METROWEST Humane Society

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Mean of The Shy Cat

Happy New Year! At MWHS, we are celebrating 2019 as the "Year of the Shy Cat." We have many timid or "semi-social" resident cats at the shelter that are often overlooked for adoption because of their shyness. These gentle kitties are adored by the volunteers that work with them, and with patient socialization, these cats gain confidence and become less fearful of humans. In this issue of Paw Prints, we've shared a heartwarming story about the adoption of Caneel, a homeless "feral" cat from the island of St. John. With socialization and lots of love, Caneel became an affectionate and beloved member of his adopted family in Sudbury.

Please consider adopting one (or a pair) of our timid cats. Each shy cat is very special in its own way. Each needs a forever family that will accept and love them for who they are, with no expectations. If given a chance, shy cats can blossom into loving companions, if not absolute love bugs. In return, they will love you and enrich your life because you chose them. And if your kitty needs a friend, a shy cat can become their best buddy.

So make a resolution to come to MWHS in this, the Year of the Shy Cat, to meet our special kitties and prepare to fall in love. Throughout the next few pages you will see photos of some of our many sweet, shy residents that are looking for forever homes in 2019. They are waiting to meet you!

Jimmy



->->- The MWHS Connection -<- <-

Mission Statement: An advocate for animal welfare, MWHS focuses on the well-being of cats in the MetroWest Boston area, including finding loving homes or providing life-long care while educating the community and reducing the feral/stray cat population. MWHS is a volunteer-led, non-profit, no-kill shelter dependent on charitable donations.

Adoption Hours

Saturday	12:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	1:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday.	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Friday	1:00-4:00 p.m.
By Appoints	ment 508-875-3776

Directory of Services

Shelter	508-875-3776
Volunteers	508-485-0794
Foster Care	508-875-3776
Donor List	508-624-0783
Fundraising	508-485-0794
Cage Sponsor	508-788-7726

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Please contact us with any questions, change of address, general information, etc.

Adoptions

Although kittens are incredibly cute and fun, please consider the adult and shy cats at the shelter when adopting another pet.

Volunteer! You Can Make a Difference

Our MWHS Volunteer Program provides a wide variety of opportunities for concerned, caring individuals to help make a difference in the lives of animals. We are always in need of volunteers to help clean the shelter, feed the cats, and socialize our timid cats and kittens. You would be amazed at how it helps advance the shy/semi-social cats toward being adoptable. Please call Leslie at 508-485-0794 if you can devote even a small amount of time to helping us. Orientations are held once a month on a Wednesday evening. You must be 18 years old or older to volunteer.

Foster Care! A Great Way to Volunteer

If you can foster kittens for a few weeks, the MetroWest Humane Society will find them homes for life. We need foster homes for adult cats as well. We receive calls every day to help with strays, but our shelter can only house a certain number of animals. You can help by fostering any of our cats. Please call 508-875-3776 for more information, or email thembalzarini@comcast.net.

MWHS on Facebook & Instagram

Are you a fan of MetroWest Humane Society on Facebook? Go to our Facebook page and click "LIKE" to become a fan. Tell all your friends how great MWHS is and to become fans too! Keep up with all the news on our Facebook page: adoptions on Monday, pictures of the week on Tuesday, happy endings on Wednesday, as well as other news, events, and volunteer opportunities. To date, we have over 2,800 "likes" and counting! Help us build our Facebook presence, and also check out photos of our cats and our friends on Instagram.

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A Letter from the President

Another year has passed and we all know that time flies! We have had another busy year at MWHS, filled with many trapping projects and, most importantly, many great adoptions! We have noticed that we have had more people needing to surrender their cats to us due to financial constraints, and we know that many other organizations have seen this uptake in surrenders as well. We are proud to say that we have continued to provide donations to local pet food banks in order to allow more people to keep their beloved pets at home with them.

