



Greetings,



This past February, South Shore Humane Society and the animals lost a special friend. Claire Stern was a founding member of South Shore Humane Society in 1974 and stayed committed to the organization up until the end. She had been a past president, secretary, membership director, and board member all along. Claire loved all animals and supported many animal protection groups. She loved Koko the gorilla, especially when she learned that Koko loved kittens! Cats had a special place in her heart and I'm sure she is happy her beloved rescue kitty Trixie is now living with her son, Jay. In her travels around town, Claire always managed to talk to people about animals. I would get a call from her, "Mary, the girl at Home Goods (her favorite store) needs help getting her cat spayed – can you arrange that?" She even convinced her chiropractor to adopt a pair of kittens from South Shore Humane Society

Claire was an amazing woman and I know that I speak for all of the board of South Shore Humane Society when I say thank you to her family for sharing her with us. Rest in peace Claire. I'm sure there were plenty of purrs waiting for her at the Rainbow Bridge.

Sincerely,
Mary Connolly
President, SSHS



Trixie enjoying her retirement in Florida

Rosie – A Small Miracle Who Needs Your Help



Meet Rosie. She's just one of the many faces of rescue. She was found living outside in West Bridgewater and fortunately Rosie found her way to a volunteer with South Shore Humane Society.

She was visibly sick and was immediately taken to the vet. Rosie was starving, but every time she ate, she would regurgitate the food. After seeing 3 veterinarians in less than 24 hours, Rosie was diagnosed with mega esophagus, a condition where part of her heart is looped around her esophagus cutting off her ability to swallow food. She immediately had emergency surgery to insert a feeding tube so she could eat.

Rosie has also had an echo-cardiogram with a cardiologist, where she was diagnosed with a grade VI/VI heart murmur which will likely eventually shorten her life. However, Rosie is a fighter and has a strong will to live! She has been through so much in her short life already. Her foster mom is giving her tube feedings every 4-6 hours, and she is thriving. She does not know that she is sick! She purrs, follows her foster mom around the house, is trying to play with her foster sisters/brothers, and she is a happy girl. She wants to live and she deserves the chance to live as normal a life as possible regardless of her prognosis.

We hope to eventually get Rosie surgery to correct the esophageal abnormality which will allow her the chance to eat food on her own. That surgery costs several thousand dollars and we are doing our best to raise the money for her. There are no guarantees for Rosie except one, she is loved and will be loved and cared for, for the remainder of her life, no matter what. Please help us to be able to provide Rosie with the medical care that she needs to survive.

A Life Changing Moment

It's funny how you can look at something for the better part of sixty years and not see it. Actually it's not funny at all.

I was sitting in my yard five or so years ago when a cat, carrying something in it's mouth leaped over the fence and disappeared under my porch. As it turns out, she was carrying a kitten in her mouth. She did it four more times.

What to do? I reached out to South Shore Humane Society on the recommendation of a friend and they suggested that my wife Darlene and I should foster these little ones. With South Shore Humane's help, we were able to bring them in as they started to wander, take them to the doctors, and administer any needed medications. South Shore Humane impressed on us when they explained that it was imperative to TNR the parents, Big Daddy & Allie, also. We accomplished this with support from South Shore Humane Society. And with their continued support, we are proud to say that many litters and adults later we're still at it.

There's something very rewarding when saving helpless creatures. You realize several things. Some of which can be easily described. Some things not so much with words as it's very emotional. You basically just have to look them in the eyes. Really look. And see, maybe for the first time, what you've not seen for most of your own life. As had been the case with me. So many of the things that you thought mattered in your world seem so unimportant when you're able to make life better for another being.



The first litter of kittens that we rescued

Many thanks to South Shore Humane Society, Mary and all the volunteers. Also thank you to our very generous supporters and our wonderful veterinary providers for doing what you do.

Bob & Darlene Philbrick
The Kitty Ranch

In Memory Of...

In memory of Claire Stern
Janet Kilguss
Sonya Ingram
C. Marilyn Batastini
Ilene/Richard Ahearn
Inez/Leo McGowan
Connie Coleman
Karen/David McGinnis
Estate of Claire Stern

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in memory of
Beloved A. J.

Mattfield Woods
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in memory of
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In memory of
Byron

Frances Hale in
memory of
Tiffaney Mantra
Robert Segalla Sr.
Irving Shubert
Claire Stanley
Claire Donovan
Patricia Edwards

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in memory of four
wonderful dogs
Lucy and Desi
Keely
Demi

Josphine Smith/Dawn Boucher
in memory of
Huck Fisher

In memory of Mrs. Carolyn Griffin
from the Treasurers Club of Boston,
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John & Vicki Crowley from Kathleen
& Terence Kelly



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We had 3 cats, all males, ever since South Shore Humane helped us many years ago when we found our youngest cat, Frankie (named for his blue eyes). He was born to a feral cat in our back yard. Sadly, last year, our 2 older boys passed away within months of each other. Frankie missed his older brothers and was very lonely. South Shore Humane to the rescue! Mary told us she had recently rescued 2 sibling kittens, a brother and sister. They had been born under a porch and were now ready for adoption. We decided that we wanted to meet them.

