



The Purr-fect Times

Newsletter of the Purr-fect Cat Shelter

Spring 2008

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10th Annual PCS PetWalk

Norfolk County Agricultural HS
404 Main St., Route 1A, Walpole, MA

Sunday September 21, 2008 10am - 3pm

Put on your walking shoes, grab the leash and the dog and come on out for the **10th Annual PCS PetWalk** Sunday, September 21 (rain or shine). Join other animal lovers for a 3-mile walk on the grounds of the **Norfolk County Agricultural High School** in Walpole. Ask family, friends and co-workers to sponsor you for **PetWalk 2008**. Bring your sponsor sheet and register anytime between 10am and 1pm then enjoy your walk at your leisure. A shorter hard surface route is available for those who prefer not to walk the paths. Participants reaching certain sponsorship levels will be eligible for prizes. Doggies - don't forget to pick up your doggy bandana at registration (while supplies last) as our thank you for your support too! Everyone is welcome to attend, with or without a dog so come enjoy a beautiful walk and show your support for homeless animals. After your walk check out the many booths, rescue groups, demonstrations, pet samples, face painting, games for kids, raffles, live music by **ALL THAT** and much more on the main field!

Back again by popular demand is the "**Purr-fect Pet Photo Contest**". Vote for your favorite "Hottest Dog", "Coolest Cat" or "Awesome Other Pet". Want to be part of the fun and show everyone your "Purr-fect Pet"? Submit your photo now or by Sept 13, 2008 and we'll show off your pet at the PetWalk! Prize winners will be notified after the PetWalk. Photo Contest form and rules are included in this newsletter.

We also have some fun things for you and your dog to do at the PetWalk. Visit the Canine Capers booth and try out the obstacle course or play doggy games. And make sure your back from your walk in time to participate in the "**Purr-fect Pooch**" Contest starting at 1:45pm! Enter your dog in any or all categories including: wiggliest tail, prettiest pose, best bark, best dressed and best dog/owner look-a-like. Ribbons will be awarded to the "top dog" in each category, 2nd and 3rd place receive a prize also.

Let your dog taste of a variety of goodies at the **Taste of Walpole Pet Buffet** sponsored by **Especially for Pets**. For the humans, the **PCS Refreshment** area is where you'll find a variety of goodies for you! You can also take a chance on lots of great raffles including our special "**PCS Quilt Raffle**". Two beautifully handcrafted quilts made by PCS volunteers will be raffled off at the conclusion of **PetWalk 2008**. It's a fun packed day all for the benefit of our furry friends!

Spend the day with your best friend (two or four-legged), family members, co-workers and other animal enthusiasts at the **PCS PetWalk 2008** and know that your support will make a tremendous difference in the lives of homeless cats cared for by the Purr-fect Cat Shelter.

The 10th Annual PCS PetWalk 2008 sponsored by:



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OUR NEW KITTEN CAGE - JUST IN TIME FOR KITTEN SEASON!

Just in time for the abundance of kittens, our new 3-tiered kitten cage is set up and ready for the babies. The kittens are able to enjoy a bit more space with perches to rest or play on. There's plenty of room for all the necessities, food, water, litter and lots of toys, making for delightful accommodations while they wait to be adopted. Clean up is a breeze for the volunteers and the white and black design looks quite nice in the kitchen. The ability to roll it out makes for easy gathering of toys scattered about during play time.

We are so happy to have been able to purchase the cage through generous donations. Providing the best care and shelter for our residents, young and old, is so very important to us. Owning our own facility brings great challenge to continue providing quality care while maintaining the facility and paying a mortgage. Our Capital Campaign continues to be important since we have necessary maintenance that will need to be done in the near future. We did fantastic getting settled inside before winter last year, now with good weather we need to focus on outside maintenance such as painting, and general landscape around the property. If you would like to support our building fund, donations to our **Capital Campaign** can be sent to PCS, P.O. Box 548, Medway, MA 02053.

OUR NEW CAGE



NEW RESIDENTS

say thank you!



RECENT ADOPTIONS

Congratulations to all of the wonderful kitties that have recently found their fur-ever homes.
We wish you and your new families many years of happiness together.

