



UPDATE

For those who are following certain cats that have been in the newsletter:

William had all of his teeth removed, is doing well and eating crunchy food. He may require possible long-term steroid treatment to make him comfortable. We cross our fingers.



Rose

Our little Rose, the kitten with the esophageal stricture, has been taken by her adoptive parents for several follow-up visits to Tufts. Here is a note from her family:

"Laura and I have been wanting to update you on how Rose is doing. We have attached a photo and this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QtL15hcSik> to a video. As you can see, she has grown up to be a beautiful cat. She has great long fur and a delightful personality. Very playful. She has gained lots of weight and eats solid food (as long as the pellets are small). We are delighted with her and appreciate all that you and the shelter did for her.-- Carl and Laura Sussman

Both William and Rose's extensive medical care was paid for through our supporters' generous donations.

Our outside cat, **Susie**, remains outside through her choice. She had survived long before we had our shelter and we think she would be miserable being brought inside. She is fed twice a day, has her own house and comfy bed, and seems to be smart enough to avoid the coyotes. We are always discussing plans for Susie and come to the conclusion that she is happier outside.

And there is **Babe**, the cranky office cat. Babe is accepting company in her room with her usual generous and welcoming spirit. We think she secretly enjoys watching the kittens and several

adults sometimes share her cat tree. We people move carefully around her, but we think she is happier than she has ever been.

Belle, the mother of the Cow litter, is fat and one of Babe's buddies.

SOME RECENT ADOPTIONS

Zuma, now **Ninji**, to Elizabeth White
Jesse and **Ghost** to Terri and Charles Frazier

Fuzzy, now **Emma**, to David Gates and Chris Johnson

Buzzy, now **Rudy**, to Charles Shaw and Spencer Keasey

Beauty, now **Sassy**, to Karen Nurmi
Rosalie to Jeff Perry

Truffle to Noel Fiske and Max Beal
Doris, now **Alice**, to Wendy Willard

Jumper to Mel Kirchhoff

Meadow to Kathleen Cohen & Richard Hauser

Renee to Lora Bumps

Frieda Khalico & Loris, now **Binky & Skip**, to Brad Williams and Dan Wexman

Steely Dan to Mary Peterson & John Monahan



Silky, a stray from Howland Street had been fed up and down the street for months. She was turned in to us when the weather got cold and snowy. She was not terribly happy about living with all our other residents and after her isolation period resided on top of one of our occupied cages. Jill, whose indoor/outdoor cat had disappeared, came to the shelter, fell in love with Silky and took her home. Months after, her previous cat Frankie reappeared in

fine fettle and furious that another had taken his place. Fortunately for all, they have resolved their differences and live, more or less, happily with Jill Pires.

And Then There Were Three
by Charles Shaw and Spencer Keasey



Rudy nestled between his two big brothers watching for birds!

We adopted two kittens from CASAS on New Year's Eve 2008 - two brothers from a litter of four kittens who were rescued from the woods of Wellfleet with their mother, Foxy. We named the boys **Harvey** and **Cleve** after the gay rights activists from San Francisco; we'd just seen Milk the night before adopting them. Harv and Cleve settled easily into our home here in Provincetown and their personalities were quite apparent from early on.

Harvey is much more mischievous and outgoing while Cleve is more cautious and skittish. But they are both very well behaved, healthy, and loving. We couldn't have asked for better kittens.

As Harv and Cleve grew we settled into our routine with them - they love brush-time after breakfast in the early morning. Cleve in particular loves to entice us up to the guest room on the second floor where he is most at home and there he cuddles and exhibits his loving side. We've basically dubbed the room "Cleve's Room." Earlier this year we started talking about maybe finding them a baby brother. On visits to CASAS this spring, we played with many of the new litters of kittens and thought there has to be one who would be happy in our home. Then in late May we settled on the one and we dubbed him **Rudy** (after the title character in the 1980s movie about the Notre Dame football star--we are not very original with names).



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He's an outgoing and loving kitty and when we showed up with the traveling crate he walked right in! It was meant to be. Rudy is just perfect - he's so well socialized because he spent his first few weeks at CASAS with so many other great kittens and cats and received such loving care from the volunteers. Rudy's taken Harv's and Cleve's stand-offishness in stride and it only took about 2 or 3 days until Harvey was playing with him and Cleve was putting up with him. After the first week, they are like a happy family. We couldn't be more delighted. It's the good work of all the CASAS volunteers who have taught him to be a happy and healthy kitty.

We have continued to visit CASAS because we fell in love with the people, cats, and kittens who make it such a loving home for animals. CASAS is much more than a shelter; it is truly a home. Who knows - maybe we'll be back for a fourth or fifth kitty in the future!

FOR ADOPTION



Cammy

Cammy is 12 years old and has settled in better than his sister, Snowflake. He was given up by his family due to allergies. He is a large cat who likes to play and be loved. It would be wonderful if he could go with his sister, Snowflake. She is happy enough with our cats, but does not like to be bothered by people and really needs to be in a calm home where she can slowly decompress. The cats have been neutered and spayed and are available for adoption or sponsorship.



