

Paw Prints

The Cape Ann Animal Aid Quarterly Newsletter For Our Community,
Friends and Supporters
Summer/Fall 2009



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Interactive Toys: Reliving Stress & Busting Boredom

The emotional, mental, and physical health of the animals we care for here at Cape Ann Animal Aid is always a top priority. But, as you can probably imagine, shelter life is stressful for most animals and nothing can replace the security of a life-long home.

Just like people, animals show stress and anxiety in a number of different ways. A stressed cat may curl up at the back of her cage and an anxious dog may pace continuously or shred his toys and bedding.

We are always working to reduce the stress of the animals in our care and help them to feel as comfortable and relaxed as possible.

Volunteers and staff members spend time patting, talking to, grooming, walking, and playing with our shelter dogs and cats.

This one on one attention is especially beneficial to animals that are grieving the loss of their families and are having difficulty adjusting to sudden changes in their surroundings and routines.

Another important key piece in stress and anxiety relief is interactive toys.

Interactive toys help to stimulate the minds of shelter dogs and cats and help to distract them from the stressors in their lives.

These toys can also be a vital tool for your dog or cat at home as they prevent boredom and provide mental and physical exercise.

There are many interactive toys available and an Internet search for homemade toys offers many ideas for turning every day items into something extra special for a dog or cat.

We often use interactive toys here at the shelter and highly recommend

them. The shelter dogs love Tug A Jugs & Kibble Nibbles by Premier Pet Products and the cats adore Go Cat Go Play-N-Treat Balls by Our Pet's & Cat Kickeroos by Kong.

If you think your kitty or pooch may be bored at home and maybe they get into a bit of mischief while you are away, give interactive toys a try. If you want to contribute to the stress reduction of shelter dogs and cats, please think about donating a new toy to keep them busy and more relaxed as they await their new forever home.



Lucielle, a shelter kitten, interacts with an cat teaser toy.

March— Aug. 1st
Dogs & Cats
Adopted
= 258

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Wildlife: Injured and Stranded

When should you help and who should you call?

Throughout the spring and summer months, we receive a number of phone calls from compassionate people who have encountered a young mammal or bird that appears to be orphaned or injured.



An injured baby gannet being rescued by Wildlife Rehabilitator, Jodi Swenson.

We at Cape Ann Animal Aid are not able to assist with the rescue and treatment of these wild animals but we do commend concerned citizens and do our best to connect them with local wildlife rehabilitators. Working with injured wildlife is serious business and it's important to know when help is needed and who to call.

Many people become concerned after seeing a baby bird or small mammal alone on the ground or in their yard. Nearly all baby birds are unable to fly well once leaving the nest and small mammals often leave their young for short periods while they go off to forage. While these young birds and mammals may appear to be abandoned, they are most likely being watched from afar by their mother.

Unless the animal is injured, it is best to watch from a distance to see if the mother returns. Dogs and cats should be kept away and if the situation becomes dangerous for the animal, act accordingly.

When should you get help?

- The animal is brought to you by a cat or dog.
- The animal is bleeding or has an apparent or obvious broken limb.
- The animal appears to be in immediate danger.
- There is evidence of a deceased parent nearby.

If you need to call for help, contact a certified wildlife rehabilitator or wildlife hospital (see list below).

It's illegal to raise or treat injured wildlife without a permit to do so and caution should always be used when dealing with wildlife. You should never handle an injured animal unless absolutely necessary and only under the advisement of a wildlife rehabilitator.

You may need to keep the animal in your care while waiting for more instructions or assistance from a wildlife rehabilitator. Be sure to keep the animal in a warm and quiet location.

Handling should be limited and children should not interact with the animal. Do not give any food or water unless directed otherwise.

It is wonderful that so many local residents feel compassion for wildlife but it is important to remember that co-existing with wildlife is a delicate balancing act. It takes an educated and certified wildlife rehabilitator to appropriately evaluate and assess the proper course of action when dealing with injured or abandoned wildlife.

With Warm Wishes,

Sunniva Buck, Manager
Cape Ann Animal Aid

Wildlife Rehabilitators:

Cape Ann Wild Bird Rescue
(978) 375-9555

Cape Wildlife Center
(508) 362-0111

Danvers Animal Hospital
(978) 774-0045

Place For Wild Birds
(508) 824-4319

Tufts Wildlife Clinic
(508) 839-7918

Informational Websites:

www.hsus.org/wildlife

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Our Mission

Cape Ann Animal Aid is a non-profit, no kill organization dedicated to facilitating appropriate placement of adoptable animals and enhancing the lives of all companion animals by promoting respect and well-being through education and outreach.

