



South Shore Humane Society

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The leaves are starting to change which means it's time to start our Fall Fundraising! As some know, South Shore Humane has a small office where we are able to shelter 6 cats at a time. This has given us the opportunity to give some cats that need some additional socialization or physical injuries that need to heal a safe place to be while volunteers work with them prior to placement. Of course, we have to pay rent for the office and of course, pay for food and litter, supplies, and vet care. Also, it is very important to note, that EVERY cat or kitten we adopt out is spayed or neutered prior to adoption. South Shore Humane also has a very active Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) program for feral cats. Jen and Ginny are the feral cat team and in this newsletter you can read about several of the cats they have rescued (Lucky, Diesel, Barbara Bush & Relic). Every cat they deal with gets appropriate veterinary care such as Spay/Neuter and Rabies vaccinations. But more often than not, additional care is needed for dentals, injuries from bite wounds, parasites...and sometimes, even more care is needed, like Rosie the miracle kitten who was highlighted in our last newsletter who needed several lifesaving surgeries to survive. And again, all this vet care costs money. And, last but not least, we have the Smokey's Fund which is our pet medical assistance fund. This is a very important but very expensive program. This year the calls for help included a dog, Puppup, belonging to an elderly person who developed a pyometra infection and would have died without surgery. Then we had the family dog, Hoop, that ate a nerf gun bullet and needed abdominal surgery. We hope to be able to help as many people and pets as possible but we can only do it with your help.

Please donate if you can. If you have matching workplace giving programs please consider South Shore Humane Society as your charity of choice. If you shop on Amazon – please go to Amazon Smile, pick South Shore Humane Society and a portion of your purchase will be donated to South Shore Humane Society. We also have a supply wish list on Amazon.com if you would like to donate much needed supplies.

Please support our fundraisers - the animals need you!

Sincerely,
Mary Connolly
President, SSHA

Your Donations in Action



This is Puppup. Her owner is a senior on a fixed income who adopted Puppup when she was 2 years old. Since her owner was never able to afford to get Puppup spayed, she ended up developing a life threatening pyometra infection in her uterus. Puppup would not have lived more than a few days unless she received an emergency spay immediately. Her owner went to one vet hospital and was quoted \$5,000 which was far beyond what she could afford. She contacted South Shore Humane Society and luckily, we were able to arrange to have the emergency spay surgery done at South Coastal Animal Health, our veterinary partner. Puppup is alive today thanks to the support of people like you. Please send your donation in so we can continue to help pets like Puppup.

Lefty probably should have been named Lucky – it's because he's lucky that he was rescued from outside. Lefty is a kitten that our trappers caught in Pembroke. He had been fed outside for several weeks by a caring family but they wanted help for the cats before winter arrived. Lefty had his mom and his sibling also looking out for him while he was outside but for a small kitten with only one eye, he was still at a major disadvantage. Lucky is now safe and in a foster home and once he grows a bit, we will have to remove what is left of his left eye. Once he's recovered from that surgery, then he's going to be on the hunt for a home of his own.



What does The Kitty Ranch do?

The Kitty Ranch came into existence when we realized that we wanted to do more to help with homeless cats. I converted my former woodworking shop and garage into a foster area for kittens and cats. We take in litters and their moms and foster them until they are ready to be adopted out. We bring them to the vet and make sure that they get all of the necessary medical attention and when they are old enough, we get them spayed or neutered. We do this work with the support of South Shore Humane Society, who covers the medical costs for the cats in our care. This year alone, we have fostered over 16 kittens. As word spreads about the work that we are doing, the demand for kittens far outweighs the number of kittens that we are able to foster in our space. I would encourage anyone that is thinking about fostering a litter of kittens to reach out to myself or to South Shore Humane Society.

So in closing, we would like to again thank all the fine folks at South Shore Humane Society for their continued support, all of our wonderful veterinarians and staff for the services they provide and especially all of you. Without your continued support the Kitty Ranch would be no longer.

Chow.
Robert and Darlene Philbrick

In Memory Of...

In memory of Elizabeth Bowman
Kathryn Purcel
Carol Dutil
Joan Lapierre
Claudia Rucky
Lorraine Kuchinsky
June Mort

In memory of Donna Galley
Gale Associates, Weymouth, Ma

In memory of Russel Mayer
Janet Sanders
Joyce Castle
Amy Cohn
Frederick Noonan

In memory of Shanna
Dianne Studley

In memory of John H Holland Jr
Frances Hale

In memory of Mathew Walsh
Frances Hale

In memory of Carolyn Griffin
Brent Freight

We would like to extend a special thank you to Petco Unleashed in Hingham, the Copeland Family Foundation, and Voya c/o Front Stream for their support. In addition, this year we were lucky enough to be awarded a \$4,000 grant by the Massachusetts Animal Coalition license plate program to help spay & neuter cats in Weymouth & Holbrook.

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. We would like to extend a SPECIAL thank you to **Dolly's Boutique – Simple Treasures in Weymouth** for also hosting fundraising nights for South Shore Humane Society in addition to housing one of our Dog House Donation boxes!

