



# The Scoop

Quincy Animal Shelter

Spring 2013

## QAS

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## Adoption Hours

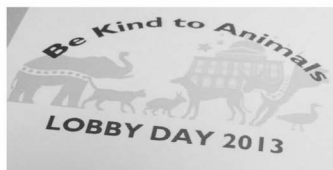
56 Broad Street

Quincy, MA 02169

Tuesday & Thursday: 6 – 8 pm

Friday: 3 – 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm



## Animal Control Corner

By: Donald E. Conboy, Jr.

Quincy Animal Control Officer



### **Metro Boston Homeland Security Region**

#### **Regional Pet Shelter Leadership**

Quincy is part of a regional team that can respond to an evacuation of people and their pets due to a natural disaster or some other problem.

Since Hurricane Katrina, the Federal government has passed a law that requires that pets have to be included in any evacuation. A lot of people would not leave their property if the pets could not go with them.

The other cities involved are Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Somerville and Winthrop.

We have two trailers that can house up to 126 small animals; or a lower number depending on the size of the pets that need to be housed.

We have three additional trailers that carry all of the supplies needed to set up an area where the pet owners are staying to keep their pets in a separate area, but on the same property. Those trailers are stored in Quincy, Cambridge and Winthrop. Winthrop's trailer will stay in Winthrop. Quincy and Cambridge trailers will be transported to anywhere in the area that has a need for them.

We have meetings every other month to discuss our deployment and what our reaction will be to address any evacuations.

The American Humane Society will be conducting classes to teach us how to react to these situations, and how to set up the shelters for the pets. We are in the early stages, but the commitment is certainly there!

We will make the general public and certainly the QAS volunteers aware of any classes being offered, or information on ways to help to ensure this is a successful endeavor.

I will keep you informed.

## Thank you, Mayor Tom Koch!

Each year Quincy Mayor Tom Koch donates generously in response to letters and requests from the Quincy Animal Shelter (QAS). In the past he's given QAS the proceeds from his annual golf tournament. At the Shelter we're thankful to the Mayor and his team for constantly being accessible and helpful. It's important for the Shelter to have an advocate at the City level and Mayor Koch continues to be ours.

**Thank you, Mayor Koch for your  
unconditional support and  
dedication to the Quincy Animal  
Shelter!**



You are invited to Quincy Animal Shelter's

# Kitten shower & open house

**Saturday, May 18, 2013  
10am - 4pm  
at Quincy Animal Shelter**

*The warm weather brings kitten season and this is when the Shelter takes in dozens of cats and kittens, putting a tremendous strain on shelter resources. Please help us with supplies to care for them all.*

Stop by QAS on  
May 18th and join us for  
some light refreshments,  
activities for kids, and check out  
the many cats and kittens up  
for adoption. Don't forget to visit  
our "name a kitten" table.

We will also have  
QAS wear for sale.

*No RSVP necessary;  
just stop on by.*



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Quincy  
Animal Shelter  
is located at  
56 Broad Street,  
Quincy, MA



## Kitten Shower Registry Wish List:

1. Just Born Highly Digestible Milk Replacer
2. Fancy Feast wet kitten food
3. Science Diet dry kitten food
4. Royal Canin BabyCat 34 dry kitten food
5. Small corrugated cardboard scratching pads
6. Small or medium sized pet carriers
7. Yesterday's News cat litter

*Don't want to shop?*

*Donate to help an orphan kitten:*

Feline Spay:	\$95
Feline Neuter:	\$85
Feline microchip:	\$15
Feline vaccines:	\$25
Sponsor a cage:	\$75-\$300

*Receive 10% off at Pet Supplies Plus for items  
purchased and donated to QAS' Kitten Shower  
now through May 18th.*





Ritchie in his new home!



## A letter from Ritchie's Forever Home

We love Ritchie and he loves us. He has slept with us in all our beds and has taken up residence in our empty guest room. He is our first cat and he is the most beautiful cat we have ever seen. He has what we call a "perpetual smile". He always looks like he is smiling and happy. He is very gentle and affectionate and he likes to play with us. He obviously has been a house cat before and he does not have any of the occasional behavioral problems formerly stray cats are said to sometimes have. And he used the litter box every time without any training. He is an absolute joy and a welcome permanent addition to our family.

