



MassPAWS Newsletter



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**This is not cool ! What is
this cat doing outside?**



Some of us are Gorgeous.



Some of us have seen
better days.

Dusty



In case you think cats should enjoy the outdoors . . . Dusty was found in the middle of the winter with a giant hole on half of his face and chin exposed from an untreated wound. He was lucky: we finally trapped him, and got him the medical attention he needed. Dusty was doubly lucky because the woman who had been feeding him in Winthrop agreed to take him in and nurse him back to health, a 6 month intensive rehab. of wound cleaning, medicine, and love. Dusty proved that he had not forgotten that humans can be kind, and he is a special cat who is now afraid to even look out the screened door and perfectly content on his "blankie".

Thank you, Elizabeth.



Bindi

Bindi was reported to MassPAWS by a concerned citizen. The report was that there was an injured cat that needed our help. When our volunteer arrived on the scene she saw this beautiful Torbie girl dragging her back legs as she moved through the neighborhood. A neighbor reported to our volunteer that Bindi had been outside like that for months! Luckily our girl Bindi was able to maneuver well enough to get to food and to somehow find a place to stay out of further harms way.

Our volunteer brought Bindi to her new foster home where a plan was made to get her assessed by our veterinarian. X-rays showed no recent or previous bone fractures. *Hmmm.... What could have happened to this poor cat? Was she kicked? Did she fall from a very high perch? If only Bindi could talk.* Ah, but she was talking to us. Her constant purr and response to touch and her obvious affection was telling us to give her our best shot at rehabbing her. Bindi was found to be incontinent and was suffering from a severe bladder infection. Antibiotics are helping greatly with this. We began a treatment which includes acupuncture and homeopathic medication as well. Bindi still needs to have her bladder expressed twice a day, but we have witnessed her using her specially modified litter box on her own a few times. So we will not give up on our girl and she has let us know, under no uncertain terms that she is bound and determined to live and be happy and purr her way into a forever home with a special person who will fall in love, as we have, with her. If you would like to give to Bindi's special care which may include a visit to a neurologist in the near future, please send your donation to MassPAWS and mark your check with Bindi's name in the memo line. *Bindi and others that have suffered the treachery and pitfalls of life on the street are counting on you!*

**"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded."**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

An Act Creating a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund Senate Bill 778

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Take Action NOW

http://www.mspca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=adv_taxcheckoffbill_09

There are more animals, particularly cats, in Massachusetts than there are homes available to care for them. Research shows that there are about 600,000 to 800,000 "free-roaming" or "feral" cats in the Commonwealth.

This bill would create a Massachusetts Spay and Neuter Fund by adding a voluntary contribution option on [state income tax forms](#) (see line 32 of 2006 form for example). The Fund would be used to develop a program to reduce the number of homeless animals through spaying and neutering, specifically by assisting persons meeting income limit standards to sterilize and vaccinate dogs and cats and to educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering.

Twenty-five other states (including all other New England states) have established similar funds to reduce the number of homeless animals. Seven states generate revenue through voluntary tax check off donations. Colorado, the first state to pass a tax check off for pet overpopulation funds on income tax returns, receives approximately \$200,000 in donations annually which has helped fund more than 21,000 spay and neuter surgeries in the four years since its inception.

This bill would not only help animals, but help our municipalities (and taxpayers) that are dealing with a large number of unwanted animals.

Sponsor: Senator Montigny www.mass.gov/legis/member/mcm0.htm

Learn More, Get Involved

- Sign your organization up as a supporter of this Bill
- See what organizations have already signed up in support of this bill
- Join the Animal Action Team
- Read the bill
- Learn more about Colorado's Tax Check Off Program at <http://www.savecoloradopets.org/>
- Read about Georgia's.
- See Maine's tax form with the check off.
- Find out more about members at www.mass.gov/legis
- Find out who represents you at: <http://www.wheredoivotema.com/>

TAKE ACTION NOW

Spread the word about
pet adoption!



WANTED: GOOD HUMAN Available For Adoption



DAISY MAE



SAUSALITO



ROBINSON
CRUSOE



ROSIE



GOLDIE



TWEEDLES



BOSS



TALULLAH



TRAVIS

Looking to adopt a cat or two? MassPAWS cats may be seen at Petsmart Salem with our friends from PALS and at Petsmart Saugus with our friends from Melrose Humane Society. Be sure to adopt not shop!!



Help Homeless Pets in your Neighborhood;
Please participate in the PETCO Foundation and PetSmart Charities fundraising programs; they work!

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Spay / Neuter Information

Thousands of kittens, cats and dogs are stray, abandoned, homeless and unclaimed every year in Massachusetts; sadly, many are destroyed. Please have your pet spayed or neutered, show your love and keep them safe!

