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## Behaving Nicely: Getting Professional Help for Problems that Plague Your Pet

New Boston Ordinance Prohibits  
Puppy, Kitten Sales in Shops

Barn Cats: A Creative, Caring Solution  
for Cats Who Can't Adapt to Indoor Life

**BACK COVER:** MSPCA Acquires Rare  
Photo of Emily Appleton.

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## Did You Know...

...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

#### May 12-14

Mother's Day Flower and Plant Sale, Boston Adoption Center

#### May 22

Fast and the Furriest 5K: Run, Walk, Wag, — DCR Baxter Park, Assembly Row, Somerville

#### June 28

Dogs on Deck “barktail party” at Fenway Park

#### October 26

Raise the Woof – MSPCA Gala, the Cyclorama, Boston Center for the Arts

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

### AT NEVINS FARM

#### May 22

Fast and the Furriest 5K: Run, Walk, Wag, — DCR Baxter Park, Assembly Row, Somerville

#### July 23

“Tails and Ales” Craft Beer Tasting

#### September TBD

Blackdog Builders “Paws for the Cause” Golf Tournament

#### September 11

Pet Memorial Sunday at Hillside Acre Animal Cemetery

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Vaccination/Microchip Clinic

#### October 2

Equine Ambulance Training for Horse Owners

#### October 22

“Horses Helping Horses” Beach Ride

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### AT THE CAPE

#### April 23

Rabies/Microchip Clinic at the Yarmouth Police Department

#### June 17

14th Annual “Furry Affair” Auction at the Willowbend Country Club in Mashpee

#### Tuesdays during July & August

Cape Cod Children's Museum Pet Program

#### September 17

Walk for Animals, Hyannis. Online registration at [walkforanimals.com](http://walkforanimals.com)

*Call 508 775-0940 for more information about Centerville events, or visit our website: [mspca.org/about-us/calendar-of-events](http://mspca.org/about-us/calendar-of-events)*



## THE MSPCA-ANGELL BEHAVIOR DEPARTMENT

# BEHAVING NICELY: PROFESSIONAL HELP FOR PET ISSUES

PETS AND OWNERS LEARN MORE THAN MANNERS



Drs. Bright and Kirby-Madden see animals with issues such as aggression, fear, separation anxiety, house soiling and marking, and compulsive behaviors.

*The Behavior Team: (back row, L to R) Dr. Taylor Kirby-Madden with Guppy, Dr. Terri Bright with Esme, Michalla Bishop, Jocelyn Strassel, and in front, Susan Conway with Gus*

*Photo (and cover photo) by Robert Torres*

Living with pets in our families is a joy for all of us, but every now and then it's important to get some professional help with behavior issues or training needs. The talented staff members of MSPCA-Angell's Behavior Department can help.

Led by Dr. Terri Bright, who started at our Boston adoption center as an intern in 2009, a training program that began with classes like Obedience, Puppy Play 'n Learn, and Agility, has grown into a full-fledged MSPCA-Angell department with five full-time staff members and five training instructors. Dr. Bright earned her Master's of Science degree and Ph.D. in Applied Behavior Analysis with an animal specialty, and she is a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst.

In our Boston Adoption Center, Dr. Bright helps to evaluate homeless dogs, designs training and enrichment

programs, and designs and implements curriculum and teaching for staff and volunteers. She sees clients at Angell for private consultations as well. Veterinary Behavior resident Dr. Taylor Kirby-Madden also provides behavior consultations for cats and dogs. The two experts see animals with issues such as aggression, fear, separation anxiety, house soiling and marking, and compulsive behaviors. Certified Veterinary Technician Jocelyn Strassel, an applied behaviorist, rounds out the consulting staff.

Following consultation, clients receive a detailed behavior modification plan for their pet, and each consultation includes six months of follow-up emails. If you think your pet could benefit from a behavior consultation or training classes, visit [mspca.org/angell\\_services/behavior-services](https://mspca.org/angell_services/behavior-services) or call 617 522-7282.

