

THE SCOOP



PANDEMIC PETS

2020 Not Really the Worst Year Ever.

We have heard it a million times, 2020 is the worst year ever!

Covid-19 has had devastating effects on our health and the way that we must live, but if you are a homeless animal; 2020 is your year. Yes, in 2020 it seems like every household decided to add furry family members, and it is not just dogs and cats; but bunnies, guinea pigs, chickens and goldfish have all benefited from the new normal.

The pandemic has made pet ownership so trendy that even WCVB's nightly new magazine *Chronicle* ran an entire show

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FEATURE STORY WHAT'S YOUR DNA?

They said she was a 5 year old Lab Collie Rottie Mix?

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MEET THE MANAGER DOUBLE DUTY | LAUREN GRENIER

Like many of our volunteers Lauren Grenier wears many hats. See how she makes QAS Socially Acceptable! Meet our newest Board member and Marketing Manager.

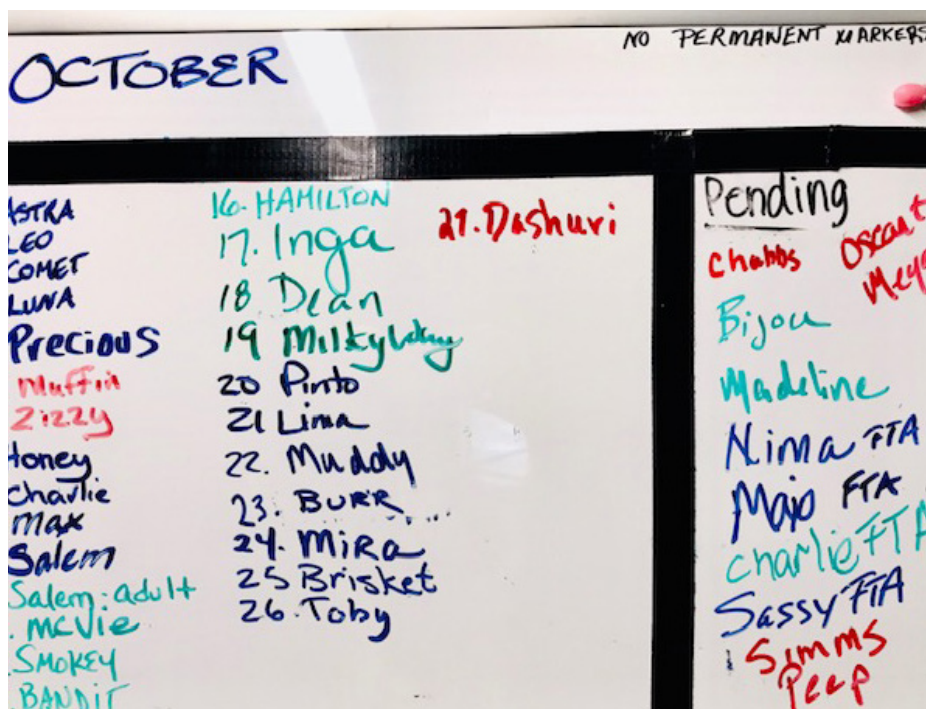
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ANNOUNCEMENT AUCTION TIME

Social Distancing is making fundraising a real challenge this year, see how you can help and have some fun too. The next Facebook Auction is coming in this month.

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October Adoptions

devoted to adoption and handling pet behavior issues during quarantine. The MSPCA cited a marked increase in adoptions and a much shorter stay for their homeless residents. Animals were literally flying off the shelves. The lack of interstate transporting made dogs especially hard to find in New England and kitten season was not yet in full bloom. People have been so desperate to find a new puppy or kitten they are willing to overpay and travel hours to pick up Rover or Fluffy sight unseen. Our own adoption program has been wildly successful. We too have had record numbers of adoptions this year.

Isn't this exactly what we have always hoped for, a home for every animal? Yes of course it is. We are very happy that people want to add a family member because they have the time and maybe a few more stimulus dollars to care for them. There are still thousands of homeless animals in this country. We have always known that having animals in your life is the only way to go!

Adding a pet or two during a pandemic can be the perfect distraction. Having something to care for and to take your mind off the worries of the world is very helpful. Animals can help us feel less stressed.

