

MassPAWS Newsletter



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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!

Help Us Save More Animals

Easy Ways to Support Us

1. You can donate online with www.PayPal.com to MassPAWS@aol.com
2. Call (617) 846-5586
3. Send us a check; (sign up to receive our News Letter)
MassPaws,
PO Box 520136,
Winthrop, MA 02152

11 Facts about Puppy Mills

1. Puppy mills usually house dogs in overcrowded and often unsanitary conditions, without adequate health care, food, water or human company.
2. The breeding dogs are bred as often as possible to increase profits and probably will never see life outside of the puppy mill. The owners rarely pay attention to the health or happiness of the dogs.
3. Puppy mills often generate health problems for the dogs they are selling. The puppies may have immediate health problems such as respiratory infections or pneumonia and some even have genetic diseases that show up years later.
4. Breeding dogs suffer continuously, imprisoned in small cramped cages, often soiled with their own excrement, breeding litter after litter till they can no longer reproduce.
5. No states have laws against a breeding kennel legally keeping dozens of dogs in cages for their entire lives, if food, water, and shelter are provided.
6. Thousands of puppy mills aren't even regulated or inspected by the USDA, since many of them sell directly to the public.
7. The average puppy mill has between 65 and 75 animals housed in hutch-style cages with wire floors. The waste drops to the ground below and accumulates beneath the cage where flies and other gross things fester.
8. Dogs at puppy mills are often not actually purebred, and the breeders sometimes lie about lineage records.
9. Dogs housed in indoor facilities deal with equally terrible conditions, with ammonia vapors and odors permeating badly aired buildings.
10. Solid surfaces aim to protect the legs of puppies, but as they mature and scout out their surroundings, feet and legs often fall through wire floors designed to allow excrement to fall through. The resulting injuries compound their misery.
11. Unlicensed puppy mills often sell puppies at six weeks of age even though federal laws prohibit licensed mills from selling puppies under eight weeks of age.

We urge you to not purchase animals bred at Puppy Mills.



...my beautiful and special Winnie was euthanized this morning. On top of the cataract eye and grade 4/5 heart murmur Winnie also tested positive for Lyme. She had congestive heart failure and was experiencing pulmonary edema. Please say prayers that the puppy mill madness will end and stop the breeding for greed and enterprise.

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

www.MassAnimalCoalition.org



How to treat dog paw sores and injuries

Dog paw sores can be quite painful and are prone to infection if left untreated. As such, you should be aware of the condition of your canine's paws and pads.

Always take notice of the terrain when you walk your dog whether you live in the city or the country. City hazards that could create a dog paw injury include broken glass, hot pavement in the summertime, ice and road salt in the winter and certain types of gravel aggravate dogs' paws. If you walk your dog over a surface that has been de-iced dry his paws when you get home before he starts to lick them. Dog paw injuries from a hike in the country can come from sharp jagged rocks.

If you're particularly active with your dog, taking him on long hikes or runs, watch out for him because he can't tell you when his paws hurt. Start slowly because it may take a bit of time for his paws to adjust to the

terrain and pace and which to avoid can cause dog paw sores.

You should also pay attention to the length of your dog's claws. They should be kept trim because catching a nail is very painful to a dog. Examine their nails monthly and if you notice your canine having nail issues, trim them more often. If you have an active dog it's not as much of an issue as the claws are taken care of naturally, but take special care with inactive or old dogs to avoid a dog paw injury.

How do you care for sore dog paws?

There are some natural remedies that can [treat dog paw sores](#) as well as condition and protect the feet so injuries are less likely to occur. These can be quite effective for healing wounds and cuts.

Dog booties are helpful if you take your dog on rough terrain frequently or engage in high levels of activity. Booties can assist if a paw has been injured and is healing.

Another treatment for dog paw sores is special paw wax, which softens the paw and protects it. It's also a great solution for dogs that slip on waxed floors. If your dog paw injury is dry and cracked paws, paw wax is helpful for that as well.

Regardless of the care for sore dog paws, sores tend to heal slowly. When a dog is walking, the healing edges of the sore are being pulled. The pads can become infected when the wound contacts the surface the dog is walking on.

If your dog has a severe injury keep the paw clean and bandage it. Change the bandages frequently and try to keep the dog off his feet as much as possible (good luck!) and away from rough surfaces. If the dog paw injury is not improving, [see your veterinarian as soon as possible](#).

