

Animal Tales

NEWSLETTER



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A Forever Home - At Last

Harley's owner, Betsy, was heartbroken. But she had no choice. This past February, she reluctantly brought Harley, a sweet, black, long-haired cat to the Shelter. Difficult economic times had forced Betsy to take a second job to make ends meet. With her demanding new schedule, she was never home. Betsy knew she could no longer provide the human companionship and affection that Harley craved, so she brought Harley to us, hoping her beloved cat would find just the right home.

As you can imagine the Shelter was a difficult adjustment for Harley. She was 7 years old and understandably set in her ways. Harley was miserable in her new surroundings and because she was so unhappy, she failed to make a good impression when potential adopters came to visit. Everyone at the Shelter tried to coax her out of her shell, but she was always down in the dumps. With a lot of love and attention from our staff and volunteers her spirits gradually began to lift.

We decided to move her into one of our cat community rooms. These are bright, spacious rooms with scratching posts and toys that can accommodate four or five cats at a time. We hoped that by playing with the other cats, Harley might

settle in and adapt more easily to her new surroundings.

And we were right!

Harley immediately fell for an orange two-year-old male cat named Jay. We'd never seen her so happy!

Harley had been with us for eight months when we got a call from Sara who had been following Harley's updates on our website. Sara felt terrible that Harley had gone so long without a home, so she and her husband, David, talked

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Stevie - The Wonder Dog



Stevie came to us when he was six months old from a rescuer in Virginia. He had lost one eye and was blind in the other. But he was a sweetheart and all of us here at the Shelter fell in love with him immediately. We were determined to find him a home where he would thrive and get all the care and attention he deserved.

Not long after Stevie came to our Shelter, we held one of our Sato Reunions. These are yearly gatherings where the dogs who were brought to us through our Sato Rescue program are reunited with their rescuers from Puerto Rico. They have a chance to spend time with the dogs, meet the adoptive families and they get to hear how wonderfully their efforts have paid off.

Adopters Sydney and Jack came to the reunion with their rescued sato puppy named Luna, a lovable whippet-hound mix, who had made a wonderful addition to their family. While touring the Shelter, they met Stevie – and he captured their hearts as he had ours. Sydney and Jack had six children, so they weren't exactly short on companionship, but something about Stevie tugged at them. They talked about it for a solid

week after the reunion and they finally decided to adopt him. They returned to the Shelter and brought Stevie back home.

They renamed him Samson, which means “the sun,” and he is as bright and cheerful as his name. He and Luna have become best friends and constant companions. Luna serves as his faithful guide – Samson follows the jingling sound of the tags on Luna's collar. He's also made friends with a terrier in the neighborhood.

Sydney says that Samson seems to have no awareness of his disability, and that most people who see him playing in the yard can't believe that he's completely blind. He's basically living the life of a “normal” dog, she says. He has paddled in the sea, gone camping in Vermont and Maine and he's even had a ride in a canoe! The whole family just adores him. He's come a long, long way from the neglect he experienced in the past and we're so grateful to all of our generous supporters who helped give this pup the home of his dreams.



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Forever Friends: A Legacy of Love



Hazel Ford was never a wealthy woman, but she left the world a better place. She was rich in life experiences and through her generosity she left a legacy to those causes she believed in passionately.

Hazel was born in Salem, NH in 1918. She attended public school there and continued her education at Hunter College in New York. After college, she enlisted in the U.S. Navy and reenlisted in the Reserves for the Korean War period. Following the war, she worked for the Christian Science Publishing Company in Boston until her retirement in 1982.

All her life, Hazel loved animals and was particularly generous to organizations dedicated to the care of cats. Her beloved cat, Pretty, was her constant companion for many years. Hazel supported local animal shelters with her gifts and she was a faithful donor to Northeast Animal Shelter for more than 15 years.

Earlier this year we received the sad news that Hazel had passed away at the age of 88. In her will, Hazel made a

generous provision for NEAS to ensure that her lifetime support would continue. Through her bequest, she will continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of the thousands of animals that NEAS saves each year. We are so grateful, and in appreciation of Hazel's generosity, we are naming our cat nutrition center in her memory.

If, like Hazel, you want to ensure that your support of Northeast Animal Shelter continues in the future, we encourage you to include NEAS in your own estate plans. Adding a codicil to your will or including a provision naming NEAS as a beneficiary is so simple and the results are enduring – we are able to provide loving care for the many homeless cats and dogs who arrive at our Shelter every day.

