

Dog-Friendly Walk/Run 5K and Health & Fitness Fair to Benefit the MVMA Charities, Inc.



Saturday, June 3, 2017

MetroWest YMCA Outdoor Center - Hopkinton, MA

The Race Features:

- * Timed 5K walk/run for individuals (with or without dogs) and teams
- * Cross country course (soft surface over fields and through woods)
- * Race shirts for human participants and race medals for dog participants
- * Veterinary care if needed

The Health and Fitness Fair Features:

- * Family-friendly (free!) fun
- * Exhibits from top veterinary providers
- * Canine Demonstrations

So Join the Fun!

Grab your coworkers and friends and **create a team...**
A little friendly competition between clinics is encouraged!

All paces welcome!



For more information visit www.metrowestk95k.com

Stray Animal Fund

Success Stories:



Gingerbread" (now just "Ginger") was found on the side of the road in December 2016. She was so weak and malnourished that she couldn't even walk anymore. Animal Control was called out to pick her up and she was brought to Anchor Animal Hospital right away. Weighing only 11 pounds, severely dehydrated and emaciated, she was given fluids and some food to eat. She had sores on her legs and without treatment would not have lasted the night.



Her wounds treated and that night she was up and walking around and by morning she was more alert and ready to start eating more. She was then brought to the South Coast Humane Society & Shelter so she could be cared for for a few more days. An owner was never located but the person who found her has since adopted her and brought her to her forever home. We are happy to report that Ginger is doing very well in her new home and has nearly doubled in weight! She not only has wonderful new human family members but also an older "brother" named Mr. Monte.

- Sandra Gosselin (Dartmouth ACO)

A young intact male pit bull type dog was found by a good Samaritan on Route 135 in Framingham on Sunday, March 19, 2017. The dog was severely emaciated, weighing only 24 pounds. He was unable to keep any food or water down, vomiting immediately after consuming even a small amount. X-rays revealed a foreign object in the intestines. Emergency surgery was performed at Tufts VETS in Walpole. A nipple from a baby bottle had become lodged in the dog's intestines and was removed.

Fortunately, the intestines were still healthy and no resection was needed. He is currently on a re-feeding program and has already shown marked improvement.



- Katherine MacKenzie (Framingham ACO)

Read more success stories on our website!

The MVMA Charities, Inc. Needs Your Input

We currently fund the **care of stray animals** and support **emergency & disaster preparedness and response** in MA.

Are there other programs you'd like to see us support (i.e. large animal initiatives)?

We Also Want to Expand our Board of Directors

We have openings on our **Board of Directors** so you can be even more involved in fulfilling our mission. If you (or someone you know) might be interested, let us know!

You can email suggestions about programs to fund and/or inquiries about our Board of Directors to **mvmacharities@massvet.org**

For further information please contact:

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