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*"More Than Just a Shelter"*



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### President's Letter

We are nearly half way through the year and the number of pets seeking our help has already exceeded our expectations. More pets than ever are turning to Second Chance for help. We are so very proud of how far we have come and all that we can do for pets.

We have expanded our surgical abilities so more pets can receive the surgeries they need. Our larger Springfield hospital that opened last year is already helping nearly twice as many pets as the year before. And we have been out in the community providing lifesaving preventative care such as vaccine clinics at a higher rate than ever. It is heartwarming to know we have the ability to help more pets. This is due in large part to our wonderful family of donors who help us to be able to do what we do every day.

This year we are celebrating our 20th year of helping pets. That is not a long time in animal welfare years, but how far we have come exceeds our young life. We started out in 1999 with a dream to build an animal shelter to help house pets and get them into new homes. We did that. But we knew more was needed. We listened to the community and saw the needs of the pets. So, we expanded to offer vaccine clinics to prevent disease, low cost spay neuter to control the overpopulation, and then we did more. We opened up our first full-service veterinary hospital with a promise to provide access to care for all pets, not just those that could afford veterinary services but also those that needed subsidized rates to get their pets the care they needed. We did that. Then we opened a second hospital in Springfield in 2015 and another one in Worcester in 2017. We didn't stop there. We created programs and services to reach those in the most need. Homebound to the Rescue was created to provide free veterinary services to the elderly in elderly housing so they could care for their pets and bring services right to their door. There are so many programs, too many to list here, but we keep creating them. We have programs to take shelter dogs out for the day to get them more exposure and a day away from their kennel, behavioral training for cats, Project Good Dog that pairs behaviorally needy pets with correctional facility residents so that they can get one on one 24/7 time to be trained and get great homes.

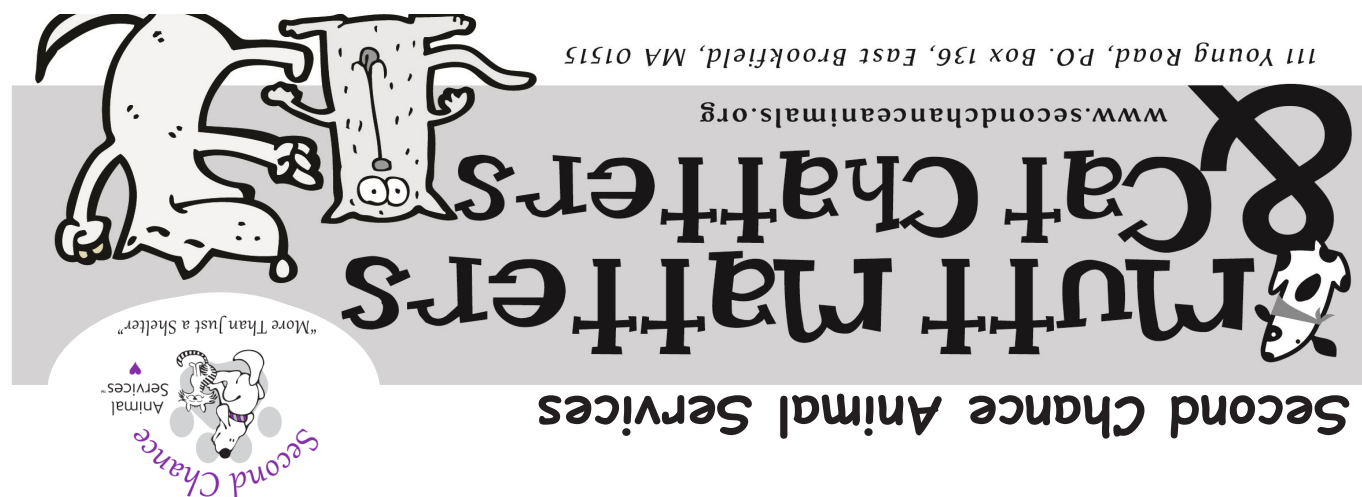
We are proud of how far we have come. We are equally excited at what will come next. Thank you to everyone that has been on this journey with us and continues to do so. It is a journey and we will continue on this road until every pet has a safe loving home, access to medical care, and all they need to live a long and happy life. We hope you will continue with us on this journey so every pet can have a second chance.