The Massachusetts Animal Friendly License Plate Initiative

MassPAWS was honored to receive a grant for the year beginning July 1 from the "I'm Animal Friendly" License plate, administered by the Massachusetts Animal Coalition, for \$ 5,000.00. It will allow us to spay/neuter approximately 90 animals! We have thus far in 2011 facilitated over 120 surgeries. Drive to benefit animals all across Massachusetts by buying the Spay/Neuter License Plate! And we love to honk at other SN plates!!

We are also grateful to the Massachusetts Animal Coalition P.I.L.O.T. program, which provides for spays, neuters, and vaccinations on unclaimed Pound dogs, so that they can be readied for foster care and adoption. MAC has helped both cats and dogs with innovative

programs all across Massachusetts, including those in our Greater Boston North area. Check out their web site: www.massanimalcoalition.org



An Indoor Cat is a Safe Cat

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Knowledge can eventually equal power - spreading the word about the plight of South Korean cats and dogs in the hope it will some day lead to change.

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

~Edward Everett Hale~



MassPAWS Fundraiser
at Kelly's Square Pub

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

Tuesday
Oct 18, 2011
6:30p to 8:30p

MassPAWS Needs
Your Help!

We are hosting a fundraising event, we hope you can join us for some pizza, Great Food, raffles & to learn more about what **MassPAWS** has done over the years and with your help... will continue to do!

\$25
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If you are not familiar with **MassPAWS** it is an amazing group that 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.

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







Rosie

Robinson Crusoe

Tweedles

Bucky

Angus

For more information or if you are unable to attend but interested in making a donation or to contribute to a raffle prize please contact us; Maria Palmieri Moore at 617-605-4006 or Ann Cantalupo at anncantalupo@gmail.com

How we spent the summer: another summer filled with "cat calls":

- ◆ "I have 12 cats in my yard, can you help?" (Everett)
- ◆ "I have a pregnant mother cat and 6 kittens in my yard, can you help?" (Revere)
- ◆ "I have a lot of feral cats in my yard and now there are kittens running around" (Winthrop)
- ◆ "There is a cat I've been feeding and I think he was hit by a car" (Lynn)
- ◆ "I found a tiny kitten in my yard and I think the mother is there too and she is pregnant again" (Lynn)
- ◆ "I have 6 cats in my yard and 3 of the girl cats are pregnant" (Revere)

That was just one week, and we have done our best to respond with trapping, spay and neutering, and rescue of kittens. That is what we do. It takes a lot of time and resources, and selfless volunteers.

Why do we do what we do?

The mortality of kittens born outside is 50% or more, and if kittens are left in a colony to grow up, they will be feral and potentially will reproduce. The larger the colony gets, the more the cats roam and can get injured or killed; the more likely disease will be present; the more likely some will be undernourished; and the less likely a caretaker will be able to keep up with food and shelter, especially in the winter. We do it for the cats and for those who believe they matter.



According to Alley Cat Allies, 25% of people have fed cats in their neighborhoods. We know the public cares. We just need help and support, because "there are more of the cats than there are of us".

We intervened on behalf of over 150 cats just this summer. We have more to do. We believe in the worth of all their lives, and the goal is to create a "SAFE NO-KILL AREA for cats on Boston's North Shore, all the way from East Boston to Newburyport.

Please help. They're worth it. *Beverly Alba, President*

Help Homeless Pets in your Neighborhood

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



We love to honk at other
Spay/Neuter plates!

Sign up for your Massachusetts Animal Friendly License Plate today! MassPAWS was honored to receive a grant for 2011 from the Animal Friendly License Plate program. Proceeds from the sale of plates statewide allowed us to spay and neuter 90 free-roaming cats in East Boston, Revere, Lynn, Everett and Winthrop this summer. Sales of the plates support spay and neuter for cats, dogs and rabbits all across Massachusetts.



The Massachusetts Progressive Animal Watchdog Society, Inc.
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 MRFS.org or call (978) 465-1940 or email Catmobile@MRFS.org
- 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
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) 321-7387

- **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

- **Alliance For Animals** offers low cost Spay/Neuter services 232 Silver St., South Boston, (617) 268- 7800 www.afaboston.org

- **MSPCA SNAP** (617) 541-5005 & **Shalit-Glazer** (617) 541-5007 programs, assisting low-income households with Spay/Neuter needs; go to: 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.

NOTE: will spay/neuter Pit Bulls for **FREE**.



Rico



Alice



Travis



Rosey



Boss

MassPAWS helps to rescue unclaimed dogs from the local Pounds. A significant number of the unclaimed dogs are Pit Bull types and mixes, and also Chihuahuas and mixes. ALL DOGS ARE WORTHY OF RESCUE and we will continue to do our part toward making the North Shore a safe and no-kill place for homeless and abandoned dogs and cats in Massachusetts.