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From the Editor's Desk:

As we come into spring, the trees are blooming, the sun is shining longer, and a lot is happening at Quincy Animal Shelter. With the arrival of spring, Kitten Season starts (and goes into the fall). During Kitten Season, an influx of pregnant mom cats and cats with newborn kittens come into the shelter - all of whom need a safe and secure environment for birthing and rearing. During Kitten Season, QAS has an urgent need of foster homes to provide mom cats and their kittens a safe place to grow. If you're interested in fostering, please visit our web site to find out how: www.QuincyAnimalShelter.org

Speaking of kittens, in this edition, you'll read how one of our volunteers has made it her mission to make kitten adoptions on Saturdays as smooth as possible.

In this edition, we also share a special and important report from Mass. State Rep. Bruce Ayers on the state of puppy mills in Mass. and the legislature he's sponsored related to animal health and welfare protection.

About the cover:

This edition's cover shows just a fraction of the cats and dogs that have been adopted in the past year. We thank everyone who has come in to adopt these wonderful animals and given them their "fur-ever" homes!

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Animal Control Corner by Don Conboy

I would like to honor Chrissie Howard who passed away recently. She came to me in November 1998 and offered to volunteer with taking care of the stray animals if we

became a no-kill shelter. At that time, we only had room for 10 cats and as many dogs. This was the start of something great and now, 17 years later, the shelter has grown to well over 100 volunteers and is an excellent fundraising group



fundraising group.

Thank you, Chrissie and rest in peace from all the animals you are responsible for saving and finding forever homes.

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Special report: State Rep. Bruce Ayers' puppy mill reform legislation

State Rep. Bruce Ayers (D – Quincy) testified at the State House earlier this year on legislation aimed at protecting consumers and improving the domestic animal business.

Ayers' legislation, HB3266 "An Act relative to puppy mills," was heard before the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Ayers said the intent of his legislation was to protect animal health and welfare, and to ensure that puppies sold in Massachusetts come from responsible breeders.

"Unfortunately, there are many puppy mills throughout the country that have thousands of breeding dogs that are neglected and living in deplorable conditions," Ayers said. "Puppies are often kept in undersized cages stacked on top of one another, covered in feces. They are given poor quality food and water, and receive minimal vet care, resulting in pneumonia, heart disease, kidney disease, and others. This can result in substantial veterinarian bills for consumers."

"This bill holds puppy mills to a higher, more humane standard if they want to sell puppies in Massachusetts, and holds the bad breeders accountable," Ayers added.

Under Ayers' proposed legislation, breeders must provide pet stores in Massachusetts with the breeder's information and USDA inspection reports; animal health reports; and other general information. Pet stores must post this information on or near the animal's cage. Further, dogs and cats sold in Massachusetts must originate from breeders who are USDA licensed, and have no direct violations of the Animal Welfare Act.



Breeders located in Massachusetts must meet the strict sanitary guidelines set forth by the Animal Welfare Act.

According to Ayers, the Department of Agricultural Resources will oversee enforcement of these standards, as will local animal control officials. Breeders and pet stores in violation of these statutes will be subject to fines and potential loss of licensing.

Ayers said the legislation he filed was based on research he has done on other states nationally, including a Connecticut law, which had been worked on for 5 years by a panel of legislators, business owners, animal advocates, and other interested parties.

"We wanted to be sure to file something that is good for all involved," he said. "This bill not only protects consumers, but small businesses as well."

Residents wishing to learn more about HB3266 or express support are encouraged to contact Rep. Ayers at 617-722-2230 or by emailing bruce.ayers@mahouse.gov.

Volunteer Spotlight: Debbie Weisman Clasie

By Sandra Sines, volunteer & foster

Our number one goal at the shelter is to find great homes for our cats and dogs. "Kitten Season," which can run from April to October, adds an extra level of crazy to this endeavor. Although



we have always been successful in adopting our kittens, more than 100 in a season, for the last 15 years, Saturday mornings were the most chaotic!

It was a mix of very excited people coming in, hopeful to adopt the kitten of their dreams. All arriving at the same time, there were often more people than kittens, and armed with high hopes and little information about the process. Year after year, the process was tweaked

and changed here and there. The process has always been hampered by the shelter configuration itself. The adoption reps did the best they could to keep everyone happy, but tight quarters, barking dogs, and a complicated process left some adopters leaving with their tails between their legs.

The process needed some revamping for sure. But who had the time to fix this? Debbie Weisman Clasie, that's who! The Rhode Island native moved to Quincy and had lived here for two years before starting as a cat care volunteer in 2014. She found out about QAS from her neighbor and longtime foster caregiver, Rose G.

Debbie wanted to volunteer at a place that would allow her to make a difference in the community and work with animals. Her customer service background made her a perfect candidate

to become an adoption rep and she started working with QAS Adoption Manager, Cathy Parsons. Debbie saw the craziness that occurred on Saturdays and wanted to fix it. She mentioned to Cathy that she wanted to try to organize the process and off she went.

