

# Sarah's Sad Story will have a Happy Ending



**Sarah has come a long way** since she

was tied in a towel and thrown in the woods behind the apartment building where she lived. She thought she had a forever home in the building with loving people to care for her. Little did she know what would happen to her.

Sarah found out that her people were moving from her forever home, and she expected to go with them. She loved them, and she thought they loved her. When they were discarding articles they would no longer need in the new home, they also discarded Sarah. To make sure she would not be able to come back to the apartment, they tied her up and threw her away, leaving her to die a miserable death in the woods.

Fortunately, a neighbor saw what Sarah's owners did, and she went into the woods to retrieve Sarah. After she got Sarah inside, the neighbor called the police, and the police contacted the local animal control agency. The neighbor knew that it was a crime to abandon a pet, but to throw an abandoned pet that was tied up in a towel into the woods was much

crueler than the usual pet abandonment. Sarah's owners had tried to kill her, and the neighbor knew she had to help Sarah. What the neighbor saw was heartbreaking to her.

When Standish got a call to help Sarah, we were at the ready. This is how we operate and saving cats such as Sarah is our job. We arranged for Sarah to receive veterinary care. Fortunately, Sarah did not suffer any broken bones, but she had two medical issues. She was suffering from a damaged eye or an untreated eye infection, and she was also pregnant. Sarah's situation was serious, and she needed eye surgery, but she could not receive the surgery until her kittens were born and she could withstand the anesthesia.

Sarah was welcomed into a Standish foster home where she was nurtured while she was awaiting the arrival of her kittens. When Sarah gave birth, she had only one kitten. She was a wonderful mother, and she nursed her baby until it was old enough to be weaned. When her kitten was old enough to be adopted, Standish found Sarah's baby a wonderful forever home where it would be showered with love and never be mistreated.

**After Sarah gave birth, it was time to concentrate on Sarah's eye injury.** Her foster mom has

been giving her eye drops and other medications since she was rescued and will continue doing so until she has her surgery. It is unknown how long Sarah has been suffering, but the veterinarians say Sarah's eye injury or untreated infection is probably very painful to her and can cause a tumor if not treated.

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**The Board recently elected Donna Niklason to be a new Board member. Standish welcomes Donna, who has been an invaluable volunteer and will be a wonderful asset to our Board. Her business background will serve us well.**



### New Arrivals During the Quarantine

**Biscuit, found sick at a train station, was cared for in a Standish foster home until her kittens were weaned. Today mother and kittens are happily living in their forever homes.**

## A Message From The President

### A State of the Shelter Update

Like almost everyone else, we have had a difficult time during the pandemic. Some volunteers have had to shoulder a heavier load than others, because the shelter was closed to most volunteers. Holmes House had to be maintained during the closure, and cat care is a never-ending task. Cats had to be moved to foster homes, and new foster parents had to be trained. Nevertheless, we were able to fulfill the main mission of our organization, which is to find homes for homeless cats and to help control the cat population in our area. Our adoptions skyrocketed during the pandemic.

There are two medical volunteers who are essential to the operation of our shelter. Dr. Ann Thompson is a veterinarian with years of experience, and Kathleen Taylor, RPh, FACVP is a veterinary pharmacist with a broad range of pharmaceutical endeavors in her background. She owns Animal Pharm, a compounding veterinary pharmacy.

Dr. Thompson has donated untold hours examining, diagnosing, and treating the maladies of our shelter cats. She also interfaces with outside veterinary consultants.

Ms. Taylor has given us invaluable help in determining how to get a cat, who wants nothing to do with medicine, medicated. She has advised on administering medication in chew treats, capsules, liquids, and transdermal cream. Not all flavors and methods of administration are available for every illness, but Ms. Taylor's advice allows us to make medicating a cat as pleasant as possible for the cat. Ms. Taylor generously donates the prescriptions she fills for us.

--Julie Salamone

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Standish has arranged for Sarah to undergo an enucleation, or permanent eye removal. Enucleation surgery is irreversible and very expensive, but it is the only permanent solution for her eye problem. Sarah's surgery is scheduled to be performed in early December.

