



Pit Bulls Under Fire

My name is Juliette, and I am a member of BARCS, the Boston Advocates for Responsible Canine Stewardship. We are a small group of dog owners and advocates working to promote responsible dog ownership in Boston and to find an alternative to the new anti-pit bull dog ordinance. I am the proud "mother" of an 11 year old adopted pit bull mix and an 11 year old Italian Greyhound, plus three cats and two parrots, all adopted!

Our group formed in 2004 in response to a citywide ordinance, sponsored by City Councilors Rob Consalvo and James M. Kelly, called "Ordinance Regarding Responsible Pit Bull Ownership." The sad irony is that not only does this ordinance not promote responsible pit bull ownership; it actually hurts those of us who are responsible dog owners.

Under this ordinance, pit bulls require a special license and registration process, including a \$50 registration fee. Pit bulls are required

to be muzzled at all times when off the owner's property. A sign must be posted on the property to warn of the dog's presence. Any officer of the law can seize any dog he or she decides to be a "pit bull" that is acting in a "threatening" manner. The dog can be euthanized without due process. The really frightening part is that your boxer dog or lab mix can just as easily be mistaken for a pit bull, and be taken and euthanized!

Both proponents and opponents of this ordinance agree that there is a dog bite problem that must be addressed. This is a public safety issue, for both our citizens and our pets. The key to lowering the number of dog bites and attacks is to educate the public and to enforce the existing dog laws. The Massachusetts Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) "is opposed to breed-specific ordinances and policies because we do not believe they are an effective or fair manner in which to prevent dog bites. This is not an issue about just one breed of dog but about responsible dog ownership."

This ordinance is an example of breed-specific legislation (BSL). The vast majority of local and national animal welfare groups, including the MSPCA, The American Dog Owners Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Kennel



Club oppose BSL. Here are some of the reasons that BSL doesn't work:

- It is overinclusive. Breed-specific legislation unfairly targets all dogs of a particular breed, regardless of their behavior history.
- It is underinclusive. BSL does nothing about dangerous dogs of other breeds.
- Compliance is a problem. If dogs who bite are not licensed and restrained on a leash, the owners are also not going to follow a muzzling provision.
- Identification is a problem. No blood test can tell the breed of a dog, and there are huge numbers of mixed-breed dogs. Who gets to decide if a dog is a "pit bull" under the ordinance?
- There are potential legal challenges. Breed-specific legislation



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Dear Friends,

YOU MAY WONDER why we keep talking about pit bulls. Are we focusing too much on one issue? Are we misguided?

The reason we keep talking about pitbulls is that feral cats and pit bulls represent the greatest source of companion animal overpopulation in our country today. Pit bulls are the single most abused, maligned, and misunderstood companion animal in America, accounting for the largest population of healthy, otherwise adoptable dogs being killed across the country simply because of prejudice and ignorance. We are attempting to inform you about the deadly misperceptions that keep the killing going.

By nature, the Staffordshire terrier, or "pit bull," is a tremendously loving, gentle, outgoing, and devoted companion dog. Although energetic, he is mostly a "couch potato," preferring the indoors, your bed or sofa, and a good cuddle. He is strong, and can be singularly focused, and it is these qualities that have been exploited by some to create a dangerous dog. These are criminals, involved in criminal activities, using dogs to further their own agendas.

But pit bulls are *not* by nature aggressive or unpredictable, and despite what you may hear they do not possess a unique jaw structure. They must be tortured and relentlessly taught to become vicious. Pit bulls have been beloved family dogs for centuries, and find themselves the victims of rampant prejudice only since the nineties, when they were discovered by both criminals and the media. Remember Petey of the Little Rascals, the RCA dog, and the most decorated dog of World War II? These were pit bulls.

Some of you may never have met a pit bull. You have yet to discover the fun-loving, goofy, extraordinarily affectionate dogs that they are. In fact, this friendly nature sometimes actually contributes to their problems, because people who don't know them often misinterpret their rush to greet you as aggression—when all they want to do is get as close as possible and try to lick your face!

