

## FACES Bimonthly Meeting Minutes January 9, 2013

Welcome to all and I hope each and everyone had a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year's and now ready to begin a new year. Ahead is the promise of many new hopes and challenges and it is my hope that FACES can have another successful year and meet the needs of any dog that come in to our program and find them "forever" homes with loving families.

We did Santa Photo's at Pet Supplies in West Springfield and AW Brown's in East Longmeadow. Between the two events we brought in \$ 1,025.00. We are delighted that we did this well and it was certainly a worthwhile endeavor. With the economy as it is and many other factors' I would have to say that we have much to be thankful with these results. Our sincere thanks to all who helped to make this possible and to step up to the plate and show that we are very committed to doing whatever we can to keep FACES as a caring and viable organization. A special thank you to Heather Hicks who was the photographer at both events and for a job "well done."

Return Dog: Duchess on 12/23/12. Was adopted out to a family on 5/25/12 to a woman and four children. Reason for Surrender: children will not walk and exercise the dog on a daily basis and mother feels it is unfair to the dog whereas children will not take on responsibility.

*If Your Dog or Cat Gets a Cut.* Article being circulated to those at the meeting. Safety first, may need to use a muzzle. For cats, need three people. Clean the wound, stop the bleeding, apply antibiotic ointment, and bandage the wound. Use Elizabethan Collar so dog won't remove the bandage. Decide if animal needs to see vet after doing previous steps.

Interesting Information from Woman's Day. When taking pets across state lines, a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection from your vet is required, confirming that the animal has not signs of contagious diseases. Pet owners are rarely stopped for not having a certificate, but if you are, the fine can be as much as \$1,000.00.

New Dog on our Web Site for Adoption, Leo, Shepherd/Akita mix, 1 y/o and 50 pounds. See our web site [www.facesdogrescue.org](http://www.facesdogrescue.org) if interested.

Adoption: December 29, 2012. Peanut, 3 y/o Purebred Dachshund. Went to a family in Broad Brook, CT. Two children, a cat and a dog. Heard from the family a few days ago and all seem to be going very well. She was a great dog and the family was used to dachshunds so I am hopeful this will be another successful placement.

Duchess: I am having the article and the picture of Duchess put in the West Springfield Record newspaper in the edition coming out on January 10, 2013. This is the information that is on our website and this local newspaper gets fairly wide dissemination in West Springfield and surrounding areas. They are willing to

help us get the word out within the local area which will help to reach those who do not have regular access to computer sites.

Big News to Report: Kim Balboni (Foster Home/Evaluator) has become a mother once again. On Jan. 6 at 11 a.m. she had Dante Robert Balboni, 7 Pounds, 13 Ounces and is now the proud mother of 3 boys. Sure you all join me in wishing them the best. This will in no way effects Kim's dedication and loyalty to FACES.

FACES Business Cards. We will resurrect the FACES Business Cards to be given out when the information would be helpful to people. It will refer them to our mailing address, telephone line and website. This gives them the option of reaching us in whatever manner is easiest for them.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7 p.m. Place: Church of Good Shepherd, 214 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA

Any old or new business or any questions or items of interest to the group?

Respectfully,  
Marjorie P. Wood, President