Had the people who originally owned Sarah taken her to a veterinarian and obtained earlier treatment when the eye problem started, she probably could have been cured with medication. Now she will lose her eye.

We will not turn our backs on Sarah, and we will make sure that she gets the expensive surgery she needs with follow-up care. Once Sarah is available for adoption, we will find her a wonderful forever home where she can live the rest of her life without further suffering.

Just recently Standish has raised money for expensive surgery for Sarah and two other cats. We are so grateful to everyone who donated to help us pay these cats' medical expenses.

There will always be Sarahs who need our help, and we will always be there to help them. However, we need money to do this.

**Please consider making a donation to our medical fund in honor of Sarah so that no other cat will suffer or die from lack of necessary and effective medical care.**



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***Standish Humane Society is very grateful for the many donations made in loving memory of the following people:***

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***We are also very grateful for the following memorials and tributes.***

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## WAYS TO SUPPORT STANDISH FINANCIALLY



COVID precautions caused Standish to have to cancel many of our plans for a number of fundraisers this year. We were honored to be the beneficiary of Planet Subaru's 2019 Share the Love campaign, and we received a significant amount of money from the campaign, but this campaign was completed prior to the COVID pandemic. We normally hold a major fundraising event each year, which is backed by corporate sponsors, but even that had to be canceled this year. We hope you will consider a donation to keep Standish's finances healthy so we can continue our work. As discussed below, there are a number of ways in which we raise funds and use the donations we receive.



### Medical Fund

This fund is one of our most important. It helps pay for medical treatment for cats that are in need of lifesaving, and expensive, medical care.

### Elvis Feral Fund

This fund is devoted to the trap, spay/neuter and release program and to the needs of feral cats in our community. This fund supplies warm enclosures for cats to protect them from the harsh winter as well as cat food donations to individuals who feed feral colonies and trap cats to be spayed or neutered. These food donations help defray the expense of feeding feral cats. Many of the feral feeders have spent hundreds of dollars of their own money feeding feral cats, and the food donations help the feeders offset a small portion of the cost of that food.

### Reduced-Cost Spay/Neuter Program

This fund has done a tremendous job in reducing the population of stray cats in our community. It is our hope that by preventing feral cats from reproducing,

we will eventually eliminate all feral cat colonies. We also offer reduced-cost spay/neuter services for those who cannot afford the fees of private veterinarians.

### Cat Sponsorship Program

This program provides funds to help feed and care for cats we believe will take longer to be adopted than most cats. Each sponsor who donates \$15 a month (\$180 per year) is assigned one of these cats. A photo of the cat and quarterly updates on the cat's progress are sent to the sponsor.

### Memorial and Honorary Donations

Making a donation as a memorial to a beloved person or pet who is no longer with you or an honorary donation for someone who deserves recognition is a wonderful way to remember and honor people and pets.

Facebook users can have fundraisers on Facebook to celebrate their birthdays by raising money for a non-profit. Facebook makes it very easy to set up a birthday fundraiser to benefit Standish.

### Calendar Raffles

The only fundraiser we were able to hold this year was our 2020 Calendar Raffle. The raffle was so successful that we are having a February 2021 Calendar Raffle. The winners of the raffle will be announced each day during February on our Facebook page. The winners will also be notified by phone.

### Qualified Charitable Deduction

Anyone who is required to take a required minimum distribution from a tax-deferred retirement account, such as an IRA or 401k plan, should consider making a charitable contribution to Standish. To make a qualified charitable deduction, the funds must be donated by the trustee or custodian of the retirement account directly to Standish Humane Society. You may be able to lower your income taxes by making a charitable donation using a qualified charitable distribution. Please check with your tax advisor to see whether such a charitable contribution is applicable to your situation.

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## Two of the Fundraisers Canceled due to COVID



**Yard Sale**



**Kitten Shower**



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# Shelter From the COVID Storm

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**The COVID storm arrived suddenly in early March.** Most of us were unaware of it until the newspapers and television broadcasts ominously warned of a looming toilet paper shortage. Hand sanitizer was nowhere to be found in the stores or online, and everyone was asked to donate any surgical and N95 masks they might have to medical providers so that they could avoid contracting COVID from their patients. The situation became extremely serious when everything except essential services ceased.

