

The Scoop

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Quincy Animal Shelter

Winter 2012

QAS Holiday Appeal

As a no-kill shelter for Quincy's abandoned dogs and cats, with over 100 volunteers, we do not receive any sort of city, state or federal funding. We rely on the generosity of friends like you. Since our inception, we have placed over five thousand abandoned and unwanted cats and dogs into permanent homes. We have helped reduce overpopulation with our spay/neuter program, and helped manage Quincy's feral cats population with our humane Trap-Neuter-Release projects around the city.

Because of friends like you, Polly has a forever home. When Polly first came to the Shelter she was diagnosed with having heavy fluid around her lungs, along with a diaphragmatic hernia, meaning she had a tear in her diaphragm, and her intestines had migrated into her chest. This condition is typically caused by trauma, and if repaired, Polly would have a good prognosis and live a normal life. Polly had surgery and was put on a special diet as her treatment and found her forever home. Total cost for Polly's care: \$3,505.

Because of friends like you, Siobhan has a forever home. Siobhan was found at the Walmart parking lot in Quincy this summer. She was missing fur on half of her body, with a dirty face and over grown nails. Upon coming to the Shelter, the Volunteers noticed that there was blood in her urine. After her exam, the Veterinarian felt a large mass in her abdomen, luxating knee caps and an ear infection. Though having these medical issues, Siobhan was still a happy, lap loving little dog. After blood work, a urinalysis and an x-ray, she was diagnosed with a Struvite bladder stone, the size of a large chicken egg. A stone this size was due to a poor diet, and had not been treated for some time. With (continued page 3)

Come join us.....

Check QAS' website frequently for all our upcoming events for 2013.

www.quincyanimalshelter.org

Adoption Hours

At 56 Broad St. Quincy Tuesday & Thursday: 6pm - 8pm Friday: 4pm - 6pm

Saturday: 10am – 4pm

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How Microchips Help Reunite Pets with their Family

Apollo's story



"George" was a stray in the West Quincy area after his family moved away. For a year, the neighborhood fed him until he found the home of one of our volunteers. With winter approaching soon, she was concerned for George and brought him to the shelter.

When George arrived, he was scanned and a registered microchip was found. When his owner was

reached, we learned that George was actually Apollo and his owner had not seen him in two years. Moving out of state, his owner was not able to bring Apollo and his two litter mates with him. He then found a family in Quincy, to take all of his cats and was heartbroken over the news that Apollo had been out for so long.

With family still in the area, Apollo was reclaimed and living in Abington, waiting for he and Brendan's reunion! We are unsure if his litter mates are still with the family, though still searching the area.

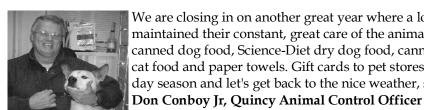
What is a microchip?

A microchip is the size of a grain of rice that is inserted under the skin. A registered microchip will contain the owner's name, address, telephone number, the pet's name and emergency contact. Microchips do not work as a GSP device and your pet cannot be tracked, they must be scanned at an Animal Shelter or Veterinary Hospital. Microchips have become very popular within the last 5-10 years with multiple brand and registration options. Please call your Veterinarian for more information.

As of January of this year, the Quincy Animal shelter has taken in 328 cats and dogs as stray or abandoned pets. Less than 10% of these pets had registered microchips.

--Siobhan, Shelter Director

Animal Control Corner



We are closing in on another great year where a lot of animals were adopted and the volunteers maintained their constant, great care of the animals. QAS is always in need of bleach, Alpo canned dog food, Science-Diet dry dog food, canned kitten and cat food, Science-Diet kitten and cat food and paper towels. Gift cards to pet stores are especially appreciated. Have a great holiday season and let's get back to the nice weather, soon. Thank you.

Wesley Gets His Wish! QAS Approved for MAC grant in Wesley's Name

The Massachusetts Animal Coalition, Inc. (MAC) is providing funds for humane organizations working to assist companion animals in their communities. This grant money is provided by the sale of the popular "I'm Animal Friendly" License Plates.

