



### BOARD NEWS

After many years, I have made the difficult decision to turn over the CASAS reins to a younger and smarter generation. Being something of a Luddite, and not up to date with social media, it has become time to admit to myself that I was born too early.

Sherry Brec, who has been co-Vice president with Anita Butler for the past several years, has agreed to step up into the Presidency. I will remain on the board as a Vice-President. Rest assured that I will remain as committed to CASAS as I have been for the past fifteen years. Marsha and I will continue as early morning volunteers for breakfast and scooping and still will be fully involved.

Thank you to all who have taken this journey with me from CASAS being only a spay/neuter organization to a fully functional bricks and mortar no-kill shelter. Thank you also for your financial and emotional support during some challenging times. With Sherry, Dave and Anita Butler's very capable leadership, CASAS will continue as it has and move ahead with some new and exciting programs. I am sure that along with our very active Board, CASAS will continue to thrive.

- Carol MacDonald

### DR. MIKE & MANNY

For more than seven years, Dr. Michael McDonnell and Manny Dimaculangan have been an integral part of CASAS. As our volunteer vet and vet tech assistant, Dr. Mike and Manny demonstrated great care, compassion, and respect to our animals and this is a reflection of what truly good people these men are. Dr. Mike and Manny's skilled expertise during exams and surgeries helped our cats feel more comfortable and less stressed leading to quicker recoveries.

It is with mixed emotions we say good-bye to our friends. Retirement has been long in coming and we wish for them all the best.

### WALK FOR A DOG



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This clever play on words is actually a way for you to walk your dog for more than just his/her, and your, benefit. With this free phone app, your walking miles are kept track of automatically and money is donated to your favorite animal shelter. You don't even need to have a dog, just walk! The more people that use it for CASAS, the more money is given to us. Just go to [www.wooftrax.com](http://www.wooftrax.com) for all the information and to download the app.

### GREAT NEW PRODUCT

#### The Ripple Rug

A new company is making an earth friendly, well-constructed cat play mat that cats REALLY love. The shelter kittens were the first in the neighborhood to try it out, including Fe seen here every one loves to sleep, play, hide, and pounce on this amazing rug. It is in two pieces, one solid carpet about 35 x 45". The other piece has different sized holes to tunnel through, hide toys in, and invent new games with. There are Velcro strips to make different shapes so kitty never gets bored. It's made from recycled plastic bottles and is very sturdy. It's also soft enough to make a cozy bed. You can check out the website at [www.ripplerug.com](http://www.ripplerug.com)



### SPONSOR A CAT PROGRAM

Here are two more long term CASAS residents who would like to be sponsored. For just \$20.00 a month you will receive a photo of your sponsored cat, along with their story, regular updates, and the right to say "I'm special because I'm helping a CASAS cat".



These lovely girls are Maggie, the darker one, and Mary, the lighter one. They were found in an abandoned home in Eastham. They have been through some rough times together and are best buddies. Maggie has a special friend who holds and brushes her. Mary is more reserved but loves to be petted while in her safe spot. Our hearts hold these cats dear and we will care for them always.

### BREAKFAST AT CHACH

A big, big thank-you goes out to Chach, Sharon, Deb, and Kara for making and serving delicious breakfast fare to all who support the animal and rain on Nov 11 in brand of your animal shelter. Fun and good food are always a happy mix. There now is a donation box at Chach for cat food, toys, scratchers, and piddle pads. Thanks again for your continued support.



### CAT BEHAVIOR COUNSELING

Is Fluffy destroying your couch? Does Tigger not use the litter box sometimes? CASAS can help you understand why cats do what they do and suggest to you ways to correct the problems. Volunteer Anita Butler has completed the cat behavior counseling course offered by the Humane Society of the United States. This extensive training gives CASAS the knowledge to help people correct the unwanted behavior of their cats and so keep them at home rather than surrender the cats to shelters.

Anita can answer most behavior questions and guide you on the road to a better relationship with your cat. This service is free and most items suggested for use are inexpensive. Just call the shelter at 508-487-4243.

### KITTEN AND ELDER CARE

Spring is here. We are getting out of our houses and welcoming friends back. We at CASAS would like to offer 2 classes and discussion groups. One will be on kitten behavior and care, the other on the special concerns and joys of senior cats. Both will offer discussion as well as information. They will be presented at CASAS by Roz Goldstein and are free; times to be arranged. If you or someone you know is interested please call CASAS, 508-487-4243 or Roz, 617-842-6482.

### MORE ABOUT DAVID

In our sadness of losing a special cat, some very important people were overlooked in the telling of David's story last newsletter. Dr. Stone performed hope-giving surgery at Eastham Veterinary Hospital. He and the staff worked with Herring Cove Animal Hospital to make that surgery more affordable to CASAS. Dr. Hutchings gave her time over the weekend to help care for our friend. Many, many thanks to all of these wonderful people who support us and our work. We would be less of a shelter without them.

