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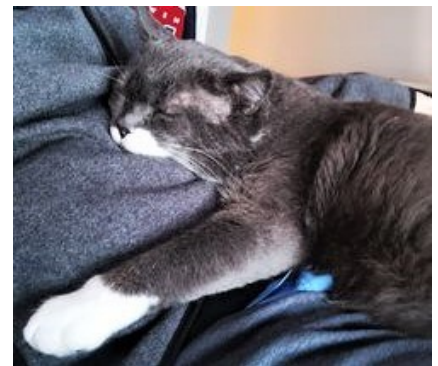
A VERY HAPPY ADOPTION STORY

PEDRO

You may remember the story about Pedro that was in our last newsletter in November and also on our Facebook page.

“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 a warm 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...”

Pedro has been adopted! Pedro showed up at a feral cat colony with other hungry kitties. But Pedro had potential to be friendly. His foster person took him home and showed Pedro how to act like a gentleman. Pedro was adopted into a Beverly home where he has a new best friend with whom he spends his days. Best wishes to Pedro and his new owner.



From Bobby, Pedro's new BFF:

“He is the best-looking cat.
Likes to drink from the faucet.
He is a riot!”





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MORE HAPPY TAILS/TALES



ELVIS

Update for one-year-old Claude (now Elvis) from the Topsfield woods...

He is doing great, learning boundaries and playing with his toys. He is getting along with his family, both people and kitties. He likes to play fetch with his toys. We are so happy about his new, family life. Enjoy, Elvis!



COOKIE

Cookie is twenty years old, but happy and energetic. Her owner had to leave her Beverly home and move to a nursing home. Cookie's owner does not want to surrender her, so FOBA has taken Cookie in to foster. We took Cookie to the vet for a check-up, shots, new medicine for her thyroid and kidney issues and a serious nail trim.

Cookie is at one of our newer foster homes. We are grateful to be able to help more homeless kitties. If you

are interested in fostering a kitty, contact Heidi Roberts at 978-927-4157 or heidiroberts@comcast.net



CRYSTAL & COLLETTE

As you can see, we sisters are very different-looking. I'm Crystal—a Siamese mix, with Collette—a black kitty. This winter, we were lucky to be living with mom in the basement of a Salem business. The Salem property owner is another FOBA volunteer who fed us for weeks. She had asked a Beverly couple to become our foster parents and to find “forever homes” for us through FOBA.



We felines stayed in our foster home a week longer, waiting for our spay appointments. Through the efforts of visiting neighbors, visits from the Salem property owner, people thinking about fostering, and Lisa, a faithful FOBA volunteer, we became cuddly, playful, and energetic kittens. One day, we met our new parent—August and her partner, Patrick, who had moved to Salem last year.

We are having lots of fun sleeping in our new “house,” using our new cat perches that look like a cactus, and exploring their Salem apartment. The funny thing is that we started our lives in one part of Salem, and now live in another part of this historic city. My new name is Sophie (Crystal) and my black sister is now Kiki (Collette). We are grateful to ALL the FOBA volunteers, contributors, and others associated with our rescue. We sisters now have a great future.

WILL

You're seeing a lucky tabby male kitten, Will (top right), on his adoption day. Will's prospective parents, Kristen and Dan, wanted a second pet for their calico cat, Sophie (bottom right). They were willing to bring Sophie to the Beverly foster home so their cat could meet the kitten. The couple and their cat stayed at least an hour without any negative incident between the two felines. So Kristen and Dan came back the next day for the adoption, after purchasing supplies, to have a slow new pet introduction. Will is the brother of kittens Crystal and Collette, trapped and rescued from living in a Salem basement with his mom and siblings.



According to Dan, “The adjustment period has gone well. The cats often eat in separate bowls near each other. Sometimes both cats sleep on our bed and have started chasing each other up and down the hallway.” It sounds like the tabby kitten has settled into a routine with his “parents” and their calico cat, Sophie.



FRITO & SUNNY



While FOBA's feline rescues receive excellent care, some require extra time and resources to prepare them for their new forever homes. Frito and Sunny are examples of the extraordinary care that we provide in our efforts to offer healthy and happy kittens and cats for adoption.

These two bonded boys—one orange and white, one deep orange, were part of a local, feline outdoor family whose mom brought them into a Beverly backyard to live as small kittens. Surviving on a diet of mice, birds, and standing water, mom cat did a wonderful job feeding and caring for her babies. The homeowners noticed them and provided an alternative source of nutrition.

One week after learning of their location, a FOBA volunteer set traps and one-by-one, brought them to her home to be fostered and raised. Once settled, a fecal test was sent to the vet office. They were confirmed positive for serious parasitic conditions—Coccidia and Giardia.

With vet visits and medications, a long journey began with their FOBA foster parents to rid the family of

these parasites before being adopted. Coccidia can be passed on to other cats. Giardia can be passed on to cats, dogs, and sometimes humans. After a few months of medications followed by more fecal tests, they were free of parasites, and were playful kittens, ready for various new homes. Now the handsome pair have their own set of parents with new names—Milo (Frito) and Mochi (Sunny) The brothers are enjoying life together as meant to be in a wonderful, sunny Boston area apartment.

