



NEPONSET VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Newsletter

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Julius' Corner



I was consulting the online etymological dictionary the other day and I checked on the word "gratitude." One of its origins comes from Middle French and means "good will." As I sit here in my manse by the fireplace and resting from all my caresses, I am very thankful for the love and care my owners show towards me. I think I speak for all NVHS kitties when I say we are really grateful for the good will of all the volunteers and of all the supporters who have done so much to ensure that Neponset Valley continues to provide the best care for all the needy animals out there. Your support is and always will be greatly appreciated. During this special time of the year, I just want to give a "High five meow" to all and wish you the safest of holidays.

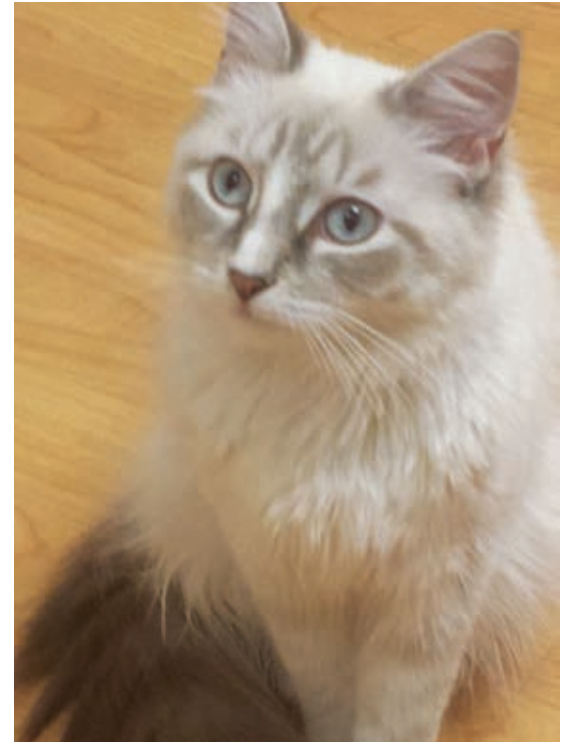


Our Little Angel

While out walking her dog one evening, a woman found Angel wandering by the Stoughton train station. Thankfully she could not walk away and leave Angel, so she brought her home and put out a Lost Pet notice. NVHS contacted the woman, and she asked us to help care for Angel. We quickly noticed that Angel wasn't seeing well and she ended up having a seizure shortly after being brought to her foster home. Specialists who saw Angel determined her issues may have been caused by prior injuries, but she seemed to be healing. Once her rescuer heard that she needed to see a specialist, she started a GoFundMe crowd-funding page to help with the bills. You may have heard and contributed, and we THANK YOU immensely. We raised enough money to pay for necessary testing and medication.

Angel was doing very well and was enjoying playing with her many other feline friends in her foster home. She could outrun the best of them and was acting like any other normal 6 month old. Unfortunately, in the middle of the night she suffered a devastating seizure and died in her foster mom's arms on the way to the local 24-hour emergency hospital.

Because of her wonderful rescuer, Angel was able to have a great life and did not die alone, neglected, and afraid. We don't know how she became a stray, and we will always wonder.



But we do know that because of your generous donations, NVHS helps hundreds of cats each year by providing necessary spay/neuter programs, food, medical care and safe, loving, forever homes. We are so grateful for you, our adopters, and supporters. We cannot do this without you.

A Special Thank You

We would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to the Big Y (formerly Hannaford) supermarket in Norwood for helping NVHS collect food for our cats. They did a wonderful job decorating the NVHS collections bins, so please visit the Big Y at 434 Walpole Street, Norwood, MA and donate to NVHS!

NVHS also thanks all who helped approve Question 3 to end the cruel confinement of farm animals in Massachusetts. Thank you to all who voted Yes!



Senior Spotlight

Stories from our Seniors for Seniors Program

Where Are They Now?

Followers of NVHS through Facebook, Petfinder, Pet of The Week newspaper features, and our newsletters read about the hundreds of kittens and cats we've helped. Though we endeavor to update statuses on Facebook, many of you may be wondering what is happening with some of our "alumni." Here are a few updates from recent placements in our popular Seniors For Seniors Program.