Because of the quarantine, the shelter had to be closed to all but essential services. Our resident cats, Caramel, Max, and Miss Peacock, could not be relocated, so a couple of volunteers came in daily to attend to them. Standish called upon both seasoned and novice volunteers to provide foster care for our cats and kittens. We recruited and trained new foster parents, some of whom had to be trained for maternity duty as well as newborn care. Although there was no way to know how long we would be facing the threat of COVID or how long the foster parents would need to care for their foster felines, people, many of whom had never fostered cats, came forward to help in any way they could.

**We are proud to say that, because of our Standish foster parents, every cat that was in our care at the onset of the COVID storm has been adopted from its foster home using a virtual adoption process.**



Due to the virus guidelines, our monthly Spay Waggin' spay/neuter clinics had to cease for four long months. Since we are allotted 35 surgery appointments on each clinic day for both our cats awaiting adoption and the public's cats, this was a tremendous loss to everyone. In addition to the cessation of the monthly Spay Waggin' visits, most of the local veterinary hospitals closed their facilities to nonessential surgeries and were only handling emergency cases. It was nearly impossible for us to get appointments to have critical spay/neuter surgeries performed.

The management of our spay/neuter program was and remains difficult; we must, of course, adhere to the COVID guidelines of mandatory masks and social distancing, and the public is no longer allowed to enter the shelter. Each member of the public bringing a cat to be spayed or neutered must now wait outside the building while their intake paperwork is processed and their carriers sterilized. At the end of the day, the process is

reversed, and everyone is socially distanced and masked as their cat is discharged.

Another service that Standish continued to provide with very little interruption was adoptions. Applications have not slowed during the pandemic. People realized how important it is to have a companion animal when one is home alone. People stranded inside their homes for months need companionship, and we filled that need many times. Our office staff worked remotely to review adoption applications and to call references, acquire landlord approvals, and check veterinary histories to determine whether the applicant met Standish's adoption standards.

**We offered "curbside adoptions" during the quarantine period.**

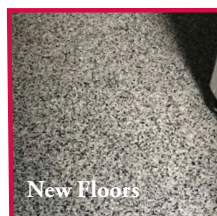


Once an adoption application was approved, the potential adopter was sent photographs and videos of the cats that might be a good match for the adopter. A virtual "meet and greet" with the cat was done utilizing videos, social media platforms, and videoconferencing by Face Time and Skype. Phone calls with our senior volunteer adoption counselor and the cat's foster parents, text messaging, and email correspondence were used to answer a potential adopter's questions once they had selected a cat for possible adoption. COVID protocol was followed throughout the adoption process, so everyone was socially distanced and masked and hands were sanitized. When the adopter selected which cat to adopt, the adoption was finalized. The adopter drove to the foster parent's home and signed the adoption papers while sitting in their car. Once the paperwork was completed, the foster parent put the lucky cat in a cat carrier that was then placed on the foster home's doorstep for the adopter to retrieve immediately. We are continuing our remote adoption process with all our foster homes until the COVID crisis is over.

**Standish is a can-do shelter, where its volunteers take the initiative in getting things done.**



New Driveway



New Floors

Our Board had authorized the very necessary repaving of the driveway earlier in the year, and we had already received bids for the job. We just did not know when the driveway could be cleared of all vehicles long enough for the paving project to be completed. The empty driveway at the beginning of the quarantine was a tiny silver lining in the COVID cloud that would allow the completion of the driveway project.

There was also another tiny silver lining discovered by the volunteers. The floors in the basement needed some work, and again our Board had authorized the work. It is not easy to completely clear the floor in a room filled with cats, cages, beds, and innumerable toys. Therefore, now that only our three resident cats were in the shelter, the floors could be fully cleared and are now beautifully redone. So, as horrible as the COVID crisis has been, at least a bit of good came out of it.

Standish is still operating with a skeleton crew and maintaining its COVID protocol. We are also participating in the community contact tracing program. Everyone who enters the shelter must sign a log-in sheet and give their name, phone number, and date. This assists in contacting people who might have been in the shelter at the same time as a person who has tested positive for COVID.