The Quincy Animal Shelter was very helpful and kind in matching us up with Ritchie. Telling us what food he likes was especially helpful as well as the additional advice you provided. We have attached a few pictures of Ritchie including one with Sarah and Ritchie together. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Sarah, Patti and Jonathan Burak



## Pet Spotlight

### Meet: *Jaeko*

I'm 120 lbs young man at 2.5 yrs old. If you're a lover of big dogs then I'm for you. I am looking for a home with a loving owner & lots of love. I am well behaved and know his "paw" and "down" commands. I love to sleep on the couch like the Easter bunny and I love to play. I walk well on a leash but I do like to chase things so you have to be on your



Jaeko

toes when we're out for a walk. I get along well with other dogs and I've lived in a home w/kids, although due to my big size a home with tweens would be best. I also love car rides

& hanging my head out the window. If a little drool doesn't scare you off, please visit me!

### Meet: *Harold & Jezebel*

Jezebel (7) and Harold (10) arrived at QAS when their owner became too ill to care for them. Jezebel is a beautiful shiny black girl. She is shy than her brother but

does warm up given some time and patience. Harold is black and white and has medium-long hair. He is quicker to



make new friends and is quite affectionate. He's a total love bug and wastes no time requesting a belly rub. As we often see in cats in similar circumstances, they are grieving their loss. As a result they are very bonded and take comfort in each other. We have no doubt that they will gratefully bond with another loving owner in a quiet home. They are hoping to continue their lives together in their forever home. Stop by the Shelter to meet this lovely pair!

### 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:

☐ Dog Kennel Guardian Angel

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cat Cage Guardian Angel

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$300 – 1 year

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$150 – 6 months

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$75 – 3 months

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

Name & information to be displayed on cage: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ picture enclosed



Quincy Animal Shelter  
invites you to our very first

# FURBALL

**May 31st, 2013**

**7-10 pm**

**Hajjars**

**Bar & Grille**

969 Washington Street  
Weymouth, MA

**Tickets**

**\$25 per person**

Tickets can be purchased  
in advance at QAS or Paypal.  
Tickets can also be  
purchased  
at the door.

A night of fun and dancing! Ballroom  
Dancers Polly Feinberg and Bob Platka will  
be teaching popular dances, including the  
Tango, Cha-Cha and current line dancing.  
Plenty of music to keep you dancing  
throughout the night as well!

Appetizers and desserts will be  
provided along with a cash bar.



All proceeds benefit Quincy Animal Shelter a 501(c)(3) nonprofit  
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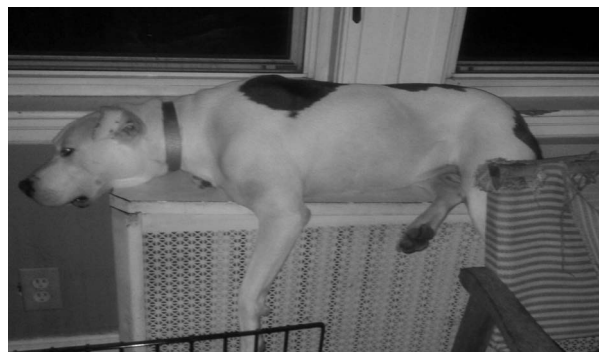


# Project Josie: A dog, a plan & a home!

**By: Jean Ellard**



As Josie and I hunker down on a cold rainy night, I realize it hasn't even been two months since she came home permanently with me. Although I have known Josie since the day she was found in the outside pen, had taken her to QAS training classes, played with her multiple times and took her home a couple times for an overnight visit, I also realized that we were more acquaintances than friends. Don't get me wrong, she was always very happy to see me, as was I to see her but we didn't have a true bond. Now it was time to become lifelong friends.



I knew Josie's history, her weaknesses and her strengths. In the Shelter world, Josie would most likely be considered a "Project" dog because she had lived more time "sheltered" than in a home. To me they are just dogs who need to learn what life is about. The longer an animal lives in a shelter, the less they remember about the real world, so it is up to us to re-introduce the real world back into their life.

When Josie came to live with me, I allowed her in three rooms. After a week of her chewing and eating my stuff, I realized she wasn't quite ready for that much freedom. Friends came over and we setup a nice pen area for her. She has a crate and a chair over a rug but for some reason she has chosen a radiator for her bed. Did I mention she likes to eat my stuff! With training this has stopped. She still rips up toys like any dog would. Now I have a white stuffing covered floor!



