



THE SCOOP

Fall 2015



FOX25 Boston's Heather Hegedus emceed this year's Cause 4 Paws 5K Run and 1 Mile walk at DCR's Squantum Point Park at Marina Bay, Quincy. Right by her side is Heather's "Top Dog", Griffin.

Photo: Lisa Aimola



Over 30 dogs participated in this year's Cause 4 Paws dog costume contest on Sunday, October 18. There were spiders, pumpkins, lions, super heroes, and even a fishing dog looking to take home the first place prize. Above, Max, the spider, took first place and chooses his prize.

Photo: QAS volunteer, Amy Entler



On Sunday, October 18, 150+ runners lined up at the starting line for the 7th Annual Cause 4 Paws 5K run held at DCR's Squantum Point Park at Marina Bay, Quincy.

Photo: QAS volunteer



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From the Editor's Desk:

A lot has happened at the Quincy Animal Shelter since our Summer edition. We've held another successful Yappy Hour, partnered with NECN and other NBC-affiliate stations for "Clear The Shelters" day, and braved the cold weather of mid-October for this year's 7th annual Cause 4 Paws. We also had an upper respiratory infection outbreak amongst the cats which had the shelter closed for several weeks. You'll find photos from all three events, info on how to help QAS out with medical expenses, and more inside this edition of The Scoop.

In addition, for Veteran's Day, we would like to bring attention to a special shelter program called *Pets for Patriots*®. The Quincy Animal Shelter has been an approved Pets for Patriots shelter for over 4 years. If you or a loved one are in the service or are a veteran, this program is a great way to bring a loving companion into your home. Look inside for more information about this program.

In closing, please consider making a tax-deductible donation during the upcoming Holiday Season to help QAS continue serving abandoned and unwanted animals in our community.

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Please think of the dogs and cats during the upcoming holiday season. Quincy Animal Shelter does a great job all year round to care for all the animals. The volunteers spend many hours feeding, cleaning, walking, and caring for stray and surrendered animals. Any contribution you can make will assure that this continues forever. Happy Holidays!

ADOPTION HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday: 6-8pm

Saturday: 10am-4pm

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Letter from the Director

In lieu of an update on the shelter, Kit Burke, QAS' Shelter Director, would like to share the following post about QPD Canine Rex from Lt. Gillan of the Quincy Police Department's K9 Unit. QPD Canine Rex passed away on October 19 after battling a brain tumor. The Quincy Animal Shelter extends its deepest condolences to the Quincy Police department, the QPD K9 Unit, Officer Foley, and Rex's family and friends. Thank you, Rex, for all you did for our community. You will be missed.

"It is with a heavy heart that I report that the Quincy Police Department's Explosives Odor Detection/Patrol Canine Rex passed yesterday, 10/19/2015 due to complications stemming from a brain tumor. QPD Canine REX a German Shepard was 8 years old and admirably served the Citizens of Quincy and the Commonwealth for the past 7 years.

Canine Association (USPCA) and from the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA).

One of Canine REX's many notable accomplishments during his highly successful career was Canine REX's service at the Boston Marathon Bombing Incident. Canine REX and his Quincy Police Canine Handler Officer Paul Foley responded within 1 hour after the Boston Marathon Bombing occurred and served with the Boston Police Department for the following 6 days initially assisting Boston Police Bomb Technicians in securing the Marathon Bombing Crime Scene and later responding to numerous reports of suspicious packages and possible explosive devices that were reported by alarmed Citizens both in Boston and in Quincy, in the immediate aftermath of the incident.



In addition Canine REX was instrumental to the Quincy Police Detectives investigating a shooting incident that occurred in Quincy where Canine REX's detection of gun residue in a suspect's vehicle gave the probable cause critically needed to attain an arrest warrant and help close the case. Canine Rex's detection of the gun odor and gun powder residue was completely corroborated by Crime Scene Technicians from the Massachusetts State Police Crime Lab who took evidentiary swabs of the area of the vehicle that Canine REX directed the technicians to. Canine REX's notable actions in this particular case set both a new performance standard and a new legal precedent for the use of EOD Canines in the collection of ballistics evidence throughout the country.

