

# THE SCOOP



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

When 2020 began we were filled with excitement. Our 20th anniversary celebration began in the fall of 2019 and we had a lot to celebrate! Over the last 20 years we have made a difference in the lives of thousands of cats, dogs and humans. Like many shelters in New England, our numbers were slowly declining; an indication that our work is making a difference, resulting in fewer unwanted pets in New England. Adopting from a shelter has become the right thing to do as spay and neuter programs were keeping the pet population down. We were excited because with lower numbers, we had more resources to help animals that may have been turned away.

*Solana Ponders the New Normal*

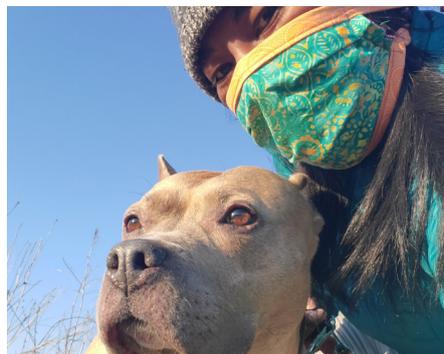
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### MEET THE MANAGER KAREN DEFRANCESCO

Karen is dedicated to keeping our animals happy and healthy and ready for adoption.

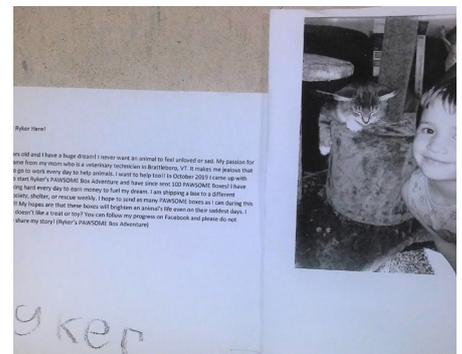
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### SUCCESS STORIES THE MEANING OF SUCCESS

Read the stories that motivate us during these difficult times.

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Ryker's Pawsome Gesture

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We could provide more medical care, spend more time socializing frightened animals so that they would be ready for their new life. Lower numbers also meant less stress and less illness to our animals. Our future plans included using resources to help more animals through more community involvement, and planning for our new shelter.

Our future was looking very bright. Life was good. Then came the Pandemic.

Overnight our world had changed, and like everyone else we were scared. What would this mean for the shelter and our animals? How would we continue our mission? We are classified as an essential business, so the shelter can remain operational. Yet, we have had to make many changes to keep our animals, volunteers and the public safe. We made the difficult decision to close the shelter to the public, taking animals in on a case by case basis and in emergency situations. We have used our amazing foster care network to house some cats and our dogs temporarily. We went to one shift a day with a limited crew in order to care for the remaining animals while complying with the social distancing guidelines. So far, we are doing well, and everyone is safe.

Like everyone affected by this unprecedented situation, we do not know what comes next. Shelters all over the country are anticipating a surge in voluntary animal surrenders from people being unable to continue caring for their animals due to illness, lost wages, housing and more; all indicative of the devastating effects of this pandemic on our economy. Spay and neuter programs are on hold in many areas so the stray population could once again explode.

The truth is no one knows how significant the impact will be. We do know that this will change the way that we once operated our adoption program and our fundraising

activities. We are working hard to figure things out and we will never let our animals down.

We are still very excited about our future even if it looks different than our 1st twenty years. We know that

with your continued support we can return even stronger. We are all in this together!

Take Care and Stay Safe.  
Sandra Sines, President

## HELP US HELP THEM - NOW MORE THAN EVER!



*Hope Boundaway and Qas Alumni Ino*

Because of Covid 19, our adoption income is down, and we are not able to accept walk in donations. However, the biggest impact is to our fundraising program. Right now, we are not able to hold any public events as we have in the past; even worse, we cannot plan any right now. We also rely on raffles of tickets to sporting events and concerts, but we cannot even trust that the events will be held. The longer this continues the tougher it will be to stretch our dollars to help our animals. So how can you help? Right now, a cash donation is the best way to help us help them. You can also purchase items from our Amazon Wish List,

and have it shipped directly to the shelter or buy from Chewy.com as they send us twenty dollars for every new customer and their prices are great!