We hope that you will think about the terrible suffering these dogs endure and consider getting to know them as individuals. We hope that you will join the fight against ignorance and breed-specific legislation in order to call for a more rational approach to the serious problem of dog bites and dangerous dogs in America. Let us know what you think . . .

Warmest regards,

Donna Bishop

Happy Endings



Pumpkin

Dear Donna,

Where do I begin? Adopting Pumpkin has been such a blast. Well, first, we did change his name to Yogi! But yup he has been a blast. He loves his blue cow, and going for walks, and fetch and snuggling! Yogi is an excellent couch snuggler. He has made doggie friends on the block and is excited to start classes in Lexington. Yogi is such a source of joy, he never fails to make me laugh. I will be sure to keep you posted on all his doggie antics and updated with pictures.

I hope all is going well at Alliance for Animals.

Sincerely,
Lauren Gerrish



Boo

To the staff at Metro Action Clinic,

Bootsy, affectionately now known as "Boo," answers to her name and is a quite intelligent kitty. She has taken over our home and ourselves as hers! And we are loving it!

Bob Tonner and Theora Morrison

Lulu

Dear AfA,

I am writing to you from my favorite spot on the couch of my new home! I love my new home. Sarah and I are getting along famously now. My jumping skills have continued to improve along with my balance, and I can even jump up on the window sills to watch the action outside. Another one of my favorite activities is racing up and down the apartment for no apparent reason, which is very entertaining for Sarah as well! I have gotten quite cuddly recently, and am getting lots of love.

Thank you for rescuing me, taking care of me, and setting me up in my new digs!

Love,
Lulu (a.k.a. Lucy)



ADOPTION GALLERY

YES, we have many more dogs and cats for adoption. Call 617 268-7800 for details!

Polly is a pretty orange and white shorthaired cat about eight months old. She has started to come out of her shell since she arrived and is very sweet and affectionate. She loves to be petted and kissed. She is spayed, vaccinated, FeLV/FIV negative, and microchipped. She would love to find a home of her own.



Tabitha came to us lonely and scared. With lots of loving care, she is now a beautiful, sweet, and happy girl. She is spayed, vaccinated, FeLV/FIV negative, and microchipped. All this gentle, outgoing kitty needs now is someone to love her too.

Whisper was left at the clinic last spring after a fire. He was in very bad condition, and it took months to make him whole. When no one came to claim him, we finally put him up for adoption this winter. Whisper is a real character! He loves to sit in the sink under a running faucet, and he loves to have his long fur combed. He is neutered, vaccinated, FeLV/FIV negative, and microchipped. He has been waiting a long time for a special friend to love him.
ADOPTED!



Bianco is a very special dog, with special needs. He is ten years old, although you would never guess it by his looks and activity level. He is a maltese who lost his family when they became too busy to take care of him. He is smart, very interactive, and attaches very quickly. He loves to play fetch and go for walks. He also likes to be the center of attention. He is pure joy to be around. He is a special needs dog because we have diagnosed him with Cushings Disease and he must take medication for the rest of his life. This was discovered through the routine blood work we do for all animals. He appears in excellent health, and has no symptoms. We believe he will continue this way for a long time. We want Bianco to get the permanent home he deserves, where he will play with you and love you with all his great big heart.

Pound Dog Rescue and Adoption Continue At AfA.

AfA's program to rescue pound dogs slated to die simply because of age or breed entered year five with the additions of Herman, Acorn, and Roxie. All arrived in poor condition, two suffering from pneumonia, one from broken and abscessed teeth, one from malnutrition, all from neglect. But with the help of transporter and foster mom Marilyn McGrath, rescue facilitator and foster mom Mary Weber, and all our AfA staff, we were able to save these precious lives. Let's introduce them to you, along with some other special animals up for adoption.

