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'Just in Time' for South Jersey Sweet Pea Fundraiser

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Sweet Pea was rescued from serious injury and abuse in 2015. Her story was the inspiration for the creation of the fund that helps rescue other animals from abuse and abandonment. Photo courtesy of NJ Aid for Animals.

Hainesport, N.J. – An all-volunteer charity that has been helping animals in Camden County since 2005 will be hosting a gala to raise funds for abused and abandoned dogs and cats.

On Saturday, June 3rd, NJ Aid for Animals (NJafa) will host the benefit gala starting at 6 p.m. at the Barclay Haines Estate in Hainesport. The gala, named "Just in Time," was considered a success last year after the initial event raised funds to help animals who are saved just in time with no advocate.

The gala was named in honor of an NJafa success story.

In 2015, an abused dog was found in Camden and the charity stepped up "just in time" before the dog was scheduled to be put to sleep. The dog, affectionately

named Sweet Pea, survived her wounds thanks to rescue partners at Mount Laurel Animal Hospital who treated her. The series of events lead to the creation of the Sweet Pea Fund.

"We made a decision to start the Sweet Pea Fund to help animals, like her, caught in the crossfire of abuse and/or abandoned," said Kathy McGuire, president, NJAFA. "We hope the community will help come out and support this event to help raise funds for costly medical treatment to treat abused animals in our area."

Tickets are \$100 if purchased before May 20th or \$125 after that date or at the door. Entry to the semi-formal event includes two cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, dancing, and entertainment. With the theme of "Just in Time," entertainer Pete Cannella will be performing with songs from Frank Sinatra and there will be a high-end raffle that features a \$1,200 gift certificate from Davis Cosmetic Plastic Surgery; a complimentary reading with world-famous astrologer Janet Amid, and several other prominent items.

To purchase tickets, [visit the event site](#) or call (856) 728-0911.

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