

## RECENT ADOPTIONS

All of our adoptions are wonderful but when we find the perfect home for some of our senior citizens, our hearts fill with joy...and we shed a few tears (also of joy).

When **Cara Mia**'s dad passed away after a long illness, CASAS was called in to find her a new home. We evaluated the situation and immediately bundled this sad, elderly Siamese cat into a carrier. Many people had been trying to find her a home but to no avail. No matter how nice a facility, moving to a shelter for cats and dogs is extremely stressful. All of her blood tests and X-Rays were negative but she had many digestive upsets and was losing weight. Dr. Mike visited her twice daily and our volunteers lavished much love on her. Our goals were just to keep her hydrated and eating. After 3 weeks of much care and concern she was well again. So much credit goes to Dr. McDonnell and Manny Dimaculangan who saved her life.

By a coincidence her summer neighbors in Truro, Bill and Gudrun McGowen, read in The Banner of her owner's death and searched out where she was living. They knew Cara well from caring for her during their summer stays while her dad was ill and agreed to adopt her if she would adapt to their teenage kitten. They drove down from Fishkill, N.Y. and took her back with them. At last report, she had settled in well and had bonded.



*Cara Mia*



*Ozzie*

**Ozzie** was another elderly bereaved fellow. He had been an indoor/outdoor boy his whole 16 years of life. When his person passed away he came to CASAS for adoption. Unlike Cara, he was a chubby boy, seemed to be at ease with the other cats, and not terribly stressed by his change in circumstances. Deborah Peabody had been looking for a companion for her other cat, Snickerdoodle, and fell in love with Ozzie. I am not sure whether Ozzie became particular friends with Snickerdoodle, but Deborah sure is in love and vice versa. He adapted well to communal living at CASAS and is doing well as an indoor only cat.

CASAS has exceptional luck finding homes for senior cats but if an adoption does not work out we always accept return of the cat or dog. Both of these sweet and friendly cats, in need of homes through no fault of their own, found love again.

## Watching the Sox



*Newcomb* and *Harding* adopted by Heidi Dyer and Martha Wheeler.

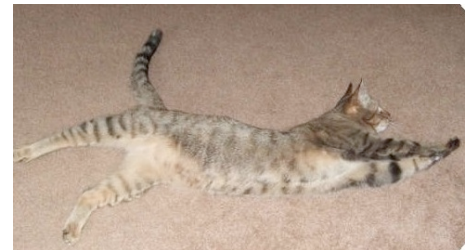
*We are settling in very well in our new house. We're exploring more and finding new mischief to get into every-*

*day, much to the chagrin of our mothers and step sisters. CJIS is tolerating us more and more everyday and we will win her over very soon. Leaps will need a bit more time but she is starting to come around. We knew she would - no one can resist our cuteness. Newcomb loves snuggling with his mothers while I love letting them think I am going to snuggle and then just bite them (heheheh). We love watching the Red Sox as you can see.*

*Love to all and we will see you next Thursday.*

*Harding (and Newcomb) Dyer Wheeler*

## Sonia Practices Flying



Do you remember little Valerie and Nellie from the last newsletter? They had been humanely trapped by our friend Phyllis and spent their first few months at CASAS hiding in the top half of a cat-tree. They came with the usual feral kitten problems - digestive, upper respiratory, and parasitic. They were so shy that we despaired of ever finding a forever home for them, but when Barbara Low and Nancy Eaton visited, the kittens warmed right up to them and picked them out as their new family. Valerie and Nellie (now **Sonia** and **Josie**), have found heaven on earth. They have a heated waterbed and thus, get their toenails clipped regularly!

**Ben** and **Jerry** have found a happy home with the Butlers - Eric, Carrie & Nicholas.



*Nicholas Butler with Ben & Jerry*



CARRIE A. SEAMAN ANIMAL SHELTER  
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### Other Adoptions:

**Bear** (now **Race**) to Ed and Shannon McManus  
**Halo** and **Beaufort** (now **Halo** and **Soccer**) to Dusty and Juniper O'Campbell  
**Ollie** to Linda Willard

### FOR ADOPTION



*Symba*



*Shayna*

Symba, age 7, and Shayna, age 8, are Maine Coon type cats who came to CASAS because they weren't allowed by a new landlord. They are up to date on vaccinations, combo tested negative, neutered and ready for adoption, (not necessarily together). They are easy keepers but do need daily brushing. [We have discovered "The Furminator", as seen on TV. It is everything they advertise especially for thick fur cats and dogs. Both of these cats love being furminated.]

### SPRING KITTENS HAVE ARRIVED



*Rocky Road on his first day.  
Now very lovable*

All of our adoptable cats and dogs are listed on [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com) under "Shelter 02657"

### "Free Cone Day"



*Carol MacDonald during our fundraiser.*

*"We enjoyed partnering with your worthy organization that day."*

**Brian Hart**

*Provincetown Ben & Jerry's.*

## BABE



Babe was chosen to join us at CASAS due to unfortunate circumstances. From her arrival Babe was a disgruntled resident, probably the only one we have ever had. Babe is eight and her various veterinary files are coded in red with adjectives such as “ferocious”, “dangerous”, “warning”. We did not see her vet records before her arrival. We might have thought twice...or thrice....

