

# THE SCOOP



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SHELTER!

Nearly ten years to the day, we moved into the new shelter at 99 Quarry St. We are now located at the City of Quincy Animal Care Center. Our beautiful new space is shared with Quincy Animal Control and The City of Quincy Police Canine Unit. We officially moved on May 5th and celebrated with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Both events were well attended and lots of fun. We would like to thank everyone who worked on this project and those who came to support us at the Grand Opening Events. It was great to see you!



## WORKING TOGETHER: QAS, Animal Control and The City of Quincy

Our address has changed but the work we do has not. In fact, the need is growing. Since 1999 QAS has worked alongside Quincy Animal Control saving lives.

Our new shelter allows us to continue our 26-year partnership with the City of Quincy and Animal Control. The City of Quincy has provided QAS with a state-of-the-art shelter that will help us save more lives and offer more services to the community. That still costs money, a lot of money. Our annual operating budget now exceeds \$400k. QAS does not receive any state or federal funding. The city graciously gives us a place to call home, but we pay for all costs associated with animal care and everything else that it takes to run a non-profit business. This new shelter will allow us to do more, and it will cost more.

We must make a difference in the lives of animals. We are amid an animal welfare crisis fueled by a troubled economy and the rising costs of housing, food and vet care. While it is easy to love an animal it can be hard to pay for everything. We want to help. We must help.

But we cannot do it without you. So yes, we have an awesome new shelter. We are very lucky to have such a grand place. You might think "well they do not need my support anymore," but we do. You are the reason that we are still here. You are the reason that we have saved nearly 11,000 dogs and cats. So please stop in and say hi and we will show you what we do and why we still need you.



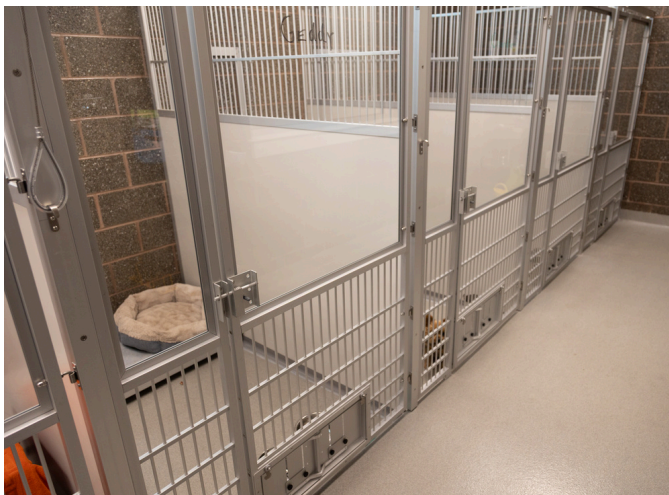
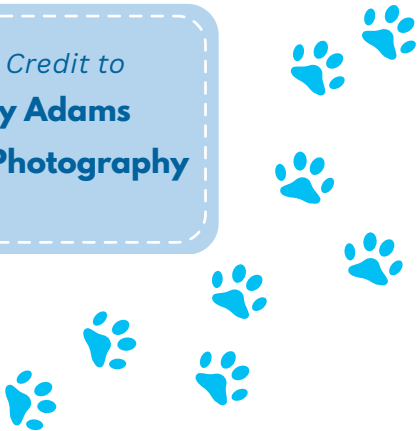


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**Fine Art Photography**





## QAS Teams Up with the NEW ENGLAND FREE JACKS

*By Bill Eastwick and Emily Duff*

**Rugby anyone?** Quincy Animal Shelter is thrilled to be teaming up with the New England Free Jacks. They had a fantastic season and welcomed our QAS dogs for adoption events at 3 games. We raised \$1,620 in donations, 8 dogs were adopted, we received 2 foster applications and 9 volunteer applications!

Looking ahead, we're excited to share that QAS is collaborating with the Free Jacks on a 2026 team calendar featuring Free Jacks players alongside our adoptable and alumni animals. These photos are sure to be a fun way to keep our animals in the spotlight.

We want to thank all the attendees at the games who stopped by to visit us, donate or adopt one of our dogs.



Our long-term resident, Bella, was quite popular with the crowd. It was a wonderful way to spread the word about our available animals. We are already looking forward to next season!

