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#### **Dear Friends,**

I am not sure how many years Eric has been volunteering every Saturday at Charley's, but I think it's about time you meet him "face-to-face" ☺. Here he is with one of our canines, Taylor. They are both taking a break. Taylor has had a busy morning checking out the new smells in the yard, and Eric, well, he had to make sure the smells got there in the first place by letting the gang out for a run and roam.

Some new developments at Charley's: Sadly, one of our long-time residents, Jasper, passed away. He was a very hyper dog, and I think his clock had just wound down. He was fine one day, the next day instead of galloping with the speed of lightning through the yard, he walked, and when Reb came into the building the next morning, he was curled up on his blanket on top of his bed, gone to the pearly gates.

Two days after Jasper's death a new addition came to us: Matty, a 25-pound dog, much loved and missed by his owners. Sadly they could not take care of him any longer because of health problems of their own.

Matty has had a rough life: kept by a hoarder with 75 other dogs in a single-wide trailer, rescued several years later by an animal rescue, he finally ended up with his family. So, now he has to get used to yet another new place - Charley's Strays. The poor dog has had a lot on his plate in his 11 years of life. Due to the hoarder situation, he now dislikes all other dogs, and should not be placed in a home with small children. Matty is 11 years old, has arthritis and can't climb steps, and really would love to be with an older person or couple who could give him a couple more years in a family-environment.



**This is little Matty.**

Once again I would like to thank all of our following supporters- without you dogs like Matty would not have another chance of, maybe finding, a family of their own. No Shelter I know of will take in an eleven-year old dog, even the no-kill-shelters usually have a cut-off age of 5 or 6.

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There were not many supporters who mailed us a donation this month, so we were very happy to be able to pay the regular bills, thanks to Judith Olivier and Bonnie Buckmore, who once again hit the roads and stores to collect nickels and dimes and some bills, too, from the donation boxes all over town.

Then we received a "surprise" donation from Stephanie Nolan of the "Rusty Tank Animal Aid". Rusty Tank had their 5th Annual Comedy Event. Kim Doherty, also a long-time friend of Charley's Strays, told Stephanie about us, so Charley's Strays was one of the lucky recipients of donations Rusty Tank took in!

Maryann and Richard Clover mailed us a donation in memory of their dear Cody, the most adorable little terrier.

These donations in memory of a friend or relative, or of some ones pet, are always a really sad thing to receive. I know how many tears are behind those donations.

***A big "Thank you" to all of you!***

This brings me to the end of February's newsletter. Think Spring!

## **Gabriele, Mary, Ted, Eric and Jim**



**Kody during our recent snow storm**

## **CAT REPORT FEBRUARY 2020**

I'm glad to report our cats have had another peaceful month. Tang seems to be feeling all right – sometimes a bit slow-moving when I wake him up for breakfast, but I don't move very fast in the morning either. Of the four big brothers, Lucien's still on the thin side, but not alarmingly so, and Feather compensates by being a bit overweight. Neither of them is slowed down, nor are the other two. Willow has joined Tang in switching between their usual downstairs group and the upstairs group; Alafer is happy to stay downstairs where he belongs, as is Ryan, the grey one who's the only survivor of another cat family we took in.

As usual, cats on the porch during the warm spells, and cats on the windowsills most of the time. When I come down the driveway there's almost always someone silhouetted in the dining room window.

Pepper Charles and Shirley Jordan donated cat food again this month, and Suzanne Belisle, Teresa Parent and Al Smith provided coupons – I used \$4 worth earlier today.

Two other friends have started saving various kinds of used-litter disposal bags for me. Those of you who aren't in Maine might not have heard that our state legislature has banned most plastic grocery bags as of this spring. My standard litter collector for years has been a plastic grocery bag inside a small wastebasket, double-wrapped in a sturdier bag for delivery to the transfer station. The legislators meant to benefit the environment; looking at the increased use of reusable bags, they might have accomplished something.