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THE CAT WHISPERER

As you may recall from the last newsletter, we had our hands full with many kittens the end of last year, all who have been adopted, as well as the mother. I'd like to introduce you to the CASAS volunteer that set our course on that wild ride!

Scott Pulsifer from South Dennis first became acquainted with CASAS July, 2019. He had been working trying to gain the trust of and trap a stray cat the prior year. It was slow, but he finally had the cat eating out of a large cage, but then couldn't find anywhere to take the cat (he has many of his own, so keeping the cat was not an option). He found us, we took the cat, and a volunteer relationship was born. He came as often as he could to visit, and we did find a home for the cat. June 2020 arrives, and I get a text from Scott stating that his mom had been feeding a stray who was living in her barn. When Scott went to investigate, he also found two kittens. They were definitely on the more feral side, but he managed to trap them and bring them to us. He got the mamma spayed and she continues to live with his mom. We found a home for the kittens. Scott continued to come visit when time allowed, bringing his girlfriend Dorothy with him.

Fast forward to August 2023. Scott calls me and says he had been feeding a stray cat for a while and noticed a kitten coming to eat as well. I told him we had a full house of seven cats in the isolation area, were in the process of adopting them out, but didn't know exactly when the space would be free. A few weeks later, he said there were now two kittens with mom. By the end of September, we had freed up the isolation area. He captured the two kittens, and brought them to the shelter. Then, he saw two more kittens with mom, much more skittish. He captured the mom about a week later and brought her to us. We reunited her with the first two kittens, and when she stretched on the window, I could tell she was pregnant again. Two days later, Scott had the other two kittens and it was a very happy family reunion. Within two weeks, we were birthing babies at the Shelter, and mom presented us with eight healthy kittens!

The trapping process is not easy. Scott monitored and fed all of these cats twice a day, EVERY day. He is constantly in contact with his local ACO, as well as posting on social media to make sure the adults are not just "lost" cats.

Post Script: Scott thought he was finished and settling in for a well-deserved break, when in December, a male cat appeared. We all thought he was the baby daddy for all of the kittens. Scott made him a warm space, and then the process of feeding and trust began again. By March, he had an appointment for him to be neutered, but when he was taken for the procedure, surprise, he already had been! Even the vet stated it was hard to tell. This boy is now living his best life with Scott's son.

Since we have known Scott, he has been directly involved in saving and helping to find homes for 18 cats in total. Paws up to you! - *Sherry Bree*

SAM AND SQUEAKY

Happy holidays to all of the CASAS volunteers. Our cat, ***Squeaky****, was very depressed over the loss of two of his cat companions. The Boston shelters were closed to visitors at the start of COVID so we called CASAS in hopes of finding a companion for Squeaky.*

Sam Turner had been left to fend for himself when his elderly owner went into a nursing home. He had never been outside and had few survival skills. A neighbor recognized him and brought him to CASAS. He had a limp, was missing patches of fur, and had a rash, but we happily adopted him. At first he was scared of ***Squeaky*** *but now they are best buddies who sleep cuddled together.* ***Sam*** *is a big, healthy, and affectionate cat and is loved by all. Thank-you from Ron and Henry.*

NO INK

It is known that a female cat can be mated by more than one male. This brings gene diversity to the litter sometimes making for wide varieties of coloring and fur length. Last fall seven dark kittens were born at shelter. When the last, the eighth, arrived her fur was pale cream colored.

One of the volunteers on duty thought that mom must have run out of ink! And so her name became ***No Ink,*** or rather ***N'ink.*** As she grew into her beauty, seal points started to appear! N'ink is now an elegant teenager and definitely shows that dad may have been a Tonkinese.

N'ink

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CAT CHAT: A CAT'S A CAT FOR ALL THAT

by Roz Goldstein

We all love our pets as though they were our babies. They are our best friends and companions. But, for all that we love them, they are still cats. We want the best for them, but we need to remember that they are not humans. Cats' needs are not human needs. Yes, we all need food, water, warmth, and safety, but you would not give your cat coffee or beer even if you enjoy those.

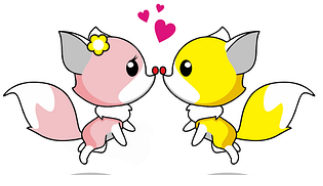
We should embrace our cats for what they are: intelligent and loving yes, but also little hunters. The food they need is not our food. Yes, a treat is ok, but they need the special proteins in cat food. Their behavior is based on their basic feline instincts. As predators, they need lots of hunting play to stay happy. As prey they are expert at hiding their pain and illness.

We can't expect a cat to think like a human. Their communication is not in words. We need to learn their language as they have learned our responses. Cats are wonderful body language readers. They have come to evolve to learn how to transmit their needs to humans: i.e., a slow blink is friendship, a meow is for attention. Cats do not meow for other cats; they meow for us!

Those of us who have cat companions know what a big source of comfort, love, and amusement they are. Kittens make us smile with their hunting play. Who hasn't smiled at their cute butt wiggling. Older cats supply comfort and warmth with their purring.

Yes, cats are a valued part of our lives but do not forget they are not humans. They are cats!

More information about cat behavior can be found online, in books and by asking us at CASAS.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

It's not every cat or dog that gets nominated and wins employee of the month! Our wonderful adoptee, **Pippa**, did just that.

Here's what Pippa's human/rescuer, Lisa, had to say about this tricolored senior beauty for her nomination: *"Pippa is about 11-12 years old but, acts and plays like a 5-year-old cat and purrs all the time. Her favorite activities include using her paws to try to turn doorknobs, playing with her much younger brother, Tommy, until she becomes utterly annoyed with him, dragging a shoelace around the house when nobody is looking, and sitting at the sliding door watching the back yard for any intruders."*

When she won, Lisa spoke on behalf of Pippa, saying "Pippa is beyond thrilled to accept this award. She enjoys having bragging rights over her brothers and is prancing around the house quite pleased with herself. She is currently taking a good long nap on a comfy blanket as all this attention has been simply exhausting. Please, no paparazzi!"

