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Soul Companion

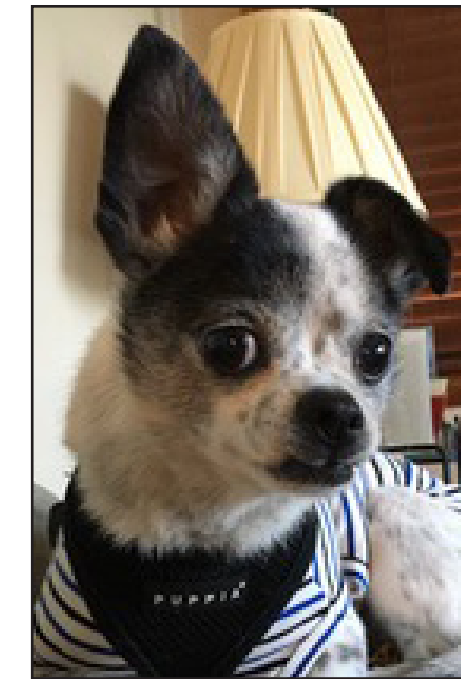
by Olivia H. Miller

Sixteen years ago, Linda Nidle was living in Austin, TX and ready to adopt another dog. She wanted a male, a few years old, and house trained. She visited the Austin Humane Society several times but, she explained, “no dog was my dog”...until the day she saw a puppy huddled in the corner of a cage. The pup had been left in the woods in Waco, TX, over 100 miles from Austin. “I knew she was the one,” said Linda, despite the fact that the dog was female and not house trained.

Annie, a chihuahua/rat terrier mix, weighed 4 pounds. Although Linda had never had a small dog before, this wee one turned out to be a stellar companion. “She is adorable,” Linda gushed, “much more terrier than chihuahua. She’s not protective or ‘yippee’ and has never met a person she doesn’t love.” A playful and funny pooch, who now weighs 8 pounds, she is an amazing jumper and can walk on her hind legs. In short, Linda said, “she’s a doll.”

Linda retired five years ago, moved home to Massachusetts, and settled in Dennis. During a visit at Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod (VACC) in South Yarmouth, Dr. Susan Neary found that Annie

needed extensive dental work, including multiple extractions. Also Annie’s heart murmur, common in small dogs, was getting worse and required prescription medicine and a special diet.



The cost of examinations, diagnostics, and dental surgery was high. “I was a wreck trying to figure out how to pay for it all (since I am on a fixed income), but I knew that somehow I had to find a way,” Linda said.

Fortunately, VACC is an affiliate member of The Sampson Fund For

Veterinary Care and Kristin Cohan, VACC Practice Manager, suggested that Linda apply to The Sampson Fund for financial assistance. December funding had already been allocated, however, so Annie and Linda would have to wait another month when more funds became available.

A few weeks later something extraordinary happened. Kristin shared the “unbelievable good news” that an anonymous donation had been made to The Sampson Fund, which meant they didn’t need to wait.

“Annie got the care she needed and is back to her same adorable self. It took such a big worry off my mind,” said Linda. “I’m so thankful for The Sampson Fund, Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod, and the donor. The knowledge that there are people in the world with a big enough heart to do this really moved me.

“During the pandemic lockdown Annie was practically my sole (and soul) companion. I love her beyond compare. If Annie could, she would thank you herself. Instead, from the bottom of my heart, please accept the most sincere thanks from us both.”

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To provide financial assistance for veterinary care for critically ill or injured dogs and cats on Cape Cod and the Islands when owners cannot afford treatment.



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Dear Friends,

Spring is here. Hooray! The birds have livelier tunes and the daffodils are blooming. I'm ready to say good-bye to winter and put away the parka and mittens.

So many of you responded generously to our end-of-the-year appeal. We are grateful to your continued support. This enables us to help almost one hundred pets each year receive critical veterinary care.

Special thank yous go out to Pupcakes in Hyannis, Catie Williams of Wonder Dogs and Friends, Leach Animal Hospital, Oceanside Animal Hospital, the teachers at Monomoy Regional High School and Hearts and Paws Comfort Dogs who raised funds for The Sampson Fund over recent months.

Nero's bill has been voted into law. First responders are now allowed to treat and transport injured police dogs to veterinary hospitals. Many folks worked tirelessly on getting this bill finalized.

Congratulations to Friends of the Brewster Dog Park. According to Carmen Scherzo, DVM, president of the group, construction has begun and plans are to open late spring or early summer.

Save these dates!

The Sampson Fund and The Harwich Conservation Trust are joining to host Walk 'n Wag on Saturday, May 14 on recently acquired conservation land. Sponsors, Agway of Cape Cod (lead), Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists (lead), Brewster Veterinary Hospital, Cape Cod Chronicle, Chatham Dog Club, Derbyfield Kennel, Nauset Disposal, Veterinary Associates of Cape Cod, VCA Pleasant Bay Animal Hospital, West Barnstable Press and WKZ Pet Portraits will help us make this a fun event. We hope to see you there.

Longtime Sampson Fund supporters Wes and Donelle Denery are opening their fabulous gardens as part of Hydrangea Festival days. On Friday, July 8 and Thursday, July 14 entry fees collected from attendees will be donated to The Sampson Fund. Watch for more to come on this.

We will need lots of volunteers for these events. Please contact volunteer coordinator, Danni Jesudowich, at sampsonfund@yahoo.com to sign up.

Patti

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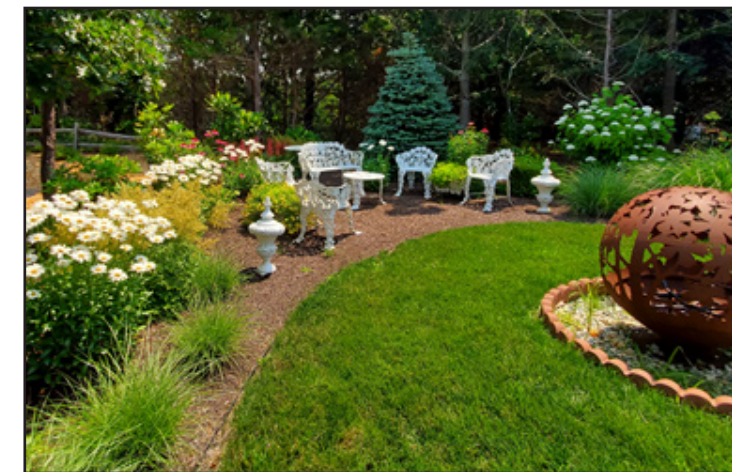
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A view of Wes and Donelle Denery's garden that will be opened to the public to benefit The Sampson Fund as part of the Hydrangea Festival on July 8 and July 14.



Walk 'n Wag

Saturday, May 14, 10am - 2pm

Please park at the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School
Address: 351 Pleasant Lake Ave. (Rt. 124), Harwich

And walk down to the Hinckleys Pond - Herring River Headwaters Preserve

Bring your furry pal to ICT's newest conservation destination and enjoy music, food, and friends!

Dogs must be leashed at all times.
The event is free. Donations welcome.