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NEWSLETTER

The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care



Devo

by Veronica Worthington

In early July, 2020, on the island of Isla Mujeres in Mexico, a young Mexican woman was taking her evening walk, looking out for street dogs that might need a helping hand, when she spotted the lifeless body of a tiny dog lying on the edge of a mangrove swamp. She scooped him up and hurried to the veterinarian in town that donated his services to street animals. There he and his volunteers hydrated the little guy and cleaned his over fifty open wounds. It took two weeks of tube feeding before he was able to eat on his own. No one was sure he would make it. Devo weighed only four pounds. A dog of his breed (Italian Greyhound) should have weighed twelve pounds. Locals on the island said that they had seen him running with a pack of street dogs for at least two years. It's amazing he had survived.

By chance I saw his picture on facebook. I contacted the volunteer who was caring for Devo to tell her that I had owned an Italian Greyhound for fourteen years and thought I could help her understand

the breed and its many oddities. We talked daily.

One day during his rehab, I was contacted to see if I would be willing to take Devo. His care-taker had a family emergency and had to leave Mexico. I accepted. After



numerous delays Devo was flown to Boston and brought to me on the Cape. His condition was horrifying but that was only the beginning. I had been reassured before he arrived that his teeth had just been

cleaned and were in good order (the one stipulation in my taking him as I was in no position to afford dental surgery). Once here Dr. Kaser of Brewster Veterinary Hospital discovered that at least seventeen teeth needed immediate extraction. After doing blood work Dr. Kaser found that Devo also had heartworm and that he would need to be treated for that before dental surgery. Meanwhile Devo began having seizures. In his compromised condition we had to move slowly. We got his weight up to nine pounds, then ten pounds. The heartworm was addressed and the seizures became less frequent. So almost a year and a half later, he was ready for his dental surgery. Thanks to The Sampson Fund and Dr. Kaser it became a reality and Devo had eighteen severely decayed teeth removed. That made life for this little character a dream come true! He recovered from the two hour surgery that same day. I guess that after all his hardships surgery was a piece of cake. We are hoping that his seizures will not return now that he is a healthy, happy pup. What a lucky dog! Thank you Sampson Fund.



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*To provide financial assistance
for veterinary care for critically ill
or injured dogs and cats on Cape
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cannot afford treatment.*



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Dear Friends,

After what seems like ages of confinement we were finally able to visit with many of you at the Walk 'n Wag event in May. The Harwich Conservation Trust and The Sampson Fund hosted this walk on the Hinckleys Pond - Herring River Headwaters property recently acquired by the Trust. Over 300 folks brought their pups to enjoy music, food and just being outdoors on a beautiful spring day. Plans are underway for Walk 'n Wag 2023.

Next on our Sampson Fund calendar is the Hydrangea Festival. On Friday, July 8 and Thursday, July 14 from 10 to 4 you will be able to tour Donelle and Wes Denery’s lovely garden in Eastham. The \$5.00 admission will benefit The Sampson Fund.

For more than ten years the Barry family has generously hosted The Sampson Fund Day at Moby Dick’s Restaurant in Wellfleet. This year’s event is on Thursday, July 21. The setting is casual and the food is fabulous. Take this opportunity to enjoy lunch or dinner while supporting our efforts. A portion of the proceeds for the day will be donated to The Sampson Fund.

Looking towards the fall, The Sampson Fund will have a table at Doxie Day on Saturday, September 24 from noon to 3 on the grounds of the Barnstable County Complex in Barnstable Village. Hundreds of dachshunds and their people will be there. Guaranteed fun.

And mark your calendars for Barks & Brews, hosted by Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists of South Dennis and Buzzards Bay. This popular event will be held Saturday, October 22 from 5 to 8 at Cape Cod Beer in Hyannis.

Just a reminder that summer is a time where a number of pets go missing. Missing Dogs Massachusetts has published a “to do” list if this happens to you. With their permission we have included it our newsletter. Hopefully you will never need it but just in case...

Enjoy your summer.

Patti

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A view of Donelle and Wes Denery’s garden that will be open to tour as part of the Hydrangea Festival on July 8 and July 14. The admittance fee of \$5 will benefit The Sampson Fund.



We hope to see you in Wellfleet on July 21!



Enjoying walking the trails at Walk 'n Wag

Lost Dog Recovery Blueprint by Missing Dogs Massachusetts
www.missingdogsmass.com

Tips to help increase the probability of a timely reunion:

1. Immediately contact police and animal control in local and surrounding area.
2. Place a familiar scent article (crate, dog bed, etc.) at the location where your dog went missing. Leave a bowl of strong-smelling wet food at the location as well.
3. Alert neighbors and friends via phone, social media and in person. Search facebook for missing pet pages in your area.
4. Hang flyers at and around the location where your dog was lost. Flyers should be simple, with few words, using very large font. Print in black and white on neon paper. Laminate or place in plastic page protectors with the opening at the bottom. View sample flyer at <http://www.misingdogsmass.co/#!lost-dogs/c1sd5>
5. If it is within your budget, utilize a robo-calling service such as www.FindToto.com.
6. Bring a flyer in PERSON to all local shelters, humane societies and veterinary practices as ask to see all of their “found” dogs.
7. Go to www.missingdogsmass.com to complete a Lost Dog Form and MDM will create a post for followers to share on the facebook page.
8. Share to your local facebook pages in your community and surrounding communities with photos of your dog and specific instructions NOT to chase or call out to a missing dog in survival mode.
9. Notify microchip company that your dog is lost.
10. Keep a list of all informed entities and update them when your dog is found.