Ace Hardware – Weymouth

VCA Roberts Animal Hospital – Hanover

That's Italian Too – Weymouth

Weymouth Dog Shoppe – Weymouth

VCA – Weymouth

Ma Reilly's Café (formerly Dusk to Dawn Restaurant) – Weymouth

Dolly's Boutique - Simple Treasures
- Weymouth

Eclectic Collection – West Bridgewater



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Your Donation Saves Lives

Thank you from Hoop & Family



This past Memorial Day weekend, Mr. Hooper “Hoop” started showing signs of abdominal upset. Two visits to the emergency hospital for an X-ray and anti-nausea medicine but his diagnosis was inconclusive. When he continued to have no interest in food and started to become lethargic, we brought him to his regular vet for bloodwork and an ultrasound. The ultrasound showed no signs of an obstruction but did show dilated, distended, fluid-filled intestines which were indicative of an unseen obstruction. Two weeks after his original symptoms started, our only option left was to perform an exploratory abdominal surgery. South Shore Humane Society donated towards the cost of this surgery since we had exhausted all of our funds to get to this point. The vets found a round object about an inch in diameter lodged in his intestines which was causing all of his discomfort. We can't be sure, but we think that he may have eaten one of the kids' nerf gun bullets. Hoop would have died without this surgery but now his prognosis is good and we're incredibly thankful that our adventurous, energy-filled, three year old boy will be with us for many more years. Thank you South Shore Humane.

-Kim & Family

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Please join us for the upcoming fundraising events

Giftwrapping at Barnes & Noble in Braintree & Hingham starting right after Thanksgiving

Shopping event at Dolly's Boutique – Simple Treasures in Weymouth on December 7th

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



Last winter, right before a blizzard, South Shore Humane Society learned about a momcat and her two kittens living outside in Weymouth. Our volunteers jumped to action, but the kittens were nowhere to be seen and the traps that they set remained empty. When the storm started, they had to bring the traps in and hoped that the little family would be able to weather the storm together. It was a long couple of days clearing the snow after the storm. Sadly, the mother cat and only one kitten were seen once the snow started to thaw. We were able to get them both into safety.

With the help of your donations, the mother cat and kitten were fixed. The feeders adopted the mother cat who they had been feeding on their porch for some time – so now she's an indoor cat. The kitten was fostered by one of our volunteers. She gave him a lot of one on one time to make him social and over time, she won his trust. She ended up adopting him and made his foster home into her permanent home. The photos show how happy Diesel the kitten is now that he is safely off the streets.



We come across situations like this on a weekly basis. We are a small group that doesn't have nearly as many volunteers as there are cats in need. If you are interested in learning to trap or to foster & socialize cats and kittens, please reach out us. It is a very rewarding experience.

Open your Heart and Home to Fostering

By Irene Reed

In the past South Shore Humane Society has helped me with animals in need. I had mentioned that I would be willing to foster and in the last few months, I have had the honor of fostering not one but two amazing cats in need.

Barbara Bush, who I lovingly dubbed Miss B, came into my life through Jen from South Shore Humane Society. Miss B was an older lady who was found outside as a stray. Barbara had shown up at the home of a nice woman who noticed that Miss B. would try to eat any leftover food that the birds at the bird feeder didn't eat. This woman contacted South Shore Humane Society for help. When Miss B was brought to the vet to be checked out, SSSH discovered that she had a large inoperable cancerous tumor in her mouth. However, Miss B had a great appetite and a desire to live. South Shore Humane contacted me about Miss B and I decided to welcome her into my home. I have a small room in my home with a window where she could bird watch – but Miss B didn't need any more space than that. I provided her with lots of food, treats, and most importantly LOVE. She lived with me for about 2 months and it was hard to when it came time to say goodbye to her. Yet, I was comforted by the fact that she was not alone outside somewhere. She was comforted, loved and sheltered. Isn't that what we all want as humans and animal lovers?



My second experience with fostering is a big apple headed boy named Relic (aka Baby Lion). He was trapped as part of a trap, neuter & return effort and after he was trapped, South Shore Humane discovered that he was adoptable and didn't need to be returned back outside. He has been through the trenches - from the looks of his frost bitten ears, has weathered many storms outside. The only teeth that he has are cracked and broken. I am fostering him until he gets his much needed dental work. Once his teeth get fixed then he will be placed up for adoption. He loves to be groomed and also loves to hang out with you on the sofa. He is super handsome and has the biggest paws so I decided to call him Baby Lion as a nickname. Since he has been with me, his fur has grown in and is now fluffy and soft. He is so happy to be off of the streets now and in a place where he is safe and loved.

If you are considering fostering, all I can tell you is that it is a truly rewarding experience. The ULTIMATE goal is to provide a temporary home with lots of LOVE and CARE for the animal. In return you get so much more back from the animal that it is a wonder!!! South Shore Humane is a wonderful organization with very dedicated volunteers!!! You will have support from them and will never feel like you're doing it by yourself. I would encourage anyone that is thinking about fostering to reach out to learn more about the process. There is a lot of need out there and if we can all help one animal at a time, then we can all make a big difference.

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

