



## SOME RECENT ADOPTIONS

### Belle



#### *Belle Arranges Flowers*

Belle arrived via one of our trap, neuter, release rescuers who found her starving with 6 tiny kittens. She was so thin that she resembled a backbone with legs. The kittens were nicknamed "The Cows" because they looked like Holsteins - white with black or gray spots. Belle was a wonderful mother to her kids. The whole family was ill with diarrhea and would not have survived living on the streets without the devoted care of Dr. Mike, Dave and Anita Butler (our unofficial nursing staff). They were tested, medicated and loved. The kittens were all adopted, mostly together, but Belle languished. Well, this story has a happy ending. Lisa from "Flowers by Lisa" in Truro had been looking for a store cat and Belle was the fortunate choice. Apparently, Belle now welcomes customers and does flower arranging in her spare time. Please stop at *Flowers by Lisa* in Truro and say hello to Belle.

We volunteers at CASAS live for stories like this and are what keep us showing up every day. When Belle left, we were able to take in another cat and when Saul, Mouse and Fallon were adopted (see story) we replaced them with 5 new cats. This is how we have to operate because we really do have a limit as to what we can handle, financially and physically. Supposedly it is "one out, one in" but sometimes we can be a bit more lenient, especially when we don't want to split up a family of senior cats.

### Sasha

Volunteers are not supposed to have favorites but there was something special about being greeted at the door by a very large tabby with prize winning green eyes. She was always so happy to see us. Initially, Sasha was quite sad and depressed when she was given up two years ago at age six by her life long caretaker who was moving to Florida. She was quite overweight and, as a result, had neglected her grooming, being too chubby to reach her back. She was behind on her vaccinations and also had to have her fur shaved down to her skin to remove her mats. It took her a while to settle in to our routine and to accept a new group of feline friends. The time it takes to socialize varies by age, sex (females are more difficult), and previous experience. Eventually, Sasha became the official custodian of the front door and enjoyed being admired by all for her large size and beautiful eyes. She eventually figured out a way into Babe's (and Carol's) office and surprisingly, Babe accepted her. They entered into a nice domestic partnership.

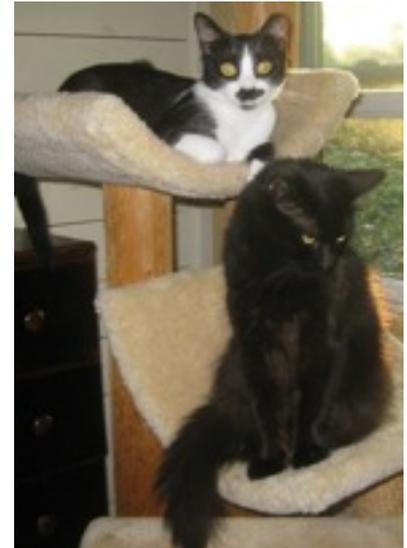


#### *(Sasha)Pasha with Craisin*

Surprising us all, a long-time fan of Sasha's from Petfinder called to find out if she were still available. Grudgingly, Carol said that she was. Susan arrived from Bourne with two of her four Bernese Mountain Dogs and, after a long interview, Sasha went home to Bourne where she was immediately greeted by Craisin, her new cat friend, who looks a bit like Babe. She co-exists with the dogs and is apparently in love with Craisin as well as being in love with her new mom, Susan. Carol misses her every day and sends catnip gifts to Bourne, apparently Sasha (now Pasha due to a duplication of names)

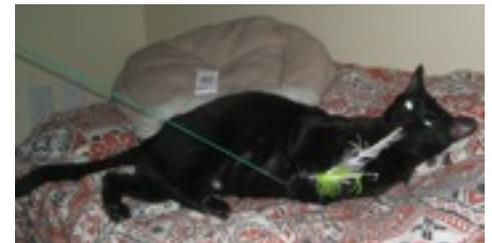
does not miss us at all. We are so happy for her. Babe missed her too but now is allowing Snowflake to join her in the bachelorette apartment.

### Mouse & Fallon



Mouse was a rescue from a high kill shelter in NYC which is why she has her ear tipped. ASPCA spayed her and she was released to the street as a little kitten. Fallon was from a West Virginia shelter that burned down. We are delighted that Nate Block and Susan Mitchell have adopted them together.

### Saul



#### *Sells Real Estate*

After being discarded from his first home, Saul ended up with a feral colony in the basement of a closed synagogue in the Bronx. He and a buddy, David, had obviously been pets prior to their abandonment since they were both socialized to humans. They were neutered by the ASPCA and our kind rescuer from NYC transported them to their new lives on Cape Cod. David was adopted almost immediately by a resident in Senior Housing but Saul, who was not used to home living,



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languished. Saul turned into one of the nicest cats we have ever had, making friends with the kittens and playing gently with them. He was polite and loving. Lynn at VIP Realty had always had black cats and had been looking for another black cat to be the office assistant and official greeter. They met and now Saul is working for his broker's license and is hoping for an upturn in the market. Please stop in to VIP Realty in Wellfleet and say hello to Saul.

