

# MassPAWS Newsletter



Since its inception in 2001, MassPAWS has assisted thousands of animals.

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Please keep your cat indoors!

We are Here to  
Help . . . Please  
Contact Us!

## Willow

Search for her Face Book Page 'Willows Way Home'

. . . by ????????????

### About Willow

This little bundle of wiggles was found wondering the streets of Boxford. At the pound, the kennel staff were quickly drawn to her happy nature. She weighs in at 39 pounds and is around 1-2 years old.

### Description

Willow needs a special owner. She is frightened of new people but warms up nicely once she gets to know them . . . *she's not very good with strangers*. She has been in intensive training for 2 months where her needs were accessed. She knows all her commands and is extremely bright. Willow's options for adoption are limited. She needs an experienced handler and a structured environment . . . calm and quiet. No wild parties for this girl. She is happy simply spending time with her people and doggie friends and thrives on affection. She needs an adult loving home that will be patient and able to keep up her training.

Her ideal home would have another dog and fenced-in yard where they could play together. If you are an experienced dog handler



Willow

that enjoys a quiet environment and could fulfill a need to help a dog with limited options please consider Willow. She loves walks, cuddles, car rides and playing with other dogs. Willow spends her time between the kennel and her foster Mom in Gloucester. She has wonderful eye contact and communicates lovingly with her eyes. Willow is trying to find her place and wants nothing more than a human companion who will spend time with her showing her a safe, quiet new life in this world. She is waiting patiently for that special someone. For that she will give you undivided love, affection and tons of smiles.

### MassPAWS

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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.

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Be a Sweetheart for the abandoned pets on Valentine's Day! Contribute to MassPAWS and help us save even more animals! We are dedicated to improving the plight of homeless and abused pets by providing medical treatment, foster homes, care, and finding forever homes.



The Massachusetts Progressive Animal Watchdog Society, Inc.

## 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) (enter your zip code) 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 Free Animal Clinic** 542 Cambridge St. Allston (617) 782-5420 [merwinclinic.org](http://merwinclinic.org)  
Walk-in clinic open 12-3 Mon-Wed, also Wed 5-7p.m., Thurs noon-7p.m., Fri 11-3p.m., Sat noon-3p.m. (cash only) Free office visits and some medicines. The clinic does not accept appointments. Visitors are helped on a first-come, first-served basis.

## We Just Wanted to Help a Little Dog



Albert at Home



With his new best friend Tony



In his favorite Chair



Time for a Snooze

Albert, unclaimed at our local pound, desperately needed a new home and a fresh start. Small purebreds and hybrids like Albert are flooding pounds and shelters in increasing numbers due to puppy mill and pet store increases in production of "pocketbook dogs".

It was music to our ears to hear Tezla and Juan say that they "just want to help a little dog", even though they already had 2! Albert made himself right at home with both dogs and their people pretty quickly, again proving that there are astute and willing adopters for all homeless dogs in our area. Thank you Tezla and Juan!!



for our 9th Annual Paws-for-a-Song Benefit; Details are Found on the Back Page!

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**The Massachusetts Progressive Animal Watchdog Society, Inc**

Beverly Alba, President ♦ Mary Jones ♦ Dee Dennis

Dear Community Leader and Friend of Animals,

We are asking for your support at the holidays in order for us to continue to help homeless cats and dogs in our North Shore communities. The need is ever greater in these most difficult economic times.

You can help us to help homeless, stray and abandoned cats and dogs in this critical year for Boston North Shore animals by making a donation by check to the address below, in person to one of our volunteers, or on line at [Paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) to [masspaws@aol.com](mailto:masspaws@aol.com).

MassPAWS is a 501 C(3) non profit organization and all donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. We simply cannot help the hundreds of animals needing our assistance without the support of caring folks like you in our communities. We are making a difference in the lives of impounded dogs, stray cats and feral cats, and we ask for your help again this year so that we may continue to do so. Since gaining non profit status in 2005, we have helped over 2000 cats and dogs to gain a better life. There is still much work to do, and we are called upon daily to assist with more. Our organization is all volunteer and over 90% of our funding goes directly to spaying and neutering and veterinary care. We do not turn the sick or injured away.

If you have a question about how you can help, please feel free to contact us via Face Book [www.facebook.com/masspawshumane](https://www.facebook.com/masspawshumane) or email us at [masspaws@aol.com](mailto:masspaws@aol.com).

We will mail a letter of appreciation/receipt back if you send a check to:

MassPAWS  
P.O. Box 520136  
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Sincere thanks on behalf of the animals,

Beverly Alba  
Founder and President

Tax Exempt# 260-100-201



Bea; awaiting a new home for Christmas!