While the influx of cats coming into our care felt overwhelming at times, we were ecstatic that some long-term residents found their forever homes! These long-term residents included multiple FIV+



cats, cats with medical issues such as seizure disorders, and cats with behavioral challenges. While many other shelters would have turned these cats away, we are proud that our mission of taking cats in regardless of age or medical conditions has allowed these cats another chance and eventually helped them to find their forever homes! Moreover, we never put a time limit on the length of our cat's stay at the shelter, as we know that when the time is right, that perfect person will come through our doors. These moments make all the hard work that we do worthwhile.

As I look forward to the coming year, I see another year of wonderful adoptions, but also much work to be done. While we will always have many trapping projects and surrenders, we hope to help change the way cats are received by local community organizations. While there are many people who are willing to go above and beyond to help a cat in need, it has come to our attention that certain animal control organizations will not be bothered to help a cat in a difficult situation as they "do not deal with cats." This has gone as far as cats and dogs being left in abandoned homes, only for these agencies to remove the dog and leave the cats. This is incredibly troubling to us and will not continue on my watch. We cannot do this work alone.

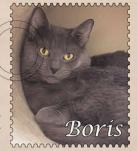
Over the last forty-two years, our mission has not changed. We will never compromise the care our cats receive for any reason. 2019 will bring new challenges, but we will continue our goal of helping all cats in need. Their welfare will always be our first priority.

I wish all of you a compassionate and peaceful New Year.



Dear Friends of MetroWest,

Last August I had the great fortune to visit with Dr. Elaine Campbell, a friend of MetroWest Humane, and a generous donor. I went to her home home in Sudbury to pick up some items for our next yard sale, and we had a delightful visit. Elaine gave me a copy of an article that she wrote in 2007 while living on the island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and also a "10 years later" epilogue that she had recently penned. In the article Elaine tells a wonderful story about "feral"



kitten Caneel, who with socialization and much love, became her grandson's cat. Today Caneel is Elaine's beloved and faithful companion.

In keeping with this issue's "Year of the Shy Cat" theme, I'd like to share Caneel Kitten's story with you. As you read it, please think about becoming a socialization volunteer at MWHS. Your time spent working with our semi-social and timid cats helps them learn to trust humans and develop confidence. Socialization is the first step toward finding them forever homes, and it is a rewarding activity for both human and feline. Please also consider adopting one of the shy resident cats at our shelter. Just like Caneel, if given the opportunity these shy cats can blossom into loving companions.

I hope you enjoy Caneel Kitten's story,

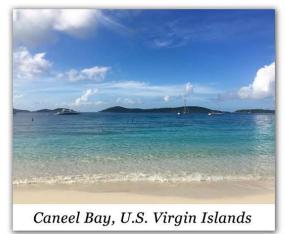
Maria Balzarini

A Boy and His Cat – An Off-Island Adoption By Elaine Campbell

(Original article and black and white photos from May 17, 2007 issue of St. John Sun Times.)

One day last winter I was sitting with Oriel Smith at Caneel Bay's outdoor lunch area. A mama cat and her kitten came along the stone planter looking for something to eat. Mama was skittish but her little son was very friendly. He rolled onto his back with four little paws waving in the air: "See how adorable I am."

At a nearby table, two young couples were also having lunch. They weren't Caneel resident guests but decided to play the role. "Someone should get those cats out of here," loudly declared one young man. "It's against the law to have animals in a restaurant." He imperiously summoned the waitress and told her to get the cats "out of here."



Not sure what to do, the waitress came over to Oriel and brought the situation to his attention. As Caneel Bay's Director of Grounds, he has an island-wide reputation of caring for Caneel Bay's animals. When he stood up, mama ran away but kitten just rolled and rolled on his back, allowing Oriel to pick him up.

