

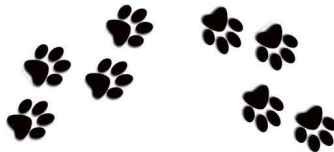
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KITTEN SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Like the springtime blooms that beautify our area, kitten season has come a bit early this year. These frisky and playful kittens and others will be available to adopt this month.

Contact their Foster Mom, Cheryl Mezack, for information at cmezack@aol.com or call (978) 578-0588.



GRAYSON

By Cheryl Mezack, Foster Mom

This handsome male cat is Grayson. Four years ago, he was adopted into a home with his sister as a three-month-old kitten from one of our long-standing Beverly foster homes. The family had a busy lifestyle and could no longer provide the care and attention that this sociable cat needed. So this lovable fellow was returned to live in his original foster home with his foster parents for a while. Grayson is shown sitting on the lap of a FOBA volunteer who visited him and other foster kitties.



Contributions to FOBA helped to pay for extracting Grayson's cracked tooth in order to prepare him for his new owners. He has since been adopted and has settled into a new home with Bill and his retired father. They are enjoying their free time with this outgoing lap cat.



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KOKO and PUFF (ADOPTABLE)

By Cheryl Mezack, Foster Mom

Koko, a black, short-haired girl with a white “pearl” on her chest, and her brother, Puff - a tuxedo boy with a fluffy white “bib” are a bonded pair. Word came about these siblings living outdoors with their feral mom to our Beverly Cove foster parents. After being trapped and rescued, the feral mom was taken in by a rescue. Koko and Puff settled in and received care, playtime, and necessary vet visits while in their FOBA foster home. **Now this pair is ready to be adopted into their “forever” home.**



Their warm brown eyes, the color of milk chocolate, is quite unusual. Koko is a love bug who wants hugs, kisses, and petting, then comes back for more. Puff complements his sister with his white-tipped nose, white whiskers, chest and “booties.” Currently, they live in an all-adult home, but may adjust to life as family pets with school-aged children.

SALEM (ADOPTED)

By Jill Auld, Foster Mom

We took in a friendly two-year-old kitty named Salem. It turns out he had chronic crystals in his urine. One of our fabulous foster homes took him in for a few weeks and kept him on a strict diet.

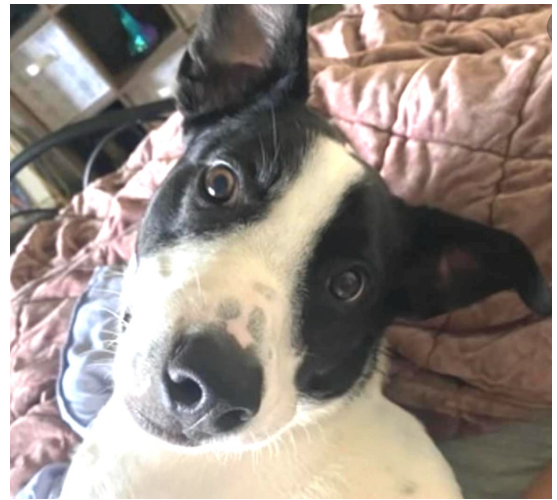
Salem's wounds healed up, and he stopped pulling his hair out. He spent his days loving his foster parents and playing with his toys. He proved he can be a healthy, happy kitty. He was adopted by a committed owner who will work to keep him healthy and happy. We wish you good health, Salem.



DILL (ADOPTED)

By Jill Auld, Foster Mom

Dill's owner moved back in with her parents. It turned out Dill didn't like the dad so much and needed a new home. We listed Dill on our website and a new home was found for this handsome, energetic boy. We wish Dill a lifetime of love with his new family.



MINDY (STAY TUNED...)

By Jill Auld, Foster Mom

Mindy was living the pregnant street life. We took her in and she had her five kittens the next day! Poor Mindy had a respiratory infection; the kittens shortly developed conjunctivitis and one of the kittens wasn't nursing. Mindy had all she could handle, so we started syringe and bottle feeding the kittens around the clock, plus three doses of antibiotics for everyone's eyes three times a day. Currently, mom and family are growing strong and the kittens are starting to play and escape their nest. Stay tuned for an update of Mindy's story.



Mindy and her kittens...



Mindy

FALLING IN LOVE WITH OUR FOSTERS!

ARTIMUS (ADOPTED)

Artimus, who is fifteen years old, was fearful when she first came to us. Of course, after losing her forever home, it took her a few days to warm up and start playing in one of our foster bedrooms. She was a love once we got to know her. Artimus was adopted and fit right in with her new loving family.



