



NORTHEAST ANIMAL SHELTER'S

animal tales

BEN and JERRY

I love my dogs!!!” This was Wendy’s first statement when we asked her about her two beagle boys, Ben and Jerry. *“Everywhere I go, I tell their story and people are so touched!”*

Ben and Jerry’s story is one we have heard before. Dogs and cats are often found wandering alone. Maybe they have been abandoned by their owners or perhaps they were accidentally separated from them. But this time there were TWO stray dogs — who appeared to be very attached to each other. They were found in the beginning of December, during one of the coldest and snowiest winters we have had in years. Their ratty collars were the only indication that they had once belonged to someone. Ben and Jerry appeared to be brothers who had been wandering around in the world with no one to love but each other.

The two dogs were brought to a nearby animal hospital, where they were treated and held for a few weeks. Since animal hospitals are not usually in the business of finding homes for

animals, they called Northeast Animal Shelter for assistance. We have worked closely with this hospital for many years and were happy to help.

When they arrived at the hospital, Ben and Jerry were in terrible shape. They were skin and bones and covered with ticks and fleas. After treatment for Lyme disease, neutering surgery, and teeth cleaning for each dog, they eventually gained some weight and were finally ready to come to our Shelter.



We estimated that Ben and Jerry were around 10 years old. Since so many people want younger dogs — and usually only one dog — this wasn’t going to be the easiest adoption! But they were such happy, well-adjusted boys that we just knew we would be able to help them, even if it meant having them at the Shelter longer than usual. Besides, after whatever they had been through, they deserved the consistency of being together.

When Ben and Jerry came to the Shelter, everyone fell in love with them instantly. They were sweet little dogs and were true buddies. When we tucked them into their kennel together that first night, they curled up into a tight ball and fell sound asleep.

Ben and Jerry remained at the Shelter for weeks. Everyone who met them thought they were an adorable duo. But no one wanted to adopt them. We knew that perfect family would come along and we just had to be patient.

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The Funny Bone



Giving to NEAS Can Be Newsworthy!

Over the years, we have received some very generous donations from people just like you. Sometimes our friends have gone the extra mile by creating interesting and innovative ways to raise money for our Shelter. Below are just a few news stories about some of the creative and heartfelt ways that people have shown their love for our animals — and supported our Shelter at the same time!

Loving animals “runs” in the family

Camilla’s entire family loves animals. They adopted their dog and cat from Northeast Animal Shelter. So when Camilla was preparing to run in the Boston Marathon, she decided to raise money for the Shelter as well! She sent a photo of herself and her dog, Dexter to her local paper seeking donations for the Shelter. She also sent a letter and the



photo to friends. Soon checks came pouring in and Camilla presented a hefty check to help us care for our animal friends!

Camilla and Dexter relaxing before the big run.



The lemonade stand

It started out with Betsy trying to teach her 10-year-old daughter, Hadley about how to run a business. They talked about Betsy loaning her the money to cover the cost of lemonade and cups, and how that would affect the bottom line. Hadley and her friend, Jack set up their lemonade stand with high hopes for brisk sales. When asked by the local paper what they were going to do with the money, they immediately responded, “*We are giving half to the Northeast Animal Shelter!*” We are so proud they chose NEAS. Hadley’s family had adopted their dog, Nikki from the Shelter in 1999 and they have been wonderful supporters since.



Giving and giving — and giving!

Alexa is allergic to animals and can only love them from a distance. So when her teacher assigned a project to improve the world, Alexa immediately knew she would

do something to benefit the animals at Northeast Animal Shelter. But instead of doing one project, she has done three! She started by selling dog and cat ornaments and pet treats at her school’s fair. That felt so good that Alexa started on her next plan — donation cans at local businesses. And THAT did so well that she went on to participate in her local town carnival, with the help of the mayor. Alexa told a local newspaper, “...*I felt really good giving the money to them (the Shelter) and in the end, that makes me feel good about myself.*”

A FEW THINGS DOGS DON'T LIKE.

(Taken from the internet)



ANY TRICK THAT INVOLVES BALANCING FOOD ON MY NOSE.



ANY HAIRCUT THAT INVOLVES BOWS OR RIBBONS.



TAKING ME OUT FOR A WALK, THEN NOT LETTING ME CHECK STUFF OUT. EXACTLY WHOSE WALK IS THIS ANYWAY?

Other Creative Ways to Give

Here is a list of only a few of the other wonderful things people have done to raise money on behalf of our animals:

- a young girl named Emma made a collection jar
- a man named Steve has an annual boat party
- teachers come up with creative ways to engage their students in raising money and increasing awareness about the Shelter
- families organize tag sales or dog walks
- schools arrange dog and cat food drives

The list goes on and on. The people who support us in this way are not only helping the animals. They are also helping the staff because it feels good to hear the happy stories and meet the people behind them. Whether you send an occasional check, give to us monthly, or have an event to raise money, we send a big thank you to all who have helped our animal friends!

BEN and JERRY

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One day, Wendy and Matt and their three boys came to visit the Shelter. When they saw Ben and Jerry cuddled up together, they melted! They had seen the beagle brothers on our web site and never thought they would still be available for adoption.

