



THE SCOOP

Quincy Animal Shelter

Summer 2014

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Saturday: 10am-4pm

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Director's Letter

What do a 6-year-old Boxer, a 14-year-old Chinese Crested Powderpuff, and a 7-year old long-haired cat have in common?

They were all loved by someone once—then something changed. All came to us as strays, but they should never have been strays! There is no such thing as a purebred Boxer stray. Chinese Crested Powderpuffs are somewhat exotic dogs, not to mention one that is microchipped, and a cat with a microchip should not have been on the street!



Yet each of these animals has a story, one they are unable to tell. Flower, the Boxer, is a wonderful, sweet dog. She came in at 42 lbs—she should have weighed 60 lbs! Flower was emaciated and unspayed, with several health issues. Although it took some time, we were able to get her turned around, thanks to our volunteers, wonderful vet care, and Nicole, her foster mom.

Jo Jo Star is our little old man Crested Powderpuff. He came to us as a stray, essentially deaf and blind, and he had the most horrific mouth you have ever seen. Who abandons a dog in this condition? He is microchipped, which makes it even harder to understand. We tried to track down the owner, but the trail went cold. The vet considered it cruel to keep him in the shelter, and he is not a surgical candidate because of a heart murmur and his age. Luckily for Jo Jo, a wonderful volunteer, Bethany, has taken him into her home as a “hospice” foster, giving him a loving home for whatever time he has left.



Finally, we had Laura, a long-haired cat in deplorable condition. Once her coat was shaved, her terrible body condition was revealed to be a bag of bones. Yet Laura was the sweetest girl, still willing to give humans another chance. Her vet work-up indicated that she had a badly compromised liver, possibly due to malnutrition. This time we were able to track down the original owner who told us how she passed Laura to someone, who passed her to someone. Obviously, no one cared enough to get her to a shelter. The vet recommended a sweater, which she happily wore. Another wonderful volunteer stepped up to take her in, hopefully for R&R. Roxanne posted wonderful pictures of Laura in a new sweater, looking so very sweet! We really wanted her to defy the odds and respond to her treatment and food, but it wasn't meant to be. Her foster rushed her to the vet on emergency after calling me. My heart broke when the vet explained how very sick Laura was, and that it was time to let her go.

We are fortunate that for each of these tales we have hundreds of happy ones. Yet it only takes one story like these to emphasize why our work is so important. Volunteers donate 1,000+ hours each month to care for our animals. We raise funds to be able to provide them with the necessary medical care, food, bedding, etc., while they are with us. For 15 years, the Quincy Animal Shelter has been rescuing and rehoming nearly 500 cats and dogs annually, a number we are very proud of!

Please consider a tax deductible donation to help us help them!

Thanks,
Kit Burke
Shelter Director



Summer Safety Tips

It is the time of year when you must be aware of how heat affects your pets. If home during the day, a cool room is the most comfortable for them. If you are traveling, do not leave pets in a hot car—even for the shortest of time. If you like to run with your dog, please be careful and take temperature and humidity into consideration, and ensure both of you drink enough water. Enjoy the summer season, and make it as safe as possible for all your animals!

- Don Conboy, Quincy Animal Control

What do you do when you see a dog in a hot car? - PETA

Every year, dogs suffer and die when their guardians make the mistake of leaving them in a parked car—even for “just a minute”—while they run an errand. Parked cars are deathtraps for dogs: on a 78-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can soar to between **100 and 120 degrees** in just minutes, and on a 90-degree day, the interior temperature can reach **as high as 160 degrees** in less than 10 minutes!

Animals can sustain brain damage or even die from heatstroke in just 15 minutes. Beating the heat is extra tough for dogs because they can only cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paw pads.

If you see a dog left alone in a hot car:

- **Take down the car’s color, model, make, and license plate number.**
- **Have the owner paged in the nearest buildings, or call local humane authorities or police.**
- **Have someone keep an eye on the dog.**
- **Don’t leave the scene until the situation has been resolved.**

If the authorities are unresponsive or too slow and the dog’s life appears to be in imminent danger, find a witness (or several) who will back up your assessment, take steps to remove the suffering animal from the car, and then wait for authorities to arrive.

Watch for heatstroke symptoms such as restlessness, excessive thirst, thick saliva, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, fever, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, and lack of coordination. If a dog shows any of these symptoms, get him or her out of the heat, preferably into an air-conditioned vehicle, and then to a veterinarian immediately. If you are unable to transport the dog yourself, take him or her into an air-conditioned building if possible and call animal control: **Tell them it is an emergency.**

Provide water to drink, and if possible spray the dog with a garden hose or immerse him or her in a tub of cool (but not iced) water for up to two minutes in order to lower the body temperature gradually. You can also place the dog in front of an electric fan. Applying cool, wet towels to the groin area, stomach, chest, and paws can also help. Be careful not to use ice or cold water, and don’t overcool the animal.



