

The Season for Love, Joy and Hope

To Our Supporters, friends and volunteers,

Our rescued dogs and cats have certainly received lots of love, joy and hope for a future where they will not have to spend one more day in a shelter or on the streets. Our Trapped/Neutered/Returned feral cats feel the love, joy, hope of just being able to live their lives in colonies, being fed, and not reproduce.

Best Friend is committed to continue their mission of saving as many lives as possible, providing veterinary care and a permanent home through adoption. This is possible through a network of supportive volunteers and community participation.

In 2022 so far we have adopted out over 125 cats and dogs and and have done TNR on over 60 unadoptable cats. We are appreciative of the continued support of the Best Friend Board, volunteers, donors and everyone who participates in our events throughout the year. We are grateful that we can be a part of a community of people who wants the best for unfortunate animals in need.



Bronx

Several months ago, we were alerted to a situation where a beautiful pittie boy named Bronx had found himself homeless after his mom sadly and unexpectedly passed away due to a domestic violence situation. His human brothers and sisters were completely devastated but there was no possible way for them to keep him. He was such a loving, loyal, and all-around good boy who absolutely adored all his walks and snuggles.

We were desperate to find him a home where he could recover from his previous trauma and learn to love another family just as he had done with his mom and human siblings. He spent a very long time in boarding and continued to be passed over for adoption. He was a volunteer favorite and we worked tirelessly to work on his manners and behavior training to make sure he was ready to be adopted. One day we received an application from a family who had recently lost their amazing pittie and found themselves heartbroken. They were in search of a rescue dog to call their own. After meeting Bronx, it was love at first sight and they knew they had found the one. Bronx deserved nothing but the best and he finally had found his new forever family.

Here are some of our heartwarming stories this year...



Visit our very own Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/bestfrienddogandanimaladoption>



Rocky

At the very beginning of 2022 we learned about an adult cat that was dumped at a local veterinary office after his owner could no longer care for him. He was transferred to a shelter who reached out to us to see if we could help. Poor Rocky was dumped with a severely enlarged eye that needed to be removed immediately. After his eye removal he was happy as could be and was officially ready for adoption. We had a very nice young couple who completed an application for him and were smitten when they got to meet him. After he was adopted, we were all happy and excited for Rocky. Sadly, three weeks later his adoptive family reached out because he was having labored breathing and stopped eating. After a couple emergency visits it was determined that Rocky had FIP which is usually an incurable disease that typically results in euthanasia. There is a treatment that is not currently approved in the United States so we had to jump through hoops to find a group that could help us get the medicine.

Rocky deserved a shot at a normal life, and we were going to do what we could to help him. His treatment was extremely expensive and consisted of 84 days of injections and 84 days of observation. We could not expect his adoptive family to take on this process or the stress that came with it. Rocky was temporarily placed back with his foster mom who completed his treatment. After that he was placed back with his adoptive family for the 84 days of observation. We are so happy to announce that as of now, Rocky's treatment was successful and is currently living his best life with his family.

Jules

A few months ago, we learned of a beautiful little girl named Jules who had been taken to a local New Jersey shelter. She was completely shut down and scared of everyone and everything. We had considered rescuing her, but another rescue stepped up first. A few weeks later that rescue reached out to us asking for help. They realized that she needed more work than they had the time and resources for to do what was best for her. We stepped in and she was immediately placed in an experienced foster home.

We quickly learned that she had been severely abused and neglected. She trusted no one and would not move from her bed or crate. She had to be leashed at all times so she could be taken outside for walks and bathroom time. Her foster mom worked tirelessly with her using high value treats and toys to help teach her that humans could be loving. In the last two months Jules has been learning so much and has started to trust and engage with new humans. Jules is up for adoption and would do best in a dog savvy adult only home where there is little commotion and visitors are limited. Once she warms up, she will be your best friend. She does need to be the only pet and does not do well when crated. She is great in the car, loves to sleep with her humans, is pee pad and potty trained and loves her walks or yard time.



Babs

Several months ago, we rescued this shy little two-year-old, muted calico from a local Northern New Jersey town thanks in part to a trapper that we work with quite frequently. We named her Babs after her trapper.