There is still time to donate to our **\$20 for 20 Facebook Challenge** - Be a part of QAS history by making a minimum \$20 donation and submit a photo of your pet to be included in a photo mosaic in the new shelter!

Become a member, donate in honor of a QAS Volunteer, or buy a Cage Card! Check out our New Online Auction!

All the info you need is here in The Scoop or on our website [quincyanimalshelter.org](http://quincyanimalshelter.org)

Starting on **GIVING TUESDAY** 

# \$20 FOR 20 CHALLENGE

Let's create a bigger picture.

By donating \$20 to the Quincy Animal Shelter 20th Anniversary, we want to place a tile picture of your beloved fur family member into our Mosaic 20th Anniversary photo.

Post a photo on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram of your pet, donate \$20 at [quincyanimalshelter.org](http://quincyanimalshelter.org) or through our Facebook Fundraiser page. Tag three of your friends to share the post and keep it going!

We appreciate your support and are excited to show the finished product!



[www.quincyanimalshelter.org](http://www.quincyanimalshelter.org)

## MEET THE MANAGER

# KAREN DEFRANCESCO

## MEDICAL MANAGER



*Karen DeFrancesco and QAS volunteers*

Karen joined QAS in February 2013. “Frank (my husband) and I had lost our previous cat Raja, 18 months before I started at QAS. I felt I had learned so much from him and wanted to help other cats that might need that extra TLC. Frank was not ready for another pet, but I always had a cat growing up and the emptiness of not having one was very difficult for me. When I found out about QAS, Frank and I first went to a foster care meeting where we met Kit and Margaret. I started about a week later.” Now seven years later Karen is an important part of the management team.

Karen is well versed in cleaning and sanitation protocols, is also a certified veterinary infection preventionist and is a cat behavior specialist. Karen loves helping both animals and people. She loves being a part of

their success stories. “I am inspired by our volunteers who put in so many hours each week.” Karen often puts in 20-40 hours a week in addition to job and family obligations because she believes in saving and rehoming animals. Karen is also continuing her education in sheltering and shelter medicine. In her role as Medical manager, she works with our local veterinarians to make sure our animals get the care that they need. That includes making sure all animals have had what we require at QAS to be able to adopt them out. This includes an exam, vaccinations, and microchips and spay/neuter.

She is responsible for getting the animals medically cleared for adoption, no easy task. She coordinates transport of animals to and from the vet, oversees that all the required paperwork and any

necessary vaccines, microchips or tests are also ready to go with the animal. Additionally, if an animal gets sick, she makes sure they get the care that they need right away. Karen is passionate about animal welfare. She monitors all animals in our care guided by the 5 Freedoms of animal welfare ensuring that animals have appropriate space, lighting, air quality, food and water which is considered the Gold Standard of animal care.

Karen enjoys earning the trust of a “fractious” cat. “Using the tools I had learned first from Raja because he was crazy fractious outside the house but the sweetest most loving cat at home. Knowing my attention and recommendations have saved lives and diminished pain is very rewarding”.

Volunteering at the shelter is not always easy. “Despite trying everything to help an animal medically, sometimes we lose them. Maybe we got them too late or the illness was too advanced.” Karen looks forward to a new building and more funding so that we can continue the work we do and save more lives.

Karen lives with her husband Frank of 18 years. They share their life with their stunning Bengal cat Takoda, their second Bengal. “They are not a cat for everyone!”

Karen has gone above and beyond to educate herself and others as to how Covid -19 could affect the shelter. She is deeply committed to keeping all our animals and humans safe. Thank you for your years of service and dedication to our animals.

SUCCESS STORIES

# WE HAVE LOTS OF THEM!



Oreo, Now 18 Years Young



Oreo and his new foster brother Buddy

## TWO SMART COOKIES

When a black and white animal comes into the shelter there is a good chance it will end up as an “Oreo”. We have two awesome Oreo stories to share. One that takes us back 18 years and one that just occurred.