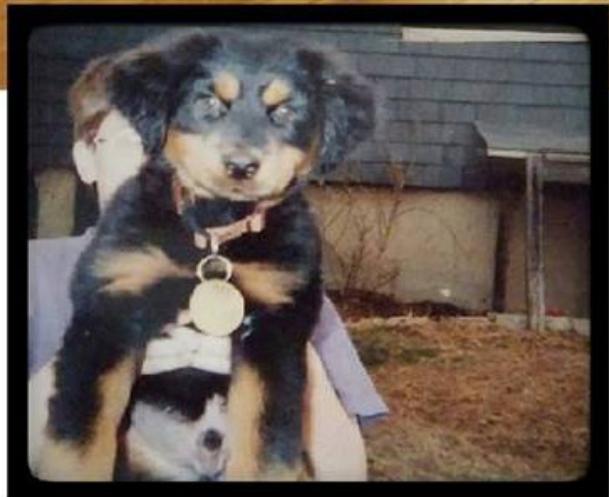
Letters from FURever Homes

Hi, I wanted to send you guys a "then and now" pic of my little old man, now 14. I adopted him from QAS in March or April 2000. He was a puppy who was tossed in a bag at McDonalds; his name was Cassidy at the shelter, but my son named him Baby Chad (BC for short).



We all thought he was going to be a Rottie/chow mix, but the vets decided he was a Gordon Setter mix. He's long, tall, shaggy, and skinny! He's had some wonderful years: sleeps with his brother Rosco (a Husky mix), loves romping and playing with the other rescue dogs we've had, cuddles with his four cat buddies but is terrified of my ferret, and loves walking in Great Esker Park.

On July 8, 2009 he was diagnosed with Canine oral melanoma; thankfully he lets me brush his teeth and we found it early. He had surgery to remove it and followed up at NEVOG with meds and radiation treatments. They were honest and gave a 2 year outlook for survival, but he's still going strong almost 5 years since his last treatment! When I had breast cancer in 2007, prior to his, he never left my side and was gentle as a lamb. He's a great boy!



Thank you for choosing us to be his family,
Wendy B



Kirley is doing great in his new home! Isn't he a handsome boy? Kirley is VERY into food. He typically starts sitting by the food bowl two hours before mealtime. The vet said he'd gained two pounds since coming to live with us so now we are watching his weight!

Kirley loves a good lap. Be careful where you sit or you may be stuck there for a while. Kirley takes advantage of a soft bed every night and won't move until morning.

Please thank everyone at QAS for rescuing Kirley and making it possible for us to adopt him. We love him dearly and cannot imagine life without him!!!

Best,
Ashley Greene

Quincy Animal Shelter 1999-2014

15 Years with Auntie Peg - By Sandra Sines

The second best thing about volunteering at QAS is the people that you meet. Of course the first is love for the animals, but the people are pretty special as well! When we first started out, in 1999, we had a saying: "there are no super stars or VIPs here". Our volunteers had many credentials—lawyers, doctors, business owners, office workers, car salesman, moms and dads, students; you name it. Most stayed for a while, some stayed longer, while others are still with us today. But no one has worked more consistently over the last fifteen years than our own world famous "Auntie Peg O'Brien". If you are a supporter of QAS, you have probably met Auntie Peg. However, the purpose of this article is not to tell you how wonderful she is. That would be far too easy an assignment and if you've met her, you already know that. The purpose of this article is to inspire, motivate, and get you thinking about how you can help QAS.

Margaret "Auntie Peg" O'Brien, a retired bank AVP, contacted QAS fifteen years ago when she needed help saving some feral kittens. QAS helped her with the kittens so she looked into volunteering (I sense a pay it forward theme here). She started volunteering in April of 1999 and has not stopped since. It is not uncommon for volunteers to burn out or have their personal or work life call them back, but not Auntie Peg. She has never taken a break from QAS because she truly loves her work. She has made lifelong friends who are now family and the animals are just as important to her. Over the years Auntie Peg has cared for five feral cats and as many of nine cats of her own, not to mention all the fostering that she has done for the shelter.

