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Dear Friends,

Many, many years ago, I think close to ten years, our volunteer Susanna Richer rescued the above cutie. And within a short time we placed JayJay into a wonderful home. His parents just emailed Susanna and send her a couple of photos, letting her and us know that JayJay is still happy and much loved. Thank you to Susanna and the adopting family!

It is getting cold in northern Maine, and Reb is starting to close the dog doors even during the day, and definitely at night. The first snow has fallen. In our area up here "only" a couple of inches, but 60 miles south from us in Houlton, people had to deal with 10 inches. It's much too early. I do not recall having snow in October. Usually the first white stuff comes in the middle to the end of November. So it looks like we may be in for another long cold winter and lots of heating oil use. Fortunately at least some of it will be paid for by you, our supporters who have sent a little extra for the fuel-fundraiser. Thank you to all of you who have done so; our shorthaired and old fellows at the Shelter especially appreciate that.

We have pulled the winning tickets out of the hat/box, and here they are:

First price of \$250 goes to Lynn Frischmann.

The beautiful basket from Loyal Biscuit, valued at \$100 will make Jennifer Buker happy.

Bonni Buckmore donated a collectable Longaberger birdhouse and protector, worth approx. \$80, for our fundraiser; which went to Chelsie Pleau.

Many other prizes are being mailed out to: Erin Baltes, Joette Marks, Jackie Lowney, Nancy Capone, Maureen Butler, Derek Moran, Smokey Catignani the dog ☺, Donna Bering, Marleen Kaplan, Dale Critchley, Steve Martin, George Watkins and Karen Hilton.

I have a question to our supporters: We received a check from Network for Good. Since this charity is totally unknown to me, I looked it up on the internet; evidently they do fundraising for other charities. The check was made out to Charley's Strays. But what has me puzzled: the address was our lawyers, Debbie Schreiber. So who knows Debbie is our lawyer, and why would they send the check to her?

I talked to Debbie about this, and she is also worried that this may be a scam, because there is this weird sentence written on the check stub: "By depositing this check you agree to the giving system agreement. . . ." I did check that out online, but my brain is not large enough to wrap around all the weird things they are writing about.

Also all the payments came through Facebook on the same date seven different donations, \$10-\$25 on an average. Of course I tried to access Network for Good, but I could not log in to find out who the donors are. So, if any of you used this Network for Good, please let me know, either by email, the address is on top of the first page, or by phone. I am holding off on depositing this check until I know it's safe to do so. Thank you.

We also received a bunch of "safe" checks this month from Charley's supporters. Once again they helped us taking care of our 4-legged canine and feline friends. We also received stamps to mail this newsletter, and goodies like soft things to lie on, rugged and fancy things to play with, and yummy stuff for the bellies of our furry guys and girls. Thank you so much to all of you!

Al Smith, Belmont
Alice Winston, Swampscott
Amy Nordberg, Boxborough
Anne Tappan, Cambridge
Brendan Kaag, Morris Plains
Charlotte Paul, Chelmsford
Cindy Houston, Woburn
Cristine Cardello, Melrose
Dale Critchley, S. Weymouth
Donna Bering, Wakefield
G. Blydenstein, Waterville

Glenna Hawthorne, Woburn
Iris Martinello, Tewksbury
Jackie Lowney, New Bedford
Jean & Ralph Catignani
Joe D'Alessandro, Tuftonboro
Joette Marks, Benton
Judith Rohweder, Northport
Karen Hilton, Augusta
Larry & Arlene Hayes
Linda Merriam, Dresden
Marian Delarue, Woburn

Marlene Kaplan, Melrose
Mary Grace Lenihan, Melrose
Nancy Capone, Wakefield
Pat Ingersoll
Paula Wisniowski, Tyngsboro
Sally Sawyer, Albany Twp.
Steve Martin, Augusta
Susan Borsic, Woburn
Susan Culver, Wayland
Woody Watkins, Amesbury
Zee Zee's Dreams

Thank you very very much!

We also received a donation to our Shelter from Charley Ames and Ruth McKinney in honor of Jim's birthday.

Loyal Biscuit donated the basket for the fundraiser, food, treats, collars, leashes and some dog shampoo.

John Wells once again had his own fundraiser with a table at Shaws, and mailed us a check for that, along with a letter, telling me he met a lady who said she wanted volunteer work and would be very pleased to sit a couple of hours extra at the table. As you may remember, we have been looking for someone who is honest and loves animals, to give John a break. I would have been pleasantly surprised if the lady had called us. Not yet.

Many Thanks to John, Loyal Biscuit, Charley and Ruth, and of course the ones I may have forgotten to mention, especially if they have sent a box with goodies.

Not much going on at the Shelter; the usual emails and phone calls about meeting a dog or cat, and the usual requirements the dog HAS TO HAVE: no chasing their cats, I DO understand that, no barking, no scratching, no having to take them for walk, if possible no food and very healthy so he never needs to see the vet, and of course he has to be good with the three babies in the household. Go figure why they want a dog.

And that's about all for today; Please read on, Mary's cat report on next page.

Here is another photo of JayJay. Do you agree with me that his couch is way too small?



Wishing you a great month of November, and Happy Thanksgiving

Gabriele, Mary, Eric, Ted and Jim

CAT REPORT – OCTOBER 2018

The big – and expensive – news this month is that Ashley has done it again. Some of you might remember the saga that started in August 2017, when an ear infection turned into a long period of head-bobbing, lack of balance and refusal to eat. Same again – she came home today, still very off balance, after more than a week at Animal Hospital of Waterville being hand-fed and medicated. The vets and I are drawing on experience, so the feeding tube is already in, before Ash gets too thin, and we'll skip the out-of-town diagnostic work that was uninformative. Last time she wore the tube for several weeks until she started eating on her own, for no obvious reason. I hope she'll not take as long this time.

Everyone else seems well, if bored by the long days indoors now that the weather is chilly enough to shorten their porch time. The birds are getting interesting outside, too, with flocks of robins and warblers stopping for a snack on their way south. As I write this report there are wet snowflakes to watch, the first we've had here this fall – Gabriele and Jim have had a very different experience in Limestone.

The cats' friends have been generous again this month. Pepper Charles, Shirley and a rescuer/pet sitter in the next town over named Cindy have given them food, and I have – or had; they're mostly used – coupons from Suzanne Belisle, Kim Doherty and Al Smith. Many thanks to all.