### Oreo the Cat

Oreo, a stunning long haired black and white kitten, was being fostered by the Brundige family in Montclair. The family was very experienced and had fostered for us many times. This time the shelter was packed with kittens and this family was fostering seven; five were adopted quickly. Foster mom Linda was stuck with two kittens. She brought them to the shelter for several weeks hoping they would be chosen. Finally, the

little boy kitten was chosen. Oreo was resisting any chance to be adopted by hissing at potential adopters. It seemed she would never be chosen; she was not the friendliest cat, but she was a real beauty. After months of bringing her in for adoption day, the family gave up and adopted her. Apparently, Oreo has no intention of leaving her home, she has already picked her family!

They soon learned from a vet that Oreo had a heart murmur and it was suggested that she would need diagnostic testing and ongoing care, perhaps not living a long life. Oreo did not seem to care; she was content with her aloof life. She would just give you a little hiss and be on her way. Oreo has lived her life her way. She is friendly when she wants to be and is part of big, pet loving family. She just turned 18 years old and doesn't

seem to be going anywhere anytime soon. She now shares her home with two other cats (also foster failures), a Malti-poo and a brand new gigantic German Shephard puppy! Guess she picked the right family after all!

### Oreo the Dog

Oreo's story is hot off the press. Oreo, a high energy Border Collie, was surrendered to Canine Manager Maura Porter at the start of the stay at home order. Rather than keep him at the shelter, Maura was able to find him a wonderful foster home. Border Collies are a highly intelligent breed and the last thing they need is to be kept in a kennel all day. It would be torture for him. The foster home he landed in turned out to be perfect. Oreo was surrendered by an owner who could no longer meet Oreo's active border collie needs. Because we were closed to surrenders, Oreo went immediately into a foster home. All the nervous behaviors Oreo exhibited with his owner all disappeared. He was happy, well exercised and loved. Seeing him in his new space, we all agreed that Oreo needed to find a permanent home with another dog. Dogs gave him comfort. Fate then played a role. His foster mom had a friend with a Border Collie mix and was looking for another Border Collie to add to the family. They met. It was perfect. Oreo loved his doggie brother Buddy and Buddy loves his new brother. And their dad? Well he is quite happy too.

Right now, it is a foster to adopt situation but we are pretty certain that Oreo has found his forever home.

**Destiny**

I have failed fostering a dozen times. Usually it was for a cat that was not likely to be adopted by the general public. Families want fun loving friendly cats and that is totally understandable. Destiny was one of five kittens born outside. Their mom was struck and killed by a car. I took three kittens to care for. They were about 12 weeks old when I took them home scared and hissy but in no way aggressive or mean. The two boys turned around in a few weeks; they learned to relax and trust me and before you know it, they were off to a loving home. Destiny wanted no part of it. Her fear was deep and debilitating. The harder I tried to calm her the worse she got. She was terrified of me and my home. She would never be adopted in such a state. So, I decided to keep her and let her live her life as a she wished.

As soon as I backed off, she calmed down. That was 2011. She is almost 9 years old. Since I "gave up"; I have touched her three times. Over the years she has decided that she loves my other cats and even my dog. But not us. She does like us, and I guess she might want to be around us but just can't let her guard down. She comes up stairs and sits near us and we can talk to her, but we cannot touch her.

She is not happy with the quarantine as we are around way too much for her liking. I love her just as much as my other cats. Like most feral cats, she is a truly beautiful. She is neat and clean and has been totally healthy. When I tried to force her to be friendly, she trembled. I am very happy that I kept her, and I think she is happy too. I have learned so much from her.



Destiny - Living and loving life on her own terms



**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,  
Two months ago, my world turned upside down. First my mom did not leave the house and she seemed a little off. My meals were not punctual. She sat on my sofa a lot. Then my dad stopped leaving. So, I am now trapped in the house (they never let me out anyway) with both every day, 7 days a week. The silly dog seems to love it. I really want to swat that goofy grin right off his dog face! I need my space. I want my house and my routine back. I thought it was almost over but now I keep hearing them say this is the "new normal" What the heck does that mean?

