

# Paw: Prints

# **A Letter From the President**

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

Helen Keller

I am truly blessed and grateful to be part of a community of compassionate, dedicated people that work to overcome the suffering of those who cannot ask for help themselves. At MetroWest Humane Society, our staff and volunteers work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of felines in our little corner of the world. We help cats of all ages who are suffering in countless ways—by rescuing starving strays from the freezing cold or sweltering heat, rushing a sick or wounded cat to the ER, providing daily medical care to cats with chronic diseases, or finding a new loving family for a sad, lonely cat abandoned by its owner.

Over the past year, more than a dozen sick or injured cats requiring immediate medical assistance were brought to MWHS from the streets; some in critical condition. One of these precious cats was Love Shack, whom we featured on Giving Tuesday. He was emaciated, his fur horribly matted with drool, and he approached one of our trappers for help. Love Shack was suffering from painful stomatitis, tongue ulcerations, and a large mass on his hip, but his loving spirit and will to survive were obvious to everyone. Your Giving Tuesday donations covered many of Love Shack's medical expenses, including dental and cyst-

removal surgeries, an echocardiogram, and specialist visits, with more to come. And, thanks to everyone who provided care and financial assistance, look at our healthier love bug now! This is what we do.





We care for cats suffering from kidney disease, hyperthyroidism, diabetes, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, IBD, and other ailments, and they require ongoing medical treatment. Our senior shelter residents are also developing age-related chronic illnesses and need increasingly specialized care. We spend what is necessary to ensure that every one of our cats has the best quality of life we can provide. Some of these cats get adopted, some reside at our shelter, some are in loving foster homes, and some are in loving long-term foster or hospice care. This is what we do.

Cats requiring medical help will continue coming through our doors. And it is because of you and your generous donations that MWHS exists to help them. Because of you we have the resources to pay the medical bills for these precious cats. With your ongoing financial support, we are committed to providing the necessary care for their recovery and ensuring that they, and all our cats, find their forever homes.

Being able to lessen the suffering of these cats in our little corner of the world comes at a price. But being part of this community that passionately believes every cat deserves the best we can provide feels incredible. We are making a positive difference in their (and our own) lives. Please consider becoming a monthly Cat Sponsor (page 4), or a short-term or long-term foster parent. This is what you can do. I think Helen Keller would approve.



With much love,

Maria

Maria Balzarini

# 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**

The shelter is closed to the public for walk-in adoptions. Adoptions are by appointment after approval of an adoption application. Please go to our website for more information.

# **Directory of Services**

Shelter	508-875-3776
Volunteers	508-875-3776
Fundraising	508-875-3776
Foster Care	508-875-3776
Donor List	508-875-3776
Cat/Room Sponsor	508-875-3776

### **Shelter Address**

**MetroWest Humane Society** 30 Pond Street (Rte. 126), Ashland, MA 01721

# **Mailing Address**

P.O. Box 1068, Framingham, MA 01701

# Email: mwhspaw@yahoo.com www.MetroWestHumaneSociety.org

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

# **Board of Directors**

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# Adoptions

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@ metrowesthumanesociety.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. Please call the shelter at 508-875-3776 if you can devote time to helping us. 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, or email fosters@metrowesthumanesociety.org.

### **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 4,090 followers on Facebook and 314 on Instagram...and counting!

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

www.facebook.com/metrowesthumanesociety www.instagram.com/metrowest humane society

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







# **Massachusetts Animal Coalition License Plate Program**



**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://



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!





MetroWest Humane Society has been a proud partner in the Best Friends Animal Network since July 2022. The mission of the Best Friends Animal Society is "to bring about a time when there are No More Homeless Pets. We do this by helping end the killing in America's animal shelters through building community programs and partnerships all across the nation. We believe that by working together we can Save Them All."

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 now have 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 by 2025.



# Many thanks to Sister Thrift for generously supporting MWHS for 20 wonderful years!!!

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 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 **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 6. Select the room number or individual cat that you would like to sponsor in 2025 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 17 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.



# 2024 Cat/Room Sponsors

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# Thank you for your Continued Generosity!







# Spansor-C



1st Floor



Majesty 3rd Floor, Room 1











The easiest way to help kitties in need!

# SUPPORT MWHS

# 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!

# 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!

# amazonwishlist

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.

# 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 purr-fectly easy way to help!

# C®IN\$ 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!





# UPGOMING EVENTS



Back by popular demand, the Spring Raffle is coming your way for the second year in a row with exciting prizes you'll want to get your paws on! The raffle will once again feature some awesome items generously donated by some of our amazing Craft Fair vendors, our incredibe local business supporters, and our rockstar volunteers. Mark your calendars, the event will be held from April 18 – May 2, with the raffle drawing happening on May 3. Just in time for Mother's Day!

# ARE YOU KITTEN ME?

It's not even kitten season yet and we're overrun with kittens! In the past month, we've welcomed 23 precious angels from 4 happy, healthy moms. Yes, you read that right - 23 kittens! We're also looking ahead to kitten season this spring which is always a busy time for us at MWHS. So, we're going to shower our new babies with love, affection, and all the supplies to help them thrive! The date and time are still TBD, but keep a close eye on our website and social media for more updates! You won't want to miss your opportunity to hang with these little nuggets! Sneak peek on page 16!



# THANK YOU FOR 2024

The 2025 Pet Photo Calendar Contest was a HUGE success! MANY THANKS to all the photogenic pets, entrants and voters that participated!



# Thanks to Our Sponsors!!

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# 17th Annual MWHS Craft Fair

Despite mother nature's vengeance for the second year in a row, we had a blast at the 17th Annual MWHS Craft Fair!

