

GENEROUS BENEFACTORS

In the last newsletter we took time to acknowledge our origins and some of the wonderful individuals who were our genesis. Another component of our legacy at CASAS has been the incredible generosity of so many good people who believed in our mission. A few, in particular, have offered financial help in times of need.

Our good friend **Stelle Goldberg** has been a faithful supporter to our cause since our inception. At a time when we were struggling to raise money toward the goal of building a shelter, when our bank account was still negligible, when we were trying to convince our community (and ourselves) that we could actually accumulate enough money to buy land and build, it was Stelle who donated \$50,000 to get us off the ground and provide the drive and impetus to get us moving forward. When we located a property that we could visualize for conversion to an animal shelter, the financial reality of such an undertaking began to hit home. We immediately began a capital fund drive for the purpose of securing a mortgage and to allow for the substantial work that would be required to the property. Stelle offered to personally guarantee our mortgage with Seaman's Bank; we were able to secure a mortgage on our own, however, by putting 50% down and did not need to use her extraordinary offer.

Team Crackerdog has been one of the top pledge winners in our annual Pet Walk and the team has become a reliable donation source for CASAS. Moreover, at the time of our purchase of property, Team Crackerdog wowed us by giving CASAS stock then valued at

\$55,000. This reserve has provided financial stability and security for the organization. Over the years Team Crackerdog has contributed over \$75,000 in stock, cash, and gifts in-kind, certainly our biggest contributor to date.

So we bought our property and began the renovations and we discovered major unexpected problems. We needed to rehab one whole end of the building before undertaking our planned conversion construction. The **Ruth E. Hiebert Charitable Foundation** answered our cries for help with a grant for \$30,000 for repairs. In addition, we have received another \$10,000 from the Hiebert Foundation in support of further development. We are very grateful for this generous support.

We also appreciate grants from other charitable foundations and organizations, including two from the **Edward G. Gorey Foundation**.

When noting our growth and looking at all the success stories of the homeless animals now secure in their new forever homes, remember the key roles played by our forbearers and the important role played by our generous benefactors. So many of you have helped in so many ways.



SAVE THE DATE
Kibbles & Skits May 2, 2009
PAW September 25-27, 2009

MIKE & MANNY



CASAS would like to acknowledge the volunteer service of **Dr. Mike McDonnell** and **Manny Di-maculangan**, Mike's partner and tableside assistant, which has allowed us to stretch our limited funds and provide aid for many more cats and dogs.

MECKA & OWEN



At age 4, **Owen** is a superb socializer for our cats and kittens. The cats love him and Annie and Chloe - who refuse to allow anybody else to touch them - let Owen. CASAS is careful about adopting out kittens to young children, but Owen proved to us in his frequent visits to the shelter that he would be a kind and careful brother to one of our favorites, nicknamed "Dawg". She was a toughie and walked the walk. Owen and Mecka, his mom, took "Dawg" home where her name became **Madison**. She comes back to CASAS for frequent "play dates" where she still walks the walk and rules the roost. She is always eager to return.



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NEW CASAS WEBSITE ON THE WAY

We are currently in the process of designing a brand-spanking new and improved CASAS website. Our new site will include adoption information, bulletins about upcoming events, current goings-on at CASAS, as well as an on-line gift form.

We're meowing and woofing our way into the 21st century... thanks to you, our wonderful supporters!

INTO EACH LIFE A LITTLE RAIN MUST FALL but..

...It sure was raining kittens when three wild mama cats and their thirteen kittens all arrived within ten days. CASAS has four residential cat rooms, two are fairly big and two much smaller. Our intrepid Trapping Committee had managed to locate and capture a litter of four tiny striped babies that were young enough that they could just be scooped up and put in a basket. By baiting our humane trap with the blanket that had been wrapped around the kittens, we were able to catch and reunite mama with her babies. We named mama Cookie and her kittens The Crumbles. Inside of a week, we nabbed four more look-alikes and their mother in the same way. We named that mama, Stormy and The Weathers. Shortly thereafter we added Scary Spice and her five little Spice Drops. While all of our feral mothers were full of vim, vigor and hisses, Spice was the spiciest. We suspected that she was a teen-age bride with several husbands, as her kids were various shades and hues. As the kittens grew old enough to be weaned, we opened the cages and the kitten cousins played together. The moms nursed them all interchangeably.

