

# THE SCOOP



## Dear QAS Friends,

On May 10th, we will mark one year at The Quincy Animal Care Center. We finally feel settled into our new home and are grateful for the community's ongoing support. We'd also like to take this chance to outline the services offered at Quincy Animal Care Center. Quincy Animal Shelter, Inc., a non-profit 501c3, operates out of QACC. Although we are independent from Quincy Animal Control, we collaborate to ensure each animal receives care until they are either reunited with their owners or adopted.

Our devoted staff and volunteers offer comprehensive care, including feeding, cleaning, veterinary services, enrichment activities, dog walking, cuddling cats, and lots of affection. Each year, about 350 animals receive our care. The shelter funds all expenses for food, medical care, and housekeeping supplies needed daily. Our current annual operating budget is over \$450,000.

We rely completely on donor generosity to maintain this level of care. This year, we need to raise an extra \$75,000 to meet an expected cost increase and a fundraising deficit.

We're fortunate to now have a surgical suite, so we can perform spay and neuter surgeries on-site for our shelter animals instead of sending them to outside veterinarians. We already see advantages in providing these services ourselves, though rising costs prevent us from realizing actual savings yet.

### *Our Pups that Need You!*



If you're able, please consider donating to the Mickey Medical Fund so we can continue offering exceptional care to every animal in need.

## With gratitude,



**Sandra Sines**



*President and Executive Director*





## Every Dollar Makes a Difference

Join us in directly supporting our furry friends by covering the cost of essential medical care.



**\$100**  
= Medical  
Exam Fee for  
One Animal

**\$250**  
= Spay or  
Neuter Fee  
for One  
Animal

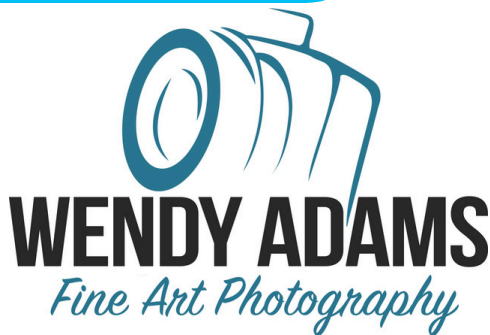
**\$500**  
= Above and  
Beyond Care



**Donate Here!**



## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



QAS is extremely grateful for the support it receives from many local businesses. In this edition, we would like to recognize **Wendy Adams**, who has contributed to the shelter in multiple ways over the past several years. Wendy visits the shelter monthly to photograph animals awaiting adoption, serves as the official photographer at our Golf Tournaments and Annual Volunteer dinners, and was our bunny photographer this spring. For the third consecutive year, she has helped raise funds for QAS through the Annual Pooch Playoffs. We sincerely thank Wendy for generously offering her time and skills to QAS year after year.



### PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

We held our first ever Easter Bunny photo session on March 28th. Thank you to everyone who came out to meet our big bunny. We had a variety of cats, dogs, kids, a bunny, (yes bunny has his photo taken with the Easter Bunny) and a really cool rat! Photos were taken by Wendy Adams Fine Art Photography. Special Thanks to our Easter Bunny Tim Martin for being such a good sport! It was really hot in that bunny suit!

### THE THIRD ANNUAL POOCH PLAYOFFS



Everyone is a winner. Pretty Pooches and Fancy Felines were perfectly photographed by Wendy Adams of Wendy Adams Fine Art Photography. Pooch Playoffs is a wicked fun bracket-style portrait competition. The \$150 entry fee was donated to Quincy Animal Shelter. All 16 entries had a fun (understatement) portrait session! Each contestant received a free prize featuring their cuteness, a fun-filled swag bag of items donated by local businesses, and chance to win prizes! All contestants were put in a March Madness bracket-style competition.

Friends, Family and fans voted each day until the winners were chosen. Congratulations to Charlie, Haha and Sky for taking the top prizes but everyone was a winner! Thank you to event sponsors Lingos Flamingos, Distinctive Pergolas and Superlative Printing. With your support we raised \$3,572.00!

