



# THE Wanderer

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The Newsletter of Stray Pets in Need (SPIN) of Massachusetts, Inc.

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## SPIN has a Home!!

Thanks to you, our contributors and supporters, SPIN has a home! After a very busy and exciting couple of months, the Executive Board met in Needham to sign all the papers for the mortgage and receive the keys to our SPIN home!

It's a beautiful home which will be a transition home for cats, (and occasionally other pets) needing treatment or waiting for space at Kitty City Adoption Center. Socialization of our shy kitties will continue in the house. It will be our office, meeting space and education center. Finally, all under one roof!

The SPIN home is located at 5 Overbrook Terrace in Natick, right on the Wellesley line. Heading west on Route 9, turn right at California Closets and it's the first house on the right. The location is perfect. Kitty City is located at Pet World, also on Route 9 opposite Macy's. The Cat's Hospital is located on Route 9 in Wellesley at the junction of Route 16. Wellesley-Natick Animal Hospital is on Route 9. This will make it an easy ride for our volunteers who transport cats from their home to the vet's and to Kitty City. It's a convenient location for volunteers to sign up for a once-a-week shift to care for the pets at the SPIN house.

Over the coming days, we will be gather all our supplies from our many volunteers who have donated space at their homes and setting up the space to welcome in our first kitty residents. We will be compiling a list of other needs for work around the home. As with any new house one buys, there are things we need fixed or changed to meet our needs. Let us know if you can lend us a hand. Call 781-235-1218 for more information.

Please come to our Open House on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, from 6 to 9pm. This will also be our Annual Meeting to elect a Secretary and a Treasurer. It will be a great opportunity to meet other volunteers and to check out SPIN's new home! **S**

## Suzanne and Chernobyl *A story of acceptance and love*

Suzanne is now an EMT. At the time she adopted the kitten Chernobyl from SPIN, she was driving a bus for special needs students. A vet had named the kitten Chernobyl since she looked like a disaster but Suzanne soon renamed her "Noble."

She was found by neighborhood kids along with her mom and her littermates who were living under a porch in Wellesley. She was the only odd one in the family.

Most people who saw her said to put her out of her misery. But she wasn't suffering so Sue Webb decided to give her a chance in spite of her deformities. Noble has no eye lids, just the third, inner eyelid. Suzanne's husband can't tell if the cat is sleeping or looking at him! Suzanne has to trim her toe nails since

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## About S.P.I.N.

*"Promoting the well-being of animals and responsible human-animal relationships"*

**Stray Pets in Need of Massachusetts, Inc.** is an all-volunteer non-profit 501c3 organization devoted to caring for homeless and abandoned pets since 1991.

SPIN has a temporary transitional shelter in Wellesley and also an adoption center at Kitty City at Pet World in Natick. Plans are underway to open a larger, permanent transition shelter in the Natick area to handle animals that need extensive recuperation time or a chance to have special handling by volunteers to resolve behavioral issues which may delay adoption for a while.

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR SPIN?** SPIN volunteers contribute in many ways: direct care providers, grant writers, foster families, fundraising initiatives, general administration and special projects like micro-chipping clinics. We are looking for contributors also to our newsletter. We need a volunteer to drive animals belonging to Seniors to and from vet appointments. Specially trained volunteers are needed to foster animals coming from situations involving domestic abuse as well as volunteers with special interest in working with feral cats, which means cats who have had little or no contact with humans thus far in their little lives.

For more information on how you can help, call **781-235-1218** or visit our web site at **[www.straypetsinneed.info](http://www.straypetsinneed.info)**. You can also write to **SPIN at PO Box 812143, Wellesley, MA 02482**.

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### SPIN Officers

**President:** Sue Webb  
**Vice President:** Lucille Riddle  
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**Treasurer:** Moira Guigno

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**Foster Care Coordinator:** Kim Taylor  
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**Web Site:** Judy Goodwin

## Calendar of Events

### Natick Days on the Common

Natick Days is Sept 12, 10:00am – 4:00pm. SPIN will be there with info table, crafts and T-shirts for sale and animal themed games for the kids to play.

### Ever So Humble Pie Fundraiser

Humble Pie orders must be received By Oct. 10th. Drop off order forms and checks made out to SPIN at Pet World in Natick or mail them with checks to SPIN P.O. Box 812143, Wellesley, MA 02482

Pick up frozen pies on Oct. 24th at Pet World Natick, Route 9 East, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. *Order form on back page.*

### Gift Wrapping

SPIN will be gift-wrapping at Barnes & Noble, Framingham, and all donations from the gift wrapping go to SPIN.

