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Anniversary
MWHS!!***

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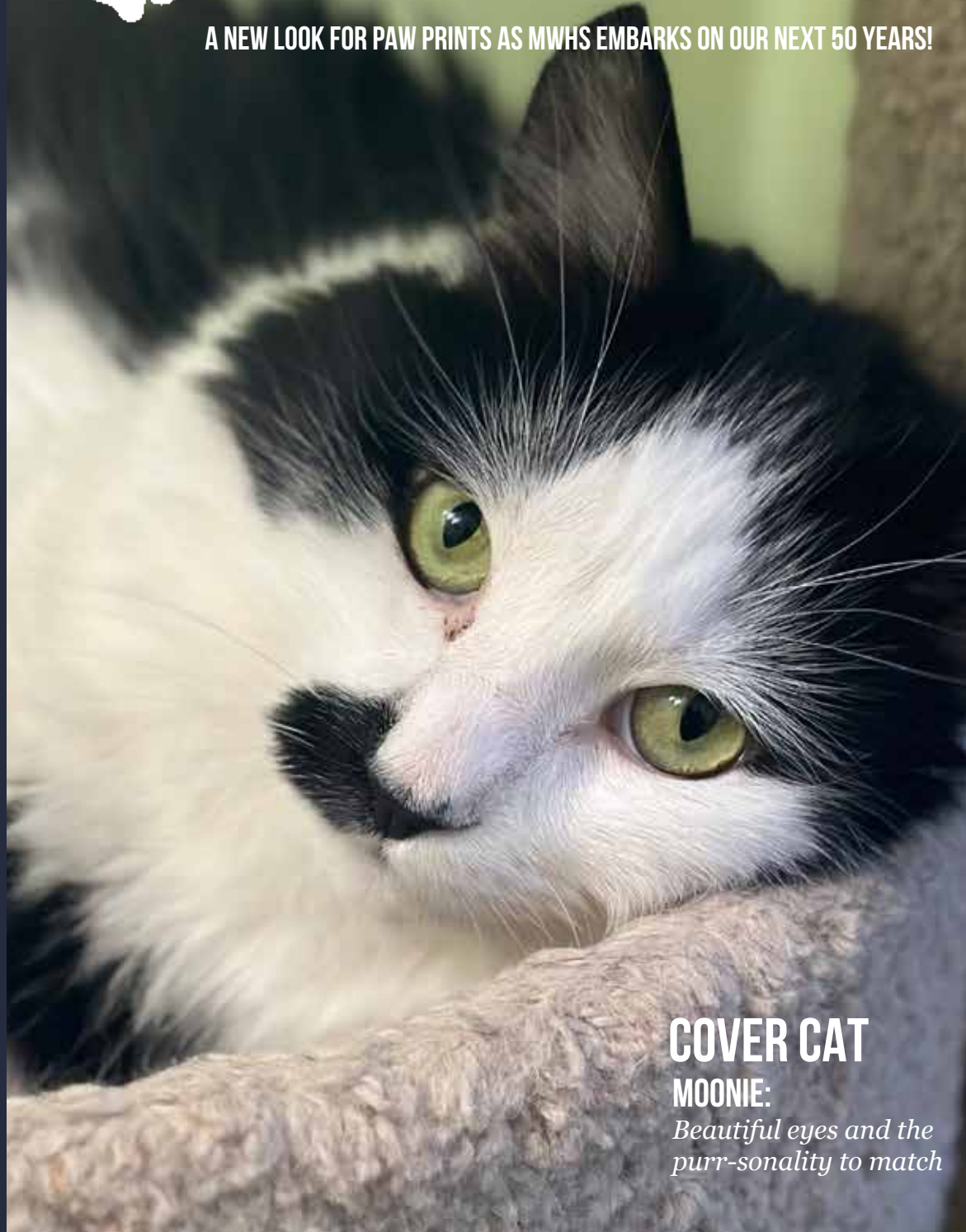
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COVER CAT

MOONIE:

*Beautiful eyes and the
purr-sonality to match*



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.

