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OBSERVANT OWNERS,
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SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS IN CRUELTY CASES

Please Will You Be Our Fan?

Do you and your friends enjoy connecting with each other on Facebook? If so, please become an official Fan of the MSPCA—Angell page. MSPCA at Nevins Farm has its own Facebook page too, as do our MSPCA Animal Action Team and The American Fondouk. All our pages are updated frequently and filled with interesting news about animals and the people who love them. It's yet another important way we can get the message out: animals and people are good for one another! Sign up and spread the word!

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Please, as you make your estate plans, **consider a bequest to the MSPCA—Angell as a fitting continuation of your lifelong love for animals.** And when you do, please let us know! We'd like to invite you into our Circle of Friends and acknowledge your thoughtful concern for the future of our organization. By providing for the animals in your own future plans, you become an essential member of our Society.

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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 calendars way in advance. We look forward to having you join us!

In Boston...

Sunday, September 12
The MSPCA Walk for Animals on the Boston Common and also in Methuen & Hyannis

Thursday, October 21
The MSPCA Animal Hall of Fame Dinner at the JFK Library & Museum

More information about both events will be coming your way soon, but if you have questions now, contact Maggie McNally at mmcnally@mspca.org or 617 541-5049.

Saturday & Sunday, October 30-31
Howl-O-Ween Bake Sale and Dog and Cat Costume Party at the Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center

And at the Cape...

Saturday, May 22
The MSPCA-Cape Cod Furry Affair Auction from 6 to 9 p.m. at the beautiful Wianno Club in Osterville. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at mspca.org/furryaffair.

And on Nantucket...

Saturday, June 5
Third Annual Flea (and Tick) Market

Wednesday, August 4
5th Annual Fashion for Compassion: An Evening of Tails on the Catwalk

And at Nevins Farm...

Sunday, June 13
Horses Helping Horses Spring Trail Ride at Great Brook Farm, Carlisle

Saturday & Sunday, July 24-25
Parelli Natural Horsemanship Clinic with Christi Rains

Sunday, September 12
Pet Memorial Sunday at Hillside Acre Animal Cemetery

Sunday, October 31
Horses Helping Horses Beach Ride at Salisbury Beach State Reservation

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FEATURED STORY

More hope for the homeless

Even in a Down Economy, Adoptions Are Up!

Your Support Helps Us Build Strong Programs

Surrendering John-Boy, their beloved ten-year-old Collie mix, to our Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center was something Joe and Angela Green (not their real names) never thought they'd have to do, but Joe's job loss and the impending foreclosure on their home made keeping their dog impossible. They didn't know anyone else who could adopt him, and they'd been turned away from two other local shelters — first because the dog was older, and then because there was no room. Someone finally directed them to the MSPCA.

Their MSPCA counselor reassured them: we'd take John-Boy in. He wasn't young, but he had a sweet disposition, and the fact that Joe and Angela supplied a detailed history of his health and behavior would make him easier to place. Still, saying goodbye to John-Boy was agonizing for the Greens. Our staff let them know they could get updates on how he was doing.

Heart-wrenching dramas like theirs take place every day in all our adoption centers. Our nation's declining economy over the past two years has forced many people to surrender their pets. Many couldn't afford to care for their pets anymore; others had to move into places that didn't allow animals. And some people, unfortunately, just abandoned their pets, and those animals too eventually ended up with us.

Sometimes people are reluctant to talk about why they have to surrender their pets, but last year our MSPCA adoption centers received more than 2,600 surrenders that were likely due to economic reasons. We see no signs that this trend will be letting up soon.



Cat waiting for her new best friend in the comfort of our Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center.

But here's the great news: adoptions are up 5% at our MSPCA adoption centers!

Because of all the help we get from you — our generous supporters — we've been able to build wonderful new facilities in Boston and Methuen, attract and train increased numbers of volunteers, improve our postings on Petfinder.com, ramp up our pet supply retail sale, and include shelter medicine and behavior evaluations on our ever-growing list of people- and animal-friendly features.