In spite of living in our deluxe accommodations with a window seat, climbing tree and no other occupants, Babe greeted our visits with threatening growls and hisses though she never struck out with her claws. She resisted all overtures of love and friendship. She had no interest in treats or wet food. After several months of very little socialization progress, Dr. Mike sedated her, gave her a full exam, and brought her up to date on vaccinations. We were able to brush and pet her and see what a beautiful cat she is. While she was asleep, we transferred her and her special bed and furnishings to the CASAS office. She shares this space with our president, Carol MacDonald, and seems to enjoy the daily activities there. She is learning the computer and we have hopes that she will soon be adept at answering the phone! She sits in an open window where she can growl and hiss at all visitors as they pass by. Her improvement has been slight, but there IS some improvement. For example, she has discovered the delights of HALO freeze dry chicken treats albeit warily. Carol loves her and admires her spirit.

## KIBBLES & SKITS 2009

On Saturday evening May 2, we held our annual *Kibbles & Skits* benefit at the VFW in Provincetown. This long standing tradition has developed a great following and this year’s event was the most successful one in CASAS history. The bounty of “kibbles” was a combination of great food prepared by Donna Szeker and Ellen Daley, as well as many donated dishes from generous local businesses including **Chach, Cosmos Catering, Farland Provisions, Fanizzi’s** and **Ptown Parties**. Baked goods were made by board members and volunteers. The hall was festively decorated with beautiful arrangements from **The Provincetown Florist** and was packed with an energetic group of CASAS supporters.

As we all settled in with our cocktails and tasty treats, our dazzling emcee, **Zoe Lewis**, (a seasoned veteran of the Kibbles stage), grabbed the reins and flawlessly guided us through a stunning evening of entertainment ranging from music, poetry, comedy and “well-balanced” fun (**Judy Linen**). The 50/50 raffle was won by **Sylvia Newman**. Several copies of **Towanda DeNagy’s** autobiography, signed and dedicated, were raffled as well. Thanks to a generous donation by the **Provincetown International Film Festival** we had two Superstar passes to auction. There was a last minute auction item sponsored by **Ptown Parties** of a fully catered dinner which created a hotly contested bidding war. The generous owners of **Ptown Parties** upped the ante by offering a second dinner if both bidders would purchase a party for \$1500.00 each. The bidders readily accepted.

**THANK YOU PTOWN PARTIES and PIFF.**

Everyone agreed that the VFW was an ideal venue for such a fabulous and fun evening and CASAS would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers, performers, and patrons on behalf of the beautiful residents of our shelter who can’t thank you directly. Your participation and support has helped us raise funds needed to keep them safe, healthy, and alive.

## PET APPRECIATION WEEKEND 2009

SEPTEMBER 25-27

### Friday September 25

6:00 Opening Party at Fanizzi’s

### Saturday September 26

11:00-2:00 Canine Games at VFW in Provincetown with feline photo contest, bake sale, and cook-out

4:00-7:00 T-Dance at Boatslip

### Sunday September 27

1:00 Registration for

11<sup>th</sup> Walk for Shelter

St. Mary’s of the Harbor

1:45 Blessing of Animals

2:00 Pet Parade to Pied Bar

All weekend, play time at the Pilgrim Bark Park.

More events may be added.

## PET WALK

The **11th Annual WALK FOR SHELTER** during Pet Appreciation Week (PAW), is very vital as a fundraiser. We rely on this income for operation of the shelter. This year the walk is being given a new and exciting look as we try to revitalize and improve this popular event. We are stepping up the competition for prizes, adding a variety of fun trophies, and turning the walk into more of a parade with music and some frills, including awarding prizes for best banners/placards.

Whether you walk your dog, carry a banner (or both, if you and your pet are REALLY talented), or otherwise pay tribute to your pets, we are hoping this inspires creative participants to give us a fun run for our money. Also, Team Cracker Dog is challenging others to compete in a new Group category where you can join forces to unseat these perennial fundraising winners.

**Walk forms are now available. Download forms from our website - [casasanimalshelter.org](http://casasanimalshelter.org) - or call 508-487-4243 to get started early.**

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### WISH LIST FOR CASAS

VOLUNTEERS to sit, comb, brush, socialize. No heavy lifting, scooping or feeding necessary unless you want, but willing to commit on a regular basis to a few hours a week to prepare our residents for adoption. We also need people who can stay at the shelter while we are out trapping or on vet runs.

CAT LITTER(scoop and clay)

TRASH BAGS (33 gallon and smaller kitchen bags)

PAPER TOWELS, preferably Bounty

PET FOOD - Fancy Feast or Friskies wet food, Max Cat, Iams or Purina kitten food; any dry cat food

NEW SKYLIGHTS

FLEECE THROW BLANKETS

VERY GENTLY USED CAT TREES,  
SCRATCHING POSTS,  
CAT CONDOS

CRUSHED BLUESTONE FOR OUR DRIVEWAY/PARKING AREA

VACUUM CLEANER, not Shop Vac

GIFT CERTIFICATES to pet supply stores, BJs, or gas cards

TOYS- such as feather or other interactive games to play

**No blankets, pillows, futons, comforters or used litter boxes, please.**

**We have plenty of cat carriers and dog crates for now.**

### NEW WEBSITE

If you haven't visited our website, please do! Recently revamped,

[www.casasanimalshelter.org](http://www.casasanimalshelter.org) contains our vital information (why we're here and what we're doing). You can also learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities and check out our current adoptions.

### This is what a volunteer looks like!



**Koscia and her dad, Peter**

Koscia and her dad, Peter, are loyal visitors and are pictured playing with Ben & Jerry who went to New Jersey. We welcome volunteers to play with our cats and kittens and help us with chores, but children younger than 13 need to be accompanied by a parent.