ADOPTIONS

Adoptions are by appointment after approval of an adoption application. Please go to our website for more information.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES - FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 508-875-3776

Shelter
Surrendering a Pet
Trapping
Volunteer Program
Adoptions
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Fundraising
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Pet Food Pantry Program

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

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A very special thank you to Alana Anoskey for administering our website.

ADOPTIONS

Meet Your New Best Friend

Although kittens are incredibly cute and fun, please consider the adult and timid cats at the shelter when adopting another pet. Please call 508-875-3776 for more information, or email adoptions@metrowesthumane.org.

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'd be amazed at how socialization helps advance the shy/semi-social cats toward being adoptable. If you can devote time to helping us, please call the shelter at 508-875-3776 or go to our website and submit a Volunteer Application. You must be 17 years old or older to volunteer.

FOSTER CARE!

A Great Way to Volunteer

If you can foster kittens for a few weeks, MWHS will find them homes for life. We need short-term and long-term 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 really help us by fostering! Please call 508-875-3776 for more information.

MWHS ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

Are you a fan of MetroWest Humane Society on Facebook and Instagram? Go to our Facebook page and click "LIKE" to become a fan or follow us on Instagram.

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 Wednesday, Happy Tail Thursdays, as well as other news, events, and volunteer opportunities.

To date, we have over 4,290 followers on Facebook and 458 on Instagram...and counting!

Help us build our Facebook presence, and also checkout photos of our cats and our friends on Instagram.

www.facebook.com/metrowesthumane.org

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HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY METROWEST HUMANE SOCIETY

CHEERS TO 50 AWESOME YEARS!!



Fifty years ago, a few concerned animal lovers had a dream of reducing the population of stray and feral cats in Framingham by trapping, socializing, and rehoming cats and kittens. That dream became a reality when the Framingham Animal Humane Society was founded in September 1976. Over the last 50 years, with lots of passion, determination, and hard work sustained by a common mission and the extraordinary generosity of our volunteers and supporters, that small rescue organization endured, thrived, and grew into the MetroWest Humane Society we know and love today.

For the last 50 years, our volunteers, staff, fosters, and veterinarians have helped rewrite difficult pasts into hopeful futures for the cats in our care. We have nursed sick and traumatized animals, trapped wily strays, socialized the fearful and feral, and showered our cats with unconditional love. The dedication and devotion of our volunteers and staff have transformed vulnerable cats into beloved companions. And for the last 50 years, we have kept our doors open and kept our founders' dream alive all because of your continued generosity and genuine love and concern for our cats.

MetroWest Humane Society's 50-year milestone belongs to all of us. Over the last five decades, the world has changed significantly, but the mission of the MetroWest Humane Society has never wavered: to turn difficult pasts into hopeful futures. Thank you to every one of our volunteers, shelter staff, boards of directors, veterinarians and their staffs, donors, and friends – past and present – for helping to keep our mission alive and growing. Your selfless work is truly a testament to your unwavering compassion, love, and generosity. You are the lifeblood of MWHS – we can only do what we do because of you. Without you, our dream of helping cats in need would have been extinguished long ago, and so many thousands of cats and kittens would never have been rescued, healed, loved, and adopted.

I hope you enjoy reading the history of MetroWest Humane Society's first half century (pages 8-9). I know that with your continued love and financial support – and our continued passion, determination, and hard work – our mission to serve cats in need and our community will endure for the next 50 years!

With much gratitude and love,

Maria

Maria Balzarini



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To commemorate MetroWest Humane Society's first 50 years, we plan to create a "History of the MetroWest Humane Society" page on our website, and we would love your help!

If you have stories, memories, or photographs from your time with MWHS we would love for you to share them with us. Please send your stories and/or photos to mwhshistory@metrowesthumanesociety.org. Thank you for helping us tell the MetroWest Humane Society story!





