

**Central Pennsylvania Animal Alliance (CPAA)
2017 Membership Packet**

Benefits of CPAA Membership

1. Spay/Neuter/Vaccination Funding - For any dog or cat that your rescue pulls from a central Pennsylvania shelter, CPAA will pay for the spay/neuter surgery, as well as the rabies and distemper vaccinations for these animals. As funds allow, CPAA will also fund spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations for up to five dogs per month pulled by your rescue from Pennsylvania puppy mills. If you are unable to take the animal to a CPAA participating veterinarian for the surgery and vaccines, CPAA will reimburse your rescue the amount that CPAA is charged by its participating veterinarians for these services. All you need to do is submit the invoices to Zella Anderson at zscooter@verizon.net. Central Pennsylvania includes the following counties: Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Centre, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Union, and York.

2. Emergency Medical Fund - The opportunity to obtain up to \$500 annually from CPAA's Emergency Medical Fund to assist with extraordinary medical expenses for your foster animals. Whatever the amount of the bill you are submitting for funding, CPAA will pay half the amount of the bill up to a total amount of \$500 annually per rescue. This amount may be increased in extraordinary situations or very urgent need. Your rescue may apply for additional funding at the start of a new calendar year. In order to apply for the fund, please send an email with your request for assistance, along with the medical bills, to Zella Anderson at zscooter@verizon.net. The CPAA Board will make a decision on your request, and you will be notified within one week.

3. HOPE Program - The opportunity to place dogs into the Hounds of Prison Education (HOPE) Program where the dogs are paired with and reside 24/7 with carefully screened inmates at the State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill, PA. While in the program, the dogs receive professional training to learn appropriate behavior and socialization. The inmates are responsible for the total care of the dogs including feeding, grooming, walking and exercising. The program is geared to provide specialized training and rehabilitation for dogs who have suffered abuse and neglect, suffer from a physical handicap, need socialization or have behavioral issues that are beyond the expertise of the rescue. Rescues participate in the process from start to finish and receive the entire adoption fee, minus a \$50 fee for costs associated with the program. Families who adopt dogs through the HOPE Program receive free training and support for the life of the dog. For information about participating in the HOPE Program, please contact Kaitlin Becker at cpaakaitlin@yahoo.com.

4. Pawsitive Alternatives Program – The opportunity to pair your foster homes with professional trainers to help work through issues in order to help increase the chances for successful adoptions. All you need to do is complete the Pawsitive

Alternatives form at <https://www.cpaas.info/programs/pawsitive-alternatives.html>, submit it to Zella Anderson at zscooter@verizon.net, and a trainer will be paired with your foster family. There is no cost your rescue for this program.

5. Compassion with Fashion - The opportunity to feature your adoptables in CPAA's annual Compassion with Fashion event where they meet 300 guests. CPAA likes to feature special needs adoptables, senior adoptables, or animals who have been in foster care for some time, but any of your adoptables are welcome to participate in this event which is a great way to help them find their forever home.

6. Showcasing & Marketing of Adoptables – A variety of opportunities throughout the year to feature adoptable animals from your rescue at CPAA events such as benefit dinners, dances, online publications, and community awareness events. For events where animals are not permitted to attend, member groups are welcome to attend and provide photos of adoptable animals, organizational literature, event publications, promotional materials, and sell fundraising items.

7. Publicity – The opportunity to publicize your rescue's events and adoptables for your rescue through CPAA Press Releases, the CPAA e-newsletter that comes out monthly, and CPAA Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please contact Patti Hippler at pahippler@gmail.com if you wish to take advantage of these types of publicity.

8. Liaison – In order to assist your rescue in taking full advantage of the benefits of CPAA membership and to answer any questions you may have concerning these guidelines, each member rescue will be paired with a member of the CPAA Board to be their liaison. Once your membership application has been approved, Zella Anderson will email you the contact information for your liaison. That person will contact you to answer any questions you may have and will be glad to speak to your group to explain in more detail how you may take advantage of the benefits of CPAA membership. You should also not hesitate to contact your liaison with any questions or concerns.

Requirements for CPAA Membership

We greatly appreciate your steadfast commitment to rescue and spaying and neutering! As you know, spaying and neutering is the way to save the lives of dogs and cats, because if we can prevent them from being born through spaying and neutering, we can prevent them from being killed in shelters and dying miserable deaths in the wild, streets, or backyard allies. If an animal is adopted out prior to being fixed, there is a possibility that it could slip through the cracks and breed, thereby undoing what we all work so hard to accomplish. Therefore, we would like to affirm our commitment to spaying and neutering through these membership guidelines.