### Exciting New Sponsorship Opportunity:



## THE GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM



We are expanding this popular program. You can choose to sponsor one of our new Cat Condos, Dog Kennels, or one of our new Cat or Dog Bonding Rooms. We also offer three large cat playrooms for annual sponsorship. This is a perfect way to honor the memory of a beloved pet or human. Sponsorship makes a great birthday or holiday gift. We Invite families, groups and businesses to sign up too. We will work with you to make your sponsorship special.

## GUARDIAN ANGEL SPONSORSHIP FORM

Quincy Animal Shelter offers many ways to donate in honor or in memory of your loved ones. Our Guardian Angel Sponsorships are available for 3-, 6- and 12-Month durations. The space you choose can be dedicated to a family member, friend, beloved pet(s). We now offer large spaces for annual sponsorship. Perfect for corporate sponsorships and Group dedications.

**STEP 1** Decide and check off the type of space you wish to dedicate.

**STEP 2** Circle how long you wish to sponsor the space.

☐ Cat Cage

☐ Dog Kennel

☐ Cat Bonding Room

☐ Dog Bonding Room

☐ Open Cat Playrooms

**3 Months  
\$75.00**

**6 Months  
\$150.00**

**12 Months  
\$300.00**

**3 Months  
\$75.00**

**6 Months  
\$150.00**

**12 Months  
\$300.00**

**12 Months  
\$500.00**

**12 Months  
\$500.00**

**12 Months  
\$500.00**

**STEP 3** Name of the person or pets: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Message: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Optional:* Send us a photo! Email photo to [guardianangel@quincyanimalshelter.org](mailto:guardianangel@quincyanimalshelter.org)

**STEP 4** Make your tax-deductible donation:

**Pay by Check:** Quincy Animal Shelter  
P.O. Box 690088  
Quincy, MA 02269-0088

**Pay through our website:**  
[QuincyAnimalShelter.org](http://QuincyAnimalShelter.org)

## 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.

### Donations

#### Donation amount:

Quincy Animal Shelter thanks you for donations of any 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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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.



## SAVE THE DATES:

Our all-volunteer events team is working nonstop to raise money for our animals and have lots of fun at the same time. Coming up are some exciting new events as well as some returning fan favorites.

There is something for everyone this year. Check it out!



## OCTOBER:

- **4<sup>th</sup>** : Microchip Clinic at Quirk Subaru
- **11<sup>th</sup>** : 3rd Annual Braintree Beer Garden Takeover and Cornhole Event
- **20<sup>th</sup>** : Granite Links Charity Golf Tournament
- **31<sup>st</sup>** : Howl-o-Ween at Break Rock Brewery



## NOVEMBER:

- **7<sup>th</sup>** : The Cat Art Show at QAS
- **22<sup>nd</sup>** : The Fall Fair Craft Show at the Kennedy Center



## DECEMBER:

- **13<sup>th</sup>** : Holiday Open House at QAS



# SAVE THE DATE

Join the

# QUINCY ANIMAL SHELTER

for the 3rd Annual





# TAKEOVER

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT BY BOSTON BAGGO CO.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
 Rain Date: October 18  
**12PM - 4PM**

Food and Beer Trucks  
 Live Music by Tim Clark  
 Raffles and Prizes  
 Vendors  
 and of course, dogs!

**Thank You to Our Partners:**  
 Kay's Cans & Bottles  
 Boston Baggo Co.  
 The Mutt  
 Stretch N Motion

**SIGN UP HERE:**





# QUINCY ANIMAL SHELTER CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Presented by Quincy Animal Shelter & The Hale Family*

**OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025**  
*Granite Links Golf Club*  
 TEE OFF AT 11AM




**RAFFLES  
 AUCTIONS  
 BREAKFAST & DINNER  
 UNLIMITED RANGE BALLS**

**REGISTRATION  
 NOW OPEN!**



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



### Audrey Tellier

*Volunteer Since 2015*



Audrey came to a QAS open house in 2015. She was looking for a “community” to join. She learned that her husband’s cancer had returned. Audrey wanted to make some new friends. She wanted to be a part of something. She started as a dog walker on Monday nights and is still a part of the same team. Over the years she became a greeter on the adoption team, helps at events and recently added “laundry lady” to her list of roles. Audrey’s favorite shelter story is the day she got bit by a dog. Thankfully it was not serious. She was nipped by a dog named Luna. QAS had planned to send Luna to a board and train program to reduce her stress at the shelter. Once she was sent to the program, the family that had to give her up was able to take her back and Luna is back with her special family once again. What a happy ending.

