



Happy New Year!

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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 what it's all about, please see page 3. You can opt out at any time, but we really hope you will stay with us!

A Happy Ending for Christmas

by Lisa Vince

On November 26th, my 11-year old kitty Casey went missing after a carpet cleaner had been at my home. For nearly two weeks, there was no sign of Casey, and I went through daily torture not knowing if he might have gotten outside. I borrowed a trap from Cheryl Mezack and tried the smelliest cat food and even Kentucky Fried Chicken to entice him, in case he was hiding somewhere. Nothing. It was a total mystery! Then, on the morning of December 8th, I found him. He was in the house, in a hollow wall space (see photo) the whole time! My youngest cat, Cody (adopted from the litter Chris Letterman fostered in March 2011) kept hanging around the wall for a week after Casey disappeared, but I could hear nothing there. Still, I wondered if Cody **knew** something...so I got a small crowbar and pried the cover off the hole in the wall and, sure enough, that was where he had been hiding. I did not hear him cry until the day we found him and Cody was right there again. Cody is a true hero who saved his buddy! So I put some food down there and he came forward after eating two dishes of Friskies. Then I coaxed him out with a toy and managed to get him by the scruff of the neck and pulled him up and out of the wall through the cut area. Good thing he is a small kitty! And luckily someone years ago had cut this hole in the top of the wall.

The vet checked Casey over and he's fine. I asked her how he could survive for 11 days without water; she said she did not know, but somehow they just do for a while. We feel very lucky and blessed to have him back!



Casey
Cody &
The Wall



Another Good Samaritan

by Heidi Roberts

On a very cold Sunday morning at the end of November a young mother (whose husband is serving our country in the Coastguard) parked her car at the edge of the parking lot at the North Beverly Stop and Shop. When she got out, she heard a faint cry. She went to investigate and found three small, eight-week-old kittens in a closed cardboard box. She took them home and called Animal control, who referred her to FOBA. Heidi Roberts from FOBA went to see her and asked her to keep the kittens for a couple of days since FOBA's foster homes were full. The young mother agreed, even though this meant that she would have to keep the kittens in a dog crate in her bedroom, since she had no room in the small house with four small children and a large dog. Her husband, also an animal lover, agreed.

As it turned out, this same mother had also found a mother cat with two tiny kittens at the end of her street last year when she observed a man dropping a cardboard box into the street and driving off. She contacted FOBA and the cat and kittens were fostered by FOBA and then placed. That cat was Laurel.

This just shows you that some people are not afraid to go the extra mile to help out a homeless animal.



Want To Foster or Adopt a FOBA Rescue Animal?

Call Cheryl Mezack at 978-578-0588
or email cmezack@aol.com
friendsofbeverlyanimals.org

What We Need Most
Donations - Foster Homes
- Adoptive Homes
- Help with Fundraisers & Events
- Grant Writer - Volunteers
- Creative Ideas & Suggestions

Homes or Foster Homes Needed

Corgi/Beagle mix, an older dog who was recently abandoned or lost in Beverly. He is friendly, and responds to commands. Contact Borash Veterinary Clinic, 79 Prospect Street, Peabody, MA (978) 531-8713



Duke is available for adoption through Tennessee SPCA. He is a three-year-old German Shepherd mix. His size, markings, coat texture and structure are consistent with that of a German Shepherd, but his head resembles a larger breed. He is very affectionate and has the most soulful eyes. He does well with kids and gets along with other dogs. He has a high energy level and loves to run and play, go for walks and loves car rides. Duke has been neutered, is current on vaccinations, heartworm and flea/tick preventative, and has been microchipped.



Contact Sheila M. Duncan
Co-Creator, Trouble The Dog
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781-631-0887

Sunday Morning with Cats

**Oliver Cook with Mr. Black
Kita & Samson
Thanks to Sharon Cook
(FOBA VP and author
extraordinaire) for this
wonderful photo!**



More Happy Adoptions Just Before Christmas



*Left, kitten adopted by Danvers family
Right, kitten adopted by couple in Beverly*

Check Petfinder and friendsofbeverlyanimals.org for photos and descriptions of other felines that need homes, plus upcoming events.

FOBA meets once a month. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 21st at Keller-Williams Office, 500 Cummings Center at 6 PM. We are always looking for new members!

To learn more about our organization, please visit our website at friendsofbeverlyanimals.org and like us on Facebook.

About This E-News Bulletin

You have received this message either because you asked to be on our email list, are one of our adopters, or because we believe you care about animals, and that you support the work we do.

Using this email network, we hope to inform you about animals in immediate need of help, let you know about our upcoming fundraising events, and send our biannual newsletter to those who would prefer receiving it electronically (saving paper and postage). Bulletins will usually be sent once per month.

Many people still do not know what FOBA is or does. 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 them with 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, permanent 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