



## **MIDDLE TOWNSHIP ANIMAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

### **Reading of Open Public Meetings Act Statement**

I hereby declare that notice has been given to the Herald Times and posted on the bulletin board of the Middle Township Municipal Building, stating the time and place of the following meeting, as required in P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the State of New Jersey. (Sunshine Law).

### **Flag Salute**

**ATTENDANCE:** Madelyn McCarroll, Bill Candell, Suzanne Callinan, Stefanie Facciolo, Vilma Pombo, Dr. Hirsch, Rick Eufrazio, George Spadea, Jen Modica, Mary Creamer, Dawn Stimmel

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Judy Davies Dunhour – CMC Animal Shelter; Charlotte Anderson – CMC Animal Alliance; Kirby Reed – American Cancer Society -

**ABSENT:** Karen Buckingham

### **JUDY DAVIES DUNHOUR – CAPE MAY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER**

Judy spoke to the Animal Advisory Board about the Cape May County Animal Shelter and their incoming and outgoing numbers of cats and dogs. **(SEE ATTACHMENT “A”) T**

They have a staff of 15 and are open 7 days a week from 1:30 to 4:00 PM.

All adoption fees they receive go into the General Fund and all Pet Smart Grant money they get goes into the Spay/Neuter Fund.

Their biggest challenges at the Shelter are cats and Pit Bulls. In 2014, 28 of the Pit Bulls were from Middle Township. For every dog that gets placed, they would need to place 5 cats for a match. She said the majority of dogs get adopted out, with the exception of Pit Bulls. She has a Professional Trainer

that comes in for the Pit Bulls, to teach them crate training and how to walk on a leash.

The reclaim rate for dogs is good, but not so for cats. The occupancy level fluctuation for cats can be anywhere from 175-275 and for dogs anywhere from 30 to 45. If you are reclaiming a Pit Bull that has not been neutered or spayed, the Shelter will waive the reclaim fee if owner gets the dog spayed or neutered.

The Shelter also does a lot of TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release), along with several other volunteer groups and nonprofit groups. **(SEE ATTACHMENT "B")** A total of 289 cats were Spay/Neutered in Middle Township between the Shelter, Animal Alliance, Animal Welfare and Sandy Paws and 28 dogs were done.

They have hooked up with a couple of new places in the County to transfer cats for them to be adopted out.

They are also at Pet Smart on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays with pets for adoption.

Madelyn asked Judy if we can bring in animals from other Shelters to put up for adoption. Judy said no, we can only take in animals that are in Cape May County since the shelter is paid for by the county residents.

Madelyn brought up that November was Senior Adoption month. She said she is trying to coordinate a program in speaking with seniors. She asked Judy if she would be interested in taking senior pets to this.

Judy said she would be interested and that the County does have a program for seniors. She said that community outreach is usually done by volunteer staff. She said she will take dogs out for different functions, but not cats. It is too stressful for a cat and not worth it.

Suzanne inquired as to how the shelter handles when a tourist or a young kid here for the summer comes to the shelter to adopt a pet.

Judy said the shelter really does not have a lot of that and if someone does come in that is renting, the landlord usually will not approve the adoption. She also said that if someone mentions when they get a cat that they are going to declaw it, they will not adopt it out to that person. They do not deal with a lot of dog bite reports either. That is usually done through the County Health Department.

Madelyn also spoke about a pamphlet she was working on about how to identify your cat. She said our primary goal right now for the board is to work

on spay/neuter. Judy also said another good way to identify your cat is by micro chipping them.

Judy then brought up that in Whitesboro, there is a home where sometimes there are a lot of dog houses, sometimes there are dogs there and sometimes there are not. She also said that on Swip Swap there is always some kind of animal to either give away or sell. These are things that maybe our ACO can check into because they could be places breeding and selling dogs, which would constitute them obtaining a kennel license.

Rick Eufrazio commended Judy on job well done at shelter. He told her we table at events to educate and make people aware of pet care. It would be nice to have a pet at these functions. Wanted to know if that would be possible. Also wanted to know if the shelter does fostering of animals.

Judy said they could make animals available at our functions; she would just need to know dates and times. As far as fostering, once in a while a pet is fostered, which are usually animals that are not doing well. They do not have people foster healthy, adoptable animals.

Dr. Hirsch wanted to know if in Cape May County was there any centralized TNR program. He feels we need a strong program that needs to be publicized and county wide. Judy said the most centralized is Animal Alliance. She said each area has its must go to place. She said the Shelter is the facilitator for the TNR Program, but she feels that the ACO should be the one facilitating the TNR. George feels that something needs to be established for TNR and he would like to see that done.

Judy also said that chipping is done at the Shelter for \$10. Registration can be done on line and it is a lifetime registration. The Shelter started doing chipping 3-4 years ago.