Audrey has lived in Quincy for 45 years. Sadly, her husband passed away in 2021.

She is the proud mom of two sons and 2 grandchildren. She retired from her career at BFDS. She fondly remembers her 3 pugs and 3 cats. Audrey found her community and many friends at QAS, and we are just as happy that we found her. Thank you for your 10 years of devoted service to QAS.

## Steve Trio

*Volunteer Since 2022*



*In the summer of 2021, my wife Cathy and I moved to the Squantum section of Quincy after being lifelong North Shore residents. At that time, we recently lost our 12-year-old yellow lab and were looking for a way to fill a void and my love for dogs. It drew me to Quincy Animal Shelter, where I joined winter 2021 as a member of the canine team. I loved the fact that I could walk to and from the shelter and spend two hours caring for the animals I had grown up with all my life. Being new to the city it was a great way to meet so many new and caring people who shared a love for animals. Not long after starting I was fortunate to experience my first “favorite” volunteer moment. An emaciated little boxer puppy with two broken toes that the shelter named “Lady” immediately stole my heart. We fostered her for 3 months then adopted her with her new name “Moon” and new life. I am married with 3 grown children and 3 granddaughters. I graduated from Northeastern University in Boston and worked in the insurance industry until my retirement in 2020. My hobby and other passion is playing my guitar in a local Quincy based band, Bad Street, where I have had the great fortune to meet so many new people at so many wonderful South Shore venues. I may have grown up and raised a family on the North Shore, but the South Shore is where I was meant to be.*

Steve is an awesome addition to the canine team!



## SUCCESS STORIES

Our adoption team did not miss a beat during our move.

Here are just a few of the dozens of adoptions that took place since the last scoop!

**Alfafa**



Looking totally Zen soaking up the sun. His adopters say he's very mischievous and chatty.

**Phoenix**

Phoenix, now Oden, with BFF



**Sweetie**



Now known as Olive, she went to live her best life.

**Yoshi**



It took a little while for her to find her humans but when she did it was perfect. Yoshi was OK with Eric during the meet and greet, but when they came to get her, Yoshi really wasn't that interested in Eric being near her, she was much more interested in Molly. Well, their lovefest did not take long to happen.

**Tusa and Gary**



These boys are the best buds! They been playing, eating and sleeping together. Their cat daddy says it's like they've known each other their whole lives.

**Fred**



Here is Fred and his Mom. He is doing great and is very loved.

**Meredith**

Meredith is doing just fine in her new home.



**Isabella**

Found as a stray in Boston. Izzy adapted to shelter life quickly. Always happy to play ball, she won her new family over fast.



## Chelsea

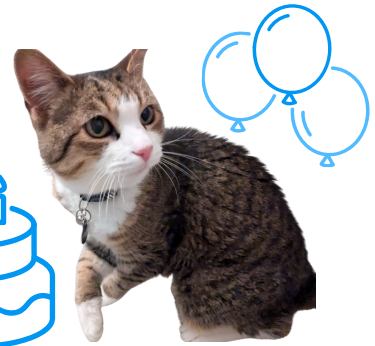


Her story ended up on the local news. She ended up in 2 shelters before landing at QAS. Amazingly friendly but understandably fearful, Chelsea won over just about every QAS volunteer. She is finally happy at home.

"Chelsea has been a perfect angel. We are obsessed. She is seemingly adjusting great. We get massive tail wags. Way less 'growling' and I think she's loving the attention. She only had a few accidents in the first 24 hours but hasn't had one since. She is so calm when left alone, we got a

puppy cam and she just hangs out on the couch. Hated the crate but gives us no reason to put her in one!"

## Happy Birthday, Frankie!



Our cat Frankie celebrated her **18th birthday** in April of this year. We adopted her as a kitten in July 2007. Among her favorite activities are watching and listening to birds out the window, sitting in the sun, and cuddling on our laps watching TV.

-Lisa, Michael and Dio Covais.

