



# What's Been going on at Father John Animal House

Fall 2020 Newsletter

## Keepin' Up With Shy Shaggy

"The joy Shaggy brings us is unbelievable, fun and full of love... and I know he feels the same."

- Shaggy's New Owner



**Shaggy!**

Father John's has the pleasure of changing the lives of many animals each year. Sometimes these stories have a lasting impact on us. So was the case with Shaggy. When Shaggy first came to us in May of 2019 from North Carolina as a stray dog, he was as shy as a mouse. He was uncomfortable around people and was very terrified at the shelter. Our staff and volunteers quickly went to work socializing Shaggy by sitting and reading to him. We also had some volunteers coming in to sing and play music for him. Slowly seeing him warm up each and every day, he won over the hearts of everyone here at Father John's. Eventually we also learned that Shaggy loved being around other dogs, and when he was, his true colors would really shine. We were able to see a whole different side of him!

He was more outgoing and way more confident around people when there was another dog to show him the way. It then became our mission to find him the best home we could. Even though it took over a year of looking, Shaggy finally found his perfect home! He met the Henderson family this past July and since going home with them and his new dog sibling, things couldn't be any better for Shaggy. He's loving his new life and the support from his new family has let him feel, for the first time, that he can finally trust people and that he has a place to call home.



**Shaggy in his new home with his new sibling!**

## Liberato's Memorial Garden



We recently had the grand opening for our beautiful new memorial garden! Come by anytime during the business hours to see the new addition to the shelter. Enjoy the tranquil and quiet setting with plenty of room to social distance!

## COVID-19 Update

Our shelter is committed to providing the best care possible to our animals and our community, even through the pandemic. We are still here and are still saving lives! We would say as a team, "our work cannot stop, even when the world around us has to". Our facility has implemented new protocols and restrictions to help keep our staff, volunteers, and adopters safe and healthy. Please visit our website [fatherjohns.org](http://fatherjohns.org) to learn more about the steps we've taken to keep our community safe during these unprecedented times. Also, do you know anyone interested in volunteering with us? Applications should be submitted online for consideration and we will reach out to applicants to discuss further!



**326** Total Adoptions so far...

## 2020 By The Numbers



**395** total animals brought to the shelter



**148** animals surrendered from Sussex County



**72** local strays taken in

## The Year of Senior Pets!

Father John's prides itself on being a shelter that welcomes animals into our facility regardless of their breed, age, or condition. Our commitment to our animals and community hasn't changed even in the face of COVID-19 creating more of a need for the many services we provide to save lives. In these unusual times, we have seen a rise in the number of senior pets coming in and looking for new homes. With our "Still A Best Friend" program we do all we can for our senior pets. This way their new adoptive family has all the history and support needed to start off on the right foot.



Cræmora (12)

Lady (6)



If you, or someone you know, is interested in adopting a senior pet head to [fatherjohns.org](http://fatherjohns.org)!



FATHER JOHN'S ANIMAL HOUSE

# TAILS AND TRAILS

2020 Special Edition...

## VIRTUAL DOG WALK + Live Tales of Saved Lives

**A 4-Video Series from**  
Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> -  
Saturday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Going **LIVE** daily @ 3PM

**Daily chances to win prizes**  
during the video, so be sure to tune in!



A LIVE-streamed, 4-video event telling the true stories of animals who have made their way to the shelter.



### Be a part of the walk and show your support for Father John's

Sign up to support the virtual walk on our website. Post you and your dog out on a walk and be sure to tag us on social media!

**@fatherjohns**



You can submit your virtual walker pledge request online! Just visit [fatherjohns.org](http://fatherjohns.org)!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Your Pledge Level?

\$15

\$25

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