Since she started in 1999, Auntie Peg has held nearly every position in the organization. She started as a cat care giver, and was quickly promoted through the ranks. Some of the duties she has taken on include: cat care, foster care, medical care, events team, board member, fundraiser and professional "thank you" person, secretary, community outreach, organizer of yard sales, raffles, the fall festival, Auntie Peg's Attic, and wine tasting events, as well as friend, psychologist, peacemaker, aunt, sister, and friend. I attempted to estimate the number of volunteer hours that she has given QAS; even being conservative she has given 25,000 hours, but the number is probably far greater than that! QAS is not the only benefactor of her time. She volunteers for her church and finds time to care for friends in need as well. Auntie Peg is always there for everyone; furry or not.

Why has she given so much to QAS? What inspires her? She does this because she hopes every animal that needs a home

is placed in the best possible one. There are so many stories that have inspired her over the years. Many think she is a cat person, but one of her favorite animals was a dog named Rufus, a shaggy black dog for whom it was challenging to find a home due to incontinence problems. He was with us for many months. Although we found him a nice home in Braintree Square, Rufus decided he wanted to come back to us. He jumped off a second story deck and made his way back five miles to the shelter and Auntie Peg. She does her best every day to carry on the legacy of Kathy Barry Cleveland, one of our most inspiring volunteers, who lost her battle with cancer. She pinches every QAS penny so that the animals get what they need. She ensures everyone who makes a donation gets a proper thank you, even if they donate a dollar, because her dream for QAS is to build a wonderful state of the art animal shelter that the city so desperately needs.



So there is no question that Auntie Peg has been an outstanding volunteer for QAS, because she is QAS. She has worn every hat; she has been there for all who need her. There have been many great volunteers and they certainly deserve props, too. The point is that every organization needs a Tom Brady, a Steve Jobs, or an Auntie Peg. That is the difference you need to succeed; a true team player without an ego or

an agenda. We have been so blessed.

I do not think for a minute that she truly understands the impact that she has had on our organization. I said earlier that the purpose of this is not to tell you how wonderful she is, but to inspire you to do something great, too. Auntie Peg has been there for so many people and I don't know many people that I could write this same story about. Some come close, but no cigar.

People like Auntie Peg inspire me to be a better person, to reach out to others, and care about the work that I do. I want this to inspire you to do something great too; whether it is for QAS, it does not matter; though we'd love it if you work with us! Getting involved is worthwhile. Volunteering makes everyone feel better. So get out there and make a difference!

As I write this, I know that Auntie Peg is home with her loyal feline companion, Tate, her twelve year old cat who also serves as an ambassador to all of the foster kittens she brings home. Tomorrow she will be at it again. It has been a terrific fifteen years. We are counting on 15 more. Thank you, Margaret "Auntie Peg" O'Brien. Your service is an inspiration.

PET SPOTLIGHT

Meet Kitty

Kitty is the beloved 5 year old cat of a couple who were unable to keep her when they moved to senior housing. She is grey and white with a cute black nose and grey chin. She has lived with a dog and is good with cats, but would do best in a home without children. She is a little shy and still getting used to being without her family. Kitty LOVES to be petted and purrs as soon as you start!

Kitty is not a cat who will demand your attention at the shelter and thus may be overlooked. She hopes the special person who will give her the time she needs to come out of her shell will soon take her to her forever home. Is that you?



Meet Rusty

I'm a Poodle/Maltese/Chi mix and I'm 6 years old! I'm a little timid at first until I get to know you, so please give me my space until I'm comfortable. Once acquainted, I'll be seeking some cuddle time and attention. I walk well on a leash and get along with other dogs. Come down and visit me!



Meet Fluffy

Hi. My name is Fluffy. Can you guess why?! I'm a sweet long-haired dilute calico and have been told that I'm quite beautiful! I enjoy being petted and having my ears rubbed. I may seem a bit apprehensive when you first meet me, but that's just because I'm afraid of falling in love and being left here. I'm 6 years old and was given up because my family had too many kitties. Kids are not really my thing, so the best home for me wouldn't have any. I hope the special person who will love me forever is reading this and will take me home soon!



Be a Guardian Angel: Sponsor a QAS cage or kennel

Our Guardian Angel Cage & Kennel Sponsorships are available for three months, six months or one year and can be dedicated to a family member, friend or pet. Your sponsorship provides a safe home for the animal! A Guardian Angel card will be placed on the kennel indicating your support. We can also share a card and/or picture that you provide. Please mail in the form below with a check & instructions.

Yes! I would like to Sponsor a QAS cage or kennel!

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

The Quincy Animal Shelter will not share your contact information with any third party.

