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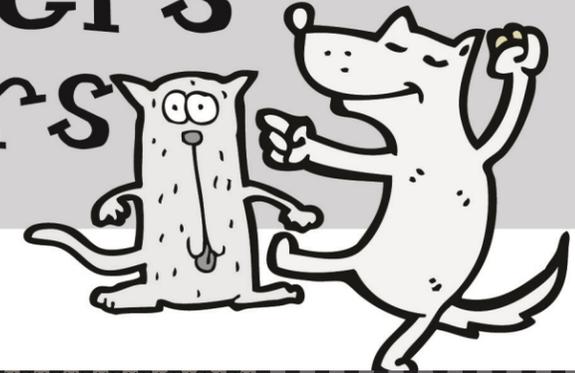


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### President's Letter

You helped 34,000 pets last year. That is a big number! Did you ever think about how that happens? Let's follow a day's work at Second Chance.

At our Adoption Center, 5 to 10 pets will find forever homes. At our three hospitals 20 to 60 pets will be spayed/neutered, over 100 will see one of our veterinarians and 5 or more pets will receive a lifesaving surgery or dental. If it's a walk in vaccine days at one of our hospitals then 50-100 pets will receive a vaccine to prevent disease. Of course, no day is ever the same and we can't predict what might come through our doors. There could be an emergency cruelty case or we could be asked to take in 20 or more pets from a case, many of them needing immediate medical care. There are the days that every surgery table is busy providing a surgery to save a life. Our mobile units may be out in the community helping pets that can't get to us. We may be knocking on doors in underserved communities offering help to pets that have never seen a vet. The list goes on and on.

Looking at the work in each area of Second Chance it becomes clear how collectively 34,000 pets are helped in a year. This year it will probably be more. We are proud to be revolutionizing force in animal welfare. We are thinking outside the box, not waiting for pets to come to our shelter doors but instead offering lifesaving programs to keep pets in their homes and preserving the human/animal bond whenever possible. We are thrilled to be out in the community beyond our doors, seeking to help pets who have never been reached before. Getting to the root causes of animal suffering and relinquishment just makes more sense than putting a bandage on the problem and addressing only the end result. Doesn't it make more sense to prevent disease than to deal with a disease outbreak? Doesn't it make more sense to provide services to people that truly love their pets but may not have the means to help their pet when they becomes ill? Think of the seniors on fixed incomes that love their pets, enjoy their companionship. The human/pet bond provides them with many so many health benefits. Now they have an option to get help when they need it.

Our efforts have drastically reduced euthanasia as an option when a pet is suffering and treatment is financially out of reach. Keeping pets in their homes means we can take more pets into our adoption center from other shelters or animal control, and help them find homes

We could not do all of this without the support of all of you. You are the backbone of our work. That 34,000 number is YOUR number, not just ours. We provide the programs but you help to provide the financial means for us to do it. And for that, on behalf of the 34,000, I thank you.

*Sheryl Blancato*  
 President



Halloween Barkacular

Running Out of Summer SK - August 25, 2018  
 Cruise for Critters Car Show - September 22, 2018  
 Barkacular - October 27, 2018

Save the dates!!!

OPEN FOR GREAT STORIES AND INFORMATION!



## Springfield Community Veterinary Hospital Opens on Mulberry Street



The Springfield Community Veterinary Hospital moved to its new home at 67 Mulberry Street in May and hosted an open house and grand opening on May 23rd. The new facility, funded in part by a grant from PetSmart Charities, will help to meet the great need for access to veterinary care in the Springfield area. Second Chance had been leasing the first floor of a building on Belmont Avenue, but as word spread throughout the community, the growing demand for services quickly outgrew the space.

All our Community Veterinary Hospital locations are open to everyone and offer subsidized pricing for qualified households. Our unique brand of veterinary hospitals with loving doctors and caring staff provides full service care for pets ranging from routine exams and vaccines to in-house blood testing and urinalysis, x-rays, spay/neuter surgery, dental surgery and more with a goal of keeping pets with their families and out of shelters.

The move for our Springfield facility means we'll be expanding services in Western Massachusetts to include our low-cost spay and neuter program and dental care. Dental surgeries can dramatically improve the quality of life for pets struggling with poor dental health. Dental procedures at traditional providers can be costly and financially out of reach for some pet owners who may be faced with difficult decisions.

