

When they returned to the United States, Michele Connor enlisted the help of a local Girl Scout troop and was able to send out 4 boxes of filled stockings for Christmas for the Yolefchka Children's Home and the Sitka Maternity Hospital. In 2001, the Connors began the Socks for Siberia project, which prompted the name of the organization. They now make bi-annual trips to Russia and continue to donate goods to the orphanages, their most recent trip being in July 2013.



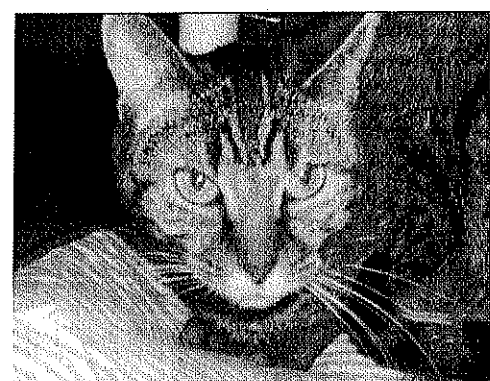
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People listen to performers at the 2012 SocksStock.

For more information on SocksStock 2013 and Socks for Siberia, visit their website at www.socksforsiberia.org.

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CCC Cat of the Week: Trina

Hello, my name is Trina. I am 8 years old, came to the Community Cat Connection through the Trap and Release program, the area I was living in was unsafe for me to return to so I was sent to a foster home where I could learn to be around people. I am now at the shelter. I am very shy from me to time. When I do come around I love to have my ears rubbed and my back patted. I also love sleeping on pillows. I would like to live in a home with another cat and or dog with no small children. If you have room on your bed for just one more I am your girl I hope to see you soon at the CCC.

If you can't adopt me, maybe you could sponsor me. Anyone can sponsor a cat by making a monthly donation, which goes towards care for that cat.

The CCC is also in need of volunteers for all shifts. We have morning shifts, and afternoon/evening shifts seven days a week. Please visit our website or call our Volunteer Coordinator Marcia at (508) 949-7779 for more information. We are also in need of supplies, such as bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, wet and dry cat and kitten

food, trash bags, and Clorox wipes. Any donations are greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off at the shelter when we are open.

We are also in need of foster homes. We have many mother cats and kittens coming in. Please consider opening your home to these wonderful cats. Fostering is fun and the CCC pays for everything.

Donated oxygen masks to help Oxford Fire-EMS

OXFORD — The Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association Charities, Inc. (MVMA) has provided a set of pet oxygen masks to the Oxford Fire-EMS Department to help save animals' lives.

Oxford is the latest community to benefit from a statewide initiative by the MVMA Charities, Inc. to outfit each of the 356 cities and towns in the commonwealth with at least one set of animal oxygen masks for their first responder units.

The MVMA Charities, Inc. already offers funds to each Massachusetts municipality to provide veterinary medical care to stray cats and dogs. This initiative puts masks that are sized and shaped for animals in the hands of rescue personnel, allowing emergency responders to effectively administer oxygen to pets rescued from fires and other emergency situations. The MVMA's Pet Oxygen Mask Program also seeks to raise public awareness of the importance of including pets in family emergency planning and preparation, support animal control officers in their animal-care work, and assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Animal Response Team in its preparedness efforts.

"We are so pleased to provide Oxford with these oxygen masks," commented MVMA Charities, Inc. President Dr. Suzanne Starr. "Firefighters and other responders regularly rescue animals from emergency situations, and those animals need immediate care. These masks could well mean the difference between life and death for someone's beloved pet."

Dr. Starr explains how the MVMA is working with municipalities to address the needs of some of the most vulnerable animals.

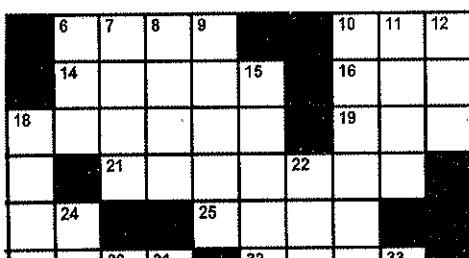
"The Charity's Pet Oxygen Mask and Stray Animal Programs offer support to cities and towns across the commonwealth for two primary purposes: to help animals survive disaster and to help them receive veterinary care when they have become lost or been abandoned," she said.

The MVMA Charities, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit supporting charity to the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association, the statewide professional association of veterinarians. The MVMA Charities, Inc. offers funding to every Massachusetts city and town to help animal control officers pay for veterinary treatment of stray animals, is equipping each municipality with at least one set of animal oxygen masks, provides international veterinary medical services in Mexico through the Mazunte Turtle Project and in the Dominican Republic through Project Samana, and supports efforts to prepare for animal rescue operations during an emergency or disaster. Contributions to the MVMA Charities, Inc. are taxdeductible.

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