



PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Our animal companions are unique and special to us. Grieving the loss of an animal companion may be a difficult experience. Getting the support of other pet owners who are also dealing with this special grief may be helpful.

CASAS is now forming a pet loss support group. This will be run by Rosalyn Goldstein, MS, R.N., who is an experienced Hospice nurse, longtime shelter volunteer, and pet owner. This group will be limited in size and free of charge.

Friends and family often have a difficult time understanding that special bond we may have with our animal companions. Being with others experiencing such a loss may offer the support you need.

Time and place will be arranged to accommodate group members. If you are interested, please call CASAS at 508-487-4243. Please leave name, phone number and a good time to reach you. All calls will be returned as promptly as possible.

"Best friends live forever in the memories we keep."

Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement

SPONSOR A CAT PROGRAM

In a perfect world, as one cat leaves CASAS to go to his new home, another one comes in, stays for a bit, and then finds just the right person to adopt him. In our real world, this seldom happens. Yes, many cats do find their forever homes with our help but there are a few cats at the shelter who are permanent residents.

We are starting a program in which these cats can be sponsored for \$20.00 a month to help defray their costs. Sponsors will receive a photo of their cat along with their story, regular updates, and the bragging rights of cat "ownership". Here are two of our special girls up for sponsorship:



Millie

Millie came to us very pregnant and was such a good mother, we gave her a few extra kittens to care for. She did this without complaint. *Millie's* beauty can be seen only by those who look beyond the obvious and so was passed over by prospective adopters. As an older cat she has developed some habits that make her unadoptable. But we love her and will care for her all of her days.



Ollie

Ollie has the softest fur you ever want to touch, but beware. She only wants one or two pats and she has had enough. You must watch her closely or you will get slapped. This bad trait leaves very few people willing to learn her ways and adopt her. The volunteers at the shelter understand this and take special care with, and of, her.

Next newsletter will feature two more of our most loved but hard to adopt cats.



CAT CHAT

by *Roz Goldstein*



Having recently adopted an adult cat into my brood, I would like to pass on some tips on the joys of adopting an adult cat.

You have a good sense of their basic temperament and behaviors.

They can spend quiet time alone.

They are already spayed/neutered, vaccinated and checked by a vet.

And, of course, you have the pleasure of giving a home to a kitty who needs love.

Remember, if you are adding an adult cat to a household with resident cat(s), you need to pick a compatible age and temperament. Some cats are "only cats" by nature.

Also, remember that integrating an adult cat will take longer than a kitten - four to six weeks or longer at times.

Cats are territorial and having a separate space, litter box, etc. for the newcomer is essential. First offer a blanket with the other's scent or brush them with the same brush to mingle scents. Introductions should go slowly and should be accompanied by positive reinforcement such as food treats and play. There may be backsliding and time outs in separate areas and reintroduction may need to be done.

For more information and hints visit CASAS or the website. Also, websites such as the Humane Society may help. Doing research before hand helps!

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.

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SAVE THE DATE

PAWsta dinner, March - TBD

**Annual Spring Dinner at
The Pointe, April - TBD**



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RECENT ADOPTIONS

Duke and Duchess to Megan Duarte and Derek Deweele
Jessica and Jesse to Tom and Donna Prada
Princess (Katie) to Roberta and Don Jamieson
Gem to Kim Chartier
Minnow (Minnie) to John Bebout
Punkin to DeAnn DeGrace
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Rosie to Susan Pellern
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Kessie to Corey Dixon
Skittle (Stuie) to Tom Tully
Charlie (Giovanni) to Jamie Kryszkiewicz
Jupiter to Phylicia Willette and Zachary Norkus
Flame (Burton) and Dinah (Taylor) to Bernie Buelow
Lila and Nina to Amy Cohen and Harvey Shrage
Fig and Big Bob to Celia Chetham and Stephen Shenefield
Oreo to Rebecca Chetham and Chris Panzica



Katie

"I hope you got my pictures my Daddy took. He had a hard time because I don't stay still for more than a few seconds. I have places to explore and things to get into! My Mom says I am a little imp because I am always into something - sometimes things I am not suppose to! My Brother (that thing called a "Dog") and I are getting

along a lot better - we have started to play (chasing after each other)and that is lots of fun. I really love my Mommy - I follow here wherever she goes - and she doesn't sit down very often so I have to take a couple naps during the day on a big king size bed - sometimes the "Dog" naps too so we share the bed. I hope everyone is doing OK there with you because I am doing great!"
Love, Katie

DUKE....AND HIS DUCHESS



Sometimes, it just takes time to find the right family for the right cat. *Duke* had been with us for about 5 years. He came with his sibs as a kitten. Sis and bro were adopted, but Duke remained. He was a bit skittish so he went to live with a foster family to help get him socialized. When he came back to us, he ran hot and cold. Sometimes you just looked at him and he scurried away. At other times he just wanted affection. He was quite the athlete as well, commandeering the ceiling beams and surveying all from his perch. His biggest love was kittens! He would take them under his wing and cry looking for them when they were adopted. Earlier this year, we had a family visit and they fell in love. We explained that it would take time with Duke. He was quite shy and reserved at first, although he did spend time in the little girls' "reading tent". They continued to work with him but he remained standoffish and they thought he was depressed. About that time, we got an early group of kittens. We asked the family if they would like to come pick out a kitten for Duke. They said sure and the bonding began immediately. Duke came out of his shell to help the new arrival. Never was there a better match made ---- Duke and his Duchess.