Quincy Animal Shelter's Feral Cat Manager, Jan Parisi applied for the grant to assist her and the feral cat team to Trap Neuter and Release (TNR) 100 feral cats and retrieve their offspring for socialization and adoption when possible. Last year QAS placed 60 kittens into foster care and successfully found homes for each of them. The TNR effort will target several Quincy neighborhoods including, Germantown, Quincy Point, Hough's Neck, North Quincy and Sections of Dorchester that abut Quincy. This effort will have a significant impact on controlling the unwanted homeless cat situation in Quincy and Dorchester. The QAS group effort is headed by Parisi and her loyal volunteers, Anna Lam and Bridget Williams, along with the help of neighbors and even the local postman.

The volunteers will target an area in need, trap the cats and kittens who are then taken to the spay/neuter clinic and then after they are fully recovered they are returned to location with caregiver.

QAS Holiday Appeal (continued from front page)

a new prescription diet, the stone would shrink in size. However, Siobhan became lethargic and bleeding heavily and needed urgent surgery. Now Siobhan is doing great, with her fur growing back and is on a permanent special urinary diet to prevent future stones.

Total cost for Siobhan's care: \$800-\$1,000.

Because of friends like you Quincy Animal Shelter can continue to care for the homeless animals that we serve every day. As a no-kill Shelter we care for all dogs and cats that come through our door no matter if they are healthy or not. As you can see from the costs above for Polly and Siobhan, these costs are above and beyond regular boarding, regular vet appointments, and feeding; our expenses are very high.

With your support, we can continue to help displaced animals get the medical care they need, and find them forever homes. During this Holiday Season please consider a special taxdeductible donation to help QAS

continue serving abandoned and unwanted animals in our community. On behalf of all of our animals – past, present, and future, thank you for your consideration and Happy Holidays!

Warmly, Kit Burke President

PS: Thank you if you have already donated to QAS this year. Please consider an additional gift if you can. You can donate online at www.quincyanimalshelter.org. Thank you

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QAS' 4th Annual Cause 4 Paws 5K Run & 1 Mile Dog Walk

Over 300 runners and walkers came to the DCR's Squantum Point Park in Marina Bay on Sunday morning, October 21, 2012 for the fourth annual Cause 4 Paws Sponsored by Quarry Hills Animal Hospital to benefit the Quincy Animal Shelter. Fox News Anchor and Quincy resident, Sorboni Banerjee served as emcee for the day's activities. She was not only the emcee for this event, but she also ran the 5K Race, and did very well. She got Fox News to cover this event which is a big plus for a small Shelter like QAS.



"We were thrilled to have Sorboni participate in this event again in several different roles. She helped make the day a

huge success. We were also thrilled to have Quarry Hills Animal Hospital as the major Sponsor again this year, as well as other sponsors. The Quincy Animal Shelter is a non-profit organization, as well as a no-kill Shelter, that is not funded by the city, state, or does not receive any federal funding so we have to raise every dollar that we need to continue caring for the many animals we serve," said Julianne Coleman Fonseca, Fundraising/Marketing Manager who along with committee members Nancy Harris and Meg Nakahara, race organizer Ron Rumble, Shelter volunteers and members of the community, organized the event. "Running this event was a lot of work for everyone involved, but in the end we all agreed that it was all worth it! Our goal was to double what was raised last year, and we succeeded. It's already time to start planning for next year!"