Only God will ever know the amount of acts of violence against our Citizens that QPD EOD Canine REX and his fellow EOD Canines at the Quincy Police Department and in the Metro Boston Region have deterred or have interrupted from happening.

Canine REX graduated from the Boston Police Department's Canine Academy and immediately certified both as an Explosives Odor Detection (EOD) and Police Patrol Canine. In addition to REX's training with the Boston Police Department, Canine REX also achieved two national certifications from the United States Police

Canine REX's service to our Citizens was commendable in all aspects and Canine REX will be missed and always remembered by the Officers of the Quincy Police Department."

-Lieutenant Robert Gillan

QAS and Pets For Patriots®

- By Sandra Sines, volunteer



"We save pets and serve people through the honorable adoption of at-risk shelter animals by service and veteran members of the United States Military."

- Pets for Patriots - Bring Loyalty Home

The Quincy Animal Shelter is very proud to be part of the Pets for Patriots® program. It really is a perfect idea. There's nothing better than a furry friend to have as a companion and who deserves this more than our men and women of the United States Military?

The Pets for Patriots program pairs hard to adopt shelter

animals with veterans who are looking for a pet who will love them unconditionally. Service members and veterans are eligible. The program makes pet adoptions affordable by assistance with post-adoption animal care costs including, pet food and veterinary care. The program covers all the bases.

It also brings much deserved attention to our military heroes who are making the transition home. This allows the adopter and their families to experience the "proven physical and emotional benefits of companion pets". QAS was one of the first shelters in Massachusetts to partner with Pets for Patriots. We do whatever we can to give back to our veterans; it is the least we can do.

"Our goal is to give the most overlooked pets a second chance at life by helping them get honorably adopted by veterans and service members: adult and special needs dogs and cats, and large dogs."

- Pets for Patriots

The goal is to save less desirable animals that might be put to death in some other shelters or who may not be adopted until after a long period of time. The shelter selects animals for this program based on Pets for Patriots' adoption criteria. The animals eligible for this program must be: two years of age or older; have special needs, meaning they are disabled due to illness, abuse, or neglect, or have an ongoing medical condition that requires special care and treatment; or are larger dogs over 40 pounds.

The service person or veteran needs to be approved by Pets for Patriots and then they are directed to a local shelter such as QAS. The person is then matched with a pet picked for the program. The adopter is then provided \$150.00 for help with

pet supplies and will receive discounted medical care from a local veterinarian.

This program has its heart in the right place and QAS wants you to know about it. Even if you are not or have not been in the service, maybe someone in your family or a friend is and this may be just what he or she needs.

We would really like this program to be a success for both organizations. Our adoption team loves sending one of our pets home to a deserving veteran so they can both experience what it is like to have a loyal, trusted companion. Thank you to everyone who makes this program possible!

We invite you to learn more about this program by visiting: www.petsforpatriots.org. To find out about which cats or dogs are available from QAS under this program, you can stop by the shelter or call us at 617-376-1349 and ask to speak with one of our adoption representatives.

To contact the Pets for Patriots program, you can email: patriot@petsforpatriots.org or visit them online at: www.petsforpatriots.org/contact-us.



Welcome Our Newest Board Members

Michele Mold - Clerk



Michele Mold joined the QAS Board of Directors in May of 2015. She has lived in Quincy (Squantum) since 2008 and has lived in Massachusetts most of her life. She is a graduate of Bentley University and Massachusetts School of Law. Michele has worked at UBS (through Kidder, Peabody and PaineWebber) since

1985 in Boston, where she manages an Investment Team. They work with High Net Worth and Ultra High Net Worth clients through investment Management, Financial Planning, and Estate Planning.

Having always had a pet and usually a cat, Michele thought she would volunteer at QAS to broaden her commitment to the city. She has been a volunteer at the shelter for five years and it has been a wonderful experience that she hopes to continue, as she finds it uplifting after a long day at work. Currently Michele is a member of cat care team, the medical team, and is a cat profile writer, all of which she thoroughly enjoys.

