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 ...that the MSPCA–Angell is a stand-alone, private, nonprofit organization? We are not operated by any national humane organization. Donations you make to “national” humane organizations do not funnel down to the animals we serve in Massachusetts. The MSPCA–Angell relies solely on the support of people like you who care deeply about animals.



## You'll Definitely Want to Save These Dates!

We know you're busy, so we want to make sure you get these very important MSPCA–Angell dates on your calendars way in advance. We look forward to having you join us!

### IN BOSTON

**October 28**  
 “Raise the Woof” for animals in need: Cyclorama, Boston Center for the Arts, 6:00 p.m.

**December 1-31**  
 Holiday Trees displayed at MSPCA-Angell Boston headquarters

**December 9**  
 “Homeless for the Holidays” Wine Tasting

**December 10–13**  
 “Homeless for the Holidays” Gift & Bake Sale, Boston Adoption Center

**December 12–13**  
 Santa Photos at the Boston Adoption Center

**February 12–14, 2016**  
 “Kitty & Puppy Love” Valentine’s Day Floral & Chocolates Sale, Boston Adoption Center

**May 6–8, 2016**  
 Mother’s Day Floral Sale, Boston Adoption Center

Call (617) 541-5046 for more information about Boston events, or visit our website, [mspca.org](http://mspca.org).

### AT NEVINS FARM

**October 17**  
 “Horses Helping Horses” Beach Ride, Crane Beach, Ipswich

**November 25**  
 “Pies for Pets”

**December 5**  
 Christmas Feast for the Horses/ Holiday Tree Lighting, Nevins Farm

**February 2016, TBD**  
 Spin for Animals, Seacoast Sports Club, Portsmouth, NH

**May 2015, TBD**  
 “Hair of the Dog” Wine Tasting & Art Show, Nevins Farm

Call (978) 687-7453 for more information about Nevins events, or visit our website, [mspca.org](http://mspca.org).

### AT THE CAPE

**October 9–10**  
 Osterville Estate Sale at the Osterville Historical Society



CELEBRATING THE PAST, CREATING THE FUTURE

# ANGELL ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER TURNS 100

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SET TO RAISE \$25 MILLION



Angell on Longwood Avenue in Boston

Now more than 70 veterinarians at Angell Animal Medical Center see more than 60,000 cases a year.

The success of Angell’s campaign hinges on the commitment of donors who believe that companion animals deserve the utmost compassion and the best medical care available.

Happy Birthday, Angell! One hundred years ago, in 1915, the MSPCA, under the direction of its second president, Francis Rowley, opened what was then called Angell Memorial Animal Hospital at 180 Longwood Avenue in Boston. It was the first veterinary hospital linked to a humane society. Five veterinarians were on staff, and horses were high on their lists of patients. Now more than 70 veterinarians at Angell Animal Medical Center see more than 60,000 cases a year, mostly family pets—dogs and cats—but including abused and homeless animals.

Celebrations were ongoing at the MSPCA–Angell through the month of July, when Angell, which receives no state or federal funding of any kind, also launched a \$25 million capital campaign to keep our mission-driven, nonprofit hospital at the forefront of veterinary medicine for the next 100 years. More than \$13 million has already been raised from individual, foundation, and corporate donors.

Campaign dollars will be invested in advanced medical equipment and technology, space renovation, and the endowing of mission-based financial aid programs to help less fortunate pet owners receive life-saving care for their animals.

The success of Angell’s capital campaign hinges on the commitment of donors who believe that companion animals deserve the utmost compassion and the best medical care available. To learn more about Angell’s capital campaign, including ways to give, please contact Alice Bruce, Vice President of Development, at (617) 541-5046 or [abruce@mspca.org](mailto:abruce@mspca.org).