The fabulous **Dave and Anita Butler** coerced the very unwilling moms into squeeze cages, where they were taken up to our friends at **Dr. John Kelley's Eastham Veterinary Clinic** to be spayed. They were given rabies vaccinations and "ear tipped" (a tiny snip is taken off one ear so that we can recognize them if we ever trap them again by accident). Often cats are trapped twice when we are dealing with a colony and this way we would not try to "re-spay" them. They recovered at CASAS and then released to their original home where they would be fed. As each mom left, the remaining ones acted as surrogates to all, until the last one, Spice, had thirteen kittens piled on top of her. The moms have all been seen daily

and are fat and happy. The kittens have been sterilized and adopted into new homes. But there are many more waiting in the wings. (As this goes to press, we have 3 new moms and 15 kittens in various stages of development). We carry on bravely!

FOR ADOPTION



Foxy came to us with 8 kittens, 4 gray and 4 tiger. She has since adopted another orphan. She came from a barn but is the most socialized cat in the shelter. She wants only to be loved. She looks like a Somali but her parentage is totally barn cat. She is wonderful and precious. She is young and is spayed. She has told her kittens to go out on their own!



Carrie is the mother of 3 young kittens, found under a foreclosed house. She is a fabulous mom and all will be neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

All of our adoptable cats and dogs are listed on Petfinder.com under "Shelter 02657"

IT RAINED, IT POURED AND THEN IT RAINED SOME MORE, 6 INCHES IN FACT

On the **10th Anniversary of Pet Appreciation Weekend**, the rain won, at least partially. The decision was made to postpone Saturday's Canine Games until the next weekend which disappointed many who came to town especially for this event, but most other events went on as planned

The **Gala Opening Party** hosted by **Paul Fanizzi** reached capacity and the buffet overflowed with delicious food as the wine flowed. Paul generously wines and dines us absolutely gratis and we could not be more grateful. He also became a Super Sponsor and donated gift certificates as door prizes. Please thank Paul when you eat at **Fanizzi's**.

.....**Pet Tea Dance** went on in spite of the hardest rain I have ever seen. It was warm and not windy, so under the tent at **The Boatslip** things were cozy. Hosted by the **Hat Sisters**, many dogs and people danced the afternoon away.



The **Grab Brothers Band** performed at **The Vixen** on Saturday night. If you have never heard the Grabs, you must catch a performance. You will want to dance or at least tap your toes, I promise. We thank **Shawn Nightingale** for the donation of Vixen's wonderful performance space.

We awoke on Sunday to clouds and mist and only a few light showers for the **Blessing of the Animals** and the **Walk for Shelter**. **Father Terry Pannell** of **St. Mary of the Harbor** church blessed our pets and our small but hearty band of pet lovers marched to the **Pied Bar** where **Susan Webster**

greeted us every year. The top pledge getters for this year were our perennial winners, **Pat Jackson, Paula Sperry, Team Crackerdog, Colin Brown, and Donna Cooper**.

The following Sunday a team of stalwart CASAS volunteers set up the agility equipment at the VFW and many dogs discovered hidden talents as they scooted through the tunnels, leaped over the hurdles and paraded high along the dog walk. Winners of the games were: **Piper**, a black pug owned by **Betty Newman** and **Phoebe Otis**, won the **Hot-Dog Toss** (small dog division) and well-behaved **Chadwick** the golden retriever, brought back the ENTIRE hot-dog to **Rob Foster**, to win the large dog division.