## SUCCESS STORIES

Take some time to enjoy these inspiring stories about people who offered second or even third chances to special animals. Every one of these pets needed someone willing to take a chance on them. When adopters visit the shelter and choose pets that have been there the longest, have medical needs, or must be the only animal, it makes a real impact on those harder-to-place animals. We sincerely thank you for your kindness.



### Ringer (now Lazarus)

My husband and I rescued a feral colony about 25 years ago. We bought a home in a very rural area where there were many strays. A few of them got attacked by coyotes, and we were devastated, so my husband built

an enclosure, we trapped them & our story began. Over the last 25 years we have rescued between 45 – 50 cats.

We lost the last of our clowder in the spring of 2025, but within a few months went to the Quincy Animal Shelter in search of an ‘unadoptable’ cat: an older one, one with a deformity or other health issue, or just someone who had been there a long time, bypassed in favor of the cute, young things. We know from experience that displaced and special needs cats are often scared and confused and require time and patience. We were willing to take on that special kitty who needed us.

That’s where we found Lazarus (aka Ringer). He’s a BIG 9-year-old, short-hair tabby. He had bitten people on at least two different occasions, likely due to a combination of stress and pain from a major health issue, so his future looked dim as far as getting adopted. Turns out, he was also a thief, because he stole my heart that day. He’s been with us since November 19, and though he’s still a little skittish around some strangers, he’s used to the daily noises now. He communicates well, loves to be with us, catches treats in the air like Carlton Fisk, sleeps on his back on the sofa and purrs like a kitten. He is settling in very well and belongs here. He may have come with some baggage, but we ALL have baggage. We are so glad he took a chance on us. He is such a sweet boy, and we love him so, so much. He is in his forever home.

### Mr. Butters

Our volunteers take home special animals too. We are dog people. I walk dogs at QAS every week... and yet somehow, I kept drifting over to the cat side on Sunday mornings to visit Mr. Butters – a 17-year-old orange tabby whose owner had died. He wasn’t eating, he had health issues, and he looked every bit his age: matted fur, unkempt, that ragged old-man look. Likely a hospice case. But he was so gentle and sweet. Before vacation, I told myself that if he was still there when I got back, I’d inquire. Sure enough, I returned and there he was... still waiting. I called my husband. His response: “Just bring him home.” We had no idea what we were doing. I hadn’t had a cat in 35+ years, and my husband had never had one. But we could give him a quiet, safe place to spend whatever time he had left. Our dogs are chill, and our turtle minds his own business – no one would bother him. We brought him home. As expected, he and our dogs almost immediately fell into coexistence. After about a month, I took him to Weymouth Landing Cat Clinic for a checkup. “He is thriving! He’s gained weight!” the vet said, almost shocked. “It’s hard to believe he’s 17!” A year and a half later, Monsieur Buerre (he prefers French) is full of life. He follows me everywhere. He sleeps with me every night (when he’s not patrolling our house). He bosses the dogs around. He eats – a lot! He plays with toys. He climbs on furniture. He sleeps in his heated bed. He completed our family in a way we didn’t even know we were missing and we love him more than we ever thought possible.

He is the reason I return to the shelter every day – to give love to the animals who need it the most. The animals that no one else wants...yet. I love them until they find their forever home.