After taking the dogs for a walk, the family came back into the building saying, "We want them both!"



Ben and Jerry bonded to the family instantly and soon became fixtures on the sofa. Wendy is convinced that the two dogs said to each other on their first day, "Don't blow it now! We've got a good one!" And they certainly do! There are two dog pillows on the floor in the all-white living room. The three boys may not be allowed in the room but Ben and Jerry are allowed to have snacks right on the white rug!

Okay, we'll admit that everything isn't totally perfect! It turns out that Jerry's favorite snack is bread. He has figured out how to open the bi-fold pantry doors and, on occasion, helps himself to a yummy loaf — the whole thing!

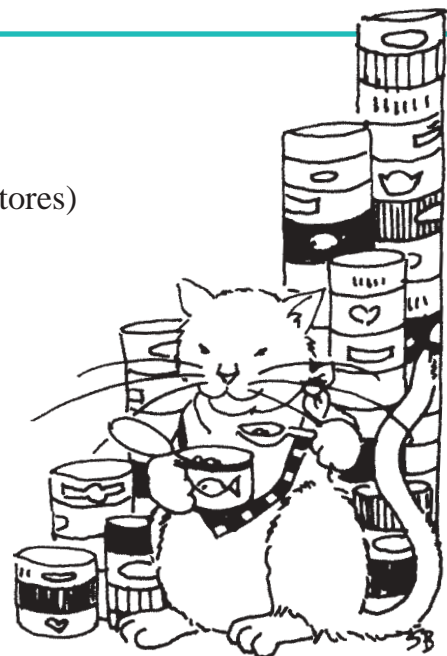
And Ben is convinced that all stuffed animals are his. One of the boys has a huge beanie baby collection in his room. Once in a while, Ben has been known to get his paws on one and chew and chew and chew!

Wendy laughed as she told the naughty boy stories saying, "That's what makes them fun!"

After over a year with their family, Ben and Jerry still cuddle up together at night. They still have each other, but they also have their loving family and a wonderful, happy future. As Wendy says, "We just can't imagine the house without them."

Things We Need

- ◆ Canned dog/cat food
- ◆ Dry food for adult cats or dogs – Nutro® brand (from pet supply stores)
- ◆ Safe, chewable dog and puppy toys (hard rubber or Nylabones™, fleece, vinyl, or latex)
- ◆ Safe cat/kitten toys, especially those with catnip
- ◆ Liquid laundry detergent
- ◆ Liquid or powdered bleach
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Jars of all-meat baby food for orphaned puppies and kittens
- ◆ Trash bags (13 and 55 gallon sizes)
- ◆ Polaroid film (for OneStep camera)
- ◆ First class postage stamps – 37- & 23-cent



The People Behind the Happy Endings



At Northeast Animal Shelter, we have an amazing team of dedicated animal lovers working behind the scenes for our orphaned canine and feline friends. We would like to take a moment to shine a light on them and thank them for the hard work they do.

When you walk into the Shelter our adoption counselors are the first people you meet. They help potential owners

decide about the best possible match when it comes to finding a new pet. Sometimes they have to tell a client that a certain animal is not the right match for them and they suggest another. Other times they may even have to tell a client that he or she is not ready for a new pet right now.

Being in the front lines in the Shelter every day isn't easy. Our counselors are also here when someone comes to relinquish a pet to us. It can be very difficult for the staff to understand why someone has to give up a pet, but this is part of their job and the animals are lucky to be left in the good hands of our staff.

In the back of the Shelter, the kennel staff cleans, medicates, feeds, comforts and exercises the animals. It is tireless, physical work. They also provide accurate and vital input about certain

animals' behaviors, suggestions about what kind of home would work best for a particular animal, or what kind of toys and treats a pet likes.



Often you will see a Shelter staff member tearfully saying goodbye as another lucky pet goes to a new home. No one is immune to growing attached to certain

animals. But the knowledge that they have done the best for our animals is gratifying to our staff and makes all the hard work worthwhile. Without these good souls, we wouldn't be able to run our Shelter!



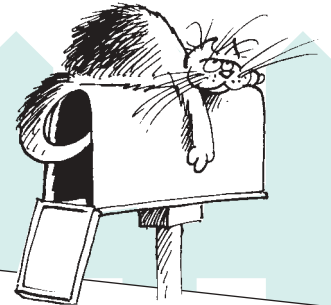
Bruno's First Day

The first thing he did is mess in the car. When we got home we got him up stairs in my room. We gave him some food and water. Then he walked all around the house. We took pictures of him sleeping on the couch. I think Bruno likes his new home.
Revere, MA

MAIL BOX

Dear Shelter Staff,
Jackson came to me as a nervous little puppy. He has grown up to be the funniest, goofiest boy and he makes everyone laugh. He is a love. Thanks for your role in saving him.

Westborough, MA



Dear Northeast Animal Shelter,
I thought you might want to hear from one of your success stories. About 15 years ago I was one of your "guests." Then my "people" came and adopted me! I have soft couches and beds and chairs to sleep on, plenty of food and lots of toys to play with. Even though I am not a kitten anymore I still like to play! And best of all I have two people who pat me, brush me, feed me and pat me some more! Thanks for helping me find such a good home!

Reggie in Salem, MA