WEED WHACKER REBUFFS FANCY'S FRIENDLY ADVANCES

## CARING EMERGENCY PLAN SAVES DOG'S TOE AND BALANCE

Angell Vets Work Together to Treat Trauma



Fancy, a good-natured, four-year-old Miniature Pinscher mix, joyfully greets anyone she sees—even a landscaper using a weed whacker, which is exactly what happened in early July. Instantly, the tool's rapidly rotating ribbon tore the skin off Fancy's paw from the wrist down and mangled her toes. Fancy's owners rushed her to Angell's 24/7 Emergency Service for treatment.

"When she arrived, we could see that Fancy had lost a toe and was bleeding significantly," said Dr. Hannah Marshall, who was on call in the ER that evening. "We quickly bandaged her leg and made her comfortable while we developed a plan with the surgical team."

Angell surgeon Sue Casale, DVM, DACVS, amputated Fancy's smallest toe but was determined to save the fourth toe, which was badly fractured.

"In a dog, the fourth digit is an important weight-bearing digit," said Dr. Marshall. "Saving this toe will allow Fancy to have better balance on that foot."

Two weeks after surgery, Fancy's paw is healing well. "Even with this trauma, she was a sweet girl and a pleasure to take care of," said Dr. Marshall.

"We quickly bandaged her leg and made her comfortable while we developed a plan with the surgical team."

Angell in Boston and MSPCA-Angell West in Waltham provide 24x7 Emergency and Critical Care. For a list of specialties and appointment hours by location, visit [angell.org/hours](http://angell.org/hours) or call (617) 522-7282.

ANOTHER PROGRESSIVE MSPCA ADOPTION PROGRAM

## "SHY CAT" ADOPTION AMBASSADORS COMMIT TO SUCCESS

KITTY INTROVERTS FIND UNDERSTANDING HOMES



Our adoption centers can be very difficult challenge for animals, who are placed in cages surrounded by other cages filled with equally stressed-out animals. New noises and new smells abound. A new staff member or volunteer interacts with the animal every day. This transition can prove to be an especially difficult adjustment for shy cats who previously lived in a quiet home with one or two familiar caretakers. In the shelter, every person is a stranger.

To help these cats, the Boston Adoption Center recently started a foster program called Shy Cat Adoption Ambassadors in which volunteers commit not only to fostering a cat, but to keeping the cat until they are able to place it in a new home. This way the cat never has to come back to a caged environment and is able to relax and flourish in a home setting. The program has been a huge success and has helped find homes for cats like Victoria, pictured here, who was untouchable in her cage at the shelter, but blossomed in her foster home. She was adopted by a friend of her foster family and is loving life in her new forever home!

If you are interested in learning more about the Foster Care Program at the MSPCA, visit [www.mspca.org/adoption-centers](http://www.mspca.org/adoption-centers)

IS THAT OLD CAR DRIVING YOU CRAZY?

## CAR DONATION PROGRAM



You can turn your old car, truck, or boat into a meaningful contribution to help animals! It's very easy and you'll get a tax deduction, too. Car donation is a great way to support the MSPCA-Angell. Read our FAQ and fill out our form at [mspca.org/carsforkindness](http://mspca.org/carsforkindness) and we'll take care of the rest.

For more information, call (800) 237-5714 or visit [www.mspca.org/donate-now/donate-your-car](http://www.mspca.org/donate-now/donate-your-car)

FUNDING SOUGHT FOR LONG-NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

# THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE CAPE COD ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION CENTER

A SAFE HARBOR FOR ANIMALS ON THE CAPE



The staff and volunteers in Centerville care for more than 1,000 animals annually, providing the best medical and behavioral support possible, along with enrichment and training activities to manage animals' stress.

The MSPCA's Campaign for Cape Cod to build and endow a new Animal Care and Adoption Center launched in October 2014 with a goal of \$5 million. To date, more than \$2.6 million has been raised to replace the current facility, which is too small and outdated to best serve animals and the community.