She had obviously been someone's cat at some point because she was not feral, just scared. We scanned her for a microchip, but unfortunately, she was not chipped or spayed. We immediately got her all the necessary veterinary care and after her FeLV/ FIV (Feline Leukemia/ Feline Aids) test was complete, it was determined that she was FIV positive. There are many misconceptions about how long FIV cats live or if they can live with other cats.

Babs is currently in an amazing foster home living with a dog, cats and two other FIV cats. Most people who own FIV cats own non-FIV cats as well. They can live normal happy and healthy lives and are some of the friendliest cats around. Babs has settled in nicely and absolutely loves to run around, play with her toys and of course nap on her favorite cat tree. She is an extreme cuddler and will always choose a human's lap over a cat bed. She would do great in a home with other playful cats or kittens. We currently have six FIV positive cats up for adoption. If you have ever wondered about adopting an FIV cat, there is a lot of information and research on the web. It is truly amazing how wonderful these cats can be.



Thrift Shop

Best Friend's thrift shop located at 1750 E. Second Street, Scotch Plains

Hours: Wed 11-3, Thursday 10-4, Fri 11-4 and Sat 10-4.
In December we are entertaining Sunday afternoon hours.
We have had the shop for over 20 years.

Our shop is instrumental in financially supporting our rescue efforts!

The Best Friend Thrift Shop needs your support now more than ever. Please consider shopping for your holiday decorations, gift items or just a warm pair of new gloves, a hat or scarf. We have collectibles, books, household items, dog coats, dog and cat toys. Many of our items are new! Our jewelry is phenomenal and our special jewelry consultant can help you select a perfect gift.

We are always in need of good, quality, in season donations. Due to space constraints it is best to call ahead for an appointment, 908-322-2502.

Our shop also serves as a drop off point for new gift items to be used for our tricky trays. We also accept cat food donations for our fosters and feral colonies. Volunteers are always needed and if interested you can fill out a volunteer application on our website bfdaaa.com.



Visit the shop's very own Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/Best-Friend-Thrift-Store-878100778947212/

Why people choose to foster...

I love all animals and see way to many living on the streets, vulnerable to abuse or abandonment. What better way to help them than by volunteering to be a foster parent. This includes housing, feeding and caring for the animal until they are adopted by a forever home. This was one of the best decisions I ever made. Every time I choose to foster, I am saving a life. I'm giving an animal something it hasn't had in a long time, maybe ever. The feeling of being fed on a regular basis, warm in a home and getting more kindness than they thought was possible. I go to bed and wake up in the morning knowing that I am doing what God wants us to do...to love and be selfless to help another creature.

Be a foster...you are literally saving a life!!!



Fundraising

2022 welcomed a year with several successful fundraisers.

There were three successful Tricky Trays - two at the Deutscher Club in Clark and one in Memory of Debbie Staib. We also had a Plant and Bake Sale for Mother's Day. Two GIANT yard sales and participated in the Christkindlmarkt in November.

Next year we plan on at least two Tricky Trays - one at Deutscher Club and one at a more formal venue.

Our Best Friend Thrift Shop continues to be a success and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2023!!!!



A warm thank you to all the volunteers who dedicate their time to not only raise money for our rescue, but take the time to care for our animals and make their life enjoyable until a permanent home is found.

It takes only a little bit of your time to help us help the animals. If you can foster an animal, walk a dog, work at the thrift shop or distribute flyers please fill out the volunteer application on line at

