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Misty Breeze - Home At Last!

In January, FOBA helped two Beverly cats that were about to become homeless — Misty Breeze, a pretty, long-haired gray and tan female cat and her roommate, Minune (Minnie), a pretty, long-haired calico, 12+ years old with a thyroid problem. They belonged to an elderly woman who lived in a Beverly apartment until she had to enter a nursing home last winter. There was no one from the woman's family to take the two felines. Misty and Minnie were thin and needed medical attention. They would have been euthanized without our intervention, so FOBA stepped in. They were taken to a local veterinary hospital, where they were boarded for several weeks right after the holidays, since there is no animal shelter in Beverly and no FOBA foster homes were available because we were already helping many other animals. Although it was expensive for FOBA, it was the only way to save Misty and Minnie.

After leaving the vet hospital, they were placed in a FOBA foster home. For two months we tried to find Misty a home, posting her on Petfinder and featuring her in the newspaper and our newsletters without results. The decision was made to surrender the younger of the two cats, Misty, to the Marblehead Animal Shelter. Misty was at the animal shelter for several months before being adopted (see letter which follows, thanks, Joani!). We were delighted to learn that Misty Breeze finally has a wonderful new home! Her former roommate, Minnie, is living with FOBA member, Linda Seal. The old calico girl is happy in her new home and is on her necessary medication and does not look or act like a "senior" cat. A photo of Minnie appears on the following page.

Hi, my name is Joani.

I adopted Misty Breeze on June 15, 2012 from the Marblehead Animal Shelter. When I initially wanted to adopt her, I was told she might not adjust very well, and she was a bit snippy. Mary Crafts (FOLSA, Friends of Lynn-Saugus Animals) and I thought it might have been because she'd been in a cage for four months, so I decided to adopt her anyway in hopes that her behavior would improve. I understand most people want kittens, but I'm not most people.

Misty is a four-year old Blue Cream long-haired calico. She is absolutely beautiful (even with the "Lion Cut" I got her to remove many matted areas). I brought her home and I was very surprised she enjoyed the car ride from Marblehead to Malden because most cats do not like riding in cars. When I got her home she immediately went under my bed and stayed for just a short while. She explored her new surroundings with much curiosity, but very cautiously. It's taken her quite a while to allow me to pat or hold her for a period of time and she still seems unsure at times.

Misty likes the song "You Are My Sunshine" and comes to me when I tell her I love her. She is so friendly, but doesn't like to be touched a whole lot. Just the past three days I noticed she follows me from room to room, wakes me up by meowing and brings me to her empty bowl. Misty has definitely become "The Princess" in my home (or should I say HER home) but that's okay because she is a great companion. She is a bit spoiled, but I figured after what she's been through, she deserves it. I would recommend to anyone who is looking to get a pet that they visit their local animal shelters before going to a pet shop. You really can make a difference in the life of a poor, lonely animal and they can definitely make a difference in yours.

Thank you, Marblehead Animal Shelter and all others who helped, for a great companion!

Sincerely, **Joani Fucci**





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Minune (Minnie)

We would like to recognize and thank Heidi Roberts for rescuing Misty Breeze and Minnie, Cheryl Mezack for her amazing fostering efforts (in this case and so many others), and especially Linda Seal, who has very kindly agreed to foster Minnie on a permanent basis. It's extremely difficult to find someone to take in an elderly kitty with health issues. FOBA is proud of all of you!

The stories of Misty and Minnie illustrate that sometimes it does take a village! Thanks to all who were involved. Today, two lovely cats are much happier because of your efforts.

What Makes It All Worthwhile Happy Adoption Notes

This (right) is Gingersnap as of August 2012. She was adopted in January from FOBA. She was malnourished, flea and tapeworm infested. Look at how beautiful she is now. We absolutely LOVE her. - *The Tanzella Family*





This (left) is our kitten Henry, who we adopted through FOBA in April. He has been a great addition to our family and is very friendly and loving. He enjoys carrying around his toys with him everywhere and in this picture he has fallen asleep on our bed with his toy mouse in his paws.

