



BAGHEERA PART 2



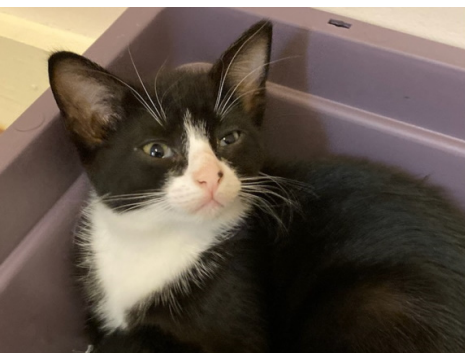
It's well known that cats are full of surprises. They never cease to amaze us. Therefore, we shouldn't have been surprised when *Bagheera* was adopted - but we were.

Bagheera was showcased in a previous newsletter and because of that several people came to meet him. It was the same story at each visit - feigned indifference and an ignoring of all overtures.

As his first anniversary of being at CASAS neared we felt he would be with us forever and that would be alright with us.

One day a call came in. Mike's cat passed away and he was lonely. A discussion of available cats followed. Mike wanted to meet *Bagheera* the next day. Sure, no problem.

By now you can guess what happened. *Bagheera* was the perfect charmer, Mike fell in love, and a very special bond was formed. Who knows how these things come about but they do. A wonderful older cat found the home he wanted with the man he had been waiting for all these months. *Bagheera* sleeps with Mike every night and is a happy, relaxed, and very playful cat. This is why we do what we do.



CAT CHAT THE GENTLE PURR

by Roz Goldstein



Kittens, those cute, energetic, mischievous little balls of fur are of course dear to a feline fancier's heart. But let us not underestimate the calm loving of an older cat.

Those kittens will grow up and grow older. The indoor cat's life span is increasing with better food, medicine and caring. Many cats may live 15 to 20+ years. I have been privileged to share life with an 18-year-old and 19 ½ year old who are now gone. Currently my 18+ year old is still enjoying life. As cats live longer, they can find themselves, through no fault of their own, in a shelter. An older cat may have lost their older human companion through death or the persons' need for a nursing home. They come here often confused, perhaps depressed for losing their home and companion.

Most cats will adjust well given loving care and shelter. Some may need medical follow up. Most senior cats maintain their health well into old age. Common ailments in older cats (people too) can be diabetes, kidney disease, thyroid disease, and arthritis. As with humans, cats can be treated medically and with diet. CASAS staff can teach an adopter how to care for a special needs cat and sometimes help with cost. Never use human or dog medicine on your cat.

The benefit of adopting an older cat is getting a companion with an established personality and quieter, gentler behavior. Cats can be grateful for the love and comfort of a new home after some adjustment. An older human will have a loving companion. Cats are good company for those living alone. The "gentle purr" had been shown to benefit blood pressure and reduce stress.

Of course, gentle grooming, play and a warm windowsill are essential in keeping the feline mind functioning well (since they cannot do crossword puzzles). A laser pointer, which requires less human effort, may spark play interest.

Senior cats that come into the shelter are frequently adopted but some are not. Those cats become our shelter companions and will live out the rest of their lives in CASAS home environment.

Of course, these long-term residents require care and that can be expensive over time. Food, medical care, heat, etc. are provided by the shelter.

CASAS relies on donations from us to keep running, adopting, and especially caring for our long-term senior residents.

Please consider adopting a senior cat and donating to their care.

"Come grow old with me, the best is yet to be" – Robert Browning

PET APPRECIATION WEEK 2022

We were so happy we could have a full roster of events for Pet Appreciation Week!

We kicked off the week on Sunday with our opening party at the **Provincetown Brewing Company**, where the winner of our beer label photograph contest was announced, along with the label on the can of the tasty brew (please see additional article elsewhere in this Newsletter).

Friday night brought us to the Fabulous Fish Fry fundraiser at **Bayside Betsy's**. Thank you **Tony Valentino!**

The following Saturday we started with the Blessing of the Animals at **St. Mary of the Harbor Episcopal Church**. The animals were blessed by **Reverend William Rich**. This was his first time doing the Blessing in Provincetown and he really enjoyed the



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experience. The Annual Pet Parade followed. We were led by a Police Escort (paws ups for **Sargeant Glen Enos**), followed by the Provincetown Town Crier, **Daniel Gomez Llata**, ringing his bell to alert people in the Town that the pets and their humans were approaching. As always, it's such a wonderful feeling having the people cheer us on! We headed through town to finish at the **Boatslip Resort** and party at Pet Tea Dance!