"Get him out of here. I'm allergic to cats," ordered the young man. At this point, I decided to join the scene. "I'm Dr. Campbell. Do you have your emergency antihistamine with you?" "Well, no, I don't use any," he replied. "OK, but if you come here to Caneel Bay for lunch or the beach you need to know that Caneel Bay is very fond of our island creatures. Donkeys, rare deer, some cats, an occasional iguana, a few mongooses, and wild birds all visit Caneel's spacious savannah." The two young women looked embarrassed while Oriel took the kitty away to his own quarters. In the meantime, I insisted that I could get medical aid for this tourist, but again he admitted it wasn't necessary. They paid their bill and left for the taxi area.

Thus, Caneel Kitten entered our lives.

The next morning I met Oriel and the kitten at Canines, Cats, and Critters where kitty was to be neutered and given a health test. I asked Joe not to have the kitten's ear clipped. Perhaps this was the first clue that Caneel Kitten would become a family member.

Our grandson William came on island to spend his summer vacation and I took him to visit Caneel Kitten now housed in a cage at the ACC shelter awaiting adoption. William, who had five St. John's cats at home in Massachusetts, immediately fell in love with this wide-eyed youngster.



"Nanny, I've never had a kitten – only cats." "Well, you'll be here all summer and perhaps Connie will let you come every day to visit the kitten and socialize him." Connie showed William exactly what to do.

"We'll keep him in a cage where you can reach him and you can come visit him. You must start by very slowly stroking him, bringing your hand slowly from above where he can see it. Don't startle him." Every day William came to the shelter to visit the kitten. Sometimes he was obviously underfoot, but he nevertheless prevailed in his daily program. Our eight-year-old was soon able to

move the kitten onto his lap for his visits. One day Connie told us she could give us a large cage so we could take Caneel to our home in Chocolate Hole.

After a summer in St. John, William was ready to go back North for school. There was no question that Caneel would go with him to join Brassy and Orange from Trunk Bay, Stripey from Jacob's Ladder, Maho from Maho Bay, and Grey Guy from Chocolate Hole.

Caneel was perfectly behaved on the plane, not making a sound. In the taxi from Logan airport, he turned into a Houdini cat and pushed his way out of the cat carrier. We all – including the driver – had a few minutes of panic as the kitten dove under seats and jumped over seat backs. Then, with a mew of contentment, Caneel found William's lap where he put his front paws and his little head for the rest of the journey home.

Now, Caneel wears a moss green collar with a bronze ID tag. He sleeps up in his indoor cat tree, chases Orange and Brassy mercilessly, and spends a lot of time watching squirrels and



chipmunks from the screened porch. He has grown into a very clever and affectionate young tabby cat. He and his boy are inseparable, even though he isn't a kitten anymore.





THANK YOU TO OUR FOSTERS!

Many thanks to our MWHS foster families for raising the 2018 class of exceptionally adorable kittens – all of whom "graduated" to their forever homes! Whether caring for pregnant cats and their precious litters, socializing timid orphaned kittens, bottle-feeding neonates, or caring for kittens with special dietary needs, our fosters did an awesome job last year. We were delighted (but not surprised) that a couple of foster families joined the ranks of what we lovingly call "foster fails." We are also very grateful to the long-term fosters who care for our special-needs cats in their homes, and who love these cats as their own.

As fosters, your generosity and compassion allow us to continue our important work at MWHS. I look forward to working with you again in 2019. And — if you are not a foster, but are interested in becoming one, please fill out a foster application on our website. Your life will truly be enriched by the fostering experience. Thank you!

Maria Balzarini MWHS Foster Coordinator

Epilogue - 2018

It is now over ten years since Caneel kitten flew North with us to Sudbury, Massachusetts, from the tropical island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

William's other cats Gray Guy, Maho, Brassy, Orange, and Stripey have all gone to kitty heaven. Later arrivals from the islands, Zipper and darling Spot, have also departed this life (as we say in the islands). And tragically, little scaredy cat Sammy got out of the house and ran into the Sudbury woods where we fear he met a horrific death in the jaws of a coyote. But beloved little Caneel is still with us, for which we thank God.

