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**Dear Friends,**

The dog days are here! The cat days, too! Would someone please explain to me why these hot/humid days are called "dog-days"? But no matter their name, it has been quite a summer; from rain to heat to more rain. But let's enjoy it while it last; much too soon the rain will turn into that fluffy white stuff, again. Our Shelter dogs at least have shady places, can lay around in or out of their houses, not like so many poor animals tied up in the middle of nowhere, without a shade-tree or a cool place. My own dogs are lying in front of the A/C, enjoying the cool air. I can't even imagine what some of those poor animals out there have to deal with. Of course there are many lucky ones living with great parents; for instance the ones which are allowed to come along on vacation. I found a great article about that:



## "Dogs Welcome"

A man wrote a letter to a small hotel in a Midwest town he planned to visit on his vacation.

He wrote: I would very much like to bring my dog with me.

He is well groomed and very well behaved.

Would you be willing to permit me to keep him in my room with me at night?"

An immediate reply came from the hotel owner, who wrote:

SIR: "I've been operating this hotel for many years. In all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bedclothes, silverware or pictures off the walls.

I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly.

And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill.

Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel.

And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too!

There is not much news at the Shelter. We have had, as always, many inquiries about taking in animals, but we just don't have the space for them. It seems like especially in the middle of the summer, maybe because of vacation time, people need to get "rid of" their once so much loved pet. Now all of a sudden the house is too small, there are new babies on the way, the dog turned into a biter, the mother-in law has allergies, the husband does not like him, and, and, and – the same old stories. Then there are the break-ups (lucky dogs and cats who actually have the divorcees fighting over them) the moving into an apartment where animals are not allowed - you name it, I have heard it all.

What we do in our shelter is less than a drop in the ocean, but at least we do save some of those poor creatures. Without your help that would not be possible; the vet-bills alone would break us within a month. As it is, once again we had John Wells setting up a table a couple of times this month, helping us pay our bills, and then we had YOU, sending us care-packages, stamps and checks to take care of the rest of the monthly bills.

To the following supporters of our animals:

Al Smith, Belmont  
Cindy Houston, Woburn  
Dorothy D'Alessandro, Oss.  
Dorothy Eckstein, Medford  
Glenna Hawthorne, Woburn  
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R. D. Bournival, Nashua  
Shirley Rancourt, Lebanon  
Susan Culver, Wayland  
Weston Baker, Westford

As you can see, there are fewer and fewer people helping us with the Shelter. Had it not been for John Wells, the gentlemen who once again set up tables in front of stores and had his dog Jake collect money for the Shelter ☺, and also for Karen Tobias (more about her next page) I could not even have paid Rebecca her minimum wages.

We received a check in honor of Paul and Charlotte Travis from Adam Travis.



The Ecksteins mailed us a donation in honor of "our" supporter Willa Rockett's **100th Birthday!**

## **Happy birthday, Willa, wishing you another 10, at least!**

Maureen Dowd also mailed us a donation in honor of Megan McAlonie, who also celebrated her birthday; probably not the one hundreds, though.

Enid Hayes lost a friend, William Hurst, and sent us a check in his memory.

You all remember our volunteer, Karen Tobias. Karen moved away a couple of years ago and could not help taking care of our Shelter dogs any more. The big news is that Karen just got married! Her husband Marc and Karen, and her parents, sent us a check for the occasion. Best wishes to Karen and Marc!

Fall is just another seven weeks away, so we are starting to get things together for our yearly fundraiser. Once again it will be held at the Baptist church in Woburn, and once again I promise the church will not collapse on you if you do come to visit us. And we would appreciate it very much if you could take a few minutes/hours to come visit. I will be inclosing three tickets from now until October, if you have no use for them, throw them away, or try selling them to friends. There will be home baked goodies, prizes, and beautiful baskets to be raffled off. The date is set for Oct. 26th.

I just talked with Cindy Houston who said she has hardly any items to sell for her fundraiser/yard sale in September. So once again, please check out/clean out your closets, some other person who would buy them from Cindy could probably use things you have not used for the past five years!

Her mailing address is: Cindy Houston, 143 Winn Street, Woburn, MA 01801 Thank you!

This brings me to the end of the newsletter.

Please read on, as always there is Mary's Cat Report to read, and then something horrible a friend from Germany sent me, since it has to do with an American Company.

## *Gabriele Mary, Ted and Jim*

The following can be read on

<http://www.derwesten.de/panorama/royal-canin-sponsort-brutalen-baerenkampf-in-der-ukraine-id8234380.html>

It's a newspaper article, and it's about Royal Canin who is quite well known here and in Europe for their pet food. They are a daughter company of the Giant KRAFT.

Not so well known, at least in the US, is that in April 2013 they sponsored a bear/dog fight in the Ukraine. After all hell broke lose they did apologize, but that does not help those poor animals.

### **ROYAL CANIN DOGFOOD**

Four paws International made a video of Royal Canin dog food sponsoring dog/bear fights in the Ukraine!

Royal Canin sponsored brutal dog/bear fights in the Ukraine!

The brown bears are tied up on chains, and the dogs are used to tear them apart. All I have to say is:

PLEASE PLEASE boycott that horrible outfit, and please let your friends/family know about it!

"4paws international" made the video and showed the horrible disgusting scenes Royal Canin sponsors!



## CAT REPORT – JULY 2013

Not a lot of news this month; our cats have been both well and good, mostly. However, I think Ryan is getting ready to disappear again. If you remember, the last time he was gone for 36 hours before he reappeared in the front room, which opens off the front hall. The last few evenings he's been dashing from the dining room where his group lives into the hall at least once a night. So far he comes back when I call him. When he doesn't, at least this time I'll know what section of the house to search.

Tommy, Buddy and Tiger have two new FIV-positive friends, two more big strapping ex-males named Morris and Slater. So far they're all getting along fine; Tiger in particular seems to like both the newcomers. Frequently along toward supper time I'll go into their room for something and find Morris, Slater, Tiger and Buddy lined up on the shelf near the kitchen door, all amicably side by side.

The farm that I mentioned last month is now down to an almost-reasonable number of cats, thanks to the diligence of the owner and a local volunteer and my friend Linda's organizing skills. Two no-kill cat rescues in Maine were able to accommodate most of the kittens and another group donated funds to spay and neuter adults. Two very elusive females still need to be trapped and spayed, and then we all need to hope no one will drop off more cats. A total of two adults and 13 kittens were shuttled through my house; I still have one kitten and her mother in my care, I hope not for too much longer.

Many thanks, as always, to our friends who help us take care of our cats and dogs. This month the cats got canned food from a friend named Randy, who was kind enough to think of them after his cat died, and from Pepper Charles. Suzanne Belisle, Roberta Chaves, P. A. Lenk, Teresa Parent and Al Smith sent coupons, always useful.