We have so many people to thank for making this dream a reality! We are grateful to PetSmart Charities for a \$200,000 grant that got this project started, and to the employees, contractors and volunteers for their endless hours of hard work constructing and moving and putting the finishing touches on this beautiful facility. Special thanks to our board member and real estate expert Sara Gasparini who scoured the market until we found the perfect location, and to you our generous donors for recognizing the importance of providing access to veterinary care for the Springfield area. You have all made a difference and you should be proud.



## Dog and Family Separated by Hurricane Maria Reunite at Second Chance

There wasn't a dry eye in the room as Juleyka Cruz and her family first saw their beloved dog Daya. It took a moment for the dog to realize what was going on, and then she leapt for joy into their arms. The family had been forced to relocate to Framingham without their dog after Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico. They were excited to learn that Daya had been found and was on her way to Second Chance Animal Services Almost Home facility in North Brookfield.

Daya was one of 18 pets that arrived at Second Chance in April on a transport facilitated by St. Hubert's Animal Welfare of Madison, NJ and the Puerto Rico Animals Unite Initiative. Second Chance picked up the pets in New Jersey for the last leg of their long journey.

Conditions in Puerto Rico after Hurricanes Maria and Irma changed the lives of many families in Puerto Rico. Some who decided to relocate were forced to leave their pets behind due to a lack of transportation options. Second Chance was happy to continue their mission to help animals affected by the hurricanes by reuniting this dog and her owner. Last year Second Chance took in 120 pets from hurricane ravaged areas to help make room in the shelters in the affected areas for incoming pets. Second Chance also mentors a shelter in Puerto Rico through the Operation H.O.P.E. program. Two Second Chance vet techs traveled to Puerto Rico this past January, bringing supplies and helping to train local staff. Don't miss their adventures on page 8.

CEO Sheryl Blancato is grateful for the partnerships in Puerto Rico. "We are excited to be a part of the happy ending for pets and owners who have been through so much. Keeping pets and their families together whenever possible is our first priority."



A video of Daya reuniting with her family taken by Second Chance staff to share on Facebook went viral with over 84,000 views on Facebook alone as viewers shared this sweet story around the world. You can find the video at [www.secondchanceanimals.org](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org) Select the news tab.



**August 25, 2018 at 10 AM**  
**Rapscallion Brewery**

195 Arnold Road, Sturbridge, MA

Proceeds benefit Second Chance Animal Services

- Prizes for top 3 male and female finishers
- Prizes for age group top male & female finishers
- Live Music, Giveaways, Raffles & Food
- Free limited edition post-race beer specially brewed for the event: Running Out of Summer Ale

In addition to the post-race beer, all registered runners will receive a gender specific tech shirt and medal. Taking place on the last weekend before Labor Day, this race is sure to be a fun, festive event. Field capped at 300 runners so don't miss out!

NOTEABLE NARRATIVES

So many stories come through our doors every day, but we always like to share a few of the special ones with all of you!



Orphaned Kitten Cheeto

This little kitten is lucky to be alive. A carrier was abandoned in a local vet clinic with a mom cat who had obviously been in labor for some time and her uterus was partially out of her body. The vet clinic called animal control to pick up the abandoned cat. Animal control knew the situation for the mom was not good and quickly got her to Second Chance for help. Emergency work began immediately on the mom. Tests showed that there were still 2 kittens inside and mom was not doing well. Surgery was done immediately. Sadly one of the two kittens could not be saved. Mom made it through surgery but continued to have seizures and passed away a few hours after surgery. Little Cheeto was now on his own and had a long road ahead of him.

One of our vet techs cared for this kitten night and day to feed and care for him. He was kept warm and comfortable in an incubator round the clock and continued to make progress. The little baby had a huge will to live and Second Chance was there every step of the way.

Cheeto is now happily in his forever home, but before he departed, professional photographer Michael Stone, who volunteered his craft, captured this photo of Cheeto which is now on display in the lobby of our new Community Veterinary Hospital as a reminder that big or small, we all deserve a Second Chance.



Harmony Says Thank You

Harmony came to Second Chance through our transport program. When our veterinarians examined her, they discovered she was pregnant. She gave birth to these adorable puppies who are thriving! Mom and babies remained with a foster until they were enough to be weaned and spayed/neutered. The added cost of caring for a mom and her babies until they can be adopted, which can range up to \$4,000 depending upon the size and health of the litter, is just one of the ways your donation supports Second Chance. We are so very grateful that with your help, we can share these happy endings.



