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Monmouth County SPCA Fall Newsletter 2019



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## A Message From Our Executive Director



On behalf of the Monmouth County SPCA, I'd like to thank all of our supporters for their dedication and outpouring of generosity. Thanks to your support, we are well on our way to meet and surpass our 2019 goals. This past April, we celebrated our annual 25th Anniversary Dog Walk + Pet Fair at Brookdale Community College where we raised over \$105,000 for the homeless, neglected and abused animals of Monmouth County. We owe our success to YOU!

Our Animal Control Team continues to grow and thrive in our community, supporting our mission to control animal over-population in our county. Since the beginning of the year, our team responded to 800 calls, not just for dogs and cats but for deer, a peacock, possum, you name it! Our other shelter programs continue to outperform the already high expectations we have for them. Our adoption numbers speak for themselves, finding loving homes for THOUSANDS of animals every year.

We are able to fulfill our mission because of YOU! Your continued support allows us to provide shelter, medical attention, compassionate care and a safe-haven for thousands of animals as they await adoption. Although we are making a huge difference for the animals of Monmouth County and beyond, there are so many more in need of our help!

Together we can save  
even more lives in 2020  
and in the years to come!

  
Ross Licitra, Executive Director,  
Chief of Humane Law Enforcement

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2019 & 2020  
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# MONMOUTH COUNTY SPCA

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY

### DOG WALK + PET FAIR

**A SUPER DAY FOR A SUPER CAUSE!**

**This past April, we celebrated our 25th Anniversary Dog Walk + Pet Fair with an exciting comic book theme at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft and raised over \$105,000 for the homeless animals in our care!**



Superhero dogs and their human sidekicks from near and far flew to Brookdale Community College's campus to enjoy the sunny, spring weather and show support of our mission. Highlights of the event included comic-themed photo taking opportunities with costumed superheroes, a puppy kissing booth, lots of vendors, delicious food, contests for pets and their owners and plenty of games and activities for event-goers of all ages. A new and exciting draw this year was the world-famous K9 frisbee team, The Disc-Connected K9s, who performed 3 different high-flying shows throughout the day with their 14 rescue dogs. Many of the adorable adoptables that were brought from our shelter that day found their new, loving forever homes. Now that's a happy ending! We can't wait for next year's fun!



The World-famous, travelling, Disc-Connected K-9 Frisbee Team brought 3 shows of high-flying fun! All of the dogs they bring on tour are rescued from shelters across the country. They also donated a portion of their merch sales back to us!



The Sfarra Family, our 2019 fund-raising winners, with this and next year's Honorary Chairdog, Pinot! The Sfarra's raised over \$26,000 for the Dog Walk this year and we can't wait to see Pinot again next year up on our billboards! WOOF!



Check out some of the comic-con style characters we had for photo-ops! Superman, WonderWoman, Black Panther, Spiderman - the list goes on and on! Guests lined up to take photos with their furry friends and these event celebrities!

**Save the date for the 2020 Dog Walk on Saturday, April 25th, at Brookdale Community College!  
For more information email us at [events@monmouthcountyspca.org](mailto:events@monmouthcountyspca.org)!**



# No Dogs Left Behind - International Adoption Success!

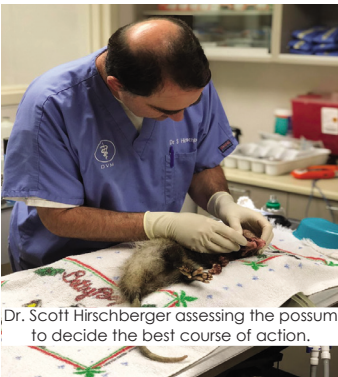
Every year in China, the Yulin Festival celebrates the skinning and eating of dogs. Many of the dogs are family pets who have been stolen while the remaining are bred in inhumane conditions and raised for slaughter. Thanks to the **No Dogs Left Behind** organization, as well as long-time supporters and friends of our shelter, these dogs were rescued and sponsored so they could start a new life in New Jersey. The Monmouth County SPCA was grateful to have been chosen as a safe-haven for these dogs as they awaited their adoptions and we were happy to take the time to get to know each of them for the wonderful, individuals that they are!