**Star**  
(now *Starebastian Raventhorpe XIV*  
*Marquis of Quincy*)

We always knew we were cat people. Before we moved to the Boston area, we fell in love with our roommate's cats, Lola and Kingsley. Lola was... memorable. She was tough. Spicy. A little bit feral in spirit. Her nickname was "Lola-Ebola" because if you crossed her, you were probably going to bleed. And yet, somehow, I became her human. Underneath all that sass was devotion. Loving Lola taught us something important: the "difficult" ones often love the hardest. So, when we moved to Quincy, the very first thing we did was pull up the Quincy Animal Shelter website and start browsing cats. Ryan had one request: he wanted to give a chance to a cat who might otherwise struggle to find a family. That's how we met Rafferty. Later known formally as Rafferty Cornelius the Third, Duke of Quincy. He was a senior and had a long list of medical issues. When he was first brought into the shelter, he was an absolute wreck. On paper, he was "a lot." But the moment we met him; he walked right up and head-bopped me. That was it. Instant connection. Ryan and I looked at each other and knew he was our biological cat son, and he was coming home with us. When we brought Rafferty home, he climbed onto the bed and snuggled directly between us like he had always belonged there. And he did. He completed our family in a way we didn't even realize was possible. Rafferty was also very sick. We knew our time might be shorter because of his health, but that didn't make it any less shocking when he passed suddenly in July 2025. That day was devastating. Losing Rafferty left a giant hole in our hearts and in our home. The bed felt emptier. The apartment felt

quieter. We miss him every single day. But loving him, choosing him was never a mistake. It was the greatest privilege. In January, through a lot of sobbing and soul-searching, we realized the hole Rafferty left couldn't stay empty. So, we went back to QAS. We knew we wanted to give a home to a cat who might be overlooked. Enter Star. Now formally known as The Honorable Sebastian Raventhorpe the Fourteenth, Marquis of Quincy, or Seb, for short. Seb had recently been returned to the shelter for behavioral issues.. We were warned. Repeatedly. We had already lived through Lola. We knew that sometimes "aggressive" means "overwhelmed." Sometimes "behavioral issues" means "needs patience." Sometimes "difficult" means "waiting for the right humans." Sebastian took longer than Rafferty to settle in. When he first got home, he spent the day angrily hissing... while also rubbing against our legs and head-bopping our knees. It was very confusing. Very loud. Deeply affectionate rage. For a couple of weeks, we carefully navigated each other's boundaries. We learned his signals and he learned our routines. We were able to build the trust that he needed. Then, about a month after his gotcha day, I was blessed with my first lap cuddle. Victory.

It's only been a couple of months, but Seb is now our other best boy. Sweet. Loyal. Very Dramatic and full of personality. Another "difficult" cat who just needed someone willing to take a shot on him and stay. Here's the thing about adopting the difficult ones: they know. They know you chose them. They know you stayed. And when they decide you're theirs, it is the most special bond in the world. Because we were willing to take a chance on cats who were older, sick, returned, or labeled "too much," we ended up with the two sweetest boys. We wouldn't change our experience for anything, not the vet visits, not the scratched arms and bitten butts, not even the heartbreak. If you're considering adoption, look twice at the one with the warning label. The senior. The "behavioral case." The one who's been returned. They might just be your diamond in the rough. And if you're lucky, they might even turn out to be royalty.

### Lovable Lou



Lou was most likely overlooked because of his breed, strength and size. As a young pup he needed some training. We are happy to report that Big Lou is living large with his new family. Long time QAS volunteer Jean Gillan and her husband Joe said goodbye to their wonderful dog Teddy so there was a void to fill but they were not ready to get a new dog right away. Enter Big Lou. Everyone at QAS knew Lou was a great young dog that needed a knowledgeable owner who could guide him and manage his energy and strength. Jean offered to foster Lou and over time the bond began to build. It was meant to be, not only is Jean an experienced QAS dog handler, but she is also an animal control officer and a dog trainer. A perfect match for Lou. So, Lou became a foster failure, and he is happy at home. He recently passed his More Manners Class and is a star pupil!