During our first walks she didn't want to connect with me. She knew I was at the other end of the leash but she was on life overload, looking and smelling everything around her. What used to take a half hour with my previous dog Arri, now with training took an hour with Josie. Within two months, she is checking in with me, doing short heels on regular walks or on the beach. We are making progress and are bonding for sure.

When she on leash she reacts to other dogs. To work on this we are enrolled in a training class. The first couple of weeks we spent most of the time in the bathroom using the door as a barrier so she could calm down enough to think straight. The last two weeks we were able to join the other dogs in the training

room. We were doing sits, stays, come and heel while the other dogs were doing the same. This is a huge accomplishment for Josie.

Josie always was stressed on car rides too, making puddles from her drool. Now she has found the bed in the back of my car. She is drooling less. If you see a white face looking out the back of a Subaru around town, honk for Josie!

I realize that some people might say that's a lot of work. But if you ever met Josie you wouldn't say that. Josie is one of the happiest, loving, sweetest dogs I have ever met. In just less than two months Josie has learned so much about life. It is extremely rewarding to be a part of it. My biggest reward is to wake up each morning to a Josie crawling up next to me, and then she puts her head in the crook of my neck to say good morning with her silky fur.



I highly recommend if you have the time, patience and love, the next time you see an animal that has spent a long time in a shelter, take a chance. The rewards you receive will be well worth it.

## Kids That Care



March 24, 2013: QCAP's Quincy Braintree Family Network's group "Be My Valentine Community Service Project" packs Valentine's Day good wishes & treats to the animals at the Quincy Animal Shelter.

**Quincy High School National Honors Society** – Held a car wash & bake sale that raised \$350 for QAS

**Sterling Middle School Student Council** – "Wish List" Campaign

**Snug Harbor Student Council** – "Wish List" Campaign

**Broad Meadows Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** – "Wish List" Campaign

\* Special thanks to the teachers at each school for promoting community service. Every year we are grateful for the donations and compassion that these students show for the homeless animals in our care.\*

**Daisy Troop #85384** – Donated supplies

**Renee Ryan** – Regular visitor to the shelter, donates kitten food

**Maggie Hoffman** – Donated items for dogs with her birthday \$

## Special Thanks

**Pet Supplies Plus of Quincy** – Collected donations at cash registers during the month of October. We received \$3200.96 in gift cards from Manager Bob Smith & staff as a result of this campaign.

**William & Dee Gray in Memory of Barri** – Donated a much-needed camera. Now when animals arrive we can document their condition.

**Water Buffalo Tailgating Club of Boston** – This wonderful group included us as a part of their Christmas celebration. They held a 50/50 raffle that raised \$200 for QAS.

**Little Flowers Day Care** – Every year they have a "Wish List" drive to benefit QAS.

**Dr. Wolf's Animal Medical Center of Dedham** – Regularly donates flea/tick medications & kitten food packs.

**Petco Foundation** – Gave check in the amount of \$1288.00 as a result of their 2012 Tree of Hope Campaign.

**WetnoZe Pet Concierge** – Gave a huge donation of supplies for the QAS animals.



# Tributes

(as of February 23, 2013)