For more information on how you can do this, please contact Laurie McCannon at the Shelter. Her telephone number is 978-745-9888, extension 303. Or you can reach her by email at laurie@northeastanimalshelter.org

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about adopting her. Their own cat had recently died and they were looking for a new addition to their family.







When Sara and David came to meet Harley, she purred softly and curled up in David's lap. They were won over immediately and decided to adopt Harley.

As they were making the arrangements, the adoption counselor mentioned that Harley had recently become fond of another cat named Jay. Sara and David looked at each other and made a

great decision – they'd adopt both Harley *and* Jay, so the cats would always have plenty of company! Sara and David knew they had enough love for another cat and they knew Harley would enjoy spending her days with Jay in a loving home.

When we talked to Sara a few weeks later, she told us that Harley and Jay were doing great and that the formerly reclusive Harley is now very chatty! It may have taken Harley a while to find the right home, but now she's living the good life.

Things We Need

-  Canned dog food (Nutro®, Science Diet®) 
-  Canned cat food (Friskies®, Fancy Feast®) 
-  Towels (paper and cloth) 
-  Gift cards to Petco® and PetSmart® 
-  Stamps 
-  Dog and cat toys 

For a complete list, visit our website at
www.northeastanimalshelter.org/supplies

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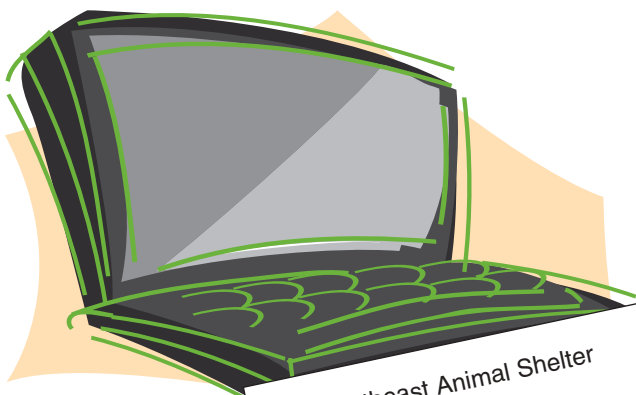
Go online for more information about our shelter, adoptions, and special events happening at Northeast Animal Shelter. Our website is <http://www.northeastanimalshelter.org>

Pet Care Tips

Cold weather's on the way! Help protect pets with these tips for the cold months:

- Outdoor cats have been known to crawl up under the hoods of cars to seek shelter and warmth near the engine during the cold winter months. A cat may be killed or injured when the motor is started. Make sure you bang loudly on the hood of your car before starting it so a cat may escape.
- Leaving your pet in the car while going into a store is not recommended. Your car can act as a refrigerator by holding in the cold.
- Make sure your companion animal has a warm place to sleep off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

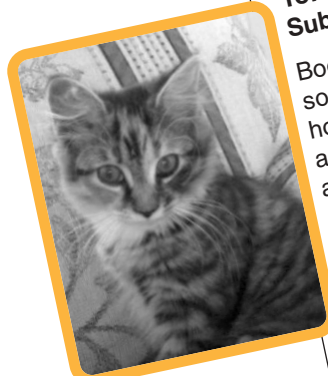
Email Inbox



To: Northeast Animal Shelter
Subject: Boots

Boots is doing great and we are so thankful to have her in our home. She is very well behaved and extremely loving. She has a toy mouse that she carries around the house and loves to play with. She has been eating wonderfully as well.

Thank you!
Melissa, Wakefield, MA



To: Northeast Animal Shelter
Subject: Cooper

Our new puppy, Cooper, is doing great! He gets lots of exercise outside with our other dog (we got Trot last year at NEAS) and loves trips to the beach! Cooper eats like a champ! We are very happy with both dogs!

Mary, Lynn, MA

To: Northeast Animal Shelter
Subject: Opie

We LOVE Opie -- he is sweet, smart and we are taking him to training and he is a quick learner! He loves sleeping in his crate, riding in the truck, and going for long walks in the park.

He has met lots of dog friends in the neighborhood and likes playing with his squeaky toys in the house.

We are thrilled to have him in our lives!
Laurie & Charlie, Ipswich, MA