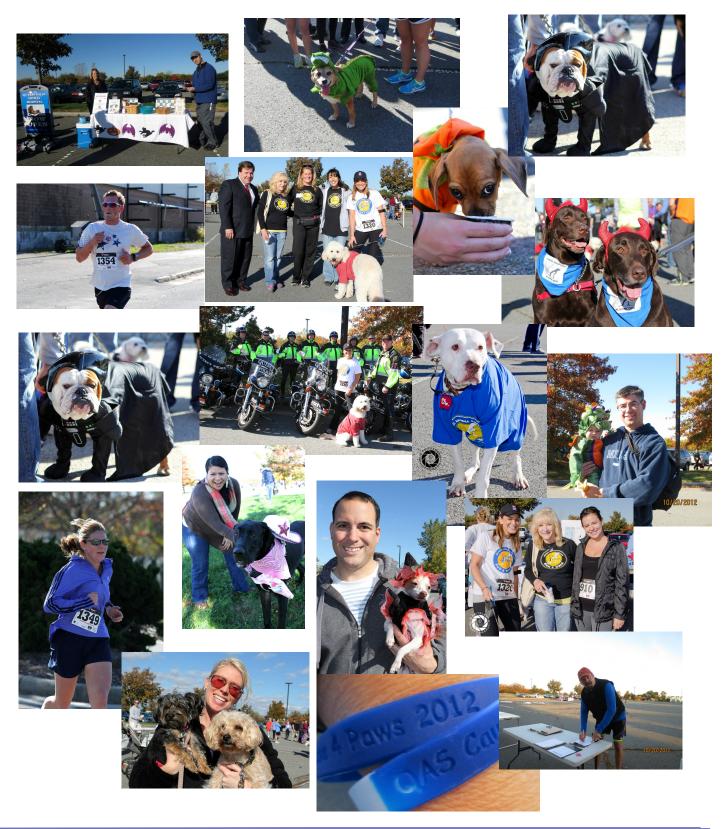
Among the activities that were part of Cause 4 Paws was a 5K race through Marina Bay and Squantum area and a one mile dog walk around the DCR's Squantum Point Park, raffles, a DJ, an agility course and vendors. There was also a Dog Halloween Costume! The winner of the Dog Halloween Costume was Yaz (owner is QAS volunteer Emma) dressed as a dragon. There were so many awesome costumes; it was difficult to pick just one! There was also a QAS' alum get together of dogs that have been adopted from QAS over the years. One of the QAS alumni named Dharma, a Pit mix was adopted 11.5 years ago, and is now 13 years old, came out to participate in the reunion, with her family.

Corey Hazekamd won first place in the men's division of the 5K race and Lori Hindle, of Quincy won first place in the women's division. Everyone that completed the race was a winner! There was even one runner that helped another runner cross the finish line!

Quincy Police Lt. Robert Gillan and his officers provided assistance during the road race followed by an exciting and very informative demonstration featuring the department's K9 division. A large crowd of people enjoyed watching Lt. Gillan and his team of officers and dogs demonstrate their abilities in detecting bombs, weapons and tracking fugitives.

"We hope to see everyone back next year, as well as many new faces, to make the Race and Walk even bigger" said Coleman Fonseca, "We'll start planning the 5th Annual Cause 4 Paws as soon as we all get a little rest!" For more information and photos on Cause 4 Paws visit our website at quincyanimalshelter.org or find us on Facebook. If you have any questions, please contact the Fundraiser Manager at fundraising@quincyanimalshelter.org.

Cause 4 Paws 5K Run & 1 Mile Dog Walk (photos by Lisa Aimola & Liz Feitelberg)



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QAS at Barrett's Haunted Mansion

We were once again lucky to win a night "haunting" Barrett's Haunted Mansion in Abington. Over 20 of our volunteers and their family and friends spent a "grueling" evening scaring those who came to the mansion. Their efforts were rewarded by QAS receiving a check in the amount of \$1155.00. We are most grateful to the Barrett family.



Rescue Me! Why Would Anyone Want to Adopt a Feral Cat

I found out why this year. I have had the fortunate pleasure of meeting thousands of cats. I am always drawn to the super friendly, purring, cat-dog like cats. The more personality the better for me. The more they need me the better. I love cats and dogs that want to be around you, on your lap, in your face, waiting for you when you get home. Big Kiss. Pets that love you! Pets you can hug! So for my entire life I have filed my home with friendly lovable pets.