VETERINARY CLINIC AND VET-TECH TRAINING COMBINED

# ANGELL AT NASHOBA: TWO MISSIONS MERGED

High-Quality Care for Low-Income Clients



*Lisa Quinones, CVT, welcomed Angell at Nashoba's first patient, 14-year-old Rocky, on February 3, 2016*



*Ruby, the clinic's first feline patient, stole hearts when she arrived for her exam and vaccines.*



*Dr. Laurence Sawyer, Angell Nashoba Medical Director, treats patients and oversees the program.*

On February 3, 2016 Angell at Nashoba opened its doors and welcomed first patient, Rocky, a 14-year-old Jack Russell Terrier. Not long after, Ruby arrived for an exam and vaccines as the clinic's first feline patient.

Angell Animal Medical Center and Nashoba Valley Technical High School (NVTS) have partnered to form a veterinary clinic for low-income pet owners that also serves as a rigorous academic training program for students enrolled at NVTS who are interested in pursuing careers in veterinary medicine.

Open weekdays from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the clinic does not provide overnight, specialty, or 24/7 emergency service as Angell's Boston and Waltham facilities do, but provides deeply discounted:

- Spay/neuter services
- Vaccinations
- Basic veterinary care

To qualify for Angell at Nashoba services, clients must present a photo ID and one of the following:

- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program card
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) card
- Food Stamps/Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card
- Spay and Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) certificate
- Letter/lease from the owner's local housing authority showing that the owner is a participant in public housing

**To schedule an appointment with the Angell at Nashoba clinic, please call 978 577-5992. Angell at Nashoba, 100 Littleton Road, Westford, MA, [angell.org/nashoba](http://angell.org/nashoba).**

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ONLINE PET SALES DANGEROUS AND CRUEL

# SICK PUPPY-MILL DOG GETS LUCKY AT LAST

ANGELL SURGEONS SAVE NELSON'S YOUNG LIFE

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Nelson's story focuses a spotlight on the dangers of "online only" pet sales, in which buyers are not able to visit the breeder to inspect conditions or meet dogs before purchasing.

Nelson, an adorable nine-month-old Shar-Pei/Pug mix, was purchased online from a puppy mill and shipped across the country like inanimate merchandise. This tiny dog traveled in a truck for what must have been a terrifying 21-hour ride inside a small cage, and when he arrived his new owners realized he was very sick and immediately surrendered Nelson to our Boston Adoption Center.

Nelson was suffering from lethargy, vomiting, and diarrhea, and Angell veterinarians found that his intestines were tangled. A large portion of them would have to be removed, repositioned, and then reinserted into his tiny abdomen. The puppy would have died without this surgery.

After Nelson recuperated in foster care for two weeks, our adoption counselors evaluated hundreds of applications and found the perfect family for him, one complete with a Shar-Pei big brother! Nelson is now getting the love and security that every animal needs.

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Please visit [mspca.org/BostonOrdinance](http://mspca.org/BostonOrdinance) to find out more.

COLLABORATIVE PROJECT BENEFITS BOTH SPECIES

# CAPE “WAGS FOR TAGS” HELPS LOCAL VETERANS

POLICE CHIEF SUPPORTS HEALING INITIATIVE



The MSPCA-Cape Cod, in collaboration with the United States Marine Corporal Nicholas G. Xiarhos Memorial Fund, has launched a pet visitation program called Cape Wags for Tags, which will help veterans on Cape Cod suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, substance abuse, depression, and thoughts of suicide.

The project pairs a military veteran with an animal in a supervised setting, where both human and animal benefit from socialization and kindness. Both veterans and shelter animals have been through traumatic events, but together they can help each other heal. Medical studies have shown that companion animals significantly improve mental and physical health, and reduce the stress, depression, and anxiety symptoms experienced by many serving in the military.

We are grateful to partner with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in Hyannis and the Pleasant Bay Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Brewster on this important community program.