Snowflake



Fluffy,

Fluffy is from Wellfleet and gave birth to four kittens in the car on the way to CASAS. We were told that she was "mean." Well she was, at first, in defense of her babies. Not knowing what was happening to her and the kits she hissed a bit while she was in her private room until she realized that we were only going to love her, feed her and adore her children. A little later CASAS accepted a litter of six 3-week old kittens whose mom had been hit by a car. They were still nursing and, as I have mentioned before, bottle feeding is not as much fun as it appears. Fluffy was delegated to foster three of these little black babies. The babies are available for adoption. Fluffy is now as sweet as can be.



Sasha

Sasha is an adult cat left behind when her caretaker moved to Florida. Sasha took some time to adjust to the shelter. It is very hard for older cats to leave their lifelong home and family and adapt to all the other cats living at CASAS. Sasha is 7 years old, a big-boned gal but able to climb to the top of the cat tree (her favorite position). She has beautiful eyes which will draw you in. She would make a wonderful cat for someone who would respect her dignity and not laugh too hard when she plays.

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

SAVE THE DATE

PAW 2010 September 24-26

Friday Sept. 24 is the opening night dinner catered and donated by **Fanizzi's** held in the comfortable lounge at the **Surfside Inn**.

Saturday Sept. 25 begins with Canine Games at the **VFW** on Jerome Smith Rd. and includes agility playtime, barbecue, baked goods, and final voting for the **Fab Felines Photo Contest**. Prizes for all contestants. Then, from 4-6 p.m. enjoy the **Boatslip Tea Dance** for pets and people with prizes for dogs in costumes.

Sunday Sept. 26 is the ever popular **Blessing of the Animals and Pet Walk for Shelter**. In years past we literally walked to raise money to build a shelter. We now walk to keep the shelter running. You may not realize that we need \$250 a week to feed our furry residents; it costs \$300 in vaccines, medicine and medical procedures for each feral kitten that we save; we spend almost \$1000 a year on litter to keep all those litter boxes clean and offer the finest toilet accommodations to our residents. After we are blessed, we walk from **St Mary of the Harbor** down Commercial Street to the open doors of the **Pied Bar** with our dogs, with photos of cats and other pets pinned to our shirts, some holding banners. We walk for the one hundred animals who found wonderful homes last year through CASAS. We walk in memory of the animals we loved and lost and in anticipation of the many we will save during the next year. There will be prizes for top pledge walkers, trophies for signs and banners, and the \$1,000 raffle drawing.

Make a sign or banner to carry and download a pledge sheet from our website (www.casasanimalshelter.org) or call us at 508-487-4243. Raffle tickets and PAW T-shirts can also be ordered.



Anita with 2009 Winning Banner

Also during the weekend is the **Fabulous Feline Photo Contest**. Here are the rules for submissions: Photos should be no larger than 4x6 and will become part of the CASAS archives. CATEGORIES are: "Most Creative", "Funniest" and "Most Beautiful". Please submit photos with a donation of \$5.00 to Box 1374, Provincetown or deliver to 5 Sandy Hill Lane by **September 15th**. Include the name of your cat(s), owner's name, address, phone and e-mail address.

Please visit our website, www.casasanimalshelter.org, to learn about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and current adoptions. While you're there, please have a look at our "Kitten Cam"- a peek into one of the rooms at CASAS, where you can hopefully view some of our residents at play or resting.

THIS IS WHAT A VOLUNTEER LOOKS LIKE



Nataya

As part of a requirement for graduation, all seniors at Provincetown High School are excused from the last three weeks of class when they volunteer for a non-profit organization for 15 hours each week. We were fortunate to have Nataya as our volunteer. Nataya, on her first day, participated in spaying, and soon after, in neutering, testing for disease, and vaccination of a very feral tom cat. She entered data into our Shelter Manager data base. She refilled the poop bag stations in town. Together, we cleaned, petted, weed-wacked and learned about running a limited admission no-kill shelter. Nataya is on the Provincetown Tennis Team. She plans to attend college but is not sure where. Here she is socializing with some of our many kittens. She is young enough to sit on the floor and actually get up again!

FUNDRAISERS



Crowne Pointe

On April 12th, CASAS was the happy beneficiary of a Wine Dinner at the **Bistro at Crowne Pointe**. The wine was donated by **Truro Vineyards** and the truly superb dinner (soup to dessert) was donated by **Crowne Pointe**. A feature of the evening was the auction of a signed print donated by **Dog Whisperer, Cesar Millan** and selling his calendars composed of his dogs. The proud winner was **Dr. Mike McDonnell**, our fabulous volunteer veterinarian. With the proceeds from this wonderful evening we were able to cover our beloved William Bradford's extensive care at Tufts.

TK Dahill, a senior and the valedictorian of Provincetown High School's graduating class, wanted to think of a way to support CASAS' fundraising efforts. He thought of a yard sale which could be held at his house right next to the West End Parking Lot. We had all forgotten, or never knew, how much work a yard sale is. We raised well over \$400 which is a huge help. We want to thank TK and his mom, **Peg**, for the use of their house and yard. TK also participated in the PHS's Senior Community Service Project. He also volunteers at the Provincetown Art Association and Museum.

Volunteer to transport to Wildcare

Quite often Animal Control Officer, RuthAnn Cowing, has an injured bird, turtle, possum or duck that requires medical care and transport to Wild Care in Orleans. If this is something you could help with on an on-call basis, please call Officer Cowing at 508-487-1212 and leave a message.

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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; Any dry cat food, except generic store brands, and especially Hill's Science Diet especially Sensitive Skin and Sensitive stomach

NEW SKYLIGHTS and installation

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.