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PRAYER OF AN ABANDONED CAT

Dear Lord,

I am all alone in the world and nobody cares for me nor wants me.

Most of the time I am hungry and thirsty. I am hot in the summer and cold in the bitter winter.

I am lost and wander in the streets hopelessly.

I am scared and need protection and care.

My heart is longing for love and affection and I will return them in any way I can to a kind-hearted person who will give me a home again.

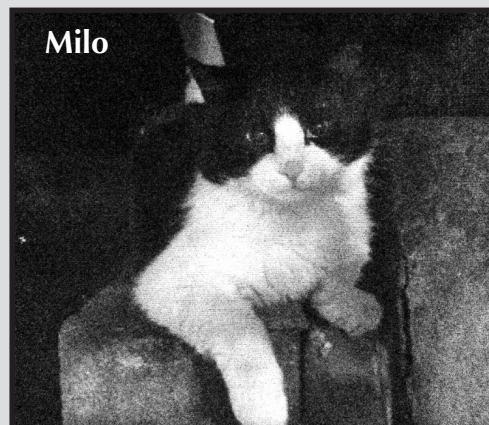
Dear Lord, please touch somebody's heart so that they will pity me and rescue me from this misery especially during this special time of the year.

The night has come again, I am shivering myself to sleep to forget my pain. In my sleep, I will be dreaming that somebody tomorrow will **save me and will start giving me love and care again. Lord, I plead with you to not disappoint me again and make my dream come true. Amen.**



Milo's Long Time Ordeal

This very friendly and sweet cat had an owner at one point in his life and we do not know why he was abandoned. He wandered well over a year ago into a Waltham residential area and a kind hearted woman started feeding him but other cats in the neighborhood attacked him often. Some of the neighbors tried to discourage him from coming around by throwing things at him. Milo persisted despite so many challenges and also survived and avoided being killed by local wildlife living in a nearby cemetery. In one of his attacks from other cats Milo developed an abscess on his side. Several attempts were made to catch him but he was so scared and ran away. Finally, the woman was able to get him and brought him to our vet where his wound was treated and he was fully vetted. **Once fully recovered, we will make him available for adoption to a very special loving home.**



Milo

Resting on bricks and rocks.



Animal Umbrella

Mission

Founded in 1985, Animal Umbrella is a strictly no-kill volunteer organization dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of abandoned cats and kittens. We believe in rehabilitation not destruction and make a special effort to find special homes even for highly unadoptable animals because of handicap, injury, age, behavior, feral status (after being socialized) and FIV or FELV positive.

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ANIMAL UMBRELLA STREET CATS SHELTER
Please call to set up special appointments.
We have relocated to 150R Main Street, Peabody.
Please call for directions.

Lucky Muffin's Eye Surgery Update

We would like to thank you all for your generous donations to fund his expensive surgery. He is now slowly recovering from this major surgery and as you can see from this photo there is still a crust on his wound which will eventually disappear. The eye was infected and was causing him discomfort. Most likely he was hit by something which caused trauma to his eye. He is eating well now and is thankful for being alive and to be so much loved. **Thank you!**



Lucky Muffin is still recovering.

SUMMER RAFFLE WINNERS

Here is the list of lucky winners. Thank you for participating and thank you generous anonymous donors for donating all the prizes!

Red Sox Tickets: Lois Hoadley, Chelsea

VISA Gift Card: Daniel Flynn, Chelsea

Home Depot Gift Card: Lara Foley, South Boston

Stop & Shop Gift Card: Deborah Williams, Lowell

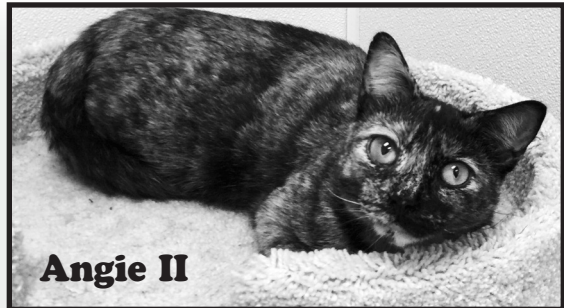
Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers,

**A world of thanks for your kind and generous support to Animal Umbrella throughout the Year!
We wish you and your loved ones joyous holidays and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!**

CATS LIVES MATTER! SOME OF OUR RECENT RESCUES

Angie II

Sadly, Angie's owner was evicted and she was left wandering outside cold and hungry. Fortunately, this young, sweet cat was rescued by a neighbor who kept her indoors until we could take her. When we took Angie she was not spayed or had any shots and was thin as a rail. **After veterinary care, she is gaining weight and is happy.**