As an organization, we're lucky to have the resources to save dogs not only in our own area, but throughout the US and the world – that's all thanks to supporters like you! We believe that compassion has no borders and that every animal deserves a second chance! A **special thanks to John & Robin Klein** for their dedication and support of this very important, lifesaving mission!



Maddy & Moose, 2 Yulin survivors, pictured with their new family along with John & Robin Klein and MCSPCA Executive Director, Chief Ross Licitra.

## Nothing Is ImPOSSUMble: A Unique Clinic Client!



Dr. Scott Hirschberger assessing the possum to decide the best course of action.

Recently, our Animal Control Division was dispatched to a hardware store that caught a possum and her 6 week old baby in a trap. Unfortunately, the trap was left unattended for an extended period of time and the mama tried to chew her way out, most likely to get to her other babies, and ended up ripping most of her lip off. Mama possum was rushed over to our Vogel Veterinary Care Center where she was immediately sedated so our team could assess the situation. Our veterinarians decided they could repair mama's face with a few stitches but during surgery prep we made another discovery!

Mama was also housing another litter of babies, estimated to be just under two weeks old, in her pouch. Very carefully, our VVCC team performed surgery and mama possum did great. She was placed back with her older baby and placed to recover with one of our vet techs, who happens to be a marsupial master! As an added bonus, the babies that were left at the hardware store were captured and reunited with their mama! With medication, nutritious food and just a little TLC, this whole family made a full recovery and were released where they could be happy and most of all, safe!



The two week old babies we discovered in mama possum's pouch!



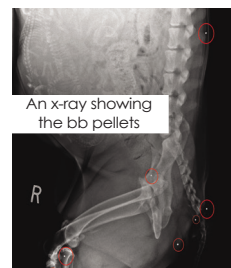
Mama possum snuggling comfortably after surgery with her oldest joey.

We're so lucky to have such an extraordinary team of compassionate professionals! Our team makes us so proud and **we're also incredibly thankful for supporters of the Monmouth County SPCA** who make rescue miracles like this POSSUMble! Our VVCC is here for your own pets too! The VVCC is open 6 days a week, for more information or to make an appointment, call 732-542-3125 or visit [www.vogelvet.org](http://www.vogelvet.org)!



# A Blooming Family - Tulip & Her Flowery Babies Rescued

Tulip is a beautiful girl who was saved from living outside. Tulip was pregnant, alone, and living her life tied to a tree. Luckily, Tulip was rescued and transported to the MCSPCA and given a full medical exam where upon x-ray, we discovered she had been shot multiple times with a pellet gun. After she was cleared by our medical team, Tulip was placed in a foster home so that she could rest until she was ready to have her puppies.



**Days after Tulip settled into her foster home, she went into labor, but there were complications...**



One of Tulip's adorable puppies and then the wonderful mama herself resting with her litter after her emergency c-section.



Tulip began to give birth but unfortunately, two of her puppies were stuck in the birth canal and did not make it. Tulip's foster mom rushed her to Garden State Veterinary Hospital where an emergency c-section was necessary to save six of the other puppies. Tulip was an exceptional patient and returned to her foster home the next day to finally rest.

Fast forward two months later to Tulip and her puppies getting their 8-week checkup at our Vogel Veterinary Care Center! Primrose, Zinnia, Aster, Quince, Tulip Junior and Valerian grew to be healthy and obviously adorable, thanks to having a fantastic mom (and foster mom!) When the time came, this beautiful family was placed up for adoption and all found their forever homes! **Tulip's emergency care was provided by the MCSPCA Duchess Fund, a special fund created for situations just like hers - to donate, visit our website and click support!**



Tulip & her litter at their 8-week checkup at our Vogel Veterinary Care Center.

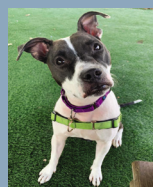
## Adoption Update!



### Lynette Baguette Got Her Lucky Break!

Lynette Baguette, a senior kitty, spent almost 2 years waiting for her forever home. We enrolled Lynette in a clicker-training program and took some video of her showing off her skills! After posting the video on social media, she became famous which ultimately lead to her adoption! This pretty kitty is now resting comfortably in her forever home thanks to our amazing team!