Madelyn wanted to know if it would be possible to have the MT Dog Licensing form at the Shelter to give to people who are from Middle that adopt a dog. Judy said they could, but that it would be too involved for them. If they did it for Middle they would have to do it for all of the municipalities in Cape May County.

Madelyn thanked Judy for coming and for her informative information on the Shelter.

Kirby Reed, from the American Cancer Society, spoke on the Bark for Life Canine Event to fight Cancer. She would like to invite Flash, Middle's Top Dog Contest Winner, to be the Grand Marshall of the event. The event is being held at the Davies Sports Complex on April 18, 2015 from 10 to 1.  
**(SEE ATTACHMENT "C")**

Madelyn said the newsletter should be up and running by this weekend. She also asked for volunteers for the Free Rabies Clinic on April 25<sup>th</sup>. She would

also like to coordinate doing micro chipping of the animals at the Free Rabies Clinics in the future. Maybe something that could be done with the County.

**Adjourn: 6:55 PM**

ATTACHMENT "A"

CAPEMAY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER & ADOPTION CENTER												
4 Moore Road, DN 501-B, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 609-465-8923 email: animalshelter@co.cape-may.nj.us Contact Person: Judy Davies-Dunhour												
CATS	INCOMING					OUTGOING					Other	
	ACO	Surrender	Other	Reclaimed	Adopted	Transferred	Euthanized	Died in Shelter	Other			
2014	44	23	8	6	33	21	4	0	0	0	0	13
January	12	1	5	4	21	15	3	0	0	0	0	0
February	13	4	11	7	31	14	2	0	0	0	0	0
March	43	5	9	2	10	24	3	0	0	0	0	0
April	57	7	15	4	16	35	6	0	0	0	0	0
May	67	8	12	8	14	43	6	1	4	4	0	0
June	51	7	22	1	14	16	4	1	1	4	0	0
July	64	1	20	9	23	29	3	7	0	0	0	0
August	59	3	19	4	26	24	6	2	2	2	0	0
September	36	15	24	7	24	35	8	2	5	2	0	0
October	19	4	10	1	24	18	2	1	2	2	0	0
November	20	6	11	1	29	24	2	0	0	0	0	0
December	485	84	166	54	265	298	49	14	14	13	0	0
Total 2014												

  

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2014	22	7	1	13	9	7	4	0	0	0	0	1
January	21	9	3	17	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	16	4	2	11	11	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
March	29	16	1	25	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	29	20	7	22	10	8	1	0	1	1	0	0
May	29	9	3	22	18	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
June	38	13	5	25	15	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
July	24	11	2	20	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
August	31	18	1	23	18	6	3	0	0	0	0	0
September	28	6	3	23	15	6	2	0	0	0	0	0
October	20	6	1	8	9	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
November	17	10	4	14	16	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	304	129	33	223	154	58	18	0	0	1	0	0
Total 2014												

735

466

RECLAIM: DOGS 56 CATS 13

CATS 86  
 DOGS 66  
 47 158  
 25 (21%)  
 16 122  
 46 (26%)

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# ATTACHMENT "B"

Middle Township cats altered  
and paid for by volunteers &  
non profit groups since 10/31/13

	Cost	Males	Females	Total Cats
Animal Welfare Society	\$10,000	88	94	182
Animal Alliance	\$3,116	41	41	82
Sandy Paws	\$495	6	7	13
MT Co/Pays (Strays)	\$10-\$25	9	3	12
Totals	\$13,611	144	145	289

2014: 28 OF 54  
2013: 11 OF 33  
2012: 9 OF 30

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ATTACHMENT "C"

(2 PAGES)



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY  
**BARK FOR LIFE™**  
A CANINE EVENT TO FIGHT CANCER



## Bark For Life of Cape May County

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Davies Sports Complex • 626 Goshen Rd, CMCH

10 AM – 1 PM • Rain or Shine

(Registration Opens at 9 AM - \$10 per Dog.)

[www.relayforlife.org/barkcapemaycountynj](http://www.relayforlife.org/barkcapemaycountynj)

Bark For Life is a noncompetitive walk event for dogs and their owners to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. The event honors the caregiving qualities of canine companions while celebrating survivors, remembering those lost to the disease, and fighting back! By supporting Bark For Life, you help the American Cancer Society save lives, helping us move closer to a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Bring your best canine friends and join us for a walk, demos, contests, games & more. A day of fun for the whole family! \*All Dogs must be on a leash!

**9 am Registration • 10 am Opening Ceremony • 1:00 pm Closing Ceremony**

For more information or to register, sponsor, or volunteer, please contact:  
Kirby Reed • 404.653.8071 • [kirby.reed@cancer.org](mailto:kirby.reed@cancer.org)

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Visit [RelayForLife.org](http://RelayForLife.org).





# AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY **BARK FOR LIFE**<sup>®</sup> A CANINE EVENT TO FIGHT CANCER

You can help the American Cancer Society save lives!