Sincerely,  
Anxious in Adams Shore

**see Hailey's reply on pg.15**

SENIOR SUCCESS STORY

# BUTTONS

## You are never too old for a Second Chance!

In April of 2019, a 14 yr. old male Shih Tzu came into QAS after the owner became homeless. Buttons could only walk a few feet before his back legs gave out and often, he was unable to get up. Sadly, this meant he was sometimes left to sit in his own excrement until someone came to his rescue. He had never been neutered, needed dental care and looked like a train wreck! Buttons was alert and happy and did not seem ready to “give up”.

We had lab work done by our friends at Canton Veterinary Hospital to determine any underlying conditions. The next day, Dr. Kristin Scott DVM said “the only thing wrong with this dog is he’s old!” Buttons spent a week at Canton while QAS was being cleaned; giving the Vet Techs time to fall in love with the little guy! When he returned, he was sporting “wheels” which Canton Veterinary donated to us. It became obvious that regardless of what Buttons looked like, he was far from done living his life!

His owner came to visit and cried when he saw Buttons with the wheels. He understood that he was unable to care for him at this level and agreed to sign him over to QAS.

Meanwhile, the staff at Canton was missing the little guy! Dr. Scott explained that the Vet Techs had come up with an “adoption plan” for Buttons; one they hoped QAS would agree to. Buttons would be adopted by Canton Veterinary Hospital. He would live there and be cared for by the staff. The techs agreed to take turns bringing him out for adventures, bringing his quality of life to a new level!



*Buttons at a birthday party*

While unconventional in nature, their plan seemed perfect for Buttons! We waived the adoption fee as they would assume all responsibility for his medical and daily care. Buttons has his own kennel in the treatment area for overnight sleeping or temporary restriction to keep him safe. He has 3 different beds around the area; his favorite is probably his tepee, a Christmas gift from one of the technicians.

I think he may be the nosiest dog I have ever known! The mental and physical stimulation he receives from everyone combined is just what he needed. Since moving to Canton, Buttons has been on hikes, to a brewery, to a home for a “doggy birthday party”, home for Thanksgiving: this list goes on and on!

These vet techs have totally honored their commitment to improve his quality of life, and he has become friends with their personal pets as you can see. Our President of the Board, Sandra Sines, has always said



*Buttons out and about with friends*

when discussing senior animals, “I’m not here for a long time, I’m here for a good time!” For Buttons this could not be truer!

Should you stop by Canton Veterinary Hospital, you are likely to see Buttons zooming around the reception area greeting everyone! I was told he loves the UPS driver as he always has a treat for Buttons. The techs thought it would be fitting to outfit him as a UPS driver for Halloween; I’d say they were successful! Many thanks to Canton Veterinary hospital for allowing this “adoption” to happen; they are the best!



*Buttons dressed up for Halloween*

## 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 your donation

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  
ATTN: Matching Gift Program  
PO Box 690088  
Quincy, 02269-0088**

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.

Quincy Animal Shelter is a public charity classified as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our tax ID number is 31-1703439. Questions? Call us at: 617-376-1349.

# 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 to notify them of this donation, please provide their physical address or email.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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NEWS