Our adoption centers are doing really well against incredible odds. Our staff estimates that about four out of every ten surrenders are made by people who have checked with other facilities and been told they had no room or that their pet would have to be put on a waiting list.

Animals come to us in all shapes and sizes. Homeless. Hurting. Hoping for love. Because of your ongoing support, we're able to take them in. All of them. Not every animal shelter can say the same.

To learn more about our adoption centers, please visit mspca.org/adoption.

ANGELL STORIES

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

“Oh No — You Ate WHAT?”

Angell Provides the Antidote to Disaster

One Beagle's Harrowing Tale

As Kelly McDaniel watched her one-and-a-half-year-old Beagle, Hennessey, dash past her with something in his mouth, she was horrified to discover he had somehow stolen a vial of medication from her closed purse. Pulling it from his mouth, she realized he'd already swallowed a number of pills.



Quick, expert attention at Angell saved Hennessey's life.

Kelly knew enough to induce vomiting, but even so, Hennessey soon slipped into a coma. With her mother Moira's help, Kelly phoned Angell's Poison Control Hotline (1-877-2ANGELL) and raced with Hennessey to his local veterinarian. Hennessey was stabilized there, but he also needed immediate, specialized emergency care to survive, so Kelly and Moira rushed him to Angell Animal Medical Center.

Angell's Emergency and Critical Care team met Hennessey outside with a stretcher, and within minutes placed him on a ventilator and began administering treatment. For 48 hours, he received state-of-the-art, advanced medical care for drug toxicity. With the help of Angell's 24-hour E/CC team, Hennessey pulled through, and after only one day off the ventilator, he was ready to go home.

Today, Hennessey is back to his playful antics, enjoying the backyard with his canine pal Finnegan — something Hennessey's family wasn't sure he'd ever do again. They are deeply grateful to Angell for saving Hennessey's life and for the compassionate care he received while undergoing treatment.

For more information about Angell's Emergency and Critical Care service, please visit angell.org/emergency.

Winning Combination: General Medicine and Dentistry

What Angell's Teamwork Meant for One “Lucky” Dog

Observant Owner Partners with Vigilant Vets

When Mary Meagher met Lucky, he was anything but what his name suggested. In and out of shelters most of his life and abandoned by his last owner, the 13-year-old spaniel mix was deaf and in failing health when Mary took him in.

Though nervous about the potential severity of health issues in a dog his age, Mary brought him to Angell's General Medicine service and was immediately impressed with the kindness and knowledge of Angell's team. Dr. Mara Ratnofsky administered IV fluids for Lucky's dehydration, started him on antibiotics for an infection, and prescribed medication to address kidney and liver disease. Within 48 hours Lucky was clearly feeling much better.

Nonetheless, Mary's good pet parenting soon brought her back to Angell. Lucky's sour breath was a telltale sign of serious dental disease. Dr. Ratnofsky explained that dental disease could be contributing to internal infections and suggested that Lucky visit Angell's Dentistry service. Indeed, Lucky needed to have 17 teeth pulled and an abscess treated. This made a huge difference for Mary's best friend. Angell's comprehensive team approach was just what Lucky needed to restore comfort and vitality to his senior years.

Now happy and thriving at age 15, Lucky has passed his Canine Good Citizen test. He might be an older dog, but he's had no trouble learning new tricks!

For more information about Angell's General Medicine service, please visit angell.org/generalmedicine or call 617 524-5653.



This senior's feeling frisky now.

Keeping the Homeless Healthy & Pet Population Under Control

Adoption Center's Secret Weapon: Shelter Medicine



Carter Luke and Dr. Cox with Butters in the Shalit-Glazer Clinic.