The staff and volunteers in Centerville care for more than 1,000 animals annually, providing the best medical and behavioral support possible, along with enrichment and training activities to manage animals' stress. The new Adoption Center will double the square footage of the existing space, increasing the capacity for animals while making care more effective and efficient. Also, the new layout will provide more privacy for staff to engage in adoption counseling. The Elizabeth Arnold Stevens Clinical Suite will create space for on-site veterinary

care for adoption center animals in need of sterilization, vaccinations, and other medical interventions.

With the improvements, the MSPCA will be able to expand community outreach efforts like adoption promotions, low-cost spay/neuter initiatives, vaccination and microchip clinics, and the pet food pantry. A multi-purpose room will allow continued growth in the robust education programs that were created in collaboration with local schools and libraries and will allow children to have a more first-hand experience with animals and caregivers.

*For more information, please contact Campaign Director Laura Hay at [lhay@mspca.org](mailto:lhay@mspca.org) or (508) 815-5239.*

FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND PROGRAM AT NEVINS

# HOPULATION CONTROL—FOR THE BUNNIES, OF COURSE!

INTAKE NUMBERS ALREADY DECREASING



When the “hopulation” is exploding, who you gonna call? MSPCA at Nevins Farm, that’s who!

Many people might not realize that rabbits are the third most popular pet in America (after cats and dogs). Unfortunately, every year, the Nevins Adoption Center takes in even more rabbits than puppies, and the staff has been working hard to address the most common reasons for surrender: pet store impulse purchases (coupled with children’s eventual boredom with caring for a pet) and accidental litters.

Rabbits are famous for their prolific powers of multiplication, but many rabbit owners neglect to spay or neuter their bunnies. Nevins has recently introduced Hopulation Control, a pilot program that offers low cost spay-neuter for owned rabbits in nearby communities. People in Methuen, Lawrence, Haverhill, Lowell, and other

cities, who can demonstrate financial need, are eligible to pay \$75 for the surgery package. The remainder is covered by donors.

In its first year, the program provided spay-neuter for 78 rabbits, and this year the number is expected to reach 100. The program’s success has garnered attention from other humane organizations and even private practices that have sent their veterinary professionals to observe and train with our surgery team. The program also helps elevate the status of rabbits in animal welfare and in people’s lives, and Nevins has already begun to see a downturn in intake numbers since the inception of the program.

*For more information on Hopulation Control, contact the Noble Family Adoption Center at (978) 687-7453 x6101 or [methuen@mspca.org](mailto:methuen@mspca.org).*

## CASEY'S ON THE ROAD AGAIN

# THANKS TO DR. MOSES AND HOME DEPOT!



A sweet 13-year-old chocolate Lab named Casey is back to doing what he loves most: riding in the car with his owner and best friend, Brenda Schwartz—all thanks to Angell's Dr. Lisa Moses and the employees of the West Roxbury, Massachusetts Home Depot.

Casey, who suffered a stroke that cost him his ability to walk, could no longer rely on Brenda to lift him in and out of the car because she herself had recently undergone shoulder surgery.

But Dr. Moses came to both Brenda's and Casey's aid.

After Casey underwent several rounds of drug therapy and acupuncture, Dr. Moses helped the beloved canine regain his ability to walk—even though climbing in and out of the car still proved impossible for him. So Dr. Moses provided Brenda with plans for building a set of easy-to-construct stairs that Casey could use to get in and out of the car.

Little did Brenda know that when she arrived at Home Depot to inquire about the materials she needed to build the steps, that the employees would be so moved by Casey's plight they'd offer to build the steps for her. And boy did they pull out all the stops! Here's to Casey's dedicated owner, our own Dr. Moses, and the terrific employees at Home Depot who helped him return to the open road!



### The Big Snooze

Sixty-five Snoozers and their supporters helped us raise more than \$12,500 for the MSPCA by participating in a six-week long, completely online snooze-a-thon that began on May 1. This new, virtual event was sponsored by Especially for Pets. Snoozers collected pledges on behalf of their cat-napping efforts and competed for top fundraising prizes that included an Aruba Cat Tree, a cat-friendly goody basket, and gift certificates to Especially for Pets.