## WHAT IS BARK FOR LIFE

Bark For Life is an American Cancer Society fundraising event that honors the lifelong contributions of our canine caregivers. It presents an opportunity for people to be empowered through their canine companion partnerships and to contribute to cancer cures through the American Cancer Society. Canine caregivers are canine companions, guide dogs, service dogs, rescue dogs, therapy dogs, police dogs, cancer survivor dogs, and diagnostic dogs who, with their owners, are joining the American Cancer Society to help finish the fight against cancer. They participate to celebrate cancer survivorship, to honor those lost to cancer, and to fundraise in support of the American Cancer Society's mission to finish the fight against cancer.

Bark For Life events offer survivors – and any dog lover – the opportunity to partner with their canine best friends to create new connections and share a chance to smile as they come together to fight cancer.

## HOW DO BARK FOR LIFE EVENTS BENEFIT RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS?

Both Bark For Life events and Relay For Life events support the mission of the American Cancer Society through participant fundraising and mission delivery. The advantage of Bark For Life events is that participants have fun raising money with their best buddies – their dogs! Bark For Life volunteers work with their Relay For Life counterparts to promote both events.

Community Relay teams can host fundraisers prior to and after Bark For Life events to help them reach their team fundraising goals. Donations are credited to the Relay teams when they hold fundraising activities at a Bark For Life event.

Dog owners and dog lovers are also welcome to continue raising funds by setting up a tent at their local Relay For Life event. This can give their teams a new audience and introduce new fundraising opportunities.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT A BARK FOR LIFE EVENT?

Families and their dogs come together for a few hours during the day and complete a one-mile walk to honor the caregiving qualities of their canine best friends and cancer survivors. Bark For Life event programs vary, but all typically include the following elements:

- Opening ceremony
- Celebrations of both human and canine survivors and caregivers
- Doggie games such as tennis ball catch or dunking for tennis balls
- Dog dress-up and dog show-style top dog contests
- Team and community fundraising
- Music and food
- Special demonstrations by obedience, therapy, police, or rescue dogs

For more information on Bark For Life, please visit [www.RelayForLife.org/barkcapemaycountynj](http://www.RelayForLife.org/barkcapemaycountynj), Like us on Facebook, or contact staff partner Kirby Reed by email [Kirby.reed@cancer.org](mailto:Kirby.reed@cancer.org) or phone (404) 653-8071





# Bark For Life of \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a box, donate, and sign your name!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>First \$1 for your four-legged friend!</p>	<p>Woof! Here's a buck. Here's a buck.</p>	<p>\$3 for a future with less cancer.</p>	<p>\$5 to help buy a wig.</p>	<p>\$1 for: 4 quarters for cancer prevention education.</p>	<p>\$2 for my first grandchild!</p>	<p>I'll donate to a soda = \$1.</p>	<p>\$2 to END breast cancer.</p>	<p>\$1 in memory of my childhood dog.</p>	<p>\$2 to support someone fighting cancer.</p>	<p>\$1 for sun safety.</p>
<p>Ruff-ruff! \$1 just because.</p>	<p>\$5 to fight childhood cancer.</p>	<p>\$5 to fight breast cancer.</p>	<p>\$2 in honor of: Woof! Here's a buck.</p>	<p>\$1 for my aunt.</p>	<p>\$2 just because.</p>	<p>\$2 to fight leukemia!</p>	<p>\$2 in honor of my canine caregiver.</p>	<p>\$2 because I'm proud of you.</p>	<p>\$1 for someone fighting cancer.</p>	<p>\$2 to help people quit smoking.</p>
<p>\$3 in memory of: Sure, here's a buck!</p>	<p>\$5 for: Woof! Here's a buck.</p>	<p>\$5 for: Woof! Here's a buck.</p>	<p>Woof! Here's a buck.</p>	<p>Here's \$5. This is for fighting!</p>	<p>\$1 for my sister.</p>	<p>\$2 in honor of Mom.</p>	<p>Ruff-ruff! because.</p>	<p>\$1 for my dad.</p>	<p>\$5 for: Woof! Here's a buck.</p>	<p>Containing more than worth \$4 to me.</p>
<p>\$5 because I believe in you.</p>	<p>\$2 to finish the fight!</p>	<p>\$2 to finish the fight!</p>	<p>\$2 in honor of: Woof! Here's a buck.</p>	<p>\$3 to fight pancreatic cancer.</p>	<p>\$3 to fight because dogs give 100%.</p>	<p>\$2 to END lung cancer!</p>	<p>\$2 to encourage a healthy lifestyle.</p>	<p>\$2 to encourage a healthy lifestyle.</p>	<p>\$2 to END lung cancer!</p>	<p>I'll finish the fight \$5.</p>

# AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY BARK FOR LIFE® A CANINE EVENT TO FIGHT CANCER

Thank you for supporting my fundraising efforts and the American Cancer Society!

Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_