#### Barnes and Nobles dates and times:

Tue. 12/8	4:00 – 10:00pm
Wed. 12/9	6:00 – 10:00pm
Mon. 12/14	4:00 – 10:00pm
Wed. 12/16	Noon – 4:00pm
Thur. 12/17	1:00 – 6:00pm

Send an E-Mail to Sue to volunteer to help with wrapping at any of the above dates, [tiwat@aol.com](mailto:tiwat@aol.com).

**For more info or to volunteer to help at any event email [tiwat@aol.com](mailto:tiwat@aol.com) or 781-235-1218 or [www.straypetsinneed.info](http://www.straypetsinneed.info).**



### Boxwood Trees

Boxwood trees are by ORDER ONLY & PREPAYMENT this year. Deadline for orders is November 1st. Please send this form and your payment of \$25 per tree to:

SPIN  
PO Box 812143  
Wellesley  
MA 02482-0014

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of trees @\$25 each \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up Boxwood trees at Kitty City Adoption Center at Pet World on Rte. 9 (eastbound) Natick on Sunday Dec. 6th Noon to 4pm at Home 4 the Holiday event.

## Wish List

SPIN encourages you to visit [www.straypetsinneed.info](http://www.straypetsinneed.info) as we update our wish list for construction, repairs, yard work, snow plowing and other needs for our new SPIN home.

Also for our on going needs for direct care: cleaning and feeding and socializing for the cats at SPIN's Transition Home.

Sign up for one shift a week either morning, afternoon or evening by emailing [tiwat@aol.com](mailto:tiwat@aol.com) or 781-235-1218

### Commemorative Bricks

SPIN is constructing a walkway of red bricks with incised lettering up to the front stairs of our new Transition Home:

- Three lines of 20 letters each
- Spaces and punctuation count as a letter
- Cost is \$150.00 per brick
- Order at [www.straypetsinneed.info](http://www.straypetsinneed.info)

Honor or remember a person or pet with this special gift.

# March 1, 2009 – July 31, 2009 SPIN Donation Report

## Over \$1,000

### Grant

The Humane Society of US  
Peets Coffee and Tea

### Immediate Care

Alexis Christopher

### In Memory

Rohit Bhargava

## Over \$500

### In Kind

Draper Knitting Company

## Over \$200

### Immediate Care

Judith B. Gunner  
Deborah Karff  
Alstair Lowe  
Maryanne Miller  
Terry Sinskie  
Mary Snow

### Shelter Fund

Maryanne Miller

### In Memory

Deborah M. Karff in memory of Robert McCabe  
Charles Rotman in memory of Robert McCabe

### In Appreciation

Mary Ames – thanks to Dr. Cosimini from a neighbor

## \$100 and over

### Immediate Care

Virginia Simpson Aisner  
Mary Ames  
Robert Andrew Dye  
Barbara Geller  
Andrea Gordon  
Nancy Herbert  
Sara Johnson  
Nancy Leblang  
Kathleen Scott Mahoney  
Tom McLaughlin  
Linda Montesano

### Shelter Fund

Barbara Geller

### In Honor

Marjorie Egan in honor of Carolyn Woodhead's birthday  
Douglas Jensen in appreciation of Dr. Cosimini and his staff  
Linda Montesano in honor of Inge Saraceno's 80th birthday

### In Memory

Dorothy Hesky in memory of Robert McCabe  
Anna Pietz in memory of Robert McCabe

### In Kind

Nancy Lee  
Donna McGlone  
Sue Webb

## Matching Gift

Taras Zommers

## \$01 – \$99

### Immediate Care Fund

Ross Anderson  
Mary Lou Bonfiglio  
Robert Brehm  
Patricia Cappola  
Diane Duddy  
Lenore Fogel  
Bernice Girshick  
Mary Haigh  
Jerome Kassel  
Cheryl M. Lefman  
Sandra Lewis  
Cheryl Litster  
Susan Loveland  
Ruth McDonald  
Helen McQueeney  
Daniel Moshief  
Janet Nolan  
Mildred Torjuror  
Diana Tully  
Dorothy Waldron

### In Memory

Gilbert Bass in memory of Robert McCabe  
Sylvia Birkerts in memory of Robert McCabe  
Barbara Bordenca in memory of Robert McCabe  
Elizabeth Connelly in memory of Robert McCabe