### Stella McCartney Benefit at Saks Fifth Avenue

More than 200 guests attended a fashion show and meet-and-greet with fashion designer and animal advocate Stella McCartney on May 5. The event was chaired by Jessica Nigrelli (Board of Directors), Heather Colleary (Board of Overseers), Erica Corsano (Board of Overseers), Ashley Bernon, Christy Cashman, Sinesia Karol, and Tiffany Ortiz. The event raised nearly \$25,000 for the MSPCA-Angell through ticket sales and a generous matching donation from Saks of a percentage of the clothing sales from the evening.



### Furry Affair

The Annual Cape Cod Furry Affair, chaired by Overseer Maggie DeSantis Ahern and held June 19 at Willowbend Country Club, drew together hundreds of animal loving philanthropists, including bestselling author Casey Sherman and champion NHL player Bobby Orr. The Guardian Angel Award was presented to Patricia Woodward, and emcee Susan Wornick also served as auctioneer. The event generated over \$268,000 for the Cape Cod MSPCA.



### Walk for Animals

More than 1,500 dogs took 2,500 dedicated human companions for a brisk walk at three MSPCA adoption center locations on September 26, 2015, raising more than \$250,000 for direct care for animals through the participation of enthusiastic Walk-team donors. Fun activities included microchipping, "Ask the Vet," and an obedience demonstration. Many team leaders recruited members and managed their teams through our user-friendly online registration system. As we go to press we still can't announce our top fundraisers, since fundraising continues until September 30—stay tuned!

# PREVENTION OF FARM ANIMAL CRUELTY ACT PROTECTS STANDARDS

SIGNATURES NEEDED TO PLACE BILL ON BALLOT



The MSPCA has joined a coalition called Citizens for Farm Animal Protection, formed to put a question on the November 8, 2016 ballot. This measure would simply ensure that Massachusetts egg-laying hens, pregnant pigs, and veal calves have the ability to lie down, stand up, fully extend their limbs, and turn around freely. It will also ensure that products from these animals (whole eggs and whole uncooked cuts of pork or veal) sold in Massachusetts are compliant with these modest standards. The law will take effect in 2022.

The MSPCA's mission—to protect animals, relieve their suffering, advance their health and welfare, prevent cruelty, and work for a just and compassionate society—extends to all animals, not only to those sharing our homes, but also to wild animals and those raised for food. The MSPCA believes this is a moderate and reasonable measure to help fulfill our mission and address some of the most egregious practices inflicted upon farm animals.

The first hurdle to being on the ballot is obtaining more than 90,000 signatures from Massachusetts voters before mid-November. If you would like to sign a petition or get involved with this campaign, please email [advocacy@mspca.org](mailto:advocacy@mspca.org).

You can also find out more at  
[www.mspca.org/citizensforfarmanimals](http://www.mspca.org/citizensforfarmanimals)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN OUR OFFICERS GO TO COURT

# UNDERSTANDING THE CRUELTY COMPLAINT PROCESS

Careful Investigation Works with the Legal System



[Note: This article is derived from a presentation created by MSPCA Officer Elyse Kelly, pictured here with Ginko, a dog from our adoption center.]

Last year MSPCA Law Enforcement investigated 1,883 complaints of alleged abuse or neglect, resulting in 662 warnings and 22 criminal complaints. Not all investigations initiate complaints, since our officers are dedicated to educating and advising in cases where the persons involved are cooperative. In the past three years, MSPCA Law Enforcement has successfully issued a total of 56 criminal complaints. Twenty-four cases are still open; 17 resulted in “Continued without Finding” or “Pretrial Probation”; five were found “Guilty”; one was found “Not Guilty”; and nine cases were dismissed.