On-Site Care Results in Healthier, More Adoptable Pets

Don't pity this “pittie”! Goober, a gorgeous, five-month-old Pit Bull, took a puppy-powered dive into a wall and injured his leg so badly that it had to be amputated. Goober's owners couldn't afford to pay for his surgery and surrendered him to our Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center. Fortunately, our Shelter Medicine program was there to help him through his ordeal, and Goober was soon up and around on three legs, generously slurping out kisses to potential adopters.

But that's not the only kind of work that Shelter Medicine does. The program provides medical and surgical care every day to the hundreds of animals housed in the adoption center as well as low-cost spay/neuter surgeries through its Shalit-Glazer Clinic. Two full-time veterinarians and four veterinary assistants work to ensure the health of all the animals in their care.

Dr. Cynthia Cox, Head Shelter Veterinarian in Boston, adopted her own cat, Orca, through the program. When

Orca was brought in by MSPCA Law Enforcement, she was starving, anemic, covered in feces, and severely ill. Take a look at Orca's photo now!

Dr. Cox has over 10 years of experience as a shelter veterinarian. She was recently elected treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians (ASV), a professional organization with over 700 members. The MSPCA's association with the ASV and shelter medicine is a long-standing one.

Our own shelter medicine program started over 13 years ago when Dr. Gus Thornton was president (see page 8). At that time, Marilyn and Selwyn Kudisch made a generous donation that enabled us to fund Dr. Julie Dinnage's work in our Boston adoption center. Dr. Dinnage is now Executive Director of ASV.



Your generous support helps us maintain programs like these that help animals 365 days a year.

To learn more about the Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, visit mspca.org/adoption/boston.

To learn more about the Shalit-Glazer Clinic, visit mspca.org/programs/shalit-glazer-clinic.html.



Goober — Shelter Medicine puppy power!



Orca — Former patient, current diva!



Officer Martha Parkhurst

Our Officers Continue to Defend the Defenseless

COURTS IMPOSE PENALTIES IN ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES

Compelling Charges Made by MSPCA Law Enforcement

Two striking animal cruelty cases investigated by MSPCA Law Enforcement Officer Martha Parkhurst in recent months resulted in successful prosecutions. Although both defendants entered plea bargains rather than proceed to trial, both will have to submit to lengthy periods of probation and other conditions.

The first case involved a man who maintained a number of cats and kittens in dramatically unsanitary conditions, with foul and potentially hazardous indoor air. His home was condemned. The cats and kittens suffered from untreated respiratory infections, parasite infestations, eye infections, and other illnesses. Ultimately, 24 felines were removed from the home, and all required veterinary care. One kitten suffered from painfully ulcerated eyes that were beyond treatment, and he became permanently blind.

The defendant pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to 30 months of probation, during which time he may not own animals and is subject to inspection by the MSPCA or the probation department. He also had to pay restitution costs.

The defendant in the second case killed his dog with a claw hammer instead of bringing it to a veterinarian or shelter for humane euthanasia. He buried the dog in his back yard. Forensic examination findings confirmed Officer Parkhurst's charge that he had cruelly killed and inflicted unnecessary suffering upon the dog. The man was sentenced to 15 years probation, and had to pay restitution costs. Each year of his sentence he must perform community service.

While our Law Enforcement officers make every effort to educate offenders before filing for prosecution, they are sometimes forced to take legal action. Your support enables them to continue to watch over animals all across the Commonwealth.

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.

Sergeant Roy Sutton, one of our MSPCA Law Enforcement officers, was named "Citizen of the Year" at the Pittsfield Police Department's Annual Police Officer's Ball in November 2009. The award honored his 39 years of dedicated service to the MSPCA and the Commonwealth, as well as his ongoing role in actively investigating animal cruelty cases in western Massachusetts. Pittsfield Animal Control Officer Joseph Chague cited Sergeant Sutton's "invaluable service" to the more than 60 communities that make up his jurisdiction in Berkshire, Franklin, and Hampshire counties. During his long career, Sergeant Sutton has responded to more than 30,000 calls involving 10,000 criminal investigations of allegations of animal cruelty.