She currently has two cats, Scrapper, an 8-year-old cinnamon calico who was abandoned in her yard when she lived in Dorchester, and Inky, a 3-year-old QAS alum who is black and brown with a white belly. They are simply the best of friends, although it did take time to get Inky out of his shell! They make her house a home and are like brothers. Both of Michele's sisters own rescue animals as does her mother.

Michele's other Board experience was as the Social Director of a Ski house in Jackson NH, VP of Membership at the same Ski House and the recording secretary, before stepping down due to time constraints.

Michele brings to the QAS board her patience with people, a love of animals, and a solid commitment to working toward the betterment of all of our four legged friends.

Outside of work, she is an avid cyclist (Rodman Ride for Kids, Cape Cod Getaway, 2015 Great Cycle Challenge for Children's Cancer Research), a keen sailor (raced in Figawi and Round the Island), an avid skier – both cross country and downhill (raced downhill for three years), photographer, gardener, and she loves to read just about anything.

Courtney O'Keefe - Director



Courtney O'Keefe joined the Quincy Animal Shelter Board of Directors in May of 2015. Courtney is the Board liaison for the Animal Shelter's largest annual fundraiser: Cause for Paws 5K run and 1 mile dog walk, held in October of each year. She is responsible for the shelter's Ambassador Program, developing teams to represent QAS at local events. Additionally, Courtney is an active kitten foster for the shelter.

Outside of the shelter, Courtney devotes additional time to animals as a weekend puppy raiser for NEADS (National Education for Assistance Dog Services, also known as Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans), a service dog

training and socialization for deaf and disabled Americans program. Her own yellow Lab, Kona, is a Certified Therapy Dog with Dog B.O.N.ES of Massachusetts.

Professionally, Courtney has spent the last 25 years as a Supply Chain Operations Executive, working with Global Brands selling and marketing lifestyle apparel. She has served on the Cotton Board for the last 7 years, a research and promotion program sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture.

In addition to her love of helping animals, Courtney loves helping kids. She is a mentor with The Labouré Center/Catholic Charities in South Boston, a Playmaker with the Life is Good Kids Foundation, and a Licensed Foster Mom in the State of Massachusetts.

Courtney is a proud mom of two great teens, one at Quincy High School and one at BC High. She lives in Marina Bay in Quincy.

Quincy Animal Shelter **CRAFT FAIR**

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Volunteer Spotlight - Dan Higgins

- By Sandra Sines, volunteer since 1999

Good Things happen to those who wait. How true it is. QAS waited and we got Dan Higgins. It actually took Dan several years to make the decision to start volunteering at the shelter. He adopted a Rottie mix named Dillon in 2004, received our newsletters, and knew we were here. It wasn't until December of 2010, when he was nudged by one of our Santa Paws volunteers, that he decided to make the call—albeit nine months later!

Dan came to QAS with experience from the Milton Animal Shelter and experience in walking dogs. He also had many other talents that would prove useful at the shelter. Dan was a dog walker by night and by day, a computer database designer and a programming process engineer. It didn't take too long before Shelter Director, Kit Burke, had the IT department she dreamed of. "When Dan had some extra time due to a career change he told me "I've got the time" and soon Dan had developed a computer sign-in log for volunteers and an observation log to track the health and wellbeing of all of our animals." Dan also donated two PC's for the office and continues to help with any problem we might encounter with the computers. Dan Higgins brought us into the 21st century!

Dan was quickly becoming a valuable asset to the shelter. He had expressed an interest in working more closely with the volunteers so when the Volunteer Manager position became available this year, it was an easy decision for Kit. "Dan is a level-headed, solution-oriented guy that will truly work for the betterment of the organization."

The Volunteer Manager position is a big job. QAS operates as a 99% volunteer-run organization and have been the heart and soul of the shelter's success for the last sixteen years. Dan is fully aware of this and is eager to make this the focus of his



work. He understands what our volunteers give to the shelter and, of course, the dogs and cats. "They give their time, their energy, and their passion. So QAS needs to train them, empower them, and celebrate them."