Many thanks to **Jill Botman** of the Boatslip. **Austin Tyler** did a great job of emceeing the ceremony, and the people and pets seemed to really enjoy themselves. The costumes were amazing! I cannot put into words the fabulous energy there.



On Sunday, we drew the winning ticket for our raffle. Brian of Saugus, MA won the first place cash prize. Congrats! This year, we were very lucky to have a second prize, a lovely doggie gift basket donated by **Jim Landry** and his husband, owners of **Paws and Whiskers**. Paul from Provincetown was the proud winner,

although his dachshund probably appreciated it more.



It was a great week! We were so glad the weather cooperated, and we were able to enjoy these multiple events.

CASAS BEER LABEL CONTEST



Bartholomew, a 200lb half Julianna, half mini pig beat out over 60 entrants to win the CASAS pet photography contest and now graces the label of a special limited edition Hefeweizen beer produced by the **Provincetown Brewing Company (PBC)**. **Emma Bankman** of Harwich is the proud owner of **Bart** and was thrilled he was allowed to participate in the contest. **Coco** the cat came in second and **Greta** the dog placed third. Thousands of votes were cast in this terrific fund raising event for the Shelter.

The release party was held at the PBC to kick off Pet Appreciation Week, Artist **Scott Meriam** created the memorable label. We would like to thank the PBC for partnering with us to make this contest happen. **Erik Borg** and his team at the PBC embody the philanthropic spirit of Provincetown.

We would also like to thank CASAS volunteers **Rob Sheffele**, who was our liaison with the PBC as well as our PR person, and **Rachael Sokolowski**, who brought the idea to the CASAS Board, and engineered the photo contest.

DIGITAL ART

This summer CASAS had the good fortune to have a very talented volunteer, **Tessa**, visit with and socialize the cats and kittens. She was very helpful with any task given and the kittens especially loved her.

Tessa plans to go to art school and enjoys making digital art. We used her talent to raise money for the shelter and will continue the offer until the end of the year.

Email us a photo of your pet and **Tessa** will create a wonderful rendition of it. For a donation of \$12 you will get a file emailed back to you that you can print out and frame.



Gatsby

Email us at: casas4rescue@comcast.net. You can pay with Paypal on our website, www.casasanimalshelter.org.

What a fun way to celebrate your pet!

CONNECTIONS

Animals bring people together without a doubt. Dogs stopping to check each other out while on their walks sparks a conversation between the two owners. Suddenly they realized they have mutual friends. A cat escapes from its home and is found by a lonely neighbor who is not allowed to have pets in their apartment - the perfect answer for the cat owner who travels and needs a cat sitter.

Connections, we love them. Through the shelter we have made many long-lasting and meaningful connections. **Emma**, the owner of **Bartholomew**, not only supported CASAS in a very special way through the label contest but when she saw on our Facebook page that **Mickey** and **Minnie** were in need of a new home, she knew what to do. She spoke with a friend in need of cats and, again, connections brought people and animals together in the best of ways. **Mickey** and **Minnie** have found a new home and the work we do benefits from new connections.

On the couch

*I talk with my dog every night.
Is it a one-sided conversation?
I cannot say. My voice is a whisper.
I see the tremulous pitch of his ears.
I just don't care how much he understands.
He is my best friend. I pour out my heart.
I trust him with secrets I would not dare tell a soul. I treat him almost as if he was a living journal. A dog diary.
I love it that he is so profoundly non-judgmental. I am not embarrassed to speak to him with clarity and respect.
Who knows what he absorbs, what he ignores--
my therapy dog, blithely licking his paws.*

Dennis Rhodes

RECENT ADOPTIONS

Quizzle to Nancy Silva
Mozart & Jannell to Erica Taylor
Thumbelina, now **Lily Rose** to Cathy Reno Brouillet
Quillion, now **Lulu** to Justine O'Connor
Pesto, now **Buddy** to Melissa Meyers
Mico to Jan Heger
Demeter to Julie Zeigler
Tantomile, now **Gigi** to Jackie Underwood & Dave Turner
Zoey to Carol MacDonald & Marsha Sirota
Wilbur to Katarzyna Sapinski
Mowgli to Maya Haviland
Magoo & Lucy to Melvin Fulcher
Chunk, now **Quincy** and **Demi**, now **Sapphire** to Raif Menold & Jim McNulty
Bagheera to Mike Mahoney
Bijou to Jeanne Pedulla
Blythe, now **Sylvie** to Amy Graves & Anne Cowie
Ani to Lillian Kuo & Ben Chung
Pippa to Paul LaFrance
Petey to Jim Talin

