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# CHRISTMAS IN MARCH!

Although Christmas has passed, we thought you would enjoy these festive updates of felines placed into homes in time to enjoy their first winter holidays in their new homes. *Submitted by Cheryl Mezack*

## OLIVIA

Olivia was renamed Molly by her new owner. The pretty calico is “sitting pretty” under the Christmas tree. The young cat now lives with Meghan and her parents in Wilmington and has settled in nicely. Meghan writes: “She is the sweetest, snuggliest girl and we are so lucky to have her”.



## GRAYSON

Grayson was returned to his FOBA foster home after being adopted as a kitten with his sister a few years ago. FOBA paid to have his fractured tooth extracted. The cat was evaluated to determine that there were no behavior problems, then placed in a new home where he gets lots of attention from Bill Sr., Bill Jr. and family. One comment: “Whenever I come home, Grayson comes into the kitchen to greet me.”

## IVY

Ivy and her five kittens were rescued from a basement where they were found in late 2022. She and three of her kittens came to our house and the other two kittens went to a nearby animal shelter. After a few months in our care, Ivy found a home with a patient couple who saw the cat’s potential to be a family pet. No longer a feral cat, this pretty tabby is enjoying her indoor life. Look at her now!



## CAPTAIN

This black cat was rescued in fall, 2023, when I was contacted about an outdoor, unneutered male cat that no one claimed. After being vetted, and having a calmer personality, Captain was adopted and is now living the good life with lots of toys and attention in Boston’s Back Bay.



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# REMEMBERING CAESAR



We thank Caesar for his 14 years of service welcoming fearful street kitties into his foster home. Caesar would purr, eat, sleep and sit with newly surrendered kitties and show them we are not so bad. Caesar passed away at the vets office after a month-long illness. He was adopted from a county shelter in Maryland. We love you Caesar and remember you with all the kitties you helped.

# AN ANGEL'S STORY

*Submitted by Cheryl Mezack*

One of our rescue kittens, a female tiger named Molly Faye, developed a viral disease called Feline Infectious Peritonitis. We discovered from the FOBA veterinarian that there was no treatment from veterinarian services officially available. However, there was hope, as various volunteer organizations had managed to prove over the last six years that a cure was possible for many felines.

We found great guidance and assistance from "Help for FIP"

<https://www.lunasfiplegacy.com>, which is dedicated to education and awareness to cure FIP. They are supported by a network of volunteers who provide day to day guidance and access to the medications required to treat the disease. They have a Facebook page offering program updates, connections to others treating their pets for emotional support, and other news and developments.

In December 2023, Molly began an 84-day treatment regimen of regular injections of Capella, which is a variant of the drug Remdesivir. The nightly shot has been a painful process for the treatment providers as well as the kitten. But Molly tolerated it well and quickly improved from the shot and daily attention. Molly completed her treatments on March 1. As of this writing, her blood test results show that she is healthy! Molly will be spayed this month, then she and her black/white buddy, Cornelius, will go up for adoption. If you are interested in adopting Molly and Cornelius call (978) 578-0588 or email [cmezack@aol.com](mailto:cmezack@aol.com). Both her foster parents and FOBA are so happy we saved this little girl. The treatments, required regular vet visits, and blood tests are expensive, but FOBA tries our best to save feline rescues whenever possible and provide them the opportunity for a long and healthy life with a forever home.

*Gary and Cheryl Mezack,  
FOBA foster home since 2010*

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# RESCUE STORIES



## BOOTS

Beautiful Boots was living outside with a person who fed the family. The cat family was mostly all black but Boots was born as a kitten to the cat family. It was decided that she likely would be adopted for her beauty. One other kitty was taken in as she had a nice temperament. Boots did find the purrfect home. She has another kitty to love. She lets her new owners pet her. They are home all day to love her. We wish this rascally girl a life of love.

