

# MassPAWS



Kelly's Square Pub  
84 Bennington St.  
East Boston, MA



## An Indoor Cat is a Safe Cat

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. Can 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:

PO Box 520136,  
Winthrop, MA 02152  
617-846-5586  
[MASSPAWS.PETFINDER.ORG](http://MASSPAWS.PETFINDER.ORG)

*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.*

## Jasper: "How Did I Ever Live Without Him"

by Dee Dennis, V.P.

Not too long ago, I was informed about a little dog whose time was up at a holding facility in Western, MA. When I heard about Jasper I immediately e-mailed a picture of him to a potential adopter who I knew would make a fabulous match with the right dog. Marcia e-mailed back to me almost instantaneously . . . *Don't let them kill him.* So I knew I had to speak up for this little guy to get him to a safe place and to a new home.



Often small dogs don't fare well in a pound atmosphere. They are wary of loud noises, being handled by a variety of individuals and become confused by the constantly changing surroundings. Such was the case with Jasper. He was labeled a resource guarder - growling when he had a toy in his mouth and was thought to be a risk for biting. In my experience, many times dogs lose this behavior when placed in a home.

On Thanksgiving morning, I went to meet Jasper; I was so excited to get him. A wonderful woman named Joy picked him up and transported him to our arranged meeting. Not only did I fall in love at first sight, but Jasper was a model guest at my home. He lived with us while waiting to meet Marcia who became his new human Mom. The growling he did while playing with toys carried over but he never showed any aggression. My own dogs didn't react to this behavior and played nicely with Jasper for the week he stayed with us. As it turned out, growling is Jaspers voice which he uses when he is happy and at play.

*The last time I checked in on Jasper, Marcia's exact words were "How did I ever live without him". YES!*

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"Friendly License Plate Initiative".

[www.MassAnimalCoalition.org](http://www.MassAnimalCoalition.org)



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

The animals in this issue and many more are being cared for by MassPAWS. Please call MassPAWS to make a donation to help with their care at (617) 846-5586 or donate with [www.PayPal.com](http://www.PayPal.com) to [MassPAWS@aol.com](mailto:MassPAWS@aol.com)

## Georgie: by Dee Dennis, V.P.

**Georgie** is one special guy and his rescuer/adopter is one special person. You see Georgie was born with Femoral Hyperplasia, meaning he cannot use his hind legs as a normal cat does. They are permanently bent and he drags them around, but certainly gets around. Aside from his defect, Georgie is a wonderful loving boy. He is lucky to have found his person who understands his special needs and has opened her home to him and loves him despite his handicap. In fact she loves him even more BECAUSE OF his handicap. She likes to call him handi-capable!

There are many special needs cats who seek a special person to open

their home to them to have the care and love that they deserve. You're probably thinking "I don't have the know-how to care for a special needs cat"; that "I don't have the extra money that will be required to care for a special needs cat"  
**Wrong!**

In many cases, the only other requirement other than food and yearly vet visits might be a carpeted floor because many special needs cats are wobbly on their feet or restricted roaming area because they are blind or low sided litter box because they have had an injury that makes it harder for them to get in and out of a high-sided box.



There are many handi-capable cats that only need a loving home and special person who understands that they have a slight defect which only adds to their endearment. One-eyed, broken tailed, vision impaired, deaf, FIV+; they are all personality-purrfect and waiting for **You!**

## Who We Are, What We Do, and How You Can Help

**MassPAWS is an all-volunteer group.** We are strictly no-kill. We do not have a shelter, and rely on foster homes and caretakers in the communities to assist with rescue of outdoor cats, and find that over two thirds of cats on the street are abandoned or strayed and not feral. Truly feral cats are trapped, neutered, and returned to their "homes" with a caretaker. We have access to shelters and food, which we share with caretakers. We fully vaccinate and treat for parasites, this benefits the cats and their communities. We obtain all care that is medically advised for all cats. Read more about the wisdom of "TNR" at [alleycatallies.org](http://alleycatallies.org), the nationwide leaders in humane initiatives for free-roaming cats.

We also rescue dogs unclaimed at our local Pound when their time is up. We rely on foster homes for their care and also board at Ocean View Kennels [www.oceanviewkennel.com](http://www.oceanviewkennel.com) in Revere where they are given special care like socializing and training, and lots of treats and love.

When you donate to MassPAWS, your dollars go directly to saving lives of homeless animals. We have no paid staff, or administration and supplies are minimal. The animals we care for, many injured and diseased, many with not much hope, have nowhere else to turn. And your donations are tax deductible!

We cooperate with all other organizations and individuals involved in saving animals' lives. "No man is an island" pertains to humane work also, and we are proud to participate in the spay/neuter clinics at Animal Rescue League [www.arlboston.org](http://www.arlboston.org), MSPCA [www.mspca.org](http://www.mspca.org), and MRFRS [mrfrs.org](http://mrfrs.org). We are also grateful to those organizations and individuals who assist with placement of our cats for adoption, help with foster care & trapping, and provide support. We do the same when we are able and when our particular skills and resources will uniquely benefit the animals.

