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In Boston . . .

October 17 MSPCA-Angell Animal Hall of Fame Dinner 6:00 p.m., Park Plaza Castle, 50 Park Plaza at Arlington St., Boston	December 5-8 "Homeless for the Holidays" Gift & Bake Sale Boston Adoption Center
October 25 & 26 National Pit Bull Awareness Weekend	December 7 & 8 Santa Photos Boston Adoption Center
November 2 & 3 "Fall in Love" Fee-Waived Adoptathon for Adult Cats	February 12-14 "Kitty & Puppy Love" Valentine's Day Floral & Chocolates Sale Boston Adoption Center
November 9 Run Fur Fun 5K 10:00 a.m., DCR's Artesani Park, Brighton	May 9-11 Mother's Day Floral Sale Boston Adoption Center
December 5 Holiday Tree Lighting 6:00 p.m., Prudential Center, Boston	Call 617 541-5046 for more information about Boston events or visit our website: mSPCA.org/about-us/calendar-of-events

And at Nevins Farm . . .

October 25 & 26 National Pit Bull Awareness Weekend	December 7 Christmas Feast for the Horses/Holiday Tree Lighting 4:30 p.m., Nevins Farm
October 26 "Horses Helping Horses" Beach Ride 8:30 a.m., Salisbury Beach State Reservation	February TBD Tour de Pouch and Pals Spin for Animals
November 2 & 3 "Fall in Love" Fee-Waived Adoptathon for Adult Cats	May TBD "Hair of the Dog" Wine Tasting & Art Show Essex Art Center
November 26 & 27 Pies for Pets, Noble Family Adoption Center, Methuen	Call 978 687-7453 for more information about Nevins events or visit our website: mSPCA.org/about-us/calendar-of-events

And at the Cape . . .

October 25 & 26
National Pit Bull Awareness Weekend

November 2 & 3
"Fall in Love" Fee-Waived Adoptathon for Adult Cats

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

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FEATURE STORY

Luna's Will to Live Led Her to Angell

Puppy Crawls Home After Serious Accident

Pet Care Assistance to the Rescue!

When you get hurt, you just want to go home — we all know that feeling.

Luna is a beautiful, sweet, three-and-a-half-month-old Pit Bull mix who was badly hurt when she was struck by a car in downtown Lawrence, Massachusetts. All this poor girl wanted to do was get home. She literally dragged her broken body up two flights of stairs to her owners' apartment.



Luna's family brought her to our adoption center at Nevins Farm, where the veterinary team determined that she had severe injuries to her pelvis and leg and would need immediate surgery to make her whole again. Despite being in intense pain, Luna wagged her tail and remained calm during the whole evaluation. But when Luna's family learned how badly she was hurt, they surrendered her to us, not wanting to take on the burden of a critically injured pup.

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So Luna was transferred to Angell Animal Medical Center in Boston, where Dr. Sue Casale, who specializes in orthopedic surgery, repaired Luna's badly broken hip. After two days of recovery at the hospital, Luna was taken back to Nevins Farm, and placed into a temporary foster home, which has become permanent! Luna is now called Piper, and living a very happy life.

We would never have been able to pay for the extensive care Luna needed if it hadn't been for our Pet Care Assistance program. That kind of care — and help paying for it — would be hard to come by anywhere but at Angell. Thank you so much for contributing to Pet Care Assistance! ■

How are we able to finance all the care animals like Luna need?

We can do it because animal lovers like you contribute to Pet Care Assistance. Pet Care Assistance helps abandoned animals in our adoption centers, who require veterinary care so they can be adopted into the loving homes they deserve. It also defrays the cost of treating *cruelly abused animals* rescued by our Law Enforcement department. *And* Pet Care Assistance offers *financial aid* to people whose animal companions need emergency, intermediate, or critical care. There is always a need for more funding for this wonderful program.

ADOPTION CENTERS

Humane Education at Nevins Farm

Kid Power Can Change the World for Animals

Programs, Parties, Camp, and More!

What's more fun than an armful of duck? Not much — except maybe getting the word on kindness straight from the horse's mouth. At Nevins Farm, kids are learning how they can transform the world on the animals' behalf.



The MSPCA has always considered humane education a priority, as a means of fostering compassion, responsibility, and respect toward animals, each other, and the environment. Danielle Wordell, Humane Education Coordinator, and her colleagues are planning to start a school-vacation program this winter, which will allow children to come to Nevins and learn more about our animals and how to care for them. Watch mspca.org/nevinseducation for more information.