# THE MICKEY FUND: MEET BOURBON: ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES

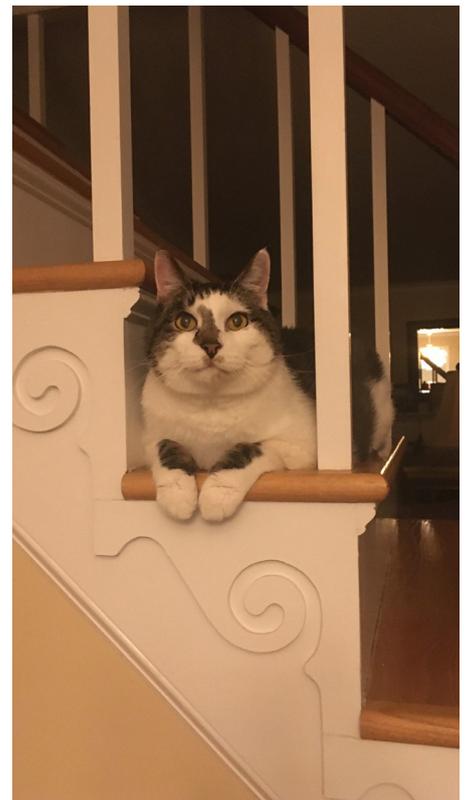
Right now, your donation to The Mickey Fund would mean the world to us as this fund is literally a life saver! This fund allows us to provide a cat like Bourbon with a life changing dental procedure. We knew his quality of life would greatly improve with dental surgery; his mouth was full of rotted teeth and infection. So, we sent Bourbon to the dentist. Veterinary care can be very

expensive. The cost of his procedure was \$1,600.00 even after a discount given by the vet. Bourbon had all but 2 teeth removed and after antibiotics for the infection and healing, he is like a new man! It is not uncommon for extraordinary procedures such as treating skin conditions, infections, allergies or surgery to cost a lot of money. This fund allows us to provide care that we would otherwise not

be able to afford. In 2019 we spent \$20,000 from our fund to improve or save the lives of a number of deserving animals. Unfortunately, this has left us with just \$10,000 left in the Mickey Fund! It is very important that we find a way to replenish the fund quickly. Please consider making a directed donation today.



*Bourbon, a Mickey Fund recipient relaxing in his foster home.*



## WISH LIST

All brands and sizes are welcome, otherwise noted.

- Any brand of dry cat food for our feral pantry (open bags ok!)
- Stewart Pro-Treat - The Original Freeze Dried Training Treat
- Fancy Feast Adult Cat - for our Shelter Residents
- Cat Toys
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Any HE brand laundry detergent (must be High Efficiency)
- "Yesterday's News" Cat Litter
- Interactive dog toys like Buster Cubes and balls (no tennis), unbreakoballs, Chuckit! Balls
- NEW Plastic litter boxes and NEW plastic litter scoops with tags and stickers (litter boxes cannot be used)
- Postage stamps
- Gift cards to grocery stores
- Jolly Ball dog toys, Boomer Ball dog toys
- Kong Dog Toy - Medium and Large
- Plush Squeaky Toys for dogs or cats
- Wisdom or Embark DNA testing kits.

## NEWS

# THE KITTENS ARE COMING - AGAIN!



It happens every year and this year will be no different. Cats have no idea a quarantine is going on. As soon as the days get longer, you know it will only be a matter of time before the phone starts ringing at our shelter. It is already happening. "Do you have any kittens?" The demand usually starts before the kittens even arrive. Kitten season is usually May to October. Depending on the winter weather it can go on even longer. It starts slow, a litter here and there. Why is kitten season still a problem? Studies suggest that a female cat can produce 100 kittens in its lifetime and each offspring can produce the same. There is no way to give exact numbers, but it is still far too many kittens to put into the shelter system each year especially all at once. A pregnant stray or two or three. Before you know it, dozens of kittens need homes. Our shelter takes in a minimum of 100 kittens each season. That is a lot of kitten food!

Typically, kittens are kept in foster homes until they are ready to be adopted, usually at 8 to 10 weeks of age. QAS kittens go home with their first vaccinations, have been tested for feline leukemia and FIV; they are spayed or neutered and micro chipped.

You can certainly find "free kittens" but you will pay a much higher price for all the veterinary care that a kitten requires. In most cases the veterinary care we provide exceeds the adoption fee. There is no profit to be made. Free kittens are less likely to be spayed and neutered because of the high retail veterinary costs and we all end up with more kittens. We have an excellent foster care program in place that ensures that each kitten is provided with the best medical care and lots of love and attention so they will happily adapt to their new home. Our number one goal is finding great homes for our kittens.

