



Fall 2017

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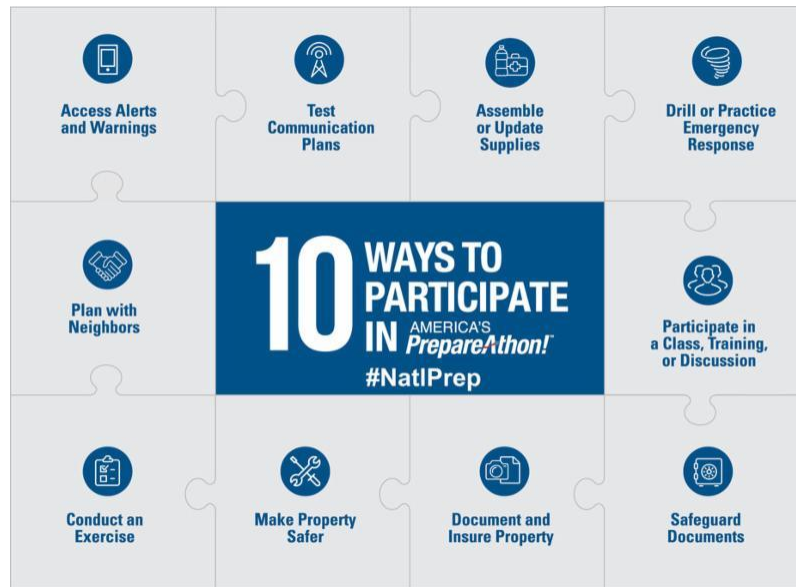
Make a family emergency plan today.
And don't forget to include Fido in your plan, too!

What you should know about Pet Preparedness:

- Include your pets in your emergency plans
- Build a separate emergency kit for your pets
- Keep digital records and/or pictures to identify your pet after a disaster in case you become separated
- Create a list of places that accept pets if an emergency happens

- Be sure your pet is microchipped and that the information is updated regularly

Learn more **HERE**.



Stray Animal Fund

2017 Q3 Analysis

Number of Towns: 9

New Towns: Westminster

Total Amount Requested: \$4,453.98

Success Story: Diamond



Throughout my years here at the Facility I have seen a lot of animal neglect, but nothing prepared me for the call I got about a "suspicious" carrier on the side of the road in Hubbardston.

Luckily it was early in the morning when I arrived to where the carrier was left. When I looked inside I was horrified, sad and astonished. The interior of the small carrier was coated with blood and feces and looking back at me were the biggest, cutest, sad doe eyes of a very scared little pittie puppy. I saw eyes and a white diamond shape on her head, so we named her Diamond. Diamond is roughly 14 weeks old and has a prolapsed rectum.

I rushed her to Townsend Vet, where they determined that she would need surgery that evening to try to fix the prolapse. However, surgery was not guaranteed to work due to the fact the prolapse had gone so long without treatment. The skin around her anus had multiple necrotic regions and she had poor anal tone. She was given

multiple doses of buprenex for pain management as well as lidocaine/buprenex enema.

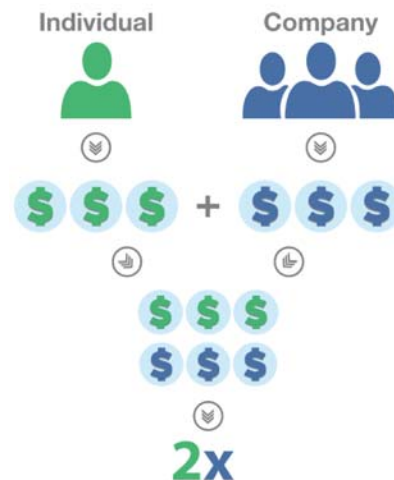
I spoke with Townsend vet the next morning and unfortunately, she had prolapsed again. They performed another prolapse repair, and gave her medications to help keep her sedate and not strain while having a bowel movement, this seemed to help for a bit. Throughout all of this ordeal at the vet, she remained her loving, happy self. It was like she could tell she was finally safe and being taken care of. Everyone in Townsend Vet fell in love with Diamond and her personality. She is a fighter and a survivor.

All in all, Diamond had to have four prolapse surgery repairs. So far everything is holding together and she is so happy. Currently she is in foster care, and is loving life! She has two fur baby foster siblings, a foster mom and dad that spoil her rotten. She really benefited from the multiple surgeries that she had to have. If any pup deserved this it is her. Thank you very much for your consideration.

- Kristen Salerno (*Hubbardston Animal Control Officer*)

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