

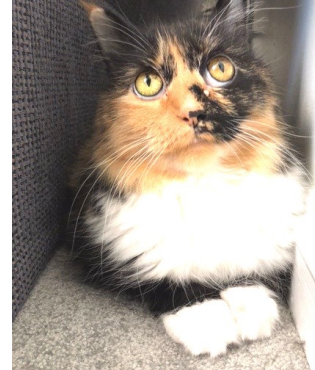
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HAPPY ADOPTION STORY

NORTH SHORE “ANGELS” COME TO THE AID OF SASSY, SENIOR CALICO CAT

By Cheryl Mezack



Several months ago, there was a very pretty 15-year-old cat, Sassy, whose owner needed to go into the hospital. Over several weeks and months, Sassy's owner, Yvonne, did not improve and passed away. Since FOBA does not have a physical shelter, we tried to find someone to foster the senior cat with no success. This calico cat with a thyroid condition was then posted on pet websites. Again, we did not find the right person committed to adopting healthy-looking Sassy, and to applying the medication in one ear twice daily.

The plan was to find a home for Sassy without placing her in a shelter, which could be stressful. So one of her “angels,” neighbor Nancy M., agreed to visit the cat twice a day to feed, be company, and apply the thyroid cream while Sassy was living in the empty house. Months went by until FOBA volunteer Cheryl learned the cat was not adopted; she wanted to help.

In early September, while she was in Danvers picking up items for the FOBA Trivia Night, Cheryl went to the pet aisle of the local Stop ‘n Shop store. While there, she conversed with Priscilla, who was buying food for her senior male cat, Sam. Priscilla's female cat had recently died, and Sam was lonely for a companion. Soon, Priscilla's info was forwarded to neighbor, Nancy, and Jeff, son of Sassy's original owner. Several conversations, emails, and meetings later, Sassy is now living with Ipswich resident Priscilla H. as a second pet and companion to her 18-year-old male cat, Sam.

Priscilla writes: "Sassy is such a sweetheart and gets along well with Sam. She loves playing with her toys and is quite spunky for being 15 years old." So with the cooperation of North Shore cat lovers, Sassy now has a happy home. FOBA founder, Heidi Roberts, is going to use a small portion of FOBA contributions to pay for Sassy's thyroid cream. Hopefully, this will make the “happy ending” for Sassy even happier!



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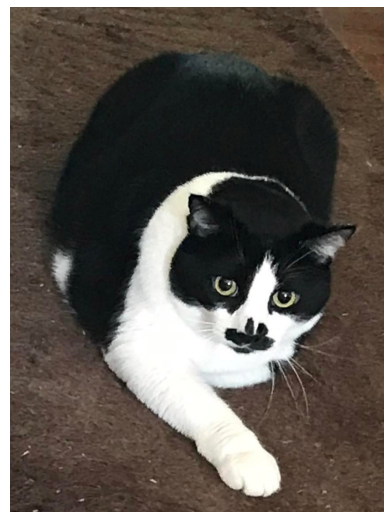
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MORE HAPPY TAILS/TALES

ELVIS

We absolutely fell in love with this handsome boy. He was surrendered because his owners thought he was vicious. (We suspect he was bored; we don't know how else to explain this.) Although he needed socializing, we didn't see that side of him. He was a butterball of love for us. He was adopted by a young couple who report all good things about Elvis. We are so glad he found his forever home.



CLYDE

Unfortunately, Clyde's new owner fell and broke her hip, so Clyde needed an emergency and temporary place to stay. She called FOBA for assistance before she went to the hospital.

We picked up Clyde and took care of him until he could return home. We wish Clyde and his owner quick healing and good things for the future!



LIBRARY KITTY

This beautiful kitty decided to hang out at the Beverly Public Library. Several neighbors posted about her, trying to find her owner. Finally, a kind woman took her to a vet and then adopted her. [We recommend making a paper collar with some tape when you find a cat.

Write "call me" and your phone number on the collar. If there is an owner, s/he should contact you within a day or two.]

KITTIES UP FOR ADOPTION OR WHO WILL LIKELY BE AVAILABLE SOON

AUTUMN

Autumn is a beautiful, fun girl. She likes to sleep on your bed and be with you. She was surrendered to us when she was found to be diabetic. Her care is easier than one might expect, and she has much food and donated supplies. If you are excited to learn with Autumn on her adventure, contact Jill at 978-969-2389 or dsajill1@yahoo.com.



PEDRO

Pedro was eating at a feeding station where a Beverly woman feeds street kitties. She noticed that Pedro seemed like a gentle giant and decided it would be worth setting a FOBA trap and giving him a chance at indoor life. She is currently working to socialize Pedro for adoption in the near future. He seems very happy with his new life. Stay tuned...



MR. BEAN

JUST ADOPTED!
11/14/22



Mr. Bean was adopted from Craigslist in 2020, during the pandemic. We have had a steady stream of two-year-old cats without any veterinarian services or medical history. Mr. Bean was fearful when he arrived, but has thrived in his FOBA foster home. He is still fearful when new people enter his room, but the rest of the time he is throwing his stuffed animals around and attacking them. He is a super-cuddly lap cat, and would love a quiet, loving home where he can feel safe and enjoy his shenanigans.