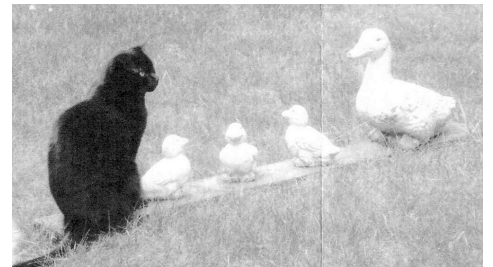
Chadwick was also judged "**Best in Show**".



Isabella and her mama, **Donna Dearborn**, were **Miss(es) Congeniality**. **Madison** and **Pamet** won the **Sportsmanship** trophy; **Dog/Owner Look Alike** winners were

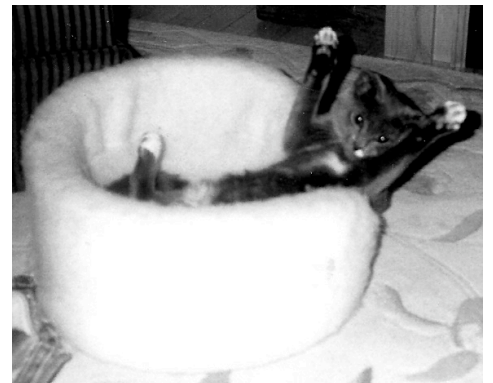
blonde **Becca Dawley** with **Wheatie**, a blonde wheaten terrier. **Best Dressed** and **Best Trick** was **Abby**, a pit bull mix shown by **Marsha Sirota**. **Cutest Puppy(s)** were corgi's **Lulu and Olive**; **Buster**, a chihuahua, was **Cutest Adult** and **Ernie**, a basset hound wowed everybody with his **Tail Wagging** enthusiasm.

Fabulous Feline Photo Contest winners:



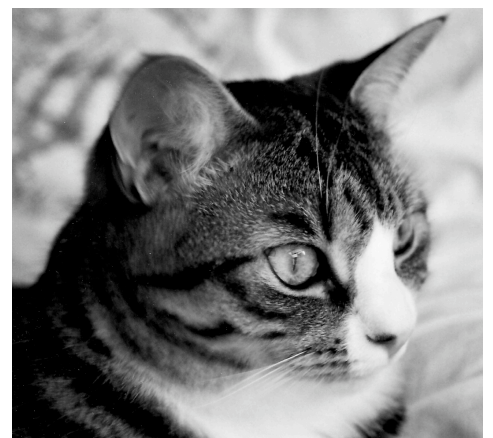
Most Interesting

Gus, owned by **Carolyn Pickman** of **Truro**



Funniest

Babie, owned by **Kat Marissol & Paula Candage** of **Truro**



Most Beautiful

Chessie, owned by **Libby Fleeson** of **Provincetown**

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WISH LIST FOR CASAS

VOLUNTEERS to sit, comb, brush, socialize. No heavy lifting, scooping or feeding necessary unless you want, but willing to commit on a regular basis to a few hours a week to prepare our residents for adoption. We also need people who can stay at the shelter while we are out trapping or on vet runs.

Cat litter (scoop and clay)

33 Gallon trash bags and smaller kitchen bags

Paper towels, preferably Bounty

Fancy Feast or Friskies wet food

Max cat, Iams or Purina kitten food

Any dry cat food

Generator

Webcam and installation

New skylights and installation

Fleece throw blankets

Pick-up truck in decent condition for dump runs and animal transport

Gift certificates to Pet Stores, restaurants and gas cards

VOLUNTEERS

CASAS gratefully acknowledges those who have generously donated their time and effort to PAW 08 and more...

Rod Blacklock

Jeannette Bragger

Tina Brown

Dave and Anita Butler

Donna Cooper

Ruthann Cowing

Tom, Peg & TK Dahil

Ellen Daley

Manny Dimaculangan

Jane Donoghue

The Grab Brothers Band

Treg Kaeselau

Scott Kazlouskas-Noyes

Linda Loren

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