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1999-2019: CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

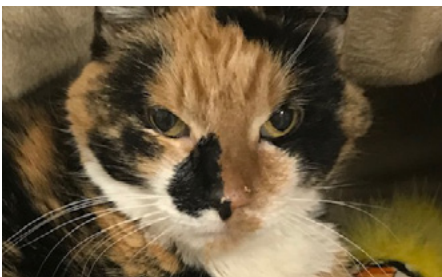
1999

How It All Began: The Man Who Said Yes

Prior to 1999, the fate of homeless animals in Quincy was uncertain. While some dogs would be claimed by their owners, most of them were euthanized; cats were not even on the radar. In the meantime, Milton and Scituate had already begun their partnerships with their animal control departments to find homeless animals a forever home, and it seemed to be working well. So, a group of well-intentioned women from Quincy and the South Shore took the fate of the homeless animals into their hands.

Don Conboy was on the job for only two months when he was approached by ...

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the group. "I was not happy that I had to deal with so many animals, so I agreed that as long as they took care of the extra cats, then we could get along." There were only three other volunteers at the time. Sharon and Marilyn took care of the cats, and Robin was the only dog walker.

Kristie Henriksen of Siro's was a big supporter of the movement. She held the first fundraising that raised \$20,000 which was used to purchase the central air unit. "I never had to work in the shelter without air. I do not know how the animals survived, it must have been sweltering." After the fundraising, more people became aware of the issue, and more volunteers began showing up. Things started to get organized. In a short few months we grew from 3 to about 35 volunteers; taking care of the cats and walking the dogs.

Don recalls, "I was told that I was

taking a chance, because some of these animal advocates can be off the wall. I was lucky that we only had that one hiccup and we survived that with minimal problems. Through the years I have had tremendous people on the QAS board, in management and of course the volunteers. I did not even think about how long this would succeed. When I think of all the great people who have come through the front door, and the friends I have made; it makes my job great. The shelter has come a long way. I look forward to a new building, and more great years of cooperation between Animal Control and the Shelter. It was a marriage made in heaven."

QAS would not be here if it weren't for Quincy Animal Control Officer Don Conboy. The only way that QAS got off the ground was to get Don to buy into the idea. Thank you for

believing in us. Thank you for saying yes, and letting us do the work we love to do. Thank you for all of your support over the last twenty years. You has always be a great supporter of QAS, and have been a fantastic partner.



Don Conboy, Animal Control Officer

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG TIMERS 1999-2004

Why They Stayed In Their Own Words

For the last twenty years, our volunteers have made their way to 56 Broad Street to feed, groom, comfort, clean up after, cuddle, walk, train, medicate, and hopefully say a cheerful goodbye to our dogs and cats, then send them off to live a happy life with someone new.

For the last twenty years, our volunteers have shown up for their assigned shifts; after a long day at work, regardless of the weather, be it on Thanksgiving or Christmas; or just because they need some cuddle time. They come because they love the work. They do it for the animals and for themselves. They used to say a purr or a tail wag is our paycheck!

In 1999, the Quincy Animal Shelter started to take shape as an all-volunteer organization. People wanted to help. In June of 1999, the first fundraising event was held at Siro's Restaurant at Marina Bay. It was well attended by folks who wanted to stop the City from euthanizing homeless dogs and cats. A sign-up sheet made it official, and the volunteers started showing up in August; there were only about 35 of them back then. Today, we have about 190 volunteers!

The first wave of volunteers had no formal animal care experience; they just loved animals and wanted to give them a chance.

56 Broad Street was The City of Quincy Animal Control building, aka the dog pound. The building was designed to house dogs on a short term basis, it was not meant to be used as a shelter. When it was built in 1988, cats were not even considered.

That same group of women who started the relationship with Quincy Animal Control, also approached Mayor Jim Sheets with a proposal: "If we get a group of volunteers together to do all the work, will you stop euthanizing animals?"

Thankfully he said yes. The euthanasia room was dismantled

that summer, July 1999.

Over the last twenty years we have had an amazing group of dedicated, passionate and talented people lend a hand. Some have moved on, but many have stayed.