### Izzy & Blue



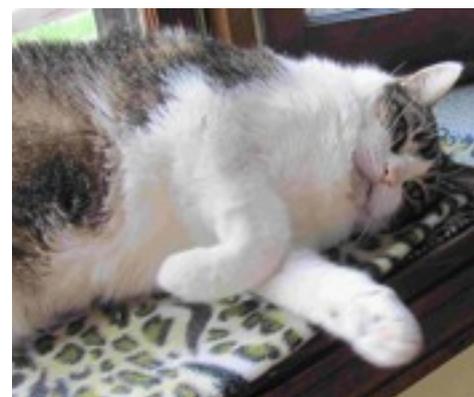
*"We simply stopped by CASAS to drop off some food we had left after losing our kitty of 16 years. We were greeted warmly by some of the volunteers, given a tour of the house, and introduced to many of the resident cats. I was hooked! I returned a couple of times to play with the cats, and fell in love with two sisters. Izzy and Blue had come to CASAS when they were 2 months old. They were 11 months old when we adopted them, and our lives have forever been changed by their love, affection, and playfulness. Izzy helps me make the bed every morning while Blue supervises. They both enjoy sitting on the windowsills and watching the birds and squirrels that inhabit our yard, and the people that make their way down our street in Provincetown. The tourists that pass by have photographed them many times from their perches. Thank you to all of the volunteers at CASAS for taking care of our kitties until we had the chance to meet them, and give them their forever home."*

*Sherry Brec  
Susan Connolly*

### MORE ADOPTIONS

**David** to Eunice Lindgren  
**Zippy and Jamie** to David Lund and Brian Renard  
**Tabitha** to Caryn and Douglas Lawrenia  
**Sasha**, now **Pasha**, to Susan Morrill and Lisa Arthur  
**Kestrel**, now **Rondo**, to Elin and Frank Gesing  
**Jim**, now **Jack**, to Brent Frana  
**Re**, now **Ray**, to Charles Shaw and Spencer Keasey  
**GiGi** to Donna and Randy Christensen  
**Miles, Slater** and **Harmony** to Michael Rambadt and Richard Urkiel  
**Wanda** to Suellen Rubin and Anne Rebold  
**Annabelle** to Angela Russo and Sandy Rabb  
**Jinx** and **Biddy** to Michael Boudreau and Sergio DeSouza  
**Do** and **Mi** to James Heskett and David Gilmore  
**Harry Purrtter** to Cathryn and Chester Cook  
**Winnie** and **Bucky** to Lisa and Larry Meads  
**Patch** to Joe LaForte  
**Clio** to Betty Newman and Phoebe Otis  
**Sophie** to Gerry Tobin  
**Wynken** to Betsy Read  
**Robin** to Judy Turtz

### FOR ADOPTION



**Cammy**

Cammy, age 12, is an older gentleman of size. He was sad about being given up, due to allergies, and is stuffing his sadness with food. He is, however, a perfect fellow and gets along well with everybody.



**Duke**

Duke, 10 months, looks like an Abyssinian. He is orange, long and lean with intense eyes.



**Clydie**

Clydie, age 12, was given up when her human dad was admitted to a nursing home. She also is a chubby lady but is losing weight with increased activity.



**Ollie**

Ollie is truly one of the sweetest cats we've ever had. He has a tremendous purr motor and loves to use it. He is about 7 months old, altered, and up to date with his shots. Ollie LOVES to run up and down the hallway, the stairs, or after a toy mouse. Ollie is poetry in motion.



**Melody**

This is Melody, an 18 month old spayed female. She came to us with three kittens who have all been adopted. As often happens, she was left behind. Melody says it's her turn to play and have fun now that the kids are gone. She is a good player and will amuse herself with just about any toy, paper ball, or feather. She is a bit pushy so needs to share a new home with a dog or a dominant cat who won't take any guff.



**Missy**

Missy's human passed away suddenly at Seashore Point leaving her with no place to go. Missy is pictured waiting to be served, which is her favorite thing. She is a senior cat who is very clean and always uses the litter box in spite of being stared at. She is a wonderful, people friendly cat who would bond with a new owner. We offer serious discounts for senior citizens or for anyone taking a senior cat.



**Millie**

As often happens, not all of Millie's beauty is readily apparent. She lived a very hard life on the city streets. It seemed that she was almost always pregnant or desperately searching for food to feed young ones. She rarely had enough food to feed everyone and lost many kittens. Also, many of her friends would disappear or show up injured or sick. Over time Millie started to lose faith in the world and as she lost her faith, she began to lose her beauty and this was a very sad thing to have happen. One day she just started crying and could not stop. The next day she and her unborn kittens were rescued and they ended up at our shelter. At last there was enough food, a warm place to sleep, and even the strength to feed two orphaned kittens.

