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TRICKY TRAY TICKETS—ON SALE NOW!!

Can you believe it is February? Time again for the 8th ANNUAL BEEFSTEAK TRICKY TRAY benefitting the Friends of the Shelter of Clifton! As many of you who faithfully attend this successful tradition know, our tickets sell out each year, so please gather your friends and book your table early!

Prizes are pouring in and they are items you will want to bid on — watch our website to see baskets as they get built! **We are always grateful for donations of new unopened items and gift certificates to just about anywhere.** In addition to great food and a quality tricky tray, **we will also hold a 50/50 raffle during the evening, so there are many ways to be a winner on April 27!!**

There are three ways to purchase your tickets: You can stop in the shelter during open hours (listed bottom left on this page) , mail us a check or get your tickets online via PayPal on our website [www.cliftonanimalshelter.com!](http://www.cliftonanimalshelter.com)

Like last year, **we will include one free value pack with each admission.** Every ticket includes dinner, drinks AND a Value Pack, admission is \$60 per person. If you book a table of 8, the cost is only \$55 per person or 8 for \$440.

You can purchase additional Value Packs in advance at a discounted cost of \$20 each or for \$25 the night of the event. The Value Pack includes: 1 sheet of small prize tickets, 10 medium prize tickets, 7 large prize tickets and 3 extra large prize tickets; total value of the Value Pack is \$32.

Our Beefsteak/Tricky Tray Flyer is featured on page 2 of this newsletter— **please feel free to post up at work or share with your family and friends**, it promises to be a lot of fun! If beefsteak isn't your thing, no worries — we offer a pasta or chicken meal alternative if pre-ordered.

This is our major annual fundraiser—it produces the bulk of the money we require each year to care for the animals. We are so fortunate to enjoy wonderful attendance and we hope this year is no exception. **Join us and support the homeless animals of our area while having a great time!**

Hope to see you there!

APRIL 27, 2012

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 7pm

TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

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FRIENDS OF THE SHELTER

8th ANNUAL

BEEFSTEAK DINNER BENEFIT



TRICKY TRAY & 50/50 RAFFLE

Friday, April 27th, 2012 @ 7:00 pm

Boys & Girls Club of Clifton

***181 Colfax Avenue
Clifton, NJ 07013***



Tickets: \$60 per person

GROUP DISCOUNT - Table of 8 @ \$55 per person

*****SPECIAL BONUS*****

(ALL TICKETS INCLUDE "FREE" VALUE PACK - \$25 VALUE)

ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY – TICKETS ARE LIMITED

VALUE PACKS for TRICKY TRAY - \$20 each (\$25 on April 27)
***(Value Packs include: 1 sheet of SMALL prize tickets, 10 MEDIUM tickets,
7 LARGE tickets and 3 X-LARGE ticket)***



To Purchase Tickets/Value Packs:

Stop by the Shelter (in the Municipal Complex, behind City Hall)
Mon. - Fri. 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm or Sun. Noon to 4:00 pm
OR



Mail your check, payable to "Friends of the Shelter" to:
Friends of the Shelter - Beefsteak Dinner, PO Box 4923, Clifton NJ 07015
(Please be sure to include number of tickets and a return mailing address)

OR

Buy your tickets on-line: www.cliftonanimalshelter.com

For more information, call (973) 470-5936, visit the website or E-mail: cliftoncats1@gmail.com



**Menu (catered by Nightingale Catering) includes: Sliced Filet Mignon
on French Bread, Salad, Fries, Ice Cream, Soda, Coffee, Tea and Beer**
(Chicken/Pasta available. Must be ordered in advance)



HOLIDAY TREE of LOVE

These beloved animals were remembered over the holidays last year...