Acorn is a Chihuahua/Jack Russell Terrier mix. He is about four years old, neutered, vaccinated, heartworm negative, and microchipped. He is a delightful dog who enjoys children, other animals, and mischief. He is very playful and inquisitive, and loves to be carried around. He is also ready to go to a new home

Roxie is about two years old, possibly a Terrier/Dalmatian mix. She is playful and good natured, and very well-behaved. She enjoys playing with other dogs, but is afraid of cats. At about 45 pounds she is a little chubby but will trim down quickly with her active instinct for fun. We were told that her litter of puppies had been killed, and she seems to want to mother everyone. She is spayed, and with the help of a special adoption day at PETS-MART in Braintree, she has now found a wonderful family. The

Hughes report that she is the darling of everyone in the neighborhood, and couldn't be a more perfect dog.

Herman is a cute and quirky minischnauzer mix, probably very elderly. He won the hearts of all us, was nursed through pneumonia in foster care, and lived with us in the Clinic very happily until he developed a problem in his hind leg. After tests it was discovered that Herman had an inoperable cancer in his pelvis, and we could do nothing for him except let him go gently to sleep when he became uncomfortable. We love you Herman, and we will never forget the special way you had of tugging on the heartstrings. You didn't have the longer life we hoped for, but someone must have loved you in the past, and we all love you now.



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has been challenged (successfully in Massachusetts) on due process and equal protection grounds. In *American Dog Owners Association v. City of Lynn*, 404 Mass. 72, 80 (1989), the court found: "Unlike an ordinance which generally prohibits the keeping of a 'vicious dog,' enforcement of which involves questions of fact whether the particular dog is vicious or known by its owner to be vicious, or a strict liability restraint or dog bite law, such as G. L. c. 140, § 155, the Lynn Pit Bull ban ordinance depends for enforcement on the subjective understanding of dog officers of the appearance of an ill-defined 'breed,' leaves dog owners to guess at what conduct or dog 'look' is prohibited, and requires 'proof' of a dog's 'type' which, unless the dog is registered, may be impossible to furnish. Such a law gives unleashed discretion to the dog officers charged with its enforcement, and clearly relies on their subjective speculation whether a dog's physical characteristics."

- Other breeds of dogs can be trained to be dangerous. Unless we address the real reasons dog bites occur, people who want a "dangerous" dog are simply going to move on to the next breed.

The reality of this ordinance is that it will do nothing to curb dog bites and attacks. Irresponsible, neglectful, or abusive dog owners are unlikely to even register their animals. What is going to make them suddenly decide to shell out \$50 for a license and start muzzling their dogs? The burden of the ordinance then falls on responsible people like me, who have faithfully licensed their dogs since adoption and whose dogs have never done anything to merit a "dangerous dog" label.

When this ordinance was being debated at City Hall last summer, City Councilor Maura Hennigan, along with Councilors Arroyo and Yancey, worked with the MSPCA and came up with a very sensible alternative ordinance,



which would have improved the city's animal control laws and helped to prevent dog bites in all breeds. Recognizing that enforcement of the city's animal control laws is essential to preventing dog bites, the alternative ordinance also would increase existing fines and add additional ones for people who violate the ordinances and own dangerous dogs.

The fact that this reasonable alternative was ignored shows that this has become a political and media issue. Pit bull hysteria has reached an all-time high, with newspapers and TV news channels eager to report dog attacks by "pit bulls," even if the dog involved was not a pit bull at all. Local politicians jump on such incidents to promote anti-pit bull legislation.

Our group is exploring several options for responding to the draconian Boston ordinance. One is an exemption for dogs who have taken a basic obedience/socialization course. Another possibility is a lawsuit against the city, which we believe we would have a very good chance of success. Of course, filing a lawsuit requires a substantial amount of money, which we are trying to raise.

Anyone reading this who has been lucky enough to know and love a pit bull knows what wonderful dogs they are: intelligent, goofy, gentle, playful and extremely devoted and loving. It breaks my heart that some people abuse their obvious strength and fortitude for their own ends. There is a pit bull problem in Boston, but this ordinance will do nothing to solve it! We need to find other ways to educate people to be responsible dog owners.