RECENT ADOPTIONS

Piglet (now ***Cap't. Pete***) & ***Pippa*** to Lisa Desruisseaux & Lisa Giuffre

Soot (now ***Coal***) & ***Ash*** to Titus Ulrich

Micah & ***Truffle*** to Joanne & Steve Cove

Meg to Britney Lawson

Cali to Carol & Tom Davis

Walter (now ***Wally***) to Jennifer & Glen Rose

Buddy to Simie Maryles

Bear & ***Annie*** to Michael Rambadt Urkiel

N'ink to Carlotti DeJager & Julie DeVita

Jpeg (now ***Ziva***) to Maya Haviland

F1 (now ***Seger)*** to Lisa & Brian Moss

Bitmap (now ***Jojo)*** & ***Honey*** to Mary Ann & Daniel Cloherty

F2 (now ***Kokopuff***) & ***Half Pint*** (now ***Gato***) to Felicia Calabria

Sprout (now ***Ren***) to Amber & Thomas Clark

Rogue & ***Loki*** to Calista Grey & Wendel Harper

Cub & ***Scout*** to Jackie Laconte Westbrook to Ann Phelan

PIZZA PARTY FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to **Montano's** owner Ed and his staff, for a wonderful Pizza Party fundraiser in March! So many of our local community members came out to show their support of CASAS. Everyone had a blast, and the pizza and salad were scrumptious! We had a "choose your own" auction again this year, and the response was overwhelming.

Thank you to all!

Scott & Dotty

LOCAL LOVE AND GRATITUDE FOR CASAS

by Rick Tourgee

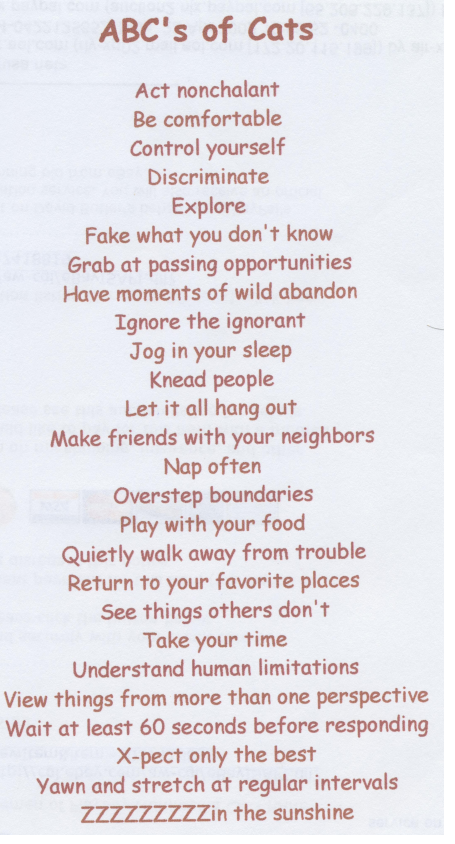
On May 24, 2012, Bobby and I welcomed two precious souls into our lives: ***Pilot*** *and* ***Bomber****. We found them at CASAS, a remarkable no-kill animal shelter run by dedicated volunteers and funded solely by donations and fundraisers.*

Our journey with ***Pilot*** *&* ***Bomber*** *began with a simple visit to CASAS, where we instantly connected with these two brothers.* ***Pilot****, with his sleek black fur and charming white accents, stole my heart, while* ***Bomber****, a delightful orange and white bundle of energy, stayed faithfully by his side. It was clear from the start that they belonged with us.*

Every morning, as I savor my first cup of coffee, ***Bomber*** *faithfully stays by my feet, and in the evenings, both* ***Pilot*** *&* ***Bomber*** *eagerly greet us at the door, bringing joy to our hearts. Their presence fills our home with warmth and contentment, reminding us of life's simple pleasures.*

In celebration of our cherished feline companions and in gratitude to CASAS, Sherry Brec, Dave & Anita Butler, and all the volunteers who make their vital work possible, I recently attended CASAS' annual fundraiser. To show my appreciation, I matched the generous donations made by attendees to support CASAS' mission.

If you're inclined to join me in supporting this wonderful cause, please consider making a donation to CASAS. Thank you for taking the time to read our story and for considering supporting CASAS. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of animals and ensure they receive the love and care they deserve.



TOO HOT TO TROT

HOT STREETS BURN DOGS FEET

PROVINCETOWN ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

It's coming on that time of year when the sun beats down on the pavement and our pets' paws can be in danger from the hot pavement. A good rule of thumb is if you can't hold the back of your hand to the pavement for 7 seconds, it's too hot to trot! An air temperature of 77 degrees Fahrenheit = asphalt temperature of 125 degrees Fahrenheit, a temperature at which burnt paws can happen as quickly as 60 seconds! The Provincetown Animal Welfare Committee will be rolling out a Too Hot to Trot campaign in Town over the next few months specifically aimed at education. Try to walk your pet during the cooler times of the day, and always have fresh water available.

In Memoriam

Donations made in memory or honor of a beloved pet or person

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a cat for all seasons

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In memory of my dear fuzzy boy

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In memory of Pochet.
He touched so many lives.

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In memory of Jolene and Luna

Sharon Flanagan
In memory of Clyde.
He loved walking around P-Town, swimming and hanging out. We will love and miss you always.

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In honor of Gulliver and TT

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