Shelter Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 11am-4pm

Thursday: 11am-7pm

Friday: 11am-6pm

Saturday: 11am-4pm

Sunday: 12pm-4pm

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100K Donation Boosts Funds For Our New Shelter!



(Above) Construction equipment rests in the location of the new shelter. Construction of the facility is scheduled to begin this Fall.

(Right) Looking towards the site of the new shelter from the 800ft access road that has been officially named "Paws Lane".



We are thrilled to announce that we have received an exciting fundraising boost in the form of an **anonymous \$100,000 donation** toward the construction of our new state-of-the-art facility off Essex Avenue in West Gloucester.

This anonymous \$100,000 gift comes at a pivotal time in the campaign effort and will also be matched dollar for dollar thanks to the \$300,000 matching challenge grant put forth by the Dusky Foundation.

Once matched, this anonymous gift will put us just over half way to our \$2 million dollar fundraising goal.

We continue to make progress at the new site. Road and underground storm water and sewer infrastructure is nearing completion but more donations of all sizes, including outright gifts and pledges are needed to allow for the completion of the construction in 2010.

For more information contact:

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Construction-Themed Float Wins at July Parades!

Our 4th of July Parades Float depicted our current efforts to build a new shelter. Dressed as a construction worker, CAAA President, Tom Farina, rode on the float and waved to our supporters.

We won 1st Place in the Civic & Community Division in the Gloucester Horribles Parade & 2nd Place in the Merchant's Division in the Rockport Fireman's Parade.

Thank you to float constructor, Andrew Farina and talented artist, Carrie Fryklund. Special thanks also to Sandy Barry, Sal Brancaleone, Joan Chabot, Dick Currier, Cindy Dunn, Shirlee Farina, Don and Pam Fryklund, Ron Hadley, Joe Novello and the St. Peter's Fiesta Committee, and Karin and Christian O'Donnell.



Cape Ann

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Miley Meets Her Match!



M meet Miley, an enthusiastic young beagle lab mix with irresistibly sweet eyes and an infectious happy-go-lucky attitude. Miley spent a few months at our shelter waiting for the day when she would finally meet her match.

That day came when Mike arrived looking for a dog. After some excited barking Miley and Mike hit it off. We were thrilled! Little did we know, Mike would soon give us another reason for excitement—he turned Miley into a blogosphere star! Mike is the author of a blog called “The Truth About Mike” and has been cataloging life with Miley regularly through a new segment he named: Miley Mondays.

Mike’s poignant words and funny anecdotes often shed light on the joys and even the occasional frustrations of sharing life with a canine companion. We encourage you to check out Miley Mondays at <http://truthaboutmike.com>.

“Miley is very concerned about the economic welfare of our country. I think she figures that she can single-handedly (or four paws-ed-ly) restart the economy by chewing up toys as fast as people can buy them for her.”

-TruthAboutMike, April 13, 2009

“I’ve only just ‘met’ her but ... every minute we are apart seems like an eternity...I can’t wait to watch her grow and to experience all of our future adventures together.”

-TruthAboutMike, March 24, 2009

Wags&Purrs *Special Thanks for Community Support*

★ Thank you to Tina Ketchopulos and other friends of Cape Ann Animal Aid for having an Easter bake sale outside of Crackerjacks in Rockport on April 11, 2009 that raised **\$380!**

★ Many thanks to Cape Ann Art Haven’s Mural Painting class for designing, painting, and hanging a mural for CAAA! **As seen in the photo below**, the mural depicts a dog and cat playing on the beach. The mural is now hanging on the side of our building facing our driveway. Please stop by and see it!



★ The 2nd Annual Underwood Photography Pet Photo event on March 14 & 15, 2009 was a success! Thank you to all who participated and to Tom and Jacqueline Underwood for organizing the event which raised **\$350** for CAAA!

★ Sharyn Prestejohn collects and recycles cans and bottles and donates their redemption value to CAAA—so far she’s redeemed **over \$1,000** worth of recyclables! Thank you Sharyn!

