



## MASSPAWS

'Some would say that animals are 'in the way', we say that they are leading the way to a more ethical & humane society'.

Beverly Alba,  
MassPAWS Founder

# MassPAWS Newsletter

[MassPAWS.petfinder.org](http://MassPAWS.petfinder.org)

## Help Animals!

The Massachusetts "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate tells your community that you care about animals! By purchasing this license plate, you will be contributing to a statewide program that directly benefits Massachusetts animals.



[www.massanimalcoalition.org/](http://www.massanimalcoalition.org/)

MassPAWS' 2012 'Paws For A Song' was a great success. We thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the time out of your busy lives to show support for these creatures, who, without your help, would just end being another statistic.



## Maddie's Tale; A Senior Cat's Long Road to Rescue

..... By Jan Simmons

Maddie was an established Futon Store stock room cat where she had warmth, food and security for some years...not to mention love. When the store closed down, Maddie was fed initially, but not given access to safety and warmth. She survived on chipmunks, all the while the ticks ate her alive when she sought safety in the swamp behind the property. Coyotes and other predators were always around, but Maddie had the smarts and survival skills to hide under the thickets of thorns.

I remember seeing her a good 12 years ago, and thought at the time she was cared for. I was sadly mistaken. As much as this little lonesome cat desired a warm place and companionship it was denied her when the owner of the futon store moved shop and left her behind.

The proprietor opened up a new store in Lynn, and left Maddie to her own devices. Serendipity in that my dear friend and long time neighbor bought a mattress from the place in Lynn (6-7 years ago), and they got to talking "cat".

My neighbor later mentioned to me how the store owner told her about the "black cat on Rt 114" and how he had taken her to his home and his own cats were

not amenable to her being there and so he took her back to the strip mall. I knew exactly what cat she was referring to. Word has it that another woman who was an employee at one of the shops in the mall was feeding her, but the employer would not allow the cat to be taken in.

This is one little cat that ate at my heart and soul, though I am not in that area, word kept coming back to me about the "little black cat behind the strip mall". She went to top of my list for 2011 as the "ONE" I had to get to salvage my conscience at the very least.

Cold weather hit, and I had only her on my mind as the last time I had seen her she was stiff legged and hurting...not to mention the ticks. A hot rotisserie chicken in hand, trap set; it took me longer to drive there than to trap the most deserving little cat on the North Shore

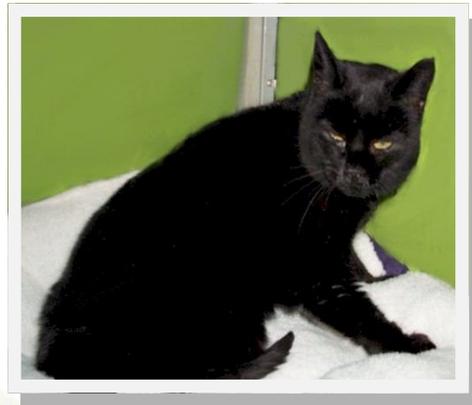
The evening I rescued her with warm chicken meat, she came out of the marsh so stiff legged it broke my heart. Dearest girl was treated like such refuse for so many years and all she

needs now is a retirement home to live her golden days out. She is beyond grateful and gracious.

It did take a while for her to trust after all she's been through and all the let downs with people she thought would've could've saved her...but sadly didn't.

How sad is that?? She makes me cry for all the brutal winters, lack of proper food and the non stop fear and trauma that an NEVER FERAL endured for way too long. Not right, and I cannot tell you how grateful this black beauty is to be safe at last.

My best guess is she's 16+. Seriously how tragic and sad is that that she was never saved long before...despite her wanting so desperately to be?



**Please Help Save the Animals! Your Donations are Tax Deductable.**

These and many more animals are being cared for by MassPAWS. Please call MassPAWS to make a donation to help with their care: (617) 846-5586 or donate with [www.PayPal.com](http://www.PayPal.com) to [MassPAWS@aol.com](mailto:MassPAWS@aol.com)





JEFFERY; a MassPAWS shelter rescue who was adopted!

*For all of you who are Fostering;  
This is for You*



There I sat, alone and afraid,  
You got a call and came right to my aid.

You bundled me up with blankets and love.  
And, when I needed it most, you gave me a hug.

I learned that the world was not all that scary and cold.  
That sometimes there is someone to have and to hold.

