

MASSPAWS

'Some would say that animals are 'in the way', we say that they are leading the way to a more ethical & humane society'.

Beverly Alba,
MassPAWS
Founder

Masspaws Newsletter



NUGGET *We don't give up on them because they are an "expensive fix". We are there for Nugget and his buddies who are in danger.*



WE NAMED
HIM
NUGGET ON
HIS VET
RECORD. HIS
FOSTERER
CALLS HIM
"VICTORY".

Gus, a resident in Saugus was referred to Mass-PAWS when he spotted a cat in his yard encircled by a snare trap!!! Our volunteer extraordinaire, Carol, responded right away and Nugget was brought to Revere Pet Clinic. Thinking that he had tangled with a wire or part of a fence, we had NO



IDEA how complicated or life-threatening his injuries were.

What we learned from the Vet when we were told he could go "home" was that Nugget had been caught in a snare trap intended for small animals; one that clamps down on their skin and tears into the animal when they try to get away;

a horrible, atrocious device. How his little guy walked around with it surrounding him and how he survived was truly amazing and a testament to the spirit of cats.

Dr. Olga took him right into surgery, carefully removed the trap, and with the precision of a plastic surgeon put in OVER 200 SUTURES to close his wounds. In addition, Gus was neutered, tested for FeLeuk and FIV; vaccinated, wormed and de-fleaed.

The costs for Nugget was

several hundred dollars, but the cost to this small creature in terms of pain could not be measured, as those traps are very painful and ILLEGAL.

We are grateful to Barbara Jones of PALS for providing R&R for Nugget, and giving him the love, medicine and food that he needed to recuperate. He rewards her every day with purrs and pats. I do believe that he comprehends that we helped him.

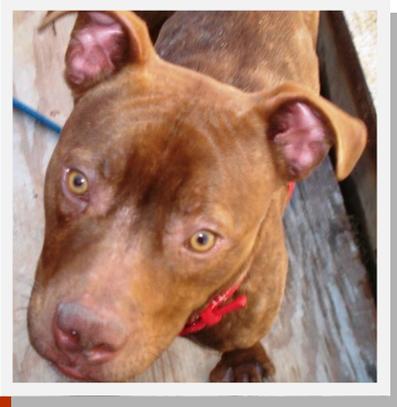


If you would like to be part of Nugget's story, and a happy ending, donations may be mailed to: MassPAWS, P.O Box 520136 Winthrop MA 02152



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.

Snare Traps Are Illegal



JEFFERY;

a MassPAWS shelter rescue who was adopted!

Be assured we have already begun a search for more traps in the area and have reported the snare trap to all authorities.

The damage it caused to a DOMESTIC animal is brutal and painful.

Mostly, we are very, very happy that we could

help Nugget, an innocent victim of deliberate cruelty; that with your help, we can only do with animal lovers as yourself.

We believe in the inherent value of all animal lives. We believe, in short, that they all have a right to live and deserve our protection and support.

"We judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."
Immanuel Kant

Pets and Domestic Violence

S. 682: An Act Relative to Domestic Violence and Animals: The research documenting the link between animal abuse and violence toward humans is increasing. Following similar laws in seventeen other states, this bill would specifically permit the inclusion of pets in abuse prevention orders. Concern for what will happen to a pet at times prevents victims from leaving a violent situation. By ensuring that a pet is safe, this bill helps remove that barrier. This bill enables courts to order the protection of an animal through existing specific statutes that authorize restraining orders or orders to vacate or stay away.



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Rescued
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What This Bill Would Do:

The bill would provide protection for both human and animal victims of domestic violence. The link

between animal cruelty and human violence is well documented in both study statistics and stories of abuse. Like children, pets are often used as pawns in domestic violence. Batterers abuse animals for a variety of reasons - to demonstrate power and control, to retaliate for acts of independence, to keep a victim silent and to coerce a victim to return or stay in an abusive relationship.

