

Spring 2009

MassPAWS Newsletter



"This is not a blessed event"

When you foster a dog or cat, you are saving a life! Each animal placed in a foster home frees up one space in boarding, allowing us to rescue one dog or cat from the pound or an abandoned animal left on the streets.

Every week we are contacted to help with stray and abandoned cats and dogs, and we can only get them to safety by having foster homes and by cooperating with other humane organizations who are dedicated to the same goal. Fostering is an important component to saving lives. **Will you help?**

Spreading the message of proper care of animals is important too, will you pledge to be a spay/neuter advocate? Contact us if you know of a caretaker struggling to care for a pet; we will help.

Contact MassPAWS:

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We spay/neuter cats & dogs preventing pets from becoming homeless or ending up (themselves or their offspring) in over-burdened shelters. We also provide s/n and support to caretakers of feral cat colonies and provide assistance to caretakers trying to keep their pets.

Coral

Coral is a beautiful white and tan American Pit Bull Terrier, who was unclaimed at the Pound during the winter. Coral has done well in foster care where she lived with another dog (and ferrets) where she exercised regularly, had lots of play-time and walked daily. She is not a barker and is crate trained. She is very attentive to her "person", and rides well in the car.



We are thrilled to report that MassPAWS recently placed Coral in her very own real home where she enjoys sleeping in bed with her new Mom! We are grateful for the many folks willing to help with fostering!

"Please Support the Massachusetts Animal -Friendly License Plate Initiative".

www.MassAnimalCoalition.org



BooBoo



BooBoo was rescued from the streets of Salem to a vet practice that helps MassPAWS by providing services to the homeless animals in our care; they asked us to take her because they did not want to destroy her. It seems she was no longer wanted because she has a deformed paw. She is sweet and quiet, with a perfect little soul & a bent paw.

We are SURE that someone out there will love her for exactly who she is, a gorgeous longhaired tortie who gets around just fine.

Could that someone be you?

*Since its inception,
MassPAWS has saved
and adopted out
hundreds of animals.*

Bertie

Bertie, a pretty calico was outside in the snow in Winthrop with a gorgeous flame point male who followed her everywhere (*perhaps her son, we call him Hendie*).

They were being fed by a kind family who called us to help. They were thin, dirty, and had been neglected for some time.

Our vet told us that Bertie was FIV positive, had multiple mammary tumors, and a cauliflower ear. Bertie is not available for adoption. She is in hospice care. Mammary cancer in cats is deadly and preventable by spaying.

FIV is preventable by keeping cats inside and safe. Her now deformed ear was preventable; both had ear

We can only keep Bertie comfortable and minimize stress; she is warm, well fed, has toys, and sleeps on top of Hendie. !

mites severe enough to block their ear canals. They were timid and aggressive at first, responded well to good food, warmth, attention and affection. It is obvious that they were once in a home. She looks forward to head scratches. We have no explanation for why both of these cats were so cruelly neglected, allowed to reproduce and roam, and get very ill.

There is not a good explanation why they should not have been treated as our own pets are. We are happy that their lives are better as a result of our intervention; but sad that Bertie is a



victim of neglect which will kill her at a young age.



We are thrilled that **Bryson** has been adopted! Many thanks to Ocean View Kennel for boarding Bryson and providing extra special care and play time!



From the Pound to Paris... Little Ray Sunshine (Ray) was unclaimed at the Pound. He was found as a stray running around the Nahant rotary. He was not wearing a collar, did not have a microchip and he was not neutered. After his vet attention (which of course included neutering), Ray was fostered and offered for adoption. At one of MassPAWS adoption days at Petsmart Salem with our VP Dee, Ray's lucky day arrived. A very nice family came into Petsmart and it was love at first sight. And now, what a life! Little Ray has been to Paris and Germany with his family, but most importantly, he is safe forever and LOVED.