We have three volunteers that have stayed on since 1999: Former Shelter Director **Sandra Sines** said "I decided to go to the Siro's event because I love animals. I had no idea when I signed up to become a volunteer that it would change my life forever. Through my work at the shelter, I have gained so much! From the dozens of animals I have fostered or adopted to all of the lifelong friends I have made; I committed myself to helping animals. I have always said the shelter is the best place on earth; helping animals and people too. Walking through that door was one of the best days of my life."

Jean Ellard signed up to help dogs. Although she had no formal canine training experience, she was really good at it! With time and training, she would ultimately become a professional dog trainer with a passion for Pit Bulls. Jeanie makes sure our dogs receive the best care we can offer and that the time they spend with us is as stress free as possible. "A QAS founder told me about the shelter. I was training my dog Suzi'Q. She asked if I would help train the dogs at QAS and the rest is history. What I love the most is to see a scared animal learn to trust and open up, to see a dog learn a new command, to see the magic when a person finds their new family member or a shy dog come out of its shell, seeing a family take their newest family member home".

Peg O'Brien also signed up; soon to become known as "Auntie Peg", she would be involved in absolutely everything. While she shares her home with cats, she also has a heart for dogs and people. Auntie Peg soon became everyone's friend and confidant. She remains a dedicated board member, bookkeeper, foster mom and part time psychiatrist!

Auntie Peg makes sure everyone who makes a donation is properly thanked no matter the amount; she is the brains behind QAS wear and Auntie Peg's Attic Treasures. "I was retired and wanted to help care for the cats waiting for homes. I stayed because of the wonderful people I work with (who are my family) and have the same goal of caring for the wonderful animals that come to us. My greatest joy is meeting our adopters who are giving a loving home to these animals in need of one."

Kit Burke came along in 2000. A German Shepherd lover, Kit remains one of the longest board members, serving as our fourth President. Kit always focuses on the well being of the animals while they are at the shelter. She made it her mission to understand what the animals and volunteers need and how the shelter could best provide for all of them. Kit now serves as Shelter Director.

One of our most dedicated morning volunteers is **Kim Moses**. She explains. "I always wanted to work with animals. I became disabled from work in 2002. I had my mornings to myself so started looking into volunteering at an animal shelter. I live in South Boston but the bigger shelters in Boston were not no kill at the time. I only wanted to volunteer at a no kill so that's how I found QAS. Over the past 15 years I have met many people who love animals just as much as myself. I've made many friends and a few have become like family. I love our mission to help the cats and dogs and the occasional roosters, chickens and bunnies. My favorite part of the week are my Wednesday and Thursday mornings shifts. When a cat is very sick or so scared and confused that we can't even walk by their cage QAS doesn't give up! We give it our all to get them to a better place. The joy I feel when they get to find their forever home is an awesome feeling."

Jen DeBeneditto, who is a Monday



Sandra Sines with Sailor, in front of 56 Broad St.



Jean Ellard with Fenway. Fenway just got his good citizen certification.



(Left) Kit Burke, (Middle) Sandra Sines, (Right) Janet Parisi at the QAS annual dinner 2007.



(Left) Peg O'Brien and (Right) Margaret Kinsella



Jen DeBeneditto

night dog walker, signed up because, "I like pets, and while a career in animal care was not really an option I thought that shelter work would fulfill that need and I could meet like-minded people. I stay because of the interaction with the animals and to help give back to the community as there are a lot of pets in need and who need love. The best joy is seeing a dog or a cat find its new forever home and you can tell it's love on both sides." Jen has also supported the shelter with her many non-animal talents, including art and photography.



Janet Parisi taking care of kittens in the shelter

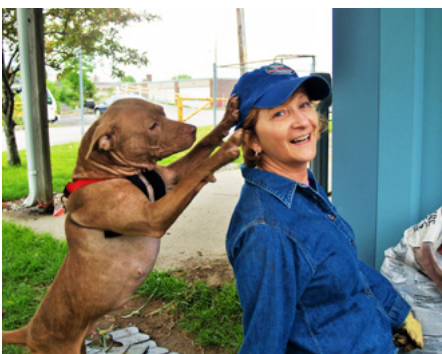
One of the toughest jobs at QAS is trying to help feral cats. This daunting task has been managed by an army of one, **Janet Parisi**. Though she started as a dog walker, she has spent most of the last twenty years crawling under porches, searching sheds and abandoned cars trying to trap feral cats. The goal is to get them medical attention, spayed or neutered and in some cases, find them a home. She also responsible for setting up networks of caretakers who feed and monitor the homeless cats in their neighborhoods. No easy job; yet she did it year after year to help cats in need. Jan has also served on the board of directors and has been a generous supporter of QAS since the very beginning.



