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NEW BARN FOR BIRDS AT NEVINS

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ANTIFREEZE BILL WILL SAVE LIVES

NO MORE SWEET POISON TO TEMPT ANIMALS

CAT SURVIVES WATERY ORDEAL DRAMATIC CHARLES RIVER RESCUE



You'll Definitely Want to Save These Dates!

We know you're busy, so we want to make sure you get these very important MSPCA-Angell dates on your calendar way in advance. We look forward to having you join us!

In Boston...

Thursday, October 21, 6:00 p. m.
The MSPCA Animal Hall of Fame Dinner at the JFK Library & Museum. Details at mspca.org/halloffame

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 29-31, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
(Sunday 12 noon-5:00 p. m.)
Howl-a-Ween Gift and Bake Sale at the Boston Adoption Center, featuring a special Howl-a-Ween Costume Photo Session on Sunday. Details at mspca.org/howlaween

Tuesday, November 16
Leaders Circle Forum, Boston (Angell CCU with Dr. Jen Holm)

Thursday, December 2
Holiday Tree Lighting at the Prudential Center, Boston

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 9-12, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Homeless for the Holidays: The Annual Winter Sale to Support the Animals of the Boston Adoption Center. Details at mspca.org/homeless4holidays

Saturday and Sunday, December 11 and 12, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Pet Photos with Santa at Boston Adoption Center. Details at mspca.org/homeless4holidays

Call 617 541-5046 for information about Boston events, or visit our website: mspca.org/about-us/calendar-of-events

And at the Cape...

Saturday, May 21
Furry Affair at the Wianno Club, Osterville

Call 508 775-0940 for more information, or visit our website: mspca.org/about-us/calendar-of-events

And on Nantucket...

Sunday, December 5
Pet Photos with Santa

Call 508 825-2287 for more information, or visit our website: mspca.org/about-us/calendar-of-events

And at Nevins Farm...

Sunday, October 3
Equine Photography Workshop

Microchip and Vaccination Clinic

Sunday and Monday, October 24-25
Pit Bull Awareness Days

Sunday, October 31
"Horses Helping Horses" Beach Ride

Saturday and Sunday, November 20-21
Santa Photo Days

Call 978 687-7453 for more information about Nevins events or visit our website: mspca.org/about-us/calendar-of-events

Saturday and Sunday, November 20-21
Kitten Adoptathon

Sunday, December 4
Christmas Feast for the Horses and Holiday Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 5
Veterinary Continuing Education Seminar
Kitten Adoptathon

February
Tour de Pooch and Pals Spin for the Animals

March
Microchip and Vaccination Clinic

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FEATURED STORY

Dramatic River Rescue on the Charles



Senior Kitty Survives Watery Ordeal

Submerged Carrier Drifting Toward Catastrophe

It wasn't the Nile River, it was the Charles. And it wasn't a babe in the bulrushes, but a cat in a carrier. Still, the drama surrounding this fortunate kitty's rescue prompted our adoption center staff to call her Moses. Then, when they realized she was a senior kitty, Grandma Moses became her name.

Imagine a family enjoying a lovely summer outing on Boston's Charles River in their kayak, when suddenly they notice a mostly submerged pet carrier thrashing about in the water, caught on a branch a few feet offshore. When they investigate, they find a half-drowned cat inside. She's gasping for air, since the water level inside the carrier is rising and falling as the river flows along.

Thank goodness these good people rescued the nearly dead cat and brought her to the MSPCA. She was wet, dirty, freezing cold, and exhausted. But her luck had changed!

Our MSPCA adoption centers take in every animal who needs us. Grandma Moses required a lot of care, but we were prepared for that because of the financial help we get from animal lovers like you, who help us continually replenish the funds in our Pet Care Assistance program. Pet Care Assistance helps abandoned animals who require veterinary care in our adoption centers, so they can be adopted into the loving

