

Friends Of Beverly Animals
PO Box 3378, Beverly, MA 01915
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www.friendsofbeverlyanimals.org.

Letter To Our Friends Spring 2010



Hello,

Friends of Beverly Animals would like to thank **ALL OF YOU** who have supported our efforts this past year. We have saved over 40 cats and kittens over the past year. We are looking forward to an even bigger and better 2010, but we need your help. The animals need your help.

Currently there is a dire need for foster homes. If you can't foster an animal at this time, perhaps you know someone who can. If so, please urge them to contact Friends of Beverly Animals as soon as possible. Without the continued support of the Beverly community and the dedicated volunteers who make up our non-profit organization, we cannot proceed with our mission of bettering the lives of homeless animals, and establishing an animal shelter in Beverly.

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Thank you,

Your friends at FOBA

We Can Make a Difference Together!!

Have you ever wanted to help out a charity, but didn't think you had the time? It doesn't have to be hours of your time, a little is just as important and it matters just as much.

There are many ways you could help FOBA if you choose. We need help for so many things.

- * Could you adopt one of our at-risk animals?
- * Could you raise \$10 among your friends?
- * Volunteer to help at one of our fund-raisers.
- * Attend monthly meetings to learn more about FOBA.
- * Is there something you could do that we may not have even realized we need?
- * Tell your friends and family about FOBA.

Please send us a note and let us know your ideas that you might have:

FOBA

PO Box 3378

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Community Outreach Program

Check us out on Beverly Community Cable Access television. For upcoming viewing times, log on to www.bevcam.org or check your local newspaper for BevCam listings.

Become a P.A.W.S. Kid (Pet Awareness With School Kids) by inviting us to your Elementary School. Teachers, please help us raise awareness through children. For more info, please contact Bonnie Hannable at (978) 922-7190 or bhannable@gmail.com.

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Animals Available For Adoption



Munchkin

I am a very special 6 month old Manx kitten. I was born without a tail and I hop like a rabbit because my hind legs are larger than my front ones. I love people. You should see me, I am the sweetest thing. I don't like other cats. I will tolerate them, but I don't want to be their friend.



Precious

Hi I am a beautiful, orange, male kitty. I am about 2 years old, I like attention and I am mellow. I am shy, but I am working on coming "out of my shell." What more could you ask for? I would love a forever home. What are you waiting for?



Eddie & Freddie

My twin sister Freddie and I were born on a boat, by the time we were rescued, we were already 5 months old. We are in foster care and are now ready for adoption. I am very friendly and Freddie is shy. We love other cats. We would also like to be adopted together, but if you only wanted one of us that would also be fine. Look how handsome we are!! How could you only pick one of us?



Please check our website www.friendsofbeverlyanimals.org for more animals that need homes.

Rescue Story Quarterly

It wouldn't be right if we didn't share the rescue story that started FOBA. It all started with a small, gray cat.

My name is Heidi Roberts. I am a broker with Keller Williams and I heard about a kitty's plight from a friend. Apparently the abandoned cat was spotted early mornings on Beverly's Mill Street, venturing out in search of food.

The cat's front leg was trapped inside her flea collar, preventing her from moving freely. I decided to take action regarding the Mill Street cat whom I later named "Millie."

I showed up before 7 a.m. with a metal cage, a pair of scissors and a can of tuna. As predicted, Millie emerged from under a neighbor's porch and offered little resistance when I cut off the flea collar. The tuna fish cinched the deal. She was relieved to give herself up.

Animal welfare has been a big part of my life. The fact that the city of Beverly doesn't have a rescue group troubled me. For years I've wanted to start a shelter in Beverly. It's been a goal of mine.

Millie's medical bills alone were considerable. The toxic chemicals from the binding flea collar had abraded her skin, creating sores and widespread inflammation. She still receives medical care today. The medical bills spurred me to reach out to the community. I first contacted Jim Lindley, Beverly's Animal Control Officer. He was sympathetic, yet could only tell me what I all ready suspected: the budget didn't allow for cases like Millie's.

Next, in an effort to contact animal lovers on the North Shore, I reached out to the Beverly community. I went to the Beverly Citizen and online to the Beverly Animal Resource Coalition (BARC), which is a grassroots organization (beverlybarc.com). I posted Millie's photo along with my plea for help. Not only was I seeking a home for Millie, I wanted to gather a group of concerned citizens. Our goals: to create a fund to help animals like Millie; to start an animal shelter in Beverly; and to find foster homes for feral cats, leading to eventual adoption.