## In Memory *continued*

Susan Davis and Norma Calder in memory of Polly

Thomas Dennehy in memory of Robert McCabe by his friends

Marijane C. Dosdall in memory of Robert McCabe

Joaquin Gimeno in memory of Robert McCabe

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Glibin in memory of Robert McCabe

Alice Gross in memory of Robert McCabe

Judith Harvey in memory of Robert McCabe

Sherilyn Higgins in memory of Robert McCabe

Heidi Himmelmann in memory of Marjorie Walhstom

Morse Klubock in memory of Robert McCabe

Edward Lavine in memory of Robert McCabe

Jacqueline Livingston in memory of Robert McCabe

Diane Lupean in memory of Robert McCabe

Barbara McCabe in memory of Robert McCabe

Donna McGlone in memory of Jonathan and Chrissy Stephens

Jerry Mitchell in memory of Willie

Eugene Ratto in memory of Robert McCabe

Donna Rossetti in memory of Phyllis Gloria Day

## In Memory *continued*

Harry and Nancy Senger in memory of Robert McCabe

David Taylor in memory of Arlene Danforth

Dorothy Thorn in memory of Robert McCabe

### Fund Raiser

Maddie Blaber – Lemonade Stand

### In Honor

Jan Martin in honor of Carolyn Woodhead  
Julia Landry in honor of Carolyn Woodhead  
Anne Macphee – thank you Dr. Cosimini  
John Perry in honor of Carolyn Woodhead's birthday  
Justin Gaither in honor of Marie Gaither's birthday  
Elise Redino in honor of Mia Garvin's 9th birthday  
Lyn Woodhead in honor of Sue Webb's birthday  
Lucia Bortolussi – thanks for your help, Sue

### In Kind

Virginia Ortiz  
Liz Parsons  
Nancy Lee  
Sally Collier  
Linda Montesano



Rock...



... and Roll

## Suzanne and Chernobyl *continued from page 1*

they can't retract and if her claws are long, they catch on the carpet when she runs and she flips over before continuing. One rear leg is on backwards but she has no difficulty walking and running. She has an extra rib on one side and a missing one on the other. She has a domed head and her jaws don't line up.

Noble has no clue that she is different and does quite well in an extremely active household with dogs, other cats and kids. She sits in the window looking out and when she sees Suzanne drive in, she runs to the front door to greet her along with the dogs! Noble is about 10 years old now. Suzanne's sensitivity and love for special needs kids carried over to a very special kitten.

SPIN has other special needs cats looking for homes. Rock and Roll are brother and sister tigers who have cerebellar hypoplasia, a condition usually resulting from the mother's having been exposed to one of the small cluster of infections called distemper. The part of the brain that controls fine motor skills is underdeveloped so they wobble when they walk and sometimes turn their heads left and right as if they were listening to music. The condition does not worsen with age. In fact, they learn to compensate for their condition. They are very sweet and endearing and they get along just fine. They eat and use their litter box. They were adopted by a family who truly love them but when the family moved to Japan, they were brought back to SPIN to find another loving home. You can see them at Pet World often sleeping in kitty hammocks they have climbed into. Rock and Roll are such lovable and pretty little tigers. We hope that their second special person finds them soon. **S**

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## Ever So Humble Pie Company, Inc.

153 Washington Street E. Walpole, MA 02032  
(508) 660-9731 [www.eversohumble.com](http://www.eversohumble.com)



**New England Apple Pie** – Freshly peeled apples tossed with brown sugar and spices, beneath a delicate flaky crust.

**Apple Crisp** – Freshly peeled apples topped with rolled oats, whole wheat flour, butter and brown sugar.

**Wild Blueberry** – Flavorful and juicy wild blueberries kissed with lemon nestled inside our tender, flaky crust.

**Jumble Berry Pie** – Our Blue Ribbon Winner! Tart Cape Cod cranberries, sweet strawberries, wild blueberries and zesty oranges.

**Squmpkin** – Field harvested sugar pumpkins and winter squash cooked with eggs, low-fat milk and spices into a creamy custard.

8" Pie Serves 6

Apple Crisp Serves 5

**Allergy Alert:** Produced in a facility that uses eggs, milk, wheat, pecans, walnuts, almonds, almond oil.

Name & Phone	New England Apple 13.95	Wild Blueberry 13.95	Jumble Berry 13.95	Squmpkin 13.95	Apple Crisp 10.00	Total Items	Total \$

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