MORE RESCUE STORIES



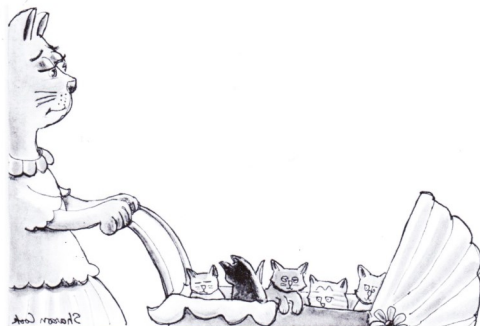
SUNNY

Sunny has had her kittens! Sunny was being fed outside near Burger King, and the person feeding her realized she was pregnant. We took her to the veterinarian and it was confirmed that she would have at least four kittens soon. Of course, Sunny will be looking for a home of her own within a couple of months, after she has raised her kittens in her FOBA foster home. Check our Facebook page or website friendsofbeverlyanimals.org for updates on availability.



SNOWY

Snowy was living on the streets and had given birth to at least two litters of kittens. She was trapped and we took her to the vet and found a Beverly home for her. She is doing great, loves her toys and spends her days playing. We wish Snowy and her family a life of love.



Fostering is soul-satisfying...

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 or Jill at dsajill1@yahoo.com 978-969-2389 to learn more about fostering. FOBA pays for veterinary care, food and supplies during fostering.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, HEIDI ROBERTS

In the last 14 years, the Friends of Beverly Animals (FOBA) has fostered and found homes for hundreds of cats and an occasional dog from Beverly, MA and surrounding areas.



During the Pandemic, many people all over the country adopted puppies because they were homebound. Now that people are back to work and traveling again, there is no longer such a demand for puppies, and this has resulted in many dogs being returned to shelters and even abandoned.

FOBA has met with Cynthia Sweet (founder) and representatives of Sweet Paws Rescue in Groveland, MA (a wonderful organization) to see if we can help with this sad situation. **YES, WE CAN! IF** we find foster homes in our area for dogs which already have been quarantined and vetted, we hope to help many more dogs. Sweet Paws has agreed with this plan. The dogs would come from Sweet Paws and be adopted through FOBA. We are now looking for people who want to help with this effort. If you are interested in fostering a dog, please contact us at: Phone: 978-927-4157 Email: heidiroberts@comcast.net

Website: www.friendsofbeverlyanimals.org

Thank you!
Heidi Roberts

This is Banty, one of the precious
dogs now available for adoption
at Sweet Paws.



OUR 2023 CALENDARS ON SALE NOW, GREAT GIFT IDEA!



Our 2023 calendars can be purchased at Copper Dog Books, 272 Cabot St., DogSpa, 45 Enon St., DogsByDesign & Cats, Too! 131 Dodge St., Beverly. Great for holiday, birthday gifts! Better buy a few! Proceeds from our calendars go towards the medical and rescue care that is so very needed for local stray and homeless animals in and around Beverly. Thank you once more for your help and support! (And big thanks to FOBA volunteer Camellia Auld for doing another excellent job on the calendars...her second year!)

To purchase calendars online, please go to our site <https://www.friendsofbeverlyanimals.org/> and click on the yellow DONATE button on the right side of webpage. On the PayPal form, state the address you would like calendars shipped to, and number of calendars you would like to purchase. Calendars are \$15 per calendar + \$4 shipping for first calendar + \$1 for each additional calendar.



A great place to buy our calendar is at the First Baptist Church Holiday Fair, 221 Cabot St., on Sat., Nov. 19th from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. It's an awesome event, with lots of delicious food to enjoy there, baked goods to take home, music, Santa, many great gifts by talented crafters, raffles, silent auctions. This event will definitely put you in the holiday spirit! Many thanks for your support so that we can continue helping animals in need.

P.S. Happy Holidays!!

TRIVIA NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 2022

By Bonnie Hannable

Our major fundraiser of the year, Trivia Night, was a great success, thanks to our super-fun trivia GameMaster Jim Lucas and his wife, Linda, their children Shayna and Max, Jim's sister Teresa, and many other volunteers who got raffle and auction items and helped in various other ways! Jim did another terrific job of emceeing the event, as he did the previous two years. Huge thanks to everyone, sponsors, donors, attendees, including Sen. Joan Lovely and Rep. Jerry Parisella (who nearly always attend our events), Gov. Councilor Eileen Duff (who always donates nice prizes) for a most enjoyable night, raising funds to help pay for veterinary care, food and supplies expenses for the animals we rescue. We are grateful beyond words...



Above: Jim Lucas, Bonnie Hannable, Teresa Lucas, Cheryl Mezack, Joan Matton, Sen. Joan Lovely, Bonnie Hannable.

Below: Sharon Cook, Cheryl Mezack, Jessica Cook, Jill Auld, Camellia Auld, Neil Flewelling, Heidi Roberts, Heidi's daughter Karen and her husband Corey, Lisa Vince, Bonnie Currier.



[Photos courtesy of Cheryl Mezack]



ANNUAL APPEAL

The animals need your help!

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Dear Fellow Animal-Lover,

Our organization began in 2007 because of a very sad situation involving a cat named Millie that prompted Heidi Roberts (FOBA Founder and President) to act and to organize. Heidi and a small group of concerned citizens formed a nonprofit 501(c)(3) 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 dogs and other animals, 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 cats and (as mentioned in Heidi's article on page 5) soon for dogs, as well, is very difficult.

Millie's story had a happy ending, and 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 rescuing and finding good homes for animals in need.

As we begin our 15th year of operation and 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.

Donations may be mailed to our PO Box or sent to our website (above in return address). Donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Thank you very much for your kind support!



Your Friends at FOBA

"I found Sadie a forever home from the FOBA listing! Thank you so much for all your help. I contacted over 20 shelters/rescue places and FOBA went above and beyond any others. I got the most responses and assistance from your team. So, thank you, again, for everything! FOBA is making a difference."

- Jennifer M, Swampscott, MA



We eagerly watch our mailbox, hoping for new donations!