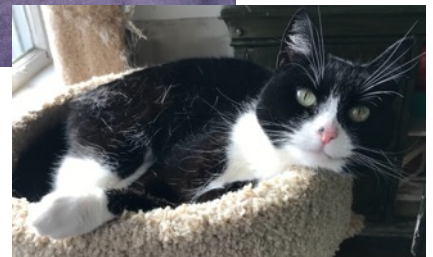
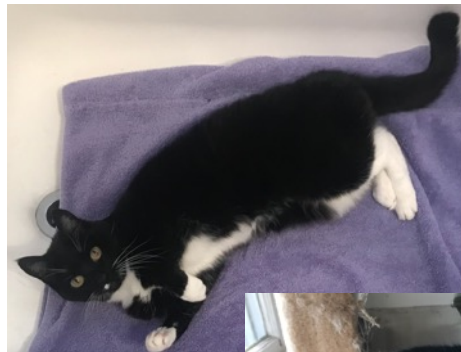


## SONO

Little Sono was surrendered to us by a Salem resident. Little Sono was hiding in the large home and the owner didn't think Sono was the best match for them. We took Sono to the vet where he was surprisingly treated for ear mites which can be painful and lead to a lot of itching. Once Sono was feeling better, he went to live with one of our followers. He will have other kitties to play with and assist to bring him out of his shell with his new family.

## TWYLA AND BELLA

We are happy to announce that these two fun kitties just got adopted! They were surrendered back in August of 2023 and have been patiently waiting in their foster home to be adopted. Their foster parents fell in love with them and so they now have their furever home! We wish them well!





# MORE RESCUE STORIES



## PRINCESS

Ms. Princess was surrendered to us due to the passing away of her owner. She is at least 10 years old. We took her to the vet and she was adopted by a nice lady in Magnolia. Have a nice life, Princess!



## MATILDA

Matilda, the love bug, was surrendered to us as a stray hanging around Ipswich. We took her to the veterinarian for a checkup. She has an identification chip registered to a Rhode Island rescue group. She was a trap, neuter, release cat who was confirmed to have been released shortly before she showed up in Ipswich, MA. How she got there, we will never know. Matilda is living the dream in her Beverly, MA home now. P.S. She is also a He!

## SOPHIE

This beautiful Maine Coon kitty was surrendered to us for peeing around the house. Sometimes a kitty just needs fewer dogs. She has been a perfect resident since she came to Beverly to live with one small dog in a quiet apartment. Have a great life, Sophie!





# LOOKING FOR HOMES!



## KAILANI

Kailani is a shy kitty in need of socializing and/or a permanent home. We have had her since September, 2023. She is perfectly happy to live in an open cage, with no interest in leaving. You can pet her and play with her. Call Jill today to arrange a visit! 978-969-2389



## BELLA AND ABBY

Bella and Abby are looking for a home! Bella has beautiful medium length fur and likes to come out to see what you are up to. Abby is Bella's shadow, so they must go to the same wonderful, quiet home. The more time you spend with them, the more they will love you. If you would like more information about Bella and Abby, contact Jill at 978-969-2389. or [dsajill1@yahoo.com](mailto:dsajill1@yahoo.com)

## DONNY

Donny is social and will sit with the family. He always uses his litter box. He is a super nice cat. Donny is FIV positive. No worries, he will live a normal life. He is a loving two-year old boy. He is vetted with shots, tests, neutered, he's great! We took in this hungry, thin and handsome boy just before the big snow, and named him Donny. After four days of eating, he is now calm and relaxed. He comes from a feeder on Center street in Lynn. Contact Jill 978-969-2389 for more information on Donny.





# MISCELLANEOUS



We would like to thank  
the foster parents  
this month:  
Cheryl and Gary, Robyn,  
Nicole, Karen, Jessiqa  
and Jill  
**YOU ARE AWESOME!**



Want to get more involved in helping pass bills that help animals? [Click here](#) to go to the MSPCA website for more information.



## Shout out to Rowley Animal Hospital!

We received a call about an injured bunny rabbit in Peabody. Too cold and too early, we drove the bunny to Rowley Animal Hospital for medical treatment. We are taking classes to be wildlife certified, but are lucky to have this great animal hospital as a resource for these needy animals.



