

CASAS
Carrie A. Seaman Animal Shelter
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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.



Derby



THE JOY OF OLDER CATS

Everyone loves kittens. Who can blame them? Kittens are just so much fun!! But they get into so much mischief and their personalities are still mysteries. Will they be snugglebugs or standoffish? Will they be door dashers or will they be happy in a sunny window with a view? An older cat, with experience under their belt, will let you know their opinion on every subject from lap sitting preferences to feeding time.

Marley, a 15 year old sweetheart, came to us when her owner went into the hospital. Potential adopters couldn't see past her age and missed that she was loving, active, and playful. Yes, playful. Cats will play all of their lives because to them it is hunting and that is the most natural thing possible. They might need to be reminded of their skills in this department but it is well worth the effort to see a former couch potato leap for a toy on a string.

It's true that older cats can come with health baggage but that, too, is part of life. What a wonderful gift it would be for a person to give a senior cat—security, loving care, a gentle touch, and a warm lap for how ever long their forever is. And it is a two way street. Cats give us so very much. They comfort us, lower our blood pressure, make us laugh, and give us a reason to get up in the morning. All of that in a small furry body. Please give an older cat a chance to enhance your life. The rewards are immeasurable.

PET OWNER VOWS

From MSPCA

I will keep my pet safe and healthy, treating her like the precious creature she is.
I will talk to my pet kindly and patiently because he can understand every word.
I will love and protect my pet, keeping in mind that she counts on me for her entire survival and well-being.
I will value and appreciate all the love and loyalty my pet gives me.

NO CAT LOVER

A eulogy for Tiger
by Vivian Dickson

She had never had a cat. Never wanted a cat and never even thought about it.

One summer day, a cat from under a nearby tree jumped upon her lap by the fish pond. He was handsome. He was thin. He was affectionate and loving. He rubbed her chin with is soft head. He curled up and slept.

It was Love at first sight.
Nineteen years later, she wept as he passed away in her arms.

Many people have the wrong idea of cats. Yes, they can be standoffish – independent and like to do their own thing. However, they have a part of their brain devoted to affection and even love. If not abused and alone they spend their time trying to find someone they could love.

And when they do, they know it. They take over. They purr; they listen; they are loving; they mind. They do all the right things expected of them.

And they end up sleeping on your head.

HAIKU

Marley silky black

Outside suits you

Wind smells cool Insulin easy

CASAS ALUMNI



Simon & Keeper

Call to CASAS. Locals looking for a black male kitten. Yes, we have a litter, one is a black male! Come check him out. They fell in love. He was two months old, left with them, basic shots in tow. As we do for most kittens, we let them go to their forever homes and follow up to get them spayed or neutered and final shots. Early time spent bonding with their forever people is very important to us. Caveat: gender identification can be difficult sometimes in the young ones. Pre-op visit for "Sage" determined he was a she. They said they would "Keep Her," hence her name. Fast forward another year. We received an obviously intact young black male cat. I took pictures prior to his snip. The same couple was interested and they met him post-op. Luckily, I had the before pictures to assure them he indeed was a male. Now Keeper and Simon are the best of pals. He calmed her, I'm sure she enchants him, although I am told there are throw downs everyday between them, in love I am pretty sure.



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CAT CHAT by Roz Goldstein

“Cape Cod cats they have no tails.
They all blew off in nor’east gales.”

Perhaps you have heard this sailor’s ditty. I am going to talk a bit about the importance of the cat to the sailing world of Cape Cod.

Shipscats have been a part of going to sea for hundreds of years. The Egyptians were known to include cats on their sailing vessels. Cats were considered lucky by sailors. They hunted rats and mice which protected not only food but rope and wooden parts essential to the ship. They were believed to be protection from storms. This is likely due to observation of the cat’s sensitivity to barometric pressure. If a cat senses a drop in this, she seeks shelter. Thus sailors were alerted before the storm approached. Of course, a warm feline cuddling up during a long cold voyage provided comfort during cold wet nights. The lore says that to harm or throw a cat overboard would bring bad luck to that ship.

The Mayflower was known to have a calico cat who promptly had kittens in the new world. You can be sure a tom cat was aboard as well. An auspicious start to a new life.

Sailors coming to Cape Cod from British Isles often stopped in Provincetown, New Bedford and Falmouth. Today there is an abundance of black cats in these areas. Considered bad luck to some, to sailors, black cats were considered lucky and even protection to the ship. We can only imagine why. Good hunters due to ability to hide?

In these areas of the Cape especially the lower Cape, Manx cats and bobtails are not uncommon. Manx were prized by sailors for being exceptional hunters. Of course they didn’t have pesky long tails to step on in the dark. This fact leads us back to the sailing song we started with. These Cape Cod cats were Manx or mated with Manx. Also, polydactyls were prized since

they were considered good hunters due to their extra toes.