They provide unconditional love and support. Nice long dog walks. Your new kitty sitting on your keyboard. The kids have always wanted a dog or a cat or a hamster. Everyone can share in the responsibilities and make sure your new addition makes an excellent adjustment. What could possibly go wrong? Probably nothing, and that is what we in the rescue world are hoping for; thousands of happy endings. The purpose of this article is to make sure that is exactly what happens. So here are a few tips to help you adjust when the quarantine ends and life goes back to somethings that might resemble 2019.

Last March we had lots of time on our hands and most of the family was home every day. Our new pets only knew this routine. Everyone is home, everyone loves me and everyone spends lots of time with me. Fast forward to September, school is starting, the kids need to do remote learning, some of us are going into the office more and our schedules are hectic and maybe a bit stressful. The pet is no longer the center of attention and they know it. Now some pets will adjust without any problems at all. Others will struggle with separation anxiety and a sudden change in routine (not just dogs, the cats too).

It seems that we will be in this for a while longer, maybe until late 2021, but no one knows for sure. One of the biggest reasons people do not get a pet is because they do not have the time or the money to care for them. If you are headed back to work you may start to feel that way and your pet can feel your anxiety too. We want to make sure that you take a few steps to ensure a smooth transition back to reality. Start by changing your daily routine a little at a time. The goal is to have your pet adjust to their new normal before it becomes reality. For example, leave your pets alone for a while during the day. Set up a feeding and walking schedule that you can keep up if you go back to work. Make sure you set aside time to play with your pets after you go back to work. Look into doggie day care or a pet sitter now so you can choose one that fits your needs.

Having a pet is also a financial commitment. The adoption fee is just the beginning and while most pets do not have high health care needs, it is best to be prepared in these uncertain times. Consider having a separate fund or credit card available just in case. Pet insurance is also a way to save money should the unexpected occur.

We could not be happier than to see this adoption boom taking place. We hope that every animal has found their forever home! Despite what we are seeing here, there are still thousands of homeless animals across the country. Whether you adopt from us or another organization, make sure you are ready for the lifelong commitment. We can't help but be a little nervous that some of these adoptions, although well intentioned, were a bit impulsive. We do not want to see the animals bounced back if the economy declines, people have no time or they just bit off more than they could chew. So if you have added a new family member congratulations and we wish you all the best. If you are considering it now, do your homework and make sure this is the right time for your family.

FEATURE STORY

WHAT’S YOUR DNA?

For years, shelters and rescues have relied on their best guess as what kind of dog just walked in the door. Looks like a lab, but German Shepherd ears, basset hound feet and is covered in Dalmatian spots now that might be a stretch but the truth is unless we have the parents or the papers we have no idea what kind of dog it is; we can only make our best guess. The problem is that our best guess and how we label a dog can have a huge effect on the adopter’s expectations. Who doesn’t love a shepherd collie mix? Looks like a pit bull, I do not want a pit bull. We have tested a few of our

shelter dogs and most of the results were very surprising combinations. So far we have only been a little bit right. So that is why you might see more shelters label less. For example you will see Mixed Breed with approximate age ranges like, baby, juvenile adult or senior.

Over the last few years Dog DNA kits have been used to better identify a dog’s breed or in most cases breed mix. Wisdom Panel, Embark and DNA My Dog are the most popular tests. They can be used to identify the breed mix, give you percentages of each breed down to 1%. They also

offer health information that can check for a variety of gene specific diseases and disorders just like they can for humans. Now that does not mean your dog will or won’t get sick but it gives you an idea of what his genetic make-up looks like.

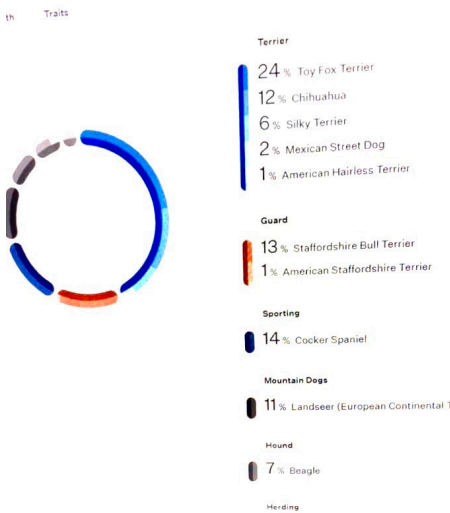
The companies boast a 95-99% accuracy rate. The tests are pretty easy to administer to cooperative dogs. Take a cheek swab, send it off in the mail and wait a few weeks for results.

