



# MassPAWS Newsletter

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**"Whenever we, as a society, allow an animal to die from starvation, neglect, or abuse, or whenever a euthanizing agent enters the bloodstream of a healthy animal, we wound humanity."**

*Anna C. Briggs, Founder, The National Humane Education Society, 1909-2011. A remarkable woman and pioneer in humaneness for all animals.*



**An Indoor Cat is a Safe Cat**



Help even more animals; buy MA Spay/Neuter postage stamps. Go to: [www.zazzle.com](http://www.zazzle.com) and search MA Spay Neuter

## Caillou and Friends; ... By Dee Dennis, Vice President

This summer has been action-packed with intake of many pound dogs and street rescues (both cats and dogs).

We are always grateful to those who give of their time and resources. However, in the wake of a very busy summer, the invoices for veterinary and boarding services have become quite staggering as we come to grips with it all and assess our bank account. Trust me when I tell you, we are very nervous and worried that we will not be able to pay bills and continue to do the work that is so desperately needed on Boston's North Shore. Our vets are very good to us so please know that it is not a matter of paying too much for the veterinary care that is provided for our rescues, it is the sheer numbers of animals in need.

The wonderful dogs that have come into our circle and been fostered and adopted into loving homes are plenty and many of their stories are heartwarming and heart-wrenching.

Some of you may have read about Stella D'oro in our recent newsletter the little apricot Shih Tzu with mammary masses and skeletal condition due to liver shunt that went undiagnosed until we claimed her from the pound. Stella is doing well – requiring special diet for her liver problem that is expensive and the need for a follow-up ultrasound to see if her condition can be corrected with surgery. This will require dollars that we don't have at this point. So Stella awaits her next steps for her medical needs. In the meantime she is enjoying feeling better and will go to her next foster home where a little girl who adores her is waiting to cuddle w/

her at night.

Earlier this summer one of our volunteers convinced a man to surrender his 6 year old Shiba Inu to her.

Sheeba, as she is now named, was bred in the backyard and never allowed access to inside the house. She has severely malformed back legs that are interlocked and cause Sheeba no pain, but she will need to have an ortho. consult to see if there is anything that could possibly be done to correct her condition or, at best, keep her from becoming painful. Sheeba is in a boarding situation and really, really needs a foster. She is good with dogs her own size or smaller, but not with larger dogs or w/cats as she will chase.

Recently we committed to a lovely little poodle/cross who was left unclaimed at the pound with his right front leg bowed back and unable to bear any weight. Emmett had suffered a severe break that was never addressed. He is in a foster home recovering with a splinted leg that had to be re-broken and repaired with metal screws and plate. Emmett is a lovely little boy who is young and we feel will heal quickly as he does have youth on his side. It will still be a long road for him with aftercare and follow up vet visits.

Just when we thought that things were a bit calmer in our world of dog rescue, Caillou got our attention.

He is a senior Shih Tzu that is a Revere stray whose time is up at the pound. He has rotten and painful



teeth that will require dentistry – maybe complete extraction from the looks of it. Because he is a senior, the full blood panel will need to be done and we will pray that there isn't residual damage to organs from the infection that is in his mouth.

The cats, as always, come fast and furious. This summer the numbers are in the hundreds – many of these feral that were s/n and returned to their colonies. Recently a blind 1-2 year old male was taken in by Masspaws. Stevie is a friendly cat that was living outside in a trailer park in Revere. Amazingly he was not a predator's meal and will need to be vetted-including a consult w/ophthalmologist.

So the bottom line is we have big hearts and really deserving dogs and cats and no money!

We are asking for your help if you are able.

Give the gift of life this holiday season! Sponsoring our cats is a great gift idea for all - especially for those who can't adopt or foster. Your sponsorship will give needy cats comfort and joy while they await a forever home. You become an essential part of your sponsored cat's life by helping provide food, medicine, and veterinary care. To Learn More about Sponsorship please contact us as: [MassPAWS@aol.com](mailto:MassPAWS@aol.com)



## CAILLOU in COSTUME

Hi Mom . . . My foster mom thinks I need a bath. I told her pirates don't bathe. She wants the groomer's name and number anyway.

Luv — Caillou



## BUBBA

Victor, Bubba's dad, wrote us to let us know that it's Bubba's Birthday today October 29th!



## Puppy Mill Awareness Day

VP Dee, volunteers and dogs for adoption made a summer splash at Puppy Mill Awareness Day in Salem in September. We were happy to support an important public education event regarding the truth about puppy mills.

We have identified many times that some of the dogs that have needed our help in this area had come from puppy mills in the mid-west and via retail pet

stores. Some have even been micro-chipped but with no contact available, and many have been purebred small breeds, a favorite of large commercial breeding farms.

We consequently see these dogs over-represented in the homeless dog population. *Making quite an impression and loving a nice day out were Mr. Zippy, Caillou, Emmett and Pearly Mae.*



Pearly Mae



Mr. Zippy



Emmett has been Adopted



Caillou



MassPAWS supports 'Puppy Mill Awareness Day'

## Pet Expo; MA Animal Coalition

MassPAWS Founder and President Beverly Alba helped out at the Mass Animal Coalition Pet Friendly License Plate table at New England Pet Expo in September. We were able to meet lots of people and let them know about the success and funding that the Pet License Plate program provides for needy animals in Massachusetts and hopefully inspired more plates on the road! *And we got to meet and hang out with Shorty Rossi and his service dog Hercules, stars of the very popular Animal Planet show "Pit Boss".*

We were thrilled to meet and support Shorty in educating the public about Pit Bulls and Bully mixes in shelters and pounds all across the US. MassPAWS is committed to ALL dogs in need in our North Shore area, regardless of breed, age or condition. We were happy to be in the company of similar-minded rescue and shelter partners who advocate for Pit Bulls and understand the great and deserving dogs they are. MassPAWS also offers free and low cost spay/neuter assistance for any owned Pit Bull in need. Pictured with us are folks from: Animal Rescue League of Boston, MSPCA, Pittie Love, All Dog Rescue, ARK, and UnderDog Rescue.