Thank you to all of our vendors and sponsors for ignoring the weather forecast and making this event a huge success for the 17th year in a row. We are extremely grateful for everyone who came out to support this wonderful event and amazing cause!

And thank you to whoever invented rainjackets!:)









# **Thank You for Your Continued Generosity**

# July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

# In Memory Of

In Memory of Roger Katz - from Joseph and Nancy Wertheim

In Memory of Roger Katz – from Annabelle Lebas

In Memory of Roger Katz – from Barbara Gage

In Memory of Roger Katz – from Karen Liptak

In Memory of Roger Katz – from Anonymous

In Loving Memory of Santo and Vito – from Ralph and Barbara Maffei

In Memory of Duchess Osborne – from Barbara Cox

In Memory of Bobbie and Jay Tower – from Susan and Stephen Priest

In Memory of Bobbie and Jay Tower – from Martha L. Turner

In Memory of Dr. Ovid Fraser – from Colleen Kelley

In Memory of Dr. Ovid Fraser – from Steven and Janice Taylor

In Memory of Dr. Charles Ovid Fraser and Mrs. Mary Fraser – from Cynthia R. Foster

In Memory and Honor of Dr. Charles "Ovid" Fraser. May he rest in peace – from Fadi and Beth El-Massih

In Memory of Mary Fraser – from Steven and Janice Taylor

In Memory of Mary "Madge" Fraser – from Kevin Webber

In Loving Memory of Sweet Shadow Staniunas – from Maria L. Christopher

In Memory of a swell guy, Rick Paoletti. He is smiling because his lovely wife Marie suggested honoring him by donating to a cat rescue organization – from Susan Ford and Paul Paoletti

In Memory of Nancy Anderson, Walpole, MA – from Kerry M. Jackson

In Loving Memory of my Aunt Jackie Dubee, a lover of animals – from Erin Dubee

In Memory of Parker Reffelt, beloved cat, and companion of Linda Reffelt – from Patricia Hair

In Memory of Parker – from Louise Snape

In Memory of Linda Reffelt's beloved Parker – from Veronica DiComo

In Memory of Parker, a very special boy who Linda Reffelt loved and gave him the best home ever for 8 years – from Cheryl Townsend

In Memory of Judith Noonan – from Thomas W. Myers

In Memory and Honor of my aunt, Donna Richard – from Cheryl Smith

In Memory of Zoey – from Mary B. Colwill

In Loving Memory of Max Hunewill – from Ellen G. Schneider

In Memory of Marjorie Clark – from Maryclare Siegel

In Memory of Marjorie Clark – from Linda Minaya

In Memory of my sweet Romeo – from Nancy Moscato

In Memory of my sweet cat Sammi – from Karen Foster

In Memory of Opie Ahearn – from Ellen G. Schneider

In Memory of Sue Budge, a special friend – from Elvira M. Smith

In Memory of BJ and Thelma Welch – from John J. Welch

In Memory of Gia – from Linda M. Reffelt

In Memory of Oreo, Frisky, and Yasmin – from Joseph Yasi and Kate Schindall

In Memory of Sootie and Spice, and all the amazing memories that began at MWHS. Thank you!! – from Iain and Laura Michel

In Memory of Katie – from Nancy Johnson

In Memory of Trevor Whitham – from Elizabeth Whitham

In Memory of Moose – from Elizabeth Whitham



# In Honor Of

In Honor of Cheryl Mitcham in recognition of her work at Pega. We will miss you! Karen, Megan, and MJ – from Karen Griffith

In Honor of Jeanne Ridolfi, a wonderful "cat lady" and past volunteer for Metrowest – from Joanna Alexander

In Honor of Suzanne Nicholas – from Russell and Ellen Arnold

In Honor of Dori Reuss's 80th birthday – from Nina Schulze

In Honor of Pam Butcher – from Karen Bachrach

In Honor of Earl and Yara – from Luciano and Sherry Coppola

In Honor of Josephine Hatton. Happy Birthday Wishes – from Susan Hatton In Honor of Josephine Hatton. Thank you, MetroWest Humane Society, for all you do – from Christian Hatton

In Honor of Bear - from Kelly Korb

In Honor of Sophia Kennedy's Bat Mitzvah – from Mark Melnik

In Honor of my bosses at Rogers Insulation in Framingham. Merry Christmas! – from Holly Kenney

In Honor of Sterling and Millet, our beautiful boy brothers that were adopted from MWHS 11 years ago! Special thanks to Linda Vaccari – from Janis and Ray Meade

In Honor of Julie Cornell – from Eugenia Cornell

In Honor of Lisa Campbell – from Ronda Andrews In Honor of the Hofschire family – from Joan Hofschire

In Honor of Milo and Mason Stanton (formerly Prince Gummy & Prince Samaroo of the MWHS). Both thriving and becoming more and more socialized and loving every month. Thank you for all you do at MWHS, it's God's work – from Janet Mastronardi

In Honor of Mary Sammon's volunteer hours
– from Michael Kuza, Middlesex Savings
Bank

In Honor of Kfir, our most recent orange boy. He is a blast. Always grateful for Dolly who will be 20 next year. We also remember her sister Isabelle who left us but is never forgotten – from Donna Cohen

In Honor of Penny – from Nancy Johnson

In Honor of Sue Callahan – from Kathleen C. Flanders

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# **Giving Tuesday**

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# LET IT BE GNOME ...

A cat's whiskers connect to a part of its brain that is similar to the visual cortex. This means that cats can almost see with their whiskers.



Tracey Tranen

# Calendar Photo Contest

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# Calendar Photo Contest (cont.)

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