Here is an example of a Wisdom Panel Test. The adoption papers listed him as a Rat terrier Mix. He is commonly mistaken for a Jack Russell Beagle mix. But look at these results. No Jack Russell or Rat terrier and only 7% Beagle. In the end he is just a good old mutt!

Most adopters just want a great dog and no DNA test can predict that! But it sure is fun to find out what you brought home!



A True Mutt



Wisdom Panel Test

MEET THE MANAGER

LAUREN GRENIER | MARKETING MANAGER



Lauren and her nephew

Lauren Grenier has always loved animals, and when she heard of the opportunity to help grow the shelter program, she signed up to volunteer her time right away! Lauren has served as our Marketing Manager since 2019. She has done a terrific job creating a social media presence for QAS.

"Since I have started volunteering, we have rebranded the QAS logo and continue to promote our 20th anniversary this year through our \$20 for 20 challenge on Facebook to hit a \$20,000 goal." Lauren is also involved in promoting our new Facebook Auction. In August 2020, Lauren joined our Board of Directors where she will continue to work on projects that help QAS stay social. Marketing is such an important tool and we are so lucky to have an experienced person on the team.

"Outside of the shelter, I am the Marketing Director at Granite Telecommunications, where I have been employed for eight years. I also volunteer with a women's program, Alliance of Channel Women, where I co-chair the communications committee. I'm also proud to be on the Kidding Around committee for Boston Children's Hospital, an event for adults to act like kids again while raising money for BCH."

Outside of work and volunteering, Lauren loves being with family and friends and traveling the country and world with her fiancé. : I have always believed life is too short not to enjoy and take in every moment!" We are thrilled to have Lauren on our team!



Leo, aka Maxwell, was reunited with his family of 17 years after 2 weeks thanks to his microchip!



Sasha has left the building



Ask us about Minnie! She needs a great home.

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE SEASON OF GIVING. GREAT WAYS TO HELP QAS!

**Don't Miss our Holiday Auction
Happening Now!
Nov 7. - 29th.**

Many nonprofit groups have had to rely heavily on social media to carry out any sort of fund raising this year and this trend will most likely continue for months to come. For right now the road races, wine tastings and big live events are just not happening. Virtually everything is Virtual!

QAS held two Facebook Auctions this year. We tested the water and liked the results. So much so that we will be holding another one in November. So what is a Facebook Auction? It is really simple and to be honest not our idea. Many groups have been doing this for years, and due to Covid 19 this has really exploded.

You can help us and have fun too! The first thing you must do it like our Facebook Page so you will know when the auction will begin. Once it starts the bidding will last for 14 days. The items are donated by volunteers

and supporters. All items are new or gently used. We will set a value, minimum bid and minimum bid increments and then the fun starts. Place your bid and see what happens next. You might be outbid and if you really have your heart set on the time bid again! All the money will go to support our animals in need. If you win the item we will let you know and tell you the final cost (state sales tax and shipping may apply) items will be shipped or arrangements can be made for local pickup in Quincy. Our Holiday Auction event will feature a variety of items to bid on. Pet items, Art work and Our brand new holiday cards! Check it out now!

Maybe you are not into online shopping? You can still help by donating new or gently used items that would be suitable for our raffles such as pet related items, local gift cards, art, and jewelry. Send us an email, message us on Facebook or give us a call at 617-376-1349. The last way that you can help us make out auction a success is share it with all of your Facebook friends. The more the merrier.



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.*

It is ok that I am different? I mean I am a purebred dog and sometimes at the dog park I hear the "rescue dogs" talking smack about me. What do they have against me? Rescue is so trendy. It is not like I'm from a puppy mill. I came from a nice breeder. I'm a pretty perfect Golden Retriever. I love everything. It is not my fault that I am 100%. They won't even play with me. What makes them so great? I need some friends.

Sincerely,
Dissed from Duxbury

see Hailey's reply on pg.15

FACEBOOK AUCTION



LIVE: Nov. 7th - Nov. 29th

Find us on Facebook for more details!