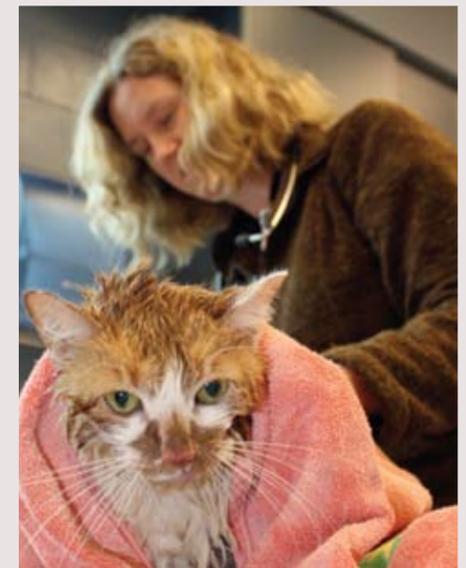
homes they deserve. It also helps qualifying individuals with medical care for their pets, and defrays the cost of treating cruelly abused animals rescued by our Law Enforcement department.

Our Law Enforcement officers began to investigate the Grandma Moses case right away. They went out to the river to examine the scene, and put out a call to the public asking for any information anyone might have. Unfortunately, however, so far the case has not been solved.



A happy adoption day for "Molly" and her new mom, Sara!

But long before our officers even got on the road, our adoption center veterinarians were working hard to make Grandma Moses feel good — and loved — again. They gave her food and water of course, and a full examination. They used special equipment to raise her dangerously low core temperature. They took x-rays, too, which showed that her stomach was full of air from gasping for breath during her watery ordeal.



Dr. Cynthia Cox warms up Grandma Moses and gives her a careful examination.

You know what really astonished us? In spite of all she'd been through — in spite of all the discomfort she was in, in spite of how lonely and frightened she must have felt — all Grandma Moses wanted to do was be friends with everyone she met.

Once she was stabilized, we put her up for adoption. And here's the REALLY good news: within a very short time, Grandma Moses found a wonderful new home. Her new owner, Sara, says that she feels blessed to have her, and that Molly (Grandma's new name) is enjoying air conditioning, fluffy couch pillows, and a garden view! Molly's golden years will be spent basking securely in love. She has nothing to fear anymore!

To learn more about Pet Care Assistance, go to mspca.org/petcareassistance

ANGELL STORIES

Pet Care Assistance Helps Save Another Life

Pamina Finds Her Cure Through Angell's Internal Medicine Service

Radioactive Iodine Therapy Restores Cat to Health



Pamina relaxes at home.

Almost 13 years ago, Emily Raymer spotted a flyer showing a photo of a six-month-old kitten that had been living with an MSPCA foster family and was ready for adoption. It didn't take long before Emily had fallen in love with and adopted Pamina, a gorgeous grey tabby who transitioned beautifully to her new life.

After more than a decade together, Emily knows Pamina well and was concerned when she noticed a shift in her friend's personality. Pamina was sometimes lethargic and other times restlessly prowled around her home throughout the night. Despite her ravenous appetite, Pamina had lost a pound and a half and Emily grew worried. Emily brought Pamina to see Dr. Jean Duddy of Angell Animal Medical Center's Internal Medicine service, and learned that Pamina's thyroid, which had

shown early signs of hyperthyroidism in 2009, was indeed in need of treatment. Without treatment, hyperthyroid cats can face an untimely death.

Surgery or a lifetime of twice-daily medication were two of Pamina's options. As a senior, Pamina was not a good candidate for surgery. Also, she was not easy to medicate, and there were the side effects of the medicine to consider too. With Dr. Duddy's guidance and financial support from Angell's Pet Care Assistance, Emily pursued a third option: radioactive iodine therapy through Angell's I-131 program. Dr. Duddy leads the program at Angell and this therapy is known to have a 98% success rate in hyperthyroid cats. It also eliminates the need for medication to treat the condition.

Today Pamina, after her successful treatment, is back home with Emily and Sophie, her 11-year-old feline roommate, and has perked up to her old self. As Emily wrote in a thank-you card to Angell, "I am so grateful that now there is the best chance that I will have her with me for quite a few more years."

For more information about Angell's Internal Medicine service, please visit angell.org/internalmedicine or call 617 522-7282.

These Canines Provide Much More than Friendship

Angell Sets Sights on Aiding Service Dogs

Ophthalmologists Participate in Free Eye Exam Event

Vandyke is more than a companion and friend to Sharon Tiner. The five-year-old Labrador uses his eyesight to provide Sharon with the freedom and independence to live an active life. It is no surprise that Sharon takes the health of Vandyke's eyes very seriously, and she was thrilled to take advantage of Angell Animal Medical Center's free eye examinations offered to service dogs throughout the month of May.

