

Father John's Animal House

Fall 2014 Newsletter

Our upcoming Events, please join us at some or all.

Coin Toss-Sparta	Sept. 13	Main St. & Rt. 181 Intersection	9:00 – 3:00
Casino Night	Sept. 19	Farmstead G&C, Lafayette	6:00 – 10:00
5K Tails & Trails Walk	Oct. 19	Sussex County Fairgrounds (NEW)	Noon – 4:00
Supply Drive	Oct. 25	A & P, Sussex	10:00 – 4:00
Holiday Pie Sale	Nov. 1 – 14	Contact the shelter for order details.	
Supply Drive	Nov. 15	A & P, Sussex	10:00 – 4:00
Holiday Open House	Dec. 6	Father John's Animal House	Noon - 4:00
Beef Steak Dinner	Feb. 7	Pope John High School, Sparta	6:00 – 10:00
Wine Tasting	March ?	Mattar's Bistro, Allamuchy	TBA

Casino Night



Come join us for a Fun Filled Evening to Benefit the Animals at Father John's

Friday, September 19, 2014 – 6:00pm to 10:00pm

Hot & Cold Hors D'oeuvres, Cash Bar,

Farmstead Golf & Country Club

Dessert, Coffee , FUN & PRIZES

88 Lawrence Rd. Lafayette, (Andover) NJ

Tickets \$50 call FJAH 973-300-5909



A 5K Family & Friends Walk including the well-behaved furry ones!

Dogs must be on a leash.

Come join us for Fresh Air, Fun and Fitness. All proceeds will go to support the animals at Father John's.

When: Sunday, October 19, 2014 (Rain or Shine)

Time: Walk anytime between 12:00 and 4:00 pm

Where: Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ

\$10 per person, Children under 5 and pets are free.



FATHER JOHN'S ANIMAL HOUSE AWARDED \$200,000 CHALLENGE GRANT

Father John's Animal House has been awarded a \$200,000 challenge grant from the John and Margaret Post Foundation to help raise operating funds for the shelter. All donations made toward the grant opportunity will be matched 2 to 1 thru December 31, 2014. If \$100,000 in donations is received, the Foundation will award the shelter \$200,000.

Please specify if your donation is going to the Challenge Grant. Let's reach our limit!

Membership drive is still going on. Don't forget to send in your forms.

For application or more information, please visit our website: www.fatherjohnsanimalhouse.org

Find out about what's happening at the Shelter, what's coming up and see the many ways you can make a difference in an animal's life. Also, check us out on Facebook.

A FATHER JOHN'S SUCCESS STORY

There are few things I enjoy more than sharing the wonderful story of how I came to adopt my beloved cat, Duncan, from Father John's Animal House. In 2004, I had moved into my first house and I couldn't wait to adopt a pet to share my home. The problem was that I was afraid to go to an animal shelter because I knew it would break my heart to have to choose only one animal and leave the rest behind. How would I ever make that choice? Along came fate to the rescue.

One day a coworker asked me if I would buy a chocolate Easter rabbit to help raise money for Father John's where her daughter was a volunteer. While I bought the chocolate, I told her how much I wanted to adopt a cat and she immediately said "the hair on the back of my neck just stood up". I asked her why and she said her daughter loved taking care of a cat named Duncan who had been at Father John's for two years waiting for adoption, and my coworker had a feeling Duncan might be the perfect pet for me. She explained that Duncan was having a hard time finding a home because he had herpes in his right eye and required special care.

Two days later, she and I went to Father John's so I could meet Duncan. The instant I saw him I knew I was meant to be his mother and to give him the best possible life I could offer. Two years in a cage and a sore eye didn't diminish his remarkable spirit in the least and it took us about two seconds to bond. He came home with me two days later.

After being treated by a veterinary ophthalmologist, his eye condition is now largely controlled with eye drops, and if he could talk I am confident he would say he loves his home. I could not love him more.

- Claudia Olivo & Duncan