Articles on this page written by Jill Auld, Foster Mom



FEATHER, STUBS & CHANCE KITTENS

One of our foster moms also volunteers at a local food bank. They received word that a homeless man was looking for cat food. He had a kitty family living in his car at the mall. The foster mom was able to get the kittens and take them in. They will receive attention and needed medical care before they are adopted into forever family homes.



HOW VOLUNTEERS CAN HELP WITH OUR UPCOMING FUNDRAISER



On page 8 of this newsletter, you will find more information about our upcoming "FUN-RAISER," Trivia Night, to be held on Saturday, September 9th at the Franco-American Club at 44 Park Street, Beverly, from 6-10 PM. We could really use some volunteers for the following jobs:

Pre-event: Asking merchants to donate attractive, desirable items for the raffles/silent auctions (see suggestions below); posting flyers at stores around the city, selling tickets to the event.

Night of event: Hall set-up before and take-down after event, selling raffle tickets and FOBA calendars at the event.

Great raffle/silent auction sample items: tickets to shows, sporting events, gift cards to restaurants, shows at Music or Cabot Theaters, gift baskets, pet supplies baskets, lottery tickets (example, \$100 worth). NO JUNK, PLEASE. (There will be a small table of "Free Stuff," as usual.)

Letter for merchants when asking for donations is also attached to this email. If you need us to provide copies, please let us know. Note: Merchants don't usually like to have posters up too early, two weeks before event is generally acceptable.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

KIKI AND SOPHIE, IVY'S KITTENS (ADOPTED)

By Cheryl Mezack, Foster Mom

This past winter, FOBA volunteers had trapped a Salem mom cat and her five kittens. Our Beverly Cove foster parents housed the tabby mom, Ivy, and three of her kittens. The kittens were adopted first. Below is August, who met and later adopted the female pair — black (Kiki) and Siamese mix (Sophie). In the photo, you can see how the kittens have grown.

August writes: “Kiki learned how to play fetch with toys. She is starting harness training. Sophie is a big fan of water and is Patrick’s (her partner) best buddy.”



August

Ivy, Tabby Mom Cat (Adopted)

Tabby mom cat Ivy (on right) was shy and under-socialized. She benefitted from living with three of her five kittens before they were adopted. Afterward, Ivy “warmed up” to her foster parents and visitors. This former mom cat was the last of this feline family to be adopted. Now, she’s happily settled in North Reading, MA, as the only pet in an all-adult home.



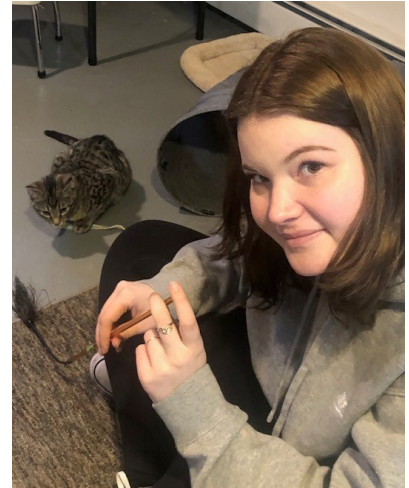
Ivy

TAYLOR VISITS FOSTER HOME

By Cheryl Mezack, Foster Mom

At FOBA's Beverly Cove foster home, cats and kittens are cared for by foster parents Gary and Cheryl until they are adopted into permanent homes. Pictured is Taylor, a young neighbor, who enjoyed visiting the foster kittens while helping them become relaxed with visitors and prospective adopters.

For more info on fostering or a kitty "visit," contact Cheryl at: (978) 578-0588.



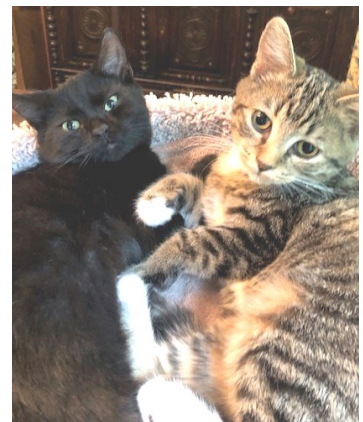
DUKE AND DASHI, KITTENS READY FOR ADOPTION

By Cheryl Mezack, Foster Mom

Every animal rescue is different. Some are standard--animals need basic care and regular vet visits to be ready to be adopted. Others are complicated, like that for Duke (black male) and Dashi (tabby female). Our FOBA Mission Statement says That we rescue folks collaborate with other cat rescues, shelters to save felines.