AMAZON SMILE

Who doesn't love shopping on Amazon? This is a great way to get the things you need for yourself and helping QAS too. Choose QAS as your Amazon Smile charity. As of August 2020 we have received almost \$5,500.00 from this great resource. Every little bit counts. <https://www.quincyanimalshelter.org/get-involved/shop-to-help/>

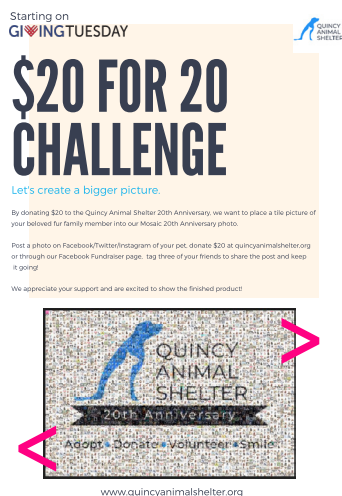


AMAZON WISH LIST

This year we were in great need of adult dry cat food and cat litter. We posted our need on Facebook and the response was fast and furryus! We love using Amazon because it ensures that we get exactly what we need and you do not have to lug it to the shelter. It is a Win Win for everyone! https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/21IXNB8BJC2Q1?ref_=wl_share

THE 20 FOR 20 CHALLENGE

There is still time to help us reach our goal of raising \$20,000.00 in honor of our 20 years of success. The easier way is to make a donation right on our face book page or you can mail it to us anytime.



CAGE CARDS

One of our favorite programs lets our donors sponsor a cage or kennel in honor of or in memory of a person or pet for a few months or a year! We love seeing the photos and notes honoring those that we have loved or lost. It is really heartwarming to see these people and animals honored and know you are doing good at the same time.

DIRECTED GIVING FUNDS:

We have three funds that have a purpose. This means that you can choose exactly how we use your donation. Pick the one that will make you feel good!

THE MICKEY MEDICAL FUND: OUR GREATEST NEED!

The Mickey Medical Fund helps us provide above and beyond medical care to any of our animals who need it. This money will pay for dental surgeries, diagnostic procedures like x-rays and ultrasounds or the treatment of an injury. Last year we spent more than \$20,000 from this fund which has left us with great need to replenish. The Mickey fund allows us to treat an animal who otherwise might need to be euthanized.

WESLEY'S WISH FERAL CAT FUND

The money helps us rescue and care for the most vulnerable cats living on the streets. The money you donate will help us buy food, supplies such as traps and shelter and provide medical care and spay and neuter cats for our Trap Neuter and release programs.

THE NEW BUILDING FUND

Yes we are getting a brand new shelter. Although we are not sure when we do know it is in our future. (See the update in QAS News) This

will allow us to care for more animals and provide more services for the public. We know our operating costs will increase and we will need to outfit the shelter with more cages and kennels. Your donation will help us make sure we have a smooth transition.

For more information, go to our website quincyanimalshelter.org



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

- Please make your check payable to:
Quincy Animal Shelter
- 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.



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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 us 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

INSTRUCTION

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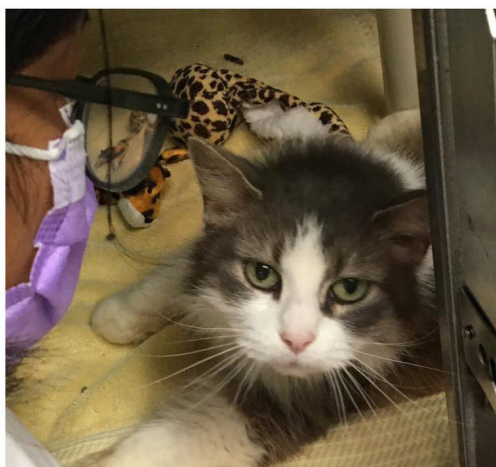
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SUCCESS STORIES

BIJOU



Before and After



Beautiful Bijou waits for the perfect home

The Most Miraculous Makeover Award Goes to Bijou!

Remember the show Extreme Makeover well a picture is worth a thousand words and in this case it is two photographs that will make your heart sink and then soar. Bijou did not only look like something the cat dragged in, she looked like she was on her last life. Thankfully, a Good Samaritan posted the first photo on social media. Our feral team got involved and the next day rescued Bijou!

Once she was at the shelter we knew her health was a big concern, so she was brought to The Weymouth Landing Cat Clinic for some much needed treatment, rest and a makeover. Life on the street was not kind to her. Efforts to find her owner were unsuccessful. Once back at the shelter she had a new lease on life; both sweet and feisty; Bijou does everything on her own terms.. We believe this is a success story because of the outpouring of love and affection that this cat continues to receive from the general public and our volunteers!.

