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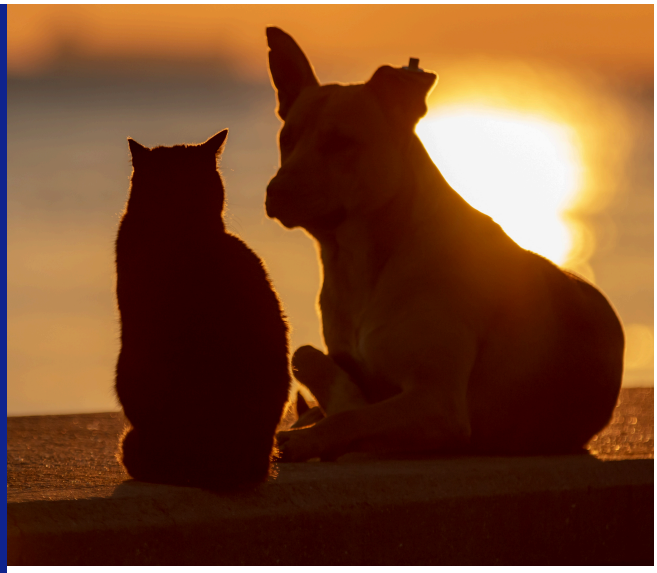
The Maddie Fund's GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

- PFTA granted over $22,100 for veterinary care and passed out over $119,500 in food to area pets
- 1704 dogs & 2287 cats were fed during PFTA's distribution days, and >1000 more through our support of local food pantries
- 189 pets were helped with care through 30 different veterinary hospitals or pet care facilities
- 23 dogs & 16 cats were spayed or neutered through our program
- Over 1800 families in Lackawanna & Luzerne counties received assistance



2025

"Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference!"

2024 passed like a comet through space, but it's not to say that it hasn't left scars on the face of PFTA. The continuous rise in the cost of pet food and veterinary services (10% and rising) along with a 20% increase in clientele has caused us to restructure our policies and reduce the amount of help we were able to give a family pet in need. This growth also caused PFTA to outgrow its inventory system's capabilities; and with a cost of over $3000 to upgrade this program, PFTA has chosen to revert back to a FREE (but more work and time) system and allocate these funds towards our spay/neuter program. Whatever it takes, our commitment remains.

Currently, PFTA does not expect any further reductions in its services. We will continue to strive and honor our new guidelines throughout 2025 for as long as possible.

It's our pleasure to introduce our newest Board members:
Sadie Pappas- Sadie is currently a Junior at Holy Cross who did her 2024 community service hours with PFTA. We were so impressed with her work, we offered her a seat as a Jr Board Member.
Jennifer Scazafabo - Jenn had volunteered her services several times to us during very critical times of need. Her skills to organize and her attention to detail is invaluable and is a welcome addition to PFTA.
WELCOME Sadie & Jennifer!

B E R E A D Y

Lodes Scapularis (Female Blacklegged Deer Tick)

Tick season usually begins in early spring and lasts through late fall, with the peak activity in the summer.However, the exact timing can vary by location and climate. These ticks are hard bodied ticks found in the Eastern and North Mid-West parts of the US. An adult deer tick has 8 legs and a life cycle of 2 years. It's a vector for several diseases of animals including humans (Lyme disease, Babesiois, Anaplasmosis and Powassn virus). Ticks aren't only out in the woods; many people are bitten by ticks in their own neighborhoods and backyards. Ticks prefer shaded, grassy or bushy areas with lots of leaf litter, and tend to latch on to the legs of people and pets as they brush the vegetation on the side of trails, lawns, and other recreation areas. Ticks are often the size of a pinhead before they bite and prefer to attach close to the head, neck, ears and feet but can be found anywhere on your pet's body. They can also transfer from pets coming into the household If you do find a tick on your pet, it is vital to take proper care when removing it as any contact with the tick's blood can potentially transmit infection to your pet or even to you.
Visit aspca.org for more information on ticks and your pet.

TEMMA

In June of 2024 PAWsitively for the Animals received a request for veterinary assistance for a 7 year old Shichon (Shitzu/Bichon) who had been suffering with kidney stones. Temma had been diagnosed by her vet a few months prior and was being treated with medication until an ultrasound revealed that one of the stones was dangerously splitting and needed to be removed ASAP. Temma's mom, Norma, who had just retired after working for 77 years, was already financially stressed paying for Temma's veterinary bills. After talking with Norma, and hearing about the special bond that the two of them shared, PFTA decided that we had to help! With our additional funding, Norma was able to afford the surgery for Temma.

As you can see... today Temma is living her best life!

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And our many, many donors ... your generous donations and tremendous support mean the world to this organization and its members.

Thank You!