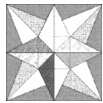
CATS: Poppy, Riley, Tigger, Keisha, Kelly, Linus, Duffy, Miranda, Jade, Lily, Lobo, Zoe and Kira

KITTENS: Pookie, Brie, Grayson, Troy, Bitsy, Sissy, Gipsy, Precious, Celia, Ponch and Greta



PCS CALENDAR

- Sept 17 - General Meeting 7:30pm
Norfolk Public Library
- Sept 21 - PetWalk 2008 10am-3pm
Norfolk County Agricultural HS
Walpole
- Sept 21 - Oct 31 Tupperware Fundraiser
- TBA - Meet the Board of Directors
Wine and Cheese Reception
Woodshed Gallery & Framing,
1243 Pond St., Franklin
- Nov 12 - Annual Meeting 7:30pm
Norfolk Public Library



PCS QUILT RAFFLE - Get your tickets now!

The **PCS Quilt Raffle** is underway and again we have two beautifully handcrafted, quilted works of art to be raffled off at the conclusion of the PCS PetWalk Sunday, Sept 21st. **Kris Tyree** and **Gert Fowler** have each created a masterpiece to donate to PCS to raise money for the shelter. Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5, available now by calling the message center 508-533-5855 or by emailing us at purrfectcatshelter@yahoo.com. Tickets will also be sold at the PetWalk and other events. You can't win if you don't take a chance, so don't miss out on your chance to win one of these beautiful items.



FUR BOWL 2008

Fur Bowl 2008 was another fun filled afternoon at **Ryan Family Amusements** in Millis where animal lovers came out in striking support of their local shelter. Eighty-two bowlers enjoyed two games of bowling, raffles and refreshments and rolled in a total of \$2900 to help us in our efforts to care for homeless cats and kittens.

Congratulations to our top winners of the day:

Most money raised by an individual - **David Fisher**

High Score Adult - **Joan Ormon**

High Score age 12 and under - **Timothy Gauntlett**

Best Effort age 12 and under - **Sean McLaughlin**

Team High Score - The "**Fearless Felines**"

David Fisher, Brian Mohammed, Carol McNichols, Debbie Swart and Barbara St. John

PCS would like to give special thanks to team "**Fearless Felines**" who gave back their individual winnings of a gift certificate to **Especially for Pets** and used them to shop for items needed at the shelter. The kitties thank you very much!!

Thank you to our Fur Bowl Lane Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

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Jane Ranely
Brenda Hamelin
Sandi DiGirolamo
Joanne Odabachi
Pat Rocha
Janice Raftery
Joan Ormon
Gay Vilagie
Kathy Curley
Marilyn Giaquinto

Thank you to everyone who participated and raised money to help our fur-friends.
We look forward to seeing everyone next year at **Fur Bowl 2009!**



PCS BAKE SALE - ANOTHER SWEET SUCCESS!

Although the wind whipped up a gale on March 21st for the **PCS Bake Sale** at **WalMart** in Bellingham, volunteers braved the elements to sell a wide variety of cakes, pies, cookies and other delicious treats lovingly baked and donated by the "**PCS Bakers**". Thank you for providing such an array of different items including for the first time this year - "sugar-free" items. They were such a big hit we will have more to offer next year!

The sale raised over \$1220 to support the operations of the shelter and we would like to give a big furry thank you to **Sandi DiGirolamo** for all her efforts in coordinating the Bake Sale.

We would also like to thank the following volunteers who made phone calls, picked up baked goods, wrapped and priced goodies, transported tables, and helped the day of the Bake Sale.

Christine DesLauriers
Barbara Melber
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Joan Ormon
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Judy Bickelman
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Steve Frohbieter

It was another successful Bake Sale thanks to everyone's support!



MILLIS RABIES CLINIC

The **Town of Millis** in conjunction with **Dr. DiPaola of Main St. Veterinary Hospital**, Millis held a low cost Rabies Clinic April 5 at the DPW Garage in Millis. Volunteers of the Purr-fect Cat Shelter staffed the clinic, registering and assisting as needed. The turnout was very good where 105 animals; dogs, cats, and ferrets, were vaccinated against rabies. Being a responsible pet owner means keeping your pet up to date on vaccinations and we encourage everyone to make sure their pet is protected against rabies and other diseases.