**Standish wants to thank those volunteers who took over the work that needed to be done at the shelter while the rest of us stayed inside to avoid any risk of getting COVID. We also thank all our supporters who donated money to fix the driveway and the basement floors. Our shelter director, our office staff and volunteers, and our animal care staff and volunteers have done a wonderful job during difficult circumstances, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Also, we had a wonderful "curbside" adoption program, and we thank the shelter volunteers, foster parents, and the adoption counselors who completed an unexpectedly large number of adoptions during the pandemic.**





# Forever Homes

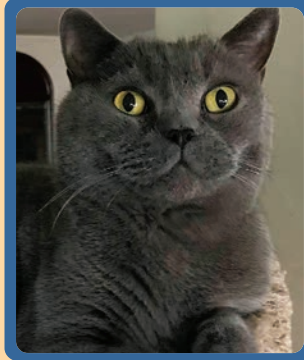


**George, Fred, and Thunder**



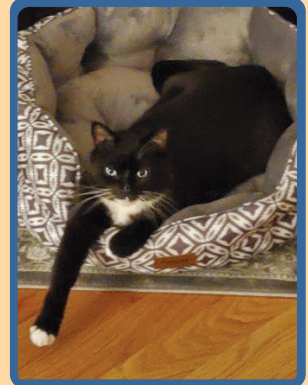
This trio was adopted together from their Standish foster home when they were kittens, and they play together and love each other dearly. They also get along well with their sibling cat.

**Baby Blue**



Baby Blue, age 10, had a rough time after her original owner died, and she was moved to a relative's care. The relative's cats would not accept her, and finally she found a new forever home through Standish. She loves her new mom, who spoils her, gives her catnip toys and treats, made her a window seat for bird watching, and generally makes Baby Blue's new life wonderful.

**Sampson (was Trapper)**



Sampson, adopted almost four years ago, is much loved. He loves to eat even though he has no teeth, and he also likes belly rubs.

**Roxy (was Sarah)**



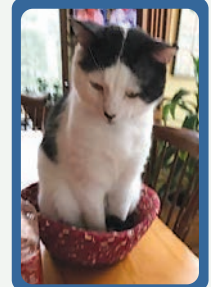
Roxy has been in her forever home almost two years, and her adopters think she is a sweetie-pie. She loves belly rubs, climbing her cat tree, and watching television, but she is a bed hog.

**Emerald (was Mary Ann)**



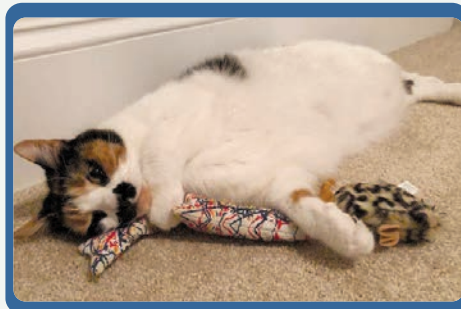
Emerald's name was changed from Mary Ann when she was adopted because of her gorgeous emerald eyes. She is an explorer, and she will squeeze herself into any closet with a door ajar or into any partially opened drawer. After everyone except Emerald has gone to bed, she loves playing loud games of chase with her toy balls and running through her crinkly tunnel. Emerald is much loved.

**Barney**



Barney has literally settled into his home very comfortably.

**Charlie**



Charlie was adopted from Standish when she was 10 years old. She has settled into her new home beautifully. Charlie is the perfect combination of curious and playful and cuddly. She loves to snuggle in bed with her owner.

# STANDISH HUMANE SOCIETY ANNUAL BENEFIT DRAWING

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An Article by a Guest Columnist

# Many Good Deeds Saved my Life



**Hi,** my name is Ocean. I was born to a feral mom outside in Whitman. Feral means a cat was never socialized or domesticated to be a pet. Mommy lived outside and had never been spayed. She had lots and lots of babies, including me. When I was born Mommy nursed me until I was old enough to walk around.

**Then I began to explore the yard and woods.** Some humans started to see me and put food out for me every day. I began to trust them and allowed them to pet me and play with me, but they didn't bring me inside. Sometimes bigger animals chased and scared me at night, but I tried to be brave.

