



FOCAS

Friends of the County Animal Shelter, Inc.

P.O. Box 439, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. 07604-0439

Est. in 1984 for the Protection and Preservation of Animals

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Dear **FOCAS** Friend:

*Thanks to **FOCAS** and YOU...last year hundreds of homeless animals, just like the ones in the enclosure, received restored health and a second chance to live as happy pet companions in forever homes. It would have been an impossible task without you.*

Why? Unlike our public county shelter, **FOCAS** is not funded by your tax dollars. Unlike many private shelters, **FOCAS** is not funded by endowments. Unlike large national humane organizations, **FOCAS** has neither paid staff nor the financial resources to devote to ongoing mail campaigns soliciting donations.

2008 was exceptionally challenging for **FOCAS**. Our *Angel Fund, Feral and Stray Cat Spay/Neuter Program, Foster Care Program and Helping Hand Program* costs exceeded a staggering \$240,000.

Other orphans await your help. 2009 is barely more than two months old, yet already the number of animals in need and the costs to save them are rising, making it difficult for **FOCAS** to keep pace financially. Many have come to us (old and young, sick and healthy) that have been turned out of their homes. They are relying on our collective efforts (*FOCAS and You together*) to relieve their suffering and make a “forever” home possible.

For 25 years, with a 100% volunteer effort, **FOCAS** has practiced the adage “charity begins at home.” So many folks say they love animals but don’t take that extra step to really make a difference. Not you – you’ve taken action to make a difference. Your donations have kept **FOCAS** and over 100 dedicated **FOCAS** volunteers vitally active in serving orphaned, homeless and sick animals in Bergen County.

We urge you to consider making a much-needed donation at this time so other deserving homeless animals, an arm’s length away in our own community, won’t be denied life-sustaining help. On their behalf, **FOCAS** thanks you for responding, **FOCAS** thanks you for caring!

Yours truly,

Carol M. Burrows – President

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