# Second Chance Animal Services PO Box 136 East Brookfield, MA 01515 "More Than Just a Shelter"

Cruise for Critters—September 12, 2019 20th Anniversary—October 5, 2019 Halloween Barktacular—October 26,2019 20th Dinner Auction—March 23, 2019 7th Annual Golf Tournament—July 13, 2019 2nd Annual Running Out of Summer 5K—August 24, 2019

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#### **President's Letter**

It's hard to believe, our 20th year of helping pets is upon us! A lot has changed in those 20 years – for us and for animal welfare. We have grown from a small adoption organization helping a few hundred pets a year to what we are today, helping over 37,000 pets a year! We now operate an adoption center, 2 satellite adoption centers, a transport holding facility, and 3 full service veterinary hospitals that serve the pets in the community. We are the ONLY animal welfare organization in MA that provides full service veterinary hospitals that not only serve all pet owners in the community but also offer subsidized rates for those that qualify so everyone has access to care. Animal welfare has also changed in the past 20 years. In the northeast spay/neuter has brought the overpopulation under control and is now continuing to maintain the population. Shelters around the region now see themselves with empty cages. There is no reason for anyone in this area to euthanize a healthy, adoptable pet. Times have changed for the better, for pets in the northeast. That is why Second Chance opened a transport facility to help pets in other areas that are still overcrowded with pets at risk.

There is still a LOT of work to be done which is why Second Chance changed to meet those needs. While 91% of the pets in the general population are spayed/neutered, 87% in underserved communities are not (stats from HSUS). We are out there in the community to help those pets.

There is also the work of providing access to care for all. In underserved communities 77% of pets have never seen a vet. This is not because their owners don't love them, but simply because they can't afford traditional veterinary costs and/or do not have the ability to easily get there. That is why we opened up our veterinary hospitals. Everyone is welcome to bring their pets to our highly skilled team of veterinarians and get the best care. For those that are on fixed incomes such as the elderly and disabled, we provide access to care with our subsidized rates. We are able to do this because all the funds generated by our hospitals go directly back to helping pets.

We are doing so much more too. We have developed procedures and protocols that have been embraced by other animal welfare organizations across the country. This includes our protocol for the best practices of transporting cats from one shelter to another. It sounds simple enough but cats stress easily in transport. We wanted to be able to help shelters where pets were being euthanized. Our protocol reduces stress related illnesses by 70%.

We have so many programs that are revolutionizing animal welfare and have afforded us the ability to help so many more pets than ever before. As we celebrate our 20th year we are extremely grateful to all of you that have joined in this journey and help to support our work so we can be there for pets whenever they need us. We can't do this alone and we cannot thank you enough for being part of the Second Chance family as we celebrate 20 years of dramatic lifesaving growth! We look forward to a future where we can ensure that no pet goes without the services needed to live a healthy and happy long life.

Sheryl Blancato President



# "More Than Just a Shelter" Programs That Help Pets Beyond Our Walls



When Second Chance was founded in 1999, our main objective was to find homes for a few stray pets. As we've grown through the past 20 years. so has the list of new ways we've found to help pets. Here are just some of the programs we could not provide without your continued support.

**Vaccine & Microchip Clinics**: We go out into the community with our low-cost vaccine & microchip clinics to ensure all pets have access to life-saving immunizations. Each of our hospitals also host a weekly walk -in clinic offering the same low-cost vaccines and microchips.

**Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics:** Each of our hospitals offers low-cost spays and neuters, keeping pets healthier and helping to control the pet population.

**Full-Service Veterinary Hospitals offering Subsidized Rates:** Our hospitals are open to everyone, providing full-service veterinary care. We also offer subsidized rates for qualified households to ensure all pets have access to the medical care they need. We are the only animal welfare organization offering full-service veterinary care at subsidized rates in Massachusetts.

**Pet Food Pantry:** We found that many pet owners struggling to keep food on their own table will often go without for the sake of their pets so we established our pet food pantry to help. We provide food to 17 local food pantries to make sure no one goes hungry.

Home Bound to the Rescue: We also found that in addition to pet food, elderly need assistance with basic pet care during these tough economic times. Many of the elderly cannot afford to provide basic medical care for their pets and/or don't have the transportation available to get their pets to a veterinarian. This program assists pet owners by providing the services right at their doorstep. By going to elderly housing areas, we are able to help the elderly to keep their pets healthy and up to date on vaccines.

**Foster Program:** Many pets come to Second Chance with medical needs. Just like people, pets heal faster at home, so we are grateful to our fosters who open their homes and their hearts to pets in need. By giving a temporary home to a homeless pet, you can save the life of an otherwise homeless pet. Foster care consists of providing a safe, loving, temporary home for a dog until a permanent adoptive home can be found. Fosters also help make room at the shelter so we can help even more pets. To learn more about becoming a foster, visit **secondchanceanimals.org** or call **508-867-5525**.

# Second Chance Ready to Help Orphan Kittens & Puppies

Longtime Second Chance spay/neuter surgeon Dr. Kristen Cormier has spearheaded a new training program to help prepare fosters to care for young orphan kittens and puppies. Every spring, Second Chance takes in orphan kittens from our local communities. We have also seen our share of orphaned puppies. When these helpless babies come to Second Chance, time is of the essence so we are preparing orphan packs now so we are ready to say YES!



Pictured above is Cheeto, one of the many orphans we have given a 'Second Chance.'

We need Miracle Nipples, KMR, unscented baby wipes, non clumping litter, gram scales, blender bottles, snuggle safe heating pads, rescue disinfectant, top-loading carries and note books. Needed items can be found on our Amazon wish list.



