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# NEWSLETTER

## The Sampson Fund For Veterinary Care



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### Going Above and Beyond

By Olivia H. Miller

Casey White and her fiancé Brandon Wilkinson travel to Aruba once or twice a year, regularly donating dog food and supplies. This year they contacted the Luna Foundation, a nonprofit that promotes animal welfare in Aruba, and applied to foster a dog. “We wanted to help get puppies into the States,” Casey said, “and give them a chance at a new life.” Their application was approved and on July 1, several puppies arrived in Boston. Casey and Brandon brought one of the pups to their home in Brewster.

Wanting him to have a name representing the island, they called the puppy Balashi, the popular beer of Aruba. Casey said he looked rough but guessed that was normal. Balashi wouldn’t drink or eat. Eventually she got him to eat a little rice and ground turkey but he was experiencing terrible diarrhea and was weak. They brought Balashi to Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists (CCVA) in Dennis, where he was given fluids and they took a fecal sample. The couple brought him home with some medication.

Unfortunately, he wasn’t getting better. “He was going downhill and we wanted to get him back to the vet right away,” Casey said. But the Dennis location was busy so they drove to CCVA in Buzzards Bay...a hike from Brewster, not to mention July 4th traffic. There they did some blood tests, which were nega-

tive, and found he had a fever. “They offered to give us medication to bring home or they could keep him and give him IV medication,” Casey explained. “I couldn’t get medication or food into him so I knew it was better if he stayed with them.”

Tests found two parasitic intestinal tract infections: coccidiosis and giardiasis. What they thought would be a one- or



two-day stay turned into five. “I visited him every day and called every night. The first few days, he was sleeping and wouldn’t even open his eyes. He was on a feeding tube. We kept asking what were the chances things would go well. They couldn’t answer if he was going to make it. But he started to improve and the vets were hopeful. Everyone there was amazing, especially [Emergency and Critical Care Resident] Dr. Ali Ramiche.”

Because they were fostering, treatment required permission from the Luna Foundation, nor did they know if they would receive any reimbursement. The cost of five days in the ICU – tests, IV medications, feeding tube – quickly adds up; nevertheless, they paid it all out of pocket. Casey knew about the Sampson Fund for Veterinary Care because her mom had received financial help with her dog’s surgery. CCVA is a Sampson Fund affiliate member and Casey applied. “The coordinator at CCVA was awesome and helped me apply. The Sampson Fund was able to donate money toward Balashi’s medical expenses, which was incredible.”

Although they already had three dogs, after all they went through, Casey convinced Brandon that Balashi wasn’t going anywhere. “We adopted him and he’s a thriving member of the pack!”

In addition to intestinal illnesses, Balashi arrived without much hair on his stomach and covered with scabs and scrapes. “Now he has his hair back and looks great,” Casey reported. “His legs were also badly bowed, probably from malnutrition. They’ve straightened out and he can run like crazy!”

“The financial assistance from The Sampson Fund was absolutely amazing. For anyone who has dogs or cats and can’t afford the medical expenses, it is just gut wrenching. Any little bit toward that helps.”

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



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Dear Friends,

It's autumn! Time to trade sandals for sneakers and to pull out the sweatshirts. Some say it's the best season on Cape Cod. I tend to agree.

Dachshunds, dachshunds and more dachshunds were at Doxie Day on September 28 in Barnstable. There were raffles, games and even an after-party at Cape Cod Beer. Organizers, Betsy Davis and Eva Carbonera, host this fabulous event each year to benefit a non-profit. This year the beneficiary was The Sampson Fund. We are grateful for all their hard work.

We have more special events coming up:

You can get into the Halloween mood by coming to Agway's Barktoberfest on Thursday, October 10 from 3 to 6 at the South Dennis store to benefit The Sampson Fund. The event will have live music and food trucks, pet portraits by Sue Unleashed, pumpkin decorating, a costume contest and door prizes. Pre-registration is \$15, \$20 at the door. For more information go to [www.agwaycapecod.com](http://www.agwaycapecod.com).

Our annual Barks & Brews will take place on Saturday, October 12 at Cape Cod Beer from 4 to 7. You can purchase tickets by going to [www.capecodvetspecialists.com/barksandbrews](http://www.capecodvetspecialists.com/barksandbrews).

Cape Cod Veterinary Associates hosts this popular event each year. I don't know if the humans or the dogs have more fun. There will be live music, a food truck, Cape Cod Beer drafts, a silent auction with some great items to entice bidding, and the opportunity to support The Sampson Fund.

You can keep in the Halloween mood by stopping by the Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade at Hyannis Country Gardens on Saturday, October 26 at noon. This year Hyannis Country Gardens will donate the \$10 entry fee to The Sampson Fund. For more information go to [www.hyanniscountrygarden.com](http://www.hyanniscountrygarden.com).

If you want to explore your artistic talent, come to the Paint & Sip event at Chatham Dog Club also on Saturday, October 26 from 2:00 to 5:00. Instructing artist Sigita will help you create your own work of art. To reserve a spot contact Carley at Brewster Veterinary Hospital at 508-896-2540 or [clientservices@brewstervethospital.com](mailto:clientservices@brewstervethospital.com). All proceeds will benefit The Sampson Fund.

And then we will kick off the holiday season with Pet Photos with Santa on Saturday, November 16 from 9 to noon at the Harwich Police Station on Sisson Road.

We hope to see you at some of these events.

Patti

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Karen Anne & John  
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**Deakin, Sasha,  
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and Buttercup**  
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Francine Lipani

**Bella**  
Joy Hines

## Pet Photos with SANTA!!



**Saturday November 16th**

**9am to Noon**

**Harwich Police Station**

**183 Sisson Road**

Bring your phone or camera to take photos.  
The event is free but donations are happily accepted!

Sponsored by Harwich Animal Control  
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Cape Cod Veterinary Specialists presents:

## BARKS & BREWS

Saturday, October 12th, 2024  
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Cape Cod Beer  
1336 Phinney's Lane  
Hyannis, MA, 02601

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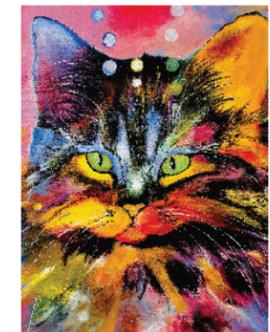
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## PAINT & SIP



Come join The Sampson Fund and Brewster Veterinary Hospital

**Saturday October 26th**

2pm - 5pm

Chatham Dog Club  
112 Meetinghouse Rd  
South Chatham, MA 02559

To inquire about reserving a spot and making a donation please contact:  
Carley, Office Manager at Brewster Vet Hospital  
P: 508-896-2540 - Email: [clientservices@brewstervethospital.com](mailto:clientservices@brewstervethospital.com)  
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