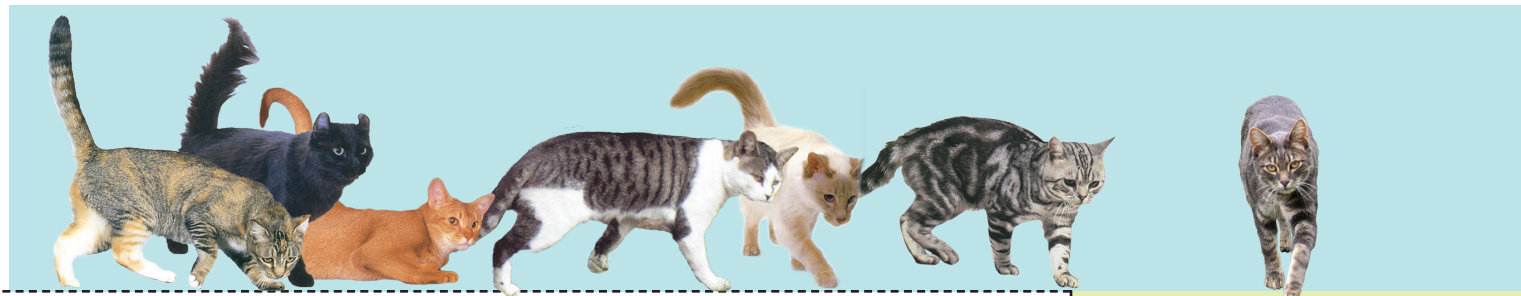




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# COMMONWEALTH CATS

## FERAL CAT STERILIZATION & VACCINATION PROGRAM

SUMMER/FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Hello Friends!

It's that time again...time for a newsletter! We've all been very busy trying to keep the cat population down. While we all enjoy the summer months, we must remember to continue our efforts to care for the cats.

We have some really great news for our followers--so far this year we held clinics at two new locations. In February, South Coastal Veterinary Health in Weymouth hosted a clinic and in July we had our clinic at Saugus Animal Hospital. At both locations we had the opportunity to work with some very skilled and talented volunteers! An excellent experience for all, including the feline attendees.

We continue to expand our volunteer roster and have welcomed many new vets and techs into our ranks. We always welcome, and look forward to adding new volunteers to the ranks. Not only do we need veterinarians and veterinarian technicians, we also have a variety of general and administrative jobs at the clinics. If you have it in your heart to help improve the lives of feral cats in our state, please go to our website, [www.commonwealthcats.org](http://www.commonwealthcats.org), fill out and send in a Volunteer Application. Or, if you would like more information about volunteering, send an email to [commonwealthcats@hotmail.com](mailto:commonwealthcats@hotmail.com).

We've also added a couple of new tabling events to our planners. Please check your calendars and see if you can visit our table at one or all of the following events:

**September 11**, PetRock Festival, Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, [www.petrockfest.com](http://www.petrockfest.com)

**October 1**, Woofstock Dog Festival, Hudson Elks Pavilion, Hudson, MA sponsored by the Buddy Dog Humane Society, [www.buddydoghs.com](http://www.buddydoghs.com)

**October 2**, Steps for Pets, Sampas Pavilion, Lowell, sponsored by the Lowell Humane Society, [www.lowellhumanesociety.org](http://www.lowellhumanesociety.org)

**October 16**, Paws in the Park, Borderland State Park, Easton, sponsored by the Animal Protection Center of Southeastern Massachusetts, [www.apcsm.org](http://www.apcsm.org)

Though CCI is few in numbers, we really get a lot accomplished! It's amazing how the smallest efforts of folks can really add up and make a difference. And, every donation, no matter the amount, helps us continue our work to make a difference in the lives of the feral cats and the trappers/caregivers who selflessly care for them.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Deborah Brady, DVM, President

### Remaining 2011 Clinic Dates

Please email [commonwealthcats@hotmail.com](mailto:commonwealthcats@hotmail.com) if you would like to volunteer, or to schedule to bring cats to any of the clinics. All clinics are held on a Sunday.

**Aug 7** - MSPCA Nevins Farm,  
 Methuen

**Oct 9** - TBD

**Sept 4** - Animal Protection Center of  
 Southeastern MA, Brockton

**Nov 6** - MSPCA Nevins Farm,  
 Methuen

**Dec 4** - TBD

### Clinic Statistics

The first CCI clinic was held in November 2004. As of July 2011, CCI has held 59 clinics and admitted 2,281 cats.



Pet Rock Festival

### Wish list

- Electric heating pads
- Towels and sheets
- Paper towels
- Large trash bags
- Postage stamps
- Rolls of plastic (type used to cover floor when painting)
- Staples gift cards
- Newspapers (to cover the floor of clinic)



Clinic

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## Special Thanks

Thank you to the following organizations who allowed CCI to hold clinics at their facilities. Thank you for your support in helping the feral cats of Massachusetts.