As the kittens grew and the little family began to explore the shelter, Millie noticed that sometimes cats and kittens would disappear. Millie learned that the missing cats had been adopted and were living in homes with lots of love and caring and healthy food everyday. Now, even though she still weeps for the lost city cats, every time a cat is adopted, Millie finds a little more of her faith in the world and a little bit of her hidden beauty shows itself. And this...this is a wonderful thing to have happen.

*All cats are tested, up to date on vaccinations, neutered and micro chipped. We can be visited from 2pm-4pm seven days a week.*

**All of our adoptable cats and dogs are listed on [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com) under "Shelter 02657"**

## WHY ADOPT AN OLDER CAT?

There are many reasons to choose an older cat rather than a kitten. Older cats are usually relinquished because of allergies, illness or death of owners, a move to a new residence that does not allow pets, or the breakup of a relationship. In such cases, there is nothing wrong with the cat. They are terrified, confused and heartbroken. With an older cat, its personality is already established.

Recently, we have taken in several senior cats. Although we provide a home-like environment, these cats must learn to get along with other cats often after living as a single pet for years. They are more prone to stress related illnesses, and unlikely to be adopted. Cats whose families are moving are particularly difficult to adjust.

Your CASAS advisor can tell you about the temperament and how your older pet will interact with your current cat or dog. Older cats do not climb the curtains, knock over lamps, and are already litter box and scratch post trained. An older cat is usually neutered and the shelter will have brought the cat up to date on vaccinations. We also offer options for long-term fostering where we will bear the costs of all medical care and can even often help after adoption.

We encourage everybody to consider adopting a wonderful older cat. You can feel good knowing that you have saved a cat from a lifetime of loneliness.

## EXPANDED MISSION

We have found our role expanding over time to meet the needs of the communities we serve. The impact of the economic crisis has been felt in unexpected ways: loss of housing, inability to pay the expense of pet care during crisis, etc. We are finding that if we step in and help, community members may be able to keep their pets rather than giving them up. We can provide a bridge of care between their former situation and their next situation. Remember that for some people, including many who are marginalized, a cat or a dog may be the best friend they have. We want to enhance the quality of that person's life-and their pet's life by keeping them together whenever we can.

## CHANCE AND DIESEL



CASAS very seldom gets calls asking us to find homes for dogs. When we do, we are usually able to help. We are just as dedicated to dogs as we are to cats. Most dogs being relinquished have medical problems which CASAS takes care of and follows up. They almost always are far behind on vaccinations, and are never on heartworm prevention.

Through a convoluted referral we became aware of two dogs who had lost their original home due to financial problems and were about to lose their next home because the house was being condemned by the Health Department.

Chance is an 11 year old yellow lab mix and Diesel is a 9 year old brindle Staffordshire terrier. We went to pay these dogs a visit. **BIG MISTAKE!** Their house was a shambles and they were incapable of being walked on a leash. They were tied out in the yard to do their business and they were years behind on immunization. Chance was arthritic and Diesel has fatty tumors on his butt. Well, time was of the essence as the family had to be out of the house. Carol picked up the dogs most every day. Dr. Mike gave them some vaccinations, clipped their claws, tested them for Lyme and heartworm. Herring Cove Animal Clinic gave them more shots

and Marge, the owner of Doggie Styles, bathed them for free and gifted them with brand new snazzy collars and leashes.

Carol drove the dogs around town, introduced them to the dog park, her back yard and her mother Mel's yard. They dragged Carol on leash through the woods and she spent a lot of time evaluating these sweet, wonderful canines. They had obviously been loved but not well cared for. All re-homing avenues were tried, but blocked due to their ages. We did receive a call through Petfinder from a family willing to foster them for two months, but they had two little children, no fenced-in yard, and a puppy and had the fantasy that they would all walk in the woods happily. Well, the dogs would have been happy, but she and her husband would not have been.

Just as we were losing hope, we received a call through Petfinder from a woman wanting Chance. When we hesitated and acknowledged that we didn't want to separate them, she said, "OK I'll take both." When we got to their new home in West Barnstable, the dogs and I beheld with amazement three acres of fenced-in grass, gardens and trees surrounding a rambling farmhouse with a doggie door, and a husband who came home for lunch. They had experience with older dogs and wanted to rescue their next pets. This was truly a rescue with a happy ending and again, this is what makes it all worthwhile.