In April 2015, she gave Saturday mornings a makeover. No longer a mad rush; Debbie created an "adoption experience." She used her superior organizational skills to set up kitten spreadsheets and standardized emails for both approved and prospective adopters. Debbie also works closely with our foster caregivers to arrange for kitten drop-offs. "Her efforts help us manage people's expectations and keep us from trying to handle 30 people showing up every Saturday for five kittens." says Cathy. "Debbie has a great attitude and is wonderful with our adopters, we are really lucky to have her on our adoption team."

But wait there's more! Debbie, who turned 40 last year, ran her first successful "Trivia Night" fundraiser and threw a birthday party for herself. She gave all the proceeds to QAS! She has helped with raffle items and makes baskets for other QAS fundraisers. Debbie continues to help with adoptions and wherever else she is needed. However, her heart belongs to Saturday mornings. She has been asked to do other things at

the shelter but she really wants to keep making Saturdays even better. Debbie feels, "adopting a kitten can be a 20 year commitment, so we need to allow people enough time to make the right



decision in a stress-free environment." Debbie uses emails and texts to communicate with adopters and fosters to make the process runs smoothly. Adopters also get tons of kitten information and adoption instructions so everyone is on the same page.

Like all difference makers, Debbie is very humble about her work at QAS. "It was just something that needed to get changed." She gives credit to everyone who helps out at QAS and recognizes that so many at QAS make huge contributions. Shelter Director, Kit Burke sees the positive changes and loves

working with Debbie. "I just love the 'I got this' way she goes about things."

Debbie shares her Quincy home with her husband and three rescued pets, Gus, a Basset hound mix, and two cats, one being the infamous "Pancakes" - a large and in charge orange tabby that is really, really lucky he found a place in Debbie's heart.

This season's kittens are breathing a huge sigh of relief that their journey to a great home is much smoother now thanks to Debbie!



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If you're interested in Cha Cha, stop by the shelter during our adoption hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6-8pm and Saturdays from 10am-4pm or

email our Canine Manager at: k9@quincyanimalshelter.org

Twilight

I have a lot of character. I'm a mature girl who is used to warm beds, senior humans with a gentle touch, and quiet surroundings. I know very well basic etiquette (like not attacking your feet at night) and will be content to just relax in your company, unlike some of the youngsters here who may get into mischief because they're bored. I'm 14 years old, which in human years means I'm retired. If you're retired, too, or just like some company to chillax with you at home, I'm your girl! I have beautiful tufts of grey fur and yellow/green eyes -



please save me from this noisy place! If you're interested in Twilight, stop by the shelter during our adoption hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6-8pm and Saturdays from 10am-4pm or email our Feline Manager at: felinemanager@quincyanimalshelter.org

Adoption Success Story: Teddy By Liz Goodwin, volunteer



If you've ever seen a "Who rescued whom?" bumper sticker and you're the owner of a shelter animal, you may relate to this common phrase. In the case of Teddy and his forever owner, it couldn't be truer.

Teddy, just a puppy, was surrendered to QAS soon after he was purchased at a pet store. His original owner started working a new job and didn't have time to care for him anymore.



A Quincy Animal Shelter volunteer on the meds team who mainly worked with cats at the shelter saw Teddy when she arrived for her morning shift. For her, it was love at first sight. She knew that she wanted to bring him home as a foster-to-adopt. It was a perfect fit, and now Teddy lives life to the fullest where he has plenty of time to play outside with his forever mom.



Teddy lives up to his name and has proved that he's a real life cuddly teddy bear. His owner has PTSD and says that, "[Teddy] is such a comfort." Adding, "we have each other's back." She is so confident in Teddy's abilities that she plans to train him as a therapy dog in the near future.

Success Stories Wanted!

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



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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.

\Box \$15 – Student (up to 21 years old)	🗆 \$250 – Business
\Box \$15 – Senior (60+ years old)	□ \$500 – Lifesaver
🗖 \$25 – Individual	□ \$1,000 – Angel
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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	Wesley's Wish Feral Cat Fund	
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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.

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Tributes & Thanks

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In Memory of:

"Dixie" - Margaret Cleary "Gracie" - Susan Cronin "Flopper" - Michael Murphy & Robert Payne "Lali" - Susan Schroepfer "Lou L" - Mary Lou Cirillo "Maggie" - Sandra Lee "Maggie", beloved Warner granddog - Mary & Matt Warner "Marbles" - Joan O'Leary "Max", "Thelma", and "Shadow" - Susan Schroepfer "Molly" - Sondra Gill "Oliver" Whealan - Linda Whealan "Oliver" - Linda Warner "Rylee", loving & devoted family member - The McShane Family "Sasha" - Leah & Jay Meehan "Sheba" - Michael Murphy and Robert Payne "Sophie" - William Murray "Sterling" - Denise Larson "Trevor" - Berlo Family "Trudy" & "Tobey" - Mary Ellen Gaidis Benjamin Romano - Eileen Higgins Bob & Barbara Mahar - Barbara Cosseboom Bridget Williams - Janet Parisi Donna Blais - Randolph Lodge of Elks #2130 and Gerard Rider Edward Petrovick - Rita Minton Francis Crawley - Katherine Casey Irene Rogers - John Rogers Jack McNeil & "Isis" - Evelyn McNeil James Oldfield - John & Ann Perry, Quincy Housing Authority Kathy Barry Cleveland - Mary Govoni and Mr. & Mrs. William Mahoney Kenneth Bishop - Louise Bishop Kenny Jones - Arthur & Marie Dorgan Margaret McCarthy - The Mohs Unit at South Shore Skin Center, Maryellen & Richard Eisen, and John Casey