For more information, or if you'd like to donate to our cause (all donations are tax-deductible, and go towards our legal fees), please visit the following online sites:

- www.BARCS.info—our website.
- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/barcs/>—our Yahoo! Group with the latest news.
- www.AVMA.org—type “breed-specific legislation” into the search box for many articles about BSL.

- www.PBRC.net/info.html —the Northeast pit bull rescue, with a lot of excellent information about the breed.

—Juliette Hannan

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Licensing Charlotte

April 1 is the annual deadline for licensing dogs in the city of Boston. I have been licensing my dogs for fourteen years, but this year was different. This year, I licensed two of my dogs in the usual way—I sent in a copy of the rabies certificates, proof of neutering, and \$6.00. For Charlotte, however, the procedure was very different. Charlotte is my 9 year old staffordshire terrier. For Charlotte I had to send a health certificate obtained within 30 days, a picture of Charlotte, and a picture of myself obtained within 30 days, and \$50.00 instead of the usual \$6 in addition to the rabies and neutering documentation. I also had to place a sign on my house warning passersby that a “pit bull” was on the premises.

This is the result of a new Boston ordinance passed last year by the Boston City Council. It also requires muzzling of all dogs identified as pitbulls, and allows any animal control officer or police to label any dog as a “pitbull” or “pitbull-like” for purposes of the law. This allows for such persons to pick up and kill any dog deemed a problem, without even a hearing. Shocking as this is, few people are even aware of the ordinance, and the ramifications for all dogs in all cities. We need to challenge this outrageous, and clearly unconstitutional, regulation in the courts. To do this, we need your help.

We all want to see dangerous dogs and dog attacks eliminated. City Councillor Maura Hennigan drafted an alternative ordinance which would have gone a long way toward achieving that goal. But in the rush to get the quick political sound bite, other Councillors opted to ignore the evidence put into testimony by experts in the fields of law and dog behavior. With your help, we will overturn this ill-con-



ceived ordinance and put into place intelligent regulations which will better protect people and pets against dog bites and truly dangerous dogs. Working through the Alliance for Animals, a group of “pit bull” owners has banded together with the express purpose of challenging the Boston ordinance. We call ourselves B.A.R.C.S.—Boston Advocates for Responsible Canine Stewardship—and we hope you will join us.

—Donna Bishop



Animal Rights

By Helen & Steve Rayshick
Co-founders, MARC

Why Animal Rights?

At the Massachusetts Animal Rights Coalition (MARC), we believe that until all animals have the basic right to not be killed (except when absolutely necessary for humane reasons) or hurt by humans, no matter how much financial gain will or could be derived, animals will continue to be abused indefinitely. Animal welfare is important, but animal welfare laws have not worked to protect animals. For example, The Animal Welfare Act doesn't apply to the experiments performed in labs, or to farm animals at all—and birds are even exempt from the Humane Slaughter Act. The number of animals killed for food and used in labs is increasing. Until animals have rights, laws will not prevent their suffering.

As long as animals are “owned”—commodities bought and sold for profit or pleasure—their individual wellbeing will depend upon their owner's whims, finances, and personality. Sound familiar? Does this bring to mind human slavery? Civil rights activist Dick Gregory has called elephants used in circuses “animal slaves.”

All successful progressive movements have understood that the only true protections for an abused group come from that group's receiving basic rights. The great human movements—for African Americans, women, homosexuals, handicapped people—worked for the *rights* of these groups, not just for their protection.

Our work to end animal suffering is even harder than human rights issues. Our victims cannot speak up and march in the streets or demonstrate for themselves. Their suffering is hidden away. *We* must speak up for them.

The benefits humans derive from animal abuse are endemic. Almost every health and beauty aid and every meal that most humans eat contains animal products, and drugs are tested on animals. It is a daunting task to fight for animals' rights, but one worth pursuing for the animals because our exploitation of them causes horrible suffering and crosses a moral boundary that no human should cross.