## Drakkoo



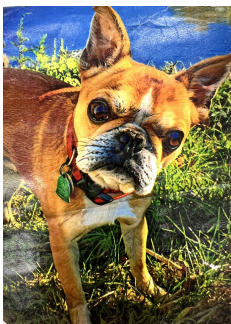
*“Every day, 20 veterans take their own lives; every eight seconds a cat or dog is put to death because it does not have a home. Pet adoption can save two lives.”*

– [petsforpatriots.org](http://petsforpatriots.org)

In 2018, Jason adopted a dog through the P4P program. After losing his previous dog Bruno, also from QAS, he found a new companion in Drakkoo, a 4-year-old pocket pit bully. Thanks to P4P and Jason’s service, this Army veteran now has another “battle buddy.”

Pets for Patriots (P4P) aims to connect U.S. military veterans with adoptable pets, focusing on shelter animals most in need. By partnering with shelters, P4P provides veterans with loving companions and helps overlooked animals find homes. For more details about eligibility, benefits, and applying, visit [www.petsforpatriots.org](http://www.petsforpatriots.org).

## In Memoriam “The Henry”



Henry was loved by his human QAS volunteer Nancy Reed. Nancy gave Henry a wonderful life. Henry was a frequent guest at QAS events always by Nancy’s side. Our condolences to Nancy for the loss of “The Henry”. Here is Nancy’s tribute to her best friend.

In memory of Henry, my dear boy has crossed over the rainbow bridge . This is the only negative thing about owning an animal. A pet owner owes it to the animal to step up and do the right thing in spite of the pain it will cause you. I watched Henry fail for the past year first his eyesight left then his hearing then his sense of smell. Henry was an amazing animal. The Quincy breakfast group agreed! The waitresses at McKay’s restaurant and anyone who knew him will agree. When his little leg started to shake and couldn’t support his body, he couldn’t get onto his own favorite La-Z-Boy chair.

I knew the time had come when he could not hear, see or smell me. The last thing he felt was my hands massaging every part of his body.

Rest in Peace Henry.



## We have been here a long time. Will you give us a chance?

### Delilah

Hi there! I am a two-year-old mixed breed who just loves people. I need a confident human who can provide me with some structure and boundaries. I love to go for walks. In my past life, I lived with another dog, and I can probably do it again if I am introduced on my own terms and have enough time to get used to the situation and decompress. I’m a very good girl. Please give me a chance!



### Franklin



My name is Franklin. I’m about a year and a half old and I have a big personality. I get excited easily. I really do love people, but I need a special owner who understands my behavior. I can get overstimulated at times. I might use my teeth or my claws to get your attention, and I will tell you when I have had enough of you. For that reason, I will do better living with cat savvy adults only. I need to make sure you can understand my signals. I’m on medication to help manage my symptoms. Are you ready for my type of lovin’?

## Legislative Update by State Representative Bruce Ayers – Animal Advocate



### THE LEGAL BEAGLE

I have filed legislation, H.2247, to strengthen penalties for animal cruelty while also providing dedicated funding to support animal shelters and welfare organizations across the Commonwealth. The bill is currently in Bills in Third Reading and continues to advance through the legislative process.

Animal cruelty cases are on the rise, with data from the Massachusetts Trial Court showing a significant increase in recent years. In response, this bill increases fines for animal cruelty offenses, with additional revenue directed into a dedicated fund to support local shelters and animal welfare efforts. The legislation raises fines by \$500 for a first offense and \$1,000 for repeat offenses, with those additional funds reinvested directly into shelters and adoption organizations. This approach helps ensure that those who harm animals also contribute to the care and recovery of rescued animals.

With more than 450 animal shelters and welfare organizations statewide, many of which are underfunded, this bill will help improve shelter conditions, support veterinary care, and promote adoption. The goal is to both deter cruelty and strengthen the resources available to protect animals in our communities.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