Please make checks payable to the Quincy Animal Shelter and Mail to P.O. Box 690088, Quincy, MA 02269

Dog Kennel Guardian Angel

Cat Cage Guardian Angel

\$300 - 1 Year

\$150 - 6 Months

\$75 - 3 Months

Name & information to be displayed on cage:

picture enclosed

Tributes

(March 15, 2014 - May 27, 2014)

Donations made in memory or in honor of special friends

In Memory of:

Anne Du Plessis - Southeastern Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc.
 Cheryl Phillips - Sarah May Johnston, co-workers at
 Commonwealth Hematology
 Edward Binns - Margaret Binns, John Caffrey, Ann Richard
 Florence Flaherty - Maureen Jones
 Irene Rogers - John Rogers
 Jack Burke - Nancy Reed
 John McDuff - South Shore Humane Society
 John Nally - Lois Nally
 Kathy Barry Cleveland - Bill & Carol Mahoney
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 Rene Dunckel - Michele Dunckel
 Sadie - Sandra Lee
 Sam, Sally, Joey & Boots - Carrie Smith
 Sarah Solomon - Janet Parisi
 William Higgins - Mark Winters

In Memory of Audray Miller - Richard & Lee Rizzo, Kathleen
 O'Rourke, Elizabeth & David Carloni, Geraldine O'Rourke,
 Caroline & Jerry Jewett, Carrie Caladriello, Mr. & Mrs. Peter
 Carloni, Richard & Ann Stoyale, Nancy Spence & Brandon
 Jewett, Michelle Pinto-Micelli, Leslie Miller Jewett

In Memory of Patricia DiSalvo - Stephen Mulkern Family,
 Elouise & David Mischler, Carole O'Connell & Denise Murnane,
 John R. Hancock

In Memory of Teresa Peruzzi - Gildo & Anna Pietrantozzi,
 Vincent & Adrienne Lorenzano, Boston Securities Traders
 Association, Frolio Junior High School Sunshine Fund

In Memory of William Boushell - John Muller, Ruth & Donald
 Fitzhenry, Carol & John Maloney, Lynn & Dick Keyo, Richard
 & Ann Stoyale, Mr. & Mrs. Michael McGill, Reverend James
 Purchase

Kids That Care

Montclair School Grade 5 Student Council

Collected wish list items and donations of \$127.00

Central Middle School Grade 7

Held an Animal Abuse Awareness Event and donated \$865.10
 to QAS

Rainbow Girls, Wollaston Assembly #10

Donated food they collected for the residents

Sarah Burak

High School Community Service Project: Ran a yard sale to
 benefit QAS residents

In Honor of:

Shelter Animals - From Oliver
 Estelle's 90th birthday - Catherine & Ronald Bill, Paula Giunta,
 Edward & Cynthia Duff
 Cid - Mildred & Greg Mooter
 Precious II - Priscilla Pulgini

Special Thanks

The Martha Morse Foundation Grant - \$5,000.00

This foundation has been very generous to us over the years.
 We earmark these funds for our **Medical Fund**. The purpose
 is to help any animal that is in need of special care to make
 them better and more adoptable to a loving home. This year,
 we had a young female cat surrendered because the owner
 after many months could no longer continue to pay for the
 medical expenses in trying to determine what was wrong with
 her. When we sent her for an exploratory and spay, the doctor
 found that she had ingested a small rubber eraser that was
 blocking her intestine and causing all her discomfort and loss
 of weight. She is now in a loving home and feeling fine!

Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Employees - 2013-2014

The following employees submitted \$500 grant requests for
 QAS

**Arlene M., Marib R., Susan T., Robert J., Bart H., Tracey
 F., and Mathew L.** Our sincere gratitude for this wonderful
 support.

State Street/Global Operations employees - Annual
 supporters of QAS once again donated wish list items and
 \$360 to care for the animals.

River Bay Club Residents - Held a fundraiser for the shelter;
 Another group who supports us every year.

Hearth'n Kettle Fundraiser- Thank you to all who dined
 here on April 23rd. The restaurant gave a percentage of each
 customer's bill to us when a QAS flyer was presented to the
 server.

PETCO Foundation - Spring-A-Pet fundraiser at local stores
 resulted in our receiving \$1,515.00 as our portion of monies
 collected. Thank you to those customers who donated during
 that time.

Herobuilders - For donating to support the residents of QAS.

We are very careful to ensure the privacy of our donors. We do not
 share or sell names to a second party. We also do not list anyone who
 requests to remain anonymous. Please let us know if you do not want
 your name to be listed. We receive donations through company plans,
 and they do not designate your preference. We are always most happy
 to acknowledge our donors.

