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So, what's FOBA been up to lately?

The Fur Ball

On October 21st, we held our Annual Fur Ball at the ICC in Beverly. This event is our major fundraiser for the year. As always, it was a fun night and money raised will help us continue the rescue and placement work we do. We had many interesting, attractive raffle and auction items, great music and food, plus a nice crowd of fellow animal-lovers. More photos from the Fur Ball are on FOBA's Facebook page. Thank you to all friends and supporters who helped make this year's Fur Ball a success!



PHOTOS
FROM THE
FUR BALL

2017 Calendars

FOBA's 2017 calendar is now available (\$13 each, payable only by cash or check in stores) at the following locations. Contains over 140 beautiful color photos of local pets submitted by our friends and supporters.

Beverly Wild Bird & Pet Supply, 214 Rantoul Street,
Beverly 978-927-2880

Carroll's Florist, 385 Cabot Street, Beverly
978-922-8444

DogSpa, 45 Enon Street, Beverly 978-922-9227

Dogs by Design & Cats, Too! 131 Dodge Street,
Beverly 978-998-7620

Marika's Restaurant, 190 Cabot Street, Beverly
978-927-1768

Soho Luxury Feline Hotel, 100 Cabot Street, Beverly
978-921-2287

Calendars may also be purchased on our website
friendsofbeverlyanimals.org (see instructions under
Calendar). Questions, email bhannable@gmail.com
or call 978-922-7190.



2017 CALENDAR COVER



RECENT ADOPTIONS

Who we are...

Heidi Roberts, President
Sharon Cook, Vice President
Christine Letterman, Treasurer
Bonnie Hannable, Secretary
Lisa Vince, Board Member
Kim Hyder, BevCam TV Host

Cheryl Mezack
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Plus many dedicated volunteers

For more information, please
visit our website at
friendsofbeverlyanimals.org

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is a 501(c)(3)
charitable organization.
Donations are tax-deductible
to the extent
permitted by law.

Please "like" us on Facebook
and help us spread the word
about the animal rescue work
we do and the need for a
shelter in Beverly.

MONIQUE & MARGO

A Beverly couple, Cheryl and her husband, recently adopted these two black kitties from a FOBA foster home. Monique, a fluffy black mother cat, and her daughter, Margo, were adopted together. Cheryl brought her granddaughter, Hannah, with her on adoption day.

Doesn't everyone look happy?



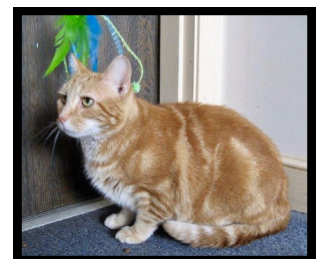
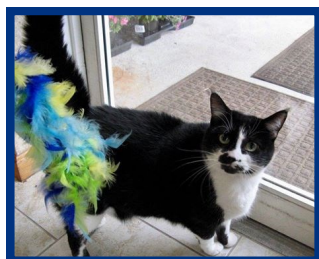
JUNO

Juno was one of three kittens trapped in downtown Beverly. At about three months old, we weren't sure if these three would become friendly. A local woman had taken the time to feed them and their mother. They became used to her, but never enough to let her touch them. She called FOBA as the weather was turning colder. We were able to trap the three siblings and find great homes for each of them.



Juno was adopted, along with another female street kitty, by a retired couple. Juno and her kitty friend spend their days in the sunroom, wrestling and playing with toys, very happy in their new home.

Available for adoption: Below, left to right: Leroy, Boo Boo, Tess, Linus.
Go to friendsofbeverlyanimals.org for adoption information on these pretty kitties.



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 four). 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 had obviously 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.

After just a couple of weeks he has become 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



Thanks to Sarah for this touching story. We agree; please consider adopting an older pet!

We always need more foster homes; please contact Cheryl at cmezack@aol.com

978-578-0588 or Heidi at heidiroberts@comcast.net 978-927-4157

if you are interested in fostering. FOBA pays for veterinary care, food and supplies.



ANNUAL APPEAL LETTER

The animals need your help!

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Dear Fellow Animal-Lover,

The phone never stops ringing for Heidi Roberts, the President and Founder of the Friends of Beverly Animals (FOBA). Sometimes it can be discouraging and a bit overwhelming, hearing about very difficult situations that people and their pets are facing. But Heidi keeps going, because the animals need help and because this is a passion of hers. Heidi keeps a journal of all these phone calls. No one could remember all the details of the sad cases people tell her about. It was learning of a disturbing situation back in 2007 involving a cat named Millie that prompted her to act and to organize. Heidi and a group of concerned citizens formed a nonprofit organization called the Friends of Beverly Animals (officially incorporated in 2008).

The mission and purpose of FOBA is to help animals in need and work toward the goal of having a no-kill shelter in Beverly. Our dedicated volunteers have saved hundreds of animals' lives, placing pets in loving, "forever" homes, and trying to raise money to establish a much-needed shelter in Beverly.

FOBA is best known for rescuing felines, but we also assist in situations involving canines, working with Animal Control in Beverly, and through networking with other animal organizations to help find missing pets, relocating them to good homes, and assisting in any way we can. One of the greatest challenges we face in rescuing animals is having enough foster homes to meet the need, and finding foster homes for dogs can be even more challenging. Since Beverly has no shelter, most of our work has involved saving cats and kittens.

FOBA has had many successes, but the need is never-ending and we have a long way to go as far as having our own shelter. We have numerous fundraisers to cover the expenses of caring for animals that are in danger of being put down or that have been left outside to fend for themselves. We provide essential food, shelter and medical care, which is very expensive and takes up most of our budget. FOBA is an all-volunteer organization. Proceeds from fundraising efforts are used to further FOBA's mission of caring for animals in need.

Now entering our ninth year of operation, this is our fourth annual appeal letter. As we approach the holiday season and the end of the year, we hope that you will find it in your heart to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Beverly Animals so that we can continue rescuing these precious creatures and some day have a shelter in or near Beverly.

Thank you very much for your kind support!

Your Friends at FOBA

P.S. Millie was nursed back to good health, placed in a nice home, and is still doing well.





**Yes, I want to help the Friends of Beverly Animals
continue their work rescuing, finding homes for
animals in need, and planning for a
no-kill shelter in Beverly.**



Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Please mail your check to Friends of Beverly Animals (FOBA), PO Box 3378, Beverly, MA 01915
or go to friendsofbeverlyanimals.org and click on "Donations" We accept **PayPal**

If you would like to make a gift in honor of or in memory of a beloved person or pet, please enclose the form below with your check, indicating the name of the deceased or honoree, the name and address of the person you wish us to contact concerning the donation, and whom it is from. We will send out a tribute letter to the person(s) you designate.

Many animals need your help, and FOBA needs your help. Thank you for caring!

Name of person or pet being honored or remembered

Name and address of person to be contacted regarding this donation (for questions, thank you)

Phone Number _____

Name and address of person to be notified about this donation (for acknowledgement of gift)

Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.