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Bixbee Checks In

This sweet boy, **Bixbee**, was found in Beverly. After FOBA posted photos of him on Facebook, numerous lost and found sites, telephone poles, etc., we had him vetted, neutered and microchipped. After he appeared as Pet of the Week in the *Salem News*, a family from Peabody contacted us, met him and decided to adopt him. They had recently lost a much-loved cat and were so sad that they had almost sworn off pets, but, thankfully, they found room in their hearts to give Bixbee a chance. Since then, we have had numerous happy updates from his new family. Below is the most recent report (from Bixbee himself, no less!).



Hi FOBA – It's me, Bixbee! Just wanted to check in and let you know that I am very happy in my furrever home and settling in.

When I got here, they had a whole room set up with toys, a comfy couch with soft blankets to sleep on, food, water and men's room (litter box) – all for me. I spent my first day/night in here so I could get used to my new family's home sounds and smells. The next morning they gave me a tour and let me explore the rest of our house; nice place. There is an awesome bay window I can sit in and observe the whole street. There are squirrels, birds and a bunny that visit our front yard. Our neighbors across the street have a dog I can watch, too.

My new family does a lot of cooking; I like to lie in the middle of the kitchen (and all the action) to watch them. It's kind of like a live cooking show. Everything always smells good. They also fill/empty an appliance called a dishwasher; I like to lie under the door and watch them put the dishes away. Hope they don't expect me to help once I know where things go...

My new mom likes to bring me toys. The paper bags the toys come home in are great places to play in! I am also partial to the box my carrier came in. I like to dive into it chasing toys and make it slide across the living room on the carpet.

I want to say thank you to Bonnie for finding and rescuing me from having to fend for myself. I want to also thank Cheryl for being a wonderful foster mom and eventually finding me my furrever family.

Fondly, Bixbee

— The Mazzetta Family, Peabody, MA



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Strut Your Mutt! Want to help with our Dog Walk?



FOBA is hoping to have a Dog Walk this fall, and we need participants and volunteers to help with this event. Tentative plans are to walk around the Cummings Center/United Shoe Pond. We hope to give out T-shirts and water bottles to participants. We need people to walk their dogs, get sponsors to chip in to cover expenses, etc. If you'd like to help, contact Heidi Roberts at heidiroberts@comcast.net or call 978-927-4157. This is still in the planning stage, so we also would welcome your ideas on how to make this event fun and successful.



Juno - Another precious kitty found on the streets in Beverly. She and her two siblings were trapped, vetted, socialized and happily adopted into new homes this spring.



Lady - Two of her sisters were adopted a bit earlier, and the lovely Lady was adopted in April. Many thanks to Cheryl Mezack for all of her wonderful foster care and adoptions!

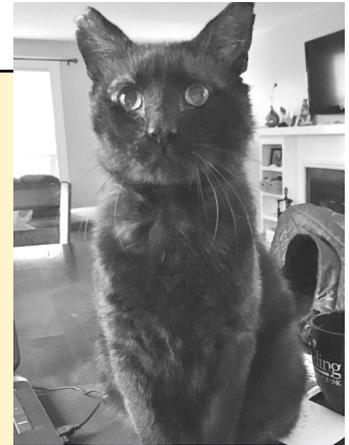
Microchipping Pets



A woman named Lisa from Danvers recently took an interest in a cat she'd seen wandering near her home. She put out bowls of food for the cat and wondered if this pet had a home. Lisa called a veterinarian and a shelter, but they would not see street cats. She called us (FOBA) and we connected her with a vet who would help. He scanned the kitty and found a microchip that was registered to an individual in Florida. Not to be deterred, Lisa went on the internet and found someone with a similar name who lives locally. She contacted the person and was told that this cat that had gone missing over a year ago! Although the information on the chip was not updated, it was enough to help find the owner.

Please have your pets microchipped. Your vet can microchip your animal, or contact MRFRS in Salisbury and ask about the low-cost chip clinics they offer three times a year, March, summer and October. Email info@mfrs.org for more information.

Roscoe's Happy Adoption Story



We started our search after many talks with my daughter, who wanted a kitten. Our friends have a rescue cat, and my daughter was really kind and sweet with their cat, so we felt we were ready to add a cat to our household.

