



NEWSLETTER

Fall 2011

Museum Turns Two

The Museum's Board, Council and volunteers have had a busy year! Building on the events we sponsored and attended last year, we widened our reach by establishing contacts with various maritime working dog Breed Clubs, and have pursued plans to have one or more in-water demonstrations next year.

Museum representatives developed a portable exhibit and a short video highlighting some of the many types of maritime pets throughout history. These tools greatly enhanced our presence at several canine and nautical events in our area.

Our School Committee is developing a pilot program which should be ready to test next Spring at the elementary level. We are fortunate to have the contribution of two retired teachers for this project.

We are currently sponsoring the Museum's first undergraduate internship with a junior from St. John's. Emma Xue is helping revamp and improve our website and is putting the finishing touches

on our e-commerce site. Emma is from Chengdu (home of the giant pandas) in Szechuan Province, China. She will be working with us through the 2012 Spring Semester.



Emma and fellow classmate Chang Liu, helping out with hospitality at a recent event.

Ongoing Projects

We hope to sponsor another intern who will catalog our growing research library and help us publicize the collection.

Major news outlets and blogs often provide us with topical and heart-warming news accounts of maritime pets at work. Lucy, a Jack Russell, "steered" her owner's boat to shore after he fell overboard off

the Florida coast. Dog and master are fine! Baltic, a dog rescued after surviving two weeks on an ice floe, now serves as a mascot on the Polish fishing vessel which rescued him.

The Museum's collection of visual and video material continues to grow as we expand our world-wide research and contacts with nautical, historical and maritime organizations, particularly those with archives and sea journals.

One of our many art images depicting working maritime pets:



Micmac Indians, c. 1850, courtesy, National Gallery of Canada. Dogs on the boats and in the water retrieving birds.

Fundraising and Special Events

This year, the Museum held two fundraisers: a wine tasting at Crush Winehouse and a live jazz reception at a private home. These events, plus the sale of our books, gifts, pet gear and toys provide about 50% of our funding; the balance comes from donations and membership contributions.

The Museum will begin in 2012 to solicit grants from foundations and pet-related companies. Our goal is to raise enough start-up capital to enable us to find a permanent home to house our offices and library and enable us to present exhibits and educational programs.

Please consider joining, renewing or contributing by completing the attached form. Thanks for your participation and generosity!

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We hope to have the Museum's e-commerce site up for the holidays. Check our website soon!

The Museum offers many ways for you to help us achieve our goals. Let us know what projects might interest you! Here are just some:

Goodwill/publicity/hospitality
Host a short local cruise for one or two people and their pets*
Provide waterfront, beachfront or pier for in-water working dog demonstration *
Provide venue and host a social or fundraising event
Research
Sponsor/underwrite special educational events

(*Museum would provide insurance for these events.)

Upcoming Programs

The Museum is working on a lecture series for 2012, including one by a U.S. Coast Guard representative. The Coast Guard has long partnered with various animals to carry out its rescue and reconnaissance work. Check the Events section of our website for details and dates.

Special Acknowledgements

Heartfelt thanks to Pocket Change Productions for donating the design and production of our educational video. This short film illustrates several types of maritime pets at work and at play, and has met with universal praise. Based on

feedback from reviewers, it will soon undergo some editing to make it accessible for the web. Stay tuned!

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