But do you know what all those terms mean? We’d like to walk you through some of the “legalese” and outline the process for filing a criminal complaint, so you might better understand the complexity of the process and the skill with which our officers navigate the system. Filing a complaint is not a simple procedure.

## 1. A complaint that warrants possible criminal action is reported.

After a complaint comes in warranting an investigation, an MSPCA officer has to go out and see if there are violations of the Massachusetts cruelty statute (Ch. 272 s. 77). Should the officer find that the suspect is in violation, and is unable to resolve matters without charges being filed, the officer will then follow through with the next step and apply, at the District Court House, for a criminal complaint against the perpetrator.

## 2. The Commissioned Officer applies for criminal complaint with District Court’s Clerk Magistrate after presenting detailed report of investigation.

THE COURT MAGISTRATE’S ROLE:

- > Triages all applications for criminal complaints
- > Makes decision whether or not to issue complaint
- > If Officer requests Show Cause Hearing for Felony offense, Magistrate will determine if there is sufficient evidence to issue complaint at hearing
- > Show Cause Hearings are required with Misdemeanor offenses

## 3. If the Magistrate issues complaint, Respondent is charged with Animal Cruelty MGL Ch. 272 S. 77 and will receive a summons to court or an arrest warrant will be issued.

## 4. Arraignment where Respondent pleads Guilty or Not Guilty (most courts will not accept Guilty plea at this time).

OUTCOME DEFINITIONS:

- > CWOFF: Continued Without Finding. Many of our cases result with this outcome where stipulations may be put on defendant by judge (e.g., Unable to own any animals, counseling, etc.) for the duration of the CWOFF
- > Pretrial Probation is similar to CWOFF with similar stipulations ordered by Judge.

## 5. A Pretrial Hearing where Motion to Suppress evidence may be filed, deals may be offered by Assistant District Attorney (ex: CWOFF, pretrial probation).

- > The case may also be dismissed or a trial date may be set to be heard before a judge and/or jury at the Pretrial Hearing.
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The next time you read about an animal cruelty case in the news, we hope this article will enhance your understanding. It’s easy to see why MSPCA Law Enforcement Officers need to be highly educated and able to navigate the legal system.

The MSPCA Law Enforcement Department encourages individuals to contact them to request an investigation of animal abuse. To report suspected animal cruelty, please call (617) 522-6008 or (800) 628-5808. All calls are confidential. In the event of an emergency after hours, call your local city/town police department.

## Barbara and Al Butters



Al and Barbara Butters of ON-LINE Computer Products in Norwood, are annual MSPCA–Angell supporters, and they’ve shown their support in a variety of ways. Since 1992, Al and Barbara have never missed a year of helping animals and have shown their dedication to our mission with gifts to the annual fund and special projects. Their love for their dog Teddy and all the other animals they’ve owned spurs their desire to help those in need and have some fun along the way. Regular attendees at many of our events in Boston and on Cape Cod, Al and Barbara have been enthusiastic participants in our exciting live and silent auctions. Al tells us, “There is nothing we despise more than those who would harm or neglect an animal. Our only civilized retort is our support for the MSPCA, whose actions speak loudly for those without a voice.”