### \*SAVE THE DATE 2012\*

**Feb. 24, 5-7pm - Cocktail party  
The Central House  
at the Crown & Anchor**

**May 5 - Kibbles & Skits**

**Sept. 28-30 - Pet Appreciation  
Weekend**

## THIS IS WHAT A VOLUNTEER LOOKS LIKE



**Tom Minerik** was our summer intern. He wrote a marvelous report on his experience at CASAS.



**Kat and Paula** building our new outside gym for residential enrichment paid for by a grant from **The Cape Cod Foundation Thomas McGowan Fund for Animals**. When they are not building something, they are renovating the basement, cleaning, scooping and doing whatever else needs to be done.

### “REASON TO SHINE”

**Annie Rich**, a singer/songwriter brimming with talent was one of the many performers to take the stage for our annual fundraiser Kibbles & Skits this past May. She was so inspired by the event and our mission that she wrote a special song just for the show called “Reason To Shine”. She has since prepared a wonderful CD featuring that single track with her original artwork on the cover. Annie requests that we sell them for \$5.00 a piece and wants 100% of the proceeds to go to CASAS. She has even donated the first box of the cd’s and has paved the way for us to obtain more as needed. We hope that it will soon be part of your music collection.

“Reason to Shine” CD’s are available for purchase at CASAS. If you would like more information please call CASAS at 508-487-4243.

## MEWSINGS FROM THE OFFICE

As I sit in “my” office (actually *Babe’s* office), I wonder about how all of these cats ended up at CASAS. In front of me on the windowsill, happily lies *Clydie* who came because her person was admitted to a nursing home. We have brother and sister black cats who were given up because they supposedly “attacked” the dog in the house. The cats are not happy about their change in circumstance. We have two exotic cats whose owner did not have time for them anymore. They seem to be pretty happy - mama and daughter adults - but we have not yet introduced them to the population. We have an unclaimed stray that is obviously someone’s pet. We have our permanent population of formerly backyard cats who never really tamed up enough to be adopted. They are very happy to receive our loving care. We have a brother and sister given up because of recently discovered allergies. Cats are given up for many reasons, often after living for 14 or 15 years with their people. All of these cats eat twice a day, use litter boxes, need veterinary care and mostly need love and reassurance that they are cared for again. It is expensive to run even a small shelter and we are full. All no-kill shelters are full... and over-full. We do not have an inch of unused cat space. So we worry and have to turn cats away. One cat adopted, another one can come in. That’s the way it has to be, sad but true.



I know that some of you have noticed that you did not receive a summer newsletter this year. The rest of you were relieved not to be asked for money, if you noticed. Well, the summer just got too busy and since most of our Board members still have full time jobs (and some have two), putting out a newsletter took a back seat. Our apologies are sincere. A summary of Pet Appreciation Weekend will be in the February issue. Our new venue for opening night, the **Harbor Hotel** with **Ptown Parties** catering, gave us something new and different to offer and we had a great turn-out. Details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter which I promise will be done in a timely fashion.

## WISH LIST FOR CASAS

VOLUNTEERS to sit, comb, brush, socialize. No heavy lifting, scooping or feeding necessary unless you want. Willing to commit on a regular basis to a few hours a week to prepare our residents for adoption. We need someone who can commit to a regular morning @7-8 AM to feed, scoop, clean and/or someone to come on a regular basis @ 7 PM to sit and socialize with the cats so the night is not so long for them. We also need people to volunteer at special events, especially during Pet Appreciation Weekend which is always the last full weekend in September. We also need people who can stay at the shelter to answer phones and welcome visitors while we are out on errands, trapping, or on vet runs.

CAT LITTER - scoop and clay  
TRASH BAGS -33 gallon and smaller kitchen bags  
PAPER TOWELS - preferably Bounty  
PET FOOD - Fancy Feast or Friskies wet food; Iams or Purina dry kitten food; Dry cat food - especially Innova, Hills Science Diet Sensitive Skin and Oral Care  
FLEECE THROW BLANKETS, CAT TREES, SCRATCHING POSTS, CAT CONDOS - gently used only  
GIFT CERTIFICATES to pet supply stores, BJ’s, K Mart, or gas cards  
TOYS- such as feather or other interactive games to play  
LANDSCAPING  
No blankets, pillows, futons, comforters, vacuum cleaners, or used litter boxes, please. We have plenty of cat carriers and dog crates for now.

### FALL APPEAL

*We now have over 60 cats and kittens at CASAS, an all time high. In addition, we have 5 cats in foster homes, where they are rotated when they need special attention for various behavioral and medical problems. Since we never euthanize, we have many cats that will be living with us always. We are bursting at the seams.*

*We don’t have to tell you how expensive this care is. Since we are a “no kill” shelter that receives no municipal support we depend on donations and grants. We need money to survive. If it were not for our volunteer veterinarian and his partner, we could not do what we do. If it were not for our volunteers, we could not do what we do. If it were not for our supporters, we could not do what we do. If it were not for your donations we would not be. I thank you.*

*Carol MacDonald, President*

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