- Find upcoming low cost CATMOBILE Spay/Neuter clinics at MRFRS.org or call (888) 495-SPAY.
- The S.T.O.P. Clinic; this mobile unit drives to many cities performing low cost Spay/Neuter. www.TheStopClinic.com
Call the S.T.O.P. clinic at (617) 571-7151
- Low cost Spay/Neuter certificates at Friends of Animals
www.FriendsOfAnimals.org
or call (800) 321-7387
- Animal Rescue League SPAY Waggin' (617) 426-9170,
www.arlboston.org
- Alliance For Animals offers low cost Spay/Neuter services South Boston, (617) 268- 7800
www.afaboston.org
- MSPCA SNAP (617) 541-5005 & Shalit-Glazer (617) 541-5007 programs, assisting low-income households with Spay/Neuter needs; go to: www.mspca.org and search SNAP or Shalit-Glazer

Animal Friendly license plates support spay/neuter efforts in Massachusetts, and help to end the tragedy of pet overpopulation.

For full information, go to:
www.mass.gov/rmv/express/plates.htm
(800) 858-3926



Norman Has Left the Building

By Dee Dennis, V.P. of MassPAWS

I first met **Norman** as a tiny dog left unclaimed in the pound, surrounded by big people and big dogs with mammoth barking voices that resounded over his little voice. He was quivering and wincing afraid of quick advances.

Our ride away from the kennel was his emancipation and he knew it. He began wagging his little tail immediately upon departure. When it came to introductions to my own dogs, Daisy, Ruby and T.J. outside of the house, it was who could win a race up the hill game. When he entered the house it was as if he knew it would be home for a while and he was totally amenable to that. He made himself right at home and announced to the cats that he would keep them on their toes for his tenure here. Hence his nickname *Stormin' Norman*. The little brown dog in the little brown bed finally found his new forever home and is in a place where he is the king of the castle. No cats, Ahhh! Complete and uncontested attention from his new humans, he is happy and will live a life of love and happiness as the spoiled child that he deserves to be.

Bless our little Chiweenie boy.

Norman



HAPPY IN NEW HOMES



BUDDY



BRYSON



STORM



CORAL



MARCUS



PAPA SMURF



**We love to honk at
other Spay/Neuter
plates !**

MassPAWS has received funds from the sale of the license plates for three years in order to Spay/Neuter hundreds of cats & dogs from our North Shore area.

Become a Foster Parent Volunteer; here are just a few of the benefits:

- **Be part of the solution.** You'll join a network of hundreds of thousands of people working to make the world safe and more humane for all living creatures. You'll make the jobs of everyone working for animals a little easier by lending a hand and spreading the message of responsible pet ownership and animal protection.
- **Get warm fuzzies.** You'll never find a more grateful and accepting comrade than an animal you've comforted.
- **Keep good company.** You'll make lots of new friends—and not just the four-legged kind. Working side by side with people who share similar interests can forge lifelong friendships.
- **Meet the new you.** You'll discover skills you never knew you had, and you may be surprised at what you're capable of achieving.
- **Gain a new career.** You'll learn things that may lead you to the career—or career change—of your dreams. Employers and college admissions officers look favorably on time spent in volunteer service.



Enjoy a wagging tail, a purr, and a smile. Didn't someone once say that the best things in life are free?

MassPAWS wish List

Dog / Puppy Supplies

- Dog Cookies and Treats
- Chew bones
- Individual Plastic Dog Houses and Crates
- Pet store or Supermarket Gift Cards

Cat / Kitten Supplies

- Canned Cat Food
- Kitty Condos & Beds
- Kitty Litter and Dry Cat Food (60 pounds per week)
- Toys & Treats

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In 2008 MassPAWS assisted almost 400 homeless, stray, and abandoned cats and dogs with neutering. We rescued over two dozen cats and over a dozen dogs from the pound!

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An Inside Cat is a
Safe Cat and a Happy Cat!

Please celebrate our volunteers who have gone above and beyond this year:

- **Al Roy** has trapped, transported, fostered, and even bottle fed dozens of cats and kittens from East Boston, Winthrop, and Revere
- **Nancy Johnson** who has fostered dogs Rosie and Daisy Mae from the Pound (see them on page 3)
- **Melissa and David Dvorak** who have assisted with our fundraisers and meet-and-greets, and have provided transportation to vet appointments
- **Mary Sylvester** has fostered and socialized mother cats and kittens
- **Jan S** never fails to get her cat; finds the most desperate and needy whether it be in sun, rain, or snow; in the moonlight or in the woods; under a car, up a tree or on a rooftop
- **Donna and Joanne** in Lynn, who, with extraordinary effort saved the lives of 2 brother tabby kittens whose littermate died of rabies
- **Carol P** has fostered mothers and kittens, she feeds at cat colonies, and cares for a beautiful cat who was thrown out onto the street
- **Elizabeth** in Winthrop, who took in and lovingly nursed Dusty (read about Dusty on the page 1), a badly injured tomcat on his way back to health.

... and many thanks to all those folks who found stray cats; contacted us for help and took them into their homes for a second chance.