### Karen Zimmer

I first found QAS in 2010 when my late husband Alex and I fell in love with and adopted an orange tabby named Hobbes from the shelter on Broad Street. We had both grown up with animals and knew our home wouldn't feel complete without fur. Later, I adopted another cat from QAS, a black floof I renamed Sherlock. I remember being so impressed with the advice and support I received from the shelter while settling Sherlock into her new home where she joined our sweet, cat-loving 75-lb lab mix, Socks. After Socks passed last year, I knew I wasn't ready to be a full-time dog parent just yet, but I missed that dog energy. I had been laid off from my finance data strategy and operations role at a software company following its sale and wanted to use the break to do something different that I could feel good about. Applying to walk dogs at the shelter was the perfect solution. My shift has become a guaranteed highlight to my week. I love the team that I volunteer with and being part of a group that cares so much for the animals. The cats and dogs come to QAS through so many paths, and it is wonderful that they have a safe place to land and be loved while they find their forever home. Since joining QAS last June, I also took on the additional project of implementing the new volunteer management software for the shelter. It was a great experience and has given me the opportunity to interact with and get to meet so many more of QAS's wonderful volunteers. I also have to add that my friends were right - it was only a matter of time until I brought home a dog of my own! Just before Christmas, I adopted the adorable girl Gracie Lou (formerly Scully). She is a sweet bundle of love that fits perfectly with my 2 cats, Sherlock (now 16) and Gustopher (2 years).

*Karen joined the QAS team in 2025. Not only is she a great dog walker she has been a huge asset to the staff as she volunteered to help us launch our new volunteer software program this year.*



### Volunteer Dedication: The Jan Parisi Surgical Suite

On May 16th, our new Surgical Suite will be officially dedicated to one of our most cherished volunteers, Janet Parisi. Janet spent 18 years volunteering with us, taking on various roles and helping save hundreds of homeless cats. She started as a dog walker at QAS, then quickly assumed more responsibilities—including joining the board of directors and serving as recording secretary. Janet was not only a very generous donor but also an incredible friend to everyone.

Janet’s dedication to the welfare of homeless cats and efforts to control their population were unwavering. She ensured these cats received veterinary care and were spayed or neutered. It was common to find Janet out trapping cats and transporting them to local veterinarians. She worked closely with the community, offering support to cat caretakers. Jan proved that you really could make a difference in the lives of homeless animals.

**We will never forget our friend Janet and all the good that she did while she was on earth.  
Please consider donating in honor of this wonderful human being.**



**WANT SOMETHING FUN  
TO DO THIS SPRING?**

**Host a Kitten or  
Puppy Shower!**

**QUINCY ANIMAL SHELTER**  
Est. 1999

## KITTEN & PUPPY SHOWER

**SUPPORT OUR WISHLIST:**

<b>KITTENS</b>	<b>PUPPIES</b>
Fleece blankets	Fleece blankets
Kitten food (Purina Pro Plan, Fancy Feast, Royal Canin canned and dry)	Puppy food (Purina Pro Plan canned and dry)
Milk Replacement (KMR)	Puppy treats
Kitten treats	Puppy safe toys
Kitten safe toys	Baby bottle feeding kits
Unscented non-clumping litter	
Baby bottle feeding kits	

# 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.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Cat Cage	<b>3 Months \$75.00</b>	<b>6 Months \$150.00</b>	<b>12 Months \$300.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Kennel	<b>3 Months \$75.00</b>	<b>6 Months \$150.00</b>	<b>12 Months \$300.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cat Bonding Room		<b>12 Months \$500.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Bonding Room		<b>12 Months \$500.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Cat Playrooms		<b>12 Months \$500.00</b>	

**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.



### OUR 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.



## Become a Monthly Supporter

Just set it and forget it! It is easy to sign up for monthly donations through your bank or on your credit card. We are so fortunate to have so many monthly donors we want to give you a special shoutout. It does not matter how much you give. You can choose any amount! It really helps us take care of our animals! Donating is super easy.

Check out our Donate button on [quincyanimalshelter.org](http://quincyanimalshelter.org)

## QAS NEWS

*Welcome Marci Doherty!*



Hi everyone,

My name is **Marci Doherty**, and I’m excited to be joining the Quincy Animal Care Center team as the Animal Care Center Manager. My background includes animal care, behavior, and community outreach, with experience in shelters, veterinary settings, dog daycare and training environments, and therapeutic programs involving animals. I’ve also been involved in fostering and rescue work.