The MSPCA-Cape Cod offers its deepest thanks to Yarmouth Deputy Chief of Police Steven G. Xiarhos for supporting this initiative in honor of his oldest son, who died at age 21 while going to the aid of his fellow Marines in combat on July 23, 2009 in Afghanistan.

THE BARN CAT PROGRAM AT NEVINS FARM

# THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX FOR NONCONFORMIST KITTIES

LOVE ISN'T JUST AN INDOORS EMOTION



The Nevins Barn Cat Program is a creative solution for the placement of cats who do not fit the public's idea of "adoptable." While the MSPCA would like all cats to be indoor pets, the occasional feline just cannot adapt to living indoors. One alternative is the barn cat life. Cats in our barn program may be under-socialized individuals who prefer other cats to people, feisty cats who bite or scratch, cats with undesirable litter box habits, or cats whose whole lives prior to surrender were lived entirely outdoors.

Barn cat candidates are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and micro-chipped prior to adoption. Potential adopters are screened to ensure they can provide shelter in a barn or stable away from high-traffic streets, daily food and water, and long-term veterinary care.

Follow-up with barn cat adopters shows that these cats are just as loved as traditional placements. We offer as evidence Toby and Dice, a pair of the most pampered cats ever! Toby and Dice enjoy their lives as "working cats," patrolling the paddocks and hanging with their equine buddies during the day, and safely secured in the barn by night.

The Barn Cat Program is just one of many creative adoption placement programs we have undertaken at Nevins in recent years. In 2015, the adoption rate for cats at Nevins reached 91.9%!

For more information: 978 687-7453 x6101 or [methuen@mspca.org](mailto:methuen@mspca.org)

# CAT SWALLOWS A MOUNTAIN OF HAIR TIES, UNDERGOES EMERGENCY SURGERY



If it's true that cats have nine lives, then Kitty might have cashed in several when he devoured a mountain of elastic hair ties – 14 in all – requiring emergency surgery at the MSPCA's Angell Animal Medical Center. Dr. Emma-Leigh Pearson performed the operation and said there wasn't a moment to lose. "He could have died had the surgery been delayed," she said, following the delicate two-hour procedure to remove the ties from Kitty's stomach. Kitty's owners had been trying to find another home for the cat for some time and opted to surrender him into our care. Now that Kitty has recovered, the adoption center team will pull out all the stops to find this beautiful cat a loving, permanent, and safe home. Angell veterinarians remove countless non-food material from the bellies of cats and dogs every year, and Kitty's case underscores the danger of foreign-body ingestion. Pet owners are cautioned to keep items like string, sewing needles, thread, yarn, and holiday decorations out of the reach of dogs and cats. Kitty's surgery was paid for by Spike's Fund, a donor-supported fund that helps our Boston Adoption Center provide emergency medical treatment for homeless animals.



## The Big Snooze

Eighty-nine Snoozers and their supporters helped us raise more than \$9,200 for the MSPCA by participating in a six-week long, completely online snooze-a-thon that began on February 1. This 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 professional pet portrait from John Hensel Photography, an iRobot Roomba vacuum from evacuumstore.com, and gift certificates to Especially for Pets.



## Raise the Woof Gala

In October 2015, at the Boston Center for the Arts Cyclorama, more than 450 animal lovers and about 40 of their canine companions gathered to celebrate our programs and services. The Noble Award in Humane Philanthropy was presented to Overseer Bebe Wunderlich. Our emcee was MSPCA-Angell's longtime friend Randy Price of WCVB-TV, and the event chairs were Ron and Julie Druker, and Lori and Matthew Sidman, with Stephanie Loeber serving as vice-chair. Ticket sales and auctions raised nearly \$680,000 for the animals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Fast and the Furriest 5K – Run, Walk, Wag

Sunday, May 22, 2016, at DCR Baxter Park at Assembly Row in Somerville, marks the exciting debut of a new family-friendly spring fundraiser, the Fast and Furriest 5K – Run, Walk, Wag for MSPCA–Angell! This new community event, which will combine the interests of past Walk for Animals and Run Fur Fun participants, will include a timed 5K fun run, a shorter walk, and a “Ducky Dash” kids’ fun run – each including canines, of course. The run and walk will be followed by activities, vendor booths, food, contests, and entertainment for the whole family. All funds raised will benefit all the animals served by the MSPCA–Angell in its adoption centers, hospitals, and programs.