It will take all of us, the organizations large and small, individuals and communities, to achieve the day when each and every displaced animal in Massachusetts is supported and cared for.

**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), spreading the message of responsible pet ownership is very important. Here are other ways you can help:

- We need placement of donation tins around towns on the North Shore.
- We need Petco and Petsmart gift cards for food and litter
- We need volunteers to post flyers
- We need volunteers to staff meet-and-greet days
- We need donations of saleable items for Ebay or a consignment shop
- We need volunteers for fundraisers and flea markets
- We need a photographer to capture videos of our dogs for adoption

Please call us at 617-846-5586 or email us at: [masspaws@aol.com](mailto:masspaws@aol.com) (please put **Helping MassPaws** in the subject line).

## **Classifieds: Special Kitty Seeks Special Person**

**Randall**, one eyed, was born in Revere with a severe eye ulcer and had his eye removed, and suffered from Mega-colon as a kitten which requires monitoring and a special diet. He has been with MassPAWS 6 years.



**Bindi**

**Bindi**; picked up in Lynn, suffered trauma to her spine and was left outside to fend for herself dragging her back legs. Bindi is incontinent and relies on her

caretaker to express her bladder daily. Bindi has been with MassPAWS less than 1 year.

**Misha**, a feral cat from Woburn who suffers blindness due to anesthesia. Misha has been in MassPAWS care for two years.

**Bucky** – born with Cerebellar Hyperplasia (due to his mother's exposure to distemper virus). Bucky is a high functioning little guy who does well on carpet. He crashes into things when he is in high gear but is a dear little boy who is very affectionate and loves other cats. Bucky was rescued in E. Boston and was bottle fed and cared for by MassPAWS over a year now.



**Bucky**

**Peg** – born in Revere with just a part of one of her back legs, possibly an umbilical strangulation. She is a plucky little girl and will need to have most of the leg amputated. She gets around just lovely and has no idea that she is a tripod girl.

You didn't think you were one of those special people, but now you're thinking "Maybe I am". The only way to know is to meet one of these little angels and their caretakers and see if you might be the special person; quite possible a match made in heaven for you and for a very Special Kitty!

If you are not able to adopt one of our special kitties and would like to sponsor one, please pick one that you would like to sponsor and send your tax-deductible check to MassPAWS.

You will be helping them and their care-givers in their quest to find their special homes.



**Peg**

### **A CAT'S PRAYER**

Although I am too proud to beg, and may appear to be a very independent creature,  
I ask for your loving care and attention.

I rely on you for my well being much more than you may realize.

This I promise you, my benefactor, that I will not be a burden on you  
nor will I demand more of you than you care to give.

I will be a quiet peaceful island of serenity for you to gaze upon; a soft soothing body to caress,  
and I shall purr with pleasure to rest your weary ears.

Since I am a gourmet who appreciates different taste sensations,

I pray you will give me a variety of nutritious foods and fresh water daily.

You know dear friend, how I love to go. Allow me, I pray, a warm sheltered place  
where I can rest peacefully and feel secure. If I am wounded in battle or suffering from disease,  
please tend me gently, and see that I am treated by loving and competent hands.

Please protect me from the inhuman humans who would hurt and torture me  
for their own amusement.

I am accustomed to your gentle touch and am not always suspicious nor swift enough to avoid such malicious  
acts. In my later years when my senses fail me and my infirmities become too great to bear, allow me the  
comfort and dignity that I desire for my closing days  
and help me gently in my pain or passing. Hear this prayer, my dear friend, my fate depends on you.

-- Author Unknown --

### **SAVE THAT DATE — MassPAWS Fundraiser:**

Kelly's Square Pub, 84 Bennington St., East Boston Tuesday June 29 from 6:30 to 8:30  
Contact Maria Palmieri Moore at 617-605-4006 or Ann Cantalupo at [anncantalupo@gmail.com](mailto:anncantalupo@gmail.com)

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## **A Free and Easy way to help MassPAWS is a click away!**

Please use **GoodSearch** for your web searches and type in **MassPAWS** as the organization as the "Who Do You **GOODSEARCH** FOR". Each time you use GoodSearch, MassPAWS benefits.

Just go to [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) & type in **MassPaws** and then click the **VERIFY** button!



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**Research Breeds:** If you are thinking about adding a canine companion to your family - pit bull or otherwise - I have one very important word for you... **RESEARCH!** Every year, thousands of dogs (not only pit bulls) end up in shelters and are euthanized because their owners didn't take the time to investigate the particular breed they thought they wanted. **Adopting the right dog for you.** Please don't add to the already staggering statistics. Taking the time to research a breed will give you an idea if that particular breed is right for you. Every breed has certain typical characteristics and quirks - find out before you adopt if those are things you are willing to adapt to your lifestyle. Also remember that just like people, no dog is perfect

## **Chip;** by Dee Dennis, V.P.

**Boy Meets Cat** - The second chance for Chip came when Erik, Collin and their son Graham came to meet a cat they viewed on our Petfinder page. As it turned out, the cat that they liked didn't give them a second look and was not the temperament that they had hoped for. There was another personality that would win them over. Chip would not let them ignore his charms.