As very young kittens, this pair came from sad circumstances. They were abandoned outdoors near a road with their mother and siblings, left with opened cans of cat food.

When found, the kittens were in tough shape. They were in need of much basic care and time to grow healthy and strong. They have turned the corner and have become lovable, cuddly kitties. Now ready to be adopted, they would flourish with a couple or a family who will give them love and the necessities for a long life.



ONYX NEEDS A FOSTER HOME!

Onyx is a very sweet seven-year-old dog who needs a foster home ASAP for about five months. His owner is a young woman with two children, who is unable to care for him at this time. The children are temporarily with their grandparents who can't take the dog for more than a few days. Please call Heidi Roberts for more information 978-927-4157, 978-317-1973 text.

BENTLEY

By Jill Auld, Foster Mom

One of our volunteers spent much time relocating Bentley, a Beverly resident, who was elderly and had Cushing's Disease, to a situation where he was loved and hanging out with the other dogs at New England Pug Rescue. This rescue group knew his special needs and put the time and effort in to make sure his days were happy and he made friends with other pugs. We are grateful that Bentley was so well cared for in his last days.



BENTLEY & FRIEND



**DOGS IN CARS
ON HOT DAYS**

Car=Oven

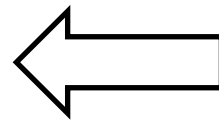
JUST RUNNING INTO A STORE?

10 MINUTES IS TOO LONG ON A 85 DEGREE DAY
TO LEAVE YOUR DOG IN THE CAR, EVEN WITH
CRACKED WINDOWS, THE CAR WILL REACH 102
IN 10 MINUTES.

 **Keep the Doggos Safe!!!
Leave him/her Home!**

 Margate, NJ

JUST A REMINDER!



We are excited about

THE CARE Act of 2023
(Companion Animal Release
from Experiments Act) intro-
duced to Congress in
April, 2023.

This bill requires (as a condition
of receiving funding from the
National Institutes of Health)
entities that carry out animal-
based research to establish
adoption policies for dogs, cats,
and rabbits when they are no
longer used for research. We
hope this bill has legs and runs!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ANOTHER FUN TRIVIA NIGHT 2023!



If you've never attended one of our Trivia Nights, you've missed out on a **lot** of fun, great prizes and delicious food, plus the camaraderie of fellow animal-lovers! Once again the very entertaining Jim Lucas will be emceeing our Trivia Night on Saturday, Sept. 9th from 6-10 PM at the Franco-American Club, 44 Park Street, Beverly. Tickets are \$30 each or \$200 for a table of eight. Prizes last year included tickets to professional games, sporting goods, shows, lots of gift cards, professionally autographed footballs, dinners, cat and dog baskets of goodies, lottery tickets and more. Delicious food will again be provided by Casual Catering and another excellent local restaurant (yet to be determined). Proceeds from the event are used to help cover expenses (veterinary, food, supplies) for rescued precious animals! Tickets may be purchased online at friendsofbeverlyanimals.org or at the door. See page 4 of newsletter for ways to help. Email us at friendsofbeverlyanimals.org or call 978-927-4147 or 978-317-1973.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Cheryl Mezack, Foster Mom



There are three food donation bins inside the front of the Stop 'n Shop store near the service desk at 37 Enon Street in Beverly (978) 921-0920. Left to right: Food donation bins for Beverly Bootstraps; center - FOB bin for cat (pet) food and supplies; right - bin for the Accord Food Pantry. Currently, our FOBA bin is empty and we could use cat/kitten food/ supplies that may be lightly used, purchased but not needed, or ordered by mistake, etc. Thanks, Stop 'n Shop and donors!



We are very grateful for our new volunteers. Anita has been helping update our website to make it more user-friendly. Check it out at friendsofbeverlyanimals.org. We also have new foster homes with Elizabeth and Daryl and Deb. They have been wonderfully helpful with the sick kitties we have had and during this busy kitten season. Thank you for your time and all you do for the homeless animals!

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.

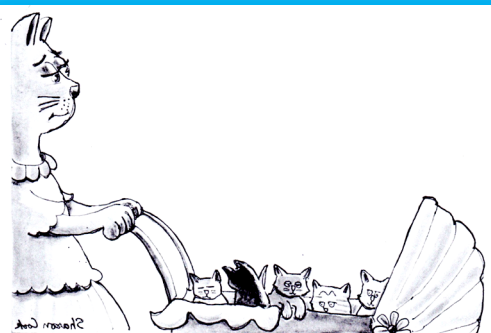
Ways You Can Help

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 fundraising, 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.!