## THE AMAZING MISS PATTY

This sweet girl arrived at Quincy Animal Shelter on May 17th, weighing just 33 pounds. Found wandering alone in a local park, she was brought in by the Quincy Police Department. When we asked the officer if she had a name, he said no — but when we asked *his* name, he said "Pat." And just like that, *Patty* was named!

Since that day, Patty has captured the hearts of all our volunteers and her new friends at the Quincy Police, including regular visits from Officer Pat and his fellow officers. With lots of love, a careful refeeding program, and guidance from our veterinary team, Patty now weighs a healthy 41 pounds and continues to amaze us with her strength and resilience.



Patty: Day 1

Patty: NOW



We have no idea what Patty's past was like, but we do know that whatever she endured, it did not break her spirit. She is one of the nicest dogs ever.

Patty met a wonderful family at one of the Free Jacks rugby games and they fell in love with this amazing girl. Patty is now Pebbles!

# TRIBUTES

November 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025

## IN MEMORY OF

**Veva Darrow**, Judith McKeon,  
Deborah Warwick, Donna  
Snethen, Lawrence Levasseur,  
Joan Morgan, Nankin Dental-  
Dr. Gary Nankin

**Anita Kutasz**, John O'Leary  
**Janet Parisi**, Vincent & Julie  
Parisi

**Rick O'Hare**, Susan & George  
O'Hare

**Nonna Rosetti**, Deware  
Funeral Home

**Leona Doran**, John Doran  
**Sally Schworm-MacKay**, Mary  
Donald

**Eileen Mary Connell**, Francis  
Connolly, Michelle, Chris &  
Emma Greenough, Rhonda  
Greenough, Lauren Lewis,  
Bryan Larish, Lauren Laub,  
Amplified Insurance Company

**Donna Antonuccio**, Annie  
Medini, Michelle Sullivan

**Gerard Hansen**, Janet Horton

**Richard Dean Godfrey**, Linda  
Swarms & Sandra Thompson,  
Shaun Real, Erin Godfrey,  
Mike Harrington

**Russell Rivard**, Paula Halligan,  
Ellen Ross-Pecce

**Paul "Gee" Starck**, David  
Gallagher

**Eugene Jorgesen**, Betty Graf

**Bob Payne**, Nino & Terese  
Durso

**Dawn Connaughton**, Pat & Len  
Hassell

**MaryLou Minichello**, Rita  
Minton

**Mary Picot**, Monica McAvoy,  
Elaine Hyland

## IN HONOR OF

**Aunt Betty's 97th Birthday**,  
Lillian McGuire

**Ann's Birthday**, Elizabeth  
Hnatovich

**Colleen Daly's Birthday**,  
Shirley Gray

**Harriet Hutchinson QAS**,  
Charles Murphy, Pat Lynch,  
Myrna Dacey, Nancy Reed

**The "Henry" Breakfast Club**,  
Nikolay Zholnerkevich  
**Marie Steward**, Cheryl  
Steward

**Lisa Donnelly & QAS alumni**  
**"Stevie" Donnelly Byrne aka**  
**Chewey**, Natalie Byrne  
**E.A. Frederickson & "Pokey"**  
**QAS alumni**, Patricia  
Frederickson

**QAS Volunteers**,  
John & Barbara Good

**Janice Sieller's Birthday**,  
Kathy Payne

**Amy Cachet**, Dorothy Nelson  
**All cats & Kittens**, Megan  
Youssef

**Karen DeFrancesco QAS**,  
Edwin Durfer

**Joanne McCarthy QAS**, Joan &  
Barry McCarthy

**Suzanne Walton**, Barbara  
Sullivan

**Pat Lynch QAS & "Quincy"**  
**QAS Alumni**, Evie Shore Smith  
**Maria Andrews QAS**, Uncle  
Tommy & Aunt Charlotte  
**Diana O'Donnell QAS**, Alisa &  
Jim O'Neil