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

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.

SUCCESS STORIES

LACY AND TORTELLINI

Adopters Emily and Auberon did not give up on love.

October 2019 we moved into a new apartment and FINALLY we had a landlord who allowed us to have one cat! We drove over to Quincy Animal Shelter and our friend Lynda who is a volunteer told us about an older tortoiseshell girl named Lacey who was overweight and had some health concerns. The moment we met her she rubbed right up against us and we knew we just had to bring her home! She didn’t take long to adjust; she was immediately ready to love and be loved. We adored her “tortitude” and the way she followed everywhere we went just so she could snuggle up close. We weren’t prepared for how attached we would grow to be. We got her to exercise and diet, and she was losing weight steadily, but 20 weeks went by and her health started declining rapidly. Ultimately, we had to say the hardest goodbye. We were absolutely heartbroken, but so happy to have met such a beautiful soul, who we will always carry in our hearts. It meant so much that we were able to give her a loving home in her last months. Rest in peace, sweet Lacey.

We took a few weeks to mourn, but our apartment felt empty without a kitty to love. We were ready in March to go back to QAS, but Covid halted our plans for several extra weeks. As soon as adoptions were allowed again, we put our application in for another tortoiseshell cat, just five years old, who we found on the shelter’s website. We were told this kitty had not shown a soft side to the volunteers in the shelter; she would growl, hiss, and swat at anyone who got close. This did not put us off though, and we said yes, we want to give her a good life outside of the shelter. We brought her home and renamed her Tortellini. She was VERY scared for a few weeks. She hid a

lot, hissed a lot, and loud noises triggered her to the point she attacked us a few times. We were worried, but took advice from the shelter and vet to put her on medication. We also gave her a room to herself to help her adjust. It helped so much! By giving her lots of personal space and lots of play time (that she seemed fairly new to, and boy does she love it!) We were able to build trust and make her feel safe. Today, she is a whole new cat. She openly seeks love and pets, and she’s even started cuddling next to us on the couch, while purring! All she needed was patience, and to be given a chance. We are so happy that we are able to give that to her. We can’t wait to get to know her as she grows!

IN MEMORIAM

KEY AND ACE

by Paulette Cappadona QAS Volunteer

Sadly I lost both of my QAS alumni this year. First I lost Key, a feisty white beauty who would smack the other five siblings. But she loved the other dogs, especially Ace. She would get in his crate and give him a bath and then sleep with him. A few months later I had to let Ace go. He was getting ulcers in his eyes and would have been an ongoing problem. Ace was 17 years young. But no one would have guessed. He was fondly called the “Mayor of the dog park.” If the other dogs were playing and making noise, he would run over and try to bite one of them. Thankfully, most would think he was trying to play and would ignore him. He was one of a kind.

We know that Key and Ace are missed and that they had a wonderful life with Paulette. RIP.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK 2020

Always the 1st week in November. Here is how you can get involved.

Each year, The Humane Society of the United States (The HSUS) celebrates National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week during the first full week of November, as a way to honor animal shelters and the dedicated people who work to protect animals. Animal shelters are vital resources for their communities. A shelter is a safe haven for animals, and a great place to adopt a new family pet. Shelters also provide critical services such as investigating cruelty and neglect, reuniting lost pets with their families, teaching kids to care about animals, and providing spay/neuter services to help reduce pet overpopulation. There are approximately 3,500 animal shelters across the United States, available to serve the estimated 6–8 million homeless animals that seek refuge each year, but only about half are adopted. While 63 percent of

American households include pets, fewer than 20 percent of them were adopted from shelters. National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week is a perfect opportunity for you, your family, and your community to become acquainted with their local shelter and to help homeless pets.

Here are just a few ways to get involved:

- Adopt your next pet from a shelter!
- Become a fan of your local shelter on Facebook.
- Volunteer—helping animals at the shelter can be an incredibly rewarding experience.
- Be a responsible pet owner. Keep your pet at home as a member of your family for a lifetime. Spay/neuter your pets, make sure they're wearing collars and ID tags (to get them home if they become lost), don't let your pets roam loose. Ask your local shelter what else you can do to be a great pet owner.
- Donate supplies. Shelters are often in need of towels, toys, and other items. Always check with your local shelter first to

find out what they need. Request donations of from family, friends, and colleagues. You might also want to team up with your child's school, afterschool, or camp to organize an Animal Shelter Drive.