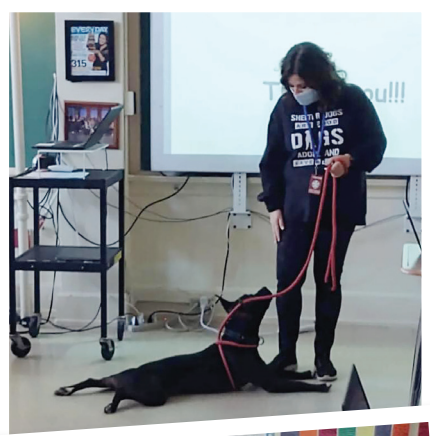
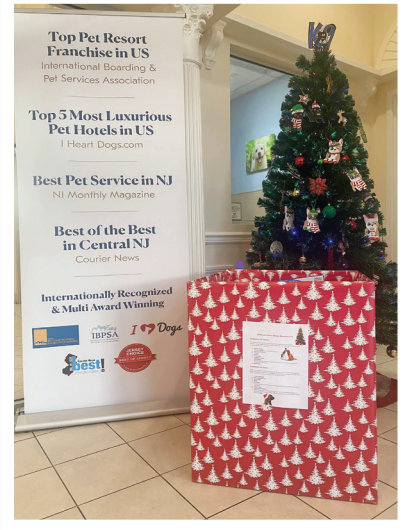
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Our Community of Volunteers

February 2022

We are so grateful to **K9 Resorts Luxury Pet Hotel** of Fanwood for choosing us as their rescue of choice for the Holiday Pet Drive!!!

They collected cat food, dog toys and other supplies!



March

THANK YOU to **Kate Friedman** and the **North Plainfield Middle School** for once again allowing us into the classroom to discuss what we do, how we save animals and how the kids can learn about animals.

Students chose businesses in the Cranford area, and began writing them letters. They are hoping not only to raise money with their letters, but also raise awareness for the need to adopt rescue dogs rather than shop for them. In addition to this writing project, Student Council will also be selling paper paw prints for \$1. For one week beginning in March, students and faculty were able to purchase any number of paw prints. The purchaser's name was written on each paw and they were displayed in the hallway. All money raised went to saving one dog from a high kill shelter. Students who participated in the fundraiser were entered into a contest, and the winner had the opportunity to name the newly rescued dog.



May 30

Memorial Day Parade
Clark

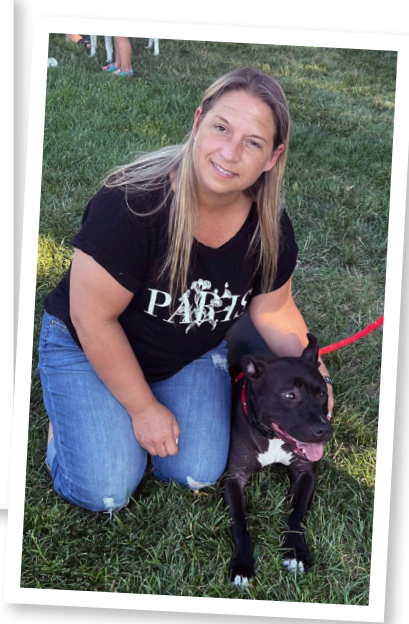


June

L'Oréal USA Gives Back Volunteer Day

More than 5,000 L'Oréal USA Employees Give Back to Local Communities through 150 Service Projects Nationwide.





August

We wanted to send a big thank you to Scotch Plains Township, NJ and all our volunteers for a wonderful adoption at **DOGUST**. Fun was had by all, especially our puppies who got to play in the pools and have some yummy doggy ice cream!!! We love to get out in the community and show off our wonderful dogs!!!



Barktoberfest at the Turtle Back Zoo

We had such a great time meeting new people and getting to show off our adoptables!!!



December

Here Comes Santa Paws!

Pictures With Santa



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Contact your HR Dept. We are an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Need more information to apply for your employer's matching gift program?

Email us at bestfriendadoptnj@gmail.com

Donations

Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption, Inc. is a not for profit charity which exists only through donations that we receive from caring people in the community, our fundraisers throughout the year and the success of the Best Friend Second Chance Thrift Shop, located at 1750 East Second Street Scotch Plains.



We are continually in need of funds to continue our life saving program.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Best Friend,
P.O. Box 335, Cranford, NJ 07016 or with Paypal through our website,
<https://bfdaaa.com/donations>
or use PayPal's QR code on the left for your convenience.



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Please visit our pets waiting for their forever homes at www.bfdaaa.com

Monetary donations are tax deductible and are urgently needed by the rescue group.

Donations can be sent to
Best Friend, P.O. Box 335, Cranford, NJ, 07016

For more information call 908-322-2502

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

With Love from the Animals,

Lorraine Jakubowski, President