**MANY THANKS TO SISTER THRIFT
FOR GENEROUSLY SUPPORTING MWHS
FOR OVER 20 WONDERFUL YEARS!!!**

Discover thrift store shopping and help 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 two 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 cats of 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!



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 5. Select the room number or individual cat that you would like to sponsor in 2026 and choose the amount of your monthly donation (\$10, \$20, or whatever works best for you). Please print and fill out the Sponsor-A-Cat/Room coupon on page 15 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 check or credit card; however, monthly donations can only be made using checks, PayPal, or recurring payments from your bank. 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 photos of the cats will be mailed to the recipient of your gift.





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SPONSOR - A - CAT SPONSOR - A - ROOM

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The easiest way to help
kitties in need!



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Clear the Shelters is an annual, nationwide pet adoption campaign led by NBCUniversal Local, a division of NBCUniversal. Since its 2015 inception, Clear The Shelters has driven more than 1.3 million adoptions and raised more than \$5.6 million in donations for participating shelters and rescues!

The 2025 campaign included over 1,700 shelters and rescues across 49 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and Guam and led to over 160,000 adoptions and raised more than \$628,000 in donations for participating shelters and rescues -- the highest fundraising total since 2020.

The 2026 campaign ran from August 1st - August 31st and MetroWest Humane Society was thrilled to participate for the 4th year in a row. Weekly match opportunities, generously presented by The Black Dog, helped to double your generosity and make your kindness stretch even further allowing us to help even more kitties in need!

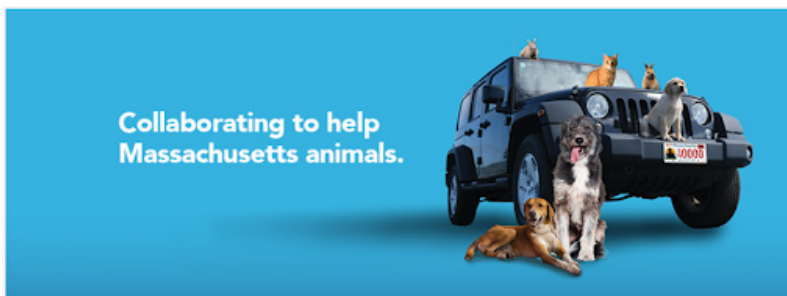
Meow-zers, did you show up for MWHS this year!! We are so grateful for all your support during this nationwide initiative! We could not do what we do without you!



MetroWest Humane Society has been a proud partner in the Best Friends Animal Network since July 2022.

The Best Friends Network is comprised of thousands of public and private shelters, rescue groups, spay/neuter organizations, and other animal welfare organizations in all 50 states. It is a coalition committed to saving the lives of cats and dogs through collaboration, information-sharing, and implementation of proven lifesaving strategies.

As a Network Partner, MWHS is required to provide monthly shelter intake and outcome statistics to Best Friends. We are provided access to support and resources that can help address our specific lifesaving needs, including Shelterluv shelter software, grants, research, and support from a dedicated regional team. MWHS has always been a no-kill shelter, and we are proud to be part of this coalition of animal welfare organizations working to save lives and to make America no-kill.



Let your car tell the world that you care about animals! By purchasing a Massachusetts Animal Coalition "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate, you will be contributing to a program that supports statewide spay/neuter surgeries for cats, dogs, and rabbits. For more information, and to order your own license plate, please go to <https://massanimalcoalition.org/programs/license-plate/>. They also make great gifts for animal lovers in your life!



Thanks to individuals who have purchased and renewed the "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate, thousands of animals receive spay and neuter services every year. MAC distributes funds raised through sales of the plate to non-profit animal shelters, rescue groups, and municipal animal control agencies in Massachusetts.

Help animals in your community by spreading the word about the "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate! Spay/neuter is one of the most humane ways to decrease the number of homeless animals and the need for affordable spay/neuter is growing. Spay and neuter surgeries are expensive, especially for non-profit organizations working hard to find homes for animals.

Make your car a vehicle for change. Thank you for supporting animals!

