

Cops For Kids With Cancer and Boston Police Give Back

Provide Escort, Gifts, and Check to Family of 8-year-old Edarwin Santana

SUBMITTED BY BPD

On Wednesday, September 13, 2017, Boston Police officers from District D-4 (South End) were happy to make 8-year-old Edarwin Santana's day a little brighter with a police escort



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and tour of the district police station where Edarwin, a cancer patient and avid fan of police officers, and

his family were presented with a generous donation from Cops for Kids with Cancer.

ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

My girlfriend was in a relationship with a guy for eight years. They bought a dog together. They shared the price, responsibilities and vet-

erinarian bills they incurred caring for Bruno, a Labrador-mix. After they split up, the ex refuses to allow her even a shared visit with the dog. Bruno is getting old and she would like to share the responsibility. She'd even like to take the dog for the last couple of years of its life. Her ex definitely won't give her any or even shared responsibility. Does she have any legal rights? Is there any way she could bring the guy to court to get some guaranteed visiting rights (or custody?) of Bruno?

—Butch

Dear Butch,

Dogs can own our hearts and souls; yet, they are considered "property" in the eyes of the law. This means your girlfriend has legal rights only if she can produce the receipts for Bruno and his care when she shared the dog with her ex-boyfriend. The documentation of expenses would

provide proof of her stake and ownership in the pet if she brings any sort of legal case. Dog Lady watches enough "Judge Judy" to know dog cases usually wind up in small claims court and property disputes always are settled with valid receipts and proofs of ownership.

If she can't find documentation, you might want better advice. There's a firm called Boston Dog Lawyers in Beverly, Massachusetts. The lawyers deal with dog-related cases and it might be worth your time to ask them about seeking custody of Bruno. The website is www.bostondoglawyers.com. You can fill out a form on the homepage of the site specifying the reason for your contact.

Dear Dog Lady,

We just bought a second floor condo. Our neighbors on the garden

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More Than Words expands its offerings with Acoustic Showcase

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

More Than Words, the used book and music store at 242 East Berkeley Street that provides work training and experience to youth, launched a monthly Acoustic Music Showcase on Saturday, September 16 from 2:00-5:00 PM as part of a growing schedule of special events. The premiere showcase's lineup included guitarist Alex Stern of The Poms and the popular ska bands The Void Union and Big D and the Kids Table; singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Zack Cutler and Millbury-based roots-music duo Haak and Borus. According to Evan Scarlett, business training manager at More Than Words warehouse, the



Haak and Borus. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

showcase drew about 25 guests for the three acts, all of whom learned of the showcase through More Than Words staff.

Haak and Borus played a mix of pop and traditional music, originals

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Photo by Michele Maniscalco

Swet Studio flies high at Boston Social Fitness Festival

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Just shy of its second anniversary in business, Swet Studio, 480 Tremont Street, reached new heights in exposure and interest on Saturday, September 16 when it presented its aerial aerobics and fitness class at the Boston Social Fitness Festival at City Hall Plaza.

While the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment did not have an attendance estimate for the free, general-admission event, Swet's three classes were booked to capacity, with instructors, current students and onlookers getting into the acrobatic act.

Swet spokesperson Adam Rowe commented, "The interest was so strong, in fact, that we had to send a runner back to the studio in the

South End to retrieve more aerial yoga hammocks." Swet owner and fitness trainer Silviya Mihaylova stresses inclusiveness in the studio's range of classes, ability levels and outreach, and that approach followed through in the classes at the fitness festival.

Rowe said, "Part of the studio's approach is to make classes inviting to all levels, so they included not only seasoned practitioners, but a slew of first time flyers. It was fun for the Studio to participate in an event with so many enthusiastic people. What was really great was all the excitement the event generated for Swet Studio's Anti-Gravity Aerial Yoga Teacher Training next month."

Teachers were joined on the hammocks and silks by accomplished students. One of them

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How We're Recognizing Recovery Month

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

I wouldn't be where I am today without the recovery community—and I know many other Bostonians have had the same experience as me. That's why it's so important we create strong pathways to recovery, and why I'm proud Boston recognizes September as Recovery Month here in our City.

Recovery Month is a time when we highlight Boston's recovery community: those who are struggling with substance use disorders, their loved ones and the care providers who support people on their recovery each day. We know that substance use disorders are a disease—and those who are suffering need our help. This month is dedicated to all those who are working to improve their own lives and the lives of others.

In 2014, more than 11,000 people received services for substance use disorders in Boston. Every one of those 11,000 people has friends, families and loved ones that are also affected. Recovery services don't simply help those struggling with substance use disorders—they provide resources for all those impacted. That's why in 2015, we created the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services—the first

of its kind in the United States. It works closely with the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), other City of Boston departments, state and federal agencies, local service providers, and communities to build a network of recovery support throughout Boston.

Since then, we have more than doubled staff and expanded hours at the City's access to care program, created the City's first 24/7 recovery support hotline through 311, and added a street outreach team in our hardest-hit areas. We've doubled the capacity of the Mobile Sharps Team to pick up improperly discarded hypodermic needles, and began a pilot engagement center where individuals can spend time during the day, and access the many housing and recovery services offered by the City and our partners.