### Furry Affair

Join us on Friday, June 17, for the 15th Annual Furry Affair at the Willowbend Country Club in Mashpee! Chaired by MSPCA Overseer Margaret D. Ahearn, the Furry Affair is now the largest fundraising event for the MSPCA outside of Boston. All funds raised that evening stay right on Cape Cod. Last year, more than 300 animal-loving philanthropists attended the Furry Affair, including hockey legend Bobby Orr, Antique Roadshow’s Leigh Keno, and bestselling author Casey Sherman. This year’s event will once again be emceed by Susan Wornick. Tickets can be purchased at [mspca.org/furryaffair](http://mspca.org/furryaffair).



### Dogs on Deck

We are excited to announce our new summer “barktail party,” which will be held on June 28 at Fenway Park. This delightful event will be dog friendly, and a great way to meet other animal lovers while raising money and awareness for the MSPCA! For more information on sponsorship or joining our committee please contact Allie Feiner at [afeiner@mspca.org](mailto:afeiner@mspca.org).

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CRUELTY COMPLAINT INITIATED BY PERCEPTIVE VETERINARIAN

# WITNESSES COME FORWARD TO SAVE BOXER PUPPY

Follow Law Enforcement Cases on our Website

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In December, the MSPCA Law Enforcement Department received a complaint from a Massachusetts veterinarian concerned about a six-month-old Boxer puppy with a severe injury to his right rear leg. The dog's owner first claimed that the animal had fallen off

a bed, then later said it was a couch. The veterinarian was suspicious due to the force such an injury would have required and the owner's changing story, but had nothing substantive to disprove the claim. A few days later, an anonymous caller told the veterinary hospital that the dog's owner abused him on a regular basis and caused the leg injury. Shortly after, several more people came forward as witnesses. This allowed Officer Christine Allenberg to file charges against the Chicopee resident for beating the Boxer puppy, causing such severe trauma that one of the dog's legs had to be amputated.

You can follow the progress of this and other Law Enforcement court cases here:  
[mspca.org/cruelty-prevention-categories/animal-cruelty-blotter](https://mspca.org/cruelty-prevention-categories/animal-cruelty-blotter)

To report suspected animal cruelty anywhere in Massachusetts please call: 617 522-6008 or 800 628-5808, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. When calling after hours, leave a brief message along with your name and a phone number where you may be reached during normal business hours. In the event of an emergency after hours, contact your local city/town police department.

## Lisa Gell



Lisa Gell is passionate about animal welfare, and the MSPCA–Angell has been lucky enough to reap the benefits of her enthusiasm. A Jamaica Plain resident, Lisa has been coming to the MSPCA–Angell for years, adopting Momma and Baby, her two beautiful cats, from our Boston Adoption Center and ensuring they get high-quality medical care at Angell. Her son Jason also opened his heart and home to one of our shelter animals – sweet Maya the Pit Bull now loves life as a Gell as well.

An experienced nonprofit professional, Lisa was very familiar with our events and fundraising outreach. She was already a valued member of our Leaders Circle (donors who support the MSPCA–Angell at \$1,000 or more in a calendar year), but felt there was more she could offer. Upon her retirement, Lisa reached out to the Development Office to see if there were volunteer opportunities available. We jumped at the chance to get her more involved.

Lisa manages the MSPCA–Angell Thank-You Line weekly, calling first-time and recent donors and expressing heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the Society. Her warm personal touch has brought smiles to the faces of so many MSPCA–Angell's supporters, and many are deeply touched to hear from not only a fellow donor, but a devoted volunteer who understands the difference their gifts are making for the animals of Massachusetts and beyond. The MSPCA–Angell is so grateful to have the tireless and devoted Lisa Gell as a friend.



