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Dear Friends,

So far eBay does not allow selling animals – yet-, hopefully they never will, but I found this little cartoon very funny, anyway. eBay is good for something; our supporter Jean Tilson, whom many of you have met in person at the fundraiser (she is the lady who has the beautiful hand painted cards, and sells our knitted items) has been buying things here and there and has sold them on ebay, with 100% of the profit going to Charley's Strays!

I have to thank eBay in a way for another supporter: a couple of years ago a lady got in touch with me via eBay about helping our Shelter. 'Susan Cowan', this lady, handcrafts beautiful jewelry. She had sent me a couple of necklaces, which I was able to sell for Charley's two years ago. She just mailed me another package including a couple of checks, some coupons and five sets of jewelry! Again a beautiful necklace plus four sets of earrings, marked to sell at the fundraiser. Since there are not to many of our supporters showing up at the fundraiser anymore ☺ I figured I give you a chance with this newsletter to purchase these beautiful pieces of jewelry. The money will go towards heating oil for the Kennel building.

I took some photos, but my printer is getting worn out, at least that's what I think, because the colors have been really lousy for the past few months. I checked with HP, the printer company, but since it's way past the guarantee it would cost more to fix it than to buy a new one. I still have a set of cartridges for the machine, so I will have to use them up first, because cartridges cost more now than a new printer. Go figure . . .

Anyway, following are some photos.

1. 22" necklace made of hematite, freshwater pearls, and hand made glass rondelles, sterling silver findings, and a focal stone of amethyst quartz. Value: \$75
2. Pair of earrings, consisting of sterling silver and golden citrine beads. Value \$25
3. Pair of earrings consisting of aqua Kiwi stone, black onyx and sterling silver. Value \$25
4. Pair of earrings consisting of landscape agate, accented with a faceted citrine stone, plus sterling silver. Value \$35
5. Pair of earrings consisting of blue agate and sterling silver. Value \$25

So you guys, I am sure you need something for Christmas for the lady of your dreams- here it is!!! Open up that wallet; make her happy, and our animals, too. ☺



A huge **THANK YOU** to Susan and Jean!

No news at the Shelter this month; nobody was adopted and nobody was relinquished, only because we could not take any more animals. This month has been awful with request for taking in cats and dogs, and I had to tell everybody, " Sorry, no.". I have had an average of five emails and calls every day from people telling me they have to "get rid" of a pet, some because they became aggressive towards others, some because their people lost their

homes and had to move into a pet-unfriendly apartment, others moved away and did not want to bother with their pets. You name it, every reason imaginable was there. It's heartbreaking when we have to say "no" – we just don't have the space. Even if we had a Shelter large enough to house 1000 animals, it would be filled up in no time.

But overall it was a good month. No huge vet bills to pay, the taxes are paid for this year, Cindy Houston is working on the first check for the heating oil with her yard sale this weekend, and our dear friends and supporters again helped us out, none of our animals had to do without anything. Our old dogs received their daily glucosamine pill to help them get up and down easier; the special need ones got their special type of food. All I can say is a very heartfelt

Thank you!

We received a couple more checks in memory of Merle Waugh from Cathy Nagel, Lafayette; and Target Auto, Hermon.

Karen Deady also sent us a check in memory of Misty, the black lab who was the beloved pet of Mac Watt and who left his companion to spend her time at the Pearly Gates.

Susan Borsic mailed us a donation in memory of Lady, her mom's 12-year-old dog, sadly missed by Marian Delarue.

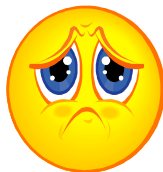
The following Charley's Angels mailed us checks, coupons, treats, stamps, and much appreciated little and big notes 😊:

Al Smith, Belmont,
Anthony Capone, Wakefield
Beverly Maheu, China Village
Carole Parker, Winchendon
Cindy Houston, Woburn
Cristine Cardello, Melrose
Dale Critchley, S. Weymouth
Diane Rizzo, Oxford
Donna Bering, Lynn
Dorothy D'Alessandro, Ossipee
Dorothea Andrews, Warwick
Emily Jorgensen, E. Boston
Inge Maiellano, Marblehead
Irma Simon, S. China
Jackie Lowney, N. Bedford
Jennie Bering, Lynn

Jim Lavita, Dennis
Joan Ryan, New Bedford
Joann DeNapoli, Winchester
Joe D'Alessandro, Tuftonboro
Jon & Barb Anderson, Augusta
Joseph Blake, New Bedford
Joseph Kogut, Upton
Josephine Ford, Holden
Josephine Smith, Woburn
Judy Rohweder, Northport
Karen Deady,
Linda Merriam, Dresden
Lorena & Harry Clark, Beverly
Marcia Smith, Bucksport
Richard Williams, Winslow
Marlene Kaplan, Melrose

Mary Klayda, Winchester
Melody Lavers, Pownal
Michael Kane, Greenwood
Mildred Walker, Presque Isle
Nancy Capone, Wakefield
P.A. Lenk, China Village
Pat Thain, Dracut
Pat Williams, Litchfield
Paula Wisniowski, Tyngsboro
R.D. Bournival, Nashua
Rust Pappathanasi, Swampscott
Sandra Nicholson, Beverly
Susan Borsic, Woburn
Susan Culver, Wayland
Viola McDonald, Woburn
Willia Rockett, Belmont

I do apologize if I forgot a name. I am having more and more senior moments these days. So forgive me, please!



Thank you very much for your help!

Only two more weeks and we will be hosting the BIG EVENT of the year, the fundraiser! We promise a good time, good food, and lots of prizes. So please come and visit with us on October 15th, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Woburn!

Until then, stay happy and healthy,

Gabriele, Mary, Karen, Ted and Jim



This is Bisquit, Susan's Cowan's cat- the lady who donated the handmade jewelry. She crowned him King for the day with another piece of her beautiful jewelry. He seems to feel quite comfortable with it ...

CAT REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2011

Guess what – Ryan, the son of the Siamese who enjoys being in the shower with her humans, also likes water, just like his mother! I was washing a plastic chair on the porch the other day & he hopped into it and started helping. I kept warning him he was getting his paws wet, and his tail wet, and his nose wet, and he didn't mind a bit. I reported to the tech who adopted his mother; she was amused.

Earlier this month Gabriele forwarded an email about a dog and two 14-year-old cats in need of new homes. I circulated the email, as usual, and also got Gabriele's okay to take in the cats if necessary (not that I need any more cats, but at the moment I thought I could find space). Luckily, one of my fellow rescuers came through, and the cats were scheduled to go to her house three days ago. I'm sure they'll be well cared for; like me, this lady has a soft spot for older cats.

Otherwise, not much news again. Hurricane Irene turned to Tropical Storm Irene before she got to this part of Maine; we had wind, a moderate amount of rain, a 20-hour power outage and trees down here and there, but nothing major. A bunch of cats with access to the porch appreciated the wind – they spent most of a day watching leaves whirl past. Since then, we've had summer in September: lots of sunshine, temperature in the low 80s a couple days, and mild enough nights so I leave windows cracked all the time for cats to sniff the outdoors.

Thanks, as always, to Pepper Charles for canned cat food, and to Suzanne Belisle, Emilie Jorgensen, P. A. Lenk, Iris Martinello, Sandra Nicholson, Irma Simon, Teresa Parent and Al Smith for coupons (and to Al for a check to go with them – that was very welcome). I hope you all realize how much we appreciate your support for our animals.