Sergeant Roy Sutton, MSPCA Law Enforcement Officer

NEVINS FARM

MSPCA at Nevins Farm Captures National Attention

Nevins Equine Ambulance Chosen by World Equestrian Games



Roger Lauzé is looking forward to the World Equestrian Games.

Half a Million Spectators View World's Best Horses

Who's best at moving horses quickly, safely, and humanely? Clearly, some of the world's most savvy horse experts have decided it's the MSPCA's Equine Ambulance team. Between September 25 and October 10, the Nevins Equine Ambulance will be on duty at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky, as the

official Equine Ambulance provider for the World Equestrian Games (WEG).

Approximately 500 horses will compete in a variety of disciplines, viewed by half a million spectators from around the globe. Held in non-Olympic years and previously only in Europe, this event attracts equine competition at the highest level.

Since 1994, when they helped invent the Rescue Glide for easier transport of downed horses, the ambulance team members have set equipment, training, and expertise standards for equine ambulances at horse sporting events.

Roger Lauzé, Equine Rescue and Training Coordinator, says he is honored that the Nevins Equine Ambulance will be providing emergency care to the world's best horses, and credits the hard work and commitment of the ambulance staff and the help they've realized over the years from all their supporters.

In preparation for WEG, the ambulance's specialty equipment will need replacement, additional staff will require intensified training, and vehicles will need updating. If you'd like to learn more about WEG, visit mspca.org/weg. If you'd like to learn more about the Nevins Equine Ambulance, visit mspca.org/equineambulance or contact Roger Lauzé at 978 687-7453, x6124 or rlauze@mpsca.org.

Equine Surrenders Hit All-Time High, but...

70 Horses at Nevins Farm? Well, Not Exactly...



Merry wants to know if you've got any Wonder Bread!

Merry "Burros" Her Way into Every Heart

When the barn staff at Nevins Farm learned that "horse #70" would be arriving that afternoon, they shook their heads. They already had so many more horses to care for than usual because of the still-lagging economy, and there were even more to keep tabs on in foster homes. The

number 70 felt a little overwhelming, especially compared to 39 horses in 2008 and 21 in 2007.

But #70 was Merry. This 22-year-old Sicilian burro jenny (a female donkey) arrived with her favorite treat: a loaf of Wonder Bread. Merry made quick work of winning over the staff, and soon even found herself on television in a segment of WCVB's Chronicle. Her sweet disposition, great ground manners, and willingness to make a good impression on the vet and farrier will make her a wonderful companion for someone lucky enough to adopt her. And just look at that face!

Thinking of adopting a Nevins equine? Can't adopt, but want to help with the steep expenses of keeping all these horses healthy? Visit mspca.org/nevins or contact the Equine Center staff at 978 687-7453, x6113.

Fondouk Featured in National Magazine

Welcome Attention Drawn to Plight of Working Animals

Smithsonian magazine published a fascinating article on the American Fondouk in their September 2009 edition. Writer Susan Orlean first contacted the MSPCA in October 2008 to ask about donkey markets in Morocco. Soon after, she was on her way to visit the Fondouk. Her article does a magnificent job capturing amazing work of Dr. Frappier and his team.

The American Fondouk, administered by the MSPCA, provides free veterinary care to the animals of Morocco and guidance on proper nutrition and handling to their owners. Last year, Dr. Frappier and his staff treated over 22,000 working animals. Those animals could be treated for free because of our generous donors. To learn more, visit americanfondouk.com.



Thirsty animals wait their turn outside the American Fondouk.

Dust Off Your Favorite (or Virtual) Walking Shoes

The 2010 MSPCA–Angell Walk for Animals: September 12th

It's Never Too Soon to Start Building Your Winning Team

Bigger, better and more doggone, kitty-licious, high-flying fun than ever before, the MSPCA–Angell Walk for Animals will be held in Boston, Methuen, and Hyannis on Sunday, September 12, 2010. We're already into some heavy planning — what about you?



