



# Faithful Friends Inc.

## No Kill Animal Shelter

*Creating a circle of compassion for pets and people*

## NEWS

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### **Animal shelter reports abandoned at shelters up by 400% over last year**

(Wilmington) Faithful Friends Inc. no kill animal shelter is a not for profit agency that is located in Wilmington serving the community by housing and caring for over 1,200 animals each year. This year, the shelter reports a 400% in animals abandoned to their care due to the economic crisis families are facing. The shelter has announced the opening of a free pet food bank along with expanding their low cost vaccination fairs to help people keep their pets. According to Ms. Pierantozzi, Executive Director, *"A 400% increase in the number of animals abandoned in our care is equivalent to 183 dogs and cats we didn't plan for, right now our goal is to raise an additional \$55,800 in the next three months to provide for their medical care, food and housing until adoption. Without any government funding for the animals care we rely on the generosity of the community and fundraisers to provide quality care for them."*

#### **How may you help?**

- Volunteers for animal care at the shelter with the greatest need for morning shift care at the shelter 8 to 1 p.m. for both cat and dog care at the shelter evening care starting at 6 p.m.
- Utilize the free pet food bank and low cost vaccination clinics to keep your pets - the next clinics are: Rabies Vaccinations \$13, Distemper \$13, Bordatella \$13, Microchips \$20, Deworming \$3 and Flea Treatment (prices listed onsite), low cost and free spay/neuter information provided as well.

Sat., July 25, 2009: 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Boys and Girls Club, Bear off of Route 40

Tues., July 28, 2009: 6 to 8 p.m. at Faithful Friends animal shelter

August 8, 2009: 9:00 am – Noon at Faithful Friends animal shelter

August 29, 2009: 9:00 am – Noon at Boys and Girls Club, Bear off of Route 40

- Make a cash gift for the housing, food and medical care for the shelter animals



Once such story is Tawny, a 10 month old shepherd mix, who because of space restrictions is living with employees in the office area. **What's happening, Dad?** *Thought Tawny, a 10 month old shephard as her dad was crying. Tawny's family tied her up to a picnic table and sped off. She thought her family was taking her for a ride. Sensing something wasn't right, Tawny was scared. Why are you doing this to me?"* Tawny was dumped out of desperation. These economic times are hitting everyone hard families and their pets.

Board President Dr. Carmen Garcia of Hockessin states, *"When the community is hit hard by an economic crisis such as we are experiencing, the shelter is hit hard as well. Families give up their pets or abandon them in desperation because they are losing their homes, can not afford to feed their pets, or are moving in with relatives who will not allow them to bring their pets with them. Pets are family and we are a great source of love and hope when we face crises. We ask the community to help us care for them."*

Faithful Friends No Kill Animal Shelter has been serving the community since 2001 serving 4,000 animals and 10,000 people through rescue, adoption, low cost spay/neuter, pet food bank, and advocacy. For information on programs or donations [www.faithfulfriends.us](http://www.faithfulfriends.us), 302-427-8514 ext. 0.

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