



April 14, 2019 marks Women's Animal Center's 150th Anniversary and the founding of animal sheltering in the United States. Mark your calendar now for the following events:

April 13th-14th National Shelter Day of Service Weekend

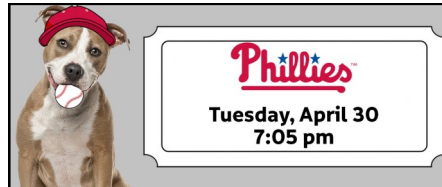
On this day, we invite animal lovers across America to show support for the lifesaving work of their own local shelters through acts of kindness big or small! Please see the attachment to the newsletter for 10 ways that you can make difference this weekend.

Sat., April 13th Women's Animal Center Adoption Event and Anniversary Specials

Tues., April 30th Phillies Game Celebration

For ticket information visit:

www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/womens-animal-center



Sat., June 1st 150th Anniversary Party at Women's Animal Center

7 pm – Live Music, Cocktails, Tours

September Bensalem Community and Press Event –Celebrating 25 years in Bensalem and dedication of Annie L. Lowry historical drinking trough at our facility. Exact date TBD

Happy Birthday!



Kendall Stammerro-1/11

Gianna Saurman-2/2

Merissa Farrell-2/6

Laura Horton-2/6

Mike Quindlen-2/9

Jose Rivera-2/10

Michele Dickey-2/14

Gwen Kaminski-2/17

Jess Veazey-2/18

WAC Staff News

To better support our hospital and front desk services, we recently reorganized staff positions. Congratulations to :

Merissa Farrell
Client Services Manager

Jessica Marczak
Veterinary Technician
Team Leader

Steve Price
Business Director—Hospital

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Adoptions - Life-Saving Department

This month our Adoptions /Lifesaving Department are Employees of the Month. This department of three - Sue, Heather, and Pam - had a stellar year in 2018. In 2018 there were 2,348 animals that left our building to find new homes, foster parents, or were returned to their owners (in the world of animal sheltering we call that a live exit). As a No-Kill Shelter and member of the Philadelphia No-Kill Coalition our commitment is to work towards a live exit for each animal that enters our shelter. This commitment is demonstrated through Sue, Heather and Pam's hard work and compassion for animals....each day. They are responsible for most of the live exits that occur at Women's Animal Center because 70% of our live exits happen through adoption. By the numbers, 2018 was a record year thanks to our adoptions team. They strive to make adopting a positive experience for families looking for a new family member. They counsel adopters to find the best match for both the family and the pet. Being a shelter pet isn't easy and our counselors work to make sure that the animals' special needs are met in their forever home. Sue, Heather and Pam are the core team for our adoption events. These special adoption events require a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes leading up to the event, not to mention the busy, fast-paced adoptions on the day of the event. In August, our NBC10 Clear the Shelter Adoption Event saw 52 adoptions in one single day. That is about the same number of animals we adopted out in a given month in past years. We're proud of Sue, Heather and Pam's efforts which have contributed to Women's Animal Center having a Live Release Rate of 91% in 2018 – making us a No-Kill Shelter and euthanizing only when an animal has a medical condition that is untreatable. So when you visit our Adoptions Center please be sure to stop in the adoptions office and thank them for living the heart of our mission and for saving so many.

Congratulations Sue, Heather and Pam!



Pam Rosanio, Sue Durphy, Heather Hanisco



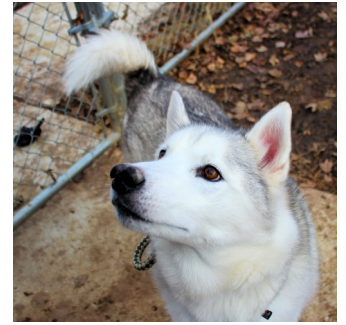
IZZY & HOSPITAL ACL SURGERY UPDATE

Thanks to funds raised at our 2018 Golf Outing, our veterinary hospital now has the equipment that enables us to begin performing ACL surgeries on both shelter animals and client pets.

We are pleased to report that, in December, our skilled medical team performed the first ACL surgery on Izzy, an 8-year-old Husky mix.

Please watch our video using the link below to learn more about Izzy's success story!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhFD3Rwvkk>



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH—JOSEPH FANELLI

Joe joined the Women's Animal Center volunteer team just a few months ago and in that short time has made a positive impact in the Shelter. In addition to becoming a StoryTails volunteer and tackling laundry and dishes, Joe has coordinated a photo shoot schedule for bunnies awaiting adoption so that their pictures can be uploaded on our website as soon as possible. His knowledge of bunnies has helped to improve the lives of residents and we are very thankful for his insight and commitment to our mission.

Joe is kind, welcoming and always eager to lend a hand.

Thank You, Joe, for all you do for WAC!



Cinnamon Twist

Welcome! 

Robyn Forbes
Veterinary Technician

Erick Loper
Animal Care Attendant



DOG TRAINING UPDATE

New Intro to Agility Classes
at Women's Animal Center!!

For details, visit <https://womensanimalcenter.org/our-training-.../register-class>

Women's Animal Center's Mini Paws Club

Does your child love animals? Join us for our **Mini Paws Club!** Come for some fun learning, games, crafts, and shelter animal visits.

The Mini Paws Club is open to any child age 5-14. You can sign your child up for individual sessions, or all 4 dates!

WAC requests a fee of \$10 per child per session. All funds raised through the Mini Paws Club directly support the care of our shelter animals!

March 13th, 6-7:30pm
All About Dogs

March 27th, 6-7:30pm
Crazy For Cats

April 10th, 6-7:30pm
Animal Sheltering & Lifesaving

April 24th, 6-7:30pm
All Things Small

Please e-mail education@womensanimalcenter.org to register!

ADOPTIONS SUCCESS STORY—JACK

The past year of Jack's thirteen has had its share of ups and downs.

He was first adopted last May, but found himself back in the shelter by June. Handsome, social and alert, Jack sat patiently perched at the front of his kennel each day waiting to be noticed, but to no avail. Months went by. Jack became a star in our

Cat Pawsitive Program, where it seemed this smart boy had us humans trained, rather than the other way around! After six months, Jack got a much needed break from the shelter, spending an extended holiday season in the loving home of his foster mom before returning once again. But the time in foster care did Jack good, and he came back looking and feeling his most adoptable self. This time around, it took just days for Jack to leave the shelter – in the arms of his wonderful new family.