- Eileen, Paul, Kate and Brendan Mulligan

As you can see, Malcolm (right) is growing up fast. 10 months old and 12 lbs. of pure muscle and the vets say he isn't done growing yet! He continues to be an absolute joy. - *Elizabeth Thompson-Brace*



2012 Events — Thanks to all who helped and supported these successful fundraisers!

Comedy Night with Bob Seibel, Dave Rattigan & Friends Onion Town Grill, Danvers - April 10, 2012

Not Your Average Joe's Day, Beverly - May 7, 2012 Tuesdays in October 2012, FOBA to receive 15% of all receipts for our supporters who dine there (be sure to tell your server)!

Wine Tasting, Henry's Wine Cellar, Beverly - June 6, 2012

Fur Ball, September 28, 2012, Italian Community Club, Beverly, featuring 5 O'Clock Somewhere (band), raffles, good food, dancing

2013 FOBA Calendars will be available soon. For information, visit our website at www.friendsofbeverlyanimals.org.



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!

What To Do If You Have Lost or Found a Pet - Some Suggestions



We all know how difficult it is to lose a beloved pet, or not to know what to do when you find a lost one. Here are some suggestions we hope will be helpful. Obviously, if the animal is seriously injured or sick, we hope that you will seek immediate veterinary attention, whenever possible.

Call your local police or animal officer. In Beverly, call <u>978-922-1212</u> (police non-emergency number) or <u>978-605-2362</u> or <u>2362</u> (Jim Lindley, Animal Control). They keep a logbook of calls about stray pets. Ask them to enter your contact information into this book. You may also call Heidi Roberts, FOBA President, at <u>978-927-4157</u>. She often knows about lost/found pets before the Police or Animal Control officers do.

Contact a nearby animal shelter or animal organization. To find listings; e.g., Google "animal rescue Beverly, MA" for information. Northeast Animal Shelter in Salem, MA 978-745-9888 <u>www.northeastanimalshelter.org</u>. Contact your local newspaper and place ad for missing/found pet. Some papers offer free listing for found animals.

Post picture of pet, including location where s/he was last seen or found - street, city/town, state; name of pet, any distinguishing markings on the animal, and also mention if a lost pet has a microchip. Post flyers of the missing pet on telephone poles - 1/2 mile up and down your street on both sides, one or two streets over from where you live. (Please remember to take them down when animal is found or claimed.) Post on your Face Book page. If you aren't on Facebook, ask a friend to post it for you.

Cats usually hide nearby, so owners should check under porches, bushes, in sheds, etc. Sometimes cats get locked in a cellar or garage by mistake. The cat may not come out until evening. Cats often wander about 7-10 houses from their homes. Dogs will roam street by street. Drive down the streets around the pet's feeding time and call the dog's or cat's name. Bring a box of treats to shake if your pet knows that sound.

Craig's List - Go to <u>http://www.craigslist.com</u> and post your pet info and contact info under Community/ Activities/Lost & Found.

For many other ideas and tips, check out the following links, or Google "how to find lost pet."

 http://www.petrescue.com/petlibrary/pet-rescue/how-to-find-a-lost-cat-or-dog/

 http://www.petfinder.com/after-pet-adoption/find-lost-dog.html

 http://www.missingpet.net/advice/index.html
 http://www.wikihow.com/Find-a-Lost-Dog

 www.humanesociety.org/about/state/massachusetts/
 http://masshumane.org/lost-found.htm

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The animals really need your help. Thank you for caring!		



Friends of Beverly Animals P.O. Box 3378 Beverly, MA 01915 Fall 2012 Please join us at the Fur Ball!

For a great time and to help us save more animals, please come to our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Fur Ball on Friday, September 28th at the ICC, 302 Rantoul Street, Beverly, from 7-11 PM. Tickets are \$20 each. Raffles, live music provided by 5 O'Clock Somewhere, good food, dancing. For tickets, email foba2007@gmail.com or call 978-922-7190. Hope to see you there!





Tuesdays at Joe's will give 15% of the receipts for meals served to our supporters on every Tuesday in October. Be sure to tell your server that you are there to help FOBA. Thank you!

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." Anatole France