Understanding this, Dan's goal is simple, listen to the volunteers, give them a voice, and tell them how much we need and appreciate them. One of Dan's first endeavors was to take the results of a recent volunteer survey and see what the volunteers need. He is working on putting the best ideas into place. The shelter is grateful to have more than 100 active volunteers working seven days a week. "We do not see everyone everyday like

in an office so communication has always been one of our biggest challenges" says Kit. "Dan will be a voice for the volunteers and I'm sure he will help us improve our communication at all levels."

Volunteering with animals is fun; it makes you feel good. There is nothing better than a tail wag or snuggle from a frightened dog or cat. It is also real work. It can be dirty, is sometimes sad, and even exhausting.

Many of our volunteers come here straight from their day jobs and work far more than a two hour a week commitment. Dan wants to make this a rewarding experience so that volunteers will really feel good about what they do and become part of the QAS family for a long time.

Dan came to QAS in 2011 because he wanted to work with the dogs and now he is doing so much more. He is one of the many volunteers that so generously give their talents to QAS and our animals. When he is not doing great things

here, he is home caring for a once troubled Shih Tzu he adopted from QAS. Dusty, no longer a problem pup, landed in a great place and so did Dan! Thank you, Dan, for everything you do!





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Membership & Donation Form

Support the Quincy Animal Shelter and you will be saving the lives of hundreds of dogs and cats. Each year, QAS rescues, rehabilitates, and finds loving homes for unwanted animals, saving many from a miserable life on the streets and an uncertain future.

All proceeds go towards animal care and operation of the Shelter. Your donation is tax deductible.

Annual Memberships:

As a member, you will receive QAS' periodic newsletter to keep you informed of QAS happenings.

<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 – Student (up to 21 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 – Business
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 – Senior (60+ years old)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 – Lifesaver
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 – Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 – Angel
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 – Family	

Donations (Non-membership):

Even if you're not interested in becoming a member, QAS also appreciates any donation you can make no matter how small.

Non-membership Donation Amount: \$ _____	
The Mickey Medical Fund (Pays for extraordinary medical care) \$ _____	Wesley's Wish Feral Cat Fund (Pays for the care of feral cats) \$ _____

Contact Information: (Please also update if you've moved or changed your address!)

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Total amount enclosed: \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> I want to remain anonymous

Please make your check payable to: **Quincy Animal Shelter** and mail it along with this form to:
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The Quincy Animal Shelter is a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is a recognized Massachusetts charity.

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

Clear The Shelters Day

On Saturday, August 15, 2015, QAS joined hundreds of shelters across the country for Clear The Shelters Day, a national initiative to find homes for all adoptable animals. Nearly, 20,000 pets were adopted during this goodwill drive.

QAS partnered with NECN and NBC-affiliate stations to raise awareness for the day and the shelter. QAS visitors who couldn't adopt an animal showed support by bringing in donations, providing monetary donations, and buying QAS t-shirts and raffle tickets.



QAS volunteers and visitors enjoyed fresh air and beautiful weather during Clear The Shelters Day.



Visitors purchased raffle tickets for a chance to win a Red Sox tickets, a dog or cat gift basket, and a \$50 gift card.



Success! Eight cats and seven kittens found their forever homes during Clear The Shelters Day.

Yappy Hour in September

On Sunday, September 20, Quincy Animal Shelter held its second Yappy Hour of the year at Blue at Marina Bay in Quincy. Over 50 people and their four-legged companions, of all shapes and sizes, enjoyed a perfectly sunny day on the boardwalk. Several QAS alums were there and new friends were made – both the two- and four-legged kind. Some dogs even sported Patriots jerseys in honor of the game being played that day.

Over 20 raffle prizes were awarded to attendees. QAS would like to thank Kristie Henriksen and the staff at Blue for hosting the event!



QAS' 7th Annual Cause 4 Paws Run & Walk

Sunday, October 18, 2015

On a bright, chilly Sunday morning, over 200 people and over 50 dogs gathered for Quincy Animal Shelter's 7th Annual Cause 4 Paws 5K run and 1 mile dog walk at DCR's Squantum Point Park in Marina Bay, Quincy. The goal of the event was to raise over \$25,000 in support of the shelter. FOX25 Boston's Heather Hegedus emceed the event with her own "Top Dog", Griffin.