The HSUS is the nation's strongest advocate for local humane societies. Besides celebrating the valuable service that shelters provide to our nation's communities through National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, The HSUS supports shelters and animal rescue groups by providing training programs, hosting the nation's largest trade and educational show for shelter professionals, and advising shelters on best practices. The HSUS has also partnered with Maddie's Fund and the Ad Council to launch the Shelter Pet Project, the nation's largest promotion of shelter animal adoption. (Courtesy of humanesociety.org)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

OUR ANNUAL VOLUNTEER DINNER POSTPONED

The month of November is very special to us; it is the month of our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The event is always held during National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week. Since QAS began in 1999, we have found a way to get together for a few hours to celebrate the fine work that our volunteers do each and every day. Because of the way we operate many volunteers have never met and may only know each other by email or text. The night is a chance for everyone to

connect and talk about the work that they love so much. We hand out some awards and have a raffle but spending time together is the best part of the night. Our very first volunteer dinner was held at Siros at Marina Bay in 2000 and since then we have had cookouts at Merrymount Beach, dinner at Allerton Commons, We spent a few years at Alba, The Neighborhood Club and the last ten years we have celebrated at The Tirrell Room. We thank all of the businesses that have

supported us over the years too!

Sadly, this year we cannot hold our event. But that does not mean that we won't celebrate the dedication of our volunteers. They mean so much to us. Without our volunteers our doors would close and our animals would have no hope. We plan on holding our event as soon as it is safe to do so. Until then we just want to say a special thank you to everyone who works to keep our shelter running especially this year!

SUCCESS STORIES

DEBBIE WISEMAN CLASIE



Debbie Wiseman Clasie

We always want adopters to have an awesome experience. Happy Adopters mean everything to us. Debbie is really rocking the adoptions! She completed her 1000th QAS adoption this year and she is still going strong. So this is a

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little success story about our Kitten Coordinator. We love when our volunteers get fan mail!

"Debbie was wonderful from the start! She was thorough in explaining the adoption process due to Covid-19

and gave us detailed descriptions and photos of our kittens, Merlot and Punk. We fell in love the minute we saw them! Debbie gave us the paperwork and a meticulous review of the medical records. She answered all of our questions. She was so kind and professional and we felt fortunate to have her coordinating our adoption for us. You can tell how much she loves her job and how much she cares about finding the right home for her little ones. Debbie is a wonderful representative of QAS and you are lucky to have her." Sincerely, Lauren and Ben, new parents of Merlot and Punk.

AVERY'S PAWSITIVE CHANGE



Avery

Avery's letter reads:

Hi, my name is Avery and I'm thirteen years old. I started a project of donating gift cards to random animal shelters and you were one of the places I picked! I donate these gift cards because I know it will help. \$5.00 is not much, but something is better than nothing and I know how donations can help and go a long way. Even a small donation could help with a small bag of food, treats, toys, or even cleaning supplies. There are so many animals in this world that need help and cared for. There are also so many animals that get neglected. I am hoping this gift card will help a little. I help out at our local animal clinic and someday I want to be a vet tech and hopefully own my own shelter. I'm thankful for people like you who run an animal shelter to help animals. You have a hard job every day and most times it's overlooked by many people. I hope this brightens your day and know someone is thinking of you. You truly are some animals heroes every day. So if you ever doubt your job, don't because someone like me looks up to someone like you. I also have a Facebook page called Avery's Pawsitive Change. When you have time to check it out, please share my page and Go Fund Me page to yours so we can get many more shelters involved in receiving gift cards!! My Go Fund Me page is also called Avery's Pawsitive Change. If you happen to know someone who might want to donate we would love to purchase more gift cards to help more shelters so please tell them about it.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Avery Sontheimer
351 E Pleasant St
Corry, PA 16407
kdc7@hotmail.com
814.462.4505

This is what the spirit of giving is all about. We received a little card in the mail last month that had a big message inside. It was a thank you card to us with a \$5.00 gift card enclosed. It was from an Avery Sontheimer of Corry, PA. She is 13 years old and has cancer.

Here's what it said:

"You're one of the places I chose to help. Because of my passions for animals. Thanks for everything you do for the animal every day. I usually hand write these notes but unfortunately I was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma Cancer and writing is something that I can't do right now. But I want to keep helping animals. So I have to type it out instead. Please check out my Facebook page, Avery's Positive Change to follow my mission."