## Elgie Ginsburgh



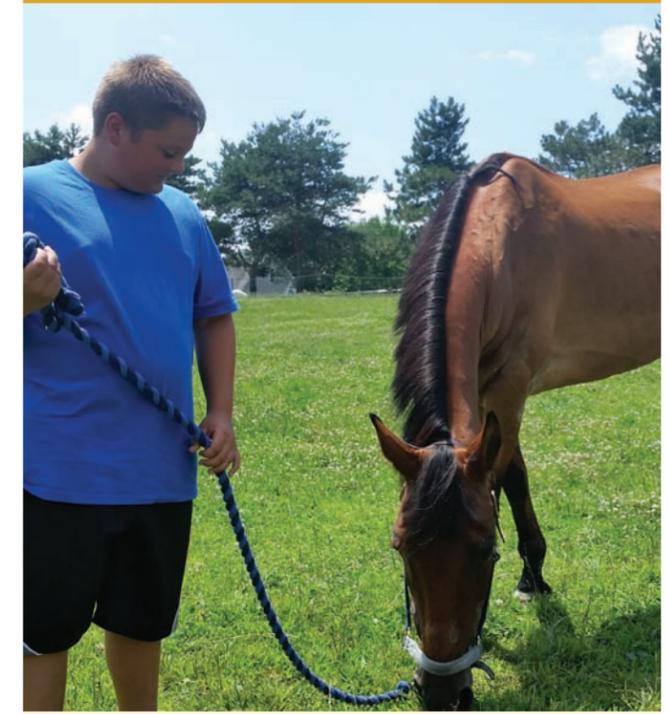
Cat lover extraordinaire, Elgie Ginsburgh, a loyal MSPCA–Angell donor since 1991, has trained the many cats she’s adopted over the years to come to her call, “then to a whistle.” Elgie joined our Circle of Friends (people who have thoughtfully provided for animals in their own future plans) in 2001 and has made two charitable gift annuities to benefit the Society. She says, “I support the MSPCA–Angell, because they protect animals and pursue people who are cruel to them. I appreciate the police work they do on behalf of animals.” In 2011, her three-legged tuxedo cat, Elgie’s Folly, passed away at age 15 from a rare disorder diagnosed in a necropsy performed at Angell. The cat she lives with now, Pumpkin II, gets her care at Angell. Elgie, whose own daughter is a veterinarian, believes in teaching children about animals, and feels that if “children don’t learn to be nice to animals, they won’t be nice to people.”

## Aviva and Steven List



The List household is a haven for nine cats, six dogs, and two humans—Aviva and Steven, who are in charge of helping them all to live “harmoniously, albeit noisily, under one roof.” Aviva is the director of social services at a nursing facility while Steven is the head of trading for an asset manager. Aviva has loved animals since she was a child, and when she met Steven she had four cats and he had two dogs. In their life together, they have adopted multiple cats and dogs, most recently Charlotte, a seven-year-old Shih Tzu. They have opened their home to special-needs animals in memory of pets who have passed on. While they also support local shelters, the Lists say they frequent the MSPCA the most because the vision, values, and operation of the MSPCA resonate with them. When their animals need specialty services, they come to Angell, and they have given their financial support to our Campaign for the Cape Cod Adoption Center.

## Aiden Mackey



He might be a rather young person, but Aiden Mackey already knows more about compassion and activism than many adults. Eleven-year-old Aiden adopted his dog Ace from Nevins, and frequently visits the animals at the farm, but when he met a severely underweight, wounded horse named Flora he knew he had to do something to help her. With some help from his mom, his aunt, and the Nevins staff, Aiden set up an online fundraising page, ran a lemonade stand, and asked his friends on Facebook to help. His generous spirit was noted in a newspaper article that prompted even more donations, and Aiden eventually raised more than \$4,000 to help with Flora’s medical costs. Aiden continued to visit Flora, even when she went to a foster home. His mom says, “So many life lessons have come out of this experience for Aiden. He now sees how little things can make a big difference, that there are kind people in this world, that there are consequences for all actions (both good and bad), and that, no matter what, you need to have the confidence to stand up for what you believe in.” Aiden wants his own farm some day—and we bet he’ll find a way to make that happen!

**SURGE IN FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS AMONG DOGS**

# ANGELL ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER ISSUES RAW FOOD WARNING

ANGELL'S TOP FOOD RULES FOR YOUR PET



An uptick in food poisoning cases has prompted veterinarians at Angell Animal Medical Center to issue a warning to dog owners who are feeding raw food to their pets.