My actions did not go unnoticed. After some like-minded residents contacted me, I set a date for our first meeting. We were (and still are), a small but determined group that met on a September 2007 evening at my workplace, the Keller Williams office in Beverly. We decided to call ourselves FOBA: Friends of Beverly Animals.

We hope to see the day when FOBA has a shelter of its own. We know it won't happen overnight, but at least our dream is closer to becoming a reality. And to think it all started with a small gray cat...

Millie resides in Beverly with Heidi Roberts, seven other cat family members and a multitude of foster kitties.



MILLIE

If you have a rescue story that you would like to share, please submit it in approximately 500 words or less to:

FOBA

PO Box 3378

Beverly, MA 01915

Attn: Rescue Story Quarterly

or

www.friendsofbeverlyanimals.org

Only pictures with a self-addressed, stamped envelope will be returned.

The Starfish Story

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean. Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?" The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." "Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf. Then, smiling at the man, he said...

"I made a difference for that one."

P.S. You CAN make a difference. Contact us at www.friendsofbeverlyanimals.org to find out how. WE NEED YOUR HELP, because one person can make a difference.

Donation Page

Show your love for animals by making a donation to Friends of Beverly Animals. Your donation will assist us in providing food and medical care for domestic animals in need.

There are no PAID positions within FOBA , we are all volunteer.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

\$ amount enclosed: _____

Send your check to: FOBA
 PO Box 3378
 Beverly, MA 01915

In Honor And Memorial Donations

How can I make an in-honor-of, or in-memory-of gift for someone?

If you'd like to send a check, please enclose a note indicating the name of the deceased or honoree, the name and the address of the person you wish us to contact concerning the donation, and who it is from. We will send out a tribute letter to the person you've indicated.

*We can't do this without your help.
The Animals Thank You.*

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UPCOMING FOBA EVENTS

May 5th

**Stop by our table
at the Rabies Clinic
Wednesday, May 5th,
4 to 6 p.m.
Old McKay School
McKay Street
Beverly, MA**

May 21st

**Foba's 2nd Annual
Funky Fur Ball
Friday, May 21st
7 to 11 p.m.
Italian Club (ICC)
302 Rantoul Street
Beverly, MA**

June 5th

**Foba's 1st Annual
Strut Your Mutt
Benefit Walk
Saturday, June 5th
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Beverly Commons
Beverly, MA
RAIN OR SHINE**

June 19th

**Arts Fest Beverly
Saturday, June 19th
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cabot Street
Downtown Beverly
RAIN OR SHINE**

Stop by our table at the Rabies Clinic and say hello. You will be able to purchase tickets in advance for the 2nd Annual Funky Fur Ball or pick up a sponsor sheet for the Springtime Strut Your Mutt (no mutt necessary) Benefit Walk.

Please join us for our 2nd Annual Funky Fur Ball. Includes live music by Music Maximus, dancing and buffet. Cash bar. Come dance the night away while supporting a worthy cause.

Advance tickets can be purchased through our website for \$20.00 per person or \$25.00 at the door.

Please join us for our 1st Annual Strut Your Mutt (no mutt necessary) Benefit Walk. Sponsor sheet enclosed and you can download more from our website.

Music by DJ Jazzy Janet, face painting and Balloonacy Balloon entertainment. Fun for the entire family, including the dogs!

For more info, please contact Ann Innocenti at (978) 922-6350 or innocenti@comcast.net.

Stop by our table at the Arts Fest and say hello.

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The Animal Rescue Site

\$100,000

Shelter+ Challenge

together with **Petfinder.com**

Help us win prizes to help our animals!

Vote for us at www.TheAnimalRescueSite.com.

Just follow the directions and type in

FRIENDS OF BEVERLY ANIMALS

to vote for us.

Thank you for your help. Don't forget to vote every day!



We encourage animals lovers to visit The Animal Rescue Site each day. There is a link to click on to provide free food to needy animals, and it only takes a couple of seconds. You can have them send you a daily reminder. While there, please help FOBA by clicking on the Shelter Challenge button.

We need your help. Please click every day!!!

Your Car Tells the World How You Feel About Animals

The Massachusetts "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate tells your community that you care about animals! By purchasing this license plate, you will be contributing to a statewide program that directly benefits Massachusetts animals.



For more info go to:
www.mass.gov/rmv

*Don't forget to check out our
"Upcoming Events" page.
Have A Fun, Safe Summer.*

