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Dear Friends,

Are you hungry for a home-baked waffle? Our supporter Christel Friedow, who lives in Michigan, did a fundraiser yard sale for Charley's this month. She has a bunch of those goodies left over since she sold one only due to rain, and no one wanting venturing out into it. Her friend helped out by giving Christel some of her items to sell for us. And there were some cash donations too. In the end she sent us a check for \$69. Thank you very much, Christel, for your much-appreciated effort!

We had an interesting month at Charley's: Either it was cold, or too hot; lots of rain which brought the bloodsucking tiny vampires in huge swarms (black flies and mosquitoes) and we took in four dogs. King, a yellow Lab-mix of four years, is one of the most lovable ones we have come across in a long time. He loves to ride in the passenger seat of your car, gets along with every dog and human being, and is just a lovable animal all around. The little black one is named Daisy. It's beyond me why a black dog would be named after a white flower, but then his previous people had no sense anyway, or they would not have taken the little girl to a shelter. She is an eight month old mini-Doberman-mix. She is also very affectionate and gets along with other dogs, but has experienced some bad things in her short live and cowers if you yell or make any threatening gestures. She is also very skinny and needs to be fattened up some. I think by the time she has her normal weight, she will be in the 30-35 pound range. Then there is Sadie, who is also very affectionate and gets along with most other dogs. She has spend the past year at another shelter, and the person who runs that shelter says she needs a couple of days to get used to new

people, but then wants to sit in their lap and just dish out kisses. I don't know what she is mixed with; possibly terrier. She is definitely hound by the way she barks and howls. She is also four years old. The fourth dog, a small mix, was adopted or "put on lay way" since we have to keep a newcomer for 10 days, on the same day he came in. Everybody fell in love with him, so it was no wonder that our volunteer Eric thought it would be a perfect dog for one of his friends or relatives. A happy ending for him. Now we hope that the other three don't have to sit around at Charley's Strays for the rest of their lives, waiting to be adopted. I will print their photos on the next page.

Back to the people who went out of their way to help our animals again this month:

Bonnie Buckmore emptied the donation cans again, and also received a bunch of dog food for us from Loyal Biscuit. Her boss donated a \$25 gift certificate, which Bonnie spent by ordering a box of 18 foot-long beef sausage links. Hmmm, 18 feet? That's a LOT of links, and I imagine the dogs will go nuts over them!

John Wells also had another good weekend at a store, educating people and listening to stories people tell him about the way others treat their pets. John said it makes him think it's hopeless to try to help them out. I know that feeling. It's unbelievable what we hear; stuff made for nightmares.

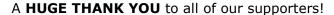
And then we received donations from the following supporters of our cats and dogs:

Al Smith, Belmont
Alice Winston, Swampscott
Betsy Anderson
Cristine Cardello, Melrose
Dale Critchley, S. Weymouth
Donna Bering, Wakefield
Gail Walsh, Estero
Inge Maiellano
Iris Martinello, Tewksbury

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Bruce and Laura Anderson mailed us a check in honor of Betsy Anderson and Nancy Brown.

We received another donation in memory of Dorothy Archer, from Paul and Janet Treworgy, and from Mary and Paul Lavoie.









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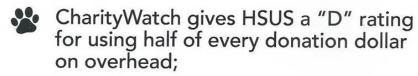
DAISY SADIE

I had an interesting piece of mail in my mailbox a week ago. I know some of you also received it, but for our readers who did not, please check out the next page. Please read the Cat Report on the last page.

That's all for today. Wishing you a great month of July, with lots of sunshine.

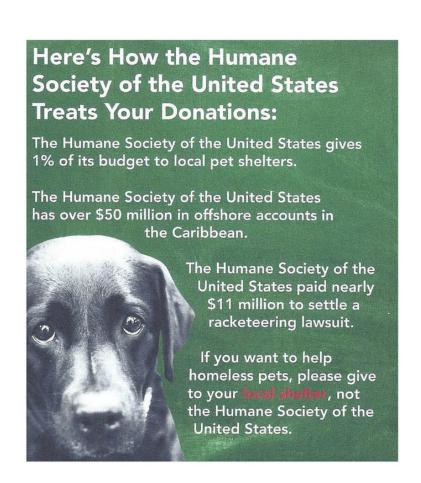
Gabriele, Mary, Eric, Ted and Jim

The Animals are Mad (At the Humane Society of the United States)



The Better Business Bureau has removed its accreditation of HSUS;

If you want to help homeless pets, please give to your **local shelter**, not the Humane Society of the United States.



CAT REPORT - JUNE 2018

No real news about our cats, but I might as well let you know – briefly, because Gabriele says she has a lot to share with you – they're mostly all right. When I started this report 24 hours ago I thought everyone was all right. Then Ashley skipped two meals in a row and ended up seeing Heather, who found she had a temperature, probably associated with a respiratory infection. Gave her an antibiotic and we'll hope it works. She weighed seven pounds this afternoon; last year in the middle of that spell of not eating she was around four pounds.

Heather is making a house call early next month. None of the Charley's Strays cats is due for a vaccination, but I have at least three (so far) to be looked at. Ashley and Ryan have itchy ears, and Tang has such bad breath I'm worried he has a sore tooth or infected gums. He still sleeps on my pillow, purring and purring, so I'm quite aware of the odor. Several are on the list for nail trims, too, including Lucien and Feather, who like to sit on my lap and sometimes dig in, and Ryan. Ryan and one of my own cats habitually sit on each side of the kitchen door, Ryan on a windowsill and Kamena on a table, and when I come out of the kitchen (usually with my hands full) each reaches for one of my arms. Sometimes they remember to keep their claws sheathed, but not always.

This month the cats have had canned food from Pepper Charles and dry food from Shirley, and coupons from Suzanne Belisle. Their friend Cami brought some beds & toys that have been well received. There's a plastic tunnel that has three branches instead of the usual straight-through, which Feather and Lucien like, and a round plastic pan that's supposed to be a litter box but I thought would make a bed/toy storage bin: Alafer agrees, lying in it while batting a hanging toy. Many thanks to all our friends and supporters, and happy Independence Day.