Kim Moses

Patti Sherman wanted to help with a small grassroots shelter in need of volunteers vs a larger well established one. "The joy of volunteering with dedicated people who put their heart and soul into making the shelter work 7 days a week, rain or shine.

What brings me the most joy is seeing dogs and cats especially the older, special needs ones go home with loving new families." Over the years Patti has worn a lot of hats; she was our marketing manager, is an experienced dog walker, mentor, shift leader, adoption greeter and Patti is known for her being friendly to everyone and making new volunteers feel welcome.



Patti Sherman

visit to the shelter, "The recycling area was near the outdoor dog kennels and I would feel so sorry for the dogs that I had to try to help. I went into the shelter that day and a volunteer showed me around. I remember there was an office cat that greeted me. I was shown around and it surprised me that the shelter did not smell and all animals had bedding food and water. When I went in for my orientation I saw a large, Maine Coon type cat being kissed goodbye by the volunteers. It was going home with its owner who recently was able to rent an apartment after living at Father Bill's for months. The volunteers had given this woman a "shower" so that she and her cat would have the necessities to start over. (See story of Katherine and Sage in this issue).

Joanne does cat care and meds and has been a Friday morning regular for years; as well as devoted board member. "I continue to volunteer because I realized that the volunteers make the difference and that animals do respond to love and kindness. What makes me happiest is when a longtime resident finally gets adopted."

Margaret Kinsella, has driven more kittens around Quincy than any other volunteer on the planet or at least it seems that way! "I went to the shelter because my friend, Nancy Peterson, volunteered at the Shelter and always talked about it. When I retired, I decided to give it a try. I always loved animals and had cats of my own. I did cat care; then Shelter Director Treasa Downey was looking for people to foster kittens. I decided to give it a try. Next there was a need for people to help the Foster Team. So guess what? I then became the Foster Manager for many years. Now I am just part of the team. I love the Shelter for all that they do for the animals in their care. Many of the volunteers go above and beyond to help them. I stay at the Shelter in part because of the many friendships I have made. Also I hope one day to see the new Shelter." Because of Margaret's commitment to our Foster care

Joanne McCarthy recalls her first

program, years later it is still a way to allow us to care for many more homeless cats.

Most of our volunteers do not given themselves enough credit for what they do because they just love doing it. **Suzanne Gauthier** is one of them. She signed up after adopting two cats in late 2000. "I was impressed by the caring staff and I believed in the mission. I still believe in the mission and am still impressed by the commitment and compassion of the volunteers who accomplish so much with such modest resources. What brings me the most joy is seeing and hearing all the success stories, including my own as the adopter of two cats and one dog.

Over the years I stayed because of the flexibility in being able to try new roles and to adjust my commitments as my jobs and life changed. I currently manage the Guardian Angel Cage Card program." Thanks to Suzanne, the Guardian Angel Cage cards are very successfully and allow us to help more animals. She has actually had many roles over the years, she was responsible for many successful Open Houses and of course for her one of a kind chocolate raspberry brownies!

Mary Helen Mahoney started at QAS after she adopted Bear, one of our senior dogs. She wanted to thank the shelter for him in a tangible way. "I started as a dog walker, added fostering kittens, adoption rep, and then meds team. For a number of years I did all four. After some health problems, I needed to cut back to adoption rep and an occasional meds shift, which I still do. The most joy comes from hearing the stories from our adopters of how an animal has impacted their lives. I stay because I love the animals and I can't adopt them all."

One of the most anticipated shelter emails we get each week is INS and OUTS. **Sue Schroeffer** took over as the author in 2007. "I took over the task of compiling and sending out to volunteers the shelter's weekly INS & OUTS report. My favorite part

is "OUTS", especially when a dog/cat who has been with us awhile finds a home. We are lucky to have such a devoted group of Adoption Representatives." Her weekly report lets everyone know who the new arrivals are and when they leave we know where they are going to live out there new lives.