If you would like to become a QAS Foster Care person or family, contact us at [fostercare@quincyanimalshelter.org](mailto:fostercare@quincyanimalshelter.org). We provide our foster homes with everything that they need to properly care for our kittens, including canned kitten food, KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement), non-clumping litter and toys. If you would like to help check out our special kitten wish list.

## COMMUNITY CATS

# THE STORY OF BEGHEERA

## BY EMILY DUFF

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**If you cannot adopt them you can still help them.**

It all started with Norman the turkey. Norman was a wild turkey who seemed to have lost his flock. He would come to my yard every day to hang out. I started feeding him because I felt bad that he was alone. One day while feeding him I saw a small black cat watching us from the end of my driveway. The cat was feral and not at all willing to come near me. I began leaving dry food out for the cat and after a bit I would see him regularly. He would disappear at times and I'd wonder if he was okay, but he always came back. Sometimes he would sit on my deck, staring into the window waiting for me to notice him and put more food out. Still, he never would come near me. As soon as I went outside or even opened the door, he would dash under the deck. I was happy to feed him with the hopes

it made his feral life a little easier. I named him Begheera because of his black fur and lean physique, like the panther in the Jungle Book.

Time went by and he would be here and then weeks would go by and I wouldn't see him. QAS had recently appointed a new Feral Cat manager, Jody Bouma, and I thought I would see if she had any advice on taking care of Begheera. Jody came by to check out the situation and determined that Begheera was "my cat" because he basically lived under my deck and was ready for dinner every day. She thought it best that we trap him, have him neutered and then released back to my yard. This was the best way to keep him from creating more feral kittens in the area. I was nervous that this would break his trust in me, but I knew it was the best plan for the environment. Since I had been feeding him regularly, it was

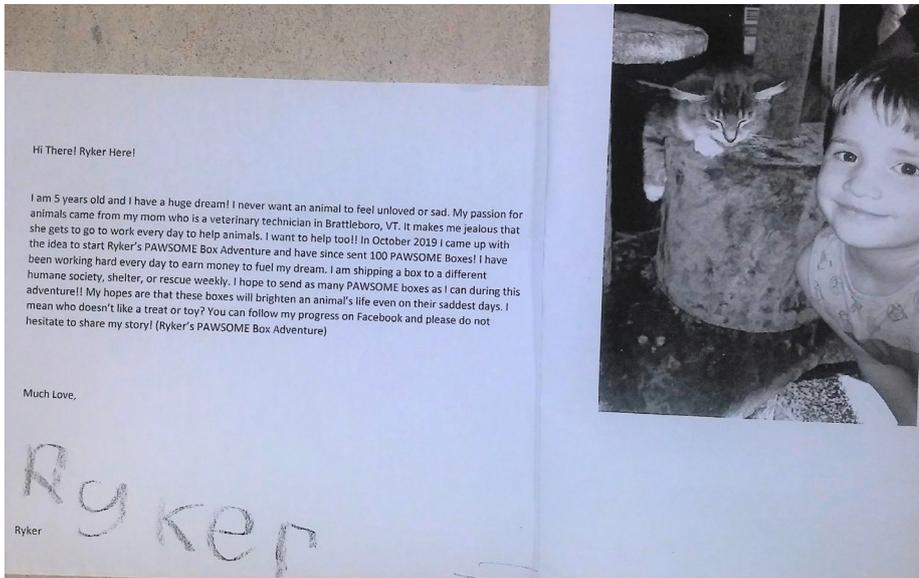
not difficult to trap him. Jody came to collect him and the next day he was neutered. Everything went well and Begheera was returned to my yard about 3 days later. As soon as he was released, he took off for the woods behind my house. He was familiar with the woods, so I wasn't too concerned. I didn't see him for about 2-3 days and then like usual, he came by one morning looking for breakfast. So now we are still neighborly with each other. He is still very skittish and won't come near me but appreciates the bowl of dry cat food. He likes to sun himself on my front deck and does a great job of protecting our house from mice. He is a beautiful cat and I am happy that Jody was able to do this and put a stop to the feral cat problem in this situation. I have included some photos, though he doesn't let me get too close. We are lucky to have Jody on our team!