*Donations made in memory or  
in honor of special friends*

## In Memory of:

**Ava Marie Burgess** – Harold  
Barnhardt

**Bitty** – Stephanie Berlo, Sally  
Mong, Sawyer & Lulu

**Bob Smith** – Heinz Lehmann

**Bubba** – Matt Warner & Mary  
Cole

**Catherine Hibbard** – Sandra  
Smith

**Diane Giunta** – Marie  
Chalmers

**Frank Ellard** – Janet Parisi &  
Peg O'Brien

**Henry** – Anna Marie Udell

**Henry Oritz** – Marilyn Nestor

**Jeanette Carnathan** – JoAnn &  
Bill Potter, Cynthia Alkire

**Joey** – Pauline Stanton, Natalie  
Vlahovic

**Karen Ruth Bortnick** – Louis  
Bortnick

**Kathy Barry** – Mary Govoni,  
Judith Barry, Denise Govoni

**Lance** – Elise McCauley

**Michael Cronin** - Domenica  
Bisognano

**Richard Dolan** – The Wyman  
Family

**Rick O'Hare** – Susan &  
George O'Hare

**Rosalie Gagliardi** – Lucy  
Gagliardi

**Sam, Sally, Joey & Boots** –  
Carrie Smith

**Sasha & Nicky** – Marylynn  
Sullivan

**Sheba & Tucker** – Isabel  
Brugge

**Soapy, Dax & Loki** –  
Denise Larson & Carol  
Gannon

**Susie Lynch** – Patricia  
Lynch

**Thai Murphy** – Kathleen &  
Terence Kelly

**Trudy & Toby** – Mary  
Ellen Gaidis

**Tundra Charbonneau** –  
Jason & Laurie Fromer

**Walter, Princey, Tina  
Samantha & Annie** –  
Susan Schroepfer

**WeeBee** – Susan & George  
Cronin

## In Honor of:

**Pam & Chuck Huckins** –  
Gail Reardon

**Kaylie Echelle** – Maureen  
Kazolias

**Lauren O'Brien,**

**Volunteer** – Joanne O'Brien

**Shelter Animals** – June & Bear

**Jesse** – Jane Kelley

**Pugsley** – Elizabeth Payne

**Janet Parisi & Feral Cat  
Team** – Patti Sherman

**Angel, Bella & Max** – Shirley  
Bragel

**Murphy** – Elaine Mills

**Penny's B-Day & Elizabeth &  
Jocelyn** – Doug Spellberg

**Libbie Payne** - Robert Noble

**Leila Spires** – Ruth Ardito

**Robert Copenhafer** – Donna  
Copenhafer

**Precious II** – Anonymous

**Kitty & Tubby** – Elinor Payeur

**Sarah Feinman, Volunteer** –  
Wanda Koetz

**De-De Hay** – Jean O'Hara

**Ruth Bastin** – Erica Corry

**Adam & Eve** – Joanne Keyes

**Dianne Davis, Volunteer** –  
Beryl Feinberg

*(Memorial Tributes cont. on next  
page)*

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

## Memorial Tributes

### **In Memory of Isbabel**

**Donehue** – Covery's,  
Deborah & Greg Hanson,  
First Friday Group, Richard  
& Luella Hayes, Kate  
Corbett, Patricia Markella,  
Mary Twohig

### **In Memory of Davenport**

**"Laddie" Jackson** – Lois  
Murphy, Jean O'Hara,  
Jayne Galvin, Patricia  
Swinton, Jessie Tenaglia,  
Nancy Spargo, Graceffa  
Family, Mary Cramond,  
Jean Gillan

### **In Memory of Ken Bishop -**

Janet Anastasio, Kris  
Jacobsen, Carolyn Quimby,  
Jane Kelley, Ellen  
Berkowitz, McGraw Family,  
Joyce Baldyga

### **In Honor of Irene Rogers –**

John Rogers, Dermott &  
Patricia Larkin, The Rogers  
Family, Larkin Insurance  
Agency

### **In Honor of Robert "Bob"**

**Smith** - Allison Spring,  
Jesslyn Solomon, Heinz  
Lehmann

## A letter from Ozzie's Forever Home

Ozzie continues to be a good boy and is doing good with his potty training. He is still adjusting to the new diet but is doing so much better on a new brand. He loves playing in his back yard and is really attached to my husband Speros - they're best buds... As you can see he loves the sun and our deck. Today we are going to visit the Canton Veterinary hospital so I know where to go on Monday and he can meet the staff. Tomorrow is his first beginners dog class. We are having a ball with him ~ lucky us!

Cheryl and Speros



## Success Stories

If you have a successful adoption story about an animal you've adopted from the Quincy Animal Shelter, please send us a photo & short story to the Quincy Animal Shelter at Quincy Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 690088, Quincy, MA 02269 or via email at [marketing@quincyanimalshelter.org](mailto:marketing@quincyanimalshelter.org)

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Or you can save a stamp & donate online with a credit card via our website at [www.quincyanimalshelter.org](http://www.quincyanimalshelter.org)

Join the conversation: we're on Facebook & Twitter!

If you have any questions you can email [marketing@quincyanimalshelter.org](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I wish to remain anonymous

*Tribute gifts help us care for our animals.*

## Wish List



We urgently need new or used cat carriers, paper towels, bleach & laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, any brand of dry cat food for our feral pantry.

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

## 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!

HELP QAS SAVE MONEY & TREES BY SIGNING UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER TODAY! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED  
SIGN UP AT MAILINGLIST@QUINCYANIMALSHELTER.ORG

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