You taught me what love is, you helped me to mend.  
You loved me and healed me and became my first friend.

And just when I thought you'd done all you do,  
there came along not one new lesson, but two.

First you said, "Sweetheart, you're ready to go.  
I've done all I can, and you've learned all I know."

Then you bundled me up with a blanket and kiss.  
Along came a new family, they even have kids!

They took me to their home, forever to stay.  
At first I thought you sent me away.

Then that second lesson became perfectly clear.  
No matter how far, you will always be near.

And so, Foster Mom, you know I've moved on.  
I have a new home, with toys and a lawn.

But I'll never forget what I learned that first day.  
You never really give your fosters away.

You gave me these thoughts to remember you by.  
We may never meet again, and now I know why.

You'll remember I lived with you for a time.  
I may not be yours, but you'll always be mine.

- Author Unknown

## Fostering an Animal



PORCHA;  
another rescue  
who found her  
forever home  
through  
MassPAWS1

**If you have space in your home to help when emergencies arise, we are thrilled. We are often looking for foster homes for nursing mothers- both cats, and dogs, which, of course involves having 'infants' temporarily living with you.**

**These are truly rewarding and challenging situations. We also often need foster homes for animals that need a 'quiet' time to get over having lost their human companion or family. One of the most rewarding experiences for these carers is seeing a previously uncared-for animal finding who they are and learning to trust once again.**

**Some animals also need time to rebound from a traumatic situation such as abuse, hunger or general neglect. "If you feel you would like to be one of these "everyday heroes" for MassPAWS animals, please call us at 617. 846.5546 or email us at: MassPAWS@aol.com and submit your questions. A MassPAWS volunteer will answer all of your questions and discuss all details with you.**

*MassPAWS is proud to have received grant monies from:*

The Petco Foundation, PetSmart Charities and from the Massachusetts Animal Coalition License Plate Program.



<http://www.petsmartcharities.org/>



<http://www.petco.com/>



<http://www.massanimalcoalition.org/>

*Help Homeless Pets in your Neighborhood;*

Please participate in the PETCO Foundation and PetSmart Charities fundraising programs; *they work!*

# Dangerous Plants

The following is a list of plants that are believed to be harmful or even deadly to your cat.



## MAGGIE

Rescued 2011

### MassPAWS'

*volunteers are dedicated to rescuing animals and to providing all medical treatment necessary; they make every effort to place as many animals as possible in forever homes.*



## JADA

Rescued  
2011

- ◆ Aloe Vera
- ◆ Amaryllis
- ◆ Apple Seeds
- ◆ Asparagus Fern
- ◆ Avacado
- ◆ Azalea
- ◆ Baby's Breath
- ◆ Bird of Paradise
- ◆ Branching Ivy
- ◆ Buddist Pine
- ◆ Caladium
- ◆ Calla Lily
- ◆ Castor Bean
- ◆ Cherry
- ◆ Chinese Evergreen
- ◆ Christmas Rose
- ◆ Clematis
- ◆ Cordatum
- ◆ Corn Plant
- ◆ Cornstalk Plant
- ◆ Croton
- ◆ Cuban Laurel
- ◆ Cyclamen
- ◆ Daffodil
- ◆ Devil's Ivy
- ◆ Dieffenbachia
- ◆ Dracaena Palm
- ◆ Dragon Tree
- ◆ Easter Lily
- ◆ English Ivy
- ◆ Fiddle-leaf fig
- ◆ Florida Beauty
- ◆ Foxglove
- ◆ Fruit Salad Plant
- ◆ Geranium
- ◆ German Ivy
- ◆ Golden Pothos
- ◆ Hurrican Plant
- ◆ Indian Rubber Plant
- ◆ Janet Craig Dracaena
- ◆ Japanese Show Lily
- ◆ Jeusalem Cherry
- ◆ Lily of the Valley
- ◆ Marble Queen
- ◆ Marijuana
- ◆ Mexican Bread Fruit
- ◆ Mistletoe
- ◆ Morning Glory
- ◆ Narcissus
- ◆ Needlepoint Ivy
- ◆ Nightshade
- ◆ Oleander
- ◆ Onion
- ◆ Oriental Lily
- ◆ Peace Lily
- ◆ Peach
- ◆ Pencil Cactus
- ◆ Plumosa Fern
- ◆ Poison Ivy
- ◆ Poinson Oak
- ◆ Pothos
- ◆ Primrose
- ◆ Red Emerald
- ◆ Red Princess
- ◆ Rhododendron
- ◆ Ribbon Plant
- ◆ Sago Palm
- ◆ Satin Pothos
- ◆ Silver Pothos
- ◆ Spotten Dumb Crane
- ◆ String of Pearls
- ◆ Striped Dracaena
- ◆ Sweetheart Ivy
- ◆ Swiss Cheese Plant
- ◆ Taro Vine
- ◆ Tiger Lily
- ◆ Tomato Plant
- ◆ Tree Philodendron
- ◆ Tropic Snow Dieffenbachia
- ◆ Weeping Fig
- ◆ Yew