Lady, Missy, & Jack Alongi
 Rockey Angello
 In memory of Lily Angelo
 Smudge Aurori
 Fluffy Bakaj
 In memory of Teddy Bauer
 Dash & Comet Behlen
 Cleo & Baxter Binaso
 Misty, Penny, Chloe, & Baxter Bionci
 Cookie & Muppet Bonfante
 Heidi & Klaus Bremer
 Nick Brienza
 Calvin Brown
 Patty Campbell
 Rigel, Smudge, Flash, Tex, Blaze, Sweetie, & Kit Campo
 Tammy Carafello
 Princess & Queenie Carpinelli
 Morris & Coco Casale
 Mott, Mugsy, Hank, Harley, & Hoop Casamenti
 Tinker-Belle Catalano
 Puddin Chambers
 Taffy, Sabrina, & Lacey Chiarella
 Sean, Brett, & Casey Connor
 Sophie, Shae, & Spaz Cottrell
 Jinx Dahl
 Cody Dahl
 Mittens Dahl
 Carmella Dahl
 Bernard Dahl
 Sunshine, Ginger, & Midnight Dandy
 Satie & Callie Dalton
 Sparkle & Mimi Della Fera
 Big Daddy, Tweety, Godzookie, & Tinker Belle DeLuca
 Tabthia DeVries
 In memory of the DiBiano family pets
 In memory of Alvin (aka Vinny) DiBiano
 Misha DiBiano-Panebianco
 Pepper, Angel, & Beauty DiSanto
 Fluffy Divita
 Buddy, Morris, & Chopper Doyle
 Belle & Scruffy Dymek
 Meggee Falduto-Curtin
 Tommy Ferlise
 Samantha & Squirrel Fernandez
 Petey, Holly, Kitty, & Jake Fileccia
 Jojo, Benny, Cody, & Jordan Fisher
 Bear & Amy Fisher
 Tuck, Tiki, Tony, & Teddy Gallo
 Mikey & Penny Gelman
 Suzie Gevas
 Gus, Diesel, Gypsy, & Taz Giardelli
 Lily, Buffy, & Dee Grass
 Kelly & Kasey Gray
 Willie, Nelson, & Rascal Greco

Jimbo, Tucker, & Butters Haik
 In memory of Camellia, Samantha, & Lorelei Hamilton
 Angel & Meghan Henn
 Shanna Lee & Maggie Lee Hilsinger
 Miles & Coco Hochmuth
 Tiger, Billy Junior, & Autumn Hodnett
 Corki Huber
 Bandit, Perry, Baby, & Salem Hughes
 Sidney & Vito Iannicelli
 Jinx & Max Imperato
 Lucy & Nina Jannuzzelli
 Onyx & Shadow Janusz
 Pepper Josephson
 Carly & Rockie Josephson
 Homer, Mr. Dinkins, & Rusty Kaminski
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 Puppehen, Schatzie, Hidee, Shayna, Mendy, Rebecca, & Ari
 Kanter
 Hannah & Frankie Kemp
 Buttons & Booper Kievit
 Keshmesh King
 Tabby, Marby, Shane, & Bella Kircher
 Peanuts & Teddy Kommer
 Jeter Kondel
 Zena Kopie
 Lily Belle Koske
 Powder Kulik
 Kiki Lewis
 Sammy Lockhart
 Lana Lohnes
 In memory of Fritz & Floyd Lohnes
 Simba & Abby Lynch
 Honey, Mommy, & Luna Macejka
 Jimmy Marotta
 Precious, Muffin, & Tammie Marren
 Pappy, Kelly, Smokey, Midnight, & Nikki McShane
 Molly Mekita
 In memory of Toby Meyers
 Murphy Meyers
 Chauncy & Cody Mihalik
 Lucky Murolo
 Ellie & Mayreau Myers
 TJ Finnegan Nolan
 Peanut Ozimek
 Max & Casey Jones Perkowski
 Trouble & Romeo Pinchak
 Poodle Pinney
 Calico, Princess, Target, Montague, & Mooch Pirozzi
 Spotty Plokhooy
 Ginger, Cinnamon, Trudy, & Sophie Ploshnick
 Bobie & Tyler Rainey
 Ninky & Timmy Reonieri
 Spike, Prissy, Bonny, Star, & Beethoven Roback
 Lucas & George Robertson

