



Massachusetts Humane Society

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December 2008 Message from the President

Thank you!
... to the Boy Scouts for the storage shelves they built

... to the Girl Scouts for collecting blankets and towels for the cats and dogs

We so appreciate your help!

Another year has come and gone for the animals. Unfortunately 2008 was a sad year for many animals when they became victims of the economy. The surrender and abandon rate for 2008 hit a high. So many animals are now homeless and once again looking for permanent homes. Mass Humane (MHS) receives at least 140 calls per week, 85 % of which are surrenders, strays that have been abandoned, and lost animals. Only 15% are calls for possible adoptions. Operational shelter costs can range from \$600 to \$1,000 a month on a shoestring budget.

The decrease for adoptions has been in the mist for at least two years. In 2007 the writing was on the wall that the economy was taking a turn for the worst. Now in December of 2008 the reality has hit and the animals are in

the cross fire. MHS depends solely on private donations, fundraisers and grants, but donations are down at least 65%

On a positive note, MHS has helped more than 150 animals this year. Cats, dogs, rabbits, birds and reptiles received medical attention and found loving,

caring and responsible homes to call their own. Despite the economic downturn, MHS staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly helping these animals that have become victims.

Several abused animals have come to MHS to get the care, reassurance and



Spay/Neuter CatMobile

Low-cost spay day

The Merrimack River Feline Rescue

will visit MHS on Fridays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 27, 2009 (weather permitting). Please call 888/495-SPAY (7729) or

MHS hosted a successful yard sale, entertaining dog walk and educational K-9 demonstration in September



MHS wish list

As a non-profit facility, we rely heavily on donations, grants, bequests, membership dues, gifts-in-kind and fundraising events. Like every non-profit, we always have a "wish list" and welcome any and all gifts.

-  *Monetary donations for shelter utilities, veterinary bills or MHS rescue van*
-  *Dry dog food (Purina One chicken and rice)*
-  *Dry cat food (Purina One chicken and rice and/or hairball control)*
-  *Wet cat food (Fancy Feast small cans, turkey or chicken flavor)*
-  *Cat toys*
-  *Peanut butter dog biscuits*
-  *Cat carriers*
-  *Cat litter (Cat's Pride, Fresh Step, Shaw's Happy Tails or Stop & Shop (white clay ONLY))*
-  *Paper towels*
-  *Laundry detergent*
-  *Household brooms*
-  *Collapsible dog training crates (black or grey), medium or large*

Sponsor an animal

If you love animals but aren't able to give one a home, there are other ways you can help! With the Sponsor an Animal Program we will match you to an animal that has special needs. Whether it be veterinary treatments, medication or special food, these animals require that little extra bit of TLC. They are very loving and deserve the best quality of life we can provide. Your generous contribution will help!

Oscar is an eight-year old domestic long hair orange neutered male cat. He is up to date on shots and combo-tested negative.

Oscar is very sweet and loves to hang out. He enjoys being patted and play with his toys

from time to time. Although Oscar does not like to be picked up, he will keep you company and has lots of love to give you in other ways.

Oscar was abandoned at our shelter in his cat carrier—we found him in the

morning at the gate entrance looking very scared, lonely and confused. He needs a loving home or a foster home!

Oscar is on a special diet. He



MHS shelter info

The MHS shelter is open Monday through Sunday.

To schedule an appointment to view animals for possible adoption, please call 781/335-1300 or email masshumane@aol.com.

We are open the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for visitors to view animals for possible