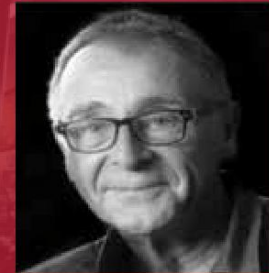
The Boston Public Health Commission has provided overdose prevention and naloxone trainings since 2006, training more than 10,000 civilians a year in lifesaving skills. BPHC recently launched an overdose prevention and bystander online training, which provides information about the opioid epidemic and how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

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was Alycia, who has been taking the aerial fitness classes for four or five months and will start teacher training at Swet in October. "It's an awesome program. I wanted to do yoga and aerial stuff, so I did an online search and sure enough: [Swet] is the only studio in the area that does it."

Jim Delaney of Activate Sports, who worked with the Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment to organize the Fitness Festival, explained how this year's event expanded upon the inaugural festival.

"In just its second year, the Mayor's Social Fitness Festival far exceeded expectations with several thousand active participants on City Hall Plaza throughout the day, engaging in everything from dance parties to yoga to bootcamps and more. Based on the incredible

interest and feedback this year, we expect next September's festival to grow substantially."

The Swet team was pleased to have the opportunity to introduce its unique and visually exciting classes to a wider audience at the festival. "The Mayor's team put together an exciting program. As a local South End business, that has not yet been around a full two years, it was an honor to be center stage at City Hall," Rowe said.



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As Chair of the National Task Force on Substance Abuse, Prevention and Recovery Services at the United States Conference of Mayors, I know recovery and substance use disorders impacts cities across the United States. Boston is leading the way on recovery services, and our work allows us to help others in need. Just this year, I held a naloxone and overdose prevention training for a group of mayors, and shared a toolkit—Actions to Address Substance Use Disorders in America's Cities—with fellow City leaders. Here in Bos-

ton, we know every single person can make a difference. That's the message I'm sending to mayors around the country.

Battling substance use disorders and entering recovery—and staying in recovery—isn't easy. You have to take recovery one day at a time. Day by day, Boston's recovery services are helping residents. If you know someone in need, encourage him or her to call 311 to get connected with services. Know that help is out there. Boston will be behind you, every day and every step of the way.

For more services and information about Recovery Month, visit www.boston.gov/recovery.

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Dog Lady

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level keep their dog outside all the time and he barks incessantly throughout the day and night. Any suggestions on how to approach our neighbors on this, if at all? This dog has obviously gone without training.

—Megan

Dear Megan,

Oh, situations like this break Dog Lady's heart. Of course, her sympathy is usually with the poor dog because a dog that barks day and night is a super-stressed animal — either bored, hungry, or sick — and miserable.

You've just moved in and probably reluctant to confront your new neighbors. However, you have every right to make your concern clear to them. Be polite and simply tell them the dog barks all the time and you're concerned. Tell them the noise bothers you and ask them ever so politely if they are going to address the issue. See where this conversation leads. Let's hope deep down they are good neighbors and responsible dog owners and will assure you they want to do the right thing for you and their pet.

Dear Dog Lady,

I have three Chihuahuas. And my two

females hate each other. They fight all the time growling and biting each other. If I pick up Lola and my husband picks up Ava and we stand anywhere close to each other they try to fight in our arms. Is there anything we can do so they stop fighting? Ava is four and Lola is two. Please help!

—Adrienne

Dear Adrienne,

When there is more than one dog at home you must ensure all dogs are on a level playing field. Each should be spayed and neutered. Each should have a safe place — with a bed or crate and a food bowl. Every dog, even the smallest, needs its own place in the world.

Dog Lady can't stop your two dogs from fighting. Only you can do that by not trying anything dumb such as picking them up and allowing them to fight like gladiators in your arms. The dogs will work out their issues if they are allowed to spar safely — on ground level. Lola is more a puppy than Ava so they squabble about status and leadership. Please don't think of their emotions in human terms of "hate." Nipping is normal. Growling is normal too. Out and out bloody combat is not normal. If you see your dogs heading down that violent road, seek out your veterinarian and a trained behaviorist.

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Words

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from their other band, and an old English ballad. They led off with a cover of Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire", breaking from Cash's trademark baritone with carefully woven vocal harmonies. The pair lightened the mood with "You Are My Sunshine" and followed with the early 20th century folk ballad, "Fare

Thee Well (Dink's Song)" and ending the set with the 16th century English ballad, "The Death of Queen Jane".

More Than Words was pleased with the response to its new concert series, which will return on October 21 and recur through December. "Our primary objective for the showcase was to liven up the space and boost foot traffic, and I would say that this Saturday was definitely a success on both of those fronts," Scarlett said in a follow-up e-mail.

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Date of Death: 10/30/2016	Docket No. SU17P1826EA
To all interested persons: A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by Hope A. Coleman of Boston MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Hope A. Coleman of Boston MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.	
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WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 6, 2017 Terri Klug Caffazzo, Register of Probate	

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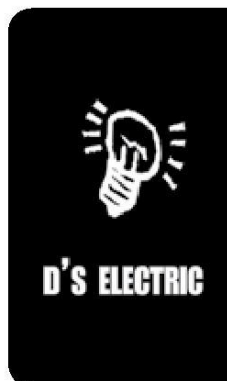
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