2011 Holiday Tree of Love

Smokey, Chopin, & Tripp Robinson
 Murphy Rossi
 Maggie, Penny, Gigi, Toby, & Annie Sadowski
 In memory of Hopkins Sardella
 Escko, Max, & Tia Scorpati
 Beau & Mittens Sgambat
 Shelter Dogs: Romeo, Nuby 1, Nuby 2, Trixie, & Max
 Molly, Lila, & Teri Sinisi
 Lady Sisco-Rusnak
 Adam Sisco
 Leo Skeahan
 Smokey, Dukie, Tawny, Missy, Tiffany, Vivi, & Suko Smolensky
 In memory of Smeagel Swede
 Stormie, Lucy, Yzma, & Little Bear Swede
 In memory of the Swede family pets
 Rita Thorn
 Bear, Molly, James, & Snape Trupp
 Blake & Crystal Turba
 Shadow, Krystal, Holly, Brandi, Timber, & Reggie Tyma
 Topsy, Velvet, Cleo, & Panera Van Duyne
 Jake, Emma, & Casey Van Vliet
 Katie & Kiddo Weber
 In memory of Sonora Webster
 Sammy, Cosmo, Lucy, Mojo, Breutus, B.B., Toby, Byron, & Max Wilson
 Church, Max, Penny, & Elvis Winters
 Lucky Woehrle
 Opal & Charlie Young
 Fritz & Murphy Yuhas
 Specky Zastawny
 Beau, Andie, Harley, & Tony Zisa

BAKE SALE
Sat. APRIL 7
10:00AM-2:00PM

Please feel free to bake and/or buy - calling all animal lovers who want to support our cause! Please visit the day before Easter and buy dessert for Sunday! Those of you who bake, please make something for us to sell and drop it off the morning of the bake sale or the night before between 6pm-8pm. Always a Yummy Selection! See you there!

PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS

People for Animals is a **low cost spay/neuter clinic for dogs and cats**. Located in Hillside, NJ this clinic is well known for affordable surgery, vaccines, microchipping and FELV/FIV tests.

SURGERY FEES:*

Dogs:	Male	Female
Under 41 lbs.	\$55	\$65
41-60 lbs.	\$60	\$70
61-80 lbs.	\$65	\$75
Over 80 lbs.	\$70	\$80
	Pregnant: add \$10	
Cats:	\$50	\$55

*Exam, rabies and distemper vaccinations, an antibiotic injection to aid in preventing infection (\$10 for cat, \$15 for dog), pain management, and waste disposal are all included in this fee.

Additional Services Available on Surgery Day:

Microchip (includes registration)	\$35
FELV/FIV test	\$25
Nail clipping:	Dogs \$10 /Cats \$5
Wisdom panel mix breed test (DNA)	\$100



Call to schedule an appt:
 973-282-0890
 www.pfaonline.org
 401 Hillside Avenue
 Hillside NJ 07205



YES! I would like to help combat the pet overpopulation problem. Below is my contribution towards spaying/neutering an animal:

DOG \$ _____

CAT \$ _____

OTHER ANIMAL \$ _____

Please make your contribution payable to:
The Friends of the Shelter and mail it to us today!

Notes and Letters

Hi Liz,
Spanky, aka "Ford" is doing great. He is my little chef in the kitchen. I'm still waiting for him to cook a dish for us. I have to cancel our neuter appoint on 10/29. He has been neutered by our vet on Wednesday. We would like to donate our \$50 to a family who cannot afford for their pet to get neutered when they adopted from your shelter. Thanks so much for our bundle of joy! We appreciate it very much. **Your organization is the best in the tri state.** If there is anything that we can do for your shelter, please let us know.



Ford

Because of your kindness and generosity, a little dog now has food and a soft bed to sleep in. Many other pets were also helped by the items you gave on Sunday. I really wish that you could have seen the smiling faces of the owners and the pets... Thank you!

Hi Evelyn,
Hope all is well. My family adopted Scarlett, the German Shepherd approximately 9 months ago. Her name is now Marley. She is a wonderful dog and we love her so much. Thank you very much, Frank, Joni & Frankie and Marley Calandriello



Scarlett

Hi Evelyn,
Thank you again for all of your help with Lilly's adoption. Here is an update on her first day in her new home. We were surprised how well behaved she was for experiencing so many new things. She adapted very well to her new bathroom, bed and toys. However, that nice new ring toy you gave us might have to see its way to the trash. Lily loved it so much that she had to see what the stuffing looked like inside. The cats are a bit unhappy but that will go away in no time. Surprisingly, Lily was more interested in the parrot than the cats. She is such a sweet, lovable dog and we are so happy to have her. We will send you some updated pictures of her soon. Thank you again for choosing us as Lily's new parents.