Graham is a 3 year old boy who LOVES cats and is very joyful in their presence. Some of the cats in the foster home that they were visiting were very interested in Grahams exuberance and others were not so.

Graham is one of the sweetest, best behaved three year old humans I've met and Chip thought so as well. Chip moved in for the attention and wanted every ounce that Graham and his parents were willing to give.

So it became a love affair that had to be put on hold. You see Chip needed to see the vet before getting clearance to go to a new home. Chip had undergone double eye surgery previous to coming into foster care to repair entropion (bottom eyelashes were curled into and touching his eyeballs). Lo and behold one of his eyelids had reverted to curling in once again and another surgery had to be scheduled. When I reported this to Erik, he made the decision to wait for Chip to recover from his surgery so that he could become part of their family - they were totally committed to Chip.

Erik and I were in touch throughout the recovery period. I gave him daily updates and he would deliver the news back to the rest of the family. I could only imagine for Graham it must have been like waiting for Santa to come. Erik said that he imagined Graham was dreaming of the day that they would bring Chip home.

That day came; a new beginning for Chip and his long awaited forever home. I have been updated as to Chip's progress and he is living the life Graham and his parents dreamed together. ***A friend for life is worth the wait!!***



### **RIP**

**Miss Boo Boo Kitty and Mr Magoo – two of our special kitties who passed away recently. We loved them, and will miss them; we were honored to care for them.**





The Massachusetts Progressive Animal Watchdog Society, Inc.  
[MassPAWS.Petfinder.com](http://MassPAWS.Petfinder.com)

## Spay / Neuter Information

Thousands of kittens, cats and dogs are stray, abandoned, homeless and unclaimed every year in Massachusetts; sadly, many are destroyed. Please have your pet spayed or neutered, show your love and keep them safe!

- Find upcoming low cost **CATMOBILE** Spay/Neuter clinics at [MRFRS.org](http://MRFRS.org) or call (888) 495-SPAY/7729.
- The **S.T.O.P. Clinic**; this mobile unit drives to many cities performing low cost Spay/Neuter (cats only, fee includes initial vaccinations) [www.TheStopClinic.com](http://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](http://www.FriendsOfAnimals.org) or call (800) 321-7387
- **Animal Rescue League SPAY Waggin'** (877) 590-7729, a mobile unit that provides low cost spay and neuter for cats and dogs under 60 pounds, fee includes initial vaccines. [www.arlboston.org](http://www.arlboston.org)
- **Alliance For Animals** offers low cost Spay/Neuter services 232 Silver St., South Boston, (617) 268- 7800 [www.afaboston.org](http://www.afaboston.org) **NOTE: will spay/neuter Pit Bulls for FREE.**
- **MSPCA SNAP** (617) 541-5005 & **Shalit-Glazer** (617) 541-5007 programs, assisting low-income households with Spay/Neuter needs; go to: [www.mspca.org](http://www.mspca.org) and search SNAP or Shalit-Glazer
- **Merwin Animal Clinic** 542 Cambridge St. Allston 617-782-5420 Walk-in clinic open 12-3 Mon-Sat (cash only) Low cost spay and neuter by appointment.

### Three Easy Ways to Support

1. You can donate online with [www.PayPal.com](http://www.PayPal.com) to [MassPAWS@aol.com](mailto:MassPAWS@aol.com)
2. Call (617) 846-5586
3. Fill out the form and mail to: (sign up to receive our News Letter) MassPaws, PO Box 520136, Winthrop, MA 02152



Sponsor a pet on petfinder  
[MassPAWS.petfinder.org](http://MassPAWS.petfinder.org)

**Help Us Save More Animals**

**It's Easy to Become a MassPAWS Supporter**  
You can become a supporter of MassPAWS and save even more animals on the North Shore with a one time donation or by donating monthly !

### Cut out and mail to MassPAWS



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## Help Homeless Pets in your Neighborhood

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



**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.** This grant is part of the \$180,000 MAC awarded in 2009 to animal shelters, rescue organizations, and municipal animal control departments across the Commonwealth for spaying and neutering. More than 7,400 "I'm Animal Friendly" license plates have been sold. The grants are used to lower the number of homeless animals by funding programs providing spaying and neutering for cats and dogs at no or minimal cost. As of July 2009, grants totaling nearly \$665,000 have been awarded, and more than 13,000 animals have been spayed or neutered in Massachusetts as a result of the license plate program. The plates can be purchased online through [www.mass.gov/rmv/express/mac.htm](http://www.mass.gov/rmv/express/mac.htm), or at any full-service branch of the RMV.

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

Since incorporating in 2001, we have assisted over 2000 needy animals.

We have spayed and neutered over 1000 cats from the communities of East Boston, Winthrop, Lynn, Revere, Swampscott, Nahant, Malden, Everett, Salem, and more.



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### We can always use;

- Volunteers to videotape dogs for adoption
- 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
- Pillow cases
- Small paper bowls & plates

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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!!