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## A word about this publication...

Welcome to the latest edition of the FOBA E-News Bulletin. If this is the first time you received our bulletin and you'd like to know more, please see page 3. You can opt out at any time, but we really hope you will stay with us!

### FOBA's Annual Fur Ball



The Fur Ball, FOBA's main fundraiser for the year, will be held on Friday, October 11, 2013 at the Italian Community Center, 302 Rantoul St., Beverly, from 7-11 PM. We are delighted that this year music will be provided by Ray Novack and his band, Horizon. Great music, food, raffle items, dancing, door prizes and more. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at Casa de Moda, 272 Cabot Street, Beverly, from FOBA members, on our website [friendsofbeverlyanimals.org](http://friendsofbeverlyanimals.org) or by calling 978-922-7190. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Casual attire, but dress up if you wish! (And Halloween will be here soon.) The Fur Ball is always a lot of fun, please join us and help us save more animals!!

### Simba Has a New Home

FOBA gets phone calls every day from people seeking help in finding homes for their cats, for a variety of reasons. Simba's owner wanted to find her a good home, and volunteer Jill Auld quickly found someone who wanted this beautiful Maine Coon cat. Nice going, Jill! Of course, it isn't always easy, and we run into some heartbreaking situations where we don't have enough people willing to foster them until we can find a new home, which is why we feel so strongly that Beverly needs a shelter! (We could also help more dogs if we had a shelter.) We want to find good homes for all the animals in need that we hear about, but sadly, it's not always possible.



Photo from last year's Fur Ball. From left, Nancy Nangeroni, Gordene MacKenzie, Beverly State Rep. Jerry Parisella, Bonnie Hannable.

### Katie Needs a Home



If you are looking for a sweet, affectionate, playful girl, this loveable one-year-old may be the cat for you. Katie loves attention and playing with her toys. If you

would like to learn more about Katie or meet her, contact Jill at [dsajill1@yahoo.com](mailto:dsajill1@yahoo.com) or [978-969-2389](tel:978-969-2389).



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## Helping An Injured Bird

by Bonnie Hannable



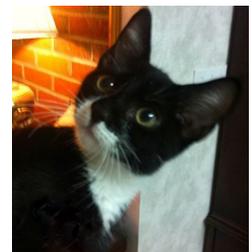
As I was leaving home to attend the most recent FOBA meeting, a couple of pre-teen boys rang my doorbell. They were all excited and breathless..."We just saw a big bird in front of your house! He's hurt, and he falls over when he tries to fly!"

When I took a look, I saw that it was a pigeon, actually, a homing pigeon, with bands on his feet. We coaxed him into my garage, where I put down food and water for him. He began to eat immediately, so I concluded that he wasn't ill and could spend the night there. I shut the garage doors and went to the meeting. In the morning, my neighbors (fellow animal-lovers) suggested I contact Danvers Animal Hospital, which has a wildlife rehabilitator. I called, and they said they'd take the pigeon, so I put him in a pet carrier and off we went. At the vet's office, I was asked to fill out a form (which requested a donation). I was happy to do both if they'd try to help my new feathered friend. I don't know what happened to him but hopefully they did help him and found his owner. (They said the bands indicated that he belonged to someone.)

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## Foster Care Story

One of our kind volunteers is fostering Renatta for a homeless, single mother with a two-year-old son, who are now in a local woman's shelter that does not allow pets. The woman has been Renatta's owner for the cat's entire life, eight years, and she does not want to lose the cat during this difficult time. FOBA is providing foster care until they can all go home again. Call 978-578-0588 or 978-927-4157 for information on how you can help FOBA by fostering.



Pebbles, Rocky and Dino were some of our happy adoption stories in September!



Please "like" us on Facebook and help us spread the word about the animal rescue work we do and our plans to establish a shelter in Beverly. Only with your help can this dream come true!

## Find a Sick or Injured Wild Animal?

It's often hard to know what to do when you find a wild animal that is in need of medical attention. There is a lot of helpful information at the following link: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/fish-wildlife-plants/red-and-gray-squirrels-in-massachusetts.html>

Some excerpts from that site:



### Wildlife Rehabilitators

Wildlife rehabilitators are individuals, veterinarians and organizations that have been granted Wildlife Rehabilitation permits in accordance with [321 CMR 2.13](#). Permitted individuals may legally possess and treat birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians with the exception of deer, moose, bear, federally-listed species and venomous snakes.

Rehabilitators may not charge fees for their services, but they will gratefully accept donations to help defray their costs. Only people who are licensed rehabilitators, or veterinarians who occasionally treat wildlife on an emergency basis, may legally care for wildlife.

If you find a sick or injured animal, it is important to locate a licensed rehabilitator. Licensed reha-

bilitators will provide care with the ultimate goal of release back to the wild.

Many rehabilitators specialize in caring for certain types of wildlife such as songbirds or small mammals, however the permit allows them to accept all authorized wildlife.

Call the rehabilitator first to find out what he or she generally accepts for wildlife species *before* you try to capture or transport an animal for care. Rehabilitators are usually unable to respond to pick-up injured wildlife, but they will provide advice on the best procedures for safely collecting the animal and will offer directions to their facility. Veterinarians are legally allowed to provide emergency service for injured wildlife and should then turn the animal over to a licensed rehabilitator. Some veterinarians are also rehabilitators and they are noted in the *Wildlife Rehabilitators* list.

A licensed rehabilitator in our area is George Myers, DVM, at Danvers Animal Hospital, 367 Maple Street (Route 62), Danvers, MA. Phone 978-774-0045.

It is important to call first, and, of course, always wear gloves and protective clothing while handling any wild animal.

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## About This E-News Bulletin *(continued from Page 1)*



You have received this message because we believe you care about animals, and that you support the rescue work we do. In these bulletins, we will inform you about some animals in need, the work we do and let you know about our upcoming events. We promise not to inundate you with emails!

Although FOBA has been around for five years now, many people aren't aware of what we do. Some are surprised to learn that the City of Beverly does not have an animal shelter, our primary long-term goal. When we rescue animals (mostly felines because more of them are homeless and because we do not have the ability to keep dogs), we frequently have to trap them, provide medical care (including spaying and neutering), nurse them back to health, socialize them, and then we try to place them in foster homes or loving adoptive homes. Besides money, one of our biggest challenges is having enough foster homes to meet the demand. If you or someone you know is interested in fostering or adopting, please let us know!

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- Bonnie Hannable, Editor