Of course no discussion of shipscats would be complete without mention of a few famous feline sailors. *Jenny* was the Titanic’s cat who unfortunately went down with her ship. *Blackie* was a regal cat who sailed on the HMS Prince of Wales and shook hands with Winston Churchill at an historic WWII meeting. *Chibley* was a rescue cat who as a shipscat circumnavigated the world five times! Of course no honorable mentions should leave out *Unsinkable Sam*, who survived three ship sinkings during WWII. He was given an honorable discharge in order to enjoy the rest of his six lives.

Hope you enjoyed this small peek into another aspect of our cats’ history. If you are interested in learning more there are many good sources in books and on the internet.

Devotion

My little black dog had just one trick: he would lick my left ear on demand. For hours and hours if I’d let him. My right ear was unworthy of a lick but my left ear will never forget him. You would have thought milk flowed from that ear.

He licked more thoroughly each passing year.

All I had to do was say “Look at this” and place the little dog in position. One friend of mine got absolutely sick at the sight, but most thought it was neat.

He’d bark like mad till I gave permission and slobber my ear with deft precision. He never needed ANY other treat.

Such simple pleasures make a life complete.

Dennis Rhodes

David Parker

Peter Clemons & Marianne Benson

Amazon.smile

Maria Nazos

Beth Willis

Network For Good

Pfizer Foundation

Jane Cuthbertson

Tina Johnson

**Crowne Pointe Restaurant &
Wine Bar**

Catherine Cotter & Dian Hamilton

Marge Piercy

PLEASE

At CASAS we have a permanent population of cats who will never be adopted. That's OK. We love them and they feel that the shelter is their home. Some have been there for 5, 7, or even 9 years so CASAS truly is their home. But these wonderful cats are getting older and that means more health problems. Some of these problems, like diabetes, can be treated and others can only have the symptoms relieved. All of this means more visits to the vet, more medications, and possibly trips to specialty hospitals like Tufts in Walpole or Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists in South Dennis.

It is only through your support that we can continue to care for these cats in the way they deserve. Please give generously to CASAS, your local no kill shelter.

THANK YOU

CASAS would like to thank **Melinda McCarthy** for generously letting us use space outside the **Stop & Shop** to set up a table to sell raffle tickets and T-shirts, and to collect donations. Locals and visitors alike stop by to chat, find out what's new at the shelter, and give a little of their hard earned cash to help care for animals of the outer Cape. Low cost spays and neuters, financial help in emergencies, and our support of the pet food bank are all possible because of their, and your, donations.

BUY A BAG -

HELP THE SHELTER

CASAS has been chosen by **Stop & Shop** store leadership as a benefiting non-profit to receive a donation through the Community Bag Program for the month of June. We will receive a \$1 donation every time a reusable Community Bag is sold at the Stop & Shop store on Shank Painter Road in Provincetown. We would like to thank them very much.

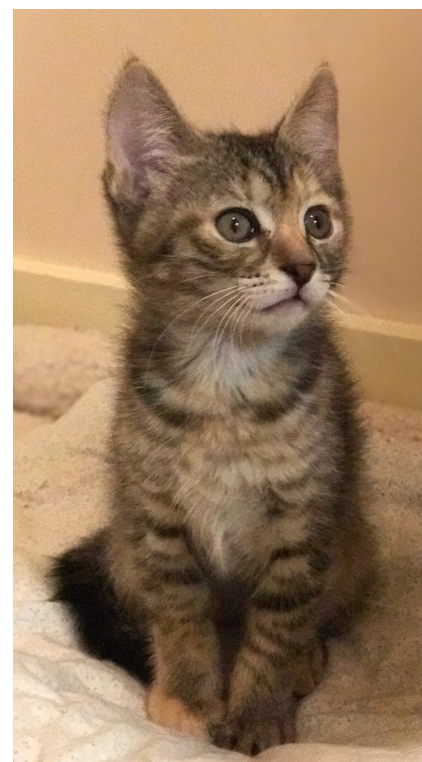
ANIMAL CARE CLERKS

Anita, Dave, and myself are on the frontlines whenever we get a call for intaking a cat, or cats, a pregnant mom, a mom with kittens, or orphan kits (they need a special home for awhile, which we have, thanks Rhonda & Roz)! We are limited in the amount of cats we can accommodate, sometimes it can be a delicate dance. Upon reading up on how large shelters are starting to manage this dance, which we have always been performing, we can add another title to what we do, Animal Care Clerks! We do it all the time, but now we have another title. Basically, it means we do assessments on the cats we get, and can streamline some of them to a forever home pretty quickly. We acquire medical records ahead of time, if we can, and in some instances, the Butlers, who are our transport team, can stop at our volunteer vet at Herring Cove for an initial exam before the cat is even in the Shelter. Maybe, I have already found a home from our cat and kitten list. Recently, a few cats have only spent a night with us before they moved on to their forever home! It's what we do, and we love it!

I cannot emphasize enough that people need to make arrangements for their animals to be cared for in any type of unfortunate situation. Up to date medical records can be key in the event your animal needs to come into a shelter and will be a huge help to re-home them. Please work with us, as we will always work with you.



Goober



Peaka