## Still Waiting For Their Homes ♥



**Tinsel**  
Tinsel is a 2-year-old pocket-sized pitbull who's been waiting almost a year for her forever home! Tinsel knows her commands and loves to lay on laps! She's a total doll!



**Louise**  
Louise is a 5-year-old retired mama looking for her new family! Louise is independent, smart and knows how to high-five! This pretty girl doesn't mind other kitties and is waiting to meet you!

*The Monmouth County SPCA is here to help you find your perfect match! We have animals of all breeds, ages and temperaments waiting to meet you! We encourage you to make the choice to adopt an animal to save a life*

*Visit [www.monmouthcountyspca.org](http://www.monmouthcountyspca.org) to see all of our adoptables!*

## Next Stop, Pit Stop!



Morty, an adorable Pit Stop Participant!

This past spring, The Monmouth County SPCA happily partnered with **The Little Silver Animal Hospital Foundation for the Animals** on a new project called the "Pit Stop Program." The Pit Stop Program, created by **Dr. Richard Yacowitz of Little Silver Animal Hospital**, and made possible by a gracious donor, provides free spay/neuter surgeries for pitbull and pitbull mixes at the Vogel Veterinary Care Center. Additionally, participants will receive \$100 upon a completed surgery and another \$100 when returning for a follow-up appointment. The Monmouth County SPCA and the Little Silver Animal Hospital Foundation for the Animals hopes that the monetary incentive will motivate dog owners to responsibly spay and neuter their pets. *To learn more, email [pitstop@monmouthcountyspca.org](mailto:pitstop@monmouthcountyspca.org) or give us a call at 732-542-3125!*



# Hunterdon Heroics: 200 Dogs Rescued



This past June, the Monmouth County SPCA was called to a property in Hunterdon County to assist in a backyard breeding/hoarding situation involving nearly 200 dogs living in squalor. On scene, the dogs were all living in stacked crates with little ventilation or sunlight where they were being housed and we were eager to get them all to safety! The majority of these dogs were Parson Russell Terriers and over their years of neglect were matted with over grown nails, dirty coats, rotting teeth and needed our attention immediately. After transporting a large group of the dogs to our shelter we sprung right into action to make sure none of these dogs had to withstand another day in discomfort, fear or pain.

**Our team worked for 2 days straight making sure each and every dog received their appropriate vaccinations and microchips, had their eyes and ears cleaned, their nails trimmed and were bathed so they could finally feel calm and comfortable. Over the next week, all of the dogs were spayed and neutered and received any special surgeries they needed, including mass removals and a cataract correction – our goal was to have these animals finally know what it was like to be loved and cared for by humans.**



***Our team worked hard to de-mat, vaccinate, bathe and do everything else these dogs needed!***

All of the dogs were given the time they needed to decompress from such a stressful ordeal. Every day we provided them with clean, dry bedding, nutritious meals, yummy treats and any medical care they needed. Our behavior team assessed each and every dog so that we could find them the PERFECT adopters, those who would understand how special they really are! We've been fortunate enough to find homes for many of these dogs while placing a few in foster homes and we hope that by the time you read this, ALL of these dogs will have found their happily ever afters!

***To learn more about the availability of these dogs, email our adoption center at [adoptions@monmouthcountysPCA.org](mailto:adoptions@monmouthcountysPCA.org)!***

**A Few  
Happily  
Ever Afters!**

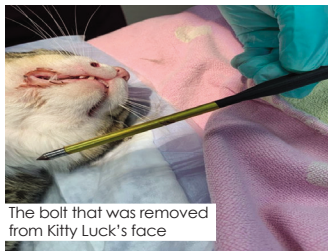
***Thanks to your support!***





## One Lucky Cat *Meet Kitty Luck!*

On a warm Spring day, Howell Police Dept. was dispatched to pick up an injured cat. Upon arrival, they discovered a car who had been shot in the face with a crossbow bolt.