DAVID, THE CAT

It's always difficult when a pet owner passes away or needs to go into a nursing home. This was the case with *David*. He was adopted from us in 2011 and lived a happy, quiet life in his new home. Suddenly, for him, everything turned up-side down.

David came back to the shelter and was put into isolation, as happens with all in-coming cats. He was given time to adjust to his new surroundings, had a physical exam, and was nearly ready to come into general population. One day he didn't eat his breakfast and then he didn't want supper. David always loved being petted and brushed but now he was listless, not his usual jolly self. We knew he was a very sick cat. Dr. Mike came and determined that David's urinary tract was severely blocked and needed help right away. We took him to **Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists**, the emergency care hospital in Dennis. With all of the latest equipment and around the clock staff, David was stabilized, given X-rays and ultra sound scans. They found many large stones in his bladder and surgery was scheduled. David's surgery was successful in that the stones were removed, but after 42 hours it was apparent that things were not as they should be and David crossed the rainbow bridge.

We are lucky to have animal emergency facilities nearby but they are very expensive. David's time in the hospital cost several thousand dollars. Donations can be made in his memory by phone, mail, and PayPal. Thank-you for your generosity so we can help other "Davids" that come our way

A YEAR OF FUNDRAISING

It was a busy year for us! We kicked off the end of Winter with our **PAWSTA Dinner**. A fair amount of people braved the cold, snow, and ice to enjoy some pasta and **Michael Janoplis'** secret homemade sauce. Door prizes and a "choose your gift" auction rounded out the event. Next it was on to our annual dinner at **The Pointe** restaurant. Excellent food and a lively auction of two white line prints donated by **Manny Dimaculangan** were the highlights. **Ben & Jerry's** hosted a free cone day, all donations went to CASAS. **The Aquarium Mall** had their opening party, with **Big Daddy's Burritos**, **The Aqua Bar**, **Cape Tip Seafood**, **Street Eats**, **Two Southern Sissies**, **Connie's Bakery**, and the **Fortune Cookie** providing their deli-

icious offerings. All the vendors donated their proceeds to CASAS. August found us producing a new event in conjunction with the **Provincetown Film Society** and the **Pilgrim Bark Park**. **Claws and Paws** provided a day of entertainment including **Carnival of the Dogs**, screening of cat video shorts curated by the **Walker Center for the Arts**, and dog video shorts, submitted by locals and curated by **Provincetown TV**. The closing **Wine and Whiskers Party** was hosted by the **Provincetown Pet Resort**.

We would like to thank all of the venues, as well as volunteers and participants who helped support us. We could not do what we do without the support of our generous community

PAW 2015

One of the best parts of Pet Appreciation Weekend is the ceremonial hanging of the giant yellow PAW banner between Cabot's Candy and Penny Patch. This is always accomplished by our friend, **Treg Kaeselau**. We are grateful to Treg for relieving us of this scary task.

At the last minute we were informed that the venue at which we had held the opening night dinner could not accommodate us again. Luckily, **Irv Morgan**, owner of **Bayside Betsy's** which had always held a benefit fish fry for us during October, offered to have our opening night dinner at Betsy's. Although it was on Wednesday, many people attended and more ordered take out of the three choices of fish recipes. We were delighted with the outcome and are so grateful to Irv for stepping up and supporting CASAS in so many ways throughout the season.

Saturday morning dawned clear and perfect as Canine Games was again held behind the former VFW, now owned by the town. **Ellen Daley** was the grill master as we offered hamburgers, hotdogs, vegan fare and goodies. Agility equipment playtime returned and many dogs showed their people how skilled they were at climbing, sawing and jumping. **Mary Abt** was our Ringmaster, judges were **Dr. Sadie Hutchings**, **Jeannette Bragger**, both CASAS board members, and **Charlie Roye**. As always, our highly educated judges were totally flummoxed by the entrants in Guess the Breed class, some of whom even came with DNA proof. All the winners, and ALL were win-

ners, received gift cards from **Bliss**. Best Sniffer was **GreGre** who apparently had been previously trained. Best Dressed was **Trystan** who was a fairy with a fairy riding on her back. **Mayzie** was the winner of Dog/Owner Look-alike (she and her owner had their hair styled at the same salon). Cutest Puppy was **Brody**, a very huggable chocolate lab. Cutest Dog was **Kobe**, whom the owners dubbed a "cool dude". Trickiest Dog was **Ein** with a well-trained handler and a good routine. Hot Dog Toss, under 25 lbs. winner was **Bella Bleu** who showed good self-control, bringing part of the hot dog back not to her owner, but to someone outside the ring. Large Dog winner was **Havana** who, for almost the first time ever, brought a section of hotdog back to her owner. The special trophy winners were Good Sport: **Bijou**, who gave up her afternoon nap to participate; **Tipper** won Ms. Congeniality and wagged her beautiful tail throughout and to everyone and Best in Show was a tie between housemates, **Mabel** and **Simi** who did their best in every category with a willing spirit. The trophies, ribbons and gift bags were donated by **Cape Cod Dog** and **Team Crackerdog**.