Here is a copy of the letter that explains her mission and her desire to help as many animals as possible. She is asking for donations and she has a GOFUNDME page. She wants to be a vet tech when she grows up. This is truly an amazing girl. She is currently undergoing treatment for her cancer now.

Please take a moment to read her letter and make a donation to help her dream come true. Her goal is to raise \$20,000.00 to help homeless animals. She has sent out 115 gift cards! Check her out on Facebook too **Avery's Pawsitive Change: Collecting Change for Animals** to make a difference in the world. We hope you are as inspired by this girl's courage and kindness as we are. We wish Avery a full and wonderful recovery!

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Avery's Pawsitive Change

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THANK YOU FOR SPECIAL DONATIONS

- Presidents Golf Club of Quincy Ladies' Association held a tournament called "Bloody Mary Madness" and raised over \$500 for QAS
- Monthly donations towards food for residents or care of cats in our Feral Cat Program or the Mickey Medical Fund.
- Monthly donations thru PayPal by 77 individuals \$500.00
- 7 individuals who did FaceBook fundraiser for their birthday- Donations totalled \$965.00
- WATERWORKS of Boston donated huge bag of brand new towels

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ANNOUNCEMENT**Please Welcome our New Volunteer Coordinator: Patti Sherman**

We are so pleased that Patti has chosen to take on this role. She is a seasoned QAS volunteer who knows the ins and out of our operation. She is caring, compassionate and fair minded. Patti wants to improve the volunteer experience and is focusing on recruitment and training. Thank you Patti for your commitment to our volunteers!

**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.

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.

UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

ESTATE PLANNING FOR PETS**BY ATTORNEY LYNN A. BUSKEY**

Lynn Buskey is a QAS volunteer and an attorney. These are unprecedented times and you may find this information useful, especially now.

We engage in estate planning because we want to protect the ones we love. While most people consider their pet part of the family, they often overlook their pet's care in the event of their own disability or death. What if you were injured and unable to care for your pet, or worse, unable to even make arrangements for such care? What would happen to your pet if you died? These questions are often overlooked when engaging in estate planning. Despite our love for our pets, under the law they are considered property. In the event of your disability, the person appointed to handle your finances – whether it is someone you named in a Power of Attorney or someone the court named as the conservator of your estate – would be in charge of your pet along with your other property. Also consider what happens during the time it takes for a conservator to be appointed, or whether the person named in your Power of Attorney will know what to do. If you have no plan in place for your property after your death, then it – along with your pet – will pass to your next of kin under the Massachusetts intestacy statute (M.G.L. c. 190B, §2-101 et seq.). Even if this is acceptable, it takes time to probate an estate

and distribute assets to heirs. What happens during the interim? If you have a Will without specific mention of your pet, after your death your pet passes with the rest of your tangible personal property. This means that the person who inherits your furniture will likely inherit your pet as well. And again, it takes time to probate and distribute assets. Although there is a delay for probate, it is still a good idea to state your wishes in your Will. At least you are able to name the caregiver of your choice (and a back-up caregiver), and hopefully things will “work out” in the interim. Better planning, of course, is to discuss your pet's care in advance with the intended caregiver. Do not assume that a friend who loves your pet will be willing and able to provide the necessary care. Some things to consider include the type of home they live in, other pets, family allergies, job, lifestyle, and of course, the cost. Even the caregiver with the best intentions could be unable to properly care for your pet if he or she cannot afford it. Should you leave money to the caregiver to offset the costs of caring for your pet, and if so, how much? Consideration should be given to the age and longevity of your pet, overall health and medical needs, and general upkeep needs such as professional grooming and doggie daycare. Also consider if the caregiver should be compensated for caring for your pet. What if you do not want to leave money outright to the caregiver? What if you are concerned about compliance with your wishes? What about the delay caused by these methods of planning? A “pet trust” is a trust designed to manage the costs of caring for your pet in the event of your disability or death. A pet trust would also include needed instructions and your wishes for your pet's care and standard of living, as well as your final wishes for your pet after death. As recently as ten years

ago Massachusetts did not allow trusts for the benefit of pets.