SAVE THAT DATE: SEPTEMBER 12!

Are you a repeat walker?

You'll want to start getting ready now.

Never been there?

We insist you stop depriving yourself of one of the year's great pleasures!

Don't have a dog?

You don't have a problem! It's the Walk for Animals, you know!

Don't even have a pet?

You can still have a team, or join one!

Too young to drive, drink, vote, or stay up after 10 p.m.?

You're not too young to have your own team!

Finding your 9-to-5 job just a tad boring?

Spice things up by leading a corporate team!

Never leave the house on Sundays?

You don't have to! Become a virtual walker and never leave the comfort of your keyboard!



There's no limit to what you can do with a little imagination, right? We think so, too. And while the MSPCA–Angell Walk for Animals is always a tremendous success, this year we need to out-do ourselves – and we need your help! **This year there are more animals than ever before who need our help, and we're not going to let them down.**

If you start early, you'll be able to line up your prospects and get them to support your team before they either go off on summer vacation or (gasp) get solicited by a competing team. Starting now gives you lots of time to reach more friends and gather more support for your team. Call all your relatives. Ask your friends on Facebook. Use the easy e-mail tools on our Walk website to contact everyone you know.

In addition to the Walk itself, there'll be activities and contests galore, like **Most Creative Team Name** (last year, for example, we had Tom Petty and the Heartworms, Chien Ennui, and Doggie Do-Gooders), **Best Corporate Team** (gather donations where you work, and get your company to match them), **Best Un-Dog Team** (for all you cat-aholics and aficionados of other species), and **Best Kids' Team** (Kids, can you collect more money than your parents' teams? We bet you can – you're cuter, for one thing!).

Protecting animals is a serious business, but this is a day when we all let our love for animals dissolve into pure joy! Get creative, get a little crazy, but most of all, get going! If you start now, you have the best chance to help the most animals.

Register now at walkforanimals.com or contact Cory Berry-Whitlock at 617 541-5046 or cbwhitlock@mspca.org to make sure you're on our mailing list for a Walk brochure.

We can't wait – this is going to be fun!

Our supporters: **GENEROUS ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE**

Targeted Trapping Optimizes Feral Population Control

Generous Friends Reach Out to Nantucket's Feral Cats

Fewer Homeless Kittens from Island's Feline "Neighborhoods"

Two generous grants, one for \$9,000 from a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous, and one for \$1,000 from the Community Foundation for Nantucket, will help sustain trapping operations and low-cost spay-neuter surgeries for feral and stray cats on the island.

Nantucket Cat Rescue (NCR) traps and alters Nantucket's feral cats and returns them to their

"neighborhoods." In 2009, the program trapped 268 cats. In 2010, dedicated staffers are taking a double-pronged approach to reducing the feral and stray population even further.

"Targeted trapping" works intensively in one area, eventually resulting in the altering of almost 95% of the cats living there. Areas treated in this way produce almost no kittens. Low-cost spay clinics for free-roaming, owned cats will reduce the number of strays cats that breed with other strays in the area. The resultant litters often produce the next generation of ferals.



An ear notch shows that this feral cat has been vaccinated and sterilized.

The generosity of our community-minded supporters on Nantucket is making a big difference for the island's human and feline populations.

To learn how you can help animals on Nantucket, visit mspca.org/adoption/nantucket.

City Joins Ranks of Compassionate Municipalities

EXOTIC ANIMALS WON'T SUFFER IN SOMERVILLE

MSPCA Overseer Leads Effort to Pass Circus Ban

The city of Somerville has become the latest Massachusetts municipality to pass an ordinance banning the display of exotic animals in circuses and carnivals. The MSPCA commends Somerville's aldermen and thanks Mayor Joseph Curtatone for signing this important legislation into law in January. The effort was led by Somerville resident and MSPCA Overseer Dorie Clark.

