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Dear Friends,

I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the beautiful fall colors. Our colors up here are something else. Now we have had strong winds, and the most of the trees have lost their leaves.

Some of you may remember Teddy, our black bear with the white bib, which made us enjoy life up here so much more than without him. We had the pleasure to feed him, and even take care of him when he was injured, for 13 years. But, like all life, his ended a couple of years ago, and we have been kind of lonely up here. Sure, there are ducks which come with their little ducklings, right now we have about 100 or so swimming around in our pond, and there are skunks which scare the heck out of us when our dog is outside at the same time, but that's just not the same. However, for about six months, we have been watching a lone coyote, which we named "Red". I know, we don't have much imagination, but calling him "Black" would sound wrong, too. ☺ Red shows up every evening, just before dark, and looks at our house and waits. I then go out the door, don't look at him, I just talk nice and easy and make my way to the spot where he expects his food. He takes off as he is very skittish and I am glad, because there are hunters living in the neighborhood, which would love nothing better then kill another one of those beautiful creatures. As soon as I am back in the house within 60 seconds from that feeding trip, he comes back out of the woods and heads straight to "his" food. Even though he has lousy table manners, gobbles down two pounds of

suet/fat within a couple of minutes. He is a pleasure to watch. Yep, that's life with all the little and big enjoyments in Limestone!

Jim spent some time at the Shelter, putting up new and more insulation beneath Reb's mobile home, and he had a chance to meet the new dog. The little guy was dropped of a couple of weeks ago due to "messaging in the house" and not getting along with the other dogs. He is 13 years old, but acts like 4. He is a very active little guy, and very affectionate. Of course he does NOT mess in his run, and if the other part of not getting along with the other dogs is true, we don't know yet. He is a small Spitz-type dog, pointed face, and still very bouncy.

This Saturday a lady came to check out our small pit bull Izzy. The two of them liked each other very much. Now we have to see how Izzy gets along with the lady's other dog. Hopefully that will work out.

Not much else happened at the Shelter, so let's get to the next subject, the fundraiser: We thank every one of you who has sent us money by buying tickets, to fill the fuel tanks. With any luck we will have enough to make it through the winter. The weatherman does say it's supposed to be a light winter. But I am very skeptical of weatherman; they usually have a 50% chance of getting it right. ☹

We had the drawing for the prizes, and here are the lucky winners: The first prize of \$300 went to Melody Lavers; the other prizes (Christmas decor, household items, home baked cakes etc.) went to: George Watkins, Steve Martin, Jean Catignani, Sandra Nicholson, Karen Deady, Linda Merriam, Charlotte Paul, Glenna Hawthorne, Jesse Houston, Emile Jorgensen and Nancy Brown. I know it's not much, but it's a way to show our appreciation for all your help with our animals!

And of course we thank all the following people for supporting us again this month:

Al Smith, Belmont	Iris Martinello, Tewksbury	Marlene Kaplan, Melrose
Ann Soares, Burlington	Irma Simon, S. China	Nancy Capone, Wakefield
Charlotte Paul, Chelmsford	Jean Catignany	Pat Thain, Dracut
Cindy Houston, Woburn	Joan Ryan, New Bedford	Phil Mann, Rowland Heights
Cristine Cardello, Melrose	Joe D'Alessandro, Tuftonboro	Phillip Crosby, Belfast
Dale Critchley, S. Weymouth	Josef Blake, New Bedford	Sandra Nicholson, Beverly
Deborah Phair	Joseph Kogut, Upton	Shirley Rancourt, Lebanon
Denise Lawrence, Reading	Judith Rohweder, Northport	Steve Martin, Augusta
Emile Jorgensen, Boston	Judy Singer, Vassalboro	
Florence Bournival, Nashua	Karen German, Reading	
Gail Walsh, Estero	Larry Hayes, Reading	
George Watkins, Amesbury	Linda Merriam, Dresden	
Glenna Hawthorne, Woburn	Lori Farrow, S. China	
Hale Family, Fairfield	Marian Delarue, Woburn	

We received a check in memory of 17 year old kitty Fluffy from Michael Kane.

John Wells and Jake the black Lab were busy again on a Sunday this month in front of a store. John sent me this note along with a check:

"Jake has become quite the celebrity. One lady left the supermarket and called a friend to let her know he was there. An hour later, the friend came in to see him again. I don't tell him about all of this, though. I am afraid it would go to his head."

I just LOVE John's sense of humor.

Cynthia Thompson mailed us a check and a beautiful photo of her dachshund Greta, which I will use in, next month's newsletter, there is no space left today. She also sent me the following flyer:



The Fleabag Ball is an event to benefit *Small local Animal Shelters*, that struggle with high volumes and limited resources. We only ask when you attend, that you bring one of the following:

- *Cat Food or Litter
- *Dog food
- *Cleaning supplies (i.e. paper towels, bleach)
- *Towels, Blankets



The Lenny Project was started in memory of Lenny Brawn, an Adorable Daschund who won the hearts of many before losing his battle with Spinal Disease. We found the best way to honor Lenny, is to help ensure shelter animals receive what they need until they find their forever homes. Thank you for your help.

Saturday, November 14, 2015

6:00 - midnight (we will be starting early for anyone who wants to bring children)
Live entertainment starting at 8:00 p.m.

Aviator Club
345 Fillmore Avenue
Bangor, Maine

There will be a Cash Bar & Hors D'oeuvres!

Live Music by:

Stesha Cano and the Wicked Jerks

For questions, please call:

Walter Moore 356-0857



Past recipients of the Fleabag Ball...

- *Peace Ridge Sanctuary*
- *Charlie's Strays*
- *SPCA, Ellsworth*
- *Lincoln Animal Shelter*
- *Mary Grow, The Cat Lady*
- *Eastern Agency on Aging, Furry Friends Food Bank*

And that's all for today - wishing you a great November,
Gabriele, Mary, Ted and Jim

CAT REPORT – OCTOBER 2015

Might as well get the bad news out of the way first: I just learned that little Lisa, our funny-foot kitchen cat, probably has cancer. She went to the vet to see why she's not been eating well and often throwing up what she does eat, and after various tests Dr. Pierce came up with the most likely answer. So far Lisa is purry & seems comfortable, so she'll stay with me a while longer.

Grover was quite sick at the beginning of the month with the ear problem I mentioned earlier in the year plus an upper respiratory infection. He was not willing to take medication in his food and not happy about having his ears treated. However, Dr. Pierce got things cleared up (knock on wood), Grover lets me pet him again (for a while he assumed evil intentions toward his ears if I came near him), and he refrained from sharing with his brother and sister.

Otherwise, as far as I know, no big issues. October has been another quiet month for our good little cats; falling leaves to watch, porch time on warm days, the heat on for chilly nights. Of course, we still have Halloween to get through. With the trick or treaters running around, I discourage cats from staying on the porch, just let them peer safely through the windows.

Thanks, as always, to the cats' friends. Pepper Charles gave them canned food, as did a human friend who lost her own cat and remembered mine, and we got coupons from Suzanne Belisle, Irma Simon and Al Smith.