PayPal Giving Fund

MWHS is part of the PayPal Giving Fund. To make MetroWest Humane Society your charity of choice on PayPal, log into your PayPal account. Click on the “Make an Impact” text on the righthand side of your Dashboard. The next page has a “Search for a Charity or Fundraiser” box – enter MetroWest Humane Society Inc and click Search. A popup box will appear asking you to confirm this is the charity you’ve chosen. Click “Set as Favorite Charity” and you will receive a confirmation popup and you are done!



amazon wishlist

While you are shopping on Amazon, 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 Amazon page, go to your Accounts & Lists, and click on “Find a List or Registry”. Search Metrowest Humane Society, click “Remember”, and that’s it. Please consider sharing our wish list with your friends and family to make an even bigger impact.



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!



chewy.com Wishlist

Another way to support MWHS! Just go to Chewy.com and scroll to the “Donate to a Rescue” link. Simply type in MetroWest Humane Society as the organization you want to support, shop from the list of products we need, then check out and let Chewy take it from there, shipping your donation direct to the shelter at no extra cost to you. Chewy will also send MWHS an email letting us know that you’ve made a donation. A purrfectly easy way to help!

COIN\$ for CAT\$

You know all those coins that sit on top of your bureau collecting dust, or fall out of your pocket and hide under the couch cushions? Well, you can put all of these coins to good use by donating them! 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’s 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!



The Story Comes Together...

In 2022, the MetroWest Humane Society (MWHS) Board of Directors decided to begin compiling the history of MWHS, in anticipation of our beloved organization celebrating its milestone fiftieth anniversary in 2026. MWHS volunteer Julia Altman interviewed longtime volunteers Leslie Croci-Reed (then MWHS Board President) and Linda Locke, inviting them to share their memories of MWHS through the years. Leslie and Linda were happy to oblige, and we recorded their reflections and stories on video. Julia then compiled their recollections into the first draft of an article.

So, what better time than our fiftieth anniversary, to share the history of MWHS through Leslie and Linda's memories. Heartfelt thanks to these two very special volunteers who put their hearts and souls into our organization for so many years to help our very special cats, and to Julia for helping to preserve these memories. We hope you enjoy this walk down Memory Lane!

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE...

The very beginning of what we now know as the MetroWest Humane Society (MWHS) dates back to September 14, 1976, when Framingham resident Carol Monaghan and a small group of devoted animal lovers formed a non-profit organization called the Framingham Animal Humane Society (FAHS), with the goal of helping to care for and find homes for local cats and dogs in need. Without a physical space to house the animals, cages were set up in basements, attics, and spare rooms – wherever they could find space. The work was difficult, but the dedication of those early volunteers never wavered. By the early 1980s, Carol Marchione, a local realtor and animal lover, had joined the organization and became president of the Board of Directors.

In 1985, Carol learned of a large colony of feral cats living in dire conditions on Union Avenue in Framingham. FAHS volunteers rescued the cats and housed them in Carol's daughter's attic, creating the organization's first safe space devoted exclusively to ferals. Members of the group adopted these cats, but word quickly spread and FAHS started getting calls for help. At that time, a small group of volunteers, some of whom had responded to an advertisement Carol had placed in the newspaper, worked together informally to rescue local at-risk cats, including both ferals and non-ferals. These volunteers were experienced cat owners (and lovers) but had no formal training in animal rescue. Linda Locke, one of the original volunteers, remembers sitting around Carol's dining room table with other volunteers figuring out how to syringe-feed the rescued kittens sitting on their laps. It was a learning process – and an absolute labor of love.

The group focused on feral cats because these felines desperately needed help. At the time, shelters would not accept ferals, and either local animal control officers would not respond, or if they did, they would show up just to euthanize the animals. We believed then, as we do now, that feral cats should be placed



into a safe situation and whenever possible become socialized in the hopes they can eventually be adopted. In the 1980s, no other rescues in this area took that approach. It was before Trap Neuter Return (TNR) and the feral cat population in the area was on the rise.