Karen Guiney was lead to the shelter by a stray cat that hanging around her house. She called the Patriot Ledger to place a "found" ad in the paper. Shortly after she got a call saying that someone just place a "lost" ad for the same cat. The owner of the cat rewarded her with a gift card that she decided to donate to the shelter and that is how she found out about QAS! Karen starting volunteering and adopted two cats from the shelter. Karen cares for our cats and writes some of the cat bios that help get them adopted. "I love spending time with the animals and especially seeing cats who are frightened at first and then watch them come out of their shells and become total sweethearts".

As you can see there is a common thread amongst our volunteers. They do this work for the animals: they are humble, have worn many hats, do whatever is needed, and they have made lifelong friendships. The greatest joy for all of them comes when they see our dogs and cats leave 56 Broad Street for forever. (We certainly do not mind if they come back for a visit)

Thank you for staying and thank you for your commitment!



Joanne McCarthy



Suzanne Gauthier



Mary Helen Mahoney



(From left to right) Kim Moses, Kit Burke, Margaret Kinsella, and Sue Schroeffer



Karen Guiney



Lynda Southerland

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT II

AND THE WINNER IS:

Well it is the animals of course! Everything we do here at QAS is to make the lives of homeless animals better. That is why we are so lucky to have our very own Raffle Queen Lynda Southerland in our presence. Not only is she one of our favorite cat care volunteers, she is a former board member, event coordinator and she runs a really awesome raffle! A QAS volunteer since 2008, Lynda has raffled off a long list of special items including tickets to all of our Boston sports teams, concert tickets and the latest, tickets to see Hamilton! Lynda has raised more than \$32,000 in the process. Additionally, she has been involved with Cause 4 Paws, The Friends of QAS which raised \$7,000 for a new shed and she organized our Project Catwalk Fashion show that raised \$15,000 in 2016. The secret for her success is her passion. Lynda is always looking for ways to raise money for the shelter. Her enthusiasm is infectious! Her ideas are creative. The best part is that she does it all for the animals. Thank you Lynda!

COMING SOON

Save The Date:
The Save 'em All Ball

We are celebrating our 20th Anniversary in style on Saturday, October 26 at the Tirrell Room.

ANNOUNCEMENT

QAS has a new website!

We launched our new website around March 1st. The new site is designed to be a resource with useful information and links regarding animal welfare, resources on adoptions, surrenders and ways individuals can help QAS. Users will notice a clean, crisp redesign highlighting our new logo and image. This endeavor could not be completed without the volunteer website design team: Amy Conrad, Khrystyna Reyes, Adam Fehnel, Dennis Gibbons, Andrea Huang, and Peter Helms.

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 FOR
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BOSTON WINERY
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THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019
 6-9pm
\$60 PER PERSON

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 Singer, silent and live auctions, fun raffle prizes, and a cash bar.

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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 life on the streets and an uncertain future.

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

Annual Memberships

As a member, you will receive QAS' periodic newsletter to keep you informed of QAS happenings and be invited to our annual meetings.

Individual, \$25

Senior (60+), \$15

Family, \$50

Donations (Non-membership)

Quincy Animal Shelter thanks you for donations of any amount.

Non-membership donation amount

\$

The Mickey Medical Fund
for extraordinary medical care

\$

Wesley's Wish Feral Cat Fund
for the care of feral cats

\$

Your information

If you've moved or changed your address, you can use this form to update us.

Total amount enclosed: \$

Your name

Company (if applicable)

Address

City

State

Zip code

Email

Phone number

☐ I want to remain anonymous

INSTRUCTION

1. Please make your check payable to:
Quincy Animal Shelter
2. Mail the check along with this form to:
**Quincy Animal Shelter
P.O. Box 690088
Quincy, MA 02269**

DID YOU KNOW?

**Your company
may match
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If your company has a Matching Gift Program, your gift could be doubled, and twice as many animals could benefit! The match could be based on your monetary donation or the volunteer hours you serve.

Please check with your company's Human Resources department. If they'll match your charitable donations or volunteer hours, ask for a form and mail it to us at:

**Quincy Animal Shelter
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Program
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We are so very grateful when we receive your donations. Your contribution help us to give the care that our special residents need 24/7, 365 days a year.

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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 ones. Our Guardian Angel Cage & Kennel Sponsorships are available for 3, 6, or 12 months. It 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 Quincy Animal Shelter. Your donation is tax deductible.