Begheera

# TRIBUTES

March - May 2020



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to the following foundations for their ongoing support

**To the Veterinarians who help us care for the animals waiting for their forever homes.**

## KIDS THAT CARE

These kids celebrate their birthdays by helping our animals!

Ryker Bauer, Hindsdale NH.  
Montclair Elementary School Graduating Class of 2020

## IN HONOR OF

- John Bourke, Wendy Barry Foley, Patricia Barry**
- Finnegan, Karen O'Neil Kalil**
- Buddy, Margaret Papaz**
- Jackie & Jewel, David & Paula Kaufman**
- Harriet Hutchinson (volunteer), Patricia Lynch**

## IN MEMORY OF

- Matthew Alessi, Linda Alessi**
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Thank you to all those individuals who continue to support us by donating monthly. Also to those who use PayPal or donate through their company.



Cowie and Angela Jenkins



Willie chilling with volunteer Susan

*We apologize if we inadvertently failed to include your tribute or misspelled any name. We are very careful to ensure the privacy of our donors. We do not share or sell names to a second party. We also do not list anyone who requests to remain anonymous. Please let us know if you do not want your name to be listed. We receive donations through company plans, and they do not designate your preference. We are always most happy to acknowledge our donors.*

**NEWS**

**QAS Board of Directors - Join Us**

Do you have a passion for animals and have a few hours to spare each month? If so, we are seeking to expand our Board of Directors. Ideal candidates would have prior non-profit board experience but that is not a requirement. We want people with professional skills, creativity and/or connections that will help us stay true to our mission. We would like to add people with backgrounds in finance, human resources, nonprofit law, grant writing, fundraising and public relations. We also need people with good planning skills with a new shelter on the horizon.

We ask that candidates attend ten board meetings a year and sit on one committee. If you are interested, please contact us at 617.376.1349 or contact Sandra Sines at **president@quincyanimalshelter.org** for more information.

Consider joining our board and making a real difference in the lives of homeless animals!

**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 and sizes are welcome, otherwise noted.

- Kitten canned food: **Fancy Feast** is preferred.
- Non-Clumping Litter
- KMR Kitten Milk Replacement - Powder or Liquid
- Feeding Bottles
- New Small Litter Boxes
- Kitten Toys
- Snuggle Kitty - Behavioral Aid Toy, Available on Amazon

## ADOPTIONS

# SHOULD YOU ADOPT A SCAREDY CAT?

The short answer is maybe, please don't rule it out. I suggest that you at least consider it and here is why.

A scared or nervous cat or kitten does not mean they are aggressive, just frightened. I understand that most adopters want a nice cuddly pet. But to those of you who are willing to open your home up to a special kitty, I strongly suggest giving a shy cat a chance. Shy cats can learn to trust you and become a wonderful member of the family. It will take time, sometimes weeks and sometimes months or years. I always wanted a super friendly and outgoing cat. Then I started to work with the shy ones about ten years ago; I can tell you it is the most rewarding work that I have done! I have successfully socialized dozens of kittens and adult cats that just needed some time. The key is patience and building trust. Some of the kittens that will come to us this season will be shy and maybe a bit older, so it takes a while for them to relax. They often get overlooked for bolder kittens. I can tell you a shy kitten can turn out just as wonderful as a playful kitten. I have seen it repeatedly. Please don't overlook them.

## OUR ADOPTION HOURS

The shelter is temporarily closed for in person adoptions. Presently we are completing adoptions on a case by case basis. If you are interested in adoption please call us at 617.376.1349 or email us at [adoptions@quincyanimalshelter.org](mailto:adoptions@quincyanimalshelter.org).

Please check our website and social media for the latest updates!