In addition, Nevins offers these popular programs:

- **Little Bookworms Story Time**, offered on Fridays during the school year, is the perfect program for infants through pre-K children.
- The goal of the **League of Kindness**, a club with both paid and free memberships, is to encourage the spirit of kindness, compassion, and tolerance for all animals. The League's new monthly newsletter expands its reach.
- Your child (ages 5–12) can have a **Birthday Party** at Nevins Farm! 100% of proceeds benefit the thousands of animals we care for each year.
- **Family Service Day**, for grades 2–6, enables kids to volunteer at Nevins with a parent.
- Our wildly popular **Summer Camp** (grades 2–9) has been an integral part of our humane education department for more than 20 years!
- Teens in grades 7 and up (through age 15) can learn and work at Nevins's new **Junior Volunteer Program**.
- Young fundraisers can make a difference in the lives of homeless animals by joining **Kids for a Cause**.
- **Educational Visits** are available during the school year from September through May. Our staff can offer a presentation to your local school.

For more information, e-mail humaneeducation@mspca.org or phone 978 687-7453, x6108. ■



Temporary Homes Help “Scaredy Cats” Adjust

Fostering Mellow Behavior

Stressed-Out Kitties Can Become Laid-Back

Do you become almost as stressed out as your cat when you have to visit the veterinarian? Even if you manage to get your feline friend into a carrier without too much trouble, you'll probably notice a definite change in your pet's attitude and body language. Sometimes cats howl in the car, claw to get out of the carrier, and crouch down low with their pupils dilated in fear. It makes you wonder what happened to that affectionate, mellow kitty who was snoozing on your lap just a few hours before.

Cats in shelters get very stressed, too. Many are overwhelmed by the new people, other cats, and all the unfamiliar noises and smells. At the Boston Adoption Center, we're placing these shy, anxious cats into foster care. Foster homes often resemble an environment the cats are used to, allowing their personalities to blossom once again. Once these foster kitties are feeling more comfortable, we post their photos on our website, showing them off to potential adopters even as they stay in foster care. If you are interested in joining our behavioral foster care team, e-mail bostonfoster@mspca.org today. You could help a cat like Margaret, pictured here as she relaxes in her temporary foster home. ■

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We'd Be Helpless **WITHOUT YOUR HELP**

Amber's Got a Lot to “Smile” About Now

Cape Cod Pit Bull Overcomes Cruel Treatment

Love and Good Training Save the Day



Many people, unfortunately, still see the Pit Bull as a possession, not a pet. Due to a lack of socialization and training, these dogs have earned a poor reputation through no fault of their own. A perfect example is Amber, a three-year-old Pit Bull mix. Amber came to our Cape Cod Adoption Center after being found tied to a tree, abandoned. Undersocialized, ears cruelly cropped, and overbred, Amber seemed destined to become a statistic in the long history of misunderstood Pit Bulls. Through the work of volunteers, trainers, and staff, Amber has become a successful example of what can be done using proper training and socialization — so much so that a wonderful donor decided to sponsor her adoption fee so we could find a home for Amber as quickly as possible. Almost every day, the Cape Cod Adoption Center takes in some of these sweet, loyal, intelligent, and often misunderstood dogs. We thank the volunteers who have donated, and continue to donate, their time and talents to ensure that deserving dogs like Amber find their forever homes. ■

ANGELL STORY

Mugsy's Healthy and Gorgeous Again

Puppy Survives Rare Flesh-Eating Bacteria Thanks to Angell



A happy and healthy six-month-old Mugsy.

Deadly Bacteria Eliminated by Aggressive Treatment

Chuck Rees arrived at Angell very concerned about his six-month-old Shar Pei puppy Mugsy's sudden lethargy, and the bee-sting-like bumps on the dog's belly.

Dr. Roxanna Khorzad of Angell's Emergency and Critical Care Unit was stunned when tests confirmed the presence of necrotizing fasciitis, a deadly, fast-moving bacteria that spreads quickly from skin to muscle to bone. "Not only was this dog in pain and close to death, but he was suffering from an infection that is almost never seen in pets. Every second counts in a diagnosis like this," she said.

Mugsy had a 20 percent chance of survival. Necrotizing (dying) skin had begun to appear. Dr. Khorzad's team prescribed pain medicine and designed an aggressive antibiotics protocol to arrest the infection. Rees became hopeful after a few days when Mugsy's skin began to clear and his energy level rose.