### PEARLY MAE

Looking for a forever home; could that someone be you!





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 [MRFS.org](http://MRFS.org) or call (978) 465-1940 or email [Catmobile@MRFS.org](mailto: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](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)
- **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.

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

## A Tribute to Pat and Rory

I am sorry to tell you that I lost my dear Rory to adrenal cancer in August. We had quite a journey together. It took a couple of months for her to lose the stressed look of the stray she'd been, to get housebroken, and to regain her coat, which fluffed up to an unexpected degree "When I first got her, she'd lost her coat, probably to malnutrition while a stray". Her tail filled out and bounced when she trotted as if the last half was made of rubber. She loved the beach and our trips to Maine and New Brunswick. Mostly, she had a safe place with soft beds and a willing servant!

She was the worst behaved dog I ever had, but maybe the funniest and most charming. I learned not to care about the tipped-over trash (even the "lockable" cans bought specially for her!), the destroyed books (you can get replacements), and the soaked rugs. I tried coping with the rug problem by buying a wet vac but, when she developed serial UTIs, I just invested heavily in huge pee pads and we lived happily ever after.



It was hard to lose my earlier dogs because I'd had each of them at least 10 years. With Rory, it hurts to have had so little time with her. Thank you all for taking care of her until I found her. She has been a great little sidekick! Pat



**Remember Angus the Powerful? MassPAW's V.P. Dee Dennis, wrote an article about Angus in 2010 . . . here's an excerpt:** "Angus is the product of a backyard breeder. The Bully Breeds (Bull Dog/Bull Terrier Breeds) that are so over bred on the North Shore and throughout Massachusetts, need our help more and more as they have become the victims of status symbol mentality.

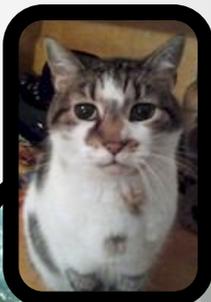
We have seen them in the pounds and have cried when we looked into the eyes and their scarred, worried faces. We have heard (all too often) of their demise at the hands of irresponsible humans who know very little to nothing about their needs, care or proper training (let alone being concerned). Angus has a birth defect that we feel is likely the result of inbreeding and over breeding. I got the call before Christmas that a neighbor had caught wind at her work place about a new born litter of pups. One of the pups had a "dangly" leg. The owner was going to put the pup into a plastic bag and hook him up to his car tail pipe to kill him . . . ."



### Take a Look at Him Now

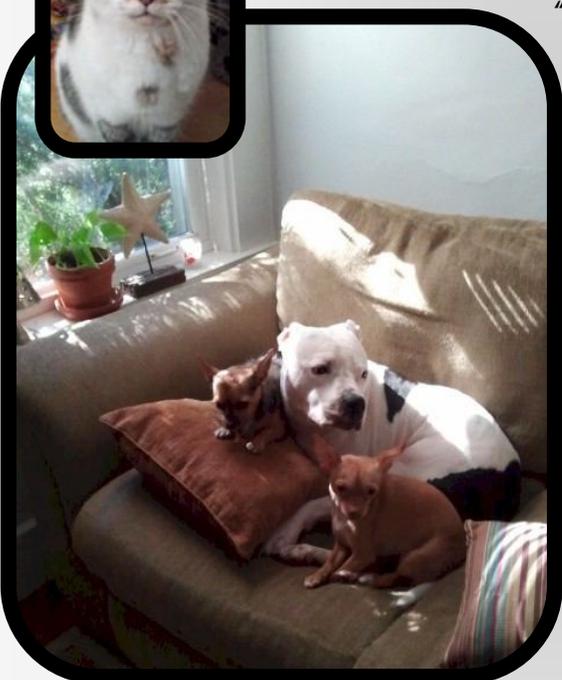
Moose the cat shares her home with Angus. Moose is 17 years old has lived with her humans since she was a kitten and they attribute her longevity to being an indoor only cat.

*"No Paws on the Pavement"*



### **ANGUS with his sisters NeNe and Missy**

Angus' mom wrote . . . 'Angus will be celebrating his third Birthday this November. We've had him since he was about 11 wks. He is the sweetest little guy. He loves to run and swim at Wenham Lake, go camping, play at the beach. He is a loving brother to Moose the cat and two Chihuahuas who rule his world. He may only have three legs, but this has never stopped him for a second!'



### **Volunteer & Field Manager Carol . . .**

logged over a thousand miles to help lots of colonies of cats which we were contacted about in need on our North Shore. With the help of a Spay/Neuter grant from the Mass. Animal Coalition Pet Friendly License Plate, MassPAWS trapped, spayed and neutered over 300 cats and kittens from June through September and over 80 just in the past six weeks. Lots and lots of kittens born outside

were gotten to safety with our shelter and adoption partners, and many were fostered by Carol and MassPAWS volunteers before they were ready for transfer and adoption. The very good news is that we learned that large urban shelters were not overwhelmed by summer cats and kittens from our area, thereby optimizing their care of the cats that were surrendered. Local Trap-Neuter-Return has been proven to save lives!

### **A Summer of Kitties!**





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



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



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

*Help Homeless Pets in your Neighborhood;*

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

**Kindness is the language the blind can see and the deaf can hear." - Mark Twain**



**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.



**DARLA IS NOW STELLA !**



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