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Dear Friends,

Meet Taylor above, our latest addition to the Shelter. Taylor is a sweetie, not very happy when he has to stay inside in the kennel, but when he is allowed to run and roam the premises, and maybe get a person to play with him, he is totally satisfied. And now he is hoping to find a fur-ever home with a nice and loving person, who can give him all the attention he needs!

Writing our "latest addition" is not quite correct: There was another drop-off at the Shelter named Nolan. Nolan got lucky: Bonnie Buckmore took him to an adoption event on Mothers Day at Pet Quarters. She showed off Nolan and Jasper. Mary also came along with one of our cats, Tang. We did find out that Tang has no aversion towards dogs. Luckily Nolan found a family with two older girls, and went on a play date with them for a weekend. Rebecca dropped by their home, unrepentantly, to see how he was doing and to fill out the paper work, and there was Nolan between the girls sitting on the couch, watching TV with one eye and watching mom cooking dinner with the other eye. Reb also found out that the husband works as a carpenter, and Nolan gets to go along to the shop and plays with the wood shavings or

whatever dogs do in carpenter shops. That was a very short stay for Nolan at our Shelter. I wish every dog could be that lucky. Thank you Bonnie for making it possible. Without you, Nolan most likely would be still at Charley's Strays.

We at Charley's Strays are very grateful for Pet Quarters' support and hospitality. We are also very appreciative of Loyal Biscuit's generosity in allowing Reb to give Jasper a free bath in their self-service dog wash.

The rest of the crew has to deal with webbed feet now, since they can't wear rubber boots to slush around in the water puddles, they are changing into ducks. I don't need to tell you about all the rain we had, again, this month, as I am sure you had to deal with it, too.

From what I can tell, Florida is the only state without rain, living up to its name "The Sunshine State". Last week we actually had a hot day of almost 90 degrees. The next day the temps fell to 50 degrees, and of course we had rain, again. Yep, the weather and taxes we have to pay are just a few of the things we can't control.

And now to the people who help us giving these unwanted dogs and cats a good place to stay between being kicked out and finding their new home:

Bonnie Buckmore once again collected cash from the various containers she put up in stores. She also sent me some interesting info on fundraising, which we are now part of (so far nothing money-wise has come our way, but it will run for 3 months, so we may get lucky:

Paint Nite Virtual Fundraiser!

Here is an easy and fun way to help support Charley's Strays.

When someone purchases a ticket for any public Paint Nite event anywhere (not just Maine) in the next 88 days, and uses fundraiser code "VF-Fuel" - Charley's will receive \$15!

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All proceeds will go to our shelter's winter fuel fund to heat the kennel building.

Here is how it works:

- 1) Click on the fundraiser link
<https://www.paintnite.com/virtual-fundraiser/VF-FUEL>
- 2) Click on "Purchase Ticket" to see all of the upcoming Paint Nite events in your area
- 3) Click on the event you want to attend
- 4) Click on "Buy Ticket"
- 5) ***VERY IMPORTANT!*** When filling in the "Ticket Purchaser" form, be sure to enter the fundraiser code "VF-FUEL" under the "Contributing to a Virtual Fundraiser?" question.
- 6) Drink wine and paint!

The following supporters of our animals once again dipped into their wallets to help us help them:

Al Smith, Belmont
Bonnie Buckmore, Waterville
Cristine Cardello, Melrose
Dale Critchley, S. Weymouth
Deborah Phair
Donna Bering, Wakefield
Elizabeth Morgan, Portland
Gail Walsh, Estero

Galen & Cynthia Thompson
Glenna Hawthorne, Woburn
Jackie Lowney, New Bedford
Joe D'Alessandro, Tuftonboro
Judy Rohweder, Northport
Karen Tobias/Vogvodech
Kellee Lowney, New Bedford
Linda Merriam, Dresden

Mark Resendes
Marlene Kaplan, Melrose
Nancy Capone, Wakefield
Pat Thain, Dracut
Phil Mann, Rowland Heights
Rancourt Family, Lebanon
Rust Pappathanasi
Sally Sawyer, Albany Twp.

We also received a donation from Margaret DiMarzio in memory of Tori who was the much loved and missed dog of Pauline Connaughton. We are very sorry for your loss.

John Wells also did his fundraising again for our critters. He says donations are down because everybody misses Jake. No question that Jake was a great fundraiser! John says he loves his new dog, Rickie, very much, but she is very sweet and delicate, and not into fundraising.

So, he would like to adopt a second dog, a hefty big black "people" dog who also loves fundraising. If anyone out there knows of a needy one, give me a call please. Thank you.

Once again John made my day with a little anecdote:

"There was another table raising money next to me. Very bothersome where the women who took care of that table-they talked for four straight hours in loud, braying voices about shopping; shopping in Waterville, shopping in Bangor, shopping in Augusta, shopping in Brunswick, shopping everywhere. Every third or fourth word was "awesome", "cutest", or "beautiful". And when they ran out of exciting experiences, they simply started over at the beginning because I don't think any of them really listened to each other. . . "

Thank you to all above people, who helped us with their generosity, and their time and effort. We appreciate your help very much!

Please read on, Mary's cat report is following on the next page.

Wishing you a dry (or wet if you prefer) and healthy and happy month of June

Gabriele

Mary, Eric, Ted and Jim

CAT REPORT – MAY 2017

Good thing Gabriele reminded me this report was due. I'd lost track of how close the end of the month was, and the cats are no help with reminders, except that it's mealtime – that they remind me about a dozen times a day, not always truthfully.

Not really any news since April anyway. Tang's still moving back and forth between two groups, increasingly peacefully. Ryan takes Tang's place in the front room less often now that the porch is available more of the time. From the porch there are birds and bugs to watch, and when the chickens next door are let out of their pen they sometimes wander into my yard to entertain cats. There's been only one short warm spell when I left the porch door open overnight; Tang was delighted, and now he habitually asks to go out there at midnight. I don't let him – it would be just his luck to startle a skunk.

Willow's also happy to have lots of porch time; he views the world from the floor in the far front corner. His brothers Feather and Lucien frequently go out with him, usually sleeping on a chair or on top of one of several small shelters I keep out there. Other brother Alafer looks at the open door, says "Ah, maybe sometime" and often chooses to stay inside.

Tang had an adventure on Mothers' Day: we joined two of the kennel dogs and a cat from the local humane society for the mini meet-and-greet session at Pet Quarters in Waterville. Tang seemed to like the dogs, and of course he was fine with people coming to admire him – I knew that would be okay.

Thanks, as always, to the cats' faithful friends. This month Bonnie, who organized the meet-and-greet, gave them food, as did Pepper Charles and Shirley, and Suzanne Belisle, Caley Pillow, Iris Martinello, Emelie Jorgenson, Irma Simon, Gail Walsh, "unknown" from Waterville and Al Smith collected coupons for them.