



MassPAWS Newsletter

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'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

Help Homeless Pets in Your Neighborhood

Please participate in
the PETCO
Foundation and
PetSmart Charities
fundraising
programs.
They Work!



OUR RESCUES

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Sensational Seniors . . . by Dee Dennis, V.P.

Cyrus – A Diamond in the Ruff!!

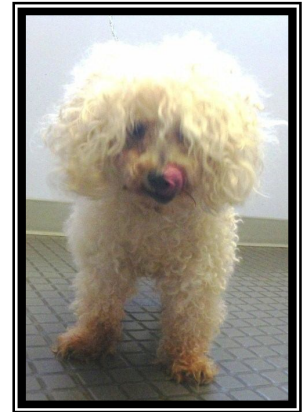
This little dog was not the typical candidate for most shelters to put the seal of approval on as an ADOPTABLE dog.

We saw the **diamond in the rough** and the potential for him to be in a loving home; we are committed to these dogs! After all he must have been in a home for the years prior to his impoundment? Right?

We often wonder the circumstances that lead a dog of Cyrus' age 10/12 to end up in the pound. Did his owner die, go into a nursing home? We may never know the answer to that question.

In addition to the neglect of his coat and grooming, Cyrus also had severe dental issues and was NOT neutered. It was determined that he really did still have his testicles but they were in the abdomen! Complicated surgery, indeed.

These are two things that are remedied more easily at a younger age, but a senior animal must be determined, via blood work, to be healthy enough to survive anesthesia and a long surgery.



Cyrus' before and after photos pretty much tell the tale of rags to riches when it comes to his journey from the pound to foster care and finally adoption.



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There are many reasons to keep your cat indoors and safe. Dangers to cats in the world outside the home include traffic, wild animals, sadistic humans, poison and injuries. An inside cat is a safe cat.

sensational seniors continued . . .



One of MassPAWS special needs / handi-capable cats, Bindi, enjoys some play time in her foster home.

Note: remember to remove/cut off any handles from paper bags when offering to cats and kittens to play.



Cyrus was cleared and Dr. Dunn of North Shore Animal Hospital w/the assistance of a Veterinary student, performed the surgeries on Cyrus. Eight of his teeth needed extraction and he would have abdominal sutures.

I remember thinking how painful that must be, but what a relief to be rid of the damaged and rotting teeth that can lead to major infection! He must have been in pain for some time. One of the staff at the pound was kind enough to give him his haircut/shave and his foster mom barely recognized him when she went to pick him up.

His recovery was nothing less than remarkable and he came into his foster home with a wagging tail and happy gait. The word was put out that Cyrus was a **sensational senior** and would make a fabulous companion.

We received informaton from another volunteer that there was a senior that wanted to adopt Cyrus. Her nephew arranged all the necessary paperwork and they were cleared for adoption. The happy human senior and Cyrus are a match and they are loving life together.

Seniors helping seniors! What could be better! Take a moment and reflect on the fact that many of our senior shelter animals are overlooked and the fact of the matter is many are healthy and only need the minimal care of feeding and housing and yearly vet visits

The love that is returned is priceless .

MA Spay Neuter License Plate Postage Stamps

MA Spay Neuter License Plate; Support the Massachusetts Animal Coalition License Plate and spay/neuter of homeless animals by purchasing these stamps. For more information go to www.massanimalcoalition.org. You can purchase these stamps by going to www.Zazzle.com and search **MA License Plate Stamps**





SASHA

A former foster cat -
Now shares a loving
home in Peabody
with people who
adore her.

I am the voice of the voiceless;
Through me the dumb shall
speak;

Till the deaf world's ear be
made to hear

The cry of the wordless
weak.

From street, from cage, and
from kennel,

From jungle and stall, the wail
Of my tortured kin proclaims
the sin

Of the mighty against the
frail.

The same Force formed the
sparrow

That fashioned man, the king;
The God of the Whole gave a
spark of soul

To furred and to feathered
thing.

And I am my brother's keeper,
And I will fight his fight,
And speak the word for beast
and bird,

Till the world shall set things
right.

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~Ella Wheeler Wilcox~



The Massachusetts Progressive Animal Watchdog Society, Inc.

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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 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**.

An Important Decision

Please Have Your Pet Spayed or Neutered

Spaying or neutering your pet is an important decision for pet owners and can be done on your pet as early as 5 or 6 months old.

It happens everywhere:

As animal lovers we value our pets and it is important to understand the impact of this decision. In every community, in every state, there are homeless animals. In the U.S. as a whole, there are an estimated 6-8 million homeless animals entering animal shelters every year. About half of these animals are adopted,

and tragically, the other half is euthanized. These are healthy, sweet pets who would have made great companions.

The number of homeless animals varies by state: in some states there are as many as 300,000 homeless animals euthanized in animal shelters every year. These are not the offspring of homeless "street" animals—these are the puppies and kittens of cherished family pets and even purebreds.

Together we can work to drastically reduce these figures. Please find Spay/Neuter resources on Page 3 of this newsletter.