To start, Katie "Kickbutt" from "Commit to Be Fit" in Quincy (left) led the runners through warm-up exercises to get the blood pumping while DJ JC Castaneda of 617weddings.com supplied the energizing tunes. Then, at 10:00am, the runners were off! Soon to be followed by the 1 mile dog walk around Squantum Point Park at 10:15am.



The winner of the 5K race was Daniel Verrington (right) with a time of 17:47. In addition, Daniel's dog, Kutya ran the race right alongside him. It was the first time in the history of the race that a person won with their dog! Second place went to Kieran Condon with a time of 18:00. The top individual for fundraising was Meg Nakahara, who also ran the race.

Quincy Police Department's motorcycle and K9 units were there assisting runners along the racecourse. QPD's Lt. Robert Gillan gave a demonstration of the department's K9 capabilities in sniffing out illegal substances and taking down perpetrators.



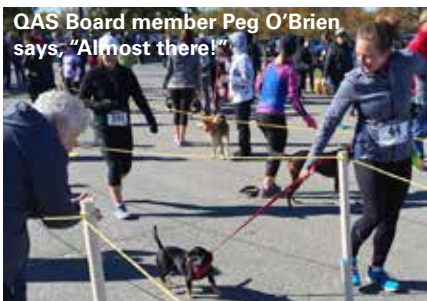
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QAS alumni Jazz & Dewey



QAS Board member Peg O'Brien says, "Almost there!"



QPD's K9 demonstration



QAS alumna Cowie the Lion



Super Dog



DJ JC Castaneda's Felix



Chloe the spider



Parker the fisherdog



Last year's costume winners back as Batman, Batgirl, BatDog & Robin

Photos by QAS volunteers unless otherwise noted

QAS' 7th Annual Cause 4 Paws (cont.)



A highlight of the day was the dog Halloween costume contest. Dozens of dogs were dressed in a variety of costumes and outfits. Max, the spider (left), won the contest. He was a scary sight to see indeed! Congratulations to all the winners; two- and four-legged!

In addition, several vendors were on-hand selling their goods and promoting services. Hot items for sale were dog coats. Many a four-legged attendee sported one by the end of the event. For those who ran the race, there were massages given by "Bay State Physical Therapy" and "A Healthy Balance, Inc." Donna Culbert, CPDT-KA from "Donna's Do Right Dogs" also provided a canine agility course for the doggie attendees.



To cap off the day, Heather revealed the winners of the raffle prizes and QAS President, Bre-anne Harris thanked Heather (right), the volunteers, and the attendees for a great day.

Thank you again to Heather Hegedus, Quincy Police Department, our sponsors and vendors, the volunteers, and everyone who attended. We look forward to seeing you next year!



BatDog & Robin meet Lobster Dog



Photo: Lisa Aimola



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Tributes

(May 16 - September 30, 2015)

Donations made in memory or in honor of special friends

In Memory of:

Kenneth Hale - Carol & Peter Dewever

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Irene Rogers - John Rogers

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Mary & John Cleary - Eileen Higgins

Sinead - Barbara Lovett

"Otis" Morrissey - Chester & The Berlo Family

"Molly" Ward & "Chloe" Beal, "Jimmy" & "Captain"

- Sandra Lee

"Alice" - Susan Cronin

"Bebe" - Nicole Noseworthy

"Izzy" - Kathleen O'Hara Kelly

"Bently" the Corgi - William Whitney

"Cooper" - Susan Cronin

"Spunky" Hutchins - Nancy Binner

April, Harrison, Thor, Armani & Sonny - Sue Schroepfer

"Andy" Connor - Joyce Skwierawski

"Anya" - Katie Riddell

In Honor of:

Pauline Stanton's Birthday - Paula Giunta, Catherine Bill,
and Lee Ann Hieger

Kiera Wilkinson Birthday - Jackie O'Dwyer

Selena - Karen & Michael Morad

Shelter Cats - "Snookie" (former resident "Oliver")

Dianne Davis (volunteer) - Beryl Feinberg

"Henry" - Sandra Cunningham

Christine McBain (volunteer) - James Lyons

In Memory Of:

Robert "Bob" Bold - Residents of the Bicknell School
Condominiums, David Delconte, Vivian & William
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Kenny Jones - Janice Hall, The Valakis Family, Melissa
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Wedding:

Donations to shelter made in lieu of wedding favors.

