



Summer 2014

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The MVMA Charities, Inc. supports the philanthropic goals of the MVMA by raising and disseminating funds to improve the health of animals in Massachusetts.

In 2008, MVMA adopted the The Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association Charities, Inc. to serve as its charitable arm. The MVMACI's programs serve communities in Massachusetts by funding the needs of stray animals, veterinary care, and emergency and disaster preparedness and response. Enriching the lives and enhancing the futures of neglected and endangered animals.

EVENTS

June 8 - Whisker Walk



2014 Whisker Walk



Thank you to everyone who visited us at the Whisker Walk.

Congratulations to K. Rodger of Pepperell, winner of our iPod nano drawing.

Come visit us on September 7th at the **Pet Rock Festival** in Sturbridge.

MVMA Announces Annual International Program Sponsorship

The MVMA is pleased to announce that it will sponsor one student or early career veterinarian's participation in the Project Samana or Mazunte Turtle Project program annually.

Each year the MVMA will provide funding for one young MVMA member to travel to either the Dominican Republic or Mexico as part of one of these International programs.

Get ready to pack your bags and join the adventures as part of the next trip to Samana or Mazunte. Project Samana & the Mazunte Turtle Project are charitable, humanitarian programs that bring volunteers to the Dominican Republic and Mexico to share the benefits of United States veterinary medicine with under-served areas. Since 1992, Project Samana has made great gains in animal health and welfare for animals both large and small. The Mazunte Turtle Project incorporates the spay and neuter of local dogs with the protection and care of the regional hatching grounds of sea turtles. Veterinarians, technicians, students, and others willing to lend a hand are invited, though surgeons are always needed. Expect a lot of work and a lot of fun.

Stay tuned, there are more details to come...

Stray Animal Fund

Q2 2014 Update

Total Funds Requested Q2: \$2,986.46

Number of Towns Receiving Funds: 6

Number of Stray Animals Treated: 10

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