Fear for the welfare of a household pet often prevents battered women from escaping abusive relationships. One study found that up to 48% of battered women will not leave, or will return to a violent relationship due to fear of what might happen to the animal if left behind.

(Ascione, F.R. (2007) Emerging research on animal abuse as a risk factor for intimate partner violence. In K. Kendall-Tackett & S. Giacomoni, eds.: *Intimate Partner Violence*. Kingston, NJ: Civic Research Institute.)



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Rescued 2011

MassPAWS'

volunteers are dedicated to rescuing animals and to providing all medical treatment necessary; they make every effort to place as many animals as possible in forever homes.



PORCHA;

another rescue who found her forever home through MassPAWS

Emergency Preparedness for Pets

Whether contending with a storm, wildfire burning out of control, local flooding, or accidents that require the evacuation of entire neighborhoods at any time, the best way to protect your family from the effects of any emergency situation is to have a disaster plan in place. If you are a pet owner, that plan must include your pets. A little preparation can save their lives. Start by assembling a pet disaster supply kit in an easy-to-carry, waterproof container. It should be stored in an accessible location away from areas with temperature extremes. Replace the food, water and medications as often as needed to maintain their freshness and avoid expiration dates. Indicate if additional medications are stored in the refrigerator.

- ◆ Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavioral problems and the contact information of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets
 - ◆ Pet beds and toys (to reduce stress), if easily transportable
- Contact hotels outside your

immediate area regarding policies on accepting pets and restrictions on the number, size and species. Ask if "no pet" policies could be waived in the event of an emergency. Keep a list of pet friendly places, including phone numbers, with other disaster information and supplies. If you have notice of an impending disaster, call ahead for reservations.

Prepare a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter your pets in case of an emergency. Ask local animal shelters if they provide emergency shelter or foster care for pets in a disaster.

Animal shelters may be overburdened caring for the animals they already have as well as those displaced by a disaster, so this should be your last resort. If you are given orders to evacuate your home, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!** You may not be able to find them when you're able to return.

Preparation before disaster strikes will enable you to evacuate with your pets quickly and safely, but keep in mind, animals react differently under stress. Always remember:

- ◆ Keep dogs securely leashed outside your home and in the car.
- ◆ Always transport cats in carriers.
- ◆ Don't leave pets unattended anywhere they might run off.
- ◆ Even the most trustworthy pets may panic, hide, try to escape, bite or scratch.
- ◆ And, when you return home, give your pets time to settle back into their routines. Consult your veterinarian if behavioral problems persist. Planning ahead for a disaster can save lives and makes a very stressful situation less severe. Contact your veterinarian for more advice on creating a pet disaster supply kit specific to your individual animals, and for emergency first aid procedures and instruction on the administration of meds.

Source: American Red Cross and American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).



PAWS FOR A SONG ANNUAL EVENT

MassPAWS 7th Annual 'Paws for a Song' benefit will be held **Thursday March 22, 2012**. Join us for Mangia Italiano with pianist 'Cassandra Marsh' for a night of entertainment, food, and fun for all. Email us for complete information. MassPAWS@aol.com



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.

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An Indoor Cat is a Safe Cat

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<http://www.gutenberg.org/>

Project Gutenberg - offers over 36,000 free ebooks to download

<http://www.fixitclub.com/>

Fix-it Club - Learn how to repair or recycle household items that you might otherwise throw away.

<http://babelfish.yahoo.com/>

Yahoo! Babel Fish - Translation - a handy bookmark to add, for all your translation needs, powered by translation old-timer Babel Fish, and with a similar interface that is familiar and easy to use.



MassPAWS Fall Fundraiser was held at Kelly's Sq Pub in East Boston

A HUGE Thank You to all our friends who made this event a success which helps MassPAWS assist even more stray and abandoned animals! Please send your email address to MassPaws@aol.com.

We will notify you of important information, upcoming events; and to mail you newsletter electronically.

Please put 'email notifications' in the subject line.