1. Full Commitment to Spay/Neuter - By signing the CPAA membership application, you are confirming that your rescues will spay/neuter all animals prior to adoption. All animals, including puppies and kittens, must be spayed/or neutered prior to

adoption, given that pediatric spays and neuters at 12 weeks of age are accepted as safe in the veterinary community. Information on the safety of pediatric spay/neuter is posted at <http://www.cpaaweb.org/about/join-cpaaweb.html>. Your signature on the membership application confirms your group's acceptance of the spay/neuter of all animals prior to adoption. We recognize that there are exceptions to animals being fixed prior to adoption, for example, in the event of an animal's advanced age or medical condition, if confirmed by a veterinarian's certificate. With regard to puppies and kittens, several of the veterinarians that CPAA partners with perform pediatric spay/neuter surgeries. You may use any of these vets for pediatric surgeries. Please email Zella at zscooter@verizon.net for assistance with scheduling. In the event that the dog or cat absolutely cannot be fixed prior to adoption, CPAA requires the use and execution of a Foster to Adopt Agreement with the prospective adopter until the animal can be fixed. At that time, the adoption can be finalized.

2. Response to Local Needs –CPAA member groups are encouraged to share the weight of requests for help that CPAA receives from Pennsylvania shelters, cruelty cases, seizures, and owner surrenders. Members are encouraged to continue to pull from shelters of their choosing.

3. Euthanasia – This requirement is intended to offer a second opinion and additional resources in an effort to give animals every chance at life. In a case where people or animals are in immediate danger from an aggressive animal, we defer to your judgment and trust you will do what is in the best interest of all involved. In all cases, the final decision on euthanasia rests with the rescue group. Under no circumstances will a CPAA member rescue turn an animal over to a shelter for euthanasia.

CPAA provides a number of support mechanisms for health and wellness, as well as behavior modification and training, in order to help save as many animals' lives as possible. By signing the CPAA membership application, you agree that euthanasia is appropriate for an animal only after it has been determined that the animal is suffering, is too ill to have a decent quality of life, or too dangerous to be safely placed. Euthanasia may only be used in cases where an animal is terminally ill and suffering, in coordination with a veterinarian, or is too dangerous to be adopted out safely, in coordination with a trainer. In cases of illness, we trust that you will follow the expert advice of your veterinarian.

In cases of aggressive/dangerous dogs, coordination with a behavioral expert is necessary. Members who have a trainer/behaviorist working with them must submit a letter to the CPAA Board from the trainer/behaviorist stating that he/she will consult with the rescue on all cases of euthanasia due to aggression issues. In the event that an animal is euthanized due to aggression issues, the rescue member will notify Zella Anderson at zscooter@verizon.net and submit a follow-up report from their trainer/behaviorist.

Member groups that do not have a trainer/behaviorist working with their group must utilize the expertise of one of CPAA's Pawsitive Alternatives staff to evaluate the

aggressive dog prior to euthanasia, by contacting Zella Anderson at zscooter@verizon.net. There is no charge to the member rescue for using the Pawsitive Alternatives program.

4. Ear Cropping & Tail Docking - By signing the CPAA membership application, you are confirming that your organization will not advocate for ear cropping or tail docking or perform the same.

5. Breeding - By signing the CPAA membership application, you are confirming that your organization will not engage in the breeding of animals. Breeding runs directly counter to and defeats CPAA's mission to stop the killing.

6. 501(c)(3) Designation - At the time of submitting the CPAA membership application, please provide CPAA with a copy of your organization's 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS. If your organization's 501(c)(3) designation is pending, please so advise CPAA and provide a copy to CPAA when you receive it. Member groups without a 501(c)(3) designation may take advantage of all CPAA member benefits, but are not eligible to receive money from CPAA's Emergency Medical Fund.

7. Kennel License – For all rescues taking in more than 26 dogs per year, please submit a copy of your kennel license with your membership application.

8. Communication – In order to maintain open lines of communication regarding animals in need, fundraising and adoption events, benefits to members, foster homes, offers of donated supplies and medications, etc., please have at least one representative from your rescue subscribe to the CPAA Members list through Yahoo Groups. The person listed on the application as the Primary Contact for CPAA should join the list and will receive an invitation from the list administrator upon approval of your application. Additional requests for participation on the members email list by volunteers of member groups are welcome and should be forwarded to Zella Anderson at zscooter@verizon.net.

9. Guideline Violations - A member of the CPAA Board will contact you directly should allegations of violations of any of the provisions of these guidelines be brought to the attention of the CPAA Board or one of its members. There will be ample opportunity for dialogue with the Director or other CPAA Board members before any matter is brought to the CPAA Board for a final decision concerning the group's continued membership in CPAA.

10. Compliance with PA Dog Law - CPAA member groups are responsible for compliance with all PA State Laws and should be aware of the regulations to the Pennsylvania Dog Law, http://www.cpaa.info/pa_dog_law.pdf

11. Annual Membership Fee - A yearly membership fee of \$50 for rescue members and \$25 for associate members (non-rescues) shall be paid to CPAA. Your membership application should be emailed to Zella Anderson at zscooter@verizon.net and the membership fee should be mailed to CPAA, 180 Walden Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. The 2017 membership year is January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017. Applications for the 2017 membership year will be due on **March 1, 2017**. All

membership fees will be placed in the Emergency Medical Fund described above in paragraph 2 of the membership benefits and are available to CPAA rescue member groups upon request for emergency medical fund assistance. The CPAA Board will review and approve your application within 10 days. CPAA reserves the right to visit the facility and/or foster homes of any rescue applying for membership.