Thank you to the Town of Millis, Dr. DiPaola, Beth Hallal, Millis Public Health Director, and Brenda Hamelin, Medway/Millis Animal Control Officer for coordinating the Rabies Clinic. Many thanks to volunteers **Sandy Armstrong, MaryAnn Breen, Christine Schneider, Steve Frohbieter, Debby Frohbieter, Joanne Odabachi** for staffing the clinic. The date for the 2009 Rabies Clinic will be set early in the year. Watch for more info on the next Rabies Clinic in our spring newsletter.



THE "PURR-FECT RIDE" - A GREAT DAY

It was a great cruisin' day May 18 for the 2nd annual "**Purr-fect Ride**" motorcycle run. Led by Ride Coordinator **Brenda Hamelin** and her husband Steve, bikers enjoyed a 50 mile bike run through several surrounding towns. Thanks to your support over \$1900 was raised for the shelter. Riders returned to a hearty ham and bean lunch and then gathered in the parking lot to witness **Dan and his crew** from "**Riding to Raise Money**" perform incredible motorcycle stunts. Soon after **Missy Salzberg** and the "**The Village Groomer Hairballz Band**" took the stage to entertain the crowd with great live music.

We would like to give many thanks to Millis **AmVets Post #495** for donating the use of the hall and special thanks to our raffle donors **Paul and Marilyn Giaquinto** - Red Sox tickets, **Jeanne Behrman** -handcrafted motorcycle themed quilt, and **Crowley Power Equipment**, Norfolk - a Cub Cadet string trimmer. Congratulations to all the raffle winners too!

PCS would also like to thank our sponsors and other contributors

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We greatly appreciate the help of the following volunteers for their hard work of set up, cooking, serving, clean up and selling raffle tickets. **Brenda Hamelin** - coordinator, **Sandi DiGirolamo, Paul and Marilyn Giaquinto, Donna Elbery, Pat Rocha, Nan Gray, Steve and Debby Frohbieter, Bill and Sheila Vicini, Joan Ormon, Joanne Odabachi, Jane and Tom Ranley,** and **Jennifer Jones**.

A great fundraiser, a great crowd, all for a great cause! That's the "**Purr-fect Ride**"!

TUPPERWARE FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT PCS

We're kicking off another **Tupperware** fundraiser thanks to Tupperware Representative **Donna Carleton**. This exciting fundraiser will begin the day of the PetWalk and will continue through the end of October. When you order from the special "**Fundraising with Tupperware**" catalog PCS will receive 40% of the proceeds. Orders will be subject to 5% sales tax and a \$1 handling charge only.

Orders will also be accepted from the regular retail Tupperware catalogs with 15% of the proceeds going to PCS. All orders from the retail catalogs will be subject to the regular shipping and handling charges, plus 5% sales tax.

Donna will be joining us at our PetWalk Sept. 21st with Tupperware products and all the information you need on how you can support PCS through this fundraising program. Information will also be available on our website www.purrfectcatshelter.org or by calling the message center 508-533-5855.

SHELTER WISH LIST



Below is our list of items needed for shelter use. If you would like to donate anything from our list please contact the message center 508-533-5855 or email us at purrfectcatshelter@yahoo.com.

Bounty Paper Towels

Cat Cuddle Beds

Cat's Pride clay litter (not scoopable)

Science Diet Feline Light Maintenance dry food

Science Diet Hairball light dry food

(all other cat food will be used for the feral colonies under PCS care)

Cat Toys

Cardboard refills for scratching boxes (large, small and round)

First Class Postage Stamps

KMR Kitten Replacement Milk

Rescue Remedy

Pine-sol cleaner

Liquid dish detergent

Heavy Duty tall kitchen trash bag

Also needed is polyester batting for pet comforters handcrafted and donated by **Judy Ross**. Comforters are used in the shelter and accompany the cat when it is adopted!

Volunteers and Foster Homes are always needed! If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a foster parent please contact the message center or email us today!



PETWALK WISH LIST

It's PetWalk time and we have a special wish list to help us make our major fundraiser a great success. If you would like to help with our needs please call the message center or email us.

Raffle Items and Prizes

Gift Certificates or gift cards to: restaurants, gift shops, garden centers, pet supplies, health and fitness, department stores, car wash etc.

Event tickets to: sport events, shows, movies

Handcrafted items

Refreshment Items

Bottled water, soda (canned any flavor, any brand), juice boxes

Snacks (individually wrapped): Peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, fruit snacks, single serve bags of chips/cheese curls or similar snacks, cereal bars, granola bars, dessert cakes etc.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to staff the various PCS booths, rest stations along the walk route, and for set-up and clean-up. If you would like to help all day or any part of the day please let us know. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated.



