

# Pet Tales

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## Introducing Res-Q-Pets

We may be new, but all of you know us already. We are animal rescue volunteers who were affiliated with Pet Rescue of Mercer, but have recently formed our own group. We are sending this to you because you have adopted at least one pet from someone in our new group during the last two years, so we know you are good animal caretakers. The purpose of this first newsletter is to introduce ourselves to you, to let you know that we are sharing space with other rescue groups at the PetsMart at Hamilton Marketplace, and to unashamedly ask you for your support. If you have some time to offer, please consider becoming a volunteer. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, we assure you that every penny of your donation is used for the animals. No one in the group receives any compensation, so our money is spent either on the animals directly (veterinary care, food, comfort items, toys, cleaning materials) or indirectly (materials for fundraising, printing, etc.). Either way, the animals ultimately benefit. Please visit us on any Saturday or Sunday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. We'd love to see a photo of your pet, too. We have an album in which we keep photos of our adopted animals.

## A Note from our President

Friends, Supporters, and Adopters,

I am so excited about our new newsletter! This is our way of keeping you up to date on all of our activities, and spotlighting special people and pets. None of this could have happened without you and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support. Drop in and visit us at PetsMart in Hamilton, NJ on Saturdays and Sundays, and don't forget to bring along your adoptees.

Pam Mitchell, President

## OUR MISSION

Res-Q-Pets' mission is to **SERVE** small companion animals and the general public in the State of New Jersey.

The organization will accomplish this mission by:

- S**aving & sheltering stray animals,
- E**ducating potential adopters and school children,
- R**e-homing surrendered animals, providing
- V**eterinary care for backyard and feral animals
- E**asing animal suffering

### Your gift of:

- \$5** feeds a cat or dog for up to 10 days
- \$10** de-worms a cat or dog
- \$25** helps pay for routine vaccinations
- \$50** helps pay for cat spay or neuter
- \$100** helps pay for dog spay or neuter



## Memories



**Emma:** My very special, fragile girl who never wanted to be a bother, so neglected before you came to us. I know that you have shed all of the pain you suffered in your early years. **Ashley,** awesome calico, never weighed more than 7 pounds, but was all heart. Born 7/85, died 10/22/05. Sue & Matt Nigro

In memory of tiny **Hazel** who, in her few weeks of life, touched our souls. Lisa & Keith Tuccillo

**Othello** (died 2/24/06)—awesome cat who stuck with Mom, Drew and me through the rocky times. Jen Quick

**Jake** (6/88-2/14/04)—the amazing cat who adopted me and helped me find my way. Carol Quick

In memory of **Lucky** (7/87-2/28/05)—the best "flying squirrel" cat ever. Don Quick

**April** 1/21/90-2/10/04—loveable cat who survived 1 year after having a brain tumor removed only to get cancer of the mouth.  
**Tuppence** 9/16/89-6/28/05—lived with a non cancerous mass for years and was lively and frisky and full of life to the very end.

**Wilma** 5/2/91-4/11/04—always happy and loveable to all, a pure joy. Hilda & John Danek

**Duncan,** a true gentleman who always rode shotgun with me—you taught me patience. Pam Mitchell

In memory of **Bruno,** our heart. Angie & Ed Laposki

In memory of **Fred & Ginger** Res-Q-Pets

Contributions to RQP may be made in memory of a special pet or person. Your memories will appear in our quarterly newsletter.

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## Where do you get your dogs? by Sue Nigro

Did you know that breeders will euthanize puppies who aren't perfect? When we think of putting animals down, we usually picture elderly, ill animals who no longer have the quality of life that they have had, who have suffered major illnesses or accidents from which they have not recovered. We would never think about a healthy puppy being put down. There are breeders who sell their animals to brokers, who in turn will not accept animals that are not show quality. The vast majority of us will never show our dogs. We are looking for a family pet, a companion to share our homes. However, breeders and brokers want to be able to charge top dollar for their "merchandise", and imperfect dogs don't bring in big money. Res-Q-Pets has no such agenda. We visit these breeders and bring back the puppies who would most assuredly be euthanized. Many of them need only the usual puppy shots to make them

adoptable, and have been turned down by brokers because of their size, color, or the shape of their bodies. But more of them have suffered neglect, have diseases like pneumonia, parasites, deformities. None of these conditions disqualify them, as far as RQP is concerned. We just need to spend more on these babies than on the healthy ones. Most of the time, with some additional veterinary care, medicine, good food, and a lot of love from their foster parents, these little ones thrive and find loving homes. Many of our adult dogs have been puppy mill "breeders." This means that they've spent their entire lives bearing litter after litter. They have never seen the inside of a house, but have been crated 24 hours a day. None of them have been spayed, they've never walked on a leash, never known the joy of running free in a yard or a park, or the affection of a doting owner. Most of the time these adults

come to us with mammary tumors, bad teeth, malnourished, and unspayed. All of their veterinary needs are met before they are shown, and they too find stable homes. If you have ever had to have dental work done on your dog, you know that all of this is very costly, so we hope that some of our readers will sponsor a needy adult dog so that we can continue to provide them with the care they need.



"Justice" came to us with pneumonia & deformed front legs from being raised in a crate that was too small. He now enjoys being a puppy in his forever home.

## Some are not so Lucky

by Angela Gould

For most of us, New Years' weekend was happy, calm, and gave us hope for the new year. For one unlucky family of cats however, that weekend their lives changed forever. They were living peacefully and happily in a warehouse being cared for by a loving man who worked there. He made sure they were fed and given water, made them shelters from the pallets, and in return they gave him love and affection. That weekend though, when the plant was closed, drug dealers who had seen the kittens playing in the yard outside, broke into the building and used the docile kittens as bait for their pit bulls. The dogs ripped apart and killed 4 of the kittens, and then went after the mother who had fought

ferociously to protect them. The father cat and 4 of the kittens that were still alive hid under the pallets trying to survive. Even then, the dogs chewed at the wooden slats grabbing the little female by her face, tearing her open from forehead to nose removing her eye. Then they lunged at the other female damaging her eye. When Monday came, all that was left of the family was the father cat, one mortally wounded female, one female blind in one eye, and their two brothers. After the police, animal control, and PETA left, we were there to step in to help these sweet creatures. Even after living this horror, they still remained docile and gentle to their humans, and just wanted to feel loved and

safe again. All of the kittens and their father have found their forever homes with loving, caring families.



"Lucky" before eye surgery.

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