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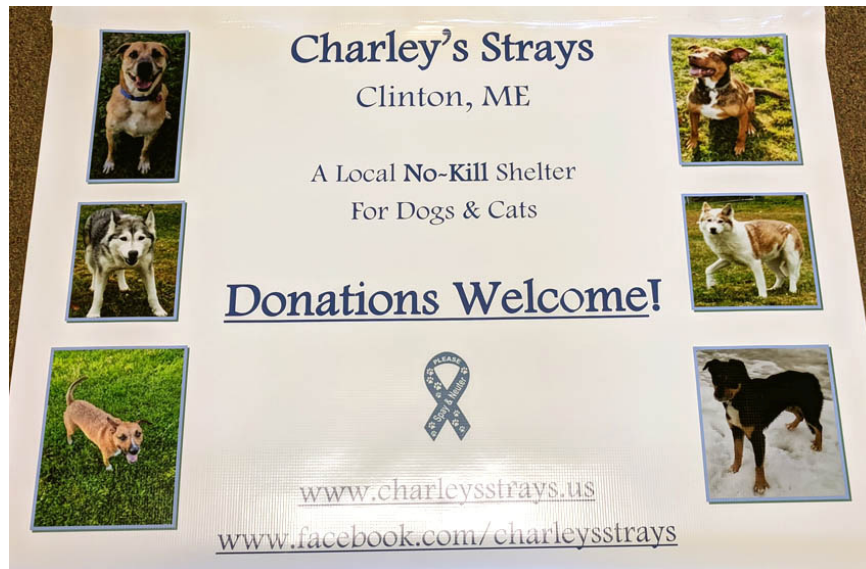
Dear Friends,

I could not resist sharing the above photo with you. I think it's hilarious! I just can imagine someone dressing up their dog like this. Not so hilarious has been our weather in Maine; too cold, too wet, too everything. It's just been one week since the leaves have come out on some of the trees up here in Limestone, but only on some! Even our Susanna from "Dogs deserve better", who lives in Portland, has said that its way too cold to work in the garden. On the other hand, I would not want to live in the middle or southern part of the US, with all the flooding. I can't even imagine how many animals; wild, livestock, and pets have died because of that.

I guess we take it in stride. Our animals can keep their feet dry if they don't want to go outside, and Reb has BOOTS ☺ to wear.

Nothing of importance has happened at the Shelter this month, which is a good thing. As Mary says; no news is good news. Our volunteers and helpers, now that's a different story: They worked very hard to take care of our animals.

John Wells needed a new poster for his table. His old one is coming apart. Years ago someone had made it for him, but my brain is definitely in decline, so I can not remember who did it. I asked Bonnie Buckmore, who put out feelers and came up with someone who was willing to make a couple of new posters for us, without charging for them. A BIG THANK YOU goes to Peter Schutte from Colorgraphics, LLC, and to Bonnie!



And many, many thanks to our following supporters for dropping off goodies at the Shelter; a friend of Karen Rapallo who walked several of our pooches, for the donated stamps and cut-out coupons, and for the much needed money donations. Loyal Biscuit also donated more food, treats and other much needed items.

Alice Winston, Swampscott  
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Bonnie Buckmore and Judith Olivier emptied the various donation boxes they have all over town, and John wells mailed me a check from his "weekend table". He also told me that the lady who makes the catnip toys gave him another big bag of them. Of course I don't know the ladies' name, but I want to especially thank her for all the work she is putting into those toys.

### **A HUGE THANK YOU to all the above supporters of our Shelter!**

I just received another email from Susanna (see photo at end of newsletter), telling me that the medication worked, and the growth on the little guy's head is just about gone. This brings me to the end of the May Newsletter.

Mary says no news from our cats again this month; so far, all are well. They're enjoying spring even when it's rainy and cool, and their window air conditioners have been put in, just in case summer comes.

Mary has high hopes for summer to get here. I just about gave up on it.

*Gabriele  
 Mary, Ted, Eric and Jim*

Susanna sent me the following story:

I am trying to treat a sick squirrel with a huge abscess. I am treating it with Clavamox. Not so easy to get antibiotics (almond butter and Clavamox sandwich!) into a squirrel twice a day, especially when the other squirrels catch on to the yummy treats. But we are 5 days in and he/she looks better. The abscess is about half the size in the picture - so it's worth trying.