HOW PUSSY WILLOWS GOT THEIR NAME



Many spring times ago, according to an old Polish legend, tiny kittens had been chasing butterflies at the river's edge and fell in. The mother cat, helpless to save them, started crying. The willows at the river's edge swept their long graceful branches into the water - the kittens gripped on tightly to the branches and were rescued.

Each springtime since, goes the legend, willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds where the tiny kittens once clung.



DID YOU KNOW?

Throughout the year the Purr-fect Cat Shelter takes care of many cats and kittens, either strays or surrenders, hoping to get them quickly adopted into a new home. There are some who stay with us a little longer before finding a home and some are cared for by a foster home due to an illness that needs to be treated and monitored. Those are the cats we write about and place on posters in various locations, but did you know PCS also extends its care into the communities with volunteers tending feral colonies? While these cats rarely make their way to the shelter our trap/neuter/return program provides feral cats with important medical care including spay/neuter, exam and vaccines. Once returned to the colony PCS provides the food with volunteers taking care of the daily feeding. The trap/neuter/return program has proven to be very successful and PCS is committed to continuing our efforts to help protect cats that choose to live the outdoor life in the best way we are able. Whether feral or domesticated PCS is there for them.

We are grateful to our supporters, volunteers and the communities we serve, for the generous support and encouragement to continue our good work. Our organization not only benefits cats without homes, but also benefits local communities in need of solving the overpopulation problem in a humane way.

Keeping Communities Safe

Cats allowed to roam freely outside not only face potential harm but also have an unintended impact on our communities. Local governments spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year controlling stray animals, from neighborhood cats defecating in sandboxes to feral cats living in urban areas. Cats are now a major focus of local animal care and control agencies, which in the past concentrated most of their efforts on dog control and rescue.

In fact, animal control agencies were established long ago primarily to control the spread of rabies among dogs in the street. Today, cats who roam, particularly after dark, are likely to come into contact with nocturnal creatures, including raccoons and skunks, the primary vector species of rabies in the wild. As a result, cats are now the most common domestic vectors of rabies. Because of this, increasing numbers of cities and counties have been backing measures to inoculate cats against rabies.

In addition, free-roaming cats kill millions of wild animals each year. Studies have shown that most of the animals killed are small mammals; approximately 25 percent are birds. Well-fed housecats kill wildlife because of their instinct to hunt prey, not because they need food. Cats are not part of the natural ecosystems, and their predation causes unnecessary suffering and death to wild animals. They also cause conflicts among neighbors, pitting gardeners and bird lovers against cat owners who allow their charges to roam.

Keep your Cat Safe

Because of old perceptions concerning independence and predatory stalking, people have been slow to recognize that cats need and deserve the same kind of protection as dogs. But the transition has begun. Many shelters now require potential adopters to commit to keeping their cats indoors and strongly recommend that cats wear collars and ID tags. In addition, local ordinances aimed at encouraging cat owners to confine their cats, as we do dogs, are being implemented. Cats are healthier and happier when safely confined.

Provided by: The Humane Society of the United States



SHAW'S RECEIPT REWARD PROGRAM

What a phenomenal response to our request for **Shaw's and Star Market** receipts! Who would have thought we would have been able to raise over \$1300 sending in collected receipts? Well we have, and let's keep raising the amount to help homeless cats and kittens! It's easy to do. Just save your receipts every time you shop at **Shaw's or Star Market**. Don't forget to ask friends, family and co-workers to save their receipts too. Then send all collected receipts to: **PCS, P.O. Box 548, Medway, MA 02053**. There is no maximum or minimum amount of the receipt that needs to be submitted. For every receipt we collect, a percentage of the total amount will be donated to PCS.

Thank you from all the kitties!!

FEATURED FELINES

Here are some *PURR-FECT* cats waiting to be adopted into their forever home.



Bosco is one big, big boy! Tipping the scales at about 23 pounds this sweet, fun-loving cat was sadly surrendered back to the shelter after his owner passed away. He is a young adult, looking for a family who will work with him in reducing back to a healthy weight by lots of playtime and love. **Bosco** is a beautiful, black and white short hair who also enjoys being brushed. **Bosco** is up to date on all his shots and is ready and eagerly awaiting his new home.