STERLING

We took in this beautiful 15-year-old Persian kitty named Sterling. Her owner had passed away and the tenant was feeding her until the house sold. We took Sterling to the vet, who determined that Sterling is a girl, to our surprise. She needed a complete shave due to matting of her fur. It came off in one piece and the first thing she did was stand up and stretch. Sterling was adopted into a Beverly home with other fun-loving, long-haired kitties. They have their quarterly grooming appointments all set up for the year. Have a wonderful life, Sterling!



GLORIA UP FOR ADOPTION SUNNY & MR. TUX RESCUED

GLORIA

Gloria is looking for a new home. Gloria is a completely snuggly, wonderful, social and friendly kitty. She is currently working as a lap cat with her person all day. Gloria is healthy, spayed and up to date on her shots. She eats yummy Hills IBS food and is currently living in Brookline, MA. If you would like more information about adopting this wonderful girl, contact Jill at dsajill1@yahoo.com or 978-969-2389 home.



SUNNY & MR. TUX

Some observant residents in downtown Beverly noticed a couple of cats that were homeless. Having kind



Sunny

hearts, they provided housing, food and water for the kitties during the summer months. The homeowners realized that winter was coming and called to surrender them to a better life than living on the streets. The kitties

were complete loves and will now have a great life. Thank you for keeping an eye out for kitties that may need help!



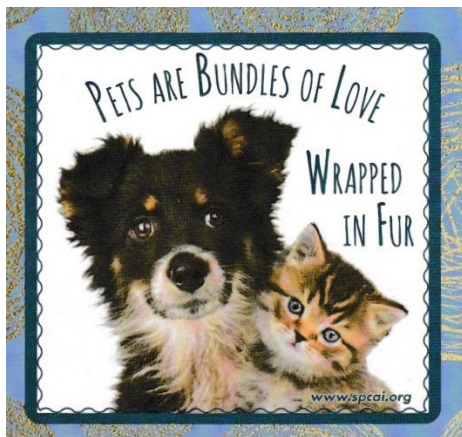
Mr. Tux

Good News Flash: We are excited for the big cats as the Big Cat Public Safety Act became law in December, 2022 which prohibits the private possession of big cats (species of lion, tiger, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, or cougar) and makes it illegal for exhibitors to allow direct contact with cubs. Let's stick to adopting homeless kitties!

MORE RESCUES & ADOPTIONS

Trapped Kittens

These fun little kittens were wild when we trapped them in Salem. After an intense one-week boot camp of petting and playing, they became complete cream puffs. We are so glad that they are off the streets and will have great lives with some loving (and lucky) family.



**We love dogs, too!
When we get more
foster homes, we
plan to rescue
canines and felines!
Want to foster
a homeless dog
or kitty?**



GIRLY GIRL

We received a call from Deb and her son, Patrick, who found a cat and needed assistance in finding it a forever home. They named the kitty "Girly Girl."



We found a nice couple, Hanna and Juan (left), looking to adopt a kitty. They came to Deb's condo where we conducted the adoption. Girly Girl is now living in Medford as an only pet and loves her new apartment. Juan says: "Girly is doing great! Happy to support FOBA."

Deb and son, Patrick, wrote: "Thanks so much to you and the whole FOBA team for helping Girly's adoption go smoothly and successfully. As soon as we met Juan and Hanna, we knew we were doing the right thing."

LENDING A HELPING HAND

A local rescuer trapped this kitty by accident. The kitty was not friendly, but the rescuer decided to adopt him anyway. The rescuer works a very busy year-end job and didn't have time for him until after the beginning of the year. FOBA was able to assist. We took the cat into our spacious cage, where he could interact with other friendly kitties and learn to live in a home, with people. His rescuer was able to take him home with the help of FOBA, who provided supplies and food to get them started on their lifetime adventure together.



SUZIE & SON

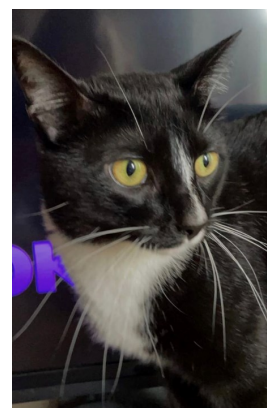
These kitties lost their home when it was sold, and, sadly, could not go with their owner, so FOBA took them in. We brought them to the vet for check-ups, shots and spaying. Hopefully, they will be ready for adoption soon. Best of all, we found a place for them to live, and we are glad these pretty kitties are safe and cared for.



ONYX, MISSING CAT

Onyx is missing from the area of Ellingwood Court in Beverly. Onyx is typically an indoor cat that escaped from his house.

If you see him, please contact Animal Control at 978-605-2361.



LUNA & ALICE



The two sisters Luna and Alice (previously named Sabrina and Tabitha) were rescued from the Beverly area and were a package deal from the start. When they went to meet their potential new owners, they lay cuddled together in their favorite basket. They have been inseparable ever since. After finding their forever home, the pair have taken on some interesting hobbies. Luna is an avid chess player (knocking the pieces off of the board) and Alice has recently become a sprinter, running around the house at 3 AM.