Guide dogs, assistance dogs for the handicapped/disabled, detection dogs, and search-and-rescue dogs selflessly serve the humans who need them. For that reason, Angell ophthalmologists Dr. Dan Biros and Dr. Martin Coster were delighted to participate in the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists/Merial National Service Dog Eye Exam Event to help these amazing canines.



Photo by Chris Evans (Boston Herald)

Dr. Dan Biros and Alicia Posell examine Sharon Tiner's service dog Vandyke.

Drs. Biros and Coster, both board-certified veterinary ophthalmologists, provided free, sight-saving eye exams to more than 20 dogs. Each dog was checked for retinal disease, early cataracts, or anything that could damage or limit the dogs' vision in the future. Many of these conditions are easily treatable if detected in the early stages.

Fortunately, Vandyke received a clean bill of health and continues to embrace his job with canine zeal. Each day, Sharon puts her ultimate faith and trust in him, and Vandyke eagerly rises to the challenge. According to Sharon, Vandyke has a big heart, is an enthusiastic worker, and "starts your day off with a whole lot of love."

For more information about Angell's Ophthalmology service, please visit angell.org/eyes or to make an appointment, call 617 541-5095.

We'd be helpless **WITHOUT YOUR HELP**

Please Help Us Honor Our Heroes!

Annual MSPCA Animal Hall of Fame Dinner October 21

Heroes' Stories Tug Heartstrings
Year After Year

Even after 20+ years of this event, guests at our Animal Hall of Fame Dinner always tell us, "This one was the best yet!" This October we expect to hear even more of the same, and there's still time for you to join us!

Our 2010 event will be held on Thursday, October 21 at the JFK Library and Museum at 6:00 p.m., and you're invited! Sign up online at mspca.org/halloffame. You may also contact Cory Berry-Whitlock at 617 541-5046 or cbwhitlock@mspca.org to reserve your seat, purchase a table for your guests, make a donation, or ask a question.

Recipients of the George T. Angell Humanitarian Award (the Society's highest honor) as well as the Animal Hero, Human Hero, and Young Hero Awards will be honored. You just haven't lived until you've seen a limousine pull up in front of the JFK Library and deliver the Animal Hero Award winner and his or her human escorts! We like our heroes to travel in style!

This year our special guest will be Jill Rappaport – author, animal advocate, and *Today Show* correspondent on animal issues – who will receive the Edward Hyde Cox Award for journalism.

Please do consider joining more than 300 of your fellow animal lovers – and quite a few animals – for an elegant and uplifting evening celebrating the human-animal bond. We look forward to seeing you in October!

For more information, contact Cory Berry-Whitlock at 617 541-5046 or cbwhitlock@mspca.org.



Jill Rappaport,
Edward Hyde Cox Award recipient.

Love Letter to an Angell Vet

Dear Dr. Trout,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your wonderful attention to detail and your finely tuned "bedside manner" in treating our dog Lucy on Tuesday, June 15. The fact that your careful examination spared her an expensive, invasive and, as we discovered, unnecessary surgery is worth more than you can imagine. You took the time to get a complete history of the lameness problem, you gave her a complete and thorough exam, and you ordered that x-rays be taken to see if there truly was dysplasia or another problem with her elbow.

I get the shivers each time I think that I almost put her through this without a second opinion. I wonder if the first surgeon I took her to see would have still ordered surgery if he had taken the time to take x-rays! It seems that taking an x-ray should be standard procedure before ordering surgery. When the veterinarian didn't take x-rays the red flags went up and I felt uncomfortable with his diagnosis.

I've been telling everyone about our wonderful experience at Angell. Because of you I will be participating in the Walk for Animals on September 12. I have a goal of \$300, but I can be pretty sure I'll raise a lot more than that! I told Lucy's story of meeting you to many of the teachers I work with at an end-of-year faculty party yesterday and of my being part of the Walk, and they all wanted to know where to sign up to make a donation.

I've enclosed a check for the homeless animals awaiting adoption in your shelter. If I could adopt one or two of them I would, but right now Lucy is about all I can handle!