**From the Humane Society website:** As of Jan. 1, 2024, [California's Proposition 12](#), widely considered the world's strongest law for the protection of farm animals, now enjoys full implementation. The law is a win against the practice of extreme confinement of farmed animals, requiring that mother pigs, hens used for eggs and calves raised for veal in California be given at least enough space to stand up, turn around and extend their limbs. The law also bans the in-state sale of pork, eggs and veal produced via extreme confinement.





# HELP WANTED



STAY PET SERVICES IS A PROGRAM OF SENIORCARE INC.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

STAY Pet Services is looking for volunteers in the **Beverly area** to assist with dog walking. We are in need of individuals who can assist with one or more walks each week!

If you love pets, and are interested in volunteering, contact us to learn more!

978-865-3518

**JOIN US!**



There is a dog on Essex Street in Beverly that enjoys walks and can take any time you have to give him a walk or run or just to get him outside. If you can assist, please contact:

**Stay Pet Services at 978-865-3518.  
Ask for Michelle Cain.**

Thank you!



*Art work by Sharon Cook  
FOBA Vice President*

We are always in need of more foster homes!  
If you are interested in fostering please contact:  
Heidi at [heidiroberts@comcast.net](mailto:heidiroberts@comcast.net), 978 927-4157.

*FOBA pays for veterinary care, food and supplies during fostering.*

### DID YOU KNOW?

You can now fill out the application to foster or adopt on your own computer!

You can then email it to Heidi.

[Click here to download the fostering form.](#)

[Click here to download the adoption form.](#)

For other ways to help, read our mission statement on the last page!

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# A CAT FAMILY TALE – TRAPPING OUTDOOR FELINES

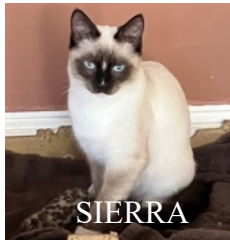


*(submitted by Cheryl Mezack)*

This past fall, I was contacted to trap backyard cats and a litter of kittens. The small colony had been fed for months starting with one black cat. The goal was to provide foster homes, vetting, socializing, and to place these kitties in loving homes to live out their new lives as indoor pets. Over two weeks, a total of ten felines were removed from the yard - two adult cats and eight kittens of various ages, colors, and temperaments. At the time of this writing, some of these kittens have been adopted and some still need to be placed into permanent homes.



BOOTS

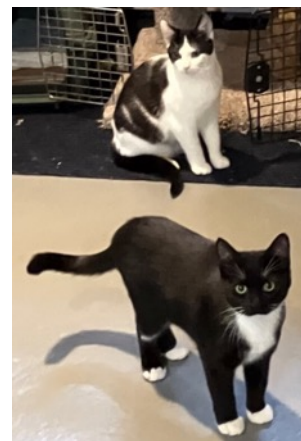


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SHADOW

It's been lots of work fostering most of these animals in our home and making many trips to the Peabody vet hospital. We appreciate FOBA's monetary support and the visitors that have come to play with some of these foster kitties. However with "kitten season" around the corner, more foster homes are needed! If you are interested in adopting any of the remaining kittens call (978) 578-0588 or email [cmezack@aol.com](mailto:cmezack@aol.com)



## WHAT IF I FIND A STRAY CAT? SOME TIPS FROM FOBA

If you are concerned about local cats that may not have a home, you can see if the cat is injured or consistently hanging around. Hang posters in the neighborhood, ask the neighbors if it is their cat or if they know who it belongs to. You can make a paper collar for the cat and write "call me" and your phone number on the collar. FOBA tries to exhaust all options to find owners, and to leave owned cats with their owners. If you need to borrow a trap, please contact Heidi at 978-927-4157.



## 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](http://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 events 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 of 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!**



*Donations may also  
be made on our website  
[friendsofbeverlyanimals.org](http://friendsofbeverlyanimals.org)*