Guardian Angel Cage & Kennel Sponsorships

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

1. Where would you like it to be placed on?

Cat cage

Dog kennel

2. How long would you like?

12 months
\$300

6 months
\$150

3 months
\$75

3. Name & message to display on the card?



Card example

Name

Message

Photo included

Tribute Gift

1. I would love to donate \$

In memory of

In honor of

Name

2. If you want QAS to notify them of this donation, please provide their physical address or email.

Name

Email

Address

Your information

If you've moved or changed your address, you can use this form to update us.

Total amount enclosed: \$

Your name

Company (if applicable)

Address

City

State

Zip code

Email

Phone number

I want to remain anonymous

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THE MICKEY FUND

A CAUTIONARY TALE: ANA THE FROZEN CAT

We are all pulling for one of our latest residents to make a full recovery. If it weren't for another amazing good Samaritan, Ana would never have survived her ordeal. Ana was found outside nearly frozen to death during one of our severe cold snaps in January. Animal Control Officer Bruce DiBella knew the situation was dire and made arrangements to get her urgent vet care. Shelter Director Kit Burke consulted with Dr. Kristin Scott who offered to take Ana to her hospital where she monitored her closely. Ana needed a lot of care and attention to make sure she did not succumb to profound hypothermia. "Her body temperature did not even register on the thermometer, she was dehydrated and had an upper respiratory infection, she need IV fluids and antibiotics to fight off her infection" said Dr. Scott.

After spending 10 days at Canton Veterinary Hospital, Ana came back to QAS to further recuperate. Our volunteers are caring for her now. Ana was suffering from GI issues and needed to undergo an abdominal ultrasound to rule out a more serious problem. The good news is Ana does not have a mass or any other big issues. The downside is that she will need to be on meds for the foreseeable future (maybe forever) that runs around \$65 a

month. Kit believes that if it weren't for so many people stepping up to the plate Ana would never have made it this far.

Ana's story is reminder that animals, like humans, do not fare well in any type of extreme weather. We have no idea if Ana got lost or if she was an outdoor cat, but one thing we know for sure this is one of many excellent reasons to keep your cats indoors!

Please consider making a donation to the Mickey Fund to help Ana get the medical care and medication that she needs and help her have a happy ending. The Mickey Fund helps us pay for non-routine medical care and for special cases like Ana.



Ana, the frozen cat

WISH LIST

All brands & sizes are welcome unless otherwise noted.

- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Bleach
- ☐ **Fancy Feast** adult & kitten canned food, for our shelter residents
- ☐ **Natural Balance** or **Red Barn** food rolls
- ☐ **Yesterday's News** cat litter
- ☐ Dry cat food for our feral pantry (open bags are OK!)
- ☐ New cat toys, furry mice, and scratch pads.
- ☐ Interactive dog toys like Buster Cubes & balls (no tennis balls)
- ☐ NEW plastic litter boxes & plastic litter scoops with tags and stickers. (not used please!)
- ☐ Gift cards to Pet Supply Plus, Petco, Walmart, any local super markets!
- ☐ Postage stamps.
- ☐ **High efficiency (HE)** laundry detergent
- ☐ **Cascade ActionPacs** dishwasher detergent



Mickey

THE MICKEY MEDICAL FUND

Mickey was a puppy born from one of our first stray dogs, Momma. Mickey was a fun loving pit bull that was adopted by a QAS volunteer. It was love at first sight. He was happy in his new home and loved by his family. All in sudden, Mickey's young life was taken by antifreeze, a known poison to family pets. His family was devastated, because there was nothing that could be done to save him.

Mickey's human momma turned pain into action, and set up the Mickey Medical fund in his honor. The goal was to make sure that if an animal could be saved, QAS would have the money at hand to save them. QAS has provided above and beyond veterinary care for animals that have suffered traumatic injuries (Like Ana, the frozen cat), needed dental care, has chronic skin problems. You name it. If we can save a life, we do it.

SUCCESS STORY – IN MEMORIAM

KATHERINE AND SAGE



Sage

This is the story that taught us that we do not just help animals, we help the people too.