Missy was one of several cats and kittens we rescued from an abandoned apartment



Dorothy and Missy sharing a cuddle

last winter. This sweet, petite 11-year-old brown tabby is now safe and happy with Dorothy in West Roxbury. Still heavy-hearted over the loss of her previous senior cat, Dorothy was reluctant to commit and "fostered" Missy for several months. In August, Dorothy knew that she could never give Missy up, and with the support of our Seniors Program and volunteers, "officially" adopted her.

Birdie, formerly Juno, was trapped with her two kittens by one of our volunteers in August. Dainty and fluffy white with gray patches, we were surprised to find out the vet estimated her to be at least 6 years old when she was examined and spayed. We knew Gail, in Walpole, was the perfect Senior adopter for her. Gail was already in our Seniors Program and was looking for a new companion after her previous cat had

recently been put to sleep. Birdie is loving indoor life with her many toys and Gail enjoys spoiling her.



Gail and Birdie, enjoying life

Lily, a 10-year-old fluffy dilute Calico, was surrendered by her family to the Norwood Animal Control Officer. Years of medical neglect left Lily undernourished and in need of dental work, but she has been thriving with Kathy, in Norwood, who adopted her in September. Like many Calicos, Lily has an independent streak, but she is not averse to loving care and responds with ample affection.



Kathy with her beautiful Lily

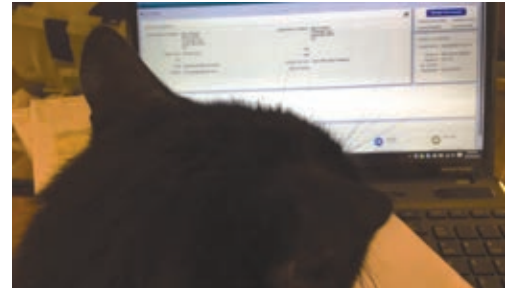
Fitzy came to us a year ago, along with Miss Kitty, after a neighbor alerted us they



Fitzy, relaxing in style

had been abandoned. They were terrified when rescued and we sought to adopt them as a pair, without success. As time passed, we felt that Fitzy, who had flourished into a well-adjusted, sociable cat, deserved a chance to go on his own. Karen, like Gail, was in our Seniors Program and her previous cat had passed away. This sleek 6-year-old black and white cat with huge double paws loves chasing the laser and has been a joy to Karen since August.

Edgar came back to us when his Senior Program adopter passed away in May. This 13-year-old, mild-mannered black cat with a scrunched up ear (from an earlier hematoma surgery), thrived with kids and another



Edgar 'supervising' Mary's work

cat at his foster's home, but failed to garner interest. That was until Mary's daughter in Walpole saw a post about him in September on a town message board and convinced her mother in Salem that he would be a good companion for her and her other senior cat, Pearl. Edgar loves attention and likes to "supervise" Mary when she is working at the computer.

On a sad note, 17-year-old **Sooty** (a.k.a. Chance), featured in our Spring 2016 Newsletter, was put to sleep in August after sudden acute organ failure. Hilary, her adopter, said she was a fighter until the end and she is sorely missed.

Sooty couldn't resist an empty box



Family ties



Midnight and Ash

We trap many of our cats and kittens from the mean streets where they have been discarded and abandoned but we also take in dozens of surrenders every year from families who can no longer care for their animals for one reason or another. Kitty and her sister, Midnight, were victims of eviction. Their owner was put out of her apartment and we received an urgent call from the concerned daughter of the owner asking us to take these loving and lovely cats. Both were unspayed females who were kept indoors. Kitty, the gray girl, was frightened and very, very shy. We celebrate her adoption to a forever home where it is quiet and peaceful. Her sister, Midnight, gave us a bit of a surprise when she gave birth to a

single kitten! Born prematurely the vet did not give much encouragement that he would make it. Midnight turned out to be quite a good mother and nursed him and cared for him. Now he has grown into a healthy, active boy. Mom, Midnight, and son, Ash, will need to be adopted together because they are extremely close. Thank goodness the family cared enough to con-

tact NVHS so that all three could be safe and cared for in one of our foster homes. We desperately need fosters to enable us to take all of the surrenders we get. If you have extra space and can help with beautiful cats and kittens like these, please let us know!