I’ve always been passionate about the connection between people and animals, and I’m really looking forward to getting to know everyone, supporting the important work happening here, and connecting with the community. I’m excited to work alongside the QAS staff and volunteers and help in any way I can to make a positive impact for the animals in our care and the community we serve.

**ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON**

**SPAY & NEUTER PACKAGES**

The **Spay Waggin®** provides high-quality spay and neuter services to animals in Greater Boston, Southeastern Massachusetts, and Cape Cod.



**CAT**

- Brief Veterinary Exam
- Spay or Neuter
- Rabies vaccine
- Feline distemper vaccine
- Treatment for fleas, ear mites, and intestinal parasites
- Nail trim

Female or male cat: \$175



**DOG**

- Brief Veterinary Exam
- Spay or Neuter
- Rabies vaccine
- Canine distemper vaccine
- Nail trim

Female or male dog  
Up to 50 lbs: \$300  
50-55 lbs: \$350



**FERAL CAT**

- Brief Veterinary Exam
- Spay or Neuter
- Rabies vaccine
- Feline distemper vaccine
- Treatment for fleas, ear mites, and intestinal parasites
- Ear tip

Female or male cat: \$125



Book your appointment online today at [arl.boston/spay-waggin](http://arl.boston/spay-waggin)  
Questions? Email us at [spaywaggin@arlboston.org](mailto:spaywaggin@arlboston.org)

**ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE of BOSTON**

## The Animal Rescue League Spay Waggin

To quote the iconic Bob Barker, “Help Control the Pet Population, Have your Pet Spayed or Neutered!”

We do not need any unwanted kittens or puppies as the shelters are full. Spaying and neutering pets help keep the unwanted pet population down. We know this can be expensive so here is a low-cost alternative. The Quincy Animal Care Center hosts the Animal Rescue League of Boston Spay Waggin twice a month. The Spay Waggin provides low-cost services. Each month there is a dog day and cat day. **You must make an appointment.**

Call **1-877-SPAY-7729**

or email [spaywaggin@arlboston.org](mailto:spaywaggin@arlboston.org)

for more details as some restrictions apply.

## KIDS THAT CARE:



Thank you to the Merrymount School 5th grade class for the large donation of wish list items that they collected at the school. What a great job!

# TRIBUTES

November 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

## IN MEMORY OF

**Joanne McCarthy**, Harlan Cheney, Christine McBain, Karen DeFrancesco, Harriet Hutchinson, Melanie Chaisson, Marilyn O'Maley, Amber Niehaus, Nancy Coletta, Ruth Donovan, Lynn Buskey, Linda Iannaco, Barry & Joan McCarthy, Stacy McCarthy, Derek McCarthy, Pat Lynch, Don Conboy, Peg O'Brien, Sally Sullivan, Beverly Yacovitch, Jessica Pool

**Jez Guito**, Anonymous

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**Craig Jackson**, Donna Gray, Paul Jackson, Ann Suzedell, Ronald Kearns

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**Jacqueline Martell**, Michele Goodnow

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

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**Priscilla Langille**, Susan McCall