I have also had a great deal of experience working with feral cats. I have fostered semi-feral kittens for years and for the most part I have seen many success stories. I see the adult ferals in the TNR program. I am always amazed at how gorgeous these feral are. I see the constant stare of fear and vigilance in their eyes. Somehow they survive with must interaction with us humans. I always feel so bad for them that they just cant trust us. I guess I take it a bit personally. Why can't they just trust us? They could be adopted have a nice safe home, two meals a day and stay warm and cozy. But they do not want it.

Well this year everything I thought I knew and felt about ferals went out the window. I had the opportunity to foster two feral kittens about 10 weeks old. Nestor and Destiny were siblings from a litter of five that were abandoned behind Ethan Allan in Braintree. Neither wanted anything to do with me but they would not hurt me. They would hide and shake. They did not play or purr they just stared at me with bulging eyes and a visible pulse. They hated me. I did all the usual tricks to try and win the trust of a feral kitten, Nestor took the bait easier. Destiny not a chance. I could catch Nestor so he was the first to go to the shelter on adoption day. Day one he was adopted. Amazing Luck! Destiny would be next. I was able to catch but it was a no go. She shook and shook all day. It was torture for her and for me. I decided I'd give her more attention. She was sitting in my family room and I decided to try and groom her. I was able to catch her but when I did she defecated all over. I literally scared her that much. I had now her for about three months. She had the run of the house and she got along famously

with all of my five cats and my dog.

I figured she just hated people. But I noticed that every morning she and my cat Baxter would play in the kitchen and then they would watch me get ready for work. Every day she spent more and



more time around us, not close but she was there, it was like living with a spy. She'd sit under things and wait. As long as I did not approach, she would stay. It took everything I could to not try keep trying to make her the cat I wanted her to be. But I've learned to let her be. I love watching her just be a kitty. When she thinks she is alone she will play and lay back in the sun. She played in her first brown paper bag the other day. She is so at home in my home now that she is going to stay. I am going to adopt her tomorrow. I cannot believe that I have chosen a cat that does not need me at all. I am letting her be and we are both just fine.

By Sandra Morse

QAS 7th Annual Wine & Beer Tasting Event (photos by Dawgma Gallery)

The Quincy Animal Shelter's 7th Annual Wine and Beer tasting, took place on September 27, 2012, at the Tirrell Room in Quincy. Sponsored by Frozen Freddie's, the event drew a large and appreciative crowd. Partygoers enjoyed tasting a variety of wine, beer, and flavored vodkas, as well as a delicious selection of hot and cold h'orsduevres, wraps, fruit, and cheese, topped off with Frozen Freddie's fabulous ice cream

cake.

Music was provided by Jimmy Peters, a local entertainer who graciously volunteers his services for this event each year.

Raffle prizes included red and white wine baskets, 6 cases of Boston Beer, an extraordinary lovely plant basket donated by Almquist Flower Land, two restaurant packages, a magnificent hair care basket, courtesy of 501Hair & Company,

several Spa baskets, two superb lobster Dinner baskets, courtesy of Skip and Lori Ryan, a State House tour and lunch with Representative Bruce Ayers, two superb golf packages, a Doggie Style Salon package, and a hand crafted set of stack tables.

All proceeds from the event go directly toward the care and maintenance of the cats, kittens, and dogs at the Quincy Animal Shelter.



Jimmy Peters



Enjoying the event



Board Members & Event Committee Members

View more pictures on QAS Facebook page

QAS Holiday Fair

QAS held their Holiday Fair at the Kennedy Center on November 17th. There were over 20 tables of vendors, and crafters. There was something for everyone.















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Pet Spotlight



Meet: FRANKIE

Hi, wanna go for a walk? My name is Frankie and I'm one year old Pit Bull Mix. I have lots of energy so I would love it if my new owners gave me some basic training. I would be great at Agility training! I like some dogs, but we'd have to meet before I could live with another one. I can also live with teenagers that are 16 years and older.