Extending the circle of compassion to all animals is a logical, progressive step for humankind. As Abraham Lincoln said, “I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being.”

What does MARC do? MARC is a tax-deductible nonprofit and is the largest, most active animal rights group in the state. MARC focuses on public action to bring the plight of animals to a general audience. We work for *all* animals, whether they are called “food”, “experimental subjects”, pets, “fun for the kids”, or pests.

We hold legal, peaceful protests, organize informational tables, and do other events, but for each one we ask ourselves: will this reach people who ordinarily would never get our message? All successful social movements have relied upon public action as a major strategy, and ours is no exception.

It does work! We've met many people who say, “I became a vegetarian (or vegan) because of you.” And, using most estimates, every person who becomes a vegetarian spares the live of 2400 animals in his or her lifetime.

MARC organizes over 100 public actions every year. We have over 360 members and we welcome anyone to join us!

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Farm Sanctuary

Critter Comforts

“Custom crafted for feral cat rescue” is the slogan of Critter Comforts, who have supplied the rescue community with limited production hand-crafted feeders, shelters, enclosures, and cat-related indoor furniture since October 2003. All items are made to order for the customer.

The person behind Critter Comforts is Peter Kinch of North Easton, Massachusetts, a veteran of more than a decade of feral cat trap-neuter-release, relocation, trapper training, and colony management. Peter started developing his designs when his friend and former trapping partner Don Tetrault ceased production of these items prior to relocating to Florida.

Standard designs include four variants of feeders, five shelter designs, enclosures, and connecting walkways. Most items can be modified for the specific needs of the animals and their caregivers. Custom modifications have included transparency panels, second exits, and



additional weather protection. Custom design services are also available.

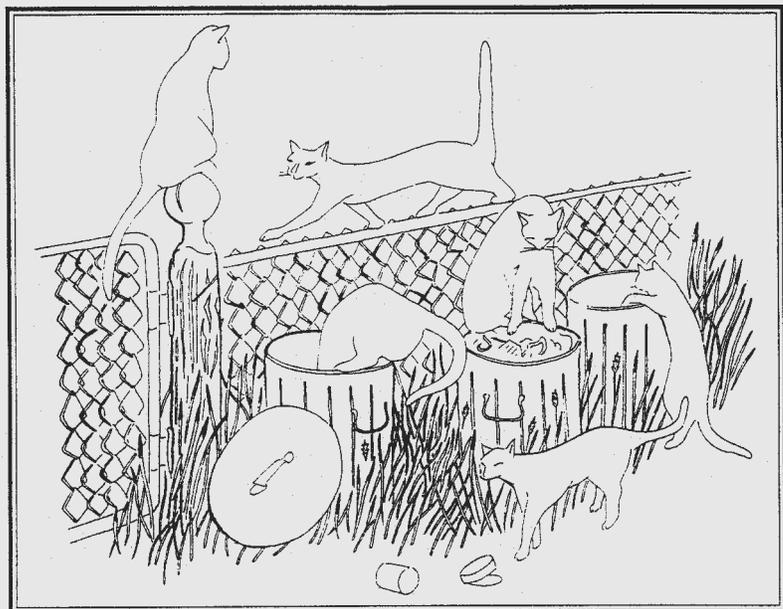
Specific attention to design and materials used in the Feeders and Shelters allow high strength with low weight, which is important to caregivers with limited strength. Seams are caulked to exclude water from exterior joints to assure a long service life. All materials are the highest quality available.

Indoor furniture available includes perches, three varieties of scratching posts, condos, and environments. These items are made to the customer’s specifications of size and/or color. Furniture grade finish is also available on these items.

Peter’s full portfolio of products is available online at www.critter-comforts.us. He can be contacted either by e-mail through the website or at (508) 238-3669.

Everything you ever needed to know about feral cats!

Send for our booklet *Guide to Trapping, Neutering, and Caring for Feral Cats*, or visit Alley Cat Allies at www.alleycat.org for publications about every aspect of humane population control for feral cats.