**We apologize if we inadvertently failed to
 include your tribute or misspelled any name.
 Please let us know.**

Membership & Donations

All proceeds go to animal care & operation of the Shelter. Your donation is tax deductible.

Membership

- Senior – 60 years & older \$15
- Student – 16-23 years old \$15
- Single \$25
- Family \$50

Donations

- Business \$200
- Lifesaver \$500
- Angel \$1,000

The Mickey Medical Fund _____

Pays for extraordinary medical care

Wesley's Wish Feral Car Fund _____

Pays for the care of feral cats

Other

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

I wish to remain anonymous.

Contact Information

Please update if you have moved or changed your address!

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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Or you can save a stamp & donate online with a credit card via our website at www.quincyanimalshelter.org

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If you have any questions you can email marketing@quincyanimalshelter.org

Tribute Gifts

This donation of \$ _____ is in *Memory of* or in *Honor of*:

Name: _____

Please notify them via address: _____

From Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ [

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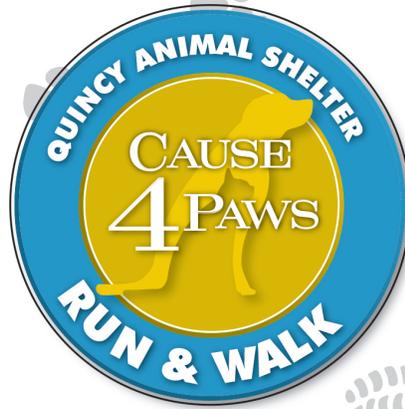
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Sunday October 19, 2014 - DCR's Squantum Point Park at Marina Bay, Quincy.

**PRIZES, RAFFLES, LOCAL VENDORS, REFRESHMENTS,
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REGISTRATION: 8AM
RACE: 10AM WALK: 10:15AM
REGISTRATION FEE: \$30 DONATION
CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

No dog? No problem! Humans can participate in the 1 Mile Walk even if they don't have a dog!

Registration Form and Pledge form available on the Shelter's website:

QuincyAnimalShelter.org

Register online and create your own webpage to ask friends and family for support, or be a Virtual Walker. Link available on QAS' website.

RUNNERS: Register online at Active.com or registration form available on QAS' website.

Prizes for top runners. Prize for most pledges raised online and offline!



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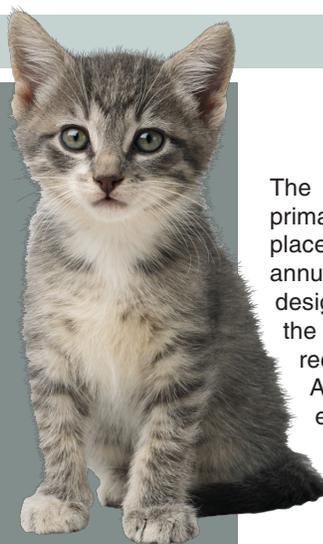
Wish List

We urgently need:

Royal Canin Dry Baby Kibble
Fancy Feast Kitten Food (cans)
Just Born Kitten Formula
Kitten Nursing bottles
Friskies Cat Food (cans)
Yesterday's News Brand or Fresh News Cat Litter
Tidy Cat or any Scoopable cat litter
Buster Cubes, balls and interactive toys for dogs
Small Dog treats for training (Biljac brand preferred)
Paper Towels
Laundry Detergent & Bleach
Cascade Dishwasher Pods
Corrugated cardboard scratching pads for cats
Kitten season is here! Scratchers from Stretchandscratch.com are needed
Cat toys, furry mice
Dry cat food for our Feral Cat Pantry (open bags are ok)
Tuna Fish (cans)
Gift cards to Pet Supply Plus, Petco, super markets, Walmart
Postage stamps

Can you help? Give us a call with any questions!

617-376-1349



About QAS

The Quincy Animal Shelter (QAS) is a primarily volunteer-run organization that places over 500 homeless cats & dogs annually. We are a nonprofit organization designated under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are recognized as a Massachusetts charity. As a no-kill shelter we make every effort to find appropriate placement for each animal in our care. Every animal receives vaccinations and if they are of-age they are spayed or neutered before becoming available for adoption. Younger animals are adopted with a pre-paid spay/neuter certificate. You can support QAS with your **time, treasures and talent!** We are always looking for help!

Volunteer your time at our shelter. **Donate**, your money or **treasures**, sponsor a cage or kennel, use your corporate matching gift program, become a QAS sponsor, purchase QAS wear or attend an event! We can use your **talents** with grant writing fundraising, and other skills!



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