



Commonwealth *Review*

CATS

Pet Rock Festival

**"The smallest feline is a masterpiece."
Leonardo Da Vinci**

Hello Friends,

What a busy year we have had!! Your support has enabled us to spay/neuter/vaccinate 452 cats at ten clinics in 2009. That's a considerable amount of lives improved, both feline and human!

In addition, here are some brief updates I would like to share with you.

★ Your support has enabled us to expand our equipment and stock so we are now able to perform twice as many surgeries as last year.

★ Our volunteer base has expanded, which also increases the number of surgeries we can perform at our Sunday spay/neuter/vaccination clinics.

★ We have expanded our clinics to a new location, the Wildlife Center in Weymouth. Dr. Gregory Mertz has graciously offered us this facility. We held our first clinic there in March. It is an especially pleasant location so if you have been thinking of volunteering at a clinic, but haven't yet committed to a date, this would be an attractive first time volunteer experience. The Center is a fully functioning wildlife rehabilitation facility and is open to the public. Consider a day trip to visit the Center.

We at Commonwealth Cats would like to extend a meaningful thank you to all of our supporters, volunteers who make our clinics possible, trappers who provide us with our patients, and caregivers who provide day to day care for the cats. We are also appreciative to those who simply spread the word about TNR – thank you for all that you do for the cats.

With your support, we will continue to provide care for the "not yet wanted" felines in our neighborhoods. We know you appreciate our efforts. We simply want to say we appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,
Deborah Brady, DVM
President

Now celebrating more than ten years in New England, Pet Rock Fest is an annual festival that promotes kindness to animals. This year's expo featured hundreds of tables, including breed rescues, shelters, animal welfare organizations and more. It was a see and be seen event for pets and pet owners.

This year, the family friendly day included an adoptable dog parade, pet contests, live music, a doggie water park, cat photo contest, speakers, vendors, shows and food as well as low-cost microchipping and a rabies vaccination clinic. It was a wonderful day for everyone. Pet Rock is held the second Sunday in September each year. See www.petrockfest.com for more information.

INEXPENSIVE SHELTER FOR FERAL CATS

If you are looking for an inexpensive, easy-to-make, weather-proof shelter, check out the instructions on www.spayandstay.org/wintershelter.htm. These shelters are made with easy to find materials such as plastic storage boxes, styrofoam insulation, flexible tubing and straw. You don't need special tools or years of carpentry experience to make these shelters. And because of the materials they are also easy to clean and maintain.

If you already have your *I'm Animal Friendly* license plate, thank you for supporting the statewide spay/neuter initiative. If you are not sporting the SN plate, what are you waiting for? With the plates,

you are a moving billboard advocating for spay/neuter and you become an advocate for reducing the number of homeless/unwanted cats and dogs. By participating you will help support spay/neuter programs within our state. Simply go to www.massanimalcoalition.com for easy to follow information on obtaining the I'm Animal Friendly license plates.



The word polydactyl means extra toes or “double paws”. The current record for the most number of toes on a cat is 27!

A cat’s heart beats about twice as fast as a humans.

“A meow massages the heart.”

–Stuart McMillan

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

Pet Rock 2009



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