

## Amenities at the Shelter

Over the years the Shelter's five-acre grounds have been improved by many ambitious projects in conjunction with the Shelter Connection. These projects include:

- A full agility course complete with hurdles, weave poles, a tunnel, and more to keep the dogs mentally engaged during their time at the Shelter.
- A beautiful, completely secured nature trail where the dogs, alongside handlers, can enjoy feeling the earth beneath their feet.
- A "Real Life" room to teach the dogs "real life" skills, complete with a couch, coffee table, a crate, and a beautifully painted fireplace mural!



## JENNIFER DeSENA

Town Supervisor



Town of North Hempstead

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### Address

75 Marino Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050  
(off of Port Washington Blvd.)  
(516) 869-6311

**Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Sunday: Closed**

### Stay Connected

[www.theshelterconnection.org](http://www.theshelterconnection.org)  
[www.northhempsteadny.gov](http://www.northhempsteadny.gov)  
[www.facebook.com/townofnorthhempstead](https://www.facebook.com/townofnorthhempstead)

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## OUR MISSION

The Animal Shelter serves the community by enforcing town codes pertaining to responsible dog ownership. We respond to assistance calls from residents, reunite lost dogs with their owners, and help find new homes for the stray and abandoned dogs in our care. The Animal Shelter provides an example of humane ethics and compassion for our community.

## Dog Licenses

- The Town of North Hempstead requires all dogs to be licensed. The fee is \$15.00. If your dog is spayed or neutered, the fee is \$7.00. Failure to license your dog could result in a summons and/or fine. Dog license applications are available at the Animal Shelter or at the Office of the Town Clerk. You can call 311 to request an application.
- Renewal forms are sent automatically.

## Feral Cats

- To address the feral cat population, the Town has implemented a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. TNR helps the community by stabilizing and eventually reducing the feral cat population, and preventing the potential spread of disease.
- In conjunction with Helping PAW, a not-for-profit organization, humane traps are provided to residents. The cats are spayed or neutered and vaccinated at an on-site mobile hospital, and returned to their original colony. Currently, spay/neuter clinics are scheduled once a month and are free to Town residents.
- For more information or to place a feral cat service request, please call 311.

## Adoptions

- There is no Town residency requirement to adopt a dog from the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter. The adoption fee includes DA2PPV and rabies vaccinations, spaying or neutering, deworming, heartworm testing, microchip, collar and leash, and an informational adoption package.
- To see dogs available for adoption, please visit: [www.theshelterconnection.com](http://www.theshelterconnection.com)

## The Shelter Connection

- The Shelter Connection (TSC) is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization working with the Town to facilitate the adoption of Shelter dogs, and to provide Shelter dogs with obedience and socialization training. In its efforts to improve the adoptability of Shelter dogs, TSC has improved the quality of the dog food served at the Shelter, arranged for the repair and replacement of beds in kennels, and developed public education about canine care and junior volunteer programs. TSC also collects contributions and administers the Mend-A-Paw Fund, which pays for the medical and surgical needs of adoptable dogs boarded at the Animal Shelter.
- For volunteering information, please visit: [www.theshelterconnection.com](http://www.theshelterconnection.com)



*Courtesy of Margaret Tumino Mills*



## In the Community

### Rabies Clinics

It is mandated by law that all dogs be vaccinated annually against rabies, a certificate for which is required to license your dog.

The Animal Shelter conducts two free rabies clinics during the year to benefit the community. Contact the Shelter for further details and future dates.

### Educational Programs

The humane education program in conjunction with the Shelter Connection presents to a wide range of groups to encourage respect, responsibility, and kindness for all living things. Visitors are educated through a variety of activities and information.

Please call 311 to request a presentation or visit.

### Community Outreach

One of the goals of the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter and The Shelter Connection is to shift the public perception about shelters and dispelling the myth that shelter dogs are damaged goods.

To accomplish this, shelter staff and volunteers have spent countless hours at numerous community events educating and informing the general public about the shelter and Town dog laws. If you would like the Shelter at your event please contact the Shelter for availability.