**Bryce DiMattio**, Rebecca Cross

**Janet Parisi**, Bonney & David Solomon

Allen Standish, Leslie Tucker

## IN HONOR OF

**Marnelle & Glenn Ranta**, taught me the joy of caring for animals, Mara McKain Pitts

**The Dedicated QAS Volunteers**, John & Barbara Good, Ellen & Steve Thompson

**Harriet Hutchinson**, Charles Murphy, Pat Lynch, Nancy Reed, Elaine Martell

**Janice Seeler**, Kathy Paine

**Linda Mullarkey**, Joan O'Leary

**"The Henry" Breakfast Club**, Nikolay Zholnerkevich

**Suzanne Walton**, Barbara Sullivan

**Kiley Family**, Lily Lee, Fay Lee, Charlene

**Amy Cachet**, Dorothy Nelson

**Rachel Smith**, Kimberly Martin

## IN HONOR OF SPECIAL PETS

**"Sable"** John Jakowicz

**"Loki" & "Fjorgen"** Jason Cleary

**"Alpine"** Cynthia Veasey

**"Slinky"** Mary Ferrara

**"Boo", "Munchkin" & my other rescues**, Geraldine Conley

## IN MEMORY OF SPECIAL PETS

**"The Henry" Reed**, Pat Lynch

**"Kelly" Crowley**, Kathleen & Terence O'Hara Kelly

**"Black & White" & "Bartlebee"** Susan Lawlor

## SPECIAL THANKS

**Break Rock Brewery and Jay Southwood**, Halloween and Springtime Events

**Lincoln Hancock School 4th Grade Leadership Club**, Wish list Items Donation

**Asembly Quincy**, Trivia Nights

**Catholic Weymouth Columbites Collaborative**, Wish List Donation Drive

**Congratulations to Rachel Smith & Eugene Chzhen on their Wedding!** Patricia Spore and Marsha Silverstien Donations

**Congratulations to Robert Hale on his Boston Marathon Run**, Donation From Robert and Karen Hale

**Dave McLellan and The Quincy Historical Society**, Concert in Your Living Room

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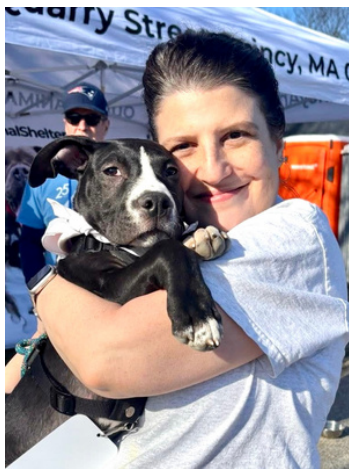
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One of the most impactful ways to help save animal lives is fostering. Young puppies and kittens are not kept in the shelter. They are too vulnerable and require more frequent care and observation. They are also most susceptible to illness. There are several reasons we need foster homes. Here are the most common reasons:

- Kitten and Puppy Care and Socialization
- Controlled environment needed for medical treatment
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- The animal is not thriving in the shelter.
- Hospice care
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The length of commitment varies based on the type of foster care needed. We provide all the basics the animal will need such as crate, food, and medicine. You provide the home, love and care needed to get them ready to be adopted. Foster animals must be made available for vet care and adoption sessions so living close to the shelter is helpful but not required. To be considered as a foster, email us at [foster@quincyanimalshelter.org](mailto:foster@quincyanimalshelter.org).



### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR QAS?

Since our move to Quarry st. we have added dozens of new volunteers. While most shifts are now fully staffed, we do have openings for Morning Cat Care 8:30-10:30 AM. Mon, Tues, Wed. Please go to our website [quincyanimalshelter.org](http://quincyanimalshelter.org) for more information.

### SAVE THE DATE:

A True Fall Classic! This is one of our favorite events. The Fall Craft Fair at Kennedy Center is on Saturday, November 21st. Interested vendors can email [events@quincyanimalshelter.org](mailto:events@quincyanimalshelter.org).



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#### INFORMATION

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#### OUR HOURS

We are open

Tues, Wed, Thur, Sat  
(Friday by Appt. Only)  
11am - 4pm

We are closed Sunday,  
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**Animal surrenders are by appointment only.**

We offer shelter tours during our open hours.

Check out our online Volunteer Application:



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

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

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*This Edition of the Scoop is Dedicated to:*  
**Joanne McCarthy**

Joanne, a dedicated QAS volunteer for over 20 years, passed away on January 26, 2026. She served as a cat volunteer, board member, event planner, and supporter. Her friendship, humor, and spirit are deeply missed.

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