Thanks so much again.

Sincerely,
RBeaulieu
Rick Beaulieu



Photo by Robert Torres



Did you walk with us?

Another Howlingly Successful MSPCA-Angell Walk for Animals!



On September 12, on the Boston Common, over 2,000 humans accompanied over 1,200 dogs to participate in our annual MSPCA-Angell Walk for Animals. In Boston alone, we raised over \$200,000 for the animals, and Walks were also held in Methuen and Centerville. Walk fundraising continues until October 1. Be sure to walk with us next year! Sign up for our newsletters at mspca.org

Law Enforcement Investigation Improves Horses' Lives

Threat of Legal Action Effective in Cruelty Case



Before and after Law Enforcement intervention.

Owner Accepts Hay Donation and Veterinary Assistance

Early in 2010, MSPCA Sgt. Roy Sutton began an animal cruelty investigation in Western Massachusetts, where he found that approximately a dozen horses were malnourished. In this particular instance, Sgt. Sutton was able to collaborate effectively with the horse owner involved. The owner surrendered half the horses to the MSPCA, and worked with veterinarians and a local farmer willing to donate hay.

Sgt. Sutton worked with and monitored the situation extensively. At last recheck, the remaining horses were back to normal weight and health. In this case, the threat of legal action was as effective, if not more effective, than prosecution itself.

In some instances, animals' lives can be improved through collaboration and education prior to the filing of criminal charges. Our Law Enforcement team utilizes those methods whenever possible. By those means, considering the unpredictability of the court system, animals' lives — and people's — are often better served.

Surveillance Camera Provides Crucial Evidence

Suspect in Savage Rabbit Murders Arrested

MSPCA Works with Police to Apprehend Alleged Killer

Due to an intense and speedy investigation by North Adams police and Sgt. Roy Sutton of the MSPCA Law Enforcement team, a 23-year-old male suspect, alleged to have cruelly killed and mutilated several pet rabbits, was arrested, and is awaiting trial.



Shortly thereafter, the suspect was arrested and charged with several counts of animal cruelty.

Citing once again the connection between cruelty to animals and cruelty to humans, Peter Gollub, MSPCA Director of Law Enforcement, commented, "I am not surprised to hear that substantial concerns exist about this suspect's past and future encounters with humans and animals alike."

UPDATE, September 10, 2010: The defendant, Wayne C. Brackett of North Adams, accepted a plea agreement and was sentenced to four years in the Berkshire County House of Correction.

On an evening in early June, a young man trespassed onto the property of a construction company. All of his activities were caught on tape via security camera. Unable to start the construction vehicles he tried to steal, the trespasser, who would later become a criminal defendant, turned his attention to rabbit hutches next to the company's office building. The hutches contained more than a dozen rabbits belonging to the company owner's granddaughter.

The trespasser knocked over the hutches, then brutally killed numerous rabbits, even one that curiously approached him. The surveillance videotape depicted his shocking acts, but did not yield the whereabouts of the rabbits that fled.

A methodical search, reward offers, and media coverage ensued. After several days and considerable efforts by Sgt. Sutton and North Adams police, a suspect was identified and interviewed.



Screen shot from surveillance tape.

Many Seek Work Protecting Animals

MSPCA Law Enforcement Officer Position Highly Coveted

Humane Vocation Attracts Motivated Applicants

MSPCA law enforcement officers investigate animal cruelty as special state police officers, commissioned by the Massachusetts State Police. As all of you who follow our Law Enforcement stories know, it takes a very special individual to be able to train for, and perform, this kind of work.

A recent opening for an MSPCA officer position attracted close to 300 applications for this challenging but rewarding role. Law Enforcement Director Peter Gollub says he feels the MSPCA is fortunate to have the opportunity to select from such an expansive pool of applicants.

An intense candidate evaluation process, designed to choose the best of the best for the MSPCA team, is continuing at this time.

To learn more about MSPCA Law Enforcement, visit mspca.org/programs/cruelty-prevention

To report suspected animal cruelty anywhere in Massachusetts, please call 617 522-6008 or 800 628-5808. You may leave a message. For after-hours emergency response, please call your local Police Department.

