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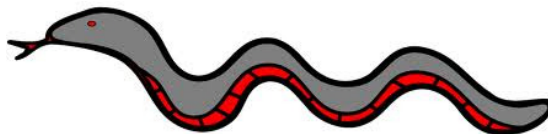
Dear Friends,

Hope all of you enjoyed a nice Halloween, with lots of goblins to feed. Jim and I, as usual, turned off the lights and enjoyed a peaceful evening. Ever since we have been living up here in the middle of nowhere, the only goblins coming to us were either adults (why would they want candies is beyond my imagination) or neighbor kids who don't ever say hi or smile at us during the rest of the year. I still have not figured out why exactly I should buy candies and feed them. Besides, they are all so hyper anyway with their daily intake of sugar and "soda pops", so I really don't think they need the extra energy boost. I would much rather take the money and buy something for our animals, at least they grin every time they see me. ☺

Our fundraiser went very well this year: No long trip to Boston, no poor Cindy running around having to put ads in the paper, advertising our fundraiser and nobody coming anyway, and no cakes to bake. Jackie Lowney did not have to collect lots of items to make her beautiful baskets, either. But I did kind of miss it. It was nice to talk with the people who attended every year. It's been about 17 years of fundraisers in Boston for Jim and me, and it was time to call it quits.

I do thank you very much for sending the extra money for tickets; the money will be put to good use, namely buying heating oil. Unless it's going to be a very cold and long winter, we are all set with that.

I mailed a check for the first prize of \$300 to our supporter Lynn Frischmann; the second prize of \$100 went to Joseph D'Alessandro, and the third prize of \$50.00 to Donna Bering. I also mailed out 15 packages with various things to supporters, for other tickets we had pulled out of the box. Overall, the fundraiser was a big success. Thank you to everyone who participated.



And while I am at the “Thank You’s”, the following supporters of our animals once again helped with their various needs:

ADA Fence, Newport
Al Smith, Belmont
Alice Winston, Swampscott
Arlene Hayes, Reading
Cindy Houston, Woburn
Cristine Cardello, Melrose
Dorothy & Judith Archer/Gallo
Dorothy D’Alessandro, Oss.
Dorothy Eckstein, Medford

Enid Hayes, Halifax
Gale Thompson, Millinocket
George Hinds, Cambridge
Harry Clark, Beverly
Iris Martinello, Tewksbury
Irma Simon, China
Jaqueline Lowney, N. Bedford
Joan Ryan, New Bedford
Joe D’Alessandro, Tuftonboro

Joseph Blake, New Bedford
Joseph Kogut, Upton
Josephine Smith, Woburn
Judy Rohweder, Northport
Kathleen Hillman, Chelmsford
Linda Merriam, Dresden
Marian Delarue, Woburn

Rosanna Lawrence, a local lady, brought dog and cat food, treats, dog toys and laundry detergent to the Shelter. She had asked her friends and relatives to donate all this as a birthday gift to her.

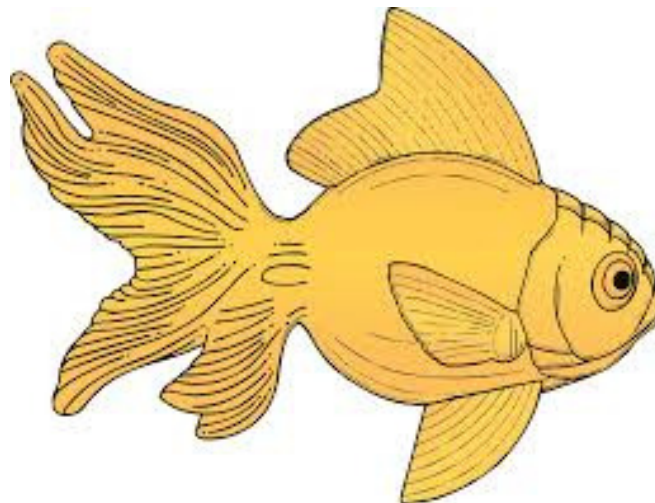
Patrick Linehan and his family, a gentleman who met “our” John Wells and Jake at one of their tables in front of a store, also came to the Shelter with a load of food and bleach. He gave us a big compliment about our Rebecca, how wonderful she was explaining about Charley’s Strays and describing some of the characters of the dogs.

And last but definitely not least: Jake the black lab and his human companion John Wells once again set up a table in front of a store, most likely the last time this year, and Jake mailed us another nice check to help his not so fortunate 4-legged buddies at Charley’s Strays. It’s mind-boggling to think Jake was going to be euthanized, but was pulled out just in time from a lady who brought him to Charley’s. And then to end up with a great human being like John Wells. What’s the odds of that?

To all of the above, a huge

THANK YOU!

Gabriele, Mary, Ted and Jim



CAT REPORT – OCTOBER 2014

The same day that I wrote the September cat report, one of the cats I mentioned by name made a liar out of me – in a very nice way. Ashley, the young half-Siamese I described as quiet and shy, usually is, especially when I'm putting out the food dishes. She stays over to one side out of the bunch clustered around my feet and waits until most of the rest settle down before choosing her dish. The night I sent the cat report, however, she was under my feet inviting me to pet her! So I did, of course. Since then she's done the same thing a couple more times.

The cats have had another quiet month, with lots of falling leaves to be watched from the porch and through the windows. Halloween will be less quiet, I fear – not because of the trick or treaters (the cats are shut off the porch for the evening), but because the fall house call is scheduled that morning. Everyone except Buddy and Mr. Tom, who are on the spring list, is due for at least one shot this year, because until now our veterinarians have been using the one-year rabies shot. This year, though, a three-year version has come out that our doctors believe is safe (vaccines are safe most of the time anyway, but very rarely one causes a cancer at the injection site, something I went through years ago with a cat of my own). It's more expensive, but to me worth it if it gives the cats a break. Even the ones who welcome visitors don't much enjoy being stuck with needles, however skillfully it's done, and the shy ones get upset at being handled. I'll let you know next month how the day goes.

Thanks, as always, to the cats' friends who give them food and coupons and other useful things. This month Pepper Charles sent canned food several times and I got coupons from Suzanne Belisle, Susan Borsic, Iris Martinello, Roberta Chaves, P. A. Lenk, Irma Simon and Al Smith. And thanks again to all of you who support Charley's Strays. Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