The bolt that was removed from Kitty Luck's face

Our Humane Law Enforcement Division was called out to the scene and rushed the cat to Red Bank Veterinary Hospital, where he was sedated and had the bolt carefully removed. Aptly named Kitty Luck, our handsome new friend recovered beautifully in our care and was finally ready to start a new life! Kitty Luck found a home on a big



Kitty Luck arriving at his new home!

farm with 2 new human brothers and has been thriving! ***Thanks to your support, we're able to provide animals like Kitty Luck with a second chance at a good life!***

## Be A Part of the Change in Animal Welfare

Last year, MCSPCA's change canister program raised over \$3,000! That purchases a lot of food, treats and toys for the animals in our programs. Monmouth County businesses display a MCSPCA canister near check out to collect their customers' spare change, and those quarters and dimes end up making a real difference! These businesses are humane welfare heroes in the eyes of our patrons.

***Will your favorite store or business be a part of the change?***

Please contact Celina at (732) 440-1556 or [Celina@monmouth-countyspca.org](mailto:Celina@monmouth-countyspca.org) to find out how you can help!



## Kittens, Kittens & More Kittens!

*Being cared for thanks to your support!*

From March until November, the MCSPCA experiences a well-known period in the animal welfare community known as "Kitten Season." During the season, we take in hundreds and hundreds of kittens and pregnant or nursing mothers who are brought to us as strays, surrenders and sometimes through cases of neglect or cruelty. Since January, we've taken in over 600 kittens, an astounding number, ranging from only a few days old to a few months old. Many of the kittens we take in are orphaned and need immediate care and around-the-clock bottle feeding, it's a full-time job! Thanks to our foster program, a critical component of our shelter, over 70% of the kittens we receive are able to spend their first couple of months growing and being socialized in a loving home. We are currently in the midst of kitten season and have over 300 little lives in foster until they're big and healthy enough to be spayed and neutered and eventually placed up for adoption. Aside from adopting, fostering and advocating, we rely on the support of our followers through monetary and supply donations to keep these lifesaving programs operating!

**To learn more about how you can help our kittens, visit our website at [www.monmouthcountyspca.org](http://www.monmouthcountyspca.org) or email [info@monmouthcountyspca.org](mailto:info@monmouthcountyspca.org)!**





# The Future Of Animal Welfare: Classroom Heroes!

Barbara Leary is a special fourth-grade teacher at Keansburg's Joseph C. Caruso School who has spent years showing her students how to be good citizens of the world. She has built curriculum for her classes that incorporates science, social studies and writing into a year-long fundraising initiative that benefits both the Monmouth County SPCA and the Sheriff's K-9 unit. Students also gain critical social and life skills through applying for fundraising "jobs" by writing a five-paragraph job application and then attending an interview. They act as personal shoppers, cashiers and as 'security' at their classroom popup store, or as servers at their annual 'Barkary' Italian restaurant night. Homework includes writing compelling letters to local businesses for support, learning to speak clearly about their mission and how to craft a heartfelt thank you letter. Some students return



to Mrs. Leary's classroom year after year to help out the younger kids, and their parents report that after spending a year in Mrs. Leary's class, their children become motivated, philanthropic and compassionate people.

"This project started from my love for animals and desire to help them. Over the years, I have been fortunate to be able to teach students how important it is to treat all animals with respect and inspire them to help animals in need," says Barbara Leary. Each year, the class presents a check to the

MCSPCA for thousands of dollars to support animal rescue. Mrs. Leary's lesson plan does not just help animals but teaches children to be better people and makes Monmouth County a better place. She has also created an environment where children learn the joy of giving!

## Save The Dates

### Fur Ball Gala

"Top Dogs & Leaders of the Pack"  
Honoring Sheriff Shaun Golden  
and Freeholder Director Tom Amone  
September 28th @ Blu Grotto

### Blessing of the Animals

October 9th 2019  
Monmouth County SPCA

### Valentine's Day Brunch

February 9th, 2020  
Navesink Country Club

*For information on any of our events, email [events@monmouthcountyspca.org](mailto:events@monmouthcountyspca.org)!*

## Become a Monmouth County SPCA Volunteer!

We're always looking for volunteers to help aid in our mission to save animals! We have jobs for everyone, such as animal transporters, puppy and kitten socializers, administrative help, laundry room attendant, dog walkers, event representatives and so much more!

We never stop working for our animals and would love to have you join our team!

For more information email [volunteers@monmouthcountyspca.org](mailto:volunteers@monmouthcountyspca.org)!