ZIPPY
Rescued 2011

When two of our volunteers responded to a rescue of a domestic rabbit left behind on the streets of Lynn, they never expected to discover a little dog who neighbors reported had been on the street for a month or so. Our volunteers witnessed him zipping across a busy street – hence the name Zippy.

It took two days of searching for where this little guy had set up camp, that kept him from being killed, the duration of time that he was reported to be living on the street. A scratching noise drew our rescuers to Zippy's hideaway under a car cover on a vintage automobile in a car port.

Smart guy had found safety there from the weather and predators. Armed with delectable treats he was coaxed out and into a carrier and off to foster care.

Now neutered, vaccinated and heartworm tested negative, Zippy is seeking a permanent home. He would do best with a person who understands the high spirit and energy that Miniature Pinchers endow. He would love to live with another dog.

We'd Love to Hear From You!

We value your suggestions and feedback. Please feel free to email us at: MassPAWS@aol.com with any suggestions you feel may benefit MassPAWS or the animals.

Check our next Newsletter to find spring/summer vaccination clinics in your community

Sign Up to Volunteer or to Make a Donation

Sign up for:

- To become a foster parent
- To Transport an animal in need
- To volunteer once a month
- To volunteer 3 or 4 times a year
- To help at an adoption event at Petfinder or Petsmart

Method of Payment

- Check
- PayPal to MassPAWS
- Cash

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 Address _____

 Email _____
 Phone _____

Phone: 617.846.5586

E-mail: MassPAWS@aol.com

Web: MassPAWS.Petfinder.org

Address

P.O. Box 520136
 Winthrop, MA 02152

Total Donation _____



Lost to the Street Today



It is with a heavy heart that we report to you that a favorite on Havre Street in an East Boston colony was lost to the perils of outside. He had been lovingly fed every day by Linda and Carol, after being neutered and

vaccinated by MassPAWS last summer.

Our Message of "An Inside Cat is a Safe Cat" will continue until the health and safety of cats is respected by the public and by authorities.



The purity of a person's heart can be quickly measured by how they regard animals

... Anonymous



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.

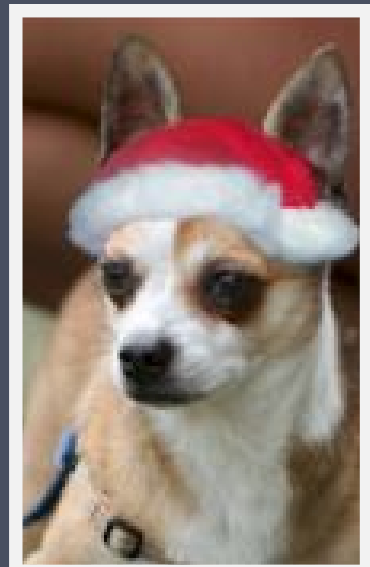
Rico got a home for the Holidays

After a visit to Revere's pound last summer, a MassPAWS volunteer found this little guy, frightened and alone; the staff named him Rico (Rico Suave!). He was so skinny that it was difficult to determine his age. He was just a rack of bones. We wondered how long he had been in the streets, scared and by himself. How did he get there? What happened to his parent? Was he lost? We searched but could find no inquiry for him.

Rico had a hard time getting his weight up because he was in pain and not able to eat. Many of his teeth were rotten and he needed dental surgery right away. A generous donor gave money for his dentistry (one of MassPAWS Guardian Angels).

Once he had his dental work done, he was able to eat and before too long had put on the weight he needed to bring him up to the size he should be. Healthy and happy now, we were able to offer him for adoption. Soon, he was matched with a wonderful woman and now lives with her in his forever home. She has been busy knitting him sweaters. His new momma loves him and he adores her.

Adopted in December



MassPAWS
7th
Annual
Benefit



Alice

Thanks for your Help!

Thursday

March 22, 2012

7:00 pm — 10:00 pm



Patty

An East Boston Street Rescue

Helping
Homeless Cats
& Dogs on
Boston's
North Shore

"Paws For A Song" Benefit

An evening of Entertainment,
Good Food & Fun to
Benefit Homeless Cats & Dogs



The Massachusetts Progressive Animal Watchdog Society, Inc.

\$25.00 per Ticket



Rico



Aries

For Tickets, Please Call:

Winthrop: Beverly Alba 617-846-5586

Revere: Mary Jones 781-289-0163

Swampscott: Dee Dennis 781-581-5258

Orient Heights Yacht Club

61 Bayswater St.,
E Boston (617) 567-9439



Jeffery . . . unclaimed at the pound, a MassPAWS rescue who has been adopted and now lives in his forever home.

Silent Auction—Mangia Italiano
Music by
Cassandra Marsh & Dave Simmons

These websites may be of interest to you!

www.bestbuy.com

Recycle all electronics including TVs for free:

Go to the Best Buy website and search: *recycle*

www.whitepages.com/reverse_phone

Reverse Phone Number Lookup: Caller ID report with the phone owner's name and address for free!

www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/flash/Newseum; find newspapers from all over the United States

www.bankrate.com

Bankrate: nonprofit which displays the best current rates for mortgages, refinancing, checking & saving accounts, credit cards and many other financial items

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