Thank you for sharing your special day with us!

Rita Shinnick & Dan Tarabelli

Kathryn Spencer & Trevor Johnson

Deepa & Jamaal Dear

Lee & Pat Abraham

Tributes Continued

(May 16 - September 30, 2015)

Donations made in memory or in honor of special friends

Kids That Care:

Will Cotter - 4th Birthday - Donations from family and friends to help shelter animals

Charlie Lubertazzi - Wish list and check donation from birthday party

Madeline Smith - 9th Birthday - requested Wish list items for birthday

Brandon & Haley O'Donoghue - Saved their change in a "piggy bank" and donated bank to QAS

Luke Berardinelli & Alex Bjornson, Walpole High School - Organized an Ultimate Frisbee tournament and donated proceeds to QAS

Quinten van Dam, student at Merrymount School - Set up neighborhood lemonade stand with proceeds coming to QAS

Central Middle School - Project Animal - Donated \$330.63 to help care for animals in shelter

6th Grade, Woodward School for Girls - Raised \$167 to help us care for the shelter animals

Kiera Wilkinson Birthday - Donations from friends to shelter for Birthday

Kayla McNelley - Made microwave rice bags and sold them, raising \$130 to care for shelter animals

Student Council, Montclair School - Held a "Spirit Day" and raised \$100 to help us care for the animals

Brownie Troop 78287 - Collected and donated wish list items as a project to earn a Merit Badge

Abby Hauvuy - 4th Birthday party - requested wish list items for shelter

Special Thanks:

Liberty Bay Credit Union, Braintree - Donation of cat and dog beds, toys, and supplies in memory of Kathy Barry Cleveland.

Quincy Point Congregational Church - Wish list donations collected at St. Francis Pet Blessing.

Susan Willey - Generously donated cake & fruit treats for the volunteers as well as treats for the dogs and cats.

Those who donate monthly thru PayPal and company payroll deduction plans or matching gift programs.

The companies who honor employee volunteer hours and give a donation in their name.

Thank you to these businesses who support us:

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Stephen, Aiko, Guinness & Leonard
Jennifer & Baby Girl
The Gilliam Family

When donating through Amazon.com/smile be sure to include your name; we want to acknowledge your generosity.

State Street Corporation Global Operations Group, Quincy

Annual drive to help the shelter with wish list donations as well as \$500 gift cards for us to purchase other items we may need. This group has been doing this drive to help us for many years; we appreciate their compassion and generosity.

Ahold USA, Quincy

Employees delivered a much needed supply of paper towels, bleach, and other wish list items on behalf of the company.

Shannon Thomas and co-workers at Altra Industrial Motion

Held an "Out of the Gutters" bowling fundraiser to raise money for our Mickey Medical Fund. This fund helps us provide special medical care for animals in need of special surgeries, medical procedures, and medications. They raised \$1752.00 for this fund.

A very special thank you goes to Dave Ellsworth of David Ellsworth Design (davidellsworthdesign.com) for his graphic design support of QAS.



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Guardian Angel Sponsorship & Tribute Gift Form

Quincy Animal Shelter offers multiple ways to make a donation in honor of your loved one. Our Guardian Angel Cage & Kennel Sponsorships are available for 3 months, six months, or one year and can be dedicated to a family member, friend, or pet. You may also make a Tribute Gift in someone's name.

All proceeds go towards animal care and operation of the Shelter. Your donation is tax deductible.

Guardian Angel Cage or Kennel Sponsorship Card:

A Guardian Angel card will be placed on a cage or kennel indicating your support. We can also include a photo that you provide.