"It's a common misperception that commercial dog foods are less healthy," said Dr. Virginia Sinnott. Angell's Emergency and Critical Care unit has seen dozens of cases of vomiting and diarrhea linked to raw food diets this year alone.

Studies show that dogs fed raw diets are at a higher risk for drug-resistant bacteria in their intestines. According to Dr. Sinnott, disease-causing bacteria such as salmonella and campylobacter are commonly found in meat sold in grocery stores. This type of food poisoning can be very difficult to treat, and dogs treated for these infections should be isolated as they can easily infect other hospital patients.

For more information about Angell Animal Medical Center's Emergency and Critical Care Services visit [mspca.org/medical-centers/emergency](http://mspca.org/medical-centers/emergency).

Dr. Sinnott offers the following advice for dog owners confused by the numerous food options on the market today:

- Don't fear the by-products**  
Dogs naturally eat grains and plants as well as meat, and, collectively, these nutrients comprise a complete and healthy diet.
- You can opt for commercial and organic**  
Dr. Sinnott recommends looking for the "AAFCO feeding trial" label, an indication that the company has conducted testing to ensure the food meets optimal nutrition standards.
- Never feed raw meat from the grocery store**  
Raw meat from the grocery store is likely to be contaminated with bacteria.
- When in doubt, talk to your veterinarian**  
Your veterinarian can provide advice on optimal nutrition for your pet or refer you to a nutrition specialist.



## LET YOUR PET SHINE ON THE MSPCA-ANGELL HOLIDAY TREES

Support the 2015 MSPCA-Angell Holiday Trees — located at our Boston headquarters, at Nevins Farm in Methuen, and at the Cape Cod Mall in Hyannis. Purchase an ornament to honor the animals in your life, while making a contribution to support kindness and care for animals throughout Massachusetts.

For more information and to purchase an ornament, please visit [www.mspca.org/2015HolidayTree](http://www.mspca.org/2015HolidayTree) or call 617-541-5043.

### ADMIRE YOUR ORNAMENTS ON OUR TREES

\$100  
Shining  
Star



Sophia



\$15  
Candy  
Cane

CHARLIE



**The Boston Trees** will be on display in our Boston headquarters starting December 1.



**The Nevins Farm Tree-Lighting Ceremony & the Christmas Feast for the Horses** will be held at Nevins Farm on December 5 at 4:30 pm.



**The Cape Cod Tree-Lighting Ceremony** will be held in the Cape Cod Mall on December 1 at 6:00 pm.



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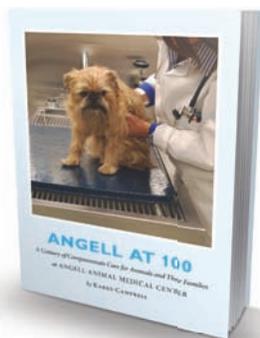
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Get your copy today at your favorite online retailer or at the Brookline Booksmith, 279 Harvard Street in Brookline.



Pictured on this issue's cover is Dr. Jean Holzworth, who specialized in caring for cats at Angell from 1950 to 1986. Holzworth turned to veterinary medicine after one of her own beloved cats died from panleukopenia in 1943, before a vaccine for the disease had been developed. She is believed to be the first ever feline specialist, and was certainly the first woman in that field.

Angell surgeon Dr. Mike Pavletic, who knew Holzworth well, tells us, “She graduated from Cornell at a time when few women were in the profession and was the first to focus on diseases of cats at a time when cats were not nearly as popular as dogs.”

Holzworth and then-MSPCA president Dr. Gus Thornton were the first to formally document cases of hyperthyroidism in cats. The most common feline glandular disorder, it was a long-observed condition, but little had been written about it until 1980, when Angell became the first hospital to delineate and disperse information on its complexities.

Holzworth also wrote the first book on feline medicine and surgery, the insightful and instructive *Diseases of the Cat: Medicine and Surgery*. Published in 1986, the book allowed Holzworth to further share her vast knowledge with pet owners and veterinarians alike.