I am no longer a great traveler and am now partially disabled. Grandson William left for college three years ago and now lives in Boston. Will celebrated his 21st birthday in July!

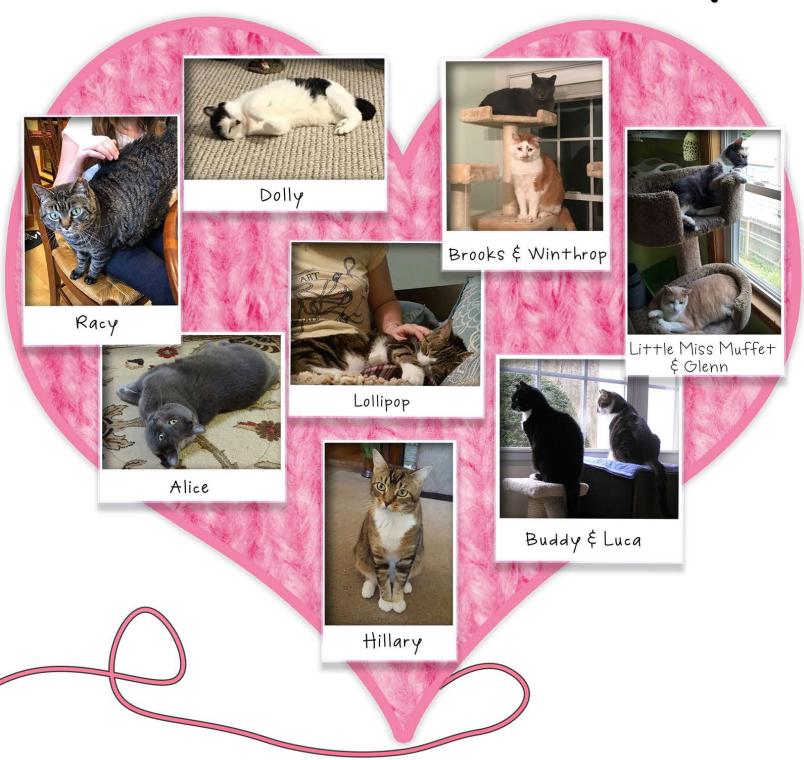
Ten-year-old Caneel has become a suburban house cat. He is deeply affectionate; sleeps with me at night and sits with me in my invalid's chair by day. He never ventures outdoors but still watches the squirrels, chipmunks, and birds from our screened porch. He is my greatest friend during my long, lonely hours. He waits faithfully for my daughter Jenny to come home from work at night and greets her with kitty kisses, body rubs, and love pats.

So don't ever believe that a homeless, so-called "feral" cat cannot, with patient, quiet love and companionship, grow into the greatest companion of your elder years. If such a kitty crosses your path, seriously consider giving him or her a home in your heart and house

Elaine Campbell August 2018 Dear Forever Families,

Thank you for adopting us from MWHS. We feel safe and happy in our forever homes because you love us for who we are. We're not so scared anymore.

We Love You! *





Shop at SISTER THRIFT and Support MWHS!

Discover thrift store shopping and help the MetroWest Humane Society at the same time! Since 2004, Sister Thrift has been raising funds in support of MWHS through the sale of donated goods at their three stores.

Please help MWHS by making a donation of gently-used clothing or household items during regular business hours. **Donations are tax deductible and a portion of the proceeds from every sale benefits the MetroWest Humane Society.**

Sister Thrift Donation Centers are located at 1251 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA (Route 9 West, just before Temple Street), and at 370 Pleasant Street, Watertown, MA.

Thank you, Sister Thrift, for bringing much-needed funds to our shelter!



SPONSOR-A-CAT/ SPONSOR-A-ROOM PROGRAM

The MWHS Sponsor-A-Cat/Room Program is very special and we would like you to join our many members who are already part of this essential program. We are dedicated to improving the well-being of cats and kittens from our community that enter our shelter. One way to do this is by placing them in forever homes; but for some cats, this can take a while. Because we are a no-kill shelter, we provide a safe place for these cats as long as needed.

