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Winter 2019 Newsletter

Hello Friends! Here we are on the brink of starting a new decade.

How exciting is that? Time to reflect on the support we get from regular donors, our amazing employees and dedicated volunteers. There have been sad times, glad times and things we only dare to dream about. While we all like to focus on the here and now with so many tasks right in front of us, we tend to put things off, like thanking you all for your love and generosity for all the animals we have helped and continue to help here at BHS...

I want to take this time to thank our regular donors. We are very grateful for larger donations as they help so much with things like vet bills. But don't think that the regular steady \$5.00 a week from an anonymous donor doesn't help, it may not be a lot but it is very much needed and appreciated. We no longer get any break on costs for veterinary or other services we need. We used to get discounts on pet foods from local stores but that also has gone. With a lot of ill, injured or abused animals we are ALWAYS in need of funds for the vet, food, bedding. you name it, we probably need it.

Once, actually several decades ago, the shelter was brand new and only needed residents to make it complete. Today however, the shelter buildings and equipment are in dire need of maintenance, all those things we've been putting off till tomorrow. We didn't put things off because we were negligent. No we waited so we could take in animals with missing eyes or legs. The old, infirm, not so pretty because someone cut off their ears or beat them so bad they could barely walk. That may not seem practical but when it comes to a choice between putting a bucket under a leak and taking in an animal in need...





Well you know what we did. We made room for one more and had to empty a bucket when it rained. Unfortunately it's not just a bucket anymore. There's the aging furnace, the broken pipe, rusting doors... and our piggy bank is empty.

Our dedicated volunteers have been and still are the backbone of caring for the animals on a daily basis. Over the years we have had many people who have taken the time to come in, sometimes every day, to walk dogs, cuddle cats, brush horses or any one of the dozens of mundane chores like washing and folding tons of laundry. This summer, Mike, who oversees much of the daily operations at the shelter, still came to work despite having broken his foot and Andrea works tirelessly to keep the cats houses clean and fresh. We have seen many animals other than just dogs and cats; we've even taken in at least a dozen homeless people who stayed while getting their lives back together.

We want to keep saving animals for another decade and with your help we can. Cash is always welcome, that extra \$5 can be a Godsend but if you are also cash poor please look at our wish list. The animals and I can't begin to tell you how much we appreciate it.

Wishing you a wonderful Happy Holiday and a joyful and prosterous New Year to all us !

Love Elaine and all the Bosler Kids





From top Left: Eleanor Better, Mike & Lexi, The Girl Scouts, Joe Higgins with Weasel & Morris, Erika Lang with Elaine, Mrs. Guyan, Susan Ary, Gert Costa & Roger O'Connell.



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be adopted because of age , disability, etc. Those who 'Adopt-A-Pet' and support a hardship case will receive a picture and history, if known, of their pet. Support may be stopped at any time. Please specify dog or cat. Name Address
CityStateZip
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It should read as follows: "To The Bosler Humane Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 12 - Baldwinville, Massachusetts 01436
I give and bequeath the sum of
dollars" <u>Please describe the Society by its correct name and address in your</u> <u>will</u> . Failure to do this could lead to difficulties and in the case of wills, to litigation.
Our Wish List
 Canned cat Food, cat litter, cat toys Dog food, dog toys (no rawhide) Blankets, Beds, Towels Feed/Grain/hay for chickens, goats, Horses & sheep Weight Circles from Purina Cleaning supplies, bleach, laundry & dish soap heavy duty trash bags/ paper towels Steel Doors for the Kennel Copy / Printer Paper/Used Printer Cartridges XL 62 Black & X62 color Ink Cartridges U.S or Foreign coins Antiques, Old Comics, Books, Jewelry,Toys, Things that we can sell on Ebay