Kitty



Buddy!

Some long-term NVHS supporters called saying they needed to find a home for a 1-year-old, male Chihuahua whose octogenarian owner now needs to enter a nursing home. One of our foster families had lost its Chihuahua mix just the day before. They were happy to help and be distracted from their devastating loss. Little did they know that Buddy would soon steal their hearts!

Buddy is a vivacious little guy who loves to chase the foster family's cats around the house, even when they don't want to return his attention. Once he gets worn out, he sleeps cuddled up right next to his foster mom while she works. His enormous heart outweighs his little body!

Luckily, neighbors of the foster family fell in love with Buddy, too. They have a 3-year-old Chihuahua who needs a friend so they adopted Buddy! The foster family is lucky they will be able to still see Buddy enjoying his new home!

Can you help?



Miss Kitty

Our seniors for Seniors Program is one of the innovative ways we care for cats who might be otherwise considered unadoptable due to age, and for the seniors who adopt them and need some support from our loyal volunteers. Miss Kitty, mentioned on page 2, only 8 years old, still waits for the nice senior (or other quiet) home where she can live out the rest of her life being loved and adored. Miss Kitty was brought to us with her house mate when they lost their home.

She was so afraid and didn't understand what had happened to the only home she'd ever known. Since being in foster care, for several months now, she has come out of her shell and is a very happy and content cat. While her foster family is great, we all know she belongs in a forever home where she can live in the lap of love! If you are, or know of, a senior looking to share heart and home with a furry friend and reap the many benefits of feline companionship, please contact NVHS at 781-769-1990 or email nvhumanesociety@gmail.com.

Monty, an 11-year-old, long-haired gray male adopted by Irene, in Norwood, a year ago, was recently diagnosed with diabetes. He is doing well under Irene's attentive care, which includes twice daily insulin injections, and our Senior Program volunteers test his blood regularly to avoid the trauma and cost of more frequent vet visits. The medical costs for his initial diagnosis and treatment were



Monty

substantial, as is the cost of his insulin. Irene contributes what she can, but the remainder is paid for by NVHS. Any donations towards Monty's care would be greatly appreciated and can be directed to the Lukasz Memorial Medical Fund, established last Spring in memory of another diabetic cat in our Seniors for Seniors Program who passed away in February. For more information email nvhumanesociety@gmail.com.

Mama Mia!

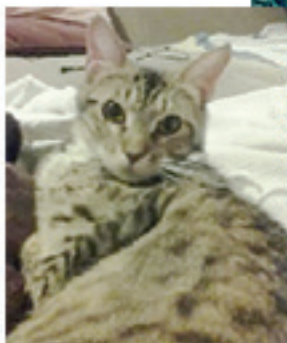
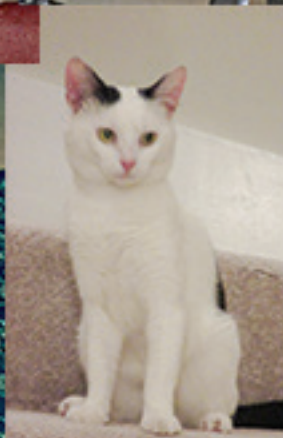


This beautiful Mama cat, Mia, was found abandoned and struggling to survive. Thankfully one of our most reliable trappers was made aware of her plight and was able to bring her in to a foster home. Just in the nick of time because she gave birth to a gorgeous litter of six kittens not two days later!

Orange brothers Marco and Mel join black, white, and calico sisters Maren, Macy, Miley, and Martina as they grow and get ready for the forever families that will love them. We are so sad to find these beautiful mother cats out there struggling to survive but also so thankful to our trappers, fosters, and adopters who give them new life. These six will all be spayed and neutered, and then be ready to go in pairs to their forever homes. Mama Mia will look forward to her loving home!

Happy Tails!

Lucky felines who found their forever homes!



Thank you to all the adopters who opened their homes and lives to these beautiful cats and kittens.