National Animal Poison  
Control Center

1-800-548-2423

# 2012 Paws For A Song:

Thank you to all of you who attended our 2012 Paws for a Song fundraiser. The

money collected makes it possible to save and get medical attention for even more animals. A HUGE THANK YOU to Cassandra Marsh and Dave Simmons for once again assisting our mission by donating their time and talent & performing at our function . . . and Linda, Volunteer Extraordinaire, your service in organizing the appetizers, meal & coffee is invaluable!



Volunteers Eileen and Angela; Colleen and the MassPort crew; Marion of Ocean View Kennel and volunteer Mary S; Carol, MassPAWS Field Manager; Treasurer Mary Jones, Marion and Cynthia; E Boston volunteers and supporters; Mary G, supporters; Jo and Jesse, supporters and volunteers; Maria & Ann, the Kelly's girls; Rose, Frannie, Gloria and "the office"; Carol, V.P. Dee, Amy and Linda; Carol the Cat Savior; Maria and Mary . . . **All MassPAWS Guarding Angels**

*If we have forgotten to mention your name, we sincerely apologize. Email [www.MassPAWS@aol](mailto:www.MassPAWS@aol) & we'll be sure to make mention in MassPAWS's Summer Newsletter!*



# MassPAWS recommends Saddleback Pet Services



Saddleback Pet Services provides customized training, problem behavior solutions, and personalized boarding for the canine members of your family with 20 years of experience, they have high quality care and training techniques that work for you and your dog.

**They offer** . . . positive, practical training for puppies, adults and problem dogs; behavior consultation; full service indoor/outdoor board-

ing facility; modern, comfortable kennel with heated floors; individual care; a natural environment for your pet to exercise in; all inclusive program - **NO hidden fees**. Our small facility size allows us the flexibility to individualize your dogs care. You can get more information by calling them at: **603.942.5988** or access their website at [www.saddlebackpet.com](http://www.saddlebackpet.com).

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An Indoor Cat is a Safe Cat

### These websites may be of interest to you!

<http://www.massport.com/>

Find all information for Boston Logan International Airport

<http://www.annualcreditreport.com>

Free Credit Report - Consumer Reports states that this is the only authorized source for your free annual credit report -that is yours by law

<http://www.saferproducts.gov>

Product Safety Commission - a new database site where people can report & search for safety problems with products



The Massachusetts Progressive Animal Watchdog Society, Inc.  
[MassPAWS.Petfinder.com](http://MassPAWS.Petfinder.com)

## 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](http://MRFRS.org) or call (978) 465-1940 or email [Catmobile@MRFS.org](mailto:Catmobile@MRFS.org)
- The **S.T.O.P. Clinic**; this mobile unit drives to many cities performing low cost Spay/Neuter (cats only, fee includes initial vaccinations) [www.TheStopClinic.com](http://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](http://www.FriendsOfAnimals.org) or call (800) 321-7387
- **Animal Rescue League SPAY Waggin'** (877) 590-7729, a mobile unit that provides low cost spay and neuter for cats and dogs under 60 pounds, fee includes initial vaccines. [www.arlboston.org](http://www.arlboston.org)
- **Alliance For Animals** offers low cost Spay/Neuter services 232 Silver St., South Boston, (617) 268- 7800 [www.afaboston.org](http://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](http://www.mspca.org) and search SNAP or Shalit-Glazer
- **Merwin Animal Clinic** 542 Cambridge St. Allston (617) 782-5420  
Walk-in clinic open 12-3 Mon-Sat (cash only). Low cost spay and neuter by appointment.

**NOTE:** will spay/neuter Pit Bulls for **FREE**.