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**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), and spreading the message of responsible pet ownership, here are other ways you can help: we can always use -

- volunteers to videotape dogs at the kennel for the Web
- 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 and folks to foster

# Foster Dog Report

... by Coordinator for Foster Dog Care, Dee Dennis

***Happy New year to you all. We hope 2014 is a health and happy year for you.***

First let me say that 2013 holds the record for number of dogs we have helped - 95% from our local pounds; No.Shore Animal Hosp. which services 10 cities and towns; Oceanview Kennel servicing Revere; Danvers Animal Hospital which services Salem; and Borash Vet Clinic who services Peabody. There have been a few surrenders as well.

MassPAWS stands committed to helping the at-risk dogs especially . . . the seniors, the stressed who can be nervous nippers (*they become calmed when taken from the high noise and activity in the kennels where they were impounded*), and of course, our beloved Pitbulls. MassPAWS has reached out further for foster homes and now have dogs in foster homes in Billerica, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Randolph as well as the No. Shore.

This expansion has added to our level of commitment for the dogs and has also added to the amount of supplies needed for the dogs. Many of the homes that have agreed to foster are not able to donate all items needed to do so and have asked up to supply all that is needed to care for the dogs (crates, leashes, collars, harnesses, coats, sweaters, food, bowls, beds and treats). We do get many donations of some of the

items, but when the inventory does not fit the dog, items have to be purchased. I have needed to purchase martingale type collars (no slip) which are safest for the dogs (*keeps them from possible escape and harm*) and extra leashes (*leashes tend to get chewed up and eventually the dogs do learn that leashes are not to be eaten*). Coats for the medium to large dogs are items that have been purchased as well; food donations have not been forthcoming and both dry and canned food have been on the shopping list. Donations have been less in 2013 than years past.

I truly thank you for all your support giving us the chance to network and save more of these beautiful creature's lives. It would be really great if we could get more Petsmart, Petco, Walmart or Target gift cards to help pay for supplies as they are needed.

Also please ask everyone you know to like MassPAWS on FB. [www.facebook.com/MassPAWSHumane](http://www.facebook.com/MassPAWSHumane) We have had great inquiries for our dogs as well as the new foster homes that I have mentioned through facebook. Social networking has been a great vehicle for MassPAWS and for the dogs and cats in our care.



*See you soon on March 20<sup>th</sup> for our annual Paws-For-a-Song benefit at the Orient Heights yacht club.*

# Some of Our Pets in Foster Care

Chick Pea



Micah



Bucky



Miss Piggy



Leon



Alvin



Talullah



Lola



Rascal

***From Jackie Stanwood who is fostering Herbie, a senior dog from our local pound.***

"We would certainly help out again if the fit was right for us and we could help save a life. In a pinch again, let us know.

It has been a rewarding experience for our family to help out and know we were doing a good deed!"



Pongo



Help Homeless Pets in your Neighborhood;

We endorse the PETCO Foundation, PetSmart Charities, and the MA 'I am Animal Friendly' license plate fundraising programs; they work! With grants we've received from these organizations, we have spay and neuter cats (stray, feral and owned) in the North Shore communities of East Boston, Winthrop, Revere, Lynn, Swampscott and Nahant.

Fun - Silent Auction - Music

Mania Italiano - Basket Raffles

**Mass PAWS 9th Annual "Paws for A Song" Benefit**  
 An evening of Entertainment, Good Food & Fun helping Homeless Cats & Dogs on Boston's North Shore  
 Orient Heights Yacht Club, 61 Bayswater St., E Boston (617) 567-9439

This is Willow, a bundle of wiggles & joy who was found wandering the streets of Boxford. Kennel staff were quickly drawn to her happy nature. She has her own page on Facebook; just search for: Willow's Way Home

**\$25.00 per Ticket**  
**Thursday March 20, 2014**  
**7:00 pm — 10:00 pm**

**For Tickets, Please Call**  
 Winthrop: Beverly Alba 617-846-5586  
 Revere: Mary Jones 781-289-0163  
 Swampscott: Dee Dennis 781-581-5258

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**Fergus found his new home**

**Bucky is still looking for his home**

ChickPea is about 4/5 years old. She has one eye and a slightly arthritic right front leg from an old injury. She is sweet and cuddly about 5/6 lbs. ChickPea was abandoned in our local area.

**Alvin**      **Micah**      **Rascal**      **Pongo**      **Lola**      **Graham**

*These Beauties are looking for their forever home — Could you be their new Mom or Dad — Please ask up about them*

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