## IS THAT OLD CAR DRIVING YOU CRAZY?

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](https://mspca.org/carsforkindness) and we'll take care of the rest. For more information, call 800 237-5714 or e-mail to [donation@carprogram.com](mailto:donation@carprogram.com).

## HONOR ANIMALS WITH A BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE



In honor of animals everywhere, Amelia Rose Design has teamed up with MSPCA–Angell to create a beautiful paw-print pendant to help raise money for the kindness and care of animals. This pendant is available in sterling silver or gold vermeil for a contribution of \$60 (all but \$15 is tax deductible). For more information or to place an order offline, please contact Sandra Wong at MSPCA–Angell at 617 541-5046 or [swong@mspca.org](mailto:swong@mspca.org) or visit [mspca.org/necklace](https://mspca.org/necklace).

Historic Day for Animals and Boston

## NEW BOSTON ORDINANCE BANS PUPPY, KITTEN SALES IN SHOPS

ADOPT, DON'T SHOP!



Photo by Rénee DeKona

On March 2nd, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh signed into law a new ordinance that prohibits the sale of puppies, kittens, and rabbits from Boston pet stores as well as in public parks and on city streets.

With the signing of this law, Boston became the 123rd municipality across the country to prohibit the sale of puppies and kittens from pet shops. The vast majority of those shops are sourced from large-scale breeding facilities, many of which have numerous federal Animal Welfare Act violations.

Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley (pictured above) first introduced the ordinance at a February 22 press conference at the MSPCA in Jamaica Plain. The measure, dubbed the "Puppy Mill Bill," was inspired by numerous stories of consumers who purchased animals at pet stores, only to find out later that the animals were sick. In some cases the animals died. Said O'Malley of the unanimous vote, "Today is an historic day for both animals and the City of Boston, proving once again that we can elevate the welfare of animals—as well as the constituents we serve—and demonstrate what a humane city Boston is."

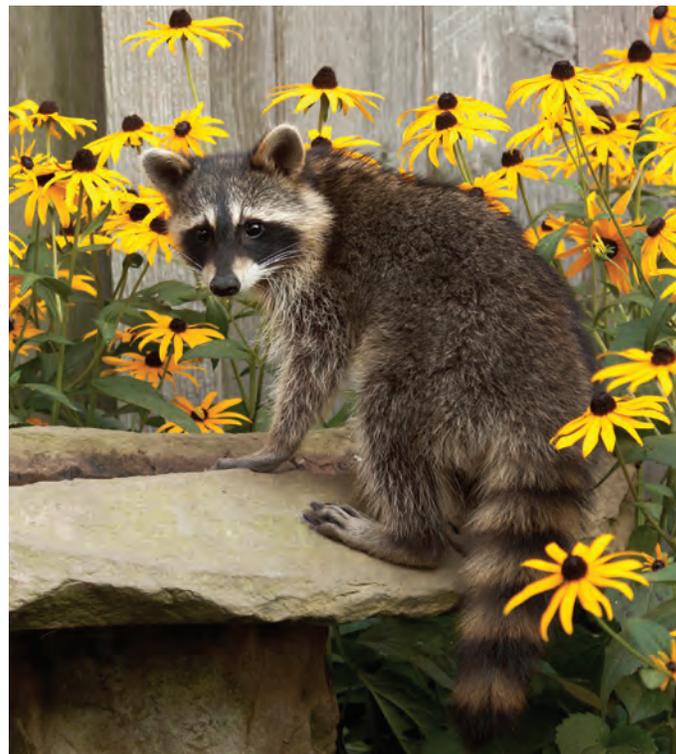
A five-hour hearing included testimony of support from Boston's Animal Care and Control Department, numerous state and national organizations, Boston residents, and animal advocates.

Please visit [mspca.org/BostonOrdinance](http://mspca.org/BostonOrdinance) to find out more.