Regards, Bobby Vala & Allison McAllister

Dear Friends,

In April of this past year, I adopted a ginger/buff colored cat named Billy. He was brought into your shelter sick, with swollen and infected eyes, skinny and looking so sad. There were several other cats that I could have considered at the time, but there was just something about this cat that touched my heart; I didn't even want to look at any others. Billy, who we renamed Luke, is now the picture of health and just so beautiful. I'm never chilly in cold weather because Luke spends most of his time on my lap, purring away. Just wanted to sent along this email to let you know how Luke is doing because I know how much love and care you put into each and every on of your rescued animals; thought you'd appreciate an update. Luke has surely found his forever home.

**Wishing you all the happiest of New Years!
Suzanne and Luke Oratio**

Dear Liz,
I am so happy here in Denville! I moved October 1, 2011 from Elmwood Park, New Jersey. You'll remember me as "Mama." I look out the window now and see woods and a lake. I get so excited when I see chipmunks and squirrels! I run from one window to another window to make sure I'm not missing anything. It's so nice out here in the country. I'm told that I'm so lovable and affectionate, and I always jump on Mom's lap. Everyone says I have a beautiful shiny coat, and that I'm so pretty! I'm so glad to be adopted by Mom, who gives me lots of attention and love. Say hello to all my friends at the Shelter. I'm sure many of Shelter buddies have also been adopted and are living in lovable homes. I eat and drink well so I'm healthy and enjoy playing "cat & mouse" and "hide and seek" with Mom. I always use the litter box and have never gone outside the box. Thanks for making us find each other!

Pawfully yours, Mama Tammy

Mama



To everyone at Clifton Animal Shelter, Laila (Shasta) has been with our family for one year now and we all love he just the same as we did when she first came into our lives—which is a HUGE amount! She is an absolutely loving, beautiful, perfect addition to our family. The Seldeen's

~HAPPILY EVER AFTER~

Hi Evelyn,

I know I'm crazy, but could you please tell Buddy (future name Tater) that his new Dad will be coming to pick him tomorrow and to watch for him? He will be driving the big silver car to chauffeur our boy home and he cannot wait!!!!!! We are all very excited to have him come home. We have already moved things around to accommodate him in the kitchen eating area, and look forward to seeing just where he will settle himself for sleeping at night. I suppose what I'm saying is—he's going to be well loved, played with, and cared for. And I am truly looking forward to learning about him from him and making his life complete again. I thank you for being his guardian and friend for the time he's been at the shelter. And I want to thank you for the work you are doing with all the animals. They are lucky to have you. As I am sure they are of all the folks who help take care of them. Thank you just doesn't seem like enough to say. Beth Stout



I wanted to thank you we are so grateful for helping us with Sneaky! He has been so good he is using his new litter box and seems happier than ever being the only cat in the room he doesn't want to leave the room at all. I think this did the trick and happy to say Sneaky will remain with us. Once again Thank you for showing us not to give up on him. Annie Torres

Hope all is well with everyone. Time does fly by, I adopted "Precious"—a.k.a. "Baby" at the shelter, December 2002. I can't believe she has been the love of my life for 9 years already. She is doing fantastic. She is on Penamarin for a low liver level and is doing fine on this medication. I thank God everyday for the shelter and its wonderful staff and the blessing I adopted in 2002. When she goes to Oradell Animal Hospital for her check ups, they adore her. They say they never saw such a mellow and sweet cat. She had to stay overnight at Oradell Animal Hospital when she had her teeth cleaned. They told me she was never alone. The staff kept her company, they loved her. They are right, Precious is very special to me, she lights up my life. I can't thank you enough for her. God bless you all!
Love, Patty & Precious