NEVINS FARM

Healing Unlucky Ducks and a Stricken Chicken

Nevins and Angell Vets Fix Up the Feathered Ones



GINGER is a Mallard-mix duck who arrived at Nevins with a broken bone protruding from her wing. Thanks to some Angell vets who volunteered their time to travel to Nevins, Ginger has successfully survived a wing amputation. Her only complaint while recovering was that she couldn't swim until her incision healed! Ginger, now called Vanessa, was adopted, and she loves her new home, which came with both humans and other ducks to pal around with.



Angela Pandolfi with Fenway and Gillette, Pam Nixon with Rudy, and Melissa Ghareeb with Black Magic.

Fowl Barn Groundbreaking Uplifts Staff Spirits

Cooped Up and Crowing About It!

Flying Friends Will Move into Spacious Quarters

The smaller critters at Nevins (dogs, cats, rabbits, etc.) moved into a wonderful new facility in 2004, and the horses and large animals have decent spaces, too, but our feathered friends have been sorely in need of an upgrade for a long time.

On July 14, construction crews broke ground for the new Nevins coop. This construction project is possible thanks to extremely generous donations from Susanna Colloredo-Mansfeld, Jonathan Derby, and George and Connie Noble. As you can see in the photograph, both staff and winged creatures are delighted.

The new coop, at 110 square feet, will have almost triple the amount of space the old one had, and will include three rooms for fowl and a staff support room. The fowl will also have access to three separate yards, and the siding on the structure will match that of the Noble Family Adoption Center. The new storage areas, floor drains, and easy-to-disinfect concrete will help the staff work more efficiently.

Construction will be completed later this fall. Watch the Nevins web pages (mspca.org/adoption/methuen-nevins) for updates!



ROXANNE, a Leghorn hen, had been pecked by some of the other birds. A small wound on her head became seriously infected. Nevins' Dr. Pam Wilnot decided that surgery to clean the wound was in order. She improvised a small-enough mask to administer anesthesia, and was able to put Roxanne under long enough to clean and close the wound. Roxanne is now completely recovered and successfully interacting with the rest of the flock!



JESSE the duck, a recent arrival, was limping, not putting any weight on her right leg. She required a trip to Angell, where x-rays showed an enlarged spleen and swollen leg. Since these could be caused by infection, Jesse's on medication now. She's not crazy about that, but she's cooperating, and the staff is cheering her on. With any luck she'll be splashing and quacking with the best of the Nevins flock soon!



Sweetness Isn't Always a Good Thing!

Governor Signs "Antifreeze Bill" at MSPCA-Boston



Bitter-tasting Antifreeze Will Save Many Lives

Wherever there's sweetness, you can bet you'll find animals and children. Unfortunately, that sometimes means real trouble.

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick visited the MSPCA-Boston in August to sign a bill that will require antifreeze and engine coolant sold in Massachusetts to contain denatonium benzoate, known as the most bitter substance in the world, to deter ingestion by animals, children, and wildlife who are attracted to the sweet smell and taste. Ethylene glycol, the highly toxic substance in question, is frequently spilled from vehicles on roads or in driveways and left out in open containers.

Ingestion of antifreeze and engine coolants causes weakness, dehydration, and acute kidney dysfunction. Unless treated almost immediately, most small animals who ingest these substances die, even with aggressive treatment. It is estimated that up to 90,000 domesticated animals, as well as unknown numbers of wild animals, are poisoned each year after ingesting these substances.

MSPCA Advocacy staff members, as well as many of our Animal Action Team members, worked long and hard to get this bill passed, and the Governor's visit was a celebratory affair. Adoptable puppies and kittens as well as children from our Little Bookworms program joined enthusiastic employees, Board members, and interested members of the public to welcome and interact with Governor Patrick and Representatives

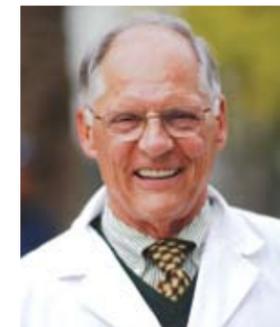
John Scibak, Martin Walsh, and Theodore Speliotis, all eloquent supporters of the bill. Senators Brewer and Jehlen and Representative Welch also championed the bill's passage.