<input type="checkbox"/> Cat Cage <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Kennel <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 - 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 - 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 - 3 months	Name & message to display on card: <input type="checkbox"/> Photo included	 Example Card
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Tribute Gift:

This donation of \$ _____ is: <input type="checkbox"/> in Memory of <input type="checkbox"/> in Honor of Name: _____	Please notify them of this donation (physical address or email):
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Your Information: (Please also use this form to update us if you've moved or changed your address)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/> I want to remain anonymous
Your Name:		
Company (if applicable):		
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Email Address:		Phone #:

Please make your check payable to: **Quincy Animal Shelter** and mail it along with this form to: Quincy Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 690088, Quincy, MA 02269

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PETSPOTLIGHT



Bella and Baby Girl

These darling 9-year-old, petite sisters are two of the friendliest cats around. Bella has vivid green eyes and a silvery coat of fur. Baby Girl has the cutest black spots on her nose and chin. Their sweet and lovable personalities make them the perfect cats for anyone looking for a bonded pair. They need to be adopted together, preferably into a quiet home without children and with adults who can care for Bella's potential asthma. These girls will make great lifelong companions for the people who are willing and able to give them a permanent home. Bella and Baby Girl are beloved by the QAS volunteers and we're all hoping they will soon find a permanent home!

To inquire about these cats or others, please send questions to:
felinemanager@quincyanimalshelter.org

Kitty

Hi! I'm Kitty. I'm a grey and white 6-year-old who is just too pretty to have such a plain name. Can you adopt me and give me a new, unique name? I've been at the shelter for a while now and have seen other cats come and go. I'm so sad and because of this, keep to myself. I like one-on-one time and would prefer not having little kids in my home. I will give companionship, but won't be a cuddly lap cat, if that's what you're looking for. I'm not a fussy kitty and like catnip and toys on strings. Come meet me if you think I might be a good fit for your quiet home.



Adoption Success Stories

- By Liz Goodwin, volunteer

Buckley (Angelo)

Buckley, formerly Angelo, is described by his owners, Jen and Jim, as the "most lovable cat in the world." Like many of our four-legged friends who come through the doors of QAS, he proves how resilient animals can be despite a difficult past.

Earlier this year during the cold weather months and crazy snowstorms, Buckley arrived at the shelter as a stray. He suffered from frostbite and lost his tail as a result, but amazingly enough, he was an upbeat cat and showed lots of affection toward QAS volunteers.

Meanwhile, Jim had spent months searching for a cat for Jen's birthday. When he spotted Buckley on the QAS website, he knew he was the one! The meeting between the soon-to-be owner and pet was love at first site; as soon as they met, Buckley jumped on Jim and started licking him.

Buckley quickly settled into life with Jim and Jen. It was a week after he arrived at his forever home that the couple made an interesting discovery: Buckley was deaf.

They immediately embraced their cat's impairment. After watching a YouTube video about a deaf woman who taught her cats commands using sign language, Jen was inspired to do the same. Jen and Jim have taught their cat several hand signals, including paw, rollover, and "dinner's ready!"

Buckley likes to see his owners at all times since he can't hear them, but he also wants to be around them simply because he loves people. He's extremely cuddly; he sleeps with his owners and will stand on his hind legs when he wants to be picked up.

For Jen and Jim, Buckley is more than just a pet. He's the "star" of their household and "the beginning of a family." Since getting Buckley, the couple has gotten married and purchased a new home. "Buckley's been along for the ride," they say, and they're looking forward to continuing the journey.



Succsss Stories Wanted!

If you have a successful adoption story about an animal you've adopted from QAS, please send us a photo & short story to: Quincy Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 690088, Quincy, MA 02269 or email to: marketing@quincyanimalshelter.org - You may be featured in our next edition or on our Facebook page. (Please include your contact informaton along with the update.)

Adoption Success Stories

- By Liz Goodwin, volunteer

Lang

Lang has had a tough life bouncing from home to home, but now she's found a loving family that has given her the chance she deserves.

The 2-year-old cat was discovered in the apartment of her former family who had packed up, moved out, and left her behind. She was brought to QAS in January, and things were looking up when she was adopted by a nice lady. Lang's luck though was short-lived; weeks later, she was returned to the shelter.

