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Mrs. Donor
1234 Animal Drive
Anytown, MA 12345

Dear Mrs. Donor:

I am involved with an exciting new program that is very important to me. I am running the _____ as part of the MSPCA-Angell's Run Fur Fun program. I will be running to raise funds for this organization that provide services to animals, including animal protection and adoption, advocacy, humane education, law enforcement and the highest-quality veterinary care available anywhere in the world. The MSPCA provides direct hands-on care to hundreds of thousands of animals each year.

I need your help and am requesting pledges for this event to support the MSPCA-Angell. Would you please give a donation of at least ____ in the self-addressed envelope? Or you can donate online at my webpage: _____.

Did you know:

- The MSPCA's animal care and adoption centers around the state take in as many as 1,000 animals per center per month during the busy summer season. They provide vital services such as adoptions, behavior training, humane-education programs, and spay/neuter programs.
- Each year, more than 90,000 animals receive outstanding routine and specialty care at the MSPCA-Angell's premier veterinary hospitals, including Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, one of the foremost clinical veterinary institutions in the world, and the state-of-the-art hospital at Angell-Nantucket Island.
- In addition to investigating cruelty complaints, MSPCA law enforcement officers inspect facilities and events involving animals, testify in court, work with police and social-service agencies in animal-related cases, and speak to school and community groups about animal care and protection.
- Advocacy Department staff members lobby for better animal-protection laws nationally and statewide. The Living With Wildlife Program helps individuals and communities implement humane solutions to conflicts with wildlife.
- Located on more than 55 acres of rolling pasture in Methuen, Massachusetts, Nevins Farm is a haven for an ever-changing assortment of horses, pigs, ducks, sheep, geese, cows, goats, and more. Farm programs include rehabilitation and adoption of all kinds of farm animals, equine-rescue services, and humane-education workshops.

Please see the reverse for some examples of how the MSPCA-Angell helps animals and saves lives. Thank you for your donation, which not only supports my personal challenge in this race, but also helps those who cannot help themselves.

Sincerely,

Name

p.s. Your donation is tax-deductible!

Without any government funding, it is only with your help that the MSPCA-Angell is able to care for sick, injured, neglected, and abused animals. Beating the odds thanks to donations like yours, the animals below are now living happy, healthy lives thanks to your support.

Sunny - Angell Doctor Fixes His Heart in More Ways than One

Many doctors at the MSPCA-Angell Animal Medical Center bond with their patients, however after Sunny, a 13-year-old, deaf Chow/Husky mix in foster care, underwent a lifesaving pacemaker implantation, Dr. Gregg Rapoport went one step further and adopted her. Now living a healthy life with the Angell cardiologist, Sunny has left behind years of alleged abuse and a heart rate less than half that of a normal dog. Sunny was rescued in January by Norwich Animal Control when she was found next to a vacant house during an ice-storm, having spent her life up to that point tied to a tree outside. The severity of her malnutrition was discovered when over 30 pounds of hair mats and feces were trimmed from her, leaving an underweight 32 pound frame. The Sunny Fund, created to raise the money for her pacemaker procedure, made it possible for Sunny to come to Angell Animal Medical Center for her care. Following a series of tests including an echocardiogram, electrocardiogram, and chest x-rays, Sunny was cleared for surgery with Dr. Rapoport. The successful procedure meant that Sunny could lead a healthy life and now that she has been adopted by Dr. Rapoport she will be ensured the top-level care that she deserves.

Crimson - Receives Emergency Surgery and a Life off the Streets

Crimson, a one-year-old domestic short hair cat was brought to the Angell Animal Medical Center Emergency desk by a good samaritan on the night of September 19. Crimson, found in Harvard Square, suffered from an open, infected fracture to his front right leg and a fractured tooth, and he was fading fast. Doctors quickly supplied fluids and support for Crimson and assessed his wounds. The severity of the open wound was compounded by the threat of infection which was setting in after doctors discovered the wound to be weeks old. Crimson underwent life-saving surgery to remove his infected leg. Following the successful operation, Crimson continues to recuperate in foster care.

Princess and Bella - MSPCA Law Enforcement Takes Action

Princess, a miniature Poodle estimated to be just shy of her first birthday, spent the last moments of her life jammed into an undersized wire crate with Bella, a one-year-old Saint Bernard, surrounded by two months of feces. After she died, Princess' corpse remained in the crate next to Bella. Princess received justice, posthumously, as did Bella, when their former owners were sentenced to one year in the house of corrections, to be suspended for five years of probation following an extensive investigation by the MSPCA-Angell Law Enforcement Department. Bella is currently recovering at her new home and continues to improve. For pictures and more information, click here. (Note: Pictures are graphic). ??

Carly - A Second Chance Thanks to Corrective Surgery and a New Home

After her arrival, it was discovered that Carly was born with a deformity in her back legs which aims her hips and legs out to the side instead of in line with her body. She can't jump up or down or walk for long distances without sitting down to rest. Carly's growth has been stunted and she will remain very small. Carly had her surgery August 21st to realign her kneecaps (with the help of some special hardware!). Her doctors predict that she will be able to walk with much more stability once she heals. This surgery has also greatly reduced her chances of suffering ligament tears in her knees and developing arthritis. Carly will start physical therapy soon and is doing well in her adoptive home. She sends everyone happy thank-you kisses for helping her during her time in the adoption center!

Myers - Overcomes Paralysis and Finds New Home

Myers, an eight-year-old miniature Dachshund, was battling severe, immobilizing arthritis at the MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center (ACAC) in Boston in an effort to regain the ability to walk. Following several tests, the veterinary staff diagnosed that Myers' ailments were caused by his body's response to the presence of Lyme disease. Following the successful use of medication, Myers is living happily with his new owner.

Molson and Miller - Saved from Neglect, They Find a Safe Haven as They Wait for Adoption

On May 11, two neglected thoroughbreds were surrendered to the MSPCA at Nevins Farm. Molson, an eight-year-old stallion, and Miller, a seven-year-old gelding, came to Nevins Farm extremely underweight, infested with lice and ticks, and bearing flaky skin that was peeling off as well as teeth in need of immediate dental care. Following months of rehabilitation, including delousing, medicated baths, dental procedures, and a specified feeding regimen, Molson and Miller are healthy and well cared for. They are hoping to meet their new owners one day soon.