The new law will take effect on January 1, 2011. Until then — and even afterward — animal welfare and public health officials need to warn people about the dangers of antifreeze ingestion, even with the additive. You can inform everyone you know as well!

To learn more about how you can help protect animals through our Advocacy programs, visit mspca.org/advocacy

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FONDOUK DIRECTOR RETIRES AFTER 16 YEARS



Dr. Denys Frappier.

His Passionate Leadership Has Made a World of Difference for Animals

Dr. Denys Frappier, Director of the American Fondouk, has announced his retirement. The search for his successor is ongoing.

Sixteen years ago, Dr. Frappier left a flourishing private practice and his position as head veterinarian for the Canadian Olympic

Equestrian Team and relocated to an exotic and compelling reality in Fez, Morocco: the American Fondouk. As the Fondouk's director, he has been head of a team dedicated to healing many thousands of horses, donkeys, and other noble creatures who labor under brutal conditions and suffer from an array of maladies that would shock most modern-day veterinarians. All of the animals, through the generosity of the Fondouk's supporters, are treated for free. Through Dr. Frappier's expertise, devotion, humility, good humor, and energy, the lives of these animals and their owners have been enormously improved.

In 2007, Dr. Frappier received the MSPCA's George T. Angell Humanitarian Award, the Society's highest honor, which recognizes a person who embodies the ideals established more than a century ago by the MSPCA's founder, and who has shown an exceptional, lifelong commitment to animals, their welfare, and their quality of life.

Anyone who would like to make a donation to the Fondouk in honor of Dr. Frappier's devoted service may do so online at mspca.org/fondouk2010, by sending it to: Gift in Honor of Dr. Frappier, MSPCA-Angell, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130, or by calling 617 541-5046.



THE ARCHIVES CORNER

Compassionate Children from 100 Years Ago



From the August 1910 edition of *Our Dumb Animals*, an early publication of the MSPCA...

A Boston schoolgirl, 10 years old, sends us this well-written account of how she and two companions stopped an act of cruelty:

One day as I was going to school, I saw a water-cart standing by the curbstone in some deep mud. The man was beating the horses with a large stick. There were two friends with me. We three girls gave that man a good lecture. When we were about through, the schoolmaster saw us and came down to us. He took away the man's stick and gave him a lecture also. I tell you that man looked scared. The master helped him get the wheels out of the mud and told him never to whip the horses like that again. Then we went on to school. I hope the man remembered the master's advice.

Lois Helene Swett
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

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Robert S. Cummings, Esq., Steps Down After 14 Years

MSPCA-Angell Board of Directors Elects New Chair

First Woman Chair in MSPCA-Angell History

In April, the MSPCA-Angell Board of Directors elected Hillery Ballantyne as its new chair. She succeeds Robert S. Cummings, Esq., who had been chair for 14 years and who received the MSPCA's highest honor, the George T. Angell Humanitarian Award, in 1999.

Cummings, according to MSPCA-Angell president Carter Luke, provided strategic vision and leadership to the Board. "There are no words that begin to describe the incredible impact that Bob Cummings has had on the well-being of animals in Massachusetts and around the globe," Luke said.

Hillery Ballantyne, Luke continued, "is an inspired choice. Her presence in a leadership role adds to my optimism for a bright future for the MSPCA-Angell."

Ballantyne has served on the MSPCA-Angell's Board of Directors since 1989.

Currently she is Senior Vice President, Global Talent Management and Leadership Development

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for Elsevier, the world's largest provider of science and health-science information and solutions. She and her husband George share a lifelong love of animals and concern for their welfare.

"I am honored to be chosen for this position," she says. "The MSPCA-Angell has such a strong tradition of creating positive changes in the lives of animals and pet owners. I look forward to continuing to work with the other members of the Board, Overseers, and talented staff to build on Bob Cummings's legacy of commitment and dedication to animals and our organization."



Robert S. Cummings, Esq.



George and Hillery Ballantyne and Chicca.

In Memoriam: Lucille Davison



Many of us were saddened by the passing, on June 1, of Lucille Elliott Davison, age 93, one of our dearest friends and most generous benefactors. Mrs. Davison gave her first gift to the MSPCA in 1981, and over the next three decades contributed more than \$1.5 million to our cause.