S'more (now Bean)
Most Beautiful winner of
Fabulous Feline Contest

Saturday afternoon at Pet Tea weary CASAS volunteers sold raffle tickets for the \$1000.00 prize at the **Boatslip Resort**. Every year this event is more popular and a record number of dogs and their owners partied the afternoon away. We are so delighted with the turnout every year and so happy that the Boatslip continues to host this fabulous event. Charlie Roye attended as ChiChi Royale, Showgirl of the Year, and judging for the costume portion was done by the **Hat Sisters**. Dancing at the **A-House** completed the Saturday festivities. We are delighted that **April Cabral** has continued this tradition.

Sunday morning **The Reverend Gregory Howe** blessed all comers at **St. Mary of the Harbor**. Led by drummer, **Bob Littlefield**, in full Revolutionary War regalia, **ACO Ruthann Cowing**, and accompanied by some unexpected **Fursuiters**, (see article), the marchers set off down Commercial Street headed for **The Pied Bar**, where **Susan Webster** hosts us for the after parade party every year. As we passed under the PAW banner, we were greeted by huge crowds and roars of applause. If you've never been in a parade, this is the one to start with. At the Pied, the biggest pledge winners were announced: **Dr. Paula Sperry**, **The Wailes family**, and **Towanda DeNagy**. They received packages of restaurant gift certificates. The winner of the \$1000.00 raffle was Sara Takla from New Jersey whom we believe bought the ticket at the Boatflip the day before.

The weekend concluded with a wine and cupcake reception at our friends, **The Provincetown Pet Resort**, where cat and dog baskets, donated in part by **Stella and Chewy**, were auctioned off. A book signing "*Dogs on Cape Cod*" by photographer **Kim Roderiques** introduced us to a book of beautiful dogs from all over the Cape. This would make a lovely holiday gift for dog lovers (and Cape lovers) in your family.

The weather was beautiful, the participation was enthusiastic and the weekend was successful. Thanks to all.

FURSUITERS



Much to the surprise and delight of CASAS and its supporters at the Pet Walk during PAW, 11 "*Fursuiters*" showed up to walk in the parade and raise funds for the shelter. Even though the weather was quite warm, these energetic young people gave their all for us and raised almost \$800.00 between Saturday and Sunday. When they asked if they could do it again next year we said "Of course!!!" Special thanks go out to

John, Mollie, Steve, Aaron, James, Jake, Fred, Hunter, R.J., Matt and Andrew for bringing your own style to Pet Appreciation Week-end.

THE PADDINGTON FUND

CASAS has been helping people with financial assistance for vet bills for years. **Birdie Cornette** and **Lin Gentemann** launched the Paddington Fund @ CASAS several years ago in honor of their beloved Old English Sheep dog *Paddington*. They wanted to reflect Paddington's generous and loving spirit with ongoing acts of kindness.

Birdie and Lin are ardent supporters of the important work done by CASAS, Provincetown's no kill animal shelter for homeless cats and dogs: "CASAS is trusted in our community as caring first and foremost about the wellbeing of our animal family. We believe they are uniquely positioned to wisely and compassionately use the Paddington Fund to help our 4 legged friends get the veterinary treatment they need.

"Please Help Paddington Support CASAS":

WALK FOR A DOG



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 wooftrax.com for all the information and to download the app.

IN AN EMERGENCY

What will happen to your beloved pets should an emergency befall you? Where are Fluffy's pills? Is Spot on a special diet? Who will care for these animals? It's uncomfortable to think about this situation but it will be much easier on all concerned if there is a plan in place if and when the time comes. CASAS can help you with your plan. There is a form on our website you can print out to give you a start -your vets phone number, who to contact in an emergency, and other important information can be filled in and stored in an obvious place, like the refrigerator door, for first responders to find. We even have a special envelope with a magnet on the back just for this job. Help protect your pet and give yourself some peace of mind. Call us today at 508-487-4243 to see how you can get yours.

Generator

Our new automatic start generator is up and running. It will keep our kitties warm, and their meds cool in case of a power outage. Thank you so much to all who donated to this cause.

WHAT'S UP WHEN YOUR PETS BEHAVIOR CHANGES?

Anita and Sherry, 2 shelter volunteers, have been taking some training courses in pet behavior. They both recently completed an Animal Psychology certificate program which contained 13 modules on dog, cat, and rabbit behavior. This was presented by Holly and Hugo. In addition, they are in the process of completing 4 presentations on Animal Behavior, offered by the **Humane Society of the United States**.

If your animals' behavior has recently changed and is causing disturbing habits, please give them a call - they have many resources available that can help.

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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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 adults cats with love and affection.

It is so rewarding when you hear a kittens' first purr, or when one of the shyer kitties 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.



Shayna