Thomas C. McGowan Fund for Animals
2020 Grant Recipients

Eleven nonprofit organizations received a total of $52,000 through this grantmaking program.

The Thomas C. McGowan Fund for Animals was established through a gift from the late Thomas McGowan who had a passion for animals and wanted to ensure that funding would exist on Cape Cod and the Islands to support their welfare long after his death. In establishing the fund, Mr. McGowan focused on animal protection and welfare with a preference for the following: medical treatment; “no-kill” shelters; spaying/neutering of domestic animals; prevention of cruelty to animals; and education building public awareness on issues affecting animals and their welfare.

In response to the pandemic, the Fund awarded three grants totaling $25,000 in August to support the following programs:

- **Animal Rescue League of Boston, $5,000**
  To support spay waggin’ on Cape Cod which provides low-cost spay/neuter services

- **Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Centerville, $10,000**
  To provide financial assistance to low-income cat and dog owners on Cape Cod whose pets require acute veterinary care

- **Sampson Fund for Veterinary Care in Orleans, $10,000**
  To support rehabilitative treatment for critically ill or injured dogs and cats, particularly in life-threatening cases, when their owners cannot afford treatment

In December, the Fund awarded the following grants, totaling $27,000:

- **Birdsey Cape Wildlife Center in Barnstable, $4,200**
  To support efforts at its veterinary hospital and education center

- **Cape Cod Military Support Foundation in Buzzards Bay, $4,200**
  To support its Food4Animals2 program

- **Nantucket Safe Harbor for Animals on Nantucket, $5,000**
  To support community outreach programs

- **National Marine Life Center in Buzzards Bay, $2,400**
  To support sea turtle rehabilitation

- **New England Society for Abandoned Animals in Osterville, $2,500**
  To support its community cats project

- **People for Cats in Falmouth, $2,500**
  To support its Veterinary Care Assistance Fund

- **Second Chance Animal Rescue in Vineyard Haven, $2,000**
  To support spay and neuter medical treatments

- **Wild Care in Eastham, $4,200**
  To support efforts at its critical care clinic and wildlife nursery