*Sheryl Blancato*  
 President



**Save the dates!!!**  
 2nd Annual Running Out of Summer 5K—August 24, 2019  
 Cruise for Critters—September 12, 2019  
 Rose Sale Pre-Orders Due September 21, 2019  
 20th Anniversary—October 5, 2019  
 Halloween Barktacular—October 26, 2019

**OPEN FOR GREAT STORIES AND INFORMATION!**







# Keeping Pets Healthy in Our Communities

Second Chance is committed to keeping all pets healthy in communities across Massachusetts. In addition to our three full-service veterinary hospitals, we have several programs serving pets in need beyond our walls:

### Vaccine Clinics:

This spring, we had 9 vaccines clinics in towns throughout Central and Western Massachusetts offering rabies and distemper/parvo vaccines at \$5 each thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities. These vaccines not only protect the pets that received them, but can help keep all pets in the community healthy by stopping the spread of rabies and parvo. We also offered microchips which help reunite lost pets with their owners.



### Mobile Veterinary Clinic:

Our Mobile Veterinary Clinic, which has been making regularly scheduled visits in Webster and Dudley, is preparing to expand the schedule to more locations. This program brings lifesaving vaccines and services to pets in underserved communities. Some of the pets we help at these clinics have never seen a veterinarian before.

### Homebound to the Rescue:

The Homebound to the Rescue program began as an extension to our Pet Food Pantry program and has grown into an important resource for low-income pet owners. Our mobile veterinary clinic makes visits to elderly housing areas to provide no-cost care for pets that would otherwise have no access to vet care. Grant funding for this program is limited, and we rely on donations from generous people like you, to keep this important program running. Thank you.



# Adoption Center Filled to Capacity in June

Last month Second Chance responded to an unprecedented number of requests for help from animal control officers and other shelters in addition to taking in local homeless pets. Our adoption center was filled to capacity and it was all hands on deck caring for pets and working to find them homes. The mobile adoption unit was even parked out front to make extra room for all the kittens in our care.



Because of our ability to handle pets with medical needs, Second Chance is an important partner for local animal control officers and other shelters. We are often the last chance for these pets, so we are grateful to our volunteers and staff who worked extra hours to make sure everyone was cared for. We are also grateful to our generous donors, who make all the lifesaving possible.

## Second Chance Medical Director Voted Best Veterinarian

Dr. Grace Park, Medical Director at Second Chance, took home top honors last night at Worcester Magazine's 2019 Best of Worcester. Dr. Park was voted Best Veterinarian by the over 250,000 readers who cast their vote in this year's poll.

Dr. Park joined our medical staff in 2015 and has been championing pets in need at Second Chance since the moment she arrived. In addition to performing life saving surgeries for many of our shelter pets, Dr. Park sees patients at our Worcester and North Brookfield hospitals, improving the lives of countless pets. Her special interests include dentistry, population control, soft tissue and orthopedic surgery and geriatric medicine. Dr. Park is certified in veterinary acupuncture and also has a certificate in aquatic pathobiology.







## 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 Yogi

Yogi, a gorgeous 3-year-old mountain cur surrendered to Second Chance, recently underwent orthopedic surgery at Second Chance's North Brookfield hospital to repair his ruptured ACL. He's currently recovering and looking forward to finding his forever home.

Yogi is just one of the many pets in our care with extensive medical needs.



### Battling Heartworm Disease

Right now, there are 8 Second Chance dogs being treated for heartworm disease. These dogs require more rigorous treatment than the average pet surrendered to the shelter. One of the dogs, Elsie, developed serious complications and staff feared we might lose her. Thankfully she's on the mend, but her medical bills are expected to reach \$10,000.

Heartworm is deadly if not treated, but it is completely preventable by keeping dogs on preventative medication year round.

Heartworm positive dogs in overcrowded shelters can face dire circumstances. Second Chance is grateful for the financial support our donors provide to care for these dogs in peril.

