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**animal welfare**

**FALL 2024 IMPACT REPORT**

# about partners in animal welfare

## VISION

We envision a future where every animal in New Jersey, and beyond, is afforded the dignity, respect, and loving care they deserve.

## MISSION

Our mission is to empower local animal welfare organizations by connecting them with life-changing resources and fostering a network of partners to address the critical needs of animals in crisis using robust support, collaborative advocacy, and transformative education.



**join our cause to  
save more animals  
in new jersey**

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## funding

Providing emergency medical and dental grants for animals in need and creating specialized programs for senior and disabled animals.



## programs

Developing short-term and ongoing programs like our children's reading program for shelters, nonprofit consultations and pet housing assistance for at-risk animals.



## education

Offering live and remote opportunities to learn from animal welfare professionals and network with fellow animal welfare enthusiasts.



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## PAW SAYS 'NO' TO SELLING ANIMALS IN PET SHOPS

On Friday, May 17, members of PAW leadership, alongside representatives from the Humane Society of the United States and the Animal League Defense Fund, convened in Trenton to lobby for New Jersey Bill S.2511/A.4051. Introduced on February 5, 2024, this crucial bill aims to prohibit the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in New Jersey. During the event, our advocates urged key senators and assembly members to join as cosponsors.

To date, seven states (New York, Maine, Maryland, Illinois, Washington, Oregon, and California) and over 480 localities, including 145 communities in New Jersey, have already enacted similar legislation. We believe it's time for New Jersey to join these states in prohibiting the sale of animals in pet shops, ensuring a united front against the exploitation of animals.

Supporting the Humane Pet Store Bill aligns with PAW's mission to promote humane and ethical businesses practices that protect animals from the cruelties of commercial breeding. This legislation is a vital step toward ending the cycle of inhumane treatment and ensuring a brighter, more compassionate future for animals across the state. Let's stand together and advocate for a humane New Jersey!

# paws to read - in a box



We're thrilled to announce the launch of our innovative program, 'PAWs to Read - In a Box,' made possible by a generous grant from **The Albert Payson Terhune Foundation**. This unique initiative bridges the worlds of children's literacy and animal socialization, aiming to cultivate the next generation of animal welfare advocates.

'PAWs to Read - In a Box' is designed to nurture compassion and enhance reading skills in children while providing love and attention to animals in need. Through this program, we've developed special kits for animal welfare groups, allowing children to read to animals, fostering a unique bond and creating a comforting environment for both. This initiative not only helps children improve their reading skills but also offers invaluable socialization opportunities for animals, making them more adoptable.

We are deeply grateful to **The Albert Payson Terhune Foundation** for their support in bringing this project to life. With their help, we are excited to make a positive impact on both children and animals in our community.



## PAW'S VISIT TO THE LAKOTA WOLF PRESERVE

Our summer visit to the **Lakota Wolf Preserve** in Warren County, NJ ([www.lakotawolf.com](http://www.lakotawolf.com)), was an unforgettable experience that left a lasting impact on all who attended. This incredible nonprofit organization is dedicated to the care and education of wolves, bobcats, foxes, and lynx. Getting up close to these majestic and endangered animals was both inspiring and eye-opening.

The visit also highlighted a concerning reality: wolves have been delisted from the endangered species list and are no longer protected in the Northern Rocky Region. As a result, they are once again being hunted and are at risk of being wiped out after barely gaining a foothold in existence. This situation underscores the urgent need for wildlife preservation and the protection of these magnificent creatures.

As part of our mission to improve animal welfare in New Jersey, we at PAW are committed to raising awareness and advocating for the protection of wildlife. Our visit to the **Lakota Wolf Preserve** reinforced our dedication to this cause and reminded us of the importance of preserving our wildlife for future generations. We continue to work tirelessly to protect these animals and promote a compassionate approach to animal welfare.

# helping new jersey's animals in need



## PONCHO'S STORY

Lost in the chaos of a hoarding situation and overcrowded shelter in Texas, scared Poncho had lost hope. But something special in his eyes caught the attention of a rescuer who brought him home.

With your support, Poncho received medical care thanks to a grant from PAW and today, he's thriving as a therapy dog, giving emotional support to his senior owner and her husband in hospice care.

From being overlooked to being an essential support system for his family, Poncho's story is a true reminder of how rescue changes lives—both for pets and the people who save them.

## BETTY'S STORY

Betty was discarded by her breeder after being diagnosed with a heart murmur. But thanks to a PAW-funded echocardiogram, Betty's future was transformed!

Diagnosed with a rare but manageable condition, Betty doesn't need surgery or medication and is now thriving in her new, loving home. She can run, play, and enjoy her puppy life to the fullest!

Your support made this possible—thank you for helping Betty get the second chance she deserves!



# seniors for seniors

In 2023, PAW Advisory Board Member and founder of Humane Montclair, Annette Batson, and PAW Founder Karen Sacks, worked with the Township of Montclair to secure a grant from the Mars Corporation for a Seniors for Seniors program. This special program brings together two populations that truly benefit from each other's companionship: senior citizens and senior animals.

Both Karen and Annette serve on the implementation committee for the project along with Montclair's Directors of Senior Services, the Health Department and the Montclair Township Animal Shelter.

The Seniors for Seniors program supports adoption of senior pets, adoption and fostering by seniors of shelter animals, and support for seniors struggling to support their own pets as they age.

The committee announced launch of the program at a luncheon for residents of the South End Gardens Senior Apartments in Montclair along with special guest, New Jersey Assemblywoman Alix Collazos-Gill (shown in top photo), a strong supporter of the project.

Once fully operational, PAW is eager to replicate this program for other animal welfare groups around the state.

Together, we're building a brighter future for senior citizens and senior animals alike!