The romanticized portrayal of happy animals performing in such shows has been proven to be sheer fiction. These wild animals belong in the wild, and they suffer greatly at the hands of unscrupulous trainers and caregivers. Elephants, tigers, lions, and other wild animals are usually chained or caged in small areas when not performing. They travel constantly, are subjected to cruel training methods, and are unable to fulfill their normal social and behavioral needs.



Circus elephants – no way for an animal to live.

Sideshowes and other performances cause great stress, and sometimes injury, to the animals, and can also put public safety at risk. Audiences learn to perceive the animals as objects that must be dominated, capable only of the tricks humans teach them. Such misperceptions are especially harmful to children, since they can carry them forward to future generations.

Other communities that have passed similar ordinances are Weymouth, Revere, Quincy, Braintree, and Provincetown. To learn more about how you can help protect animals through our Advocacy programs, visit mspca.org/programs/animal-protection-legislation.

You Can Make a Difference for Animals!

Use your voice to tell your legislators that you think animal welfare is a top priority! Our Advocacy Department is holding workshops to show you how.

June 15	Lobby 101 Workshop at the MSPCA in Boston, MA
September 14	Lobby 101 or 102 Workshop at the MSPCA in Methuen, MA
October 12	Lobby 101 Workshop at the MSPCA in Boston, MA
November 16	Lobby 102 Workshop at the MSPCA in Boston, MA

Lobby 101 and Lobby 102 workshops are designed to explain the legislative process, how we decide which legislative issues to pursue, which bills are currently pending, and how you can most effectively influence your legislators. To register and for more information, please visit mspca.org/lobby101.

Remembered for HIS HEART

MSPCA–Angell President Emeritus Died in January

In Memoriam: Gus W. Thornton, DVM

“There’s no end to what can be accomplished if it doesn’t matter who gets the credit.”

On January 24, 2010, the MSPCA–Angell, and the world’s animals, lost a great friend. We honor the passing of Dr. Gus W. Thornton, who died in his home after a long illness.

Gus always knew he would be a veterinarian. For a curious, hard-working boy growing up on a farm outside Bartlesville, Oklahoma, that was a natural dream. As a youngster, Gus could generally be found in the barn, chasing chickens, weaning lambs, or weighing a litter of piglets.

When the time came, Gus headed for A & M College in Oklahoma to study veterinary medicine. Six years later, in 1957, the young Dr. Thornton left Oklahoma for Boston, where he had been accepted for an internship at the MSPCA’s Angell Memorial Animal Hospital. In 1966 he was appointed Chief of Staff and held that position for 23 years.

When he stepped down as Chief of Staff in 1989, it was to assume the presidency of the MSPCA. Widely respected as a diagnostician and specialist, he had the ready ear of veterinarians when he advanced the MSPCA’s many humane causes. In his modest, dignified and honest way, Dr. Thornton was among the most influential veterinarians of his generation.

President Thornton also increased the MSPCA’s participation in international animal protection work. For two years, he served as president of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), a prime beneficiary of the MSPCA’s help. At the end of 2002, he retired as president of the MSPCA, an organization that now bears the stamp of his intelligence, quiet leadership, and compassion.

Gus Thornton had a saying, “There’s no end to what can be accomplished if it doesn’t matter who gets the credit.” That is how he lived his life, conducted his practice, managed the hospital, and led one of the finest humane societies in the world.

In the words of his longtime friend and colleague, our current president Carter Luke, “He was a great veterinarian and humanitarian, and a true leader in both fields, nationally and internationally. But I think what his friends and colleagues will remember about him most is his heart. He cared so very deeply about animals and people.”