*The upside-down cat
has her belly rubbed millions
of times--but who's counting?*

*Stand-up humans get
pats on the back but belly rubs
are much better.*

Dennis Rhodes

In Memoriam

Donations made in memory or honor of a beloved pet or person

Antonio Guerreiro & Lee Ann Morris
In memory of Vivian

Berta Walker
In memory of Hannah Shrand

Bob & Sharon Fodor
In memory of Chinelle,
a dog for all seasons

Bob & Sharon Fodor
In memory of Stan Silverstein

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In memory of Claudia Martin

Carole Shander
In memory of Penny and Pearl

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In memory of Pat and Roy Jackson

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In memory of Jan Ranken, Brunswick
and Fuzz Buzz

Dale Huebner & Robin Dwyer
In memory of Gizzy

Helen Valentine
In memory of Cuffy

Deborah McKown
In memory of Rich



Edward Jason
In memory of Ziggy

Irma Ruckstuhl
In memory of Hannah Shrand and
her beautiful cats

Jerelyn Fields
In memory of Fenway

Joanne Baldauf
In memory of Willow,
Dr. Sattman's beloved boxer

John & Patricia Roderick
In memory of Kevin

Julie DeVita & Carlotti DeJager
In memory of Garbo

Kathryn Hornyak
In memory of Mrs. Lorraine Hunton

Kathryn Rafter
In memory of Sylvie, best feline friend
and companion to Danny Pantaleo

Kenneth Oxtoby & Jane Corbin
In memory of Joye Daley

Kevin Paolucci
In memory of Ming

Laurie Lerner
In memory of Roxy

Lisa Bonenfant
In memory of Lady,
beloved kitty of my friend Gina

Linda Parlee
In memory of Savana, dog of Kathleen

Lorraine Kujawa
In memory of Cappy

Pat Medina
In memory of Buffy and Tippy

Martha Dilts
In memory of Fenway

Miriam Collinson
In memory of Florence Chaddock

Marcia McClure
In memory of Volliger

Rebecca Franks
In memory of Bogie the cat and sending
love to Cindy and Judy from Frankie
and Anne

Nicholas Skinner
In memory of Nini Lyons

Peter Kosewski & John Anderson
In memory of Pat Jackson

Rita Burke
In memory of Bella Jacoby,
a precious love beagle

Rita Burke
In memory of Matilda (Mattie)
Lowey, the family cat

Robert & Laurie Hart
In memory of your sister Su Hoff-

Robert & Rosalyn Goldstein
In memory of Nori and Ricky

Sandy Evans & Carson Pease
In memory of Lurlyne Smith,
mother of Paula Smith

Sheila Greene Donovan
In memory of
Anna Greene Donovan

Stephen & Eleanor Score
In memory of Cubby

Susan Gonda & Susan Cayleff
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Towanda De Nagy
In memory of Bianca

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In memory of Pat and Roy Jackson

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In memory of Whiskers

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In honor of Dick

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In honor of Blueberry

Anne Irwin
In honor of all CASAS volunteers

Betsy Kuzia Steve Trimm
In honor of Suede the cat

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In honor of Midi and Suede

Clare McCorrigan &
Donna McCormick
In honor of Dulcinea

Anu Advani & Sions
In honor of Bliss!!
Best frozen yogurt in Provincetown

*Deborah McKown
In honor of Huey, Louis, Fez,
Charlie and now Spunky*

*Elizabeth McCabe
In honor of Sherry's cats*

*Hazel Warner & Klaus Betten
In honor of Ruthann Cowing*

*Joan Shaffer
In honor of
Carol MacDonald and Marsha Sirota*

*P. Dodds & J. Diggs
In honor of Judy Miller's birthday*

*Rita Burke
In honor of Joanne, Jacoby, Beagle
mom to Bella and Mia*

*Roni Siegel
In honor of Anita and Dave Butler*

*Suzanne & Frank Thomas
In honor of CASAS
permanent residents*

*Katherine Hornyak
In honor of
Thelma and Louise
Susan Bartfay
In honor of Sammy Fire Eyes, who the
vet is calling "robust"*

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of \$100 or more we will be
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