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BOBBIE, BUDDY & BUSTER

Now available for adoption, one male and one female kitten, three months old. They have had required tests and shots. Female kitten BOBBIE is on the left, BUDDY (just adopted) is in the middle and BUSTER is on the right. Pretty cute, yes? They like being around people, are playful, frisky, and friendly. The kittens eat both wet and dry kitten food and use their litter box regularly. If interested, contact Cheryl at cmezack@aol.com, phone 978-578-0588.

SHADOW

Shadow (above) is a three-month-old male kitten. He likes to "shadow" or hang out and play with other kitties—young or adult, he is an equal-opportunity play companion. He is very friendly, and likes to sit on your lap. Shadow has had all the required tests and shots and is neutered. If interested, contact Cheryl at cmezack@aol.com, phone 978-578-0588.

MOLLY

Molly has an exotic, tortoiseshell coat. She literally leaps for joy when you sit down to pet her. She likes to rub up against you and be with you while you relax. She always uses her litterbox. She would prefer to be the only cat in the house. About a year old, Molly is spayed and has had her shots. If you would like more information about Molly, contact Gillian at gilliancharters@comcast.net, phone 978-927-5306.





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Butterscotch Gets a New Home



Not yet a year old, Butterscotch's owner died suddenly and the shelters could not take her. FOBA took her and another cat left behind on the last day the rent was paid for their apartment. Riddled with ear mites and fleas, Butterscotch did not play, but would just sit with her head down and her feet tucked under her. The two cats were taken to a vet for spaying and shots. The vet noticed Butterscotch's feet were burned. He could not determine the source, but she had recently been declawed. No wonder her spirit was broken. She had been through so much in her short life. FOBA fostered the kitten until her wounds began to heal. She was recently adopted by a kind couple who enjoy petting this pretty, healthy cat who now has a wonderful new home. (Note: Katie, the other cat, was also adopted.)

We really need more foster homes for the animals we rescue. FOBA covers food, litter and medical expenses. Fostering can be a very rewarding experience. Contact Cheryl Mezack for information. cmezack@aol.com or 978-578-0588

Helping An Injured Bird (or other wildlife)



by Bonnie Hannable

Recently, as I was leaving home to attend an evening meeting, a couple of pre-teen boys rang my doorbell. They were all excited and breathless. One boy said, "We just saw a big bird in front of your house! He's hurt, and he falls over when he tries to fly!"

It was a pigeon, actually, a homing pigeon with bands on his feet. We coaxed him into my garage, where I put down food and water for him. He began to eat immediately, so I concluded that he wasn't ill and could spend the night there. I shut the garage doors and went to my meeting. In the morning, I contacted the Danvers Animal Hospital, which has a wildlife rehabilitator. They said they'd take the pigeon, so I put him in a pet carrier and off we went. At the vet's office, I was asked to fill out a form (which requested a donation). I was happy to do both if they'd try to help my new feathered friend. I don't know what happened to him but hopefully they did help him and found his owner. They said the bands on his feet indicated that he belonged to someone.

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Please "like" us on Facebook and help us spread the word about the animal rescue work we do and our plans to establish a shelter in Beverly. Only with your help can this dream come true!

Find a Sick or Injured Wild Animal?

It's often hard to know what to do when you find a wild animal that is in need of medical attention. There is a lot of helpful information at the following link: http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/fish-wildlife-plants/red-and-gray-squirrels-in-massachusetts.html
Some excerpts from that site:

Wildlife Rehabilitators

Wildlife rehabilitators are individuals, veterinarians and organizations that have been granted Wildlife Rehabilitation permits in accordance with 321 CMR 2.13. Permitted individuals may legally possess and treat birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians with the exception of deer, moose, bears, federally listed species and venomous snakes.

Rehabilitators may not charge fees for their services, but they will gratefully accept donations to help defray their costs. Only people who are licensed rehabilitators, or veterinarians who occasionally treat wildlife on an emergency basis, may legally care for wildlife.

If you find a sick or injured animal, it is important to locate a licensed rehabilitator. Licensed rehabilitators will provide care with the ultimate goal of release back to the wild.

Many rehabilitators specialize in caring for certain types of wildlife such as songbirds or small mammals, however the permit allows them to accept all authorized wildlife.

Call the rehabilitator first to find out what he or she generally accepts for wildlife species *before* you try to capture or transport an animal for care. Rehabilitators are usually unable to pick up injured wildlife, but they will provide advice on the best procedures for safely collecting the animal... Veterinarians are legally allowed to provide emergency service for injured wildlife and should then turn the animal over to a licensed rehabilitator. Some veterinarians are also rehabilitators and they are noted in the *Wildlife Rehabilitators* list.

A licensed rehabilitator in our area is George Myers, DVM, at Danvers Animal Hospital, 367 Maple Street (Route 62), Danvers, MA. Phone 978-774-0045.

It is important to call first, and, of course, wear gloves and protective clothing while handling any wild animal.



SNUGGLES & BEAUTIFUL



Snuggles (black and white tuxedo on left) and Beautiful (Maine Coon on right) were rescued by FOBA when their owners were evicted from a trailer park in Danvers. The owners called everywhere to find a rescue group to take the cats, but no one could help. The owners were leaving the state to move in with relatives in the South, but were not allowed to bring the cats. It was very hard for them to part with their pets, they were much loved.

Snuggles is nine years old, very affectionate and loves to talk. Beautiful is about four years old, also very friendly, she has long legs and long, luxurious fur. Both cats were checked out by Beverly Animal Hospital and updated on vaccinations.

Since FOBA does not have a shelter, both cats were taken in by a FOBA volunteer until we can find homes for them. Contact Heidi Roberts at heidiroberts@comcast.net or call 978-927-4157 for information. We get calls such as this all the time. Please help us find them a loving home (or homes)!

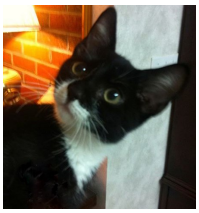
Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2013 Fur Ball a big success, including local businesses who donated raffle items, FOBA members and supporters, Paul Guanci of Super Sub Casual Catering, Ray Novack's band, Horizon, and the ICC. It was a great evening!



Fun at the Fur Ball, left to right, Bonnie Hannable, Kim Hyder, Jill Auld, Sharon Cook







Dino, Rocky and Pebbles were some of our happy adoption stories this fall!

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