Central Pennsylvania Animal Alliance—Application for Membership

Circle One: Rescue Membership – For organizations that rescue, foster and adopt out animals OR Associate Membership – For educational, awareness, and advocacy groups with no animals in their care.

Name of Rescue:

Head of Rescue/Organization:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Website:

Email:

Name of Primary Rescue Contact:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Rescue Information:

What is the mission statement of your rescue?

Are you an all breed rescue? YES NO If no, what specific breed do you work with?

Do you operate through foster homes, kennels or a brick & mortar establishment?

Approximately how many foster homes do you have in your network?

What is your adoption area (i.e. national, regional by state, specific radius from rescue headquarters)?

Where do the animals in your rescue come from (states, regions, etc.)?

What percentage of the animals in your rescue are from Pennsylvania?

What types of situations do your animals come from? (Please estimate to the best of your ability)

Owner Surrenders: %

Shelter Pulls: %

Puppy Mills: %

Random Calls/Strays: %

Statistical Information—This information will be used to determine your rescue’s compatibility with the philosophies of CPAA, as well as determine the need for support programs offered by CPAA.

How many total animals did your rescue accept in the 2016 calendar year? Dogs? Cats? Horses? Other? How many animals did you adopt out in 2016?

Was every animal adopted out spayed/neutered?

If no, please explain.

How many animals did your rescue spay and neuter in 2016?

Did you euthanize any animals? in 2016

If yes, how many for the following issues?

Aggression? Illness? Other? If you listed a number in ‘Other,’ please explain.

Do you have a professional trainer working with your organization who assists in cases of behavioral issues and consults in cases of euthanasia? YES NO

(Please submit a letter from this trainer with your membership application detailing their relationship to your rescue and their expertise.)

How many animals did you turn over to a shelter in 2016?

What type of support do you offer your foster homes and adoptive homes in the way of behavior management, training support, education, etc?

How much money did your rescue spend on vet bills in 2016?

How much of that money was not for spay and neuter?

Approximately how many pounds of dog food and cat food/litter did your rescue use in 2016?

Do you have your 501(c)3 status? (Please submit a copy with your membership application.)

**If you care for more than 26 dogs per calendar year, do you have a kennel license per PA state law? YES NO
(Please submit a copy with your membership application.)**

Program Information: This information will be used to determine how CPAA can better assist your organization. If you are new to CPAA, please complete this section to the best of your ability.

In which of the following areas do you feel you need the most assistance from CPAA? Circle all that apply:

Emergency Medical Fund

Spay/Neuter Services

Low cost kennel options

Foster homes

Feral cat support

Food, treats, toys, supplies

Media relations assistance

Fundraising

Supply Distribution (food, toys, flea preventive, treats)

Which CPAA programs have you taken advantage of? Please circle all that apply and rate the effectiveness of each:

Free spay/neuter program for shelter and puppy mill pulls

Excellent Adequate Poor

Comments:

Reduced fee spay/neuter and vaccination services

Excellent Adequate Poor

Comments:

Emergency Medical Fund

Excellent Adequate Poor

Comments:

HOPE Program

Excellent Adequate Poor

Comments:

Pawsitive Alternatives Training Assistance

Excellent Adequate Poor

Comments:

Which CPAA events have you participated in? Please circle and rate each:

WoofStock

Excellent Adequate Poor

Comments:

Compassion with Fashion

Excellent Adequate Poor

Comments:

Other Adoption Events

Excellent Adequate Poor

Comments:

Are there any additional programs or services you would like to see offered by CPAA that would benefit your rescue?

MEMBER AGREEMENT

The director of the rescue and primary contact person at the rescue must sign the membership application before returning it for consideration.

By submitting this application for membership consideration, we are agreeing to abide by the policies and standards set forth in the CPAA Requirements for Membership. We certify that all information in this application is true. We understand that if any information contained herein is found to be false, our application may be voided. We also understand that failure to comply with the policies and standards set forth in the CPAA Requirements for Membership may result in the revocation of our membership.

Director of Rescue Signature _____

Primary Rescue Contact Signature _____

Approved and Adopted by The CPAA Board of Directors

Signed:

Zella Anderson _____ /s/ _____

Kaitlin Becker _____ /s/ _____

Crystal Hackett _____ /s/ _____

Patricia Hippler _____ /s/ _____

Dated: _____, _____, 2017

Please return your completed, signed application, copy of kennel license (if required), 501(c)(3) designation letter, along with your membership fee payable to CPAA to: CPAA, 180 Walden Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 or zscooter@verizon.net. You may submit the membership information via email, and the membership fee by regular mail.