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Donald G. Porter, Nancy Santy, and Malcolm Levine
Rick O'Hare - Susan & George O'Hare
Walter Mullen - Paula Shwab and Leigh Russell
William Chaisson - Edward McCarty and The Dance Now &
Forever Group
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Barba, Del Greco Coins, Kathy Janvier, Dennis & Susan
Kelley, and Michelle & Anthony Fidance
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Evans, Marylynn Sullivan, Mary Lydon, and The O'Malley
Family
Florence Cashman Biller - Carole Hanak, David Grossman,
Lois Roobian, Betty Arnold, Patricia Kussman, Suzanne
Nichol, Shirley Brown, Virginia Warren, Sherry Mele, Ray
& Shirley Delaney, Maxine Marshall, Mark & Linda
Salisbury, Ryan Roobian, Helen Nadler, and The Springer
Family: Debbie, Marc, Hilary, & family
In Honor of:
"Bear" - June Wholley
"Blackjack" the cat - Lisa Holzemer
"Kali Lee" - Mary Ellen Gaidis
"Louie" - Benjamin Nicholls
"Oliver" - Diane Willard
"Pancakes" - Paula Malone
"Natalie" & "Nick" - Barbara Warner

"Precious" - Priscilla Pulgini

Shelter cats - "Morty", "Jasper", "Snookie", Diane Wallace, and "Louie" & "Finnegan" adopted 2008

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The Festival of Lights - The Spellberg Family Brad Kapcar - George & Linda Kapcar Christine Way Cotter & Family - Susan Carson Evan Alden Pinkos - Avis Breyan Pinkos Kelly & Mark Larson - Denise Larson Kelly Gollobin & Bill Barnhart & Frankie - Kelly Stevens Madeline Barnes - Evelmo Strother Nancy & Jonathan Sundheimer - Louis & Elaine Bortnick Nell Kenny - Eithnea Kenny Penny Spellberg's Birthday - Doug Spellberg The Haff Family - Jennifer & Dennis Goulding

Kids That Care:

William and Makayla Miller - donated gift card, toys, and other wish list items they purchased as Christmas gifts for our shelter residents.

Hadley MacDonald - donation of wish list items from family and friends for her birhday.

Broad Meadows Middle School, Grade 8 - huge donation of wish list items collected from students to help QAS.

Merrymount School students, staff, and families - held a skating fundraiser to benefit the animals. Gift cards and a \$378 donation.

Reay E. Sterling Middle School - \$600 check from a fundraiser organized by students. Long time supporters of QAS.

Snug Harbor Community School Student Council - donated wish list items they collected during the month of Dec. and a check for \$100 to care for the animals.

Woodward School for Girls, Animal Welfare Club - toys, blankets, and other items for our shelter residents. This group has helped the animals for many years.

Immaculate Conception and St Jerome Parishes Grade 8 CCD class of Weymouth - toys, blankets, and many treats for the shelter residents.

 St. Gabriels 1st Grade Sunday School class from Northfield,
NH - donated blankets they made to keep the kitties and puppies warm.

Tributes to dedicated QAS volunteers by family and friends:

Debbie Weisman Clasie's Birthday - Michelle Mitchell Millett Dianne Davis's Birthday - Beryl Feinberg Jan Parisi & Bill Sempolinski - Helena Zubrin Joanne McCarthy's Retirement - South Shore Skin Center Mary & Matt Warner's Wedding - Linda lannaco & David Novak Myrna Dacey - Terry Diane Ziskend Patti Sherman - Debra Malinics Sarah Feinman - Edward Feinman

Special Thanks:

Thank you to all who donated and visted us during the holiday season with donations of food, bedding, and toys as well as monetary donations. Our residents really felt special and had lots of playful times because of you!

QAS would like to thank everyone who donated to QAS through Amazon.com during the past year. The animals really enjoy the toys, beds, & other goodies they received. We don't receive donor names from Amazon so we want to say a big **THANK YOU!** for your generosity & compassion for these wonderful animals. To make purchases via **Amazon.com's Smile** program for QAS, go to: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1703439

Granite Telecommunications Company and employees - Jeans Day fundraiser donation \$6022. Annual drive for the animals in our care.

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First Quarter 2016

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About QAS

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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.

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