We did not find Sage in an alley, she was not brought in by a Good Sam. She was not given up because she was not wanted. Nothing even close to that. Sage was brought to us in the most unfortunate of circumstances. Sage had a home, she had a wonderful person who loved her since 1998. Sage was not homeless, but her human was about to be. Sage and Katherine had enjoyed three years of happy times. Then suddenly Katherine's life turned upside down and through no fault of her own she became ill which led to her being evicted. She was lucky to find a place at Father Bill's which is a people shelter next

door to QAS. There was one big problem- Sage could not stay there. So we were asked to help, but QAS was not allowed to board animals. Katherine had no other options. Sage would come to QAS to find a new home. "I had to give up Sage, my heart was shattered, I would come to visit her and she would turn her back on me and growl. We were both a mess". Sage was a very pretty tiger cat, she was a big girl, who had already had one near tragedy when she was hit by a car and had a hip replaced. Sage stayed at QAS for months. No takers. In October things turned around for Katherine and she was able to take Sage home. The volunteers were elated! "We had all secretly wished Sage would not be adopted, and that they would be re-united

one day. We even threw them a little shower! Our volunteers got together and bought things for both of them. This is one of our fondest memories; it helped shape what QAS has become" recalls Kit Burke and Sandra Sines who recently reminisced with Katherine about Sage at the Holiday Craft Fair.

Sage passed away peacefully on January 12, 2016 at the age of 22 after spending 18 years with Katherine. "Not a day goes by that I do not miss her, she was more than family, she was my confidant, she was my Sage".

This brought out the best in all of us at QAS, sometimes animal advocates forget the people and only think of what the animal needs.



ASK HAILEY

**Hailey is a fun loving Chihuahua rescued from QAS many years ago, she helps other pets navigate the challenges of living with human beings.*

Dear Hailey,

I'm one of the lucky ones for sure but I need your advice. I was "rescued" a few months ago after a few lousy weeks out on the street. I don't even know what happened, one minute I have a home, next minute I'm lost. Thankfully I ended up at a shelter. It took a week to find a nice home. The woman who adopted me, (let's call her Marcy) just loves me. We are getting along fine; plenty of food and treats and I have a warm bed. Sometimes, I get to sleep with her. Seems too good to be true. I do not ever want to be homeless again. The problem is she spends all of her money on me trying to make me comfortable. How can I tell her she does not need too? I don't need fancy dog beds, sweaters or bowls. I just love her.

Signed,
Satisfied Samoyed in Scituate

See Hailey's reply on pg.14

SUCCESS STORY – IN MEMORIAM

BEN AND LOUIE

At QAS finding the perfect home for all of our dogs or cats is our number one job. There is nothing better than watching them go off to their new home. It is what makes us come back day after day and year after year. This is just one of many special stories; the story of Ben and Louie. On a Tuesday night in January 2008 a man met a cat and both of their lives changed forever.

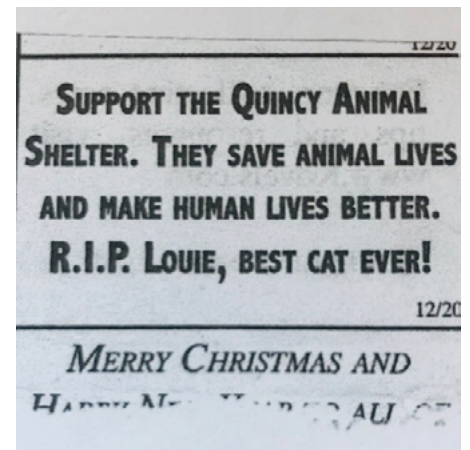
In July of 2007 Seymour, a stray cat from Sea St, was brought to our shelter in rough shape. Seymour was about 7 years old and FIV positive. He was a handsome big boy with hazel eyes. Despite the efforts of our wonderful adoption reps, he would sit patiently waiting for a home for six months.. Maybe he knew that good things come to those who wait. Then Ben Nichols walked in. Ben was willing to take a chance on Seymour who would become

Louie. So on that Tuesday night in January 2008 Ben adopted Louie and they became life partners. Ben brought Louie home with him to Plymouth where they would spend the next 3,949 days together Ben signed Louie up for his own QAS membership every year and he would send beautiful hand written notes thanking QAS for giving him Louie and say how happy he was to have him. In 2018, Ben mailed a donation to the shelter from Louie “celebrating 10 years of home ownership”. Ben visited the shelter and told stories of how he and Louie were enjoying life and he brought some toys for our cats.

