Dear Animal Alliance Friends and Parents of Adopted “Alumni,”

This is one of the most important letters I’ve written to you in quite some time. That's because our Year-End Appeal is under way now and your support is urgently needed before December 31 - in a year filled with the continued challenges and hardships due to the pandemic and Hurricane Ida.

I know you love animals and you’ve been a wonderful friend to us and the thousands of dogs and cats we help each year through our animal shelter and low cost spay/neuter clinic, Planned Pethood. You show your love every time you’ve contributed to Animal Alliance. Thank you so much for your past support! We are hoping we can count on you again to assist us in our work.

Here are a few stories of some of the animals you recently helped us rescue, heal, care for and place in loving homes through your generosity.

Ben, a young dog who was intentionally shot in the leg & abandoned starving, suffering and painful, now in a wonderful home where he is greatly loved.

Roman, a sweet cat whose family was assisted in keeping their beloved cat through care from Animal Alliance’s Planned Pethood veterinary clinic.

Rhett arrived to us in a group of severely neglected dogs from a hoarding case. He was so matted he could barely stand up, and was skin and bones under all that heavy, knotted, filthy fur. He’s now the treasured pet of these wonderful people!

This time of year always reminds me of how generous you have been, and how much we depend on your generosity to keep our programs and services alive!

Adoptions have slowed over the last several months due to the fallout from Hurricane Ida, and this is placing an extra strain on our resources. This, along with the continued care for pets that are still displaced and have been in our shelter while owners seek new housing, has created an urgent need for more funds.

In this giving season, can you find it in your heart to make another gift to the animals before the year ends? Please send your love to our furry friends this holiday so we can continue to give them all the love and care they deserve.

All of us here at Animal Alliance wish you and yours a healthy and joy-filled holiday season.

Thank you so much for joining us in our work!

Sincerely,

Annie Trinkle, MBA
Executive Director
HURRICANE IDA
Animal Alliance jumps into action for displaced pets

Hurricane Ida hit our local area very hard on September 1. Many homes and the entire Village Apartments building in Lambertville were destroyed by flash flooding, and ultimately condemned. Residents became homeless in an instant and some had nowhere for their pets to go while they sought new housing. Animal Alliance quickly jumped into action to provide immediate safety to displaced pets. Within 24 hours of Hurricane Ida, a temporary shelter for owned pets was created in our veterinary clinic (so as to keep these temporary guardianship pets in a quieter location outside the main shelter). Flood victims who escaped only with the clothes on their back, told us how they held their pets above their head as they waded out of flood waters or were rescued by the fire department. Sadly, some pets drowned.

There were many emotional goodbyes when pets were first dropped off, but we have hosted many happy visits between pets and their people since then. As of mid-December, almost 4 months later, only 1 cat has been reclaimed; we are still providing care to numerous pets while their families seek permanent housing.

Animal Alliance’s already lean budget had nothing in reserve to cover emergency intake of these animals that would not be cycling out as adoptive pets and would be staying indefinitely. While Animal Alliance was happy to help our local community, the unexpected drain on our resources to provide extra staffing, veterinary care, and unlimited access to these pets for visiting families has taken a toll on our finances.

Animal Alliance was the only shelter in our area to provide temporary guardianship to Lambertville pets displaced by Hurricane Ida.

Does your company have a matching gift program? If so, that will DOUBLE your donation!

Planned Giving allows you to continue your legacy of kindness and goodwill to animals. Please remember Animal Alliance in your estate planning.

RECENT RESCUES

Belladonna, before rescue, had puppies in a drain pipe on the side of the road.

Danielle, who arrived to us pregnant, with a broken jaw, and anemic from severe flea infestation, now curled up in a cozy bed with her puppies in a loving foster home.

Gertie, a Dachshund who arrived so badly neglected — her nails had grown into her foot pads.

So many animals were adopted this year!

A home for the holidays! Two related families adopted 2 puppy siblings together.