### MORE CAT ROOMS

Most of us feel the need for more space in our homes. It's the same at the shelter. Thanks to Bernie Cohen and Gina Hlobik, two of our larger rooms have been divided, giving us two more places for cats that are transitioning into the main shelter. Solid half walls were installed and topped with sturdy screening to allow light and air to circulate. Each of the new rooms has a window, a climber/sleeper, and enough area for food, litter boxes and toys. What more could a kitty want?



### SMILE

CASAS has created an account with AmazonSmile. This is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by their customers. So, please help us out if you shop with Amazon.

Go to <http://smile.amazon.com>

You will need to spell out Carrie A. Seaman Animal Shelter not just CASAS.

### MORE THANKS

Another special thanks goes to Pat Franzese for giving us table space at the UU for the Thanksgiving Craft Fair. Volunteers sold T-shirts, handmade scarves by Gale Davis Preston, books by Phoebe Otis, and other donated items.

Also on our thank-you list is Herring Cove Animal Hospital, their clients, and Nauset students. The students made beautiful holiday ornaments and donated them to Herring Cove Animal Hospital to sell. Many generous clients bought them in memory of loved ones and CASAS received a wonderful gift.

### PAWsta DINNER 2016

We kicked off the end of Winter with our PAWsta Dinner. It was a lovely day for people to come out to the Methodist Church and enjoy some pasta and Michael Janoplis' secret homemade sauce. Entertainment was provided by Steve Sollog, a nice addition to the event. Door prizes and a "choose your gift" auction rounded out the dinner. We would like to thank the Mayflower Restaurant, and our local Stop & Shop for donating the ingredients for the sauce and the salad.

### CASAS WANTS YOU!

As the dynamics of our small population here on the tip of the Cape change, we are actively pursuing volunteers. Specifically, to help socialize our kittens when we have them, and to shower our adult cats with love and affection.

It is so rewarding when you hear a kittens' first purr, or when one of the shy kitters jumps into your lap for the first time, or accepts your touch, gives you a head butt, and perhaps even licks your cheek.

We are cage free, and the cats have the run of the house. It is a wonderful environment for them.

Please call 508-487-4243 if you would be able to volunteer, even just a few hours each month. The kitties will be forever grateful.

formation on kitten and senior cat care, is available by calling CASAS.

### RECENT ADOPTIONS

- Kibble to Jane Lea and Jennifer Shannon
- Buffy to Gretchen Biondi
- Frisbee to Roz and Rob Goldstein
- Imp and Sprite to Conrad Nobili and Allison Iles
- Lily and Fawn to Dawn Ulrich and Monica Smith
- Rascal to Stan Littlefield
- Sadie to Betty Williams
- Jack and Mo to Jason Reidy and Jane Cowley
- Samantha to Rita Schwartz
- Pumpkin to Irene Scipt
- Felix and Majick to Laura Chambers
- Pebbles to Neva Hansen
- PT (now Tilly) to Mary Ellen and Alison Dwyer
- Fe and GG to Kim Amato

Two kitties from last year checked in with us. Here is what their new mom has to say:

Chloe and Zoe are wonderful!! They remain just as sweet and affectionate as ever and still very playful. It's hard to capture them in one photo since they're in constant motion except when asleep, and then you can't see their faces.



### CAT CHAT

by Roz Goldstein

Spring is here. The arrival of warmer weather and longer days heralds the kitten season. Those adorable little balls of fluff can steal your hearts. But is a lively little ball of fur the right fit for your family? There are 3 categories of cats you should consider before deciding on an adoption candidate.

First is the adorable kitten. Cute yes, but also very active. He is in need of almost constant attention and frequent medical checks during the first year of life. He requires frequent interactive play times. For a quiet household, one with senior animals, limited income or limited time, bringing a kitten into the mix may not be ideal. Yes, they will be box trained and "fixed" prior to adoption but unless you have another young cat or family members who could benefit from the lively interaction, a kitten may not be the ideal choice. Consider adopting two kittens to keep each other company.

Second is the young adult cat. A cat between 1-3 years old is still playful but usually calm enough to spend time alone. He has already had his "baby shots" and at this age is likely to be healthy. This age group might make a good companion for an older kitten.

Third is the adult cat 3-8 years old. They are usually calm, still playful, and are quieter companions. Senior cats (ones 8 years on up) make good companions but do require more regular medical checkups and blood work at times.

All indoor cats, regardless of age, require environmental enrichment. Senior cats also need environmental stimulation and play to be happy cats. This includes climbing structures, interactive toys such as ball tracks and toy mice as well as a window to the outdoor world. All of this satisfies the cat's natural instinct to hunt. Of course, playtime with his human is a must. String toys, feather toys and laser pointers are great. String toys should be put away after play as a cat may bite the string and swallow it, which may cause an intestinal blockage. Playtime with you enhances the cat-human bond.

Hopefully this helps in your decision about what age cat you want to adopt. Additional help, as well as in-

### WISH LIST

- Cat litter
- 13 gallon trash bags
- Bounty paper towels
- Fancy Feast Classic canned cat food
- Purina or Iams dry cat food
- Suitable gift cards
- Cat toys

At this time we do not need blankets, pillows, comforters, litter boxes, cat carriers, or dog crates.



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