



NORTHEAST ANIMAL SHELTER'S

animaltales

Home Is Where The Heart Is



On a cool, sunny morning in the beginning of October, the Shelter received a call from a man named Roger. He said that he was homeless and living in a large, wooded area in a neighboring community. In mid-summer, a pretty little blue-cream cat had "adopted" Roger and he explained that he had been caring for her since then. He had named her "Abbey."

One week before he contacted us, Roger was surprised when Abbey gave birth to seven beautiful little kittens. In addition to the fall nights becoming colder, Roger knew that he did not have the means to care for one cat, let alone eight. So he reluctantly left them to make the 30-minute trip to the nearest pay phone so he could call the Shelter for help for Abbey and her babies.

After speaking with one of our adoption counselors on the phone, Roger made the trip back to his little family in the woods. He lined a small duffle bag with a blanket and

tenderly placed each tiny kitten into its dark interior. Roger carefully wrapped Abbey in his arms and picked up the duffle bag, ready to take the little family on a bus trip to the Northeast Animal Shelter.

In the meantime Jill, one of our more experienced foster moms, drove over an hour to the Shelter so she would be ready to bundle everyone up and take them home to her warm house.

Seeing Roger say goodbye was a touching scene. We were in awe of his gentle touch and clear love for his little family. For him to let them go was a true act of faith and love. The fact that he trusted the Northeast Animal Shelter to help him was an honor.

After Roger left, we examined Abbey and her babies before bundling the little family up and sending them all home with Jill. We are happy to report that Abbey and her babies not only survived, but thrived in Jill's care. After

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The Funny Bone



"There's just something about dogs that makes you feel good. You come home, they're thrilled to see you. They're good for the ego." — Author Unknown





Want to know how you can help animals where you live? Does your state have an “animal-friendly” license plate? By purchasing one in YOUR state, you can participate in the efforts to reduce pet overpopulation. The proceeds from the sale of these plates go into a fund for spaying and neutering animals. It’s a great way for animal lovers to help animals!



You can help puppies like these little guys, along with kittens, cats and dogs, just by driving your car! Thanks!

Currently, the states with animal-friendly license plates are: Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. If your state is not on the list, you can go to www.palc.org to learn about how you can get the ball rolling!

In Massachusetts, this new special plate can be ordered and will be available soon. To order a Massachusetts animal-friendly license plate and to get more information, go to www.massanimalcoalition.org or call 617-541-5101.

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weeks of living in Jill’s warm house and with her tender care, all were adopted by the very best families.

Roger stayed in touch with the Shelter throughout the foster care process and was grateful and relieved to learn that his charges were safe and all in good homes. In a letter, he said, *“I want to thank you again and the wonderful staff at NEAS for the great kindness and generosity you extended to me and especially to my sweet Abbey and her seven*

beautiful little angels... I was quite worried about the welfare of the furry family with winter coming and all. You’ve taken a great weight off of my mind.”

Now it is a cold New England winter. While our little feline friends are all safe and warm, we can only hope that our dear friend, Roger has also been able to find shelter. We know that if she could, Abbey would thank Roger for his love and for the second chance he gave to her little family.

Make a Monthly Pledge of Love!



Have you made a New Year's resolution to help more animals? You might want to consider becoming a member of our "Monthly Pledge of Love" program. Many generous animal lovers are already part of the Northeast Animal Shelter monthly giving program and their support is life-saving. If you are not already a member, please consider joining with the gift you send today.

Here are some commonly-asked questions to help you better understand the Monthly Pledge of Love program.

How does a monthly pledge help more than my regular contributions?

We can depend on your monthly gifts! When we receive your donation every month, we'll know we have enough money to provide food, medicine, veterinary care and shelter for our animal friends.

How does the Pledge Program work?

We'll send you a monthly statement that shows the amount due. Just send a check with the return form in the envelope we will provide. If you prefer, you can pay by credit card or have your gift automatically deducted from your bank account.

How much should I pledge?

We suggest a pledge of \$10, \$15, \$25 or more — or whatever you can manage. However, we do ask for a minimum pledge of \$5 per month.

Can I make my contribution larger than usual once in a while?

Sure! You can make an extra gift at any time that will be shown on your statement. We'll be very grateful — and so will the animals!

What happens if I have to cancel my pledge?

You may cancel your pledge at any time. If your situation changes, you can reduce or increase the amount of your pledge just by letting us know.

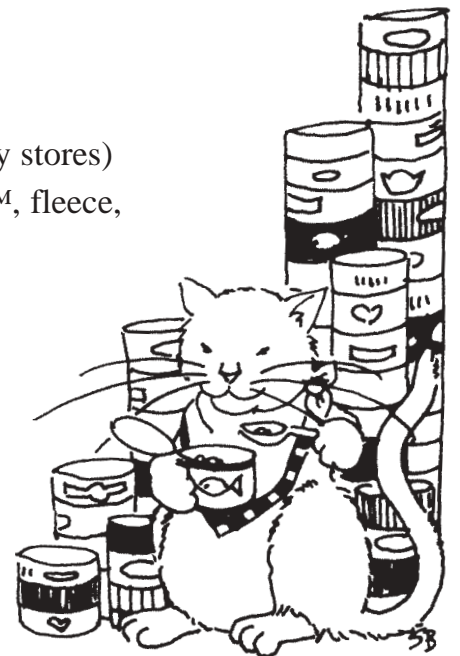
Please Join the Northeast Animal Shelter's Monthly Pledge of Love Program

See the enclosed reply form for details. It's easy and you'll help animals even more!

You will be glad you did!!!! And so will the animals!!!!

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¢





If you can start the day
without caffeine or pep pills

If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through
no fault of yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

If you can face the world without lies and deceit,

If you can conquer tension without medical help,

If you can relax without liquor,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

If you can do all these things,

Then you are probably the family dog!

— Author Unknown

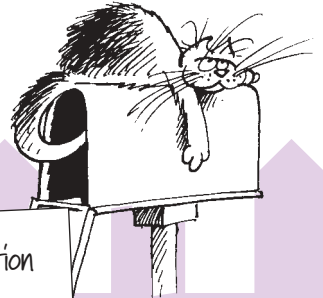


If you can eat the same food every
day and be grateful for it



If you can relax without liquor

MAIL BOX



"Our cats are a wonderful addition
to our family and we don't know
what we'd do without them! We
applaud your work at the Shelter!"
—Lynnfield, MA



"Winston is such a
wonderful dog. He
has filled our home
with happiness."
— Georgetown, MA

"Ginger is just
about perfect.
Thanks for our
treasure!"
— Beverly, MA