Angie II



William

Pretty

Bashful

William, Pretty, Bashful

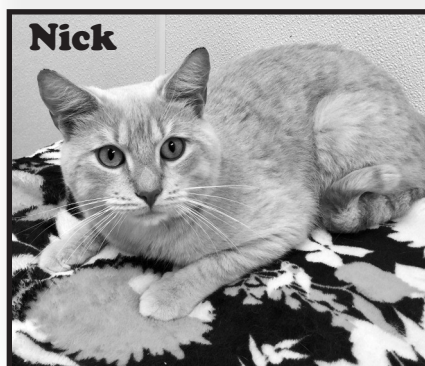
William is a handsome, young mid-sized cat who was loved and cared for by his owner. He lived with two other cats. Unfortunately, the owner had to go to a rehabilitation center for a long time and the cats had nowhere to go. We took all three and are adopting William alone and the two other cats which are very bonded, together.

Papa Bear

Paper Bear, a semi-feral cat from Worcester, was being fed for years by kind hearted people who were not allowed to take him in as they already had two cats. He loved to be outside and socialized with other neighborhood cats. Unfortunately, a very cruel neighbor threatened to take him away if he dared to wander into her yard. The feeders became concerned that Papa Bear could be harmed so a posting for help was circulated to other shelters without any luck. We decided to take this mild mannered cat and have started socializing him. Who knows, he may find his own special home one day. We are planning on it.



Papa Bear



Nick

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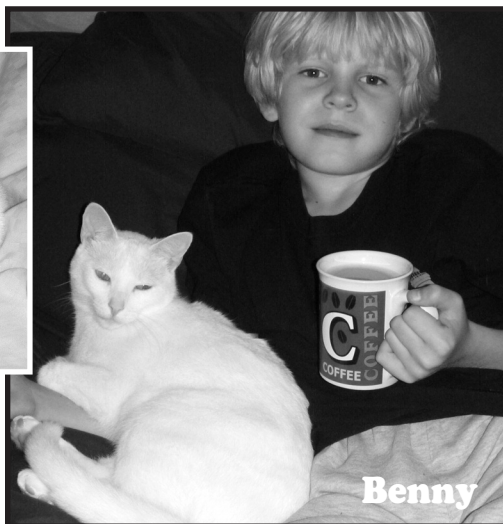
Nick can thank his lucky star as he was found as a stray in Lynn. A young woman started feeding him and called us to see if we would take him. She held him for three weeks and we were then finally able to take him once we had space. **He is very sweet and playful. He will be a great companion to anyone who will give him a second chance.**



HAPPY ENDINGS



Lulu



Benny

Benny & Lulu

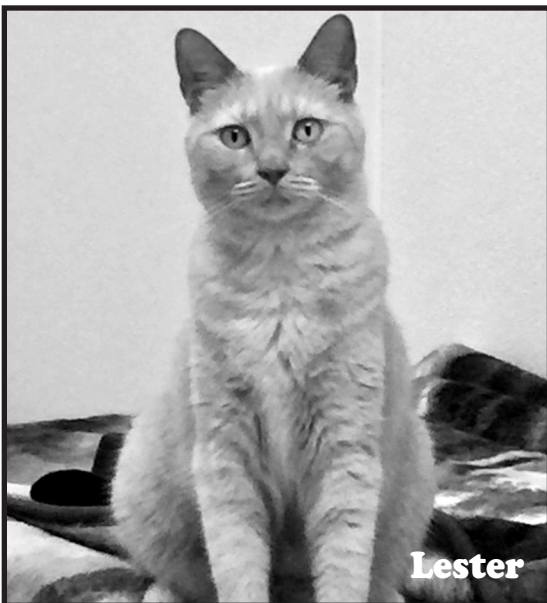
Early in October, we announced that the two white twins Benny and Lulu had found a great new home. The Newton woman and her son love them and have sent these pictures showing how well they are adjusting to their new pampered life. **Thank you!**

Alex

He was rescued in Brockton by a very caring Randolph animal lover who found him in the streets with purple markings on his body. He also had a sticky substance on his abdomen and it had to be shaved off. She took wonderful care of him but had to surrender him and **he now has a wonderful home!**



Alex



Lester

Lester

Lester has a new home after his life was shattered by his surrender to us! Unfortunately his loving owner had to surrender him because he had several pets and could only take one to his new smaller place. **This seven year old cat is very sweet and deserved a second chance!**

**OPEN YOUR HOME AND ADOPT
A HOMELESS CAT!**

**Cats add so much more to our lives with their
sensitivity, intelligence and unwavering love and devotion.**

Please help us raise \$3,000 for extra veterinary care, food and shelter so that we can save more abandoned cats during the upcoming coldest months of the Winter!