Mrs. Davison first came to love the MSPCA-Angell many years ago when Drs. Thornton and Harpster cared for her dogs. In 2003 we presented her with the Emily Appleton Award at our President's Dinner. That award is named in honor of one of the first founders and benefactors of the MSPCA, and presented to a person who most closely exemplifies Emily Appleton's conviction, dedication, and philanthropy.

Mrs. Davison became great friends with our since-retired colleague Scott Taylor. She and Scott are seen in this photo, taken at the opening ceremonies of the Noble Family Animal Care and Adoption Center at Nevins Farm in 2005.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Overseer Encourages Cat Lovers to Get Involved

Shalit-Glazer Clinic Benefits from Thoughtful Donation

MSPCA-Angell Overseer Bebe Wunderlich just plain loves cats — all shapes and sizes, but especially the older ones and those who need some medical care at home to help them along. She and her husband Kenneth have taken in many cats over the years, and frequently have more than six or seven happy felines in their family at any given time.

Recently Bebe, who is deeply interested in fighting pet overpopulation, gave a generous gift to our Shalit-Glazer Clinic, for the sole benefit of cats. The clinic's mission is to provide qualifying owners with low-cost sterilization for their pets. During a single visit to the clinic, a pet can be examined, sterilized, vaccinated, microchipped, and treated for fleas, ear mites, or worms if necessary. He or she will also get a manicure!

Bebe is also a volunteer liaison at Angell, where her long experience as a pediatric anesthesiologist serves her well in her dealings with anxious clients. She and Kenneth are members of our Circle of Friends, having arranged a generous gift annuity that will also benefit the Shalit-Glazer Clinic.

Bebe is always hoping that her gifts will inspire others to be generous as well. We're grateful for all her efforts and consider her a true friend to the MSPCA-Angell — and to cats everywhere!



Alice Bruce, Bebe Wunderlich, and Meagan Rock at one of our events.

Thank You!

We thank you when you donate to us, but there's really no way to thank you enough! All you have to do is visit one of our hospitals or adoption centers and you'll see "Thanks so much" in the eyes of all the innocent, needy animals who are getting another chance at life and love. If they could, they'd thank you themselves...so please, understand what wonderful work you're doing by helping the MSPCA-Angell!

Comfort Suite Facilitates Healing, Relieves Stress

Donation Allows Canines to Recuperate in Comfort

Mary and Joe Ryan and their children so appreciated the "extraordinary care" their beloved dog Comet received at Angell that they gave a generous donation to fund what our Angell veterinarians call the Comfort Suite. This collection of equipment facilitates healing for hospitalized dogs who need help getting back on their feet after an illness or surgery.

The equipment includes a hoist that will allow dogs to have periods of time upright to eat, allow their lungs to properly reinflate, and promote more normal circulation in their limbs. The hoist helps prevent bedsores and respiratory disease in these non-ambulatory patients. Specially designed stretchers, lifts, harnesses, belly bands, and fleece mats complete the suite.

Mary Ryan is also a volunteer for MSPCA-Angell. We are so grateful for the Ryans' thoughtful gift, which will help so many dogs have a more comfortable convalescence.



Thanks for the Treats and Toys, Girls and Boys!

Ethan and Chewbacca Fetch Fun for Adoption Center Residents



Ethan and Chewbacca deliver!

Who would know better than a kid how important fun is in the life of an animal? Ethan Harris, a fifth-grader at Kingsley Montessori School in Boston, initiated his very first community-service project by collecting toys and treats for Boston Adoption Center animals.

Ethan, assisted by his dog Chewbacca, a Boston Adoption Center alumnus, collected more than 50 fun items for the animals-in-waiting, and the two visited the adoption center in June to distribute some of the toys. Ethan worked hard on his collection campaign, handing out homemade flyers at school and updating everyone on his progress at school community meetings.

The MSPCA-Angell means a lot to Ethan's family. In addition to connecting Ethan and "Chewy," our veterinarians helped the Harris family say goodbye to their beloved 20-year-old cat Kashmir. And Adele, Ethan's mom's service dog, received our Animal Hero Award in 2007. We'd all like to thank Ethan for giving back!