With our Sponsor-A-Cat/Room Program, your monthly donation helps us provide food, a comfortable and safe place to sleep, and medical care. With many shy/harder-to-adopt cats at the shelter, these costs can be high. Your donation will go a long way toward providing for these cats.

Please see the cats and rooms available for sponsorship on page 10. Choose the room number or individual cat that you would like to sponsor in 2019 and indicate the amount of your monthly donation (\$10, \$15, or whatever works best for you). Please print and fill out the Sponsor-A-Cat/Room coupon on page 19 and mail it with your first donation. Each month you will receive a pledge reminder and a picture of the cat(s) you are sponsoring.

You can make your initial donation by credit card; however, monthly donations can only be made using PayPal. If you prefer, you can receive your reminder and photos via e-mail. Please indicate this as your preference and include your e-mail address. Are you looking for a unique gift that makes a difference? Give the gift of a MWHS cat or room sponsor to the animal lovers in your life. You'll receive the monthly pledge reminder and the photos of the cats will be mailed to the recipient of your gift.

2018 Cage Sponsors

Helping with the monthly mailings are the Budge feline family members. Middy helps stuffing envelopes, so if you see a white, orange or black hair, it means she says "Thank You." Emailing requires a larger crew — Toonces is the manager of this task, helping with typing ("helping" may not be the right word). She is aided by Ferry, Tabouleh and sometimes Billie, although she is a bit of a slacker. Lola chooses to ignore all activity when it comes to the mailing. She will not be getting a bonus this year. We wish all of you a Happy and Healthy 2019!

Sincerely, Ray and Sue Budge

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

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MUHS Events - Fall 2018







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Did you know that you can support MWHS while shopping on Amazon.com? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support MWHS every time you shop, at no cost to you. The AmazonSmile website has the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The added bonus is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to MWHS.

To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com. You will need to select **MetroWest Humane Society** from the list of charities. Thereafter, AmazonSmile will remember your selection and every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to MWHS. How easy is that?

MWHS amazonwishlist

And while you are shopping on AmazonSmile, check out the MWHS Wish List! You'll see all the food and supplies that we use on a regular basis at the shelter. This makes shopping for our kitties even easier!

On your AmazonSmile page, go to your Accounts & Lists, and click on "Find a List or Registry". In the Search box, enter **Metrowest Humane Society**, then click "Remember". That's it. Please consider sharing our wish list with your friends and family to make an even bigger impact. Thanks!

C®IN\$ for CAT\$

You know all those coins that sit on top of your bureau collecting dust, or the ones that fall out of your pocket and hide under the cushions of your couch? Well, you can put all of these coins to good use by donating them to MetroWest Humane Society! The cats love this fundraiser – they are always there to help the volunteers count all the pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. They are not too eager to roll the coins, but they know their human volunteer friends will take care of that, bring the coins to the bank, and buy some of their favorite Fancy Feast food and lots of yummy treats.



So, start collecting all those coins and bring them to the shelter where there is a Coins for Cats donation jar in the front lobby. It is a great way to clean out your couch and a great fundraiser that goes a long way to help our shelter cats and kittens. Our furry friends thank you!

facebook. Birthday Fundraiser

MWHS has lots of friends that follow us on Facebook. Did you know that there is a quick, easy, and safe way to raise funds for MWHS using FB? You can create a "Donate My Birthday" Fundraiser! Connect your FB friends to the cause and increase our supporters across FB. People can donate to your fundraiser in just a few clicks without leaving FB, and MWHS will receive the donations. And, Facebook charges no fees for donations made to nonprofits, so all the money goes to MWHS! Donations to a nonprofit like MWHS are typically tax-deductible for donors, so please send the names of your contributors to MWHS so that we can thank them.