Welcoming 11 Puppies!

Doberman Meesha, who was surrendered to Second Chance pregnant, welcomed 11 healthy puppies at the home of her loving foster. Mom and babies are doing great and will remain with their foster until they are old enough to be spayed and neutered before adoption.



Seriously Injured Salem Gets a Second Chance

Salem was found injured by the side of the road and brought to Second Chance by a good samaritan at the request of animal control. Vets immediately evaluated the traumatized cat who had a laceration to his face, major eye trauma and an injury to his leg. The staff was able to stabilize him and get him into surgery to remove his eye which could not be saved.

Our doctors tells us Salem is doing amazing! He has some slight vision problems with his other eye but he's a very happy and playful cat. Salem is halfway through his 4 month quarantine and we are so happy he's getting his Second Chance!





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## Operation H.O.P.E. (Help Operation Puerto Rico Endure)

Second Chance traveled to Puerto Rico in January to continue mentoring our sister shelter through Operation H.O.P.E. Vet techs worked along with staff from the Humane Society of the United States sharing their knowledge as they lent a hand to shelter staff.

**Day 1:** Danielle and Kylee passed a lot of storm damage on their first trip to our sister shelter in Puerto Rico. When they arrived, Danielle was impressed. *"They jumped right back into operation three weeks after the hurricane. They are very hard working and would really benefit from more volunteers and training...which is why we are here."* Danielle and Kylee worked along with staff from HSUS all this week sharing their knowledge as they lent a hand to the shelter staff.



**Day 2 & 3:** On day 2, Danielle and Kylee got to spend a little time walking around the shelter and visiting some pets. *"The cats at the adoption center are enjoying the toys we brought."* They brought toys for the dogs as well in their luggage. The day's agenda included team building exercises as they worked to make improvements at our sister shelter.



On Day 3 Kylee & Danielle spent some time observing at the shelter and shared picture of a cat enjoying his first catnip toy. They also helped bring dogs that are ready to be adopted from the shelter area down to the adoption center.



**Day 4 & 5:** Danielle and Kylee took a few moments to reflect on their final days at our sister shelter as they share dmore pictures from their time in Puerto Rico. Danielle talked about one of the great features: "One of the things I loved the most about the shelter was that they have community cat areas where the cats live and outdoor community cat rooms for during the day. They have coverage from sun and rain yet airflow on all sides. They have the same for the dog areas. There are community dog areas that are outside and the dogs are broken up into size groups. These help make all of the cats and dogs socialize with each other which helps with adoption."

Kylee is hopeful for future progress: *"Today is saying goodbye to new friends and hope of a great year working together to help the shelter grow even more! We will work together with our sister shelter Operation Kindness and Villa Michelle over the next year."*



### Monthly Pet Pal Donations Add Up!

Here's what your donation can do over the course of a single year:

- 50¢ per day (\$15/month) can provide a dog with life-saving heartworm treatment.
- \$1 per day (\$30/month) can provide spay/neuter surgeries for 10 dogs and cats, reducing the number of homeless pets in our community.
- \$2 per day (\$60/month) can provide subsidized veterinary care to 5 dogs and cats, ensuring that people on fixed incomes do not have to surrender their beloved pets because they can't cover veterinary costs.
- \$2.50 per day (\$75/month) can provide 30 dogs and cats with the opportunity to find a forever home through our adoption programs.

To become a monthly supporter, visit [www.secondchanceanimals.org](http://www.secondchanceanimals.org) and click on the Donate Now button to be a part of the lifeline for these pets!





## Second Chance Animal Services

# HALLOWEEN BARKTACULAR



**Saturday October 27th - 11am to 3pm - 4H Camp Marshall - Spencer, MA**

### All New This Fall...

Join us for a Halloween event for everyone with two or four legs to benefit Second Chance. Indoor and outdoor activities including costume contest and trick-or-treating for kids and pets, haunted hayrides, pony rides, indoor Kid Zone with carnival games, bouncy castle, Walk 'N Wag pledge raising trail walk with scavenger hunt, doggie games and contests, music, food & craft vendors and other Halloween fun for families and pets.

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