### Casper



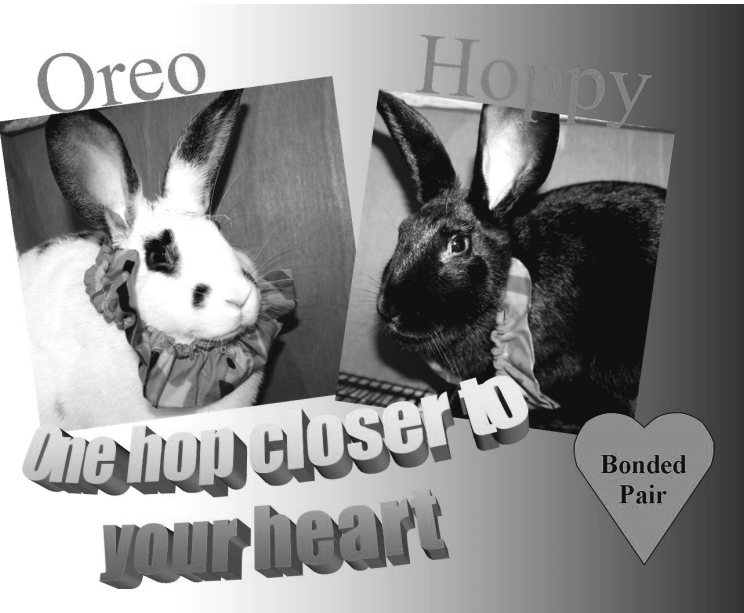
A cat named Casper came to Second Chance with severe trauma to his right front leg. The veterinarians at Second Chance tried everything to save the leg of this good natured cat, but the damage was too severe. The decision was made to amputate the leg to relieve Casper of the constant pain he endured.



Casper is now recovering in his loving foster's home.

### Double the Love

It takes a special family to adopt a bonded pair of pets, and in June we had quite a few duos waiting for homes. We are happy to report that Penny the feist and her best friend Marvin the chihuahua were recently adopted, as were cats Tom and Luna. But as we get ready to send our newsletter to the printer, bunnies Hoppy and Oreo are still looking for a home. We'll keep work to make their dreams come true by keeping them together!





**Thank you for remembering the animals with your memorial donations.**

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**Pets Just Wanna Have Fun**

A quick check in on the amazing volunteer programs designed specifically to enrich the lives of Second Chance residents. Not a volunteer? Visit [secondchanceanimals.org](http://secondchanceanimals.org) for more information on joining our ranks and have some fun too!

**Cat Pawsitive Space Gets a Makeover**



Visitors to our Adoption Center may notice we’ve created a great space in our cat visitation room for the Cat Pawsitive program. Now we have more room for the innovative training program for cats developed by Jackson Galaxy of *My Cat from Hell* on Animal Planet. Our Cat Pawsitive team will be rolling out the

program shelter-wide very soon. Volunteers interested in being part of this groundbreaking program at Second Chance can watch for more information via email.

**Dog’s Day Out**

This spring we launched a new field trip program for dogs at our shelter. Dogs get to spend a few hours out of the shelter, hiking or visiting pet-friendly locations in the area. Not only does it break up the monotony of shelter life, it also give the dogs the opportunity to meet more potential adopters. Registered volunteers can pick up a dog Monday through Saturday beginning at 10 am and return no later than 4 pm on Fridays and 5 pm the rest of the week. (Sorry, no field trips on Sundays.) Please remember to bring a valid ID with your current address to participate. We encourage volunteers to call ahead to ensure that we have a dog available to participate so you aren’t disappointed. 508-867-5525.





**2nd Annual  
Running Out of Summer 5K  
Saturday, August 24, 2019 - 10 AM  
Rapscallion Brewery, Sturbridge**

The Annual Running Out of Summer 5K, held in partnership with Rapscallion Brewery and the Wormtown Milers, benefits Second Chance Animal Shelter & Wellness Clinic serving Worcester County with locations in East Brookfield, North Brookfield, and Worcester.



Join us for a scenic and fast out and back course, followed by food, drinks, and fun at the Rapscallion Brewery Tap Room in Sturbridge, MA! This event is capped at 500 runners and sold out last year so don't delay - secure your spot today!

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Come to our Halloween event bringing families and pets together to benefit Second Chance. Indoor and outdoor event activities including trick-or-treating for kids and pets, haunted hayrides, pony rides, indoor Kid Zone with carnival games, bouncy castle by Central MA Jump, dog massages and agility 'Try Its', music, food & craft vendors and other Halloween fun for families and pets. Special featured events include a Costume Contest judged by the Barktacular King & Queen, and Your Dog Can Paint with CC Lowell. FREE ADMISSION! Families and pets are welcome!

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**To benefit animals in need at Second Chance Animal Services**

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