To create a "Donate My Birthday" fundraiser, click on the fundraising tab on your Facebook News Feed, go to "Raise Money for a Nonprofit Organization", and search for **Metro West Humane Society Inc.** Set your fundraising goal and end date, and that's it! So, if you're like many of us who love to support MWHS, but don't want or need birthday gifts, this fundraiser really is the cat's meow!

Donate through chewy.com

In 2012, Chewy.com launched their Shelter & Rescue Network and have raised over \$200,000 for rescues and animal advocate organizations. MWHS is now part of the Shelter & Rescue Referral Donation Program. Chewy will donate \$20 to MWHS for every new customer you refer to Chewy from the MWHS website or email. There are no limits on quantity. You and your friends save money on pet food, your pets never go hungry, and MWHS gets \$20 donations – it's a win-win-win!



Thank You for Your Continued Generosity!

JULY 14TH, 2018 TO JANUARY 12TH, 2019

IN MEMORY OF In Memory of Paul Alan DiMuzio from Sean DeWolfe In Memory of Ian Mackechnie, beloved nephew of Cheryl Townsend – from Ray & Susan Budge In Memory of my sister Wilma Slaight's cat Harley. A sweet, loving cat who blossomed under Wilma's care & love – from Stella Slaight In Memory of our dear friend, Dorothy Schelong - from John & Beth Howard In Memory of Buster, beloved canine of Katy Hertz - from Alison Arnold In Memory of Scruffles Sanclemente, Patty's beloved cat – from Suzanne Starr In Memory of Gerald Yeaton – from John & Mary Leary In Memory of my mother, Rose Motz; she loved animals – from Linda Dauphinee In Loving Memory of Cassie Wright - from Ellen Schneider In Memory of Haley, Whiskers, & Tyson - from Maria Balzarini In Memory of Tyson – from Tom Phillips & Jennie Fierstein In Memory of Lee Kauffman, who Loved All Animals – from Bob & Debby Cole In Memory of 21-year-old Snap Coffey – from Ellen Schneider In Memory of Rita Duggan – from Donna Ferrara In Memory of Rita Duggan, Beloved mother of Maureen Duggan – from Mary Donahue In Memory of Rita Duggan – from John Gingrich In Memory of Elizabeth Shuter from Douglas & Phyllis Shelburne In Memory of Jack Colwill - from Mary Colwill

In Memory of Janet Stone Wiggins

from Elizabeth Mazza

In Loving Memory of Santo & Vito – from Ralph Maffei In Memory of Rob Weisman, your kind heart will be missed – from Kiersten Bakowski In Memory of Rob Weisman – from Jack & Ellen Walsh In Memory of Rob Weisman – from Terre Weisman In Memory of Rob Weisman – from Francis & Pamela Fruci In Memory of Rob Weisman – from Anna Schelong, a former member of the Ashland High School Theatrical Society In Memory of Rob Weisman – from Mitchel Weisman & Paula Sumski In Memory of Rob Weisman – from David & Debra Bethel In Memory of Rob Weisman – from Judith Audette In Memory of Rob Weisman – from Michael & Jacquelyn McNeil In Memory of Rob Weisman – from the Cardiac Cath Lab Staff In Memory of Rob Weisman – from Lucy Metro In Memory of Rob Weisman, who photographed 29 productions from the Ashland High School Theatrical Society In Memory of my cousin, Rob Weisman – from David & Natalie Vieira In Memory of Nathan Matthews, our deepest sympathies – from your friends at TMN In Memory of Nathan Matthews from Mark Endicott In Memory of Nathan Matthews from Timothy Borchers In Memory of Nathan Matthews from the Zumba Classes at the Walpole & Norfolk Senior Centers In Memory of Nathan Matthews – from Dorothea Hupprich In Memory of Nathan Matthews from Bob & Mary Burns & Family

