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Board members of The Crossings Animal Sanctuary are planning to build Bucks County's first no-kill animal sanctuary. Pictured from left are Joe Collora and dog Buddy, Bob Wolfe, Carolyn Naaman, Maria Porambo, Sharyn Levitt and dog Oliver, Dennis Levitt, Herb Neiman (Advisory Council) and Yvonne Neiman with dog Lucky Duck.

The Crossings Animal Sanctuary

Can you imagine a Bucks County where every adoptable dog and cat has a loving, forever home? At The Crossings Animal Sanctuary, a new nonprofit animal welfare organization, they believe they can reach the goal of "No More Homeless Pets." Three to four million adoptable dogs and cats will be killed in our nation's animal shelters this year. Thousands of those deaths will occur in our county.

Achieving the goal of "No More Homeless Pets" in Bucks County means that only animals suffering from non-recoverable illness or injury, or aggression despite rehabilitative efforts, will be euthanized. This has

been achieved in a number of places throughout the country - urban, suburban, and rural. It can happen in Bucks County as well. The Crossings has a seven-member Board of Directors, headed by Yvonne Neiman, former Executive Director of Hope for the Animals. A 25-member Advisory Council includes advocates and animal welfare experts, such as founder Jana dePeyer of Best Friends Animal Society; Marilyn Neiman, Founder of HFA; and County Commissioner Diane Marseglia.

The most important part of their mission is to build Bucks County's first no-kill animal sanctuary. This will take 5-7 years. Why? They need to raise the money both to build and maintain the sanctuary. They also need to learn the skills to run the facility with excellence. Their first fundraiser for the building fund is the "Tail Waggers Strut," a walk for children and adults held at Shady Brook Farm on May 16th. Their other project for 2010 is The Dog and Cat Economic Recovery Project, beginning early this spring. It will assist pet owners who have lost their jobs or homes with costs for veterinary care.

How can you help Bucks County achieve the goal of No More Homeless Pets? You can become a member of The Crossings Animal Sanctuary, and/or volunteer. Contact The Crossings Animal Sanctuary at **215-321-4673** or at info@TheCrossingsAnimalSanctuary.org.