Angell surgeons removed Mugsy's dead skin, but after two weeks, he stopped eating. Soon surgeons had to remove 40 percent of Mugsy's intestines. Then Dr. Khorzad performed another skin culture, which showed no fasciitis in Mugsy's system. The treatment protocol and the surgery had eliminated the infection. "It was a giant weight lifted from my shoulders," Rees said later. Mugsy has since fully recovered and shows no signs of infection.

Angell's Emergency/Critical Care Unit is open 24x7 (call 617 522-7282). For specialty appointment hours and phone numbers, please visit angell.org/hours. ■



Mugsy clings to life shortly after his first round of treatment

Defining What We Stand For

MSPCA-Angell Celebrates Values-Based Initiative

Tools for Fulfilling Our Mission

Compassion. Integrity. Collaboration. Excellence. Service. Positivity. These aren't just words; they are the core values that motivate us to work hard every day for the animals in our care. A cross-section of MSPCA-Angell employees, representing every function under our roof, met earlier this year to outline and initiate a historic cultural shift to a consciously values-based organization. The result is the documentation of a set of values that has always been embedded in the fabric of the MSPCA, and which will now be carefully applied to everything we do, from hands-on animal care to performance evaluations and new-hire criteria. We're excited to tell the world that we are living our values — and we hope you experience our dedication firsthand in your next interaction with the MSPCA-Angell! ■

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Financial News You Want to Know

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IRA ROLLOVER GIVING?

Congress recently revived the legislation that allows individuals who are aged 70½ years and older to make tax-free transfers from their IRA accounts to charitable organizations. This law allows direct transfers to MSPCA-Angell during 2013. IRA rollover gifts can be used for existing pledges, to make your annual gift, or simply to make a one-time gift to MSPCA-Angell. Important details include:

- The IRA rollover expires on December 31.
- Individuals who are aged 70½ and older may take advantage of this opportunity.
- Gifts to MSPCA-Angell of up to \$100,000 can be made in 2013.
- These gifts should be made directly from your IRA to MSPCA-Angell.
- The IRA withdrawal is tax free.
- An individual is not eligible for a charitable income-tax deduction with this gift.

For further information, contact Alice Bruce, Vice President of Development, at 617 541-5045 or abruce@mspca.org.



Leg-Hold Trap Claims Another Innocent Victim

Panicked Skunk Gravely Wounded in Illegal Trap

MSPCA Law Enforcement Officer Files Charges



As we go to press, the MSPCA–Angell’s Law Enforcement department has announced that its Sergeant Peter Oberton filed animal cruelty charges against a Worcester man, after a wild skunk attempted to chew its front right leg off in a desperate bid to escape an illegally set trap in the man’s yard. The MSPCA will be seeking conviction on one count of felony animal cruelty.

The young male skunk was discovered in August, alive but gravely wounded. A Worcester animal control officer brought the animal to a local veterinary facility, where it was humanely euthanized.

“This skunk endured unspeakable suffering once its leg became ensnared by the trap,” said Sgt. Oberton. “The pain of having his leg crushed by the trap was compounded by the fear he would have felt, which forced him to try to chew his own leg off in order to survive.”

The type of trap set by the accused, commonly referred to as a “leg-hold” trap, is designed to snap shut when an animal steps inside it. The trap’s steel jaws snap so quickly that there is no possibility of escape — and skin, bone, and connective tissue are often immediately shattered. The inherent cruelty of leg-hold traps prompted Massachusetts voters to ban them in 1996, making use of the trap a felony. ■

Important Bills to Benefit Animals

Advocacy Department Legislative Update

Visit mspca.org/jointheteam to Help!



Miracle was a starving, emaciated dog, abandoned for two months in a New Bedford apartment, who jumped out of a third-story window in an apparent search for food.

After hearing testimony from many animal advocates about the urgency of such situations, the Municipalities and Regional Government Committee amended S.942, *An Act Protecting Abandoned Animals in Vacant Properties*, to require that landlords and foreclosing owners inspect vacant properties within three days after residents leave, to be sure that animals have not been left behind. For more information, visit mspca.org/abandonedanimals. ■

The Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security advanced S. 1172, *An Act Ensuring the Safety of People with Pets in Disasters*, which would ensure that pets are incorporated into municipal and state disaster plans so that people will not refuse to evacuate in a disaster. For more information, visit mspca.org/petsindisasters. ■



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The demand for shark fin soup drives the inhumane and illegal practice of “finning” — the unlawful capture and disposal of sharks for their fins — and this issue is getting some attention in the Commonwealth this year. Three bills are pending on the subject. The most comprehensive, H. 3571, *An Act Relative to Ocean Ecology and Shark Protection*, prohibits the possession, trade, sale, offer for sale, and distribution of shark fins. For more information, visit mspca.org/sharkfinning. ■