**Stacy Rotundo**, Cynthia  
Krause

## IN HONOR OF SPECIAL PETS

**"Bella" Kathleen & Terence**  
O'Hara Kelly

**"Arlo" Anne Schneidman**

**"William" & "Harry" adopted**  
**2023**, Allison Tibbets

**"Logan" QAS Alumni**, Mikayla  
Bohane

**"Jakey" & "Woody" Jackie &**  
Jerelyn

**"Webster" Irene Collyer**

**"Willie" Kayla Mobarak**

**"Yoshi" Meredith Morris**

**"Bean" Allison Gotsch**

## IN MEMORY OF SPECIAL PETS

**"Barney" Gillespie**, Sandra Lee  
**"Bruin" aka "Desmond"**

Susan Flint

**"Louie" Ben Nichols & Cynthia**  
McArdell

**"Mia" Ryan**, Lori Ryan

**"Mo" Griffith & "Molly"**

**Thomas**, Kathleen & Terence  
O'Hara Kelly

**"Roxie" Daniel**, Nancy Ryan

**"Tansy" Haley Chapman**

## SPECIAL THANKS

**All Souls Church- Braintree**,  
Blessing of the animals  
donations

**Girl Scout Troop 83328-**  
**Quincy**, Made Dog toys for  
Shelter Residents

**Spindles Auto Club Show-**

**Weymouth**, Fundraiser

**United Church of Christ-**

**Abington**, Donation of Wish  
List items

## SPECIAL THANKS (cont'd)

Wendy Adams Photography &  
Leader of The Pack Dog  
Training, *Fundraiser*  
Wollaston Yacht Club,  
*Fundraiser*  
Holiday Ugly Sweater Event at  
Victory Point, *Donata*  
*Frattaroli and Regan*  
*Communications*

## THANK YOU TO OUR VETERINARIANS

Animal Rescue League Spay Waggin'  
Banfield Pet Hospital  
Dr. Amy Capraro & Braintree Veterinary Care  
Dr. Brady DVM  
F. A. C. T. The Clinic  
Old Derby Animal Hospital  
VCA South Weymouth Animal Hospital  
Weymouth Landing Cat Clinic & Hotel

## FACEBOOK BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISERS

Thank you for sharing your birthday with the animals. To all who donated we thank you for your generosity in helping us to care for the animals waiting for their forever homes.

Sharon Alden • Cydney Bonna  
Judy Brillhart • Kristen Caldwell  
Regina Hoel • Peter Krasnauskys  
Julia Mila • Jesse Morabito  
Sean Noonan • Bill Rogers  
Carole Weafer • Brenda Wing  
Debbie Weisman Clasio

## EMPLOYERS THAT MATCH EMPLOYEE DONATIONS

BNY	Macy's Inc
Cigna	Manulife
Ameriprise Financial	McKesson Corporation
Arbella Mutual Insurance	MFS Gives
Berkshire Partners, LLC	MFS Investment Management
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Comcast	State Street Corporation
Eaton Vance	TRUIST
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Gates Foundation	U.S.Bancorp Foundation
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John Hancock	United Health Group
Johnson & Johnson	Voya Financial
Liberty Mutual Insurance	

## BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT US

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Fox Rock Properties	New England Freejacks	The Tirrell Room
Fratelli's Pastry Shop	Ocean State Job Lot Quincy & Rhode Island	Victory Point Restaurant
Petco Foundation	Pet Supplies Plus	Wendy Adams, Fine Art Photography

*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.*

## QAS NEWS



### Meet the New Director **Liz Henderson** Director of Intake and Adoptions

*Liz took on her new role in  
December 2024.*

*My time at QAS has been short, but it's already been an incredible experience. Even as the new person, I've learned so much from the amazing volunteers and staff, and I'm excited to keep giving back to this great organization. I bring 22 years of shelter experience with me, but in a slightly different way – I spent those years working for the City of Boston, running two adult homeless shelters that housed over 650 people every night. I started at the ground level and worked my way up to director, developing leadership skills and a whole lot of compassion along the way. When COVID-19 hit, I realized it was time for a change. I wanted to focus more on my mental health and family, so I took a step back and started volunteering at Interfaith Social Services' food bank. That experience reminded me how much I love working in service roles, and eventually, it led me back into the workforce.*

*Outside of work, I have an incredible husband, Brian, and three awesome kids – Piper, Maysie, and Beckett. Our house is full of energy (and fur) thanks to our three dogs – Charlie, Olive, and Billie – plus three rabbits and three rats. Over the years, we've had all kinds of pets, from a chameleon to a hamster and even some fish. Clearly, animals have always been a huge part of my life!*