Dear Friends of the Shelter,

Just a quick note to let you know that Montague (formerly Meow Meow) and Mooch are doing very well. We have had them for almost 8 years—all of them wonderful. Montague is a true sweetheart and is still full of energy, even though he is almost 9 years old. We really thought that he would have calmed down my now, but he is proving otherwise! Mooch is such a love and is just about 18 years old. About 3 months ago, he started to rub his face to leave his scent on everything—after 8 years. Guess it has finally sunk in that he is finally in his forever home. They both continue to be the lights of our lives (along with our 3rd boy, Target, who is 13). Thank you so much for your exceptional work taking care of all the animals in need. You are all very special people and I know the animals and their future families appreciate all you do, just as we continue to, all these years later. I absolutely loved your story about Chaz and his new dad. I don't think people realize how much joy an older adoptive pet can bring into your home. Mooch did that for us 8 years ago, when he was in your shelter for months because he was 10. he was perfect then and he is even more so now. Merry Christmas to all of the shelter workers and especially to the animals.

Love, Tracey & Ernie Pirozzi

Mooch

&

Meow -Meow



FOLLOW UP ON CHAZ...

.....the senior Cane Corso who became a Canadian last Summer and whose story graced our Holiday Newsletter. His story touched many of you, we appreciated all the cards and donations sent in respect for Chaz's miracle. We were moved by how many of you appreciate the special gifts a senior pet can offer and cheered him on! We are happy to share the news that Chaz is now a Big Brother and in charge of rearing his new little sister, baby Cane Corso, Lucienda. Chaz's father keeps in touch faithfully with Evelyn here at the shelter and sends pictures and movies of Chaz enjoying his life in Canada. Now that Chaz is a surrogate Father to his new sister, every day is an adventure for their whole family, enjoyed to the fullest. This photo, and caption from their Dad, below:



“Chaz with his baby sister...in love for the last time in his life.”

A Six-Year-Old Boy's Thoughts on Dogs

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's Death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live.

He said, 'People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?' The Six-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

The Purpose of a Dog

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!

What better way to celebrate life than to help those less fortunate? A \$5 donation purchases an egg on our SPRING HOLIDAY TREE with your animal's name on it that will be hung outside the shelter. The SPRING HOLIDAY TREE tradition is observed APRIL 2 - MAY 6. All proceeds will benefit the homeless animals in our care. Celebrate the life of a beloved pet while helping other animals trying to find new homes ! We will list participants in the next newsletter!

SPRING HOLIDAY TREE COUPON

Name: _____

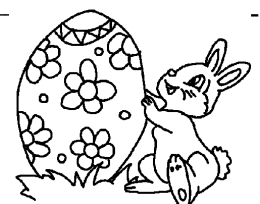
Address: _____

Telephone Number : _____

NUMBER OF EGGS : _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____

ANIMAL'S NAME (S) : _____

Please make checks payable to **Friends of the Shelter, Inc.**
and mail To: **FOS, P.O. Box 4923, Clifton NJ 07015**



****UPCOMING EVENTS****

SPRING HOLIDAY TREE

April 2—May 6, 2012

EASTER BAKE SALE

Saturday April 7, 2012

10 am—2 pm

Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray

APRIL 27, 2012 7:00 PM

For more information,
please call 973-470-5936
www.CliftonAnimalShelter.com

Spring Rabies Clinic
Call the Health Dept.
At 973.470.5758 for dates

WISH LIST

ITEMS WE NEED THE MOST ARE:

- CAT'S PRIDE Cat Litter (non-clumping)
- SPECIAL KITTY Cat Litter (WalMart-red bag)
- COMPLETE FORMULA Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
- Friskies & Fancy Feast Canned Cat Food
- KMR Kitten Formula Powder
- PEDIGREE or DOG CHOW Dry Dog Food
- PEDIGREE Canned Dog Food (Ground)
- Leashes, NylaBones & Kong Toys

Gift Cards to Corrado's Pet Store, Petco, Wal-Mart, Costco, PetSmart

Jars of Baby Food (chicken, turkey or beef)
Small & Medium Plastic Litter Boxes

PUPPY CHOW Dry Food
Collars & Harnesses (all sizes)

Liquid Anti-bacterial Soap
Purell, Paper Towels, Disposable Gloves
Sponges, Dish Towels
Dog Crates, Rabbit Cages

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