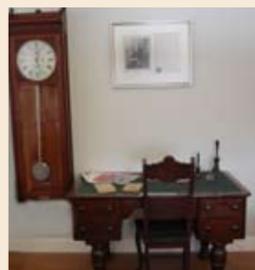
Anyone wishing to make a contribution to Dr. Thornton’s beloved Pet Care Assistance program in his honor may do so at mspca.org/gus or by mailing a contribution to: MSPCA–Angell, Attn: Donation–Gus Thornton, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130.



Dr. Gus Thornton, his granddaughter Rose, and Caramel the rabbit.



Carter Luke positioning branch on Tree of Life in Angell lobby in memory of Dr. Thornton.



Archive treasures: George T. Angell's desk and 1870 Howard Clock (both now in President's office).

A Little Help from Our Friends

MSPCA Archives Revitalized by Volunteers

As you might recall, two years ago our Archives, which then housed 140 years of MSPCA history, suffered tragic losses due to an electrical fire. Another year passed before what remained of the collection, damaged by flames and water, could be professionally restored.

Several dedicated volunteers have been helping us with inventory and organizing, and we would welcome others who might like to join in the effort to return this valuable resource to a functional whole. We will also apply for grants to assist in documenting the history of this incredible organization.

Please contact Jan Holmquist, Assistant to the President, at jholmquist@mspca.org or 617 541-5005 if you would like to help.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Thank You!

We thank you when you donate to us, but there's really no way to thank you enough! Whenever you visit one of our hospitals or adoption centers 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!



Donor in the Spotlight

Just Someone We Think You'd Like to Know

Marilyn French says, “When you want to make a difference, you seek out the top organization doing the best work.” A partner in the corporate department at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Marilyn began supporting the MSPCA–Angell in 2006, and now serves as a member of our Spring Gala committee. When her beloved husband Roger passed away in 2008, Marilyn designated the MSPCA for memorial gifts, bringing in over \$10,000. A tribute to Roger, from the couple’s Golden Retrievers Cutter and Daisy, has been added to our Tree of Life in the lobby of Angell Animal Medical Center, Boston.



Marilyn, Cutter, and Daisy French

Kids Collect Money and Merchandise in Mascot's Memory

Giving is a Great Habit to Start Early

Pokey, a big, beautiful, black dog who was the best friend of Ms. Mikey Walker, head of the Old Colony Montessori School in Hingham, and the school mascot, has passed on, but his many loved ones are keeping his memory alive and helping animals in his name. Cherished by all the children, Pokey attended classes every day for 15 years.

In December, student pals of Pokey participated in the school’s annual holiday fundraiser, organized by the OCMS Parent-Teacher Organization. The students collected over \$500, which they delivered to the MSPCA–Angell in February, along with about 10 bags of pet-friendly gifts purchased for the animals by OCMS families.



The students were overjoyed to meet the furry beneficiaries of their generosity “up close and personal” during

an interactive tour of our Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center.

“Pokey was a great friend and a comforting presence to many students over the years here at our school,” says Ms. Walker. “The fact that this school community wanted to honor her in such a remarkable way is truly amazing to me. The giving spirit and generous nature of our children is such a gift — and to be able to share that gift with the MSPCA is an honor for me and for our school.”

She added, “Involving the students in the entire process of charitable giving — from beginning to end — is a very powerful opportunity for them.”

If you or any young people you know have an idea for a personal fundraiser, please visit our website mspca.org/get-involved/create-a-fundraiser and create a page for your own special effort.

Leaders Circle Members Flock to Forums

One benefit of joining the MSPCA’s Leaders Circle, which is open to all donors who contribute \$1,000 or more per year, is that we’ll invite you to our Leaders Circle Forums. These very popular events include opportunities to hear and interact with experts on such topics as animal behavior, veterinary dentistry, caring for your aging pet, adoption center practices, and complicated veterinary diagnoses. The next forum, on September 14, will be a fascinating insider’s view of the American Fondouk, presented by the Fondouk’s director, Dr. Denys Frappier.



Leaders Circle Members captivated by Forum presentation.

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