We visited a shelter, with no luck. And then we saw a post (via Facebook from my friend) that FOBA had three kittens for adoption. We visited the kittens in hopes we could bring one home. Two warmed up to us, but they were spoken for. And the third kitten wasn't interested in my daughter (who is 4). So Cheryl sent us to another FOBA foster home that had another kitten. I visited this kitten, who didn't seem to connect with me, so I chatted with Suzanne and met the other cats she had.

I saw Roscoe, and he was not pleasant to the eyes, being pretty scarred from living on the streets. But there was something about him. He had such a soft demeanor and clearly just wanted to be scratched and loved. I brought my daughter back to meet him and Roscoe just laid there while she petted him.

We decided to adopt him. Truth be told, I was really nervous. I grew up with cats, but had not had one in adulthood, let alone a rescue, who had lived on the streets and clearly sustained some battering in his years.

I had confidence in his calm demeanor that he showed when we visited. It took a few days but he slowly started coming out of hiding, and venturing out into the house.

Now after just a couple of weeks he is a definite part of our family. He sleeps in bed with us and cannot get enough attention. He is so gentle, and sweet. In this short period of time some of his hair has grown back (covering bald or scarred spots) and his coat is shiny. He purrs non-stop. I feel like he is saying to me how happy he is to be off the streets and part of a family.

It is truly a great story. Plenty of people seem to want kittens and Roscoe had the odds against him, being a black cat, a little older, and not easy on the eyes. But in our eyes, he is absolutely perfect and better than we could have ever imagined !!!!!

— Sarah M., Beverly

We love stories like these, and Sarah's right, it's easy to place cute little kittens and puppies, but often that's not the case with older animals who may have seen some troubled times. Thanks to Sarah and her family for adopting Roscoe and writing such a moving tribute to him. He sounds like a very special kitty and we think he's beautiful. We hope that someone will give Amber (next page) a chance for a happy life, too...

Look for more happy adoption stories and cats available for adoption on our website at www.friendsofbeverlyanimals.org and on our Facebook page.



Amber Deserves A Better Life...

Amber is a very docile, medium-sized, spayed female, believed to be 3-4 years old. She came to FOBA from a hoarding situation. She is shy, but likes to be touched. She has to be kept in a room by herself because one of the cats in the foster home tries to hurt her. We are looking for someone to adopt or foster her, where she can have more interaction with people and other cats. She likes to be with other cats. Her current fosterer says that she deserves to have a better life. She has the potential to become a great pet! If you are interested, please contact Heidi Roberts at heidiroberts@comcast.net or 978-927-4157.

We are always in need of more foster homes! We will pay for food, supplies and veterinary care. Under special circumstances, we will consider covering expenses for a cat in “permanent” foster care; that is, when a person would like to keep a particular cat, but cannot afford the expenses involved in regular adoption. Ask Heidi about this possibility if you are interested.

FOBA is looking for volunteers for two important jobs...

We need to find a new **Treasurer**, since Chris Letterman, who has done such a great job for us for the past several years, informed us she'd like to step down as of 2017. We understand, as she already has a demanding full-time job, and wants to be able to spend more time with her husband, traveling and enjoying life. (Many thanks, Chris!) So, we are looking for someone with bookkeeping/accounting experience who will handle FOBA's bank accounts, report on our financial status at monthly meetings, do P&L statements, etc. If you're interested, please let us know and we'll send a more detailed job description. Our Treasurer also serves on our Board of Directors.

Friday, October 28, 2016 has been reserved as the date for FOBA's Annual Fur Ball, and we need to find a **highly-organized person to manage the raffles/auctions of items donated for our major fund-raiser for the year**. The job involves keeping track of all the items donated, setting up the displays at the event, managing the drawings, etc. It's a very detail-oriented job, and we have written guidelines that we would be happy to send you if you think you might be willing to volunteer for this job.

***Save the Date! FOBA's Fantastic Fur Ball will be at the ICC on Friday, October 28, 2016.**

***Photos for our 2017 Calendar must be received by August 1st. Limit 3 photos per pet. Only good quality photos with no humans in them, please. Send to bhannable@gmail.com More details are on our website www.friendsofbeverlyanimals.org and on our Facebook page.**



Please "like" us on Facebook and help 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!