To quote new owners: "We are so happy and grateful that the Friends of Beverly Animals have brought these little furballs into our lives and have made every day more interesting than the last."

JUNE, MISSING KITTY

June recently moved to Beverly in the Boyles Road area by Brookhead Avenue. She had slipped out and has been missing since mid-December. Her family, who have been searching throughout the neighborhood, called Animal Control to see if she'd been found. Please reach out to FOBA if you see a black cat that fits her description. She is a healthy all black cat with large green eyes, very vocal and friendly.



Our Traps Come to the Rescue Again!

We lend our traps out quite a lot. It warms our hearts when families have their kitties back home. This pretty calico kitty was luckily captured in time for the holidays. When she escaped from her house, the family borrowed one of our traps and are now so happy to have her back.

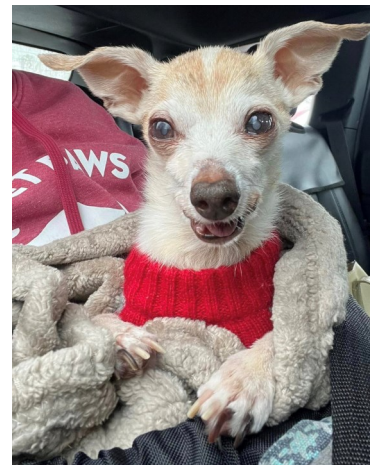


CARMEN & DIAMOND

These kitties were surrendered to a local dog rescue group when their owner was evicted from her Beverly home. The dog rescue did not want to turn them away, but did not have a proper set-up for cats. They called FOBA. We found them a place to live and we wish them and their new family much happiness!



Below is Capt. Norman Britches, from Sweet Paws Rescue in Groveland, MA. www.sweetpawsrescue.org
It's a wonderful organization started by our good friend, Cynthia Sweet.



FDA Modernization Act passed in September, 2022; Animal testing requirements significantly reduced

The inhumane mandatory testing of cosmetic products on animals has been banned in ten major states! With science constantly evolving, the need for beauty/cosmetic products to be tested on animals was simply unnecessary and inhumane. The FDA Modernization Act 2.0 bill authorizes the use of certain alternatives to animal testing, including cell-based assays and computer models that mimic the effects of the products and leave the animals out of it. The bill also removes a requirement to use animal studies as part of the process to obtain a license for a biological product. Animal rights activists have been fighting for this for years so it is a significant win against cruelty to animals. This is a great step in the right direction and hopefully, the movement will continue to other states who will begin to take after Virginia, California, Louisiana, New Jersey, Maine, Hawaii, Nevada, Illinois, Maryland, and New York!

MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Beverly Animals (FOBA) is an all-volunteer Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to the care of homeless animals in and around Beverly, Massachusetts.



FOBA's mission is to better the lives of these animals through providing food, shelter and essential veterinary care; creating a network of foster and permanent homes; collaborating with other rescue organizations and shelters to help more animals in any way possible; and, ultimately, to establish a shelter in or near Beverly.

FOBA also works to raise community awareness of animals in need. We strive to reduce the frequency of pet abandonment and to prevent animal abuse.

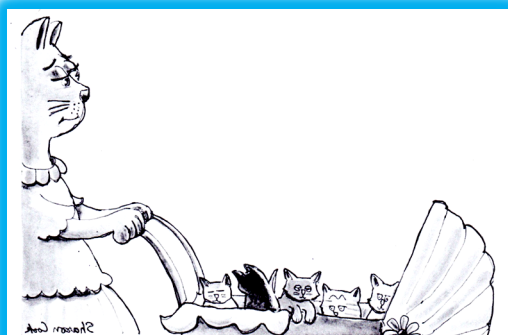
Ways You Can Help

There are many ways to help! Make a donation, foster or adopt an animal, attend or lend a hand with a fundraiser, join our organization and attend our monthly meetings. Visit our website friendsofbeverlyanimals.org and Facebook page often to learn more and stay informed about upcoming events. Donations may be made on our website (click on Donate button for instructions), or by mailing a check to FOBA, PO Box 3378, Beverly, MA 01915. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

If you would like to make a gift in honor of or in memory of someone, please enclose a note 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 an acknowledgement to the person you designate.

We welcome your comments and input at any time. In the past, we have had numerous different types of fundraisers, including the Fur Ball with food, music and dancing, raffles, silent auctions, comedy shows, wine-tastings, dog walks, trivia nights with food, raffles and auctions, plus selling calendars with hundreds great photos of your beloved pets. We'd love to hear from you if you have any ideas for events that you'd like us to consider.

**On behalf of all the animals and our staff, thank you very much for your support!
We could not do our rescue and placement work without your help!**



Fostering is soul-satisfying...

We always need more foster homes! Please contact Heidi at heidiroberts@comcast.net 978-927-4157, Cheryl at cmezack@aol.com 978-578-0588, or Jill at dsajill1@yahoo.com 978-969-2389 to learn more about fostering. FOBA pays for veterinary care, food and supplies during fostering.

Artwork by Sharon Cook, our gifted V.P.!