In Memory of my beloved sister, Pat DiComo, who loved animals. It always gave her great pleasure to donate her pastel paintings to the MWHS auction and know that her artwork was helping cats. We will always miss her – from Ronnie DiComo In Memory of Patricia DiComo – from Fred Witte & Dorothy Geiser In Memory of Patricia DiComo from Darwin & Linda Scott In Memory of Tyler, adopted 2010 - from Nathan & Jennifer Israeloff In Loving Memory of Lizzie B, Paisely, Sophie, Blue, Ubu, Noodles, & Zooey - from Anne In Memory of Thurston – from Lisa Grasso In Memory of Ruth Farrey, her Birthday was in October, she loved cats & MWHS - from James & Nancy Forsyth In Memory of Tanner, he gave it a good fight and we were privileged to call him part of the family. I'll miss him a ton but he left a lasting impression on all of us – from Lorraine Mangione In Memory of Tanner, a gentle soul who brought love to all he met - from Janet Silvey In Memory of Melvin, a super affectionate 17-year-old gentleman, who loved his family very, very much – from Janet Silvey In Memory of Oscar Millar, a lucky kitty who had a wonderful life with a Mom who loved him no matter what – from Janet Silvey In Memory of my cat, Suzie – from Christina Kaeding In Memory of Trevor & Moose Whitham - from Elizabeth

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In Memory of Moose, who was loved by his mom, Elizabeth Whitham, all his life – from Pam Bretschneider In Memory of Moose Whitham from Sandy Bryer In Memory of Jake Hagan - from Susan Hagan In Memory of Luckee – from Framingham Animal Hospital En Memoire de notre ami Tiki. Tu nous manques - La Famille de Ferru Charlie, my beautiful boy. I will miss you Forever - Margaret In Memory of Ziggy – from Deborah Peppenelli In Loving Memory of Murray Driscoll - from Miss Driscoll's 2nd grade class In Memory of my friend, Craig Hoyle; he was an animal lover too - from Eileen Sheehan In Memory of Kelli Donovan, an avid animal lover - from Patricia Sweeney-Donovan In Memory of Richard Donovan, Kelli's father, also an avid animal lover – from Patricia Sweeney-Donovan In Memory of our beloved Nora from Laura Senier & Ken Delpapa In Memory of Nora & her regal stares - from Laura Senier & Ken Delpapa In Memory of Carrot, Malcolm, Buffy, Goldie, Stanley, MAMA CAT, Sampson, Lilly, Cleo, Shadow, George & my Abby – from Ruby Richardson In Memory of Pumpkin, RIP from the Rieke Family In Memory of Tucker & in Honor of Jessie - Sally Smith In Memory of Tigger & Louie from John & Dorothy Jewett In Memory of Kody Stevens, we love & miss you. Love, Grammie -Helen Gernhard

In Memory of Oreo – from James & Kathleen Merritt In Memory of Echo – from Stephen Donegan & Eileen Roche In Memory of Banjo Marie Hutton, a beautiful cat who blossomed in the best home! - from Linda, Fendi, & Scooter

In Memory of Banjo Marie Hutton from the Framingham Animal Hospital

In Loving Memory of Rocco, a wonderful blind kitty - from John, Karen, Hannah, Ziggy, Schatze & Sasha Nemeczky

In Honor Of In Honor of Ben B's Birthday – from Kevin & Abigail Furey In Honor of Brody – from Janaina Teixeira In Honor of Brody - from Elizabeth Whitham In Honor of Brody – from Russell & Ellen Arnold In Honor of Brody – from Ruby Richardson In Honor of Brody - from PayPal Giving Fund In Honor of our team member, Wendy Akeson - from the Martin Richard Foundation In Honor of Maria Balzarini – from Alice & Lisa Giallonardo In Honor of Spotticus – from the Amico Family In Honor of my son Terry Keaney's Birthday – from Sheila Murphy In Honor of Wilma Slaight for cat-sitting - from John & Jane Doherty In Honor of my daughter's cats, Zoe & Cooper – from Marilyn Woodworth

In Honor of Elizabeth Whitham,

Best wishes in your new home. You

will be greatly missed by all MWHS

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