Jessica came to the shelter because her owner was moving and found she was unable to take her along. She is a domestic long hair, black and white, petite little girl looking for that special person she can sit and cuddle with. **Jessica's** preference would be a home without other animals or small children but with lots of toys and windows to watch the birds and squirrels. **Jessica** is also up to date on all her vaccines and awaits her new family to come visit her and take her home.



Pudgy is a declawed, dilute calico surrendered to the shelter due to her owners failing health. **Pudgy** desperately seeks a new home to be loved and pampered because shelter life is not what she wants. Pudgy would like to be company in an adult household where she can also be queen of the roost. A quiet life without other cats would be perfect for this pretty lady.

Rocky



Rocky and Detail were rescued by a local veterinarian and PCS received the call that these two boys were very special and knew we could give them the best chance at a loving home. **Rocky** is a domestic short hair, with a pewter gray color coat of fur, that didn't look too good when he first came to us but is looking fantastic after getting on a good diet and with loving attention given to him by the volunteers. **Detail**, is a domestic short hair, all black, with no tail, which obviously had been amputated at some time. He is a

Detail



love bug craving attention from volunteers and his friend Rocky when it's exercise time. Both are completely adjusted to the indoor life and are great companions for each other. They certainly had a hard life and now deserve to experience the good life of a loving home.



Cricket is a purr machine! This sweet young lady was rescued outside a local restaurant who called Animal Control after seeing she had given birth to kittens. **Cricket** is a domestic medium hair, petite girl with a pretty calico coat. She is playful and loves the attention all the volunteers give her. **Cricket** is all ready and waiting to meet her new family and start a new life.



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*In memory of **Richard DiGirolamo:***

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Arthur & Jennifer Payne - In memory of "**Louise**"

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Matching Gifts

A matching gift was received from **Computer Associates, Inc.** in the name of **Deb Torchia.**

A gift in the amount of \$1000 from **Wal-Mart** matching our earnings from the PCS Bake Sale.

A matching gift was received from **Exxon Mobil** in the name of **Robert Doescher.**

A matching gift was received from **Bank of America** in the name of **John McDonald.**



The Purr-fect Cat Shelter would like to thank all our generous donors

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Regrettably some names may not make the current newsletter given our deadlines.
 Should we go two issues without recognizing a donation please let us know.

USED CARS WANTED!

Are you trading in your car soon? Or perhaps you've been looking to donate a used vehicle? Consider donating your car to PCS. The proceeds obtained for your vehicle will be used to support the operations of the shelter, and the donation may qualify for a tax deduction. In order to donate your used vehicle, you must have a clean title in your own name. *Foreign Car Repair of Millis* is acting as our agent in these transactions. For information on donating your car please call them directly at **1-800-376-4024**.

**SHOW OFF YOUR PET in the
PCS "PURR-FECT" PET PHOTO CONTEST**



Do you have the Purr-fect Pet? We know you do and we want you to enter your pet in our **"Purr-fect" Pet Photo Contest!** Enter your 4x6 non-returnable photo, and the participants of **PetWalk 2008** will select the winning photo for the **"HOTTEST DOG"**, **"COOLEST CAT"**, and **"AWESOME OTHER PET"**. (\$5 donation per entry gratefully accepted). Prize winners will be notified after the PetWalk and need not be present to win.

Mail in your photos, donation, and entry form (found below), then join us at PetWalk 2008 and be a judge!

CONTEST RULES:

- 📷 Entries must be submitted on 4x6 glossy photo paper.
- 📷 Write pet's name plus pet owner and photographers name, address and phone number on the back of each photo. Include category to be submitted under.
- 📷 Photos will not be returned.
- 📷 Enter as many photos as you like, but please include donation of \$5 per photo.
- 📷 Submit one signed and dated entry/release form per photo.
- 📷 Photos will be displayed at PCS PetWalk, Sept. 21, 2008. PetWalk participants will select the winner of each category.
- 📷 Voting donation \$1.00 per vote. You do not need to be present to win. Winners will be notified by phone after the PetWalk.
- 📷 All decisions of the judges are final.

Winning photos will be published in the fall Purr-fect Times newsletter and on the PCS website www.purrfectcatshelter.org. The Purr-fect Cat Shelter reserves the right to use any photo submitted to further its exempt purpose, including future fundraising. Appropriate credit will be given to the photographer.