*When I saw the opening at QAS, it felt like the perfect fit. After meeting Kit, Sandra, and Donna, I knew this was where I wanted to be, and I'm so grateful they saw the same potential in me that I saw in the role. I'm looking forward to making a real impact here, leading intake and adoptions, and being part of such a dedicated team.*

## Meet Brett Hale

### Animal Care Center Manager

*Brett works for the city as the manager of the City of Quincy Animal Care Center.*



*Prior to starting here, I worked for two years at the New England Wildlife Centers. I was the Care Based Science Education Director and Volunteer Coordinator. Part of my responsibilities included running the volunteer program for people with disabilities and helping to facilitate and run in-house education programs like field trips, tours, or shadowing opportunities, among other things. Being able to work with people and animals has always been a goal of mine. I am excited to help expand the city's education and outreach regarding animal care.*

*I live in Boston, in Back Bay, and I grew up on the South Shore in Hingham. I graduated from Boston College in 2022 with a major in Communications and a minor in Women and Gender Studies. I have two dogs, Macy and Winnie, and two cats, Priscilla (pictured with me) and Benson. They are the best and bring me so much joy. In my free time I enjoy walking my dogs around the Boston Public Garden, playing with my cats, and exploring the city with friends. I serve on the Board of Directors at the Kerry Joh Walker Fund and the 6S Institute, as well as being on the advisory board for Dove Inc., and the Women's Advisory Board at Brigham and Women's Hospital. I look forward to working with the Quincy Animal Shelter!*

Brett is working on many community outreach initiatives that will help Quincy pet owners, such as low-cost spay neuter programs in partnership with the Animal Rescue League Spay Wagon. No-cost rabies clinic, food pantry, education and training seminars will be hosted right here at the Animal Care Center. **For more info, contact Brett at 617-376-1147.**



## OUR NEW WISH LIST:

Before we ask for anything else, we must say THANK YOU to everyone who responds to our Facebook appeals for pet food, treats and paper towels.

Every order helps us to keep our costs down!

### Here is what we always need:

- Gift cards to grocery stores, Chewy, Walmart, Staples and Amazon
- Dog and cat food – Purina Pro Plan Adult, Kitten, Puppy and Sensitive Skin and
- Stomach.
- Dry and canned food
- Stewart's Beef Liver Treats for Dogs
- Fancy Feast – All flavors
- Cat litter – Unscented – Tidy Cat and Fresh Step
- Cat treats – Any brand
- Bleach – Regular unscented
- Greenies Pill Pockets for dogs and cats
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Dawn for dishes
- Clean hand and bath towels

### WE **CANNOT** TAKE ANY OF THESE ITEMS:

- Open bags of pet food and expired food.
- Used pet supplies, litter boxes, plastic bowls, beds, leashes and collars.
- Linens, bedding, blankets, dog crates, ramps, stairs or gates.



## VOLUNTEERING AT QUARRY ST.

*By Cate Doolan*

Volunteering at the newly built Quincy Animal Shelter has been an amazing time and is a great start to the new chapter of QAS. The new shelter is located on Quarry Street, and has ample amounts of space to walk, play, and care for the animals. I volunteer on the canine team and work closely with the dogs during my shift.

A few new things at the shelter are the many rooms for welcoming new dogs, a quarantine space, and of course the adoptable dogs' room. It is nice to watch a dog go through the intake process and end up in its new forever home. The shelter has newly formatted kennels that have access to both the inside and outside, so that the animals can go back and forth as they please. The kennels also have a new flushing cleaning system that makes cleaning more efficient for the volunteers and does a thorough cleaning job of the dog's space. My favorite part of the new shelter is the outdoor turf areas. The dogs love the space to run around, play, and hang out with the volunteers. They can also get some time to sunbathe if they enjoy it!



### KIDS THAT CARE:

Special thanks to **Greta and Zoey** of Girl Scout Troup 83328 of Quincy for the handmade cat and dog toys.





**THE LEGAL BEAGLE**

### Please Consider Legacy Giving

QAS is on a mission to improve the lives of homeless animals, and we cannot do it without you. Legacy giving is a type of donation that is made through an individual's estate plan. Typically, bequests, trusts, annuities and life insurance policies are used. Legacy giving is a very powerful way to support your favorite organization. One that aligns with your personal values and interests. Contact an estate planning attorney or trusted financial adviser to ensure that your wishes are carried out as you wish.