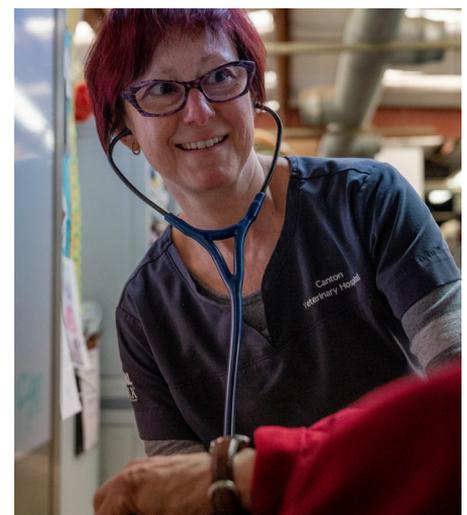
### Got QAS Wear?

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

## THROWBACK THANK YOUS

We want to thank Kristin Scott, DVM of the Canton Veterinary Hospital for her commitment to QAS, coming to the shelter each week on Vet Day and providing excellent care to our cats and dogs. She is a valued resource and we have learned so much from her!

Small businesses have been hit hard by Covid-19. Over the last twenty years we have received thousands of dollars in donations from area Restaurants, Hair Salons and Spas, Gyms, Florists, Pet and Auto businesses as gift cards, raffle prizes and cash. Their generosity has help us tremendously, and we thank every business that has helped us along the way. Now it's our turn to help; whatever you can do to help them through this devastating time. We hope that businesses that are



*Dr. Kristen Scott on Vet Day  
Photo Credit: Andy Reilly*

suffering will bounce back stronger than ever! In the meantime, buy a gift card, order online or some take-out meals. We are all in this together!

THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS STORY

# DHARMA AND SNOWY

This Edition of the Scoop is dedicated in Memoriam to Dharma and Snowy.

This story is not recent, but for those of us involved it has never left us. It gives us hope.

In June of 2002, two pit bulls arrived at QAS, both were clearly neglected and starving. We were told they were abandoned by a tenant in an apartment with one bag of dog food. They were so skinny you could see their rib cages they looked horrible and we were not sure if they would be ok. They got healthy while in our care. They were sweet but terrified. How could anyone do this them?

We named the girl Dharma and her brother Snowy. This was at a time when Pit Bulls were given little consideration and overlooked by adopters and often languished in shelters for months.

Not this time. For some reason, these two dogs were incredibly lucky, and their fate would not only be different it would be unbelievably great! Dharma and Snowy were adopted separately by different families; Dharma went to live in Dorchester and Snowy was off to Weymouth. Both families visited QAS or we would run into them at events or at Petco so, we never

totally lost touch. Both dogs went on to live long happy lives.

Dharma passed away in 2017. Her mom Claire still misses her. "She was a great dog. We took her everywhere even the hair salon, and people loved her. Dharma loved going to dog training and agility classes. She really excelled at police training. She loved everybody". She was such a great dog."

Snowy's parents, Dan and Katrina, brought him home the very first day that they moved into their 1st house. "He was a nut with a ton of energy. He followed us everywhere. He loved people, kids, and was gentle with babies. Snowy loved all animals. His favorite place was Stoddard's Neck where he would chase balls and Frisbees and even swim. He was a big kisser too! He earned his AKC Good Citizen Award. He mellowed with age." He passed away in 2016 after living with his loving family for 14 years.

What makes this story so compelling is that these two dogs had no reason to trust humans, but they did. Dharma and Snowy remind us that what we do does matters.

They lived separate lives but what makes us happy is that both families said the exact same thing about their dog. "the best dog we ever had".

## VISIT // CONTACT // CONNECT WITH QAS

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### ADOPTION HOURS

Currently By Appointment Only. Please check our website and social media for updates.

Please note: Animal surrenders are by appointment only.



Dear Anxious,  
We dogs are loving this new sense of togetherness. I am not surprised that this is making the hair on your back stand up. I have no idea what our humans did to cause this, but I do not want it to end. I love the walks and endless snacks. I think you cats need to wise up and play the game. Maybe we are not the dumb ones. Don't be so hissy as long as you have a roof over your head, I suggest you chill and don't hog the couch.

Stay Safe,  
Hailey

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Snowy

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