* Lost & Found Pets *

NVHS is often contacted when people lose and find pets. We will post any pictures and related information to our Facebook page and reach out to volunteers to help. One on-line resource, Pawboost, www.Pawboost.com, sends an email to hundreds of local veterinarian, rescue, shelters and their followers. They have free and paid-for ways to send notifications in the event your animal is missing. When a pet is reunited with his/her family, if they notify Pawboost, we get that update also! We hope you never need them, but if you do, check them out. We cannot guarantee results, but we find them very helpful. You can search for many other resources online as well. And, of course, send NHVS an email (nvhumansociety@gmail.com) with a picture and information such as name, last seen/missing from location and contact number so we can post it to Facebook.

Blessing of the Animals

NVHS attended a wonderful Fur & Feathers and Blessing of the Animals event on Saturday, Oct 29 at the plaza in Walpole where Holmes Family Vet, Village Groomers & Pet Supply, Chickadee Seed & Feed and Bird & Reptile Connection are located. NVHS was the recipient of all the donations from the day.

We want to thank all who attended and especially the wonderful proprietors who put this together. We can't wait till next year!



NVHS Mission

- To provide care and shelter for homeless, abandoned or unwanted pets and work to find them loving forever families
- To create awareness and support within the community for the humane treatment of companion animals and feral cats
- To end the problem of pet overpopulation within the community by promoting spaying and neutering and providing access to affordable spay/neuter for cats



Special Thanks to Our Veterinarians

NVHS relies on many different veterinarians and clinics to keep our animals healthy. We simply want to express our gratitude to our partnering friends for their care, expertise, time and kindness.

Animed Pet Hospital, Dedham

Ashfield-Cheyne Veterinary Service, Norwood

Heather Cochran, DVM

Holmes Family Veterinary Clinic, Walpole

Lloyd's Animal Medical Center, Stoughton

Main Street Veterinary Hospital, Millis

New England Animal Medical Center, W. Bridgewater

Tufts Veterinary Emergency Treatment and Specialization, Walpole

Windhover Veterinary Center, Walpole



Support Spay and Neuter Programs

Each year the Massachusetts Animal Coalition furthers its mission to decrease the number of neglected, abused and homeless animals by distributing funds from the "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate program from which a substantial amount of money raised is earmarked for spay and neuter programs throughout the state. If you are interested in ordering a license plate, please go to www.petplate.org.



Cat Culture Corner



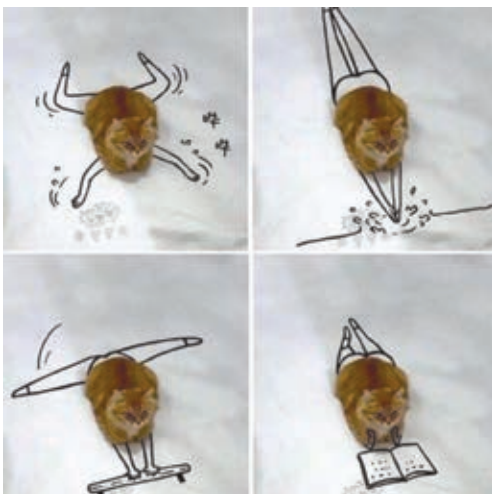
Lulu, our resident feline YouTube reviewer, recently discovered an amusing cat-focused page on Facebook.

www.facebook.com/SkepticalKitten/

You can find all these videos and photos on the above page.



"A typical family holiday meal with all the usual characters. Of course, the cat is the most dignified diner at the table."



"Orange cats are such 'posers'."

Did you know...?



Do you know that NVHS is active on Facebook? We post pleas for missing pets, adoptable animals in our care, success stories, pictures of our adopted animals in their forever homes and much more! Please "Like" us and let everyone you know to follow our page. The more people who know about what we do, the more animals we can help!

Thank you! And we wish you and yours the warmest of holiday wishes.

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The Neponset Valley Humane Society is an all-volunteer, all-foster care charitable 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping companion animals and feral cats. We have a no-kill approach and advocate spay/neuter as the only humane method of stopping pet overpopulation.

Follow us on Facebook for NVHS happenings.

Does your company match donations?

Please check with your company's Human Resources Department and maximize the value of your donations.

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