"PURR-FECT" PET 2008 PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY & RELEASE FORM

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by September 13, 2008

Mail to: PCS "Purr-fect" Pet Photo Contest, P.O. Box 548, Medway, MA 02053

Donation \$5.00 per entry ~ Prizes will be awarded in each category (circle one per photo)

"Hottest Dog" "Coolest Cat" "Awesome Other Pet"

Pet Name _____
Owner Name _____
Address _____
Town _____ State _____ Phone# _____

Photographer (if different from above)
Name _____
Address _____
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**Especially for Pets in the Community:
The Adoption Initiative**

We are excited to partner with **Especially for Pets**, Medway Commons, and Medway in their Adoption Initiative program from July through December 2008. The goal of this program is to promote PCS cats available for adoption as well as to raise awareness about our organization. We will participate in Informational Days at the Medway store where volunteers are on hand to answer questions about adopting, fostering, volunteering and our organization. A shelter resident or a litter of kittens often accompany the volunteers to the store. Cats currently available for adoption will be posted at the store and a special donation bin is available for people to donate items on our wish list.

We look forward the opportunity to partner with **Especially for Pets** to help find loving, permanent homes for the cats and kittens at the shelter.



PCS would like to thank the following businesses for their continued support of the shelter.

Bellingham

Bellingham Animal Hospital, 112 Mendon Rd.
Northern Sun Tanning, 20 N. Main St.
Wal*Mart, Hartford Ave.

Franklin

Acorn Animal Hospital, 20 Earl's Way
Dog Lover's Grooming Salon, 447 E. Central St.
Franklin Veterinary Clinic, 430 E. Central St.
Vet Med & Pet Supplies, 365 W. Central St.

Medway

AdPrint, 96 Main St.
Enchanted Fox, 174A Main St.
Especially for Pets, Medway Commons Rt. 109
Flair Cut, 79 Main St.
Galantes Deli and Luncheonette, 320 Village St.
Keystone Liquors, 80 Main St.
Medway Animal Hospital, 66 West St.
Paramount Industries, 42 Milford St.
TLC Cleaners, Medway Shopping Center
West Medway Liquors, 175 Main St.
Wild Birds Unlimited, 80 Main St.

Mendon

Mendon Animal Clinic, 128 Uxbridge Rd.
Mendon Greenhouse, Route 16

Millis

Foreign Car Repair, 943 Main St.
Main Street Veterinary Hospital, 825 Main St.
The Meatcutter, 1140 Main St.
Quality Dry Cleaners, 979 Main St.

Norfolk

Family Gardens Florist, 82 N. St. (Rte 115)
Main Street Hardware & Supply, 156 Main St.
Norfolk Comm. Federal Credit Union, 206 Main St.
Provo Discount Liquors, Route 1A
Whispering Pines Animal Hospital, 5 Sharon Ave.

Sharon

Sharon Veterinary Clinic, 586 S. Main St.

Sutton

Sutton Animal Hospital, 38 Oakhurst Rd.

Walpole

Norfolk County Veterinary Services, 1342 Main St.
Village Groomer, 2245 Boston-Prov. Highway (Rt.1)

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Perfect Nails

Just like us, pets need regular nail trims. This grooming ritual also helps you, your floors and furniture from being unintentionally scratched and your clothes from being snagged. In dogs, long nails can even become painful and interfere with their ability to walk.

Cutting nails is easier than it sounds. Since cats have retractable nails, you'll need to gently squeeze the toe to push the nail out. Using pet nail clippers (available from any pet supply store), snip off the tip of the nail. Be careful not to clip the pinkish part, called the quick, which is a blood vessel and very sensitive (this is not visible in black nails!).

Before you even cut the first nail, however, you'll need to get your pets used to being held and having their paws handled. Begin by speaking softly as you massage each paw, gently separating the toes. Your pets may instinctively pull away. Repeat whatever it was they did not like, but do it more slowly and gently until they begin to accept it. When you think they're ready, cut one or two nails.

When they're accustomed to the snipping and sound, they'll begin to relax, and nail clipping will become just another routine to them--especially if they get a special treat or playtime afterwards. But if you're uncomfortable with this procedure, let your veterinarian show you how, especially on animals with black nails, as you can't see the quick.

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