

NEWSLETTER

The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care



Lucky Lucy

by Olivia Miller

Lucy, a 10-month-old Plott Hound/Lab mix, has already been through a few adventures during her brief life. First, there was her big journey to Cape Cod from Sweet Paws Rescue in Alabama. Only three months old, the pup came to live with Duncan Kimball in her new "forever home" in Falmouth.

About two months ago a small growth appeared on the left side of Lucy's belly near her back. "I thought it was a cyst or an ingrown hair and didn't really worry about it," Duncan recalled. Eventually, however, the growth began to change and get bigger. Although Lucy hadn't seemed bothered by it at first, she started throwing her head back toward the growth as if trying to get at it. "It was inflamed and had turned black," Duncan said. "I knew I had to do something."

He brought Lucy to Falmouth Animal Hospital to have it checked out. A veterinarian said the growth would have to be removed and sent to a lab for a biopsy to see whether it was benign or cancerous. That was unsettling news for Duncan, who works as a maintenance mechanic at the Marine Biological Laboratory.

"If it was cancer, I knew I wouldn't be able to afford to keep sending



her for treatments. I didn't have the money and really didn't know what I was going to do." Fortunately, Falmouth Animal Hospital is an affiliate of The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care, and its staff told Duncan the fund might be able to help out. "I had never heard of the fund but I got in touch with them and applied, and they said yes." With that encouraging news, the procedure could now take place.

"They removed the growth and did the biopsy, the whole nine yards,"

he said. Luckily, it turned out to be a histiocytoma, an abnormal but benign tumor that doesn't typically recur. And Lucy is now "A-OK," according to her owner. "She's doing great and is back to her super high energy, rambunctious, smart self. She's a really good dog."

Duncan is grateful to The Sampson Fund for the financial support. "I have to say it brought tears to my eyes. They are awesome. I really appreciate it."



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For further information about The Sampson Fund, please visit our website at www.sampsonfund.org

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful summer to spend with your pets. I hope you had many joyful moments with your four-footed friends.

Our dog washes in July, August and October were hugely successful thanks to professional groomer Randi Moberg, who volunteers her time and skill to wash all dogs ... big or small, hairy or sleek. And a big thanks goes to our volunteers, who towel dry the dogs and meet and greet the dog owners.

Vicki Shaw, Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists hospital administrator, chaired the Fall Plants For Pets Sale in Buzzards Bay. Thanks to donors, volunteers and customers, \$2,000 was raised for The Sampson Fund.

Looking ahead to 2016, we will be celebrating 30 years of helping Cape Cod dogs and cats receive critical veterinary care. And there will be plenty of celebrating. In response to many requests, we will once again host a Birdhouse and More Auction on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

The date for the Spring Plants For Pets Garden Event is Saturday, May 14.

This popular event just gets better each year. Chair Irene Cooper has already come up with some new ideas for the 2016 event.

And finally, why not include "volunteering for The Sampson Fund" on your New Year's resolution list? We can always use help, whether it's a large or small commitment of time. And you will be helping pets and their people. Contact Danni at dannij240@comcast.net, 508-737-4431 or Nan at nanpoor@verizon.net, 508-432-0742.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a joyous new year.

Patti

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For more information, go to <http://support.igive.com/kb/a115/how-igive-works.aspx>

Pet Postings...

- Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists in Buzzards Bay and Dennis are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergency care.
- Dr. William Kaser has returned to Brewster Veterinary Hospital. Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod and Dr. Kaser have recently acquired the hospital, and you'll again see the friendly and familiar faces there that you've grown to love.

The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care Annual Meeting

**Thursday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.
Brewster Police Station, Route 124**
Everyone is welcome.



Join The Fun...

Pet Photos With Santa

Saturday, December 5, from 9 to noon
VCA Pleasant Bay Animal Hospital
Route 137 and Queen Anne Road
East Harwich

Join the Christopher S. Donner Society

The Society provides special recognition for those members who have included The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care in their long-term plans through bequests or other deferred-giving arrangements.

Christopher S. Donner, VMD, former director of Pleasant Bay Animal Hospital, founded The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care in 1986 and remains an active member of The Sampson Fund Board of Trustees.

Please contact us at sampsonfund@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.sampsonfund.org for a Christopher S. Donner Society membership form.

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