During this special time please give the gift of life and hope to many abandoned, hungry and scared animals all alone in the streets. Anything you can afford can make a difference! With your donations last year during this time, many cats were saved from misery! Here are some of their stories below:

Angie & Lady Baba

Two hungry and cold cats took shelter under the porch of a Revere woman. She started feeding them and eventually fostered them for us until we could take them. **We adopted both cats later on in separate homes and they are doing great.**



Pamela

A beautiful long haired tortie started to go to an apartment complex. She would often meow for food. A well meaning animal lover started feeding her and called us because the cat was often crossing a busy road risking to be run over. We took her and fortunately for her, the vet found she had a serious uterine infection while she was being spayed. **Pamela was under care for quite a while but recovered and found finally a new home.**

Lucky Muffin

A severely matted orange cat was seen near a residential area. He looked sick and dehydrated. He had been abandoned for a long time and was trying to survive. We took him and after being fully vetted he slowly recovered. Unfortunately one of his eyes had been hit by something and got progressively worse until his eye, thanks to your donations had to be removed. **He has now been recovering and is still looking for his special home.**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE HOLIDAYS
AND OUR 32ND YEAR CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, December 9, 2017
from 3:00 to 6:00 pm**

**Animal Umbrella Peabody Shelter
150 Main Street Plaza
(It is a strip mall with Subway Restaurant)**

Take a small narrow road at the end of the plaza and go down to the parking lot where there are several stores underneath the strip mall building. We are located in the last place on the left in the parking lot.

SEE YOU THERE!

HOW YOU CAN HELP HOMELESS CATS AND KITTENS SURVIVE THE WINTER *by Annamarie Taylor*

Unfortunately, no humane organization including Animal Umbrella despite everyone's best efforts will be able to rescue all the cats and kittens left to fend for themselves during the bitter cold months throughout the state. There are simply too many homeless cats and insufficient space to shelter them.

But you can make a life and death difference by helping the strays in your neighborhood or anywhere else where there are abandoned animals! Without your care many homeless cats will experience great hardships and may not survive. The following suggestions will help you alleviate their suffering:

- Attract animals to use garages, basements sheds, barns, dog houses, porches, other specially built structures, which offer repair from the elements. Make sure each place is as insulated warm and dry as possible. Make bedding in enclosed sturdy boxes, with heavy woolen or flannel blankets. Place food and water nearby.
- Feed as abundantly and as often as possible as food and water tend to freeze. Double the amount of food you usually give because extra food will help the animal fight the cold and keep healthier. Use better cat food brands, use dry as well as wet food.
- If there are kittens in the area, try to capture them and find a foster home for them. If all fails, call Animal Umbrella and we will try to help.
- Keep special attention for older or weaker animals. If they look sick they may need to be taken to a vet for medical care. Never release a sick cat after treatment back outdoors because the likelihood is it will not make it.
- If you have a special room or space in your house try using it to foster an animal. It may mean life or death until Spring arrives.
- If a female appears pregnant, she should be spayed as soon as possible to avoid the birth of kittens in the cold months (February, March and even April as they would never survive). Use Animal Umbrella's low cost spay/neuter program. Never

release an animal right after surgery as they may freeze to death. They need a few days to recover especially females.

- If you know of an area with strays please find a number of people who will work with you on a daily feeding schedule. Food and water are ESSENTIAL IN THE WINTER! If for some reason you cannot feed the animals in an area please call us as we may know someone else who could.
- If you find yourself in a particularly difficult situation please call us as we may be able to provide some advice to lead you in the right direction.

Remember you can make a big difference this winter for the homeless cats in your area! The animals are counting on you for your help . . .

If you need to call ANIMAL UMBRELLA our number is 508-877-1194



Trevor rescued from the streets of Chelsea now lives a great life in his Peabody new home.

At the beginning of every winter, it has become a tradition for Animal Umbrella to publish this article both as an educational tool to the new supporters who join our organization every year and as a reminder to our old friends that the cold months are particularly harsh on abandoned animals. Some of these animals will only survive because of the kindness and dedication of some of you. ***May God bless you for your compassion.***



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 Peabody, MA

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- Annual Member\$35
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- Contributor\$100
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