Meet: ASH and GINGER

We are an older girl and boy (about 9) who have just been surrendered from a home where our human has been ill and no longer able to care for us. Our caretakers here at QAS all say we are just about the sweetest, friendliest pair of cuddly orange & white kitties you will ever meet. We look a little like lions at the moment because we were heavily matted and have been shaved. But don't let that discourage you....if you open our cage and pet us the only ROARing you will hear will be the sound of us purring. Our beautiful orange fur will grow back in no time. It is such a treat for us to be petted and fussed over since we have been left unattended for a long time. A home where we could receive a lot of attention, grooming and love for the rest of our life would be Purrfect. We are a team and hope to be adopted together. Please come in and meet us soon.

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, pet, or to show your commitment to the community. Your sponsorship provides a roof over an animal's head each day of the period you choose! A Guardian Angel card will be placed on the kennel or cage for that period. We can also include on the card a picture that you provide. *Please mail in this form with your check*.

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Happy Tails and Purrfect Endings

Dear QAS, Zippy is doing fine. She's the only cat I know that sleeps on a sleep number bed. Heck, I don't even sleep on it...

Zippy eats plenty of dry cat food and gets plenty of water. She's only eaten the wet cat food once. I'll still put it out in case she wants to eat it. In the beginning she would not let me touch her. Now she comes and hops on the couch and sits next to me so I can pet her. The other day she saw a toy on my desk so she hops in the chair, hops on the desk and knocks the toy to the floor. She does the same thing with my gloves. She loves to look out the window. I walked in the kitchen this afternoon and found her sitting quietly looking out the window. Did not know she was there.



The other day I walked around outside to check the trees at the side of the house. I look over to the glass patio doors and she's peeking her head through the shades to look out. She's funny. Zippy was supposed to be helping me paint the kitchen...Thanks, George



Rosalita has been such a joy since adopting her last month. After she had her surgery to get spayed and to have her infected teeth pulled out, she bounced back quickly. By saying "bounce back" she really loves to bounce around—she sometimes looks like a bunny. She also loves to sit by the window and watch everyone go by—she lets us know when a new dog goes by. She does get inpatient waiting for her food though. She is getting better with her new dog brother Coco—she sometimes insist in sleeping in his bed, so we have to remind her sometimes that the pink bed is hers. She still loves her walks but really hated the cold so she cuts her walks short sometimes. Her new Mom doesn't mind since she gets cold too! Rosalita feels like she has been with us forever and we feel the same way!

Wee is doing great. We just LOVE her. I took her to the Weymouth Landing Cat Clinic to have her ears checked a week-and -a-half ago. She had ear infections, which we got meds for. She got drops for ten days. Anyway, the vet could not believe it was the same cat. She is healthy, happy, active and wiggly. She'd gained almost a whole pound in the first two weeks that I'd had her.

We love her to pieces. She keeps Gunther company all day while he works from home and she sleeps with us all night. She never lets us oversleep, because wakes us up with kisses every morning. She actually wakes us up with kisses several times during the night, too... (We have to work on that.) Thank you so much again for all your help and how much you cared for our girl.

Kelly

Success Stories

If you have a successful adoption story about a dog or cat that you have adopted from the Quincy Animal Shelter, please send us a photo and a short story to:

Quincy Animal Shelter, PO Box 690088, Quincy, MA 02269.

Please mark it ATTN: SUCCESS STORIES

or email to webmaster@quincyanimalshelter.org

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Kids That Care

Louis Wong - spent all day working the Fall Fair helping us set up, clean up and be our all around helper (*Louis is pictured with Auntie Peg helping with the raffle drawings*)

Broad Meadows 8th Grade students - ran a QAS Wish List drive for the entire school during the month of October. They did an outstanding job in helping provide for the needs of the shelter

Quincy Point Congregational Youth Group - had a "meet Wally the Green Monster" and brought a donation for the animals at QAS



Special Thanks

Pick of the Litter Pet Grooming, 393 Hancock St, Quincy for donating her grooming services for Our residents.

BlueCross/Blue Shield of MA Employees, donated in honor of Ellen Thompson's retirement. Ellen and her husband Steve are loyal friends of QAS.

