Robert Burke was born in Cambridge, MA, on July 12, 1950. His father was in sales, and the son of a Boston police officer. His mother was the daughter of a concert pianist. They moved to California for a better life.

At age 17, Robert joined the Marines and served from 1968 to 1972. He was a radio operator in Vietnam. When he returned home, he became an instructor at radio operators’ school in California.

Later, he worked at Papa Gino’s. His work brought him to Methuen, where he was an assistant manager of Papa Gino’s. Robert loved to write poems and was a die-hard Dodgers fan. His best friend was his dog, Shadow.

Sadly, Robert passed away at age 66 on January 28, 2013, at the Coolidge House in Brookline.

THE SHADOW FUND

Shadow was then a five-year-old yellow Labrador retriever that Robert Burke rescued. Mr. Burke, a Vietnam Veteran was going to be forced to quit his job so he could access his 401(k) retirement plan (his company did not permit current employees to access the account) to pay for surgery that Shadow needed, since he could not pay on his $488 weekly salary. Fortunately for Mr. Burke and Shadow, Mark E. Vogler of the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune wrote a story about Burke’s predicament. The story attracted the attention of the Massachusetts School of Law and Dr. Richard Lindsay, founder of the Andover Animal Hospital. After examining Shadow, Dr. Lindsay agreed to perform the surgery if the law