★ Thank you to **Shaw's**, **Override.com**, and **Irving & Gulf Oil** for sponsoring a CAAA Benefit BBQ at the Shaw’s on Eastern Ave. in Gloucester on June 20, 2009. Jacky Ankeles & Northshore 104.9, along with GAP Promotions, Horizon Beverage, Ipswich Ale, Northcoast Seafoods, North Shore Kayak Outdoor Center, Ryan Wood Distilleries, and Seabreeze Liquors supplied entertainment, food, and activities for the afternoon. The BBQ brought in over **\$580** for CAAA!

★ Thank you to the volunteers and supporters who made the CAAA Sunset Dessert Cruise on July 18, 2009 a successful event.

Many businesses across the North Shore donated raffle items and the cruise was generously sponsored by Carroll K. Steele Insurance Agency, Gorton’s Seafood, and Scott Oil.

★ Troy Simoes organized a “Summer Kick Off” boat cruise to benefit CAAA and raised **\$1,120!**

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Create a brighter future for animals and Cape Ann, Join Sandy Mitchell's Circle of Friends

The Board of Directors of Cape Ann Animal Aid recently approved the creation of the "Sandy Mitchell Circle of Friends."

The "**Sandy Mitchell Circle of Friends**" is a legacy group designed to encourage and recognize individuals who during their lifetime, or through a testamentary provision, name Cape Ann Animal Aid as a beneficiary in their will or estate plan.

Those of you who knew Sandy will remember her as a "rough winged angel" with a huge heart. When Sandy died she named Cape Ann Animal Aid in her will to continue providing for the animals she so loved during lifetime. Honoring the tradition of her generosity the Trustees named this program in Sandy's memory.

Tom Farina, a fellow board member who served with Sandy shared this comment, "naming the 'Circle' was a natural fit to honor Sandy and encourage others to do as she did."

Sunniva Buck, Cape Ann's Shelter Manager and close friend of Sandy recalls, "Sandy believed that people could change and 'do the right thing' if put to the test."

And doing the right thing - to ensure and protect your passion for animals when you are no longer able to - is what the Sandy Mitchell Circle of Friends is all about.

With a simple provision in your existing will or by including one in a new estate plan, you, like Sandy — Cape Ann's "rough winged angel"— can become an "angel" yourself!

Your personal bequest may be a legacy for a specific purpose or may provide unrestricted funds to Cape Ann Animal Aid.

In addition to legitimate estate tax advantages inherent in estate planning, you do not relinquish current assets during your lifetime in creating a bequest, ensuring that you have enough money to live on now and in the future while still providing for the animals at Cape Ann.

To learn more about the types of bequests commonly known as general, residual, specific and contingent, or to receive more information and our new publication "The Sandy Mitchell Circle of Friends" please call:

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978-764-8850

Sunniva Buck, CAAA Manager
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"Sandy believed that people could change and 'do the right thing' if put to the test."



Every brick paves the way...



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Cynthia Sweet
Rose Wosepha
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Sugar Plum (beloved cat)
Wheatley (beloved dog)

In Memory

Carroll (Andy) Anderson
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Kirby (beloved dog) Buckles
Harold "Harry" (beloved cat) Burley
Betti (beloved dog) Caponi
Donald "Don" Carr
Kineo (beloved dog) Choquette
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Wellesley C. Eastman Sr.
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Charlotte Hubbard Fries

Ken Hodgkins
William H. Hoops
Lily (beloved cat) Irving
Zoe (beloved dog) Kaplan
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Zack (beloved dog) Tanger
Dot (beloved dog) Tew-Schiavone
Everett Tyne
Spike (beloved pet) Variz
Chana (beloved pet) Wadia-Ells
Brooklyn (beloved dog) Wagner
William Wheaton
Brady
Dixie
Eunice
Harry
Lily
Nurnie (beloved dog)
Penny (beloved cat)
Rick
Sugar Paws (beloved cat)
Tempo (beloved dog)





Thank You!

CAAA Wish List

Our dogs are barking for...

-  DAP collars (Stress Reducing)
-  Outdoor dog beds
-  Plastic kiddie pools
-  Kong filler paste

Our cats are purring for...

-  Cardboard cat scratchers
-  Fleece cat beds & crate pads
-  Stainless steel cat litter pans
-  Ceramic cat bowls

Our staff is cheering for...

-  Paper towels
-  Stamps
-  Bleach
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(Rain Date 9/20)

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