



## **Charley's Strays, Inc.**

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Dear Friends,

I took above photo today, on April 27th. Just to show you southern folks what we have to deal with in Limestone. It's a small wonder that Jim and I are trying to leave this northern hemisphere a little while in winter for sunshine and sand, right?

Nothing of any importance happened at the Shelter this month, no newcomers, no one was adopted, so other than letting you know who once again helped our shelter to survive another month, I though I would print the following beautiful story, for your enjoyment:

This could be a large fishing tale from Jim's fishing time in Florida, but it happened on the other end of the states, so Jim was nowhere in sight ☺

### **Went Fishing ...Caught 4 Deer**

A once in the history of mankind kind of thing. The best day of fishing ever! Some fishing stories are a little hard to believe but this guy has pictures to prove his story. I've heard of salmon jumping into boats, but never anything quite like this.

**Tom Satre**, captain of an Alaska fishing vessel, told the *Sitka Gazette* that he was out with a charter group on his 62-foot fishing vessel when four juvenile black-tailed deer swam directly toward his boat.



"Once the deer reached the boat, the four began to circle the boat, looking directly at us. We could tell right away that the young bucks were distressed. I opened up my back gate and we helped the typically skittish and absolutely wild animals onto the boat. In all my years fishing, I've never seen anything quite like it! Once on board, they collapsed with exhaustion, shivering."



This is a picture I took of the rescued bucks on the back of my boat, the Alaska Quest. We headed for Taku Harbour. Once we reached the dock, the first buck that we had pulled from the water hopped onto the dock, looked back as if to say 'thank you' and disappeared into the forest. After a bit of prodding and assistance, two more followed, but the smallest deer needed a little more help.



My daughter, Anna, and son, Tim, helped the last buck to its feet. We didn't know how long they had been in the icy waters or if there had been others who did not survive.

What a beautiful story...and what a beautiful family- who knows what others would have done in their place- probably nothing, or shot them for supper.

Back to the Shelter: Here are the supporters who once again helped our animals, with care-packages, toys, food and the always needed stamps:

Albert Smith, Belmont  
Bonnie Buckmore, Waterville  
Camille Denico, Vassalboro  
Cristin Cardello, Melrose  
Dale Critchley, S. Weymouth  
Iris Martinello, Tewksbury  
Jean & Ralph Catignani  
Joe D'Alessandro, Tuftonboro

Joseph Mooney, Wakefield  
Judy Rohweder, Northport  
Linda Merriam, Dresden  
Loyal Biscuit  
Marian Delarue, Woburn  
Marlene Kaplan, Melrose  
Melody Lavers, Wales  
Michael Kane, Greenwood

Nancy Brown, Olympia  
Nancy Capone, Wakefield  
Pat Linehan/Modern Woodsmen  
Patricia Thain, Dracut  
Patricia Harrison  
Sandra Nicholson, Beverly

We also received a donation from Laura Zack in memory of her grandmother, who loved rescuing animals and giving them a chance to a better life. We are very sorry for your loss, and also the animals' loss.

Bonnie Buckmore once again emptied the various donation cans she has been putting up all over Maine. ☺ She also brought a big batch of kibbles to the Shelter, donated by Loyal Biscuit.

John Wells was busy again at a local store, educating people about the plight of animals, and receiving donations for our Shelter.

Reb had a big surprise when Pat Linehan from Modern Woodsmen came to see the shelter with a huge load of food and treats!

Cynthia Thompson, the "flea-ball lady" and much beloved person in dachshund Greta's life, had a birthday. Lori Peabody mailed us a check in Cynthia's honor; so did Kenneth and Mary Moore. Another check came from husband Galen and Mary-Ellen and Norma Thompson. Our Shelters two and 4-legged creatures wish you a happy belated birthday, with many, many more to come.

Another long-time supporter of Charley's Strays passed away: Dorothy Archer, whom I know had been with Charley's for many years, even before Charley died in 1996. To the Archer Family: We are very sorry for your loss. The Quincy Housing Authority mailed us a check in Dorothy's memory, collected from Barbara Niles, Nancy Connolly, Sherri Lakhan, Terry Coleman, Joan Murphy, Terry Champion, Choi Ng, Lien Nguyen, Thao Ngo, Grace McAuliffe, Kate Shannon, Richard Wahkweya, and Margaret Milne.

The Friedow Family once again honored the memory of Marie-Kristin, who passed on way too early at the tender age of 18, if I remember correctly.

To all of the above a huge **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

And this is all the news – or non-news- for this month. Hopefully by the time I send out the next newsletter our snow will be gone ☺ and the ducks in our little pond will be able to shed their snow shoes.

#### **And a note from Mary:**

Gabriele says she's filled this newsletter, so I'll just report it's finally warm enough so the cats can start bird- and bug-watching from the porch and windowsills, and they're still grateful to their friends for food and coupons.

Have a great month of May,

*Gabriele, Mary, Ted, Eric and Jim*