One day I overheard the humans talking to Standish Humane Society on the phone. Standish told the humans to bring me to them so they could have me vaccinated and spayed, but the humans decided that they did not want to do that. The humans thought I was cute, and they wanted to keep me in their yard. When the humans were on the phone, I eavesdropped. I heard Standish trying to educate the humans on the dangers of cats being outside. These dangers included cars, fleas, ticks, predatory animals such as hawks and coyotes, and diseases like feline leukemia and feline AIDS. Hearing about all those dangers really scared me.

The humans did not want to surrender me, but they could not afford to take care of me either and give me the proper

veterinary care. Standish offered to trap Mommy, spay her, let her recuperate in a safe place, and then return her to the humans' yard. The humans decided not to accept Standish's generous offer. I'm sad that Mommy will continue to have more litters outside. It's a hard life, and my own life would become harder than I could imagine.

Some time after I overheard Standish on the phone call, **I was just chasing a bug like I always do, and the next thing I knew I was hit so hard by a speeding car.** My leg really hurt, but I managed to drag myself over to where the humans live. I cried and cried for a long time. The humans finally came out to see what was wrong. They saw that I could not walk, and I tried to tell them how bad the pain was.

The humans put me in a box, and they were crying. The humans called Standish again. Standish told the humans to take me to their emergency veterinarian right away and that Standish would pay for me to be seen by doctors. I finally felt better when I arrived at the veterinarian's office where I was given pain medicine. Then all the fleas and ticks that had been bothering me so much and making me miserable were removed. The veterinarian and his helpers were so nice to me.

Then I heard the veterinarian say I needed a big surgery. I was shocked. They said they were going to try to save my leg. I sure was glad that they did not plan to amputate my leg unless they had to. I was very worried about my leg. I was only four months old, and I thought I needed all of my legs to run and jump and climb.

Then I woke up and heard the shocking news that the veterinarians could not save my leg. The veterinarian's helpers said I was a cute tripod. I did not know what that meant at first, but I soon learned that I have three legs now instead of four. It all turned out okay, though. After a short amount of time, I was up and about, and my body healed.

Guess what? I have the best news ever. I can still run, jump, and climb just like I did before that speeding car hit me. Even more good news came. **One of the veterinarian's helpers, a veterinary technician who assisted in my surgery, decided to adopt me.**

My new family changed my name from Ocean to Cheddar. I am now living indoors in my forever home, and I love it. Th is tripod is safe, warm, well fed, and much loved. I do want to thank Standish Humane Society for trying to educate the humans who took care of me in their yard. I also want to thank Standish Humane Society for all the money they had to spend to fix me up, for trying to keep me safe, and for trying to spay Mommy.



## I hope

more humans listen to Standish. They used their Medical Fund to pay my medical bills. **Please consider donating to the Standish Medical Fund so another cat like me can be saved from injury or illness and live to become a pet.**



# Planet Subaru Keeps Sharing the Love and Standish is Loving it

Planet Subaru has chosen Standish as one of its local non-profit partners for their Share the Love campaign.

From November 19, 2020 through January 4, 2021, with every new Subaru purchased or leased at Planet Subaru in Hanover, \$250 will be donated to the customer's choice of charities, so we are delighted to be designated again as one of the charities.

A number of Standish volunteers own one or more Subarus from Planet Subaru and go back for another when it is time for a new car. The Standish parking lot, with all its Subarus parked there, is a testament to the love Standish feels for Planet.

In addition to the wonderful purchasing experience they have experienced at Planet Subaru, the volunteers are also thrilled with its service department.

Share the Love is a great time for our supporters to check out Planet Subaru. You might end up with a fantastic car and Standish might receive \$250 thanks to you.

Besides their wonderful support of Standish, we also love Planet Subaru's commitment to animals. You can meet their sweet canine helpers in the showroom. They love the customers and the treats the employees offer to them.

**We want to thank Planet Subaru for all the love they have given us over the years. Please support this wonderful Standish donor when it is time to buy your new car.**

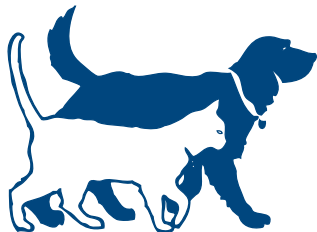


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