As rescue efforts intensified, we needed more space. In 1985, FAHS began renting the upper floor of the Southborough Kennels. This facility was better than the attic if just barely; the cages were made of chicken wire and there was no running water. Volunteers carried gallon jugs of water up two flights of stairs to care for the cats and kittens. It was a primitive setup, but the space was a major step forward for our organization, and we remained there for nine years. We were flying by the seat of our pants, but we were thrilled to be there because it was our first real shelter!

In 1994, Carol found a small house in Ashland that FAHS could purchase. We raised funds using every activity and event we could think of. The building was an old house; the cats and kittens were housed on a single floor (which is now the second floor of the MWHS shelter at 30 Pond Street). Volunteers built cages of wood and chicken wire. Having our own building was so exciting! But, once again, we quickly outgrew it and at times we had over one hundred cats calling the shelter home. It was crowded, but we made do with what we had.

By 2000, our rescue work had expanded well beyond Framingham, and the Board of Directors decided that a new name was in order. On January 1, 2001, the Framingham Animal Humane Society officially became the MetroWest Humane Society. In 2003, Sheryl Merchant became the Board President and continued to grow the organization.

As the years passed, the need for cat rescue continued to increase as did the need for more shelter space. In 2007, a donation from a very generous individual along with a successful fundraising campaign helped fund a project to completely renovate the building at 30 Pond Street and expand the shelter from one floor to three, creating the beautiful facility we have today. The expanded shelter included an isolation room, a kitten room, office space, a store, and spacious free-roaming areas on the first and second floors. The entire third floor was dedicated to our shy and feral cats.

There were cats who were permanent residents on the first and second floors, and the third floor served as a "Sunshine Room," i.e., a sanctuary for cats rescued from all types of situations: single trappings and mass trappings. There was one characteristic

they all had in common – they were all animals that could not be returned or released to their original location because it wasn't safe. Perhaps the person who was feeding them had passed away and the neighbors were planning to eliminate the cats. Or a feral mom had a litter of kittens in someone's shed. Sometimes owners moved away and abandoned their cats in houses or apartments. Our tireless trappers would go to any location (e.g., construction sites, vacant lots, backyards, wood piles, and more) to trap these at-risk animals.

Over the past two decades, MWHS has continued to evolve through changes in our leadership, volunteers, and staff. After the unexpected passing of Sheryl Merchant in 2015, her dear friend and longtime Board member Leslie Croci-Reed became Board President and shepherded MWHS into its fifth decade. When Leslie and her daughter relocated out of state in 2022, the Board elected Maria Balzarini as MWHS President.

Over the course of 50 years, MWHS has stayed true to our mission: being an advocate for animal welfare and focusing on the well-being of cats in the Metrowest Boston area, including finding loving homes or providing life-long care when needed, while educating the community and reducing the feral/stray cat population. Our organization has made an enormous difference in the well-being of thousands of cats and kittens thanks to the efforts and support of so many extraordinary people.

Our incredibly generous donors have helped fund our shelter and program operations every year and always step up whenever there is a special need, such as when an animal requires complicated surgery to recover from a life-threatening injury or condition. Our volunteers are the most loving, compassionate individuals that selflessly do whatever it takes to make the lives of our cats better. Our dedicated shelter staff keeps the shelter running smoothly and ensures the best quality of life for every cat in our care. Our compassionate veterinarians and their wonderful staffs have supported us throughout the years, and we are most grateful for their work – without them, far fewer cats would have been saved. Our Boards of Directors have provided the leadership needed to steer MWHS through a rapidly changing world and have guided us to where we are today.

And for the future? We at MWHS will tirelessly continue rescuing, trapping, fostering, spaying, neutering, healing, socializing, caring for, loving, and finding homes for cats in need and helping our community. We hope you will continue to support our vital work. We are looking forward to achieving remarkable things together in the next 50 years!

