

The hard work and dedication of all the animal advocates in Cape May County has paid off for the animals!

Cape May County effectively reached no-kill status in 2010.

Congratulations to one and all! We need to continue with the programs and not let up for a minute.

Paws and Claws Society contributions to this achievement are many. PACS Programs implemented in Cape May County began in August of 2005 and have included:

- "Circle of Compassion" Spay/Neuter and Adoption Program
- PACS spay/neuter voucher program
- PACS SAFER (Stray and Feral Eminent Rescue) TNR Program
- Cat Spay Day
- Medical Assistance
- Spay Assistance
- Spay Your Best Friend
- Education Programs of Kind News;
- Billboards;
- Library Books
- Senior Scholarship Awards
- Building and Distribution of dog and cat houses
- Fix and Feed Our Pets in Need Program, and
- Several Capital Projects that included a medical facility and a new counter top and sink for the Cape May County Animal Shelter

PACS provided more than 3500 free spay/neuter surgeries in Cape May County in just the first 3 years. Surgeries were performed by 11 private veterinarians and 2 clinics.



Operation Cape May County Outreach

Paws and Claws Society had a major presence in Cape May County even before the county shelter was built.

PACS really went into gear in 2005, when we brought all Cape May County vets on board in support of our county-wide spay/neuter programs, which included our SAFER (Stray and Feral Eminent Rescue) TNR program. Through this program, we provided for thousands of free spay/neuters, shots, tests, and parasite treatments that assisted individual trappers and rescuers in their efforts to reduce the number of homeless cats in the county. During that period, we also financed the establishment of the Alliance Clinic.

Partners in Prevention *Not* Destruction.

Beginning in August, 2005, PACS partnered with Cape May County Animal Shelter Alliance, Beacon Animal Rescue, Animal Outreach, Animal Welfare Society, Humane Society of Ocean City, and individual rescuers to provide new and innovative programs and services designed to reduce pet overpopulation, increase adoptions, educate the general public, foster humane legislation, and help caretakers be responsible for their pets.

Operation Cape May County was designed to work in concert with PACS existing spay/neuter voucher and SAFER programs. PACS representatives met with members of the veterinary community to garner their support and participation in PACS county-wide spay/neuter programs. PACS SAFER (Stray and Feral Eminent Rescue) TNR Program specifically targeted homeless stray and feral cats. Other spay/neuter programs were developed for the hard to reach populations like owned pit bulls.

In addition to PACS very aggressive spay/neuter programs, PACS funded in 2008 a new sink and countertop for the county shelter and a medical care facility.

During 2009, PACS continued its partnership with Cape May County Special School District in offering its Dog House Building Project. This project brought together students and animal control officers in order to build and offer dog house shelter to animals belonging to low income residents.

In 2010, PACS continued its Dog House project and added a Cat House component to the project. PACS also continued its Save a Life Medical Fund for needy animals in partnership with local veterinarians.

Our education programs were designed to teach the general public about the need to spay/neuter and adopt homeless animals. Paws and Claws Society also has a strong presence in the school system. Our programs are reaching the next generation and teaching them about kindness to animals. We have provided our programs and hundreds of thousands of dollars with an end goal of establishing a safe, no-kill environment for the animals in Cape May County.

In addition, our sister organization, the Staats Foundation, awarded more than \$200,000 in "Circle of Compassion for Animals" grants to the Alliance, Beacon, and Animal Outreach so they could partner with Paws and Claws Society to implement comprehensive and cohesive programs of spay/neuter, adoption, and education throughout Cape May County.

Three of our Trustees maintain residences in Cape May County; two year round and one second home. As you can see, we have a strong, vested interest in Cape May County animal advocacy.



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