



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



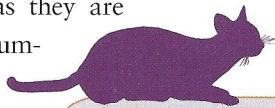
# Lowells honored for giving dogs a 'Second Chance'

In December 2005, the League got a call about two puppies who had spent their first six months housed in a bathroom. Afraid of nearly everything and everyone, the two were brought to the Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center by one of our rescue specialists. The staff started the rehabilitation process, but it was determined the puppies required more one-on-one support.

Two of the League's long-time foster families, James and Susan Lowell and their daughter, Sue, were contacted to provide foster care to the puppies. The Lowells bonded so well, they decided to give the two young dogs, now named Shamus and Nathan, the permanent and loving home they so desperately needed.

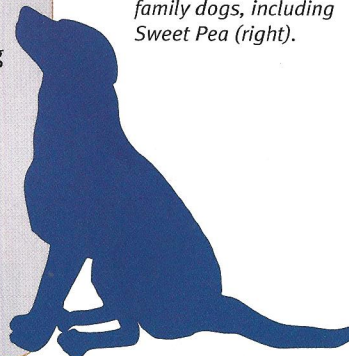
What a difference a year makes! The dogs are now in great physical shape, but their mental scars are still there, as they are somewhat skittish under certain circumstances. But both Shamus and Nathan are enjoying a new lease on life. They walk daily in the woods around their respective homes, and they enjoy the company of the other Lowell dogs — who have been crucial in their recovery and continue to play a vital companionship role.

Without the Lowell's generosity and good will, Shamus and Nathan would not have progressed so beautifully. For giving them a "Second Chance," the Animal Rescue League of Boston extends the Lowells our warmest thanks and deepest appreciation.

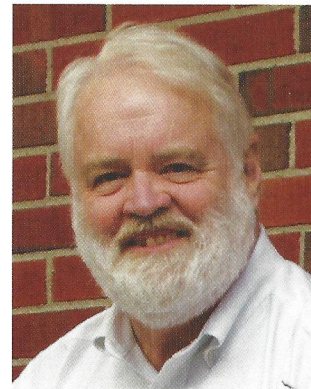


### Want to be a foster parent?

It's a wonderful way to help animals who need tender loving care, bridging the time until they are ready for adoption. For more information about our foster program, please contact Debby Vogel at (617) 426-9170, ext. 170, or [dvogel@arlboston.org](mailto:dvogel@arlboston.org).



*A loving home. Shamus and Nathan, the two Golden Retriever mix breeds rescued by the Lowells, have bonded with their new owners and the other family dogs, including Sweet Pea (right).*



James Lowell



Daughter, Sue Lowell



Linus  
Adopted

## ARL Introduces Foster Care Ambassador Program

This spring, the ARL launched its Foster Care Ambassador Program (FCAP) in all three of its shelter locations in Boston, Brewster, and Dedham.

OFFF asked Maryann Regan, ARL's Director of Shelter Operations, to explain how the program will give deserving animals time out of the shelter — **and help save more lives!**

**OFFF:** *What is FCAP?*

**Maryann Regan:** FCAP is a fun and unique way of taking ARL's existing foster care program to the next level. Not only are lives saved, but space, time, and resources are freed up inside our shelter to care for more animals in need. We supply simple training and a few tools; our foster parents take it from there!

**OFFF:** *How does FCAP differ from ARL's traditional foster care program?*

**MR:** Essentially, FCAP is not much different than our existing foster care program. Our traditional program is focused on animals that are not quite ready for adoption due to age, medical issues, and behavioral challenges. With FCAP, the foster parents can bring home any animal they choose.

The biggest difference is that FCAP empowers our foster care parents to not only find loving homes for their foster animals, but also to adopt out the animals on their own. This means doing the adoption counseling, the paperwork that goes along with it, receiving payments for the adoption, and essentially sending the animal home without the animal ever having to come back to the shelter.

**OFFF:** *I'm interested in becoming a foster parent through the FCAP program, but I don't have any training. Is that OK?*

**MR:** Yes! Our expert staff will provide you with all the training and tools you need to make it a successful adoption process.

**"I foster dogs to give them a chance that they might not otherwise have. I love seeing the rewarding results from nurturing puppies. My goal and hope is to see my foster puppies take the next step of being adopted by a loving person or family!"**

— Susan Lowell,  
ARL Foster Parent

**"All animals deserve time out of the shelter in a loving home while waiting to be adopted. ARL's new FCAP program will give animals the opportunity to do just that- and give our shelters room for more animals in the process!"**

— Maryann Regan,  
ARL's Director of  
Shelter Operations

If you're interested in helping us reach our goal to save more animals in need, we encourage you to apply to the FCAP program to see what it's all about!

**For more information on FCAP or to apply, contact Debby Vogel, ARL's Volunteer and Educational Programs Manager at [dvogel@arlboston.org](mailto:dvogel@arlboston.org) or (617) 266-5670.**

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