Historically, trusts had to have a human or charitable beneficiary, so a trust for the care of animals was not valid. As of 2011, Massachusetts has had a statute that specifically authorizes the use of trusts for the care of animals (M.G.L. c. 203E, §408). There are some conditions that need to be met, such as the animal has to be alive during your lifetime; you cannot provide for generations of animals that may be born after your death, although a commentary on the statute provides that a trust can be created for animals in gestation at the time of your death. Note that a court can reduce the amount of money funding a pet trust if the court “determines that the amount substantially exceeds the amount required for the intended use and the court finds that there will be no substantial adverse impact in the care, maintenance, health or appearance of the covered animal.” (M.G.L. c. 203E, §408(c)). In that case, the amount determined to be “excess” would pass as you have directed in the trust as if your pet had passed. Recall Leona Helmsley's bequest of \$12 million for the care of her dog “Trouble”. This was reduced to \$2 million because a New York court determined it to be in excess of what was needed. The excess was distributed to the next beneficiaries.

Another concern is who will watch over the trustee to ensure compliance with the terms of the trust. To deal with this, you may name a person to enforce the terms of the trust, which may or may not be the caregiver. You can also name someone to watch over the caregiver to ensure your pet is receiving the requisite care. A pet trust cannot continue indefinitely; it can only last for the lifetime of a pet that was living while you were

alive. Therefore, the trust should also have one or more human or charitable beneficiaries to receive the assets remaining after your pet's passing and payment for any final arrangements you have directed in the trust (or to receive the excess if the court reduces the amount for your pet's care). We strive to provide the best care for our pets, so it only makes sense to continue to provide for them after we are unable to do so ourselves. Doing so entails not only planning for their care, but the costs for their care. © Lynn A. Buskey 2020



YEAR IN REVIEW



Kiki & Dealer at home



Muddy (left) goes home



Hushie is adopted

KITTEN WISH LIST

All brands and sizes are welcome, 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



Collette and Anastasia adopted

OUR ADOPTION HOURS

During Covid-19, adoptions are by appointment only.

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.



Kate



Goldie

QAS NEWS

ANIMAL CONTROL CORNER

BY DON CONBOY ACO

Quincy Animal Shelter volunteers have stepped up again during this long pandemic. While we have essentially shut down the building to the public, the running of QAS has gone on, maybe better than ever. Dogs have been fostered outside the building, along with some cats, as adoptions have continued and the animals placed in forever homes. Twice daily shifts have been scaled down but the great work the volunteers do of feeding and cleaning has gone on, uninterrupted. If you can help, QAS still needs donations to keep this great work going on. Over twenty years of going strong and the beat goes on. Thank you for your dedication!

NEW SHELTER UPDATE

Yes we are getting new shelter and yes it will be a while longer. But at least

we have a time frame for construction to begin. It looks like May 2021 is when the first shovel will break ground and we are truly excited. The building will be a state of the art multi-purpose building that will house Quincy Animal Control, The Quincy Police K9 Unit and us, The Quincy Animal Shelter, Inc.

While the final design and the final cost of the shelter is still being worked out, we do know that it will be a major upgrade from the space that we reside in now.

We just learned that we will be moving to a temporary location in the spring for about 18 months while the new shelter is being built. The location has not yet been determined. Our current location will be knocked down to make way for the new public safety headquarters.

There is no question that the temporary relocation of the shelter will be very challenging for us but we know in the end it will be worth it. Stay tuned!



Dear Dissed,

Yes rescuing a dog is a great way to save a life. Some of these dogs have had it very rough and in some cases could have ended up in a horrible situation. Despite this most of them do not have a chip on their shoulder. You are right it is not your fault that your humans bought you from a breeder; you are a dog too. You deserve a great life with friends to play with. I suggest that when you go to the dog park you show them how much fun you are. Just don't brag about having papers or act like an afghan! They will come around.

Best of Luck!
Hailey

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We Can't Wait For 2021

Meet The Manager

Cats Indoors - Why it Matters!



This Edition of the Scoop is Dedicated to Fantasia and The Smith Family

IN MEMORY OF FANTASIA

On July 31, 2020 our baby Fantasia danced on her two hind legs over rainbow bridge! We had 14 wonderful years with her and we will miss her terribly. Fantasia wasn't just a dog, she was closest to human than any of our other previous pups. She came at a time in our lives when the kids were grown and her adoption at just 9 months old from Quincy Animal Shelter filled our home with a new child-like addition. Whether it was greeting us at the door, cuddling on our lap or getting costume ready for Halloween, she was always an enthusiastic player in our home! We love you sweet girl and will think of you every day.

— The Smith Family

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