Sadly, Louie passed away late last year.. Ben would write “Louie is gone and I am heartbroken and I am at a loss at how to deal with it. Louie was in tough shape when he was brought to you. You took him and

treated him, gave him medications and gave him love. Then you gave him to me. Best gift ever. He was special. He gave and got a lot of love.”

There is no question that Ben and Louie were a perfect match; the stuff adoption dream are made of. The letters written by Ben about the bond that he and Louie shared could melt the coldest of hearts and of course bring tears to your eyes. While it is sad that Louie is gone, there is pure joy in knowing that this cat who was barely surviving outside alone and in need of shelter, medical care and most of all love got everything he needed. He got it from the Good Samaritan who brought him to us. He got it from our veterinarians and volunteers who cared for him before he was adopted and most of all he got it from his partner Ben.



(Left) Louie, (Right) A goodbye to Louie in a newspaper by Ben.

Submit Your Success Story! Did you adopt from QAS? If so, please tell us your success story! Don't forget to attach photos! Send your story to qasthescoop@gmail.com

TRIBUTES

From Nov 2018 - Jan 2019

The \$25,000 Challenge: The results are in!

We want to thank every donor who made our \$25,000.00 Challenge a such a huge success! Thanks to your generosity we received an amazing \$48,250.00 in addition to the \$25,000 match. We are most grateful to our Special Angel who made this possible. Many thanks for helping us to continue our mission of saving animals and finding loving homes for them.

KIDS THAT CARE

They share their birthdays with donations to the shelter animals

Nina Rowley B'Day

IN HONOR OF

Tara, Amy, Jill & Mike Baker by William & Pamela Baker

Christine Baldwin by Hans Reimer

Jennifer Hemmerdinger (Volunteer) by Hemmerdinger Family

Helen by Ellen Higginbottom

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HOW TO

Make the most of your charitable donation in 2018

There have been significant changes made to our tax laws resulting in people thinking twice about charitable giving going forward. Most people, however, give to charities to support a worthy cause not for the financial incentive. But not all is lost under the new tax law, thanks to an often overlooked corner of the code.

This provision, which the IRS calls a Qualified Charitable Distribution, allows anyone aged 70 1/2 or older to donate money from their IRA account directly to a charitable organization without that gift counting as income. Under this provision, you can easily transfer money directly to Quincy Animal Shelter without paying any tax on that transaction.

And even better, any money you transfer via one of these distributions reduces the amount you must take in required distributions.

Contact your advisor or brokerage firm if you need assistance with these transactions. From there they will either disburse the checks directly to us or send the check to you to pass along to us.

ABOUT US

About Quincy Animal Shelter and Our Mission Statement

The Quincy Animal Shelter is primarily a volunteer-run organization. The Shelter relies completely on our volunteers and the community for support. Incorporated in November 1999 as a non-profit Massachusetts charity, we are also a recognized charity under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. Since 1999, the Quincy Animal Shelter has placed more than 7,500 cats and dogs into loving homes throughout New England. We are committed to finding the right home for every adoptable animal in our care. Every animal receives age-appropriate vaccinations, is spayed or neutered and micro-chipped before being placed in its forever home. Delivering this type of care involves many volunteers, an active and dedicated management, and a lot of money. Our annual budget runs approximately \$250,000 in order to provide services to the animals in our care and serve the continuous needs of our growing community.

Our mission is to advocate for companion animals by providing safety until home placement of those in our care, to promote spay and neuter programs as a means to control pet overpopulation and to be the leading community resource for education on proper animal welfare.

KITTEN WISH LIST

All brands & sizes are welcome unless otherwise noted.

- ☐ **Fancy Feast kitten** Turkey or Chicken food
- ☐ **Royal Canin** Mother and Baby Cat Food and Kitten food
- ☐ Clay cat litter
- ☐ Cat toys like furry mice, balls, teasers
- ☐ Cardboard scratching pads
- ☐ Gift Cards to pet stores or grocery stores

OUR ADOPTION HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday:
6PM - 8PM

Saturday:
10AM - 4PM

**56 Broad Street, Quincy,
MA 02169**

Please note: animal surrenders are by appointment only.

Got QAS Wear?

Yes, we do! Stop by during Adoption hours or give us a call 617-376-1349. We have hoodies, tees, sweatshirts, and more.