They were tiny & nearly identical - two little black and white furballs. Of course it was impossible to choose only one since they were both incredibly sweet & loving. The next part of the story writes itself. Frankie now has 2 younger siblings named Dino and Sammy - our own little "Rat Pack". They quickly learned that Frankie is a pushover, and they take complete advantage of him. He doesn't seem to mind a bit.

Frank & Lisa



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Please join us for the upcoming fundraising events

Annual giftwrapping at Barnes & Noble in Braintree & Hingham starting right after Thanksgiving

Night Out at the Chateau in Braintree in January, 24 2018 (Use ticket on following page)

Annual yard sale at Braintree Town Hall in April 2018

Follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with our events!

These are very important fundraisers for the animals that we help. Please consider volunteering & participating so we can continue to help animals in need. Contact Connie at (617) 750-5170 if you are interested in volunteering for these events.

South Shore Humane Making a Difference



The stunning gentleman to the left is Brody and he is 14 years old. He lives with his Mom in elderly housing. He wants to thank South Shore Humane Society for helping him to get a medical treatment that removed many small warts that were bothering him on his body and feet. He feels so much better, but his mom said that he didn't like the collar they made him wear after his surgery. Now he is running around like a 5 year old pup.

Gracie Ann is a 9 year old foster kitty that resides in elderly housing and was diagnosed with transitory diabetes. After several weeks of testing, she was able to control her diabetes with a specific diet and schedule. Her mom would like to thank South Shore Humane Society for helping her, and now Gracie Ann feels great.



Another senior, Marcia, contacted South Shore Humane when she could no longer pay for food for the 9 year old feral cats she has been taking care of for many years. We share our donated food with her on a regular basis so the cats won't go hungry.

South Shore Humane Society knows that some people are on fixed incomes and they need financial help for the animals that they care for and love. YOUR donations help us to help these animals in need. Our veterinary bills have already exceeded **\$30,000** this year! We want to continue with this great work and the only way we can is through your continued support.

Wednesday 1/24/2018

Time 11:30-Close

20% of Food & Beverage Proceeds to Benefit



**South Shore
Humane Society**

at The Chateau Restaurant, 535 John Mahar Highway, Braintree, MA 02184

Please present this ticket!

Take out orders included * Only one ticket per group needed

Tickets are not to be distributed on restaurant property

We would like to extend a special thank you to Petco Unleashed in Hingham, the Copeland Family Foundation, Voya c/o Front Stream, and the Massachusetts Animal Coalition for their continued support.

We would also like to thank the businesses that host our Dog House Donation collection boxes. Please support and thank these businesses for their continued support of South Shore Humane Society! All that loose change does add up and helps us to continue to help animals in need.

Ace Hardware - Weymouth

Weymouth Dog Shoppe – Weymouth

Simple Treasures - Weymouth

VCA Roberts Animal Hospital - Hanover

VCA – Weymouth

Eclectic Collection – West Bridgewater

That's Italian Too - Weymouth

Dusk to Dawn Restaurant – Weymouth

South Shore Humane Society Wish List

Please contact Mary at (857) 236-8477 if you can donate any of the items below

PLASTIC CAT CARRIERS
NEW LITTER BOXES SMALL & LARGE SIZES
CARDBOARD SCRATCH BOARDS
CAT LITTER BOTH CLAY & SCOOPABLE
REVOLUTION FLEA TREATMENT FOR CATS
KMR FOR KITTENS
ROYAL CANIN "BABY CAT" DRY FOOD
ROYAL CANIN "BABY CAT" WET FOOD
CANNED KITTEN FOOD
FRISKIES CANNED FOOD
PURINA ONE DRY FOOD

HEAVY DUTY & KITCHEN TRASH BAGS
DAWN DISHWASHING LIQUID - LEMON
ANY TYPE OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT
BLEACH
ANTIBACTERIAL HAND SOAP
MASKING TAPE
SHARPIE PENS
PAPER TOWELS, TOWELS, FACECLOTHS,
SHEETS, BLANKETS,
SPACE BLANKETS FOR FERAL SHELTERS
GIFT CARDS TO PET SUPPLY STORES, WALMART, TARGET

BEQUESTS can be made in the following format:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to THE SOUTH SHORE HUMANE SOCIETY, INC. a non-profit Corporation exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (C) (3), located in Braintree, MA the sum of \$ and/or (specifically described property).

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT – OUR MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL:

VERY IMPORTANT PURRSON: \$1000
FUR FRIEND: \$100
WHISKER WISHES: \$50

THANK YOU VERY MUTTS: \$500
POOCHES SMOOCHES: \$25
KITTEN KISSES: \$20