# Second Chance Awarded 3 Top Honors in the 2018 Best of Central Mass

Second Chance was voted Best Pet Services, Best Veterinarian and Best Nonprofit in this year's Best of Central Mass sponsored by the Worcester Telegram. Second Chance's annual Dinner Auction was also honored as one of the top three fundraising events in Central Mass.

We are so proud of our staff and volunteers for their tireless work helping pets in need and so grateful for the support of everyone who voted.



#### **NOTEABLE NARRATIVES**

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

#### **A Second Chance for Forrest**



This is Forrest, one of the 37,400 pets we helped last year. Forrest is a three year old boxer mix who got his Second Chance when the shelter he was living at was out of space and he came to us on a transport. When our doctors examined this sweet boy, who loves to carry his toys around, they found evidence of an old jaw fracture that has thankfully healed. Blood tests revealed he is also positive for heartworm, a preventable but serious and sometimes fatal condition. The heartworm diagnosis could have made him a prime

candidate for euthanasia at his former shelter. Forrest must complete his treatment before he can be adopted.

### **Bastet Survives 3-Story Fall**

Meet Bastet, a six month old kitten injured when she survived a 3 story fall. She came to Second Chance with a broken femur and no where else to turn. Our medical staff took in this sweet girl, stabilized her and operated to repair her femur.

Because she is so young, she had a very good prognosis. She was fostered by one of our vet techs for round the clock care and love while she healed and recently adopted!!





## **Happy Ending for Little Elf**

Little Elf is a puppy who came to Second Chance battling life threatening parvo. When no one else could help, Second Chance opened our doors to the pup and nursed him back to health. Little Elf is now with his forever family thanks to your support.

### In Memory of Abby FKA Patty



We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Abby. Many will remember her as Patty, the young lab mix who came to Second Chance with a serious heart condition. She was diagnosed with a very serious condition called a Patent Ductus, a congenital defect Her heart could not pump blood normally the way it was meant to and after living with this condition for 3 years, this sweet little girl was now starting to show signs of heart failure.

Her amazing foster family, who opened their home and their hearts to this sweet girl as she went through med-

ical treatment and would later adopt her, gave her so much love. We extend our deepest condolences to her owners. We are forever grateful to them for their support, kindness and love for Abby. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers

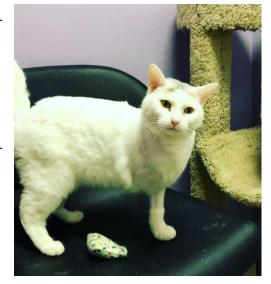
#### **Thank You From Lolita**

Lolita came to Second Chance needing emergency surgery after she was attacked by two dogs causing extensive soft tissue damage to skin, ligaments, blood vessels and muscles in her right

front leg. The extensive damage results in her needing a leg amputation.

We are happy report that Lolita has completed her medical treatment and was

recently adopted. We are so happy for this sweet cat who suffered so much trauma, and we are so grateful to our supporters for making her surgery and rehabilitation possible.





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# Say YES so Second Chance NEVER has to say NO!

# **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 vaccines and flea treatment for a shelter pet. \$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 <u>www.secondchanceanimals.org</u> and click on the Donate Now button to be a part of the lifeline for these pets!



# Second Chance Volunteer a **2018** Animaltarian of the Year Finalist



Volunteer Ellen Herlihy was one of 8 finalists nationwide in the PetPartners Animaltarian of the Year award.

Ellen works tirelessly in a volunteer capacity in many areas of Second Chance. At the adoption center, she makes follow-up calls when potential adopters fill out applications and helps with animal care and telephones. Once a week, and occasional weekends, you can find her helping out at walk-in vaccine clinics where she calmly helps pet owners fill out forms and answers questions. As if that's not enough, she also takes her work home with her, writing hand written notes to donors.

"Ellen is true asset to Second Chance" according to Development Director Lindsay Doray who nominated her longtime mentor and friend. "I don't know what we would do without her. Ellen is one of the kindest people I have ever met in animal welfare."

Ellen was the only nominee from New England in the field of 25. She is known for her love of cats, but when it came time to submit a photo with her nomination, all that could be found was pictures of Ellen with dogs which brought a smile to Second Chance staff.

### **Cat Pawsitive Come to Second Chance**

Second Chance Animal Services has been selected by The Jackson Galaxy Project to participate in the Spring 2019 Semester of Cat Pawsitive, a life-saving initiative that introduces positive-reinforcement training to cats in shelters and rescues. Supported by the Petco Foundation and Halo® pet food, this innovative training program for cats aims to increase feline adoption rates and maintain cat "mojo."

Jackson Galaxy (star of the television show My Cat from Hellon Animal Planet, and founder of JGP) developed Cat Pawsitive with a team of feline behavior experts.



# **Project Good Dog Celebrates First Anniversary of Programming at Hampden County Sheriff's Department**

It's been over a year since Project Good Dog expended into their newest facility with the Hampden County Sherrif's Department. Adding a third location for the program that pairs behaviorally needy

dogs with incarcerated individuals who provide them with 24/7 care and training gave 25 more dogs the help they needed to ensure them the best possible Second Chance.

Here's an update on just one fo the program's graduates: "Harper is doing great!! She runs around crazy with the ball for a bit but eventually returns it to us. We fell super lucky to have her. She's acclimated great to our house and the neighborhood. She's well behaved and even stays in the yard off leash. We've been taking her to the dog park by our house and up Mt. Tom a bunch. She's clearly well liked everywhere she goes! And folks we have met have been excited to hear about the program."



Harper, formerly known as Hershey, is one of the Project Good Dog graduates from the Hampden County

Project Good Dog is funded in part by generous grant from PetSmart Charities and the Pedigree Foundation/





### Save The Dates To Help Pets In Need







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