



Massachusetts Humane Society

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Volunteer alert!

Massachusetts Humane Society Animal Shelter now has a second location for cat adoptions—PETSMART on Grossman Drive in Braintree.

We are taking applications for volunteer Cat Care Givers Thursday and Friday evenings after 5 p.m., and Sunday nights 4–6 p.m. A commitment of two-hour shifts is needed.

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Message from the President

The beginning year of 2010 was still a rough go, with the economy still very unstable and unsure. Many animals have become the victim of abandonment and neglect. Many people have called MHS to surrender their pets because they have fallen into very deep problems. In one day MHS averages 25–32 calls for so many reasons.

As of May, MHS has rescued and put up for adoption 43 felines, 25 dogs, 4 rabbits, 5 birds and 1 snake this year. That being said, there is still a long way to go. But MHS is here to help as many animals in need as possible this year, as we do every year.

MHS has received approximately 62 calls in 2010 for people in desperate need of low-cost spay and neuter for their pets, as well as routine vaccinations. MHS has addressed each and every call for assistance, keeping these animals with their

owners so the pets don't fall victim to the economic crisis.

Right now, MHS is in desperate need of monetary funds. Our veterinary bills are very large so far this year, but they are needed to ensure the orphaned animals get the medical treatment they deserve to find a home. Please donate what you can ... every penny counts! Your donation will make MHS continue our mission in helping homeless animals.

In addition, MHS is looking for at least two volunteers that could commit to Trap-

Neuter-Return (TNR), a humane alternative to euthanasia for reducing the feral cat population. We'd like to start a campaign for TNR, however, we need to form a small network of dedicated volunteers that will start out in the local community of Weymouth and branch out to other towns in the future. One step at a time ...

For every homeless animal, there is another waiting for help!



Annual yard sale—save the date

Join the fun and meet the animals at the 87 Wharf Street in Weymouth Saturday, June 26 (rain date Sunday, June 27) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You'll find tables full of great items for you and your pets, and baked goods to enjoy. The popular Weymouth Police K-9 demonstration will begin at noon. All proceeds benefit the rescued and homeless animals of the Shelter. Interested in helping out? We'll have a planning meeting in early June (date TBA).

See you there!

Daisy Troop #73321 from Weymouth recently held a fundraiser collection to benefit the Shelter. The homeless animals enjoyed their visit just as much as the girls did!!



Sanctuary update

MHS now has a web site for our cat sanctuary. Visit us at www.mhscatsanctuary.org/ for information and donations toward our continuing goal of a providing a home for cats to live out their lives with love, care, peace and comfort, with even more potential for adoption.



Give us a pat on the back!

(or even a scratch behind the ears)

We have been approved and submitted for a second year to the Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as a member of Animal Welfare Fund. The world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, the CFC provides federal employees the opportunity to make pledges to support eligible non-profit organizations. Visit www.opm.gov/cfc/ for details (our CFC code is 70726) or to donate.

Thank you ...

... to all the supporters who have helped us out at the shelter. You have helped us further our goals for the homeless animals. The cash, grants, fundraisers and donations of all kinds have made a BIG difference!

We sincerely appreciate all the volunteers at the Weymouth and Braintree locations who have taken such good care of the cats, dogs, and other animals. Your love and care makes a big difference in their lives as they wait for their loving homes.

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!

Mac is a male gray Persian, and Tosh is a female cream Persian. This brother and sister are 14+ years old, and are the sweetest, most lovable cats. However they were both diagnosed with kidney failure and are on a special canned renal food. They also receive B12 shots and subcutaneous fluids periodically.

With your help MHS can continue to fund the special wet food and medical needs these cats require to continue going strong. Mac and Tosh

are living a normal life at the Shelter, getting all the care needed to out live their lives with comfort, love and respect.

Please open your heart and sponsor Mac and Tosh. MHS will send you pictures of these two with a Sponsor Certificate for you to show how supportive and caring you are! What's more, we'll put your name on our web page under their pictures. If you'd like to meet Mac and Tosh at the shelter, call 781.335.1300 or email masshumane@aol.com

MHS shelter info

The MHS shelter is open for you to view animals for adoption from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

To schedule an appointment to view animals for possible adoption, please call 781.335.1300 or email masshumane@aol.com.

Note: All visitors are required to sign in and present photo identification upon entering the shelter.



Ongoing fundraisers you can do— it's easy!

Would you like to help the dogs and cats at the Shelter but you can't commit to a specific amount of time? Consider collecting pennies! A penny drive at your school, office, neighborhood or local church can help us support our efforts to save more animals. Pennies add up and we are happy to roll those that are dropped off at the Shelter.

MHS also collects beverage containers to raise funds for the animals. Just drop off your bottles and cans marked with a Massachusetts Deposit (tied in a large plastic trash bag) at the Shelter. Every one counts to help the Shelter animals and clean up the environment!



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This new Shelter will hold about 8 to 10 cats. If you have experience with cats and can commit a reasonable length of time to volunteering, WE NEED YOU!

If you're interested in helping out, please email MHS at masshumane@aol.com for more information and a Volunteer Application.