UPCOMING

THE KITTENS ARE COMING

5 Ways You Can Help Us Help Them This Year

It's like Christmas; it comes the same time every year and yet somehow it sneaks up on you. Kitten Season at an animal shelter is no different. Although the official start of kitten season varies a bit year to year it still comes. It can start as early as March and last until October. It starts with a few phone calls ranging from, "There's a pregnant cat roaming the streets can you come get her?" My cat just had kittens and we don't know what to do" or "I just found a litter in my shed"! In most cases kittens will come to QAS. The challenge is that kittens do not stay at the shelter, "they are too young and the stress level at the shelter is too high which puts them at risk for illness and they need to be with people as much as they can" says Shelter Director, Kit Burke. That is where our amazing foster care families step in, managed by Donna Knauber.

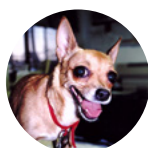
She has a group of people who open their homes and hearts to kittens, some with moms and many without. Fostering is a wonderful way to be able to help the nearly 200 kittens that come to us every year. When kittens are cared for in a foster home, they get round the clock care

and live in a real home often with children, who love the experience. Keeping them healthy and getting them socialized and ready for adoption are the goals. Kittens can be very fragile especially when they are born outside and do not receive any vet care.

Being a foster care provider is pretty easy; we have some basic rules to make sure that everyone understands the commitment and so that everyone is safe. The time commitment can be from a few weeks to a few months depending on the circumstance. QAS provides the essentials: food, litter, toys and vet care. If you want more information, email Donna at foster@quincyanimalshelter.org or give us a call at **617-376-1349**.

What can you do to help us during Kitten Season?

1. Become a Foster Family.
2. Donate items from the Kitten Wish List or our Amazon wish list.
3. Adopt a kitten from QAS or another awesome rescue group but, Please Don't Shop!
4. Keep your cats 100% indoors.
5. Spay or neuter your cats.



Dear Satisfied,

You are very lucky, but so is Marcy. Rescue is a two-way street. Sounds like she is thrilled to have you in her life too. You have been through a lot and your feelings are normal. Stop Stressing. I wouldn't sweat it. Enjoy the new digs, enjoy the snacks, most of all the hugs. I draw the line on stupid sweaters so you might want to put your paws down on that.

Best of Luck!
Hailey

QAS NEWS

We have a new president and three new board members.



COURTNEY O'KEEFE

BOARD PRESIDENT

Ms. Courtney O'Keefe became Board President December of 2018, she has been an active Board member since May of 2015. Professionally, Ms. O'Keefe has spent the last 25 years as a Supply Chain Operations Executive, working with Global Brands selling and marketing Lifestyle Apparel. Ms. O'Keefe, who resides in Quincy, is the proud mom of two great teens and 2 Dogs.



SANDRA SINES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sandra Sines returns to the QAS Board. Sandra is a former QAS Shelter Director and the current Editor of the Scoop. She has been a volunteer since 1999. She lives in Pembroke with her husband Marty and her dog Bruin, and cats, Destiny, Max, Magic and Baxter; all QAS Alumni! Sandra enjoys writing and photography. Sandra works for Quincy Mutual Insurance.



EMILY DUFF

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Emily Duff has been volunteering as a Dog Walker for the Quincy Animal Shelter since 2009. She and her husband, Loudon, have lived in Quincy for 18 years, they spend their free time renovating their house which was built in 1880. Emily is an interior designer/ spatial planner and is self employed. She worked for years in event production and is now the Event Coordinator for QAS. Emily adopted her dog, Sookie, a Boston Terrier, from QAS back in 2010.



JOAN SMOOT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joan Smoot of Smoot Associates in Hanover, has 20 years of senior level experience in establishing, managing and promoting small businesses. This includes 14 years with total P&L responsibility for two successful food industry businesses. She has worked in television and radio. Joan is currently working on launching a website Culinaryadventures.net and a informational food blog. Producing teaching videos for a "Key Ingredients" program demonstrating how to simplify with tips and cooking techniques.

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**This 20th Anniversary Edition of the Scoop
is dedicated in memory of Willow aka Jenny.**

She was one of our first canine shelter residents. Willow, a Belgian Malinois, spent nearly a year with us before being adopted by a police officer from Northern Maine.