## SIMPLE TRUSTS FOR AVOIDING PROBATE

*by Lynn Buskey, Esq. Buskey Law Offices*  
QAS Vice President Board of Directors

While your estate plan should include a Last Will, to avoid probate court administration after your death, all your assets must pass to the beneficiaries without looking at the Will. If the Will needs to be consulted, then probate administration is required, which increases the cost of administering your estate, can cause significant delays and opens the door for creditor claims and beneficiary disputes.

Including a Trust in your estate, and funding the Trust with assets during your lifetime, is an efficient way to avoid probate in the event of incapacity or death. There are many types of Trusts that serve all different purposes, with the most common being a revocable Trust. With a revocable Trust, you may serve as your own Trustee, amend the provisions from time to time, and transfer assets in and out of the Trust without restriction.

A Trust should identify a successor Trustee in case of your incapacity or death, as well as contain the provisions for the distribution of assets after death (provisions commonly thought of as being part of a Will). Because the Trust continues under the successor Trustee(s) chosen by you, there is no break in the title like when an individual owner dies.

Trusts can also be structured to provide estate tax savings, protect assets from creditors, protect assets from beneficiary misuse, plan for beneficiaries with special needs, plan for second marriages and mixed families, plan for the care of pets, and any number of other purposes.

Whether or not you use a Trust, please consider including a bequest to Quincy Animal Shelter in your estate plan. A bequest can be made for a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or even as a contingency if your intended beneficiaries are not living.



**Including QAS is as simple as having your estate planning attorney add the following language to your Trust or Will:**

*After my death, the Trustee shall distribute the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to Quincy Animal Shelter, Inc. (tax ID: 31-1703439), 99 Quarry Street, Quincy, MA 02169, or any successor entity thereto, to be used for its general charitable purposes.*

QAS is a §501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and bequests are deductible for state and federal estate tax purposes.



## About Quincy Animal Shelter & 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 10,000 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 \$400,000 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.

### MANY WAYS TO HELP US, HELP THEM



Check out our online  
Volunteer Application:



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

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

## WANNA FOSTER?

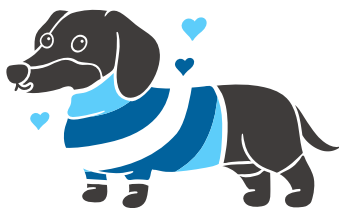


Fostering is a way for us to help even more animals. Some animals do not do well in a shelter (even a beautiful new shelter) as it can be stressful for some animals. We use foster care for all types of situations – socialization, medical care, hospice care – but primarily it is for kittens and puppies. If you are interested, head over to our website and fill out an application. For more information contact us at [foster@quincyanimalshelter.org](mailto:foster@quincyanimalshelter.org).



## Got QAS Wear?

**NEW MERCH IS ON THE WAY!**



In addition to our awesome Tees and Hoodies we have Hats, Tote Bags and Light Weight Hoodies. *All in exciting new colors!*

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### INFORMATION

For more information, visit:

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### OUR NEW HOURS

We are now open

**Tuesday – Saturday**  
**11am – 4pm**

We are closed Sunday,  
Monday and Holidays.

**Animal surrenders are by  
appointment only.**

We offer shelter tours  
during our open hours.

This edition of The Scoop was designed by Em Harford



*This Edition of the Scoop is Dedicated to:*  
**Bella and her Foster Mom Emily**

The dog that really needs a home and the woman who will not rest until she finds her new humans. When Bella returned to QAS in November 2024, we all thought she would not be with us for long. She is a Chocolate Lab. She is sweet and loves people. She is a nice dog. Bella is a social media Queen. Unofficial Free Jacks Mascot. Yes, she has one issue. She does not like other dogs. Lots of dogs do not like other dogs and they live in homes. It is not easy or ideal, but it is do-able.

We have searched high and low for Bella's new home. Her adoption fee is sponsored. QAS will provide post-adoption support to ensure that her new family gets training and support. We will not give up on Bella. All we need from you is to give her a chance.

**\*AUGUST UPDATE: Bella is going home!**

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Let's save animals and trees.

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