# grant makers

**connecting donors with the animals they support**

## **TRANSFORMING ANIMALS' LIVES THROUGH PERSONALIZED GRANTS**

In the wake of increasing challenges in animal welfare within New Jersey, exacerbated by the pandemic's effects and rising care costs, every donation can make a profound difference.

**Our Grant Makers Initiative (GMI) redefines giving by connecting your donation directly to animals in need.** By joining the Grant Makers Initiative, you do more than donate; you develop a meaningful bond with the animal(s) you support.

## **CUSTOMIZE YOUR CONTRIBUTION**

Your donation of \$1,000 or more allows us to create a personalized grant to provide direct aid to a specific animal in crisis. The grant can be in your name, in honor of someone special, or in memory of a beloved pet.

Through exclusive updates, including photos, videos, and stories, you'll witness the transformation your contribution makes. Our 'Grants in Action' website and quarterly Impact Reports like this one will showcase the outcomes of your generosity.





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## **GRANT IN ACTION**

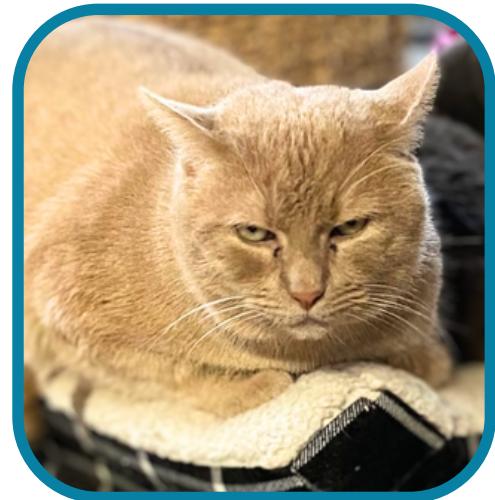
Thanks to the KAREN MOREIRA GRANT, Diamond, a beloved senior dog under the care of Friends of Wag On Inn Rescue's dedicated team, is receiving essential treatment for her arthritis and hip-related issues.



**mindy and david  
bershad**

## **GRANT IN ACTION**

From a scared newcomer to a thriving member of the Tamerlaine Sanctuary & Preserve family, this once upon a time "feral" cat's life took a miraculous turn for the better, finding a safe home and receiving essential dental care thanks to the MINDY and DAVID BERSHAD GRANT.



**sadie  
price**

## **GRANT IN ACTION**

Thanks to the SADIE PRICE GRANT, Wallace the Pig from Halfway Home Animal Rescue Team in New Jersey has undergone crucial surgery at Cornell University's veterinary services for a severe abscess in his hoof.

# the paw team



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## Maxine Hughes

Maxine is the Global Head of the New Business Group for Markets, JP Morgan Chase & Co. where she has been employed for the past 8 years. Maxine currently serves as Secretary of the FOMTAS Board.



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## Robyn Mait Levine

Robyn is an experienced marketing and communications professional with deep expertise in the nonprofit and for-profit sectors. She currently works for the Reed Foundation for Autism.



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## AJ Albrecht, ESQ.

AJ is the Chief Operating Officer for the Animal Legal Defense Fund. A licensed attorney, AJ is the 2020-2021 Chair of the American Bar Association's Animal Law Committee and a past Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Animal Law Committee.



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## Brian Hackett

Brian recently joined Associated Humane Societies in Newark, New Jersey as Director of Government and Community Relations after serving as Legislative Affairs Manager at the Animal Legal Defense Fund and before that, as New Jersey State Director for the Humane Society of the United States.



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## Nancy Willis

Nancy is the Vice President of Strategic Growth for the Humane Society of Silicon Valley. Nancy has more than two decades of leadership experience across both nonprofit and for-profit organizations, including the Maui Humane Society, Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation, and the Major League Baseball Players Association.



**Karen Sacks, ESQ.**  
FOUNDER &  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Karen is the founder and Executive Director of Partners in Animal Welfare. She created PAW after a career as a lawyer and then founding executive director of Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, a nonprofit she grew into a statewide leader in pro bono legal services during her seventeen year term. Karen has held various leadership roles in animal welfare organizations. She currently serves as the Chair of the board of directors of the Friends of the Montclair Township Animal Shelter and as a NJ Humane Policy Leader for the Humane Society of the United States.



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## Karen Moreira

Karen manages in-house litigation at a global Fortune 100 company based in NJ. As a volunteer passionate about animal welfare, she is a Humane Law liaison and avid dog walker at Monmouth County SPCA.



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## Stacey Bussel

Stacey is the current Managing Attorney at Disability Rights New Jersey. A vegetarian since the age of 16, animal rights and animal welfare have played an integral role in her life since childhood. Stacey spends her free time with her family including her rescue dog, Darwin, and rescue cat, Tiki.



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## Claire Sterling

Claire is the Chief Operating Officer at HEART, a New York-based nonprofit offering PreK-12 humane education programs and teaching resources. She previously served as Director, Grant Strategies at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).



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## Faith Krausman, DVM

Dr. Faith Krausman is a veterinarian practicing in New Jersey. Her business is Vet on Wheels, and she does house calls for cats, dogs, and exotics. Faith wrote a book about her work, *101 'Tails' of a House Call Veterinarian*. She is currently at work on a second volume.



## join us on our mission to save more animals in new jersey

Now more than ever far too many animals' lives are at risk, especially healthy dogs, cats and small critters in shelters waiting for their second chance to experience the love and kindness they deserve. **Together we can make a big impact for animals in our community.**

Your tax-deductible gift to Partners in Animal Welfare helps to ensure the animals in our community receive the compassion and care they need.

### MAKE A DONATION:

Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR Code and be automatically directed to our **Donations Page!**



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