



Second Chance Animal Services, Inc.

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Our Mission

- To provide temporary shelter to abandoned and surrendered animals for the purpose of finding permanent suitable homes.
- To provide assistance and information to others whose purposes are consistent with the purpose of Second Chance Animal Services, Inc.
- To provide assistance and financial aid to prevent overpopulation through spaying and neutering programs.
- To support a healthy pet community and responsible animal husbandry by providing low or no cost general veterinary services to those unable to afford care for their pets and to animal control agencies, animal shelters and rescues, and to establish referral networks with local "for profit" veterinary doctors and clinics to channel those eligible for low or no cost services to SCAS.
- Voted Top Non-Profit on greatnonprofits.org 2017, 2018
- Voted Best of Central MA for Pet Services 2016, 2017, 2018
- Voted Best of Central MA for Veterinarian 2017, 2018
- Voted Best of Central MA For Nonprofit 2018
- Platinum Level on Guidestar.org
- HSUS Emergency Partner since 2010
- ASPCA Emergency Placement Partner since 2013
- Only Pets for Life Designated Organization in MA

Pets Need You Now, More Than Ever

Dear Animal Friend,

At this very moment, there's a very sick pet curled up by their loving owner who is desperately trying to find help for the pet. So many veterinary programs that help pets in need remain closed because they are affiliated with schools that have suspended programming. The owner, who may have been laid off due to the pandemic, is frantically calling to find a veterinarian that can see the pet while worrying that they might not have the resources to pay for urgent veterinary care. They reach out to friends on social media and learn that *Second Chance can help.*



Throughout the pandemic, Second Chance phone lines have been ringing off the hook with calls from pet owners who have nowhere else to turn. Their pets are facing the risk of surrender, abandonment or euthanasia. *Your continued support can help these pets to get the care they need.*

Our staff and resources are stretched thin. Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals continue to receive twice, and often three times the normal volume of calls for help since the pandemic began. Doctors and veterinary staff are working long hours to help as many pets as they can.



At the same time, donations are down and nearly all of our fundraising events have been cancelled. Over 100 events that fund the subsidized veterinary rates that provide access to veterinary care for at-risk pets will not happen this year.

These at-risk pets need you now more than ever. We know that times are tough for many. If you can help, please consider a donation today.

Adoption Center 111 Young Road, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515, T: 508-867-5525
North Brookfield Community Veterinary Hospital 372 North Main Street, North Brookfield, MA 01535, T: 508-637-1333
Springfield Community Veterinary Hospital 67 Mulberry Street, Springfield 01105, T: 413-739-2343
Worcester Community Veterinary Hospital 831 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610, T: 774-243-1234

Always Here for Pets

As the pandemic began to take hold earlier this year, a decision was made. We will always be here for pets. Second Chance provides so many essential services for sick, homeless and at-risk pets. We could not let them down. While some programs that draw large crowds or rely on then-scarce medical supplies had to be suspended, our adoption and veterinary services continued to operate, providing a safety net for pets in need. Here's an update on some of the programs your generosity makes possible:

Adoption Center – East Brookfield

The adoption center continued to bring together homeless pets and would-be adopters employing enhanced cleaning protocols and limiting visitors to one family at a time. We didn't want to shuffle around pets that had already been through so much. One by one, they quickly found forever homes with grateful families. As we write you, transports have resumed on a limited basis rescuing pets from overcrowded shelters across the country, uniting once unloved pets with loving Massachusetts residents eager to adopt. *Your support changes the lives of these pets.*



Community Veterinary Hospitals – North Brookfield, Springfield & Worcester



Second Chance veterinary hospitals quickly adopted a curbside process to safely continue to see pets with urgent and emergency veterinary needs while pet owners remained in their vehicles. Emergency surgeries were directed to the North Brookfield hospital to conserve critical and hard-to-obtain supplies. Many pet lives were saved daily. The spay/neuter program, which was suspended as part of this conservation effort, was finally able to resume after almost three months. There is a significant backlog of pet owners waiting and veterinary staff are employing innovative techniques to help more pets. Second Chance has also turned to innovation to offer socially distanced vaccine clinics, eliminating crowds, lines and stress on pets and pet owners with an online pre-registration process that has been so successful, we

plan to keep it in place when restrictions are fully lifted. *The support of donors, particularly monthly donors, enabled Second Chance to continue to serve pets while facing the rising costs associated with COVID-19.*

Pet Food Pantry Program – East Brookfield

Our pet food pantry program, supplying pet food to area food pantries for distribution, has been a lifeline for pets whose owners are facing difficult times. We are now assisting additional food pantries and providing more food to each location, so no pet goes hungry. *Help is greatly needed to continue this program, particularly with the increased costs while volunteer help is limited due to COVID-19 restrictions*



You Can Help

I am so very grateful for your support right now. Like you at home, every day we face new challenges brought upon us all by the pandemic. We have all had many sleepless nights, worrying. One thing that has carried me through, personally and on behalf of Second Chance, is knowing that we can continue to make a difference for pets.

The great need of pets hasn't changed because of the pandemic. *They still need our help.* If you are able, please consider making a donation today.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Sheryl Blancato

Sheryl Blancato
President and CEO



And all the pets of Second Chance

P.S. I have a special request for you. Whether or not you are able to make a donation today, you can help pets in need by telling a friend, neighbor or family member about Second Chance. Share the work you help us do and the resources that can help pet owners find help for their own pets.



Pets Need You Now, More than Ever!

Donate online at www.secondchanceanimals.org

OR return this form with your donation today!

I want save lives with a one-time gift of:




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 This gift will be matched by my employer. Matching gift information enclosed



I want to help pets all year long!

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