

MassPAWS Newsletter

The Massachusetts Progressive Animal Watchdog Society has an eye on animals in Massachusetts, and the animals are the beneficiaries.

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In 2008 MassPAWS assisted almost 400 homeless, stray, and abandoned cats and dogs with neutering over 200. We rescued over two dozen cats and over a dozen dogs from the pound!

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Special Points of Interest

- Thousands of Dogs, Kittens & Cats are destroyed every year in Massachusetts because there Are TOO MANY; please have your pet spayed or neutered.
- 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) 321-7897
- Animal Rescue League SPAY Waggin (877) 509-SPAY, www.arlboston.org

The story of Pacino

Pacino was found by good Samaritan Maria in East Boston who alerted us to a thin, badly wounded cat who had come to her house to eat.

Rumor had it that this cat came from Suffolk Downs Race Track in Revere and was wandering to eat between Suffolk Downs, Maria's house and the Orient Heights Dunkin Donuts. We didn't know if he was a stray or a feral cat and was wearing a collar with ID. Maria's dad called the number listed and the people who showed up could not afford to care for him.

This little guy's head and both shoulders were sliced in shreds. We didn't know whether it was from a barbed wire fence, a hawk, a coyote or how it happened. We knew he needed our help and would have to be quarantined for 6 months (state law).



This Loving Little Guy is one of the animals being cared for by MassPAWS. Please call MassPAWS to make a donation to help with Pacino's care: (617) 846-5586 or donate with www.PayPal.com to MassPAWS@aol.com

Help for Pacino



After he was trapped, MassPAWS brought him to their vet in Revere where he received over 60 sutures to close his wounds. The day after his initial surgery, his paw blew up with an unseen wound that had abscessed . . . **he had surgery again.**

The staff called him "**Scarface**". After 2 surgeries, drains for his wounds, TLC and lots of antibiotics, "Scarface" showed his gratitude by head-butting staff and using his paws to reach out and to play.

He was named "Pacino", after the legendary character in the movie "Scarface". Pacino is now recuperating, resting, playing, grooming himself, and

eating up a storm regaining weight. He is very handsome with a shiny coat and has a great playful demeanor.

We thought him worthy of the name !

Scooter

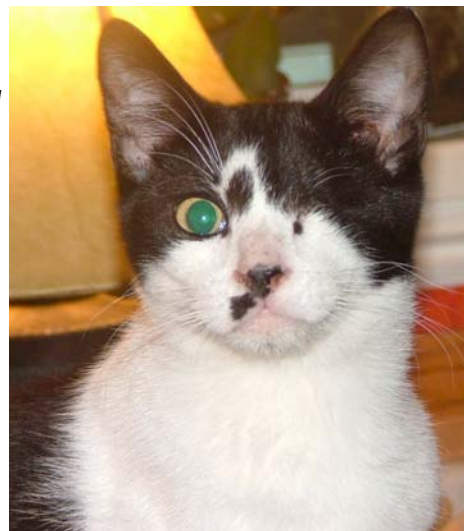
Scooter was found with a condition which required that his eye be removed.

We do not turn the injured or "tough cases" away. Scooter has adjusted well and is not handicapped at all. He has a beautiful shining soul.

He was adopted through our good friends at Peabody Animal Life Savers.

"Please Support the Massachusetts Animal -Friendly License Plate Initiative".

www.MassAnimalCoalition.org



Sweetie Pie

We were called by a good Samaritan in Winthrop who heard meowing while walking her dogs in Belle Isle Marsh. She had found a small white & brown tabby cat crying from the grasses. Wanting to help him, she put him in her car with her dogs and brought him to her basement. She put him in a makeshift crate and kept him separate from her own cats. When MassPAWS arrived, we found a very old and very sick tiny cat. MassPAWS brought him to our vet in

Revere and was examined. We were appalled to learn that he was a 2 to 3 year old cat suffering from severe dehydration and starving literally to death. He weighed less than seven lbs and should have weighed 11 lbs. or more. He did not have an ID or microchip. . .

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and what was most appalling is that he was DECLAWED in the front. This small affectionate cat had NO WAY to defend himself and no access to food or water. This little guy was in trouble and a "sitting duck" for predators. But these misfortunes did not dim his sweet nature or his trust of humans. After a month's worth of rehab and medical attention (including lab work and all vaccinations) "Sweetie Pie" blossomed and was adopted by a family in Winthrop.

Lulu



After being unclaimed for 10 days, MassPAWS rescued Lulu from the local pound. A victim of breed discrimination, "Pit Bulls" aren't even a breed, often identified with DNA testing as being a mix of several breeds. Breed specific legislation was deemed illegal in Massachusetts in 1998. Lulu, like many of the unclaimed dogs MassPAWS has rescued from pounds, was a very sweet dog who got along well with children, people, and other dogs. She did not know how to play, was not leash trained, was not

spayed and was confused & frightened (we can only guess at how she lived before being picked up from the street). Lulu received veterinary attention, training, re-socialization and was a **great ambassador for mixed breed rescue dogs**. In November, Lulu was featured in the Boston Herald at the 'Alpo Chop House Grill' event in Boston which MassPAWS participated in. Lulu is now living in New Hampshire with people who care for her and who love her very much.

Why are these kittens outside?

There were eight adult cats with their 5th litter. Why are these kittens outside? Near cars and a busy street, predators like hawks and coyotes, neighbors who don't want them in their garden...these are a few of many reasons why cats should not reproduce or be allowed to roam outside. Massachusetts has many Spay/Neuter programs. For those wishing to help cats & dogs from being "surplus and homeless", please find resources for Spay/Neuter programs on the front page of this publication or go to MassAnimalCoalition.org for information. These kittens were all spayed and neutered by MassPAWS and placed in homes. Many others are not so lucky. Please **"Prevent a Litter"** and neuter your pets for the welfare of all.



Many thanks to Al and Kathleen, our volunteers of the year!

*Al and Kathleen trapped **over 60** cats from East Boston and transported them to vet clinics and other shelters.*



Daisy Mae

She's been called "Bossy" by those who've met her, but we just saw a pretty Cairn Terrier, homeless, displaced, confused, unclaimed at the pound, and originally bought from a local retail pet store (she has a microchip but was not registered). We believe she may have been from a Midwest puppy mill.

Daisy Mae is strong-willed and protective which are typical traits of this breed. She

can be charming and is extremely intelligent and needs training to be continued with a firm commitment and ongoing direction. She is fine with other non-submissive dogs.

Daisy Mae is in foster care & MassPAWS ideally would like to find an experienced devotee or fancier of the breed to meet and to adopt her.

MassPAWS is proud to have received grant monies from: The Petco Foundation, PetSmart Charities and from the Massachusetts Animal Coalition License Plate Program.



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

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We're on the Web!
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MassPAWS was organized in 2001 as a group of long-term animal welfare volunteers and professionals committed to working on the most compelling animal issues in Massachusetts, with the goal of ending the suffering and destruction of cats, dogs, wildlife and animals in entertainment and research.

Our primary activities include: humane education; rescue of cats and dogs from terminal impoundment and life-threatening situations; foster care and adoptions; humane feral cat management utilizing trap-inoculate-neuter protocols and lending support and networking to other humane organizations.



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!!

*"Some would say that animals are 'in the way'.
We say that they are leading the way, to a more ethical and humane society."*

Beverly Alba, MassPAWS Founder



**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.