New York Life Retirement Services of Norwood Grant awarded to QAS, Julie Murphy, NYL employee presents check for \$3000 to Kit Burke, President of QAS, looking on are Siobhan McCann, Shelter Director ,Jean Ellard , QAS volunteer and employee of NYL and Casper, resident of QAS. The employees of NYL are great supporters of QAS and donate many hours helping us.

Special Thanks From Frankie, Casper and Smokey for QAS friends that sent in donations to help get our special food We are doing much better and want you to know that Casper has a forever home

Memorial Tributes

In Memory of Richard Dolan: Nancy Norcross, Bruce Wallace, Joan & Michael Connor. Jean Wilkosky, PCR, Peter Hirschfeld, President, Lynne Brunaccini

Tributes (as of November 15, 2012)

Donations made in memory or in honor of special friends

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Sam, Sally & Joey, Carrie Smith Sasha, Allie, Pickles, Indy, Gabby, Pops & Billie, Sue

Schroepfer

Scruffy, Leslie Colello Shiloh, Margaret Dempsey **Warren Gregory**, Carol Whitehouse **William Higgins**, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Grippi

In Honor of:
Bruce Dibella, Friend of QAS
Dawn Armstrong's Birthday,
Julianne Coleman & Mark McNeill
Sena, Elizabeth Sulllivan
Shelter Animals, Bentley
Walter, Stacy Ciccolo, Sheila Dickman

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

Membership/Donations

The Quincy Animal Shelter has over 100 active volun-Please update my address: teers and all proceeds go to operating the Shelter and animal care. Your donation is tax deductible. **Membership** Company: Senior (60 yrs & older) \$15 Student (16 - 23 yrs old) \$15 City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____ \$25 Single Phone: _____ \$50 Family Email: **Donations** Business \$200 RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL Help Quincy Animal Shelter save money and a tree on mail-Lifesaver \$500 ings. Return this page to QAS with a current email address or Angel \$1,000 send your email address to mainglist@quincyanimalshelter.org and receive future news-The Mickey Medical Fund letters via email. Thank you! Pays for extraordinary medical care. The Quincy Animal Shelter will not share your contact Wesley's Wish Feral Cat Fund information with any third party. Please make checks payable to Quincy Animal Shelter and mail to Pays for the care of feral cats. PO Box 690088, Quincy MA 02269. To donate with a credit card Other please visit our website at: www.quincyanimalshelter.org Enclosed is my check for \$ [] I wish to remain anonymous, please do not publish my name

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About Us

Quincy Animal Shelter is a primarily volunteer-run organization that places about 500 homeless cats and dogs annually. We are a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and a recognized Massachusetts charity. As a no-kill shelter, we make every effort to find an appropriate placement for each animal in our care. This means that we provide the same ethical and humane treatment that you would for your own family feline or canine friend. Every animal receives the appropriate vaccinations and, if old

enough, is spayed or neutered before finding her or his new family. Younger animals are adopted with a pre-paid spay/neuter certificate. You can support the Quincy Animal Shelter with your time, treasures and talents. *TIME*: Volunteer, join the Feral Cat team, or become a Foster Care provider. TREASURES: Donate, Sponsor a Cage or Kennel, use your Corporate Matching Gift Program, become a Quincy Animal Shelter Sponsor, donate items for eBay sales, purchase QAS Wear, or attend events. TALENTS: Grant writing, fundraising, and other skills.

Walter

This edition of The Scoop is dedicated to Walter. Walter was adopted by his foster family in October even though he had several health issues. Unfortunately, he passed away a few weeks after being adopted, from his health issues. His adoptive family thanked QAS for taking care of Walter and loved him very much for the short time they had Walter. We are thankful to his adoptive family for taking care of Walter in his final days!

HELP QAS SAVE MONEY & A TREE - SIGN UP FOR E-NEWSLETTERS TODAY AT MAILINGLIST@QUINCYANIMALSHELTER.ORG