

# Properly dispose of PPE to protect animals

Gibbs' Rule...

help keep animals safe  
**dispose your PPE properly**



Gibbs, along with his mom and dad, were left hungry and hot in an abandoned house. A police officer rescued the dogs and brought them to a veterinary hospital for care. Soon after intake, Gibbs was vomiting and not feeling well. An X-ray showed that Gibbs had ingested something that was making him very sick. Gibbs had emergency surgery that removed two discarded masks with nose wires. Gibbs was lucky, he received help in time.



(Gibbs' X-ray showing the nose wires of the discarded masks)

To animals used masks and gloves can smell like food. If ingested these items can cause GI upset or even life-threatening blockages. **Don't let your protection become a hazard for them!**



**When you take it off, toss it in a covered bin!**



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Masks and gloves are a way of life during COVID-19 but can pose a threat to pets and wildlife when improperly disposed. Masks can smell like food and, if ingested, can cause stomach upset and blockages that can be fatal.

Gibbs is one such pup. He was found abandoned in a house and needed

emergency surgery after ingesting a mask. The MVMA Charities funded some of his medical care and he's well on his way to recovering. Not all animals are as lucky as Gibbs.

Save a life - dispose of PPE in a **covered** waste container and don't leave it on the ground!

## Stray Animal Program

*The MVMA Charities provides financial assistance for urgent and emergent care of non-owned, unwanted, and unclaimed animals through the [Stray Animal Program](#). By creating partnerships between local Animal Control Officers and veterinarians, the MVMAC plays an important role in helping these animals receive the medical care they need. Funds are made available to every town and city in Massachusetts.*

## 2020 Q2 Activity

**New Communities Enrolled in the Program:** Lancaster

**Number of Requests:** 5

**Total Amount Requested:** \$2,558

## Success Stories



Rosie was living in a home with multiple pets, (dogs, cats, chickens, and goats) as well as 11 human children. After one of the children developed allergies, the owners began to re-home all the pets. Rosie had developed a large, softball sized tumor on her left hindquarters which affected their ability to find another home for her. The tumor eventually ruptured and she was surrendered to animal control.

Rosie underwent a successful surgery and is in foster care recovering like a rockstar! We are proud to have funded her medical care.



This cat was found abandoned and in desperate need of medical attention. We funded his care, which included treatment for kidney stones and several days of hospitalization. The Dogmother LLC, who helped rescue him said, "You guys have helped us out over the last few

years and you are truly amazing and we appreciate what you guys do to help!"



**STAY SAFE AND STAY HEALTHY TOGETHER**

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Despite having to cancel our in-person [Metrowest K95K](#) event this year, we raised nearly \$9,000 to support our animal welfare programs in Massachusetts!

## THANK YOU ...

To our sponsors, runners/walkers, and fundraisers - we can't wait to see you next year in person (we hope!).



David McGrath, DVM

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## Please Keep the MVMA Charities in Your 2020 Giving Plan

Your gift of **any size** will help fund urgent veterinary care of abandoned and unowned animals through our **Stray Animal Program** and disaster preparedness and response through our **Emergency and Disaster Program**.

**Easy:** **Donate online** in one installment or monthly recurring gifts OR mail in **this form**.

**Effective:** 100% of your donation funds our programs, not overhead costs.

**Essential:** Help protect the lives of animals in Massachusetts.



**THANK YOU!!**

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