent emails to the shelter that they couldn't wait to meet their new friend. Volunteers drove Porter up to Oradell Animal Hospital who had offered to neuter Porter so that he would be a more "polite" addition to the pig family.

Porter waited to recover from surgery at JSAC and then he was taken to the beautiful farm to meet his new friends. After a few adjustments, the three pigs get along beautifully. Annabelle is so happy to have friends. Their owner reported that one day all she could see were three sleeping snouts sticking out of the pighouse.

*They are living Happily-Ever-After...*

*The End*

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S CREED

I am your Animal Control Officer, I am not the dreaded "dogcatcher" or the murderer you call me.

It is not I who allows your pet to roam the streets, to contract diseases from other free-roaming animals, to be hit by the motorist or poisoned by rotting garbage. I am the one who must look into the sick, pain-glazed eyes, and try to remove the animal without causing further pain.

It is not I who allows your pets to breed, then dumps the unwanted puppies and kittens on the roadside or in shelters. I'm the one who must find the animals before they die of starvation, exposure to disease and to the elements, and if they survive their ordeal find them decent, loving homes.

It is not I who abandons unwanted animals on farm roads, telling myself some friendly farmer will surely take them in and give them a good home. But I am the one who must pick up the frightened animal who waits in vain for its beloved master, wondering why it has been abandoned. I'm the one who must help that friendly farmer trap the poor creature because it has begun to roam in packs with other abandoned, hungry animals all trying to survive by killing livestock, fowl and game.

I am not the one who breeds and fights dogs in the name of "sport". I'm the one who fights the breeders and participants in the "sport" and then pick up the "losers" left dying beside the railroad tracks.

It is not I who keep pets confined in an area too small, without food, water, shelter or exercise, but I must deal with the irresponsible owner who does.

It is not I who refuses to spend the time and money to keep up regular inoculations that all pets require. But I am the one called upon to pick up the sick animal that is dying from a preventable illness.

So remember the next time your child is bitten by a stray dog or cat, your trash is dumped and scattered, your pet is lost, stolen, poisoned or hit by a car, it is the Animal Control Officer you call, not the "dogcatcher". The next time your pet is picked up or you are cited for neglecting or abusing it, remember I am only trying to fulfill your responsibility to your pet, your neighbor and yourself.

Do not condemn what I do, respect what I do. I could not do my job if I did not care. I, too, love animals.

### A REMINDER – DID YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

*We hope you've taken the time to read the Animal Control Officer's Creed. It spells out the type of work we do for our community.*

*Thankfully though, we are also fortunate to report many "happy endings" that we share with you in each edition of our newsletter.*

*We mail over 5000 newsletters to adopters, members, and to those people who so graciously support us on a regular basis. Sadly, we received little more than 700 responses to our 2005 summer edition membership drive. Five thousand renewals at \$10.00 each would give us a total of \$50,000.*

*As you know we are in the final planning stages, and renovations to update the shelter will begin in the not-too-distant future. Therefore, we need your support more than ever. If you have not already renewed your membership, please do so. We want the very best for our community and for the wonderful animals that pass through our doors each day.*

*Your contribution of \$10.00 would add up to less than \$1.00 a month. WE RELY ON OUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Fall 2005 Wish List



- Blankets and towels
- Heating pads & hot water bottles
- NEW kitty litter pans
- Purina Cat and Kitten Chow
- Timothy Hay & alfalfa for small animals
- Non-fish flavored cat/kitten food
- Cat and Kitten flea shampoo
- Cat and Kitten non-catnip toys
- Stop & Shop gift certificates for small animal greens
- Copy paper (pastels) so we don't have to take money away from animal care needs to provide information to the public.
- Small animal treats (for Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, etc.

**BIG ITEM OF THE SEASON:** Building Fund donations to build a free-roaming cat room, small animal room, new dog meeting rooms and new examination rooms; upgrade the dog runs to more spacious accommodations; and to improve our lobby and office areas and to build nurseries for the animals that come to us pregnant and give birth to little ones.