



VOORHEES

ANIMAL ORPHANAGE

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The Voorhees Animal Orphanage (VAO) is a municipal animal shelter dedicated to providing shelter, food and medical care to local stray and unwanted animals until their forever homes can be found. We are an open intake shelter serving 25 towns in Southern New Jersey. That means we accept every stray or unwanted cat or dog from those towns.

We don't get to pick and choose our animals. We take in all of them. These poor souls come to us in varying conditions, often times broken in body and/or spirit. Regardless of their condition, we accept them and give them the very best care possible.

Our goal is to meet, or exceed, a live release rate of 90% or greater (a.k.a. "No Kill"). We are proud to say we have met that goal for more than the past seven years and are on track for this year as well!

When space allows, we are also an adoption center. That means we are able to work with our rescue partners to save animals from over-crowded, high-kill shelters and rescues.

It is our firm belief that working together, we can save more lives!



Mr. Rosebud

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM YOUR COMMUNITY ANIMAL SHELTER!



We hate to sound like a broken record every year, and yet here we are. We know that 2024 was yet another challenging year for all. Prices continue to rise, and that affects everyone both professionally and personally, and yes, it affects the Voorhees Animal Orphanage (VAO) as well.

In spite of the financial hurdles, we continue doing what we do best, saving lives! We have saved the lives of over 1,800 cats & dogs through October 31st, which is right on par with lives saved last year. And we aren't done yet!

We are saving lives on a shoe-string budget with minimal staff and space. Our only income is the meager monthly fees that we receive from the towns that we serve, and our adoption fees. Otherwise we rely very heavily upon the generosity of our supporters to even keep the lights on for our homeless animals.

So, why should you support the VAO? We are a true "underdog," pun intended. The cliché holds true; we really are a small shelter with a big heart. Our modest facility has no fancy bells or whistles. And yes, we have a monthly mortgage to pay. We take in the animals that no one wants. We take pride in going the extra mile to ensure that our animals go to the homes best suited for their needs. We are a grassroots organization with minimal staff. Our staff and volunteers take incredible pride in doing whatever it takes to help the animals in our care.

This holiday season, can you help an underdog out? Please donate today and become a part of our mission to save the lives of homeless cats and dogs for many years to come. The animals are counting on us! Your contribution will directly benefit local animals in need.

From the bottoms of our collective hearts, THANK YOU! for your support. We couldn't survive without you!

We look forward to 2025 and all of the lives that we will be able to save.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year!

With gratitude,

Your Friends at the Voorhees Animal Orphanage



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Don't forget to comment on and share our Facebook posts so that those pesky algorithms keep the VAO in people's newsfeeds!



CAN OUR HOMELESS CATS AND DOGS COUNT ON YOU?

Use your smartphone to scan this QR code and make a donation today



Or, donate online: www.vaonj.org/h24



Does it seem like we are always begging? Well, we are! As our intakes are never-ending and ever growing, we have a TON of mouths to care for and feed! We rely 100% upon donations for things like food, litter, and cleaning supplies. Please help us beat this chronic supply shortage and purchase an item (or two, or three) off of our Wish List!



WISH LIST



- 🐾 PURINA ONE (DRY AND WET) DOG FOOD, (OR ANY GRAIN-FREE OR LIMITED INGREDIENT)
- 🐾 PURINA PRO PLAN ADULT SENSITIVE SKIN AND STOMACH FORMULA FOR CATS & DOGS
- 🐾 PAPER PELLET CAT LITTER
- 🐾 PURINA ONE CAT/KITTEN FOOD (DRY AND WET)
- 🐾 NON-CLUMPING CAT LITTER
- 🐾 SOFT DOG TREATS
- 🐾 LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT & BLEACH
- 🐾 CONTRACTOR GRADE GARBAGE BAGS
- 🐾 PAPER TOWELS
- 🐾 GIFT CARDS TO LOWE'S, HOME DEPOT, AMAZON, TRACTOR SUPPLY, PETSMART, OR PETCO



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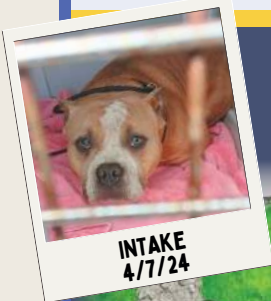


EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND



Hunter came to us with a broken leg. Henry needed an embedded collar surgically removed. Colton needed entropion surgery on his eye. Pickle Chip needed medical attention to save his leg from amputation. Jabarkus needed heartworm treatment. These are just a few of the examples of animals that needed extra medical attention in 2024. Thanks to our Emergency Medical Fund, we were able to give these animals, and so many more just like them, the medical attention that they needed. If it weren't for the generosity of our supporters, the Emergency Medical Fund would not exist!

Think of your own pets at home. What would you do to save their lives if they were sick or injured? We take in thousands of animals every year and we treat each one like one of our own. **SAVE A LIFE TODAY!** Your extra dollars give our medically needy pets a better quality of life.



HAPPY TAILS OF THE VAO

Sweet little Coco came to the shelter like so many others do... scared, neglected, and left to fend for herself. To make things worse, Coco had a prolapsed rectum that needed immediate medical attention. Left untreated, this would have ultimately killed her.



Thankfully Coco landed at the VAO, where our team rushed her off for emergency vet care. This brave little girl persevered through TWO separate surgeries to repair her rear end and finally was on the road to recovery. Through it all, Coco had a bright and vibrant spirit and won all of our hearts. She was so lucky to have been found when she was, and even luckier still that the VAO was able to get her the help she desperately needed because of our Emergency Medical Fund!

Once she was stable, Coco was very quickly scooped up by her new parents! They took her into foster care to finish recovering and the rest is history. She is SO happy and loved now and was able to find the home she deserved... all thanks to supporters like you.

We are especially grateful to our amazing staff and volunteers. They work tirelessly to make sure that our homeless cats and dogs receive the very best care. Their dedication and hard work are a critical component to the shelter's success. Thank you to our sponsors, supporters, and donors for helping to ensure that the VAO continues on its lifesaving mission. The shelter relies very heavily on your generosity for our existence, and we are appreciative of every single penny.



Thank you to the Wimmer Family and Auto Lenders for their generous support of the VAO throughout the year. Please be sure to visit them at: <https://www.autolenders.com/>

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