



Charley's Strays, Inc.

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Dear Friends,

I hope you had a nice Halloween, with lots of witches and goblins knocking on your doors. As usual, I kept the house dark and the lights out, IF there is a trick-or-treaters finding his/her way up to us, it's a high school kid who does not seem to notice us any other time of the year, so it makes little sense to me to reward them for this with candy.

I doubt if this Halloween-custom stays around much longer, kids are much more interested in their phones, texting, calling, and playing weird games, then actually going out and noticing that there is more to life than phones.

Anyway, Halloween is over, and now its time to buy turkeys. Thanksgiving is coming up soon. We at Charley's Strays have so much to thank for: You, our supporters, for keeping Charley's Strays alive, for so many years now! Almost 30 years, to be exact. Charley started in 1990 or 1991, I am not sure Of the year. He died in 1996, Ted, Mary, Jim and I took over after his death, so just about 30 years already. It would not have been possible without your help. We have saved many, many lives during these years. Again, this could not have been possible without you. THANK YOU from all of those poor creatures who were lucky to have a second chance at life.

We had our little fundraiser to collect enough money for heating fuel, And depending how cold this winter will be, we will make it. The dogs will have a heated kennel. They also will have enough food to make it through the winter. Jim just ran up our credit card by buying a load of food at Sam's Club to last until spring. Since we do live 250 miles north of the Shelter, it's always a problem trying to navigate the icy roads driving down to Clinton, so we learned years ago that buying all we can afford before winter actually starts is much easier and safer.

We had the drawing for the prizes last week: nothing to get excited about, as you do know the prizes are just little "thank-yous" to help us collect the extra needed money for the fuel. If we buy too many things for prizes or have a drawing for a Mercedes-Benz, we really would have to take out a mortgage on the Shelter, and that definitely is not the purpose of the fundraiser.

The first prize of \$250 went to Nancy Capone. Walmart Gift certificates, Christmas deko, Garden deko pieces and a couple of home-baked cakes will be mailed out this week to Donna Bering and Irma Simon, Mark Resendes, Larissa Taylor, Richard Bohne, Steve Martin, Linda Merriam, Marlene Kaplan, Hunter Doiron, Jackie Lowney, Grace Kiley, Karen German, Derek Morad, Charlotte Paul, Judy Proctor, and Larry Hayes.

And then there are all of our supporters to thank, who again helped us to make it through another month:

Al Smith, Belmont
Alice Winston, Swampscott
Anne Tappan, Cambridge
Charlotte Paul, Chelmsford
Cindy Houston, Woburn
Cristine Cardello, Melrose
Dale Critchley, S. Weymouth
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Donna Bering, Wakefield
George Watkins, Amesbury
Grace Kiley, North Andover
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Linda Merriam, Dresden
Manuel German, Reading
Mark Resendes, Revere
Marlene Kaplan, Melrose
Melody Lavers, Wales
Nancy Capone, Wakefield
Pat Thain, Dracut
Steve Martin, Augusta

Thank you very much!

Melissa Lemik, the "Pimp my Paws" lady, again donated her time trimming lots of dog nails to benefit Charley's Strays! A big THANK YOU goes to her and to Loyal Biscuit who provides their store for the nail-trimming-clinics.

Bonnie Buckmore also hit the various roads and stores again where she collected money for us from her donation cans, and Judith Olivier did the same. Thank you very much to these two ladies for the extra miles they are going/driving for our animals!

Loyal Biscuit once again sent us treats and food via Bonnie Buckmore, thank you so much!

This just about covers everything at the Shelter. Happy Thanksgiving!

Gabriele, Mary, Ted, Eric and Jim

CAT REPORT – OCTOBER 2019

Another peaceful month for our cats, and still mild enough to spend time on the porch, although we don't always agree about how long the door into the house should be left open. The leaves are mostly down; the cats have to wait for breezy days to watch them move. Someone – I have no idea who – is learning that eating the ones that blow under the screen door isn't a good idea; they tend to come back up.

Speaking of doors, Lucien and Feather have taken to regarding every door I open as an invitation; I spend lots of time shooing them out of the various rooms that open off their area where I'd rather they not go. Their brother Willow insists the front hall is his second home, and now that the cats who live there and upstairs have accepted him I don't argue. Only Alafer/Twinearound in that family stays where he should. Tang still lives upstairs at night so he can purr on my pillow and downstairs in the daytime where he gets fed. Some mornings he sleeps in even later than I do and I have to coax him to come down for breakfast.

As usual, the cats got gifts from friends – food from Pepper Charles, Mary-Ellen & Shirley, and coupons from Coleen Bean, Suzanne Belisle, Steve Martin, Teresa Parent and Al Smith, some miscellaneous in-case-you-need-them medications from Belle. We much appreciate the support.