Many of you have asked how you can help our efforts to give homeless and abandoned animals a new life. Besides fostering, transporting and trapping (the big 3), and spreading the message of responsible pet ownership, here are other ways you can help: we can always use -

- volunteers to videotape dogs at the kennel for Petfinder
- gas cards for our trappers and transporters; *who often drive many miles to get animals safe*
- Petco & Petsmart gift cards; *food and supplies for foster cats, feral cat feeders and needy homes*
- kitty condos
- volunteers at adoption days
- adopters



An Indoor Cat is a Safe Cat

MassPAWS the Massachusetts Progressive Animal Watchdog Society has an eye on animals in Massachusetts, and the animals are the beneficiaries.

Spay / Neuter

For those wishing to help cats & dogs from being "surplus and homeless", we've provided resources for Spay/Neuter programs or go to MassAnimalCoalition.org for information. Please "**Prevent a Litter**" and neuter your pets for the welfare of all. Unaltered or feral cats can produce up to three litters of several kittens per year. One pair of unneutered cats, breeding exponentially, can potentially produce thousands of offspring. Even conservative estimates place **the number of homeless cats in America at 40-60 million.**

Resources

Thousands of Dogs, Kittens & Cats are destroyed every year in Massachusetts because there Are TOO MANY; please have your pet spayed or neutered.

- Find upcoming low cost CATMOBILE Spay/Neuter clinics at MRFRS.org or call (888) 495-SPAY.
- The S.T.O.P. Clinic; this mobile unit drives to many cities performing low cost Spay/Neuter. www.TheStopClinic.com
Call the S.T.O.P. clinic at (617) 571-7151
- Low cost Spay/Neuter certificates at "Friends of Animals" www.FriendsOfAnimals.org or call (800) 321-7897
- Animal Rescue League SPAY Waggin (877) 509-SPAY, www.arlboston.org

Please Help Save the Animals! Your Donations are Tax Deductable.

These and many more animals are being cared for by MassPAWS. Please call MassPAWS to make a donation to help with their care: (617) 846-5586 or donate with www.PayPal.com to MassPAWS@aol.com

Update on Pacino



When this little guy was found last winter, his head and both shoulders

It's easy to heal with good care!

Several folks asked us for an update on Pacino, the East Boston rescue cat who had 2 surgeries for wounds on his head & shoulders this past winter:

Pacino has hardly any scars from his ordeal, which we now think was from running through or over a barbed wire fence. Good food, warmth, antibiotics and attention were well received by Pacino and he is content in his

maroon bed with his toys and well on his way to a better life!

We expect that Pacino will be available for adoption by mid-July.

After many surgeries and lots of love, Pacino is now a handsome little guy who is spirited and plays and loves to eat.



MassPAWS is proud to have received grant monies from: The Petco Foundation, PetSmart Charities and from the Massachusetts Animal Coalition License Plate Program.



Help Homeless Pets in your Neighborhood;

Please participate in the PETCO Foundation and PetSmart Charities fundraising programs; *they work!*

*"Some would say that animals are 'in the way'.
We say that they are leading the way, to a more ethical
and humane society."*

Beverly Alba, MassPAWS Founder



**We love to honk at other
Spay/Neuter plates !**



MassPAWS has received funds from the sale of the license plates for three years in order to Spay/Neuter hundreds of cats & dogs from our North Shore area.

MassPAWS

In 2008 MassPAWS assisted almost 400 homeless, stray, and abandoned cats and dogs with neutering over 200. We rescued over two dozen cats and over a dozen dogs from the pound!

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MassPAWS was organized in 2001 as a group of long-term animal welfare volunteers and professionals committed to working on the most compelling animal issues in Massachusetts, with the goal of ending the suffering and destruction of cats, dogs, wildlife and animals in entertainment and research.

Our primary activities include: humane education; rescue of cats and dogs from terminal impoundment and life-threatening situations; foster care and adoptions; humane feral cat management utilizing trap-inoculate-neuter protocols and lending support and networking to other humane organizations.



Looking to adopt a cat or two? MassPAWS cats may be seen at Petsmart Salem with our friends from PALS and at Petsmart Saugus with our friends from Melrose Humane Society. Be sure to adopt not shop!!