- ★ Animal Protection Society of Southeastern Massachusetts, Brockton
- ★ MSPCA Methuen
- ★ New England Wildlife Center, Weymouth
- ★ South Coastal Animal Health, Weymouth
- ★ Saugus Animal Clinic

## Volunteers Voices

CCI is an all volunteer organization. Because of the generous donation of time, skills, talents of all our volunteers, collectively, we are making a difference in the lives of the feral/unowned cats in this part of the state. Here are some quotes from a few of our volunteers as to why they are dedicated to the cause.

### Cheryl Smith

"Commonwealth Cats is a great organization, a group of kind people that really do care about cats. I volunteer for Commonwealth Cats because it is a very rewarding experience. I believe in TNR, it is a cause that I am passionate about. I feel by volunteering I am making a difference in the over population and the cats have a better and healthier life."

### Jennifer Inzana & John Noonan

"We began to learn about feral cats when we helped a family member that was feeding strays in her back yard. She had five females that all got pregnant at the same time. We saw firsthand how quickly five cats could turn into many more. We learned about Commonwealth Cats and brought several cats to the clinics. We were grateful for the

help that they had given to us so we asked about volunteering. Once we were "behind the scenes," we were impressed by the compassion and care that they gave to every feral cat that they treated. We believe that the best way to help cats is to reduce the amount of cats that are reproducing. There are already more cats than homes for cats. The more people that volunteer with groups like Commonwealth Cats, the more cats that can be sterilized thus reducing the amount of cats that need homes.

In addition to reducing the amount of wild kittens born each year, fixing feral cats gives them better lives - the females won't be constantly pregnant and the males won't fight as much and hopefully won't contract felines diseases like FIV. By volunteering just a small amount of our time, we're making an big impact on many feline lives."

### Barbara Finney, Hilltop Humane Society

"It is very gratifying to work with Commonwealth Cats. The volunteers and veterinarians are there month after month and are serious about donating their time and energy to save the lives of thousands of these brave little animals who are just trying to survive."

## Donations In Memory Of

Marie Schultz from Carol Capone  
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Sam from Carol Capone  
Beauty Boy from Linda Connolly  
Lily from Joyce Libbey  
Kitty from Cheryl McLeod  
Destiny from Cathy Smith

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Carol Capone from Michelle & Matt Baltiere  
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Feral Cats from Anonymous

## Supporters

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**Thank you** to Franni Pennino for donating the materials and making all the rice bags, used as heating bags at the clinics, to John Noonan for donating the materials and mak-

ing spay boards, to Dorothy Barr for donating a handmade quilt and pillow to be raffled at this year's tabling events, and to The Feline Hospital, Salem, MA for all the towels they donate to the clinics.

## Cat Shelters

If you are looking for locally made, low-cost cat shelters, John at Cozy Corners, 508-757-3875, [JFMockus@charter.net](mailto:JFMockus@charter.net), makes cat shelters made of two inch thermal insulation, that include a thermal reflective blanket and straw bedding. Shelters start at \$40.

## Low Cost Spay/Neuter

If you, or someone you know needs low cost spay/neuter for your companion cats, contact the Catmobile, 978-465-1940, [catmobile@mrfrs.org](mailto:catmobile@mrfrs.org). Also check the websites [www.massanimalcoalition.org](http://www.massanimalcoalition.org), [www.spaymass.org](http://www.spaymass.org) for services in Massachusetts and [www.petsandanimals.org](http://www.petsandanimals.org) and [www.lovethecat.com](http://www.lovethecat.com) lists low cost spay neuter by state. There are several other websites that list similar information, but these may be helpful in your search.

## A Place of Our Own

Do you, or someone you know have unused space? We are looking for at least 1,500 square feet, i.e., industrial office condo, of heated space, with running water, electricity, bathroom facilities and easy access parking for the clinics. Ideally, we are looking for a donation of space that we can call our own, but if you have a space we can use until one of the board members wins the lottery and can purchase a building, we would appreciate an email to [commonwealthcats@hotmail.com](mailto:commonwealthcats@hotmail.com).

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## HELP DRIVE DOWN PET OVERPOPULATION!

Show your support for spay/neuter. Everyone in Massachusetts who loves animals can now help end overpopulation with one of these new plates! The animal friendly plates, which feature a silhouette of a dog and cat and the phrase "I'm animal friendly," are available from Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The cost for the plate is \$40, \$28 of which will benefit local spay and neuter programs. The remaining \$12 is a one-time only fee to cover the cost of manufacturing. Upon renewal, the entire \$40 will benefit spay and neuter programs. To order an animal friendly plate, visit your local full service branch of the Registry of Motor Vehicles or order online at [www.mass.gov/rmv](http://www.mass.gov/rmv). For more information, please visit MAC's website at [www.massanimalcoalition.org](http://www.massanimalcoalition.org).

