



Hello,

Our events for 2009 were successful. The dog walk raised over \$6,000.00. We had a very nice day again ,(not so many mosquitoes). All to benifit our animals and the shelter fund.

We added a trophy in memory of Sabrina "BRI" Clark. Sabrina was always there to help with events or anything we needed. She sadly passed away just before our dog walk after 11 months in a coma. This annual trophy will be given to a person or group devoted to helping Sweetpea reach our dreams.

We continue to be at the Auburn Pet-Co on weekends This gives us publicity and makes the public aware of who we are and what we do. An information table is set up, donations are accepted and we sell our t-shirts and bandanas.(These bandanas are made by Lois our Secretary, she does a great job, stop in and see us sometime. Your pet will look graet wearing a bandana too.) We are at Pet-Co from 11:00 - 2:00 either Saturday or Sunday depending on our volunteers schedule.

Holden Days was a lot of fun even with showers. Samantha (Sabrina's daughter) did an excellent job again doing face paninting, raising close to \$100.00 in donations. We sold pillows, statues and tote bags that were donated to us by Tricia DeForge of Hubbardston.



Pet Rock festival provided us with another good opportunity to display our wares and promote our organization. Samantha provided us with her face painting talents again. We also won a \$500.00 check from the Pet Rock group. This was added to our growing Shelter Fund.

Our annual Golf Tournament was successful as well. We had fewer golfers, in part due to the economy and the terrible weather we had all spring and summer. After a dry golf we had a good meal and raffle. Unfortunately we had to cut back on the prize money this year but we hope to reinstate it next year. With less than 40 golfers we were able raise over \$2,500.00. We look forward to seeing all of you again next year as well as some new and previous golfers.

We are planning an sponsorship program for people who can not have an animal but would like to be responsible for the care of a pet. Monthly sponsorship of a pen (or actual animal) until the animal you have chosen or the animal in your specific pen is adopted into a permanant home. This type of program works well in other parts of the country. Pictures and story of your sponsor will be provided. E-mail us for more information if interested.



We are still seeking land to build our shelter on. We have had previous options on land donations which were denied for use by a D.C.R. ruling. We are looking at other options. If anyone in Rutland has 2 - 3 acres they are willing to donate or sell at a small fee Please contact us. Any land donation is tax deductible. We have approximately \$100,000.00 dollars to start building and can apply for a loan to cover the rest. We also hope that local contractors would donate their expert services.

Due to the ice storm last year we had to cancel Pictures with Santa. We have not been successful in finding a location to do this this year. We will be helping Pet-Co with Pictures with Santa this year so please join us there.

We will be there Saturday December 12. Petco makes large donations to Sweetpea through out the year.

Our Dog Walk for 2010 is planned for April 26, at Rutland State Park. This is a beautiful location that has been made available to us. Everyone enjoys Hot Dogs and Burgers after the walk. We also have a raffle and entertainment. Please try to join us this year if you have not been able to in the past. We welcome back those of you that have previously joined us. Pledge sheets will be out in March.



The Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 8, at Quail Hollow Golf Club in Oakham. Keep an eye out for more information as we get closer to summer.

We need your help with fundraisers, newsletters, information events, and many other areas. Unfortunately until we have a shelter building we are limited to the help we can accept with animal care. Supplies are also always needed, blankets, towels, scrub brushes, cleaning supplies, poop scoops (dogs and cats), dry food (we have had to spend a lot of funds this year on pet food), leashes, collars, harnesses, trash bags etc.. Anything you can donated helps alot.

Our adoption fees are \$250.00 for dogs and \$125.00 for cats. We do have Senior rates and multiple adoption rates that can be discussed with the volunteers in charge of adoptions. These fees help to cover the cost of Veterinary care and daily care of each animal. Each animals needs are different. We also charge a surrender fee for most animals we take in depending on individual circumstances. A lot of our animals are acquired from Animal Control throughout the state of Massachusetts so these animals do not have to be put down. We are here to help animals in need but we do need these fees to cover some of the costs.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the past, present and in advance for all those who help in the future. Please contact us at 1-508-886-6191 or at D20havedogs@aol.com. Check out our website at sweetpeafora.org.