PUBLIC RELATIONS CORNER

Incredible Story of Rescue and Survival

Iranian Street Cat Gets a New Nose at Angell



After rescuing the emaciated, filthy, and seriously ill seven-month-old cat she called Nafas from the streets of Tehran, Iranian-American animal welfare activist Yasie Saadat initially sought help from a local veterinarian, but

desperate efforts to treat Nafas left the animal scarred, with his nasal cavity fully exposed. Poor Nafas had serious trouble eating and even breathing. Saadat knew she had to bring the young cat back to the United States, and here she sought help at Angell.

Dr. Mike Pavletic, head of Angell’s surgery department, first evaluated Nafas in January to determine how a new nose and upper lip might be constructed using adjacent facial tissue. It was a challenging assignment even for Dr. Pavletic, who has a long history of performing reconstructive surgery on animals after traumatic injuries. “Nafas was a particularly difficult case, given how little tissue there was to work with,” he said. “Ultimately we were able to build a new nose and upper lip with a technique I developed several years ago that uses unaffected facial tissue to perform the reconstruction.”

Dr. Pavletic spent nearly three hours reconstructing Nafas’s tiny face. “I’m very pleased with the outcome and am confident Nafas will enjoy a long and healthy life. He certainly deserves that after all he’s undergone.”

Saadat is now wholly focused on finding a perfect forever home for the adorable Nafas, who has his very own Facebook page followed by well-wishers from around the world. “I’m so grateful to Angell and to Dr. Pavletic for everything he has done,” she said. The brave little cat’s story has been featured on Boston.com and on Examiner.com, where the headline read *Cat Who Lost Nose Can Breathe Again, Thanks to MSPCA–Angell*. ■



THE ARCHIVES CORNER



Two Presidents Launch Key Legislation for Lab Animals

The MSPCA’s advocacy successes began with our founder, George T. Angell, in 1868. Just two months after the Society was formed, the Massachusetts legislature passed the state’s first anti-cruelty legislation.

Throughout our 145-year history, the MSPCA has been at the forefront of legislative, advocacy, and humane-education efforts.

This photograph, from the Society’s publication *Our Dumb Animals* (October 1966), shows the MSPCA’s fifth President, David S. Clafin, with U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson at the signing of the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act.

The Animal Welfare Act (Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, P.L. 89-544), signed into law on August 24, 1966, is the only federal law that regulates the treatment of animals in research and exhibition. Other laws, policies, and guidelines may include additional species coverage or specifications for animal care and use, but all refer to the Animal Welfare Act as the minimally acceptable standard for animal treatment and care.

We continue to advocate for animal welfare every day. If you are not already a member of our Animal Action Team, please join us: mspca.org/jointheteam. ■

Events Update



Spring Gala

In May 2013, at the cutting-edge WGBH Studios, nearly 400 animal lovers and some of their canine companions gathered to celebrate the stories of animals whose lives changed for the better because of our programs and services. Our emcee was our longtime friend Randy Price of WCVB-TV, and Erica Corsano was the event chairperson. Ticket sales, raffles, and auctions raised nearly \$450,000 for the animals. ■



Furry Affair

Our Cape Cod Adoption Center's Furry Affair took place on June 1 at the Wianno Club in Osterville, hosted by WCVB-TV news anchor Susan Wornick, who also served as auctioneer. More than 190 animal lovers helped raise funds for MSPCA-Centerville's ongoing animal rehabilitation and adoption efforts on the Cape. The dinner event featured numerous auctions and raffles and raised close to \$138,000 for our Cape Cod Animal Care and Adoption Center. ■



Party Animals

In August, our P.E.T. Project held its annual Party Animals event at the Bank of America Pavilion VIP tent in Boston. Over 150 humans and 40 canines attended, raising over \$30,000 for the animals. This was the sixth Party Animals, chaired by Overseer Heather Colleary, and the featured guest of honor was Lily the Hero Pit Bull. ■



Walk for Animals

More than 1,500 dogs and 2,500 dedicated dog lovers took a brisk walk at three MSPCA adoption center locations on September 8, 2013, raising more than \$250,000 for direct care for animals through the participation of enthusiastic Walk-team donors. Lots of activities included microchipping, "Ask the Vet," and a Boston Police K9 demonstration. Many team leaders recruited members and managed their teams through our user-friendly online registration system. As we go to press we still can't announce our top fundraisers, since fundraising continues until September 30 — stay tuned! ■

Coming Up Soon!