Sowing and Reaping Seeds of Kindness

## WOODCHUCKS & SQUIRRELS & MOLES — OH MY!

HOW TO SHARE YOUR CROPS  
AND KEEP YOUR TEMPER



For many of us, spring and summer are the seasons to pursue a passion: digging in the dirt, sowing seeds, and tending our gardens. For many wild animals, spring and summer are times to enjoy something else: the sweetness of a fresh tomato or the seeds of a sunflower. They love these natural treats as much as humans do. While some folks welcome wildlife into their yards, some gardeners are naturally perturbed when hungry critters view their plantings as all-you-can-eat buffets.

If you'd rather not share your harvest, don't despair: the MSPCA can offer humane, cost-effective suggestions for keeping the wild neighbors away. Visit our new website at [mspca.org/animal\\_protection/help-for-gardeners/](http://mspca.org/animal_protection/help-for-gardeners/) to find tips for coping with common garden nibblers like woodchucks, raccoons, moles, birds, and rabbits. You can even engage with our interactive Intruder Excluder, which will help you identify various critters and provide you with humane, long-term solutions for house and garden problems.

Also, remember that no single solution is 100% effective, and a tolerant attitude goes a long way whenever dealing with wildlife. Try planting extra vegetables, fruits, and edible flowers so there's enough to share!



## OUR MONTHLY DONORS ARE ANGELLS OF KINDNESS!

OVER 65,000 ANIMALS A YEAR RELY ON US...and we rely on our monthly donors. Can we rely on you? Funds from our reliable monthly donors allow us to be ready whenever animals need us. These contributions support our adoption centers, hospitals, law enforcement team, and advocacy efforts through our general fund.

Once you sign up, your contributions will automatically begin to help animals in need – no need for you to take time out of your busy life to write a check or make an online donation every month. Four times a year, you'll receive the heartwarming story of an animal helped by Angells of Kindness donations.

All you have to do is decide how much you'd like to pledge each month, and choose electronic funds transfer or credit card. You may stop or change the amount of your pledge at any time, and we will send you a receipt that includes all your gifts at the end of the year.

Please visit [mspca.org/AOK](http://mspca.org/AOK) or call 617 541-5081 to become an Angell of Kindness and extend your wings over animals in need!



## CAN YOU SEE INTO THE FUTURE?

You don't need a crystal ball to know that animals will always need our help. We've been helping them, with the support of friends like you, since 1868.

Please, as you make your estate plans, consider a bequest to the MSPCA–Angell as a fitting continuation of your lifelong love for animals. And when you do, please let us know! We'd like to invite you into our Circle of Friends and acknowledge your thoughtful concern for the future of our organization. By providing for the animals in your own future plans, you become an essential member of our Society.

For more information, contact Alice Bruce at 617 541-5045, or [abruce@mspca.org](mailto:abruce@mspca.org).

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THE ARCHIVES CORNER

## EMILY APPLETON: FEMALE FORCE BEHIND THE MSPCA FROM GEORGE ANGELL'S AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES



Boston, Feb. 24, 1868

“Mrs. William Appleton, who called the first meeting [of the MSPCA], and to whom more than any other lady in Massachusetts is the success of our society due, at once told me that she had for several months been trying to start a society in Boston. She ...had obtained the signatures of some ninety of her influential friends and acquaintances on a paper, agreeing to become patrons of a society when formed...and put into the hands of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, then in session, an Act for incorporation...”

“[P]ublic opinion had not then reached the point when it was deemed judicious to make use of a lady’s name...[and so] at our first election of directors...we elected her husband, Mr. William Appleton, and conferred upon her all the honor we thought we could by electing her our first honorary member...[I]n 1871 public opinion had so far progressed, that we unanimously elected her our first ...lady director...”

Just one month later, on March 23, 1868, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated! We were recently very excited to acquire this photograph of Emily Appleton – the only one we have – on eBay, on Christmas Day 2015!