Ask Us



Which vaccinations do my cat and dog need?

Recent research indicates that we may have been over-vaccinating our pets in the past, and veterinarians have been advised to limit vaccinations only to those required by law, such as rabies vaccinations, and those recommended for an individual pet. For example, vaccination against Lyme disease may be indicated for pets living in heavily wooded areas where deer are common. A vaccination against feline leukemia virus may be advised for cats allowed to go outside.

The two most common vaccinations for cats and dogs are rabies and “distemper.” “Distemper” has nothing to do with temperament; rather the name refers to a group of vaccines against common, but deadly viruses affecting dogs or cats. No one seems to know where the name “distemper” comes from!

In general, indoor cats should be vaccinated for “distemper” (FVRCP) at eight weeks of age with one or more boosters at 3–4 week intervals the first year, and every two or three years thereafter. In Massachusetts, all cats must be vaccinated for rabies, whether they live indoors or not. The first vaccination is given at 3–6 months of age, and repeated 9–12 months later. With this protocol, the



second vaccination is good for 3 years, and will be required only every three years so long as each vaccination is given prior to the expiration date. Because malignant tumors have been associated with rabies vaccines, it is important to maintain current vaccinations so that they can be given every three years instead of annually. It is also important that your veterinarian follow the rabies protocol, which recommends that the vaccine be given only in the right hind leg. Indoor cats do not need, and should not have, other kinds of vaccinations.

Dogs should likewise begin the “distemper” (DA2PP) vaccinations at eight weeks of age with three or four boosters given at 3–4 week intervals, and annually thereafter. The rabies protocol is the same as for cats. Additional vaccinations, such as Lyme or “kennel cough,” may be recommended by your vet since dogs do go outside and may mingle with other dogs. Again, because vaccines stress the immune system, it is important to limit the number of vaccinations to those truly deemed necessary for your individual pet. Package deals where a number of vaccines are given at the same time may not be advisable.

What is the best way to assure my pet good health and long life?

The three most important guidelines are as follows:

- Keep your cat indoors at all times—no exceptions! Keep your dog indoors unless walking on a leash or in a supervised, enclosed area
- Feed a healthy diet appropriate for your pet’s breed, size, age, and weight. An all-natural diet, without artificial ingredients or “by products” is best. Treats, especially table scraps, are not good for your pet. Excess calories, like excess weight, can seriously impair your pet’s health.
- Get regular veterinary check-ups, including dental care, and follow the recommendations of your veterinarian. In addition to teeth and gums, remember the importance of healthy skin, ears, and feet, and keep your pet free of parasites.

HAVE YOU RENEWED?

If you’ve forgotten to renew your AfA membership in the past year or more, we’ll regretfully have to remove your name from our membership list in the very near future. So, if you want to keep receiving ALLY, please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send it in to us with your membership dues. We can’t help the animals without help from you!

🌿 In Memory and In Honor 🌿

In memory of Georgie, the best kitty companion in the world for 18 years.

In memory of the 10th birthday of our nephew, Mark Ahrens. From Millie Rahn and Bill Stokinger.

In memory of Joyce Porter Barringer's cats Bam Bam and Kiku. From Sally M. MacGillivray.

In memory of my dearest beloved Percy, my best friend, hero, mentor, my heart. I will miss you forever. With love from Donna.



Percy mans the Alliance outreach table in Harvard Square, 1991

In memory of Percy—I will always remember his smile. From Holly Pearson.

In memory of Percy. From Lyn Abissi and Bill Schwartz.

In memory of Morris. From AfA staff.

In memory of Kiku and Bam Bam. From Donna.

In memory of Nancy Gosson, much missed friend of animals and devoted volunteer. From Alliance for Animals.

In memory of Henry, who was adopted by our daughter at your Arlington shelter in 1996. He was a big, black cat whom everyone loved and we will all miss him. From Darryl and Ann Greenwood.