THOUSANDS OF LIVES SAVED



2001

2003

2007

2015

2022

2026

FAHS
Becomes
MWHS

Sheryl Merchant
Elected Board
President

Shelter
Expands to 3
Floors

Leslie Croci-Reed
Becomes Board
President

Maria Balzarini
Elected Board
President

MWHS TURNS
50!!!!



THE 19TH ANNUAL MWHS CRAFT FAIR!

The 19th Annual MWHS Craft Fair is right around the corner and we're feline pretty excited about it!

Come on by and purr-use our wonderful vendor booths for all your handcrafted purr-sonal and gift-giving needs. From jewelry and home décor to pet toys, fur-niture, candles, clothing, and so many more cat-egories, there's truly something for everyone!

The best part? Proceeds benefit the cats in our care! We can't think of a better reason to come out, shop, snack, and enjoy a meow-velous day on the Common!

Mark your calendars, bring your friends, and come have a paw-some day with us!



MWHS 2027 CALENDAR CONTEST

Charge up your cameras and hype up the models, it's photo time!

The calendar contest is coming up so stockpile those cute pics now to be ready to hit the ground running when this year's contest kicks off! The cuter and weirder the pics of your furry, feathery, scaly BFF the better! Prep your friends and family for a voter showdown to ensure your bestie takes home top honors!

Stay tuned for upcoming contest information on the MWHS website and Facebook page...and don't forget to preorder your 2027 Calendars at the Craft Fair!



Thank you for your continued generosity!

January 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026

In Honor Of

In Honor of Eclipse and Belle that I adopted from you folks. You do great work!
– from Ian Gagne

In Honor of Ruth Talley – from Lois Latour

In Honor of Samantha Kirby-Dixon and Dan Ardizzoni – from Phyllis Dixon

In Memory Of

In Memory of Cheryl Townsend's beautiful girl, Scarlett – from Linda Reffelt

In Memory of my beautiful girl, Scarlett. She was my world and is so missed – from Cheryl Townsend

In Memory of Willa Fox, such a sweet kitty – from the Mansfield Family

In Memory of Juke, the most wonderful cat! She added joy to our lives every day for more than 13 years. We are very grateful to MWHS for taking good care of her before she became a beloved member of our family – from Phyllis Merchant and Fumiya Fukushima

In Memory of Love Shack, our brave, loving boy who left us much too soon. With much love from all who knew him – from Maria Balzarini

In Memory of our dear friend, Louis (Jerry) Cecco who passed away on January 18th – from Steven and Judith Piermarini

In Memory of Sandy Cahill – from Walter and Patricia Cahill

In Memory of Sandy Cahill – from Jonathan and Beth Pattavina

In Memory of Sandy Cahill – from Barbara and Debra Allis

In Memory of Sandra Cahill – from Eileen A. Kukish

In Memory of Jake Hagan – from Susan and Gusto Hagan

In Memory of Robert Bachrach with love – from Theresa Halliday-Burri and Marion Garver

In Memory of Chow and Tilton – from Linda Reffelt

In Memory of Magic, from all those who loved her – from Lisa Wang and Hallie Fishel-Verrette

In Loving Memory of Miley, Maria's beloved kitty – from Carol and Dan Shapiro

In Memory of Stacy Elliott's beloved cat, Cleo – from Donald and Maria Rudder

In Tribute To

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Thank you to all who have so generously donated items from our wish list, all of which have benefited our shelter cats.



THE CAT IS OUT OF THE BAG! - MYSTERY BAG FUNDRAISER!

Our whiskers are tickled and our flabbers are gasted!! Our very first EVER Mystery Bag FUN-draiser sold out in ONLY 3 days, which we never imagined possible! Thank you to everyone for your unwavering support and participation in our Cat’s Out of the Bag FUN-draiser!

The cats are already asking if we’ll do another mystery bag fundraiser in 2027, so stay tuned for updates, because we wouldn’t dream of disappointing the cats!

We are fur-ever grateful to all of the amazing local businesses who donated to this paw-some fundraiser! We could not do it without you!

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