The woman who first adopted Lang thought the feline would be as calm and relaxed as she appeared in the shelter. It turned out she was a fur ball of energy! The woman described Lang as "incredibly sweet and gentle," but knew the cat needed more attention. Since she worked long hours, she decided to return Lang to the shelter.

A disappointed Lang spent several more months at QAS and became "cagey," often swatting at people who walked by. Despite Lang acting out, the volunteers knew she was a great cat. She still had her playful moments, as evidenced by her watching YouTube birdie videos on an iPad during "Clear the Shelters" day. QAS was determined to find her the right home.

Greg, Christine, and their 6-year-old son Seamus had lost their beloved cat Ranger. They were looking for a new pet to fill the void, but they also wanted to give a good home to a cat in need. When they came to QAS, the adoption team recommended they consider Lang. The easy-going family accepted her with open arms.

When Lang arrived to her new home, she was nervous. It took her about a week to settle in, but as soon as she did, she showed her true colors.

According to her forever family, Lang has her goofy side: she loves chasing the laser pointer, running up walls, and hoarding socks. She's also affectionate and often follows the family around the house. At the end of the day, she sleeps in Seamus's room. (He considers her his roommate!)

For Lang, it turned out that the third time was a charm. Though she was given up before, she's finally found a dedicated family that is the right fit for her personality.



Adoption Success Stories

- By Liz Goodwin, volunteer

Timone and Tom (Scamp and Sumo)

Timone and Tom, formerly Scamp and Sumo, are true survivors that have faced abandonment and medical issues. Despite these challenges, these brothers and true friends have persevered and are now enjoying a lifetime together in their perfect forever home.

The special duo arrived at QAS when they were only six weeks old. A good Samaritan discovered them living under a porch in a group of kittens and two mother cats. The kittens were in poor health, and most of them, Timone and Tom included, had severe eye infections. As a result, Timone and Tom have limited vision. Nevertheless, their impairment doesn't slow them down.

Timone and Tom were placed in a foster home together, and according to their foster mom, they were fearless! Never were they skittish nor did they hide. They were incredibly friendly and always ready to play.

Though they had wonderful personalities, their vision problems deterred many people from considering Timone and Tom. The boys came to the shelter several Saturdays, including Clear the Shelters Day, hoping to find their forever family—but they were continuously passed over. Kittens typically aren't promoted on the QAS website because they are in high demand and quickly placed in homes. When Timone and Tom still didn't have an adopter at five months old, the QAS adoption team knew they had to get the word out online.

When Alicia and her boyfriend saw Timone and Tom on QAS' Facebook page, they knew they wanted to adopt them. Alicia had grown up in a family that took in animals that needed extra TLC; they had a deaf cat, a one-eyed dog, and a paralyzed dog in a wheelchair. For both the humans and the kittens, it was a perfect match.

Timone and Tom have adjusted nicely to their new home. According to Alicia, despite being partially blind, "they have no problem jumping on chairs, counters, and even the refrigerator!" You can also find the inseparable duo playing with toys, hopping in the shower (yes, these kittens love water!), and cuddling on the couch or in bed with their new family.

"My boyfriend and I love these cats," said Alicia. "They give us responsibility we didn't have before getting them. We honestly talk and post pictures about them as if they are our children, cause in a way they are!"

We agree! Rescue animals are truly family.



Quincy Animal Shelter

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Wish List

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Friskies Wet Cat Food, Fancy Feast Kitten Food - for our

Shelter Residents

"Yesterday's News" Cat Litter

Furry mice toys for cats

Interactive dog toys like Buster Cubes and balls

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NEW Plastic litter boxes and **NEW** plastic litter scoops with tags and stickers (cannot be used)

Postage stamps

Gift cards to Pet Supply Plus, Petco, super markets, Walmart



About QAS

The Quincy Animal Shelter (QAS) is a volunteer-run organization. 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. Since 1999, we have placed more than 7,500 cats and dogs into loving and forever homes throughout MA and New England.

Before adoption, all animals are checked by a veterinarian, spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, and have received age-appropriate vaccinations. They have also been tested for Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) if cats and Lyme Disease, Heartworm, and other tick related diseases if dogs.

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!

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