"Fall in Love" Fee-Waived Adoptathon for Adult Cats

November 2 & 3, 2013, MSPCA Adoption Centers

For further information, call 617 541-5046.

Run Fur Fun 5K

Saturday, November 9, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Artesani Park, Brighton

For further information, call 617 541-5046 or visit runfurfun.com.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

ANTHONY POLLINO

Anthony Pollino passed away a year ago this September; he would have turned 40 next March. His many good works continue to serve as a reminder of how much a difference one individual can make for animals in need.



Anthony and his wife, Michelle, were always passionate about animal welfare and the environment. Over the past decade, they have been volunteers and foster parents for our Boston Adoption Center. Through their love and nurturing spirit, they cared for more than 300 sick and orphaned animals.

Their love affair for animals continues today as Michelle looks after the animals that were left in her care when Anthony passed on. The family includes two dogs and three cats, and Michelle recently acquired two baby goats as well.

That Anthony cared so deeply for animals in the latter stages of his life came as no surprise to his parents Patrick and Lynne Pollino and sister Kathryn, who witnessed this unconditional love for pets of all kinds throughout his formative years. They have carried his spirit forward by making generous donations to the MSPCA Spike's Fund in Anthony's memory. ■

ERICA CORSANO

It was greatly due to Erica Corsano's hard work and enthusiasm as event chairperson that this year's MSPCA-Angell Spring Gala was such a great success. Erica is shown here with the Gala emcee, Randy Price of WCVB-TV.

Erica's deep roots in the lifestyle realm reach back over a decade, beginning in New York City where she worked for some of the world's most recognized luxury brands (Bottega Veneta, Bulgari, CH Carolina Herrera). She eventually moved over to the media side of life, regularly contributing to publications like *Daily Candy Boston* and *The Boston Globe*, and later held editorial positions at *Lucky Magazine* (Boston Editor), *Boston Common*



Magazine (Editor-at-Large), and *Stuff Magazine*, where she was Editorial Director. Erica also most recently helped launch Gilt City and currently heads up the Boston operation for *therealreal.com*.

A Boston-area native, Erica currently resides in the South End area of Boston with her Jack Russell Terrier Penelope and her recently adopted – from the MSPCA – Jack Russell Terrier pup, Henri. ■

DR. FLORENCE BARTON

An Angell alumna and member of our Circle of Friends, Dr. Florence Barton is a retired veterinarian and flight instructor, now living in British Columbia. In a recent letter to her Angell colleagues, Dr. Barton wrote: "I have been examining my charitable gifts to determine what organizations I most want to support. I have realized that my internship at the Angell in 1957-58 (Gus Thornton's class) was the best 15 months of my life. I am sending a donation and have listed Angell as a beneficiary under my will. I would like the donation to be used for interns' programs: salaries, living expenses, or whatever is needed."



She goes on to say, "Since my retirement, I have taken on two new roles. I write mystery novels, eight so far. I also helped found and was long-time president of the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. At the age of 81, though still in good health, I am scaling back some of my activities. I no longer curl (a major Canadian sport played on ice, in case you southerners don't know what it is) but I still ride horses."

Dr. Barton enjoys classical music and Shakespeare's plays as well as camping and stargazing, and lives with her horse and five cats. We salute her on behalf of the countless animals she helped during her long veterinary career, and thank her for her generosity to Angell's intern program. ■

JILLIAN REIG

Jillian Reig and her husband Grant live in Charlestown with Hunter, their chocolate Lab, and Piper, who was formerly known as Luna and is this issue's "cover girl." Jillian, a top Boston realtor for Campion & Company, has introduced many of her friends and clients to the MSPCA-Angell through parties and events. She hosted, in fact, one of our most successful home events, a party featuring J. McLaughlin clothing and Amelia Rose Design jewelry.



Jillian has been involved with the MSPCA-Angell for more than four years, and has been extremely helpful as a member of our Spring Gala committee, bringing in new sponsors and great auction items. She also helped with Party Animals and Run Fur Fun, running in 2012 in memory of her first foster dog Penny, who inspired her to take up the cause of fair treatment for Pit Bulls. And as an active member of our Animal Action Team, Jillian has participated in Lobby Days at the State House and has held meetings with her representatives to talk to them on behalf of animal-related legislation.

Jillian uses her valuable skills to volunteer for many area charities, and we're really glad she counts the MSPCA-Angell among them! ■