



Animal Harbor News

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Foster Care Providers Make a Big Difference

Doug Traversa and his wife Jancy have a story that highlights yet again how dedicated our foster parents are to the cause of helping animals get their forever homes. Doug volunteers as a dog walker at the Harbor and has brightened the lives of countless dogs.

My wife Jancy and I have fostered many dogs over the last fifteen years. In November, we took Wilder, an older whippet mix who had been at the shelter for six months. His mild, gentlemanly ways meant that he was overshadowed by younger, flashier dogs.



Dear old Wilder had one quirk - like many of us, he simply couldn't make it through the night without a call of nature. The smart little chap learned to use a doggie door, take care of his middle of the night needs, and the problem was solved. This critical information would not have been discovered if he had stayed at the shelter. Now he can be placed with just the right person.

Fostering is a great way to ready a pet for adoption: kennel stress is replaced by plenty of love in a home setting. Many people tell me they could never foster a dog, because they

would become too attached. We have placed over fifty foster dogs, and the key is to put the dogs' happiness first, not our reluctance to see them go.

Wilder has taught us that all manner of dogs can be saved. I'm sure the right match is out there to discover Wilder with his quizzical glance, alert ears, and his quiet appreciation of life in the slow lane.

Are you interested in becoming a foster care provider for a homeless pet? Take a look at our [Foster Opportunities and Application](#).

A Very Busy Kitten Season



Springtime brought us a multitude of kittens—some with moms, some without. Many had to be bottle fed every two hours. We were able to find foster caregivers for some of these bottle babies. Then there were the amazing nursing mother cats who took in other kittens that were not their own and nursed them and cared for them as if they were. We sent out a plea for nursing mother cats and friends of Animal Harbor rose to the occasion.

Many of the kittens had to be medicated as well. Sadly, a few of the tiny babies did not survive, but the ones that did are happy, healthy, robust kittens. We grieve every day for those that we could not save.



Whoever coined the phrase "more fun than a barrel of monkeys" never had a cage full of kittens and while we adore our fun and funny babies, the resources that went into saving as many as we did was overwhelming and lends a whole new meaning to our plea to all of the friends of Animal Harbor and animal lovers everywhere to please spay or neuter your pets.

Pets in Hot Vehicles

Every year, hundreds of pets die from heat exhaustion because they are left in parked vehicles. We've heard the excuses: "Oh, it will just be a few minutes while I go into the store," or "But I cracked the windows..." These excuses don't amount to much if your pet becomes seriously ill or dies from being left in a vehicle.

The temperature inside your vehicle can rise almost 20° F in just 10 minutes. In 20 minutes, it can rise almost 30° F... and the

longer you wait, the higher it goes. At 60 minutes, the temperature in your vehicle can be more than 40 degrees higher than the outside temperature. Even on a 70-degree day, that's 110 degrees inside your vehicle!

Your vehicle can quickly reach a temperature that puts your pet at risk of serious illness and even death, even on a day that doesn't seem hot to you. **And cracking the windows makes no difference!**

This is definitely a situation where "love 'em and leave 'em" is a good thing. Please leave your pets at home when you can. They'll be safe and happily waiting for you to come home.

How long does it take for a car to get deadly HOT?

Vehicle Temperature

Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F)	
	10mins	30mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°



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Animal Harbor's 5th Annual **BONE DROP**

**August 5, 2017 at NOON
at Animal Harbor**

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