In memory of Penny, Dan and Kerry's beloved cocker spaniel. From Dr. Doris Hanna.

In memory of Patricia Portwine. From Gladys Burr.

In loving memory of Mrs. Nancy Susan Gosson. From Andrea Nero.

In memory of Molly and Lil Bit. From Jean O'Hara.

In memory of my mother, Anna Barkin. From Evelyn Barkin.

In memory of Sadie Alessi, a chocolate spaniel who just passed on. From Dale Pottie.

In memory of my wonderful FIV positive cat Walnut—playful, adventuresome, and empathic all her 16 years. From Mary Rosenfeld

In memory of and from Beverly Boyd. From Douglas Boyd.

In memory of Penny, Dom and Kerri's beloved cocker spaniel. From Dr. Doris Hann.

In memory of Nancy Gosson. From Betsy Watts.

In memory of Bill Schwartz's Sam, the most noble braveheart of dogs—best friend and loyal companion—a man among dogs. From Gwen Schwartz.

In memory of Cleopatra. From Rita Souliere.

In memory of my friend Heather's beloved cat Willie. From Jane Robie.

For John Gosson in memory of Nancy Gosson. From Jody Roy.

In memory of Mac. There will never be another Mac. His depth, sensitivity, warmth, maternal instincts, and kindness will live in my heart forever! From Nicole Griffin.

In memory of Taz, beloved kitten of Buca and Jay O'Malley. From Doris and Peter.

For my lucky feral cat Tammy and lucky me! From Joyce Black.

In honor of John Goreham and Beverly Shackley. From Anne V. Quinn.



Mac

In honor of my cat, Felicia, formerly Daisy Beetle, adopted from the AfA in May, 1995, when she was a two-month-old kitten. Ever single day she provides me with a wealth of joy, companionship, and entertainment. From Anne M. Hudson.

In honor of Janet Richard. From Marilyn Wellons.

In honor of Jane Wharton. From Stanley D. Wharton.

In great gratitude for Max Lincoln. From Geraldine Garcia Rogers.

In honor of Samantha Tress of New York who loves cats and just graduated from college. With love from the Barnetts.

For Sacha. From Joann Tobin.

For Kelly's baby. From Anna Barbara Bruno and Julie Brandlen.

Thank you for bringing us Flo. From Jen and John Lenicheck.

In honor of Lynda Beltz. We truly appreciate Lynda's friendship and steadfast commitment to the care of animals. We will miss her a great deal, and want to be able to let her know how special she's been to us. From the Warren Dog Group.

In honor of Socks, Belle, and Buddy Bruggeman, Tina and Tom's three kitties. From Mrs. Margaret Stauble.

To AfA from Ginger and Kelly. From Jean O'Hara.

Talking Shop

There are several items of business we would like to tell you about.

First, people often ask us not to share their address, phone number, or other personal information. *We never have and never will sell, trade, or give away any information about our members.* We consider this a trust between us, and you can rest assured that we will not violate that trust.

Second, you may notice that your mailing labels look different. We have switched to a new system, so please let us know about any errors, omissions, duplications, or other changes needed to our mailing list. Thank you!

Finally, we want to thank our loyal supporters for making our FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE a tremendous success for the third year in a row. While we were not able to thank each of you individually, we want each of you to know how

deeply we appreciate your gift, and how grateful we are for your kind and generous support.

No one else does what the Alliance does, but we can only do it with your help. Your donations have made it possible for us to buy a new anaesthesia machine and surgical instruments for the Clinic, to rescue and shelter 56 cats and kittens as well as 22 dogs and puppies this spring, and to provide life-saving surgery and veterinary services for hundreds of animals. Your money goes a long way at Alliance for Animals. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

—Donna Bishop



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Equipment

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Volunteers

Foster care for dogs, cats, puppies, kittens
 Office assistance (at Clinic or from home)
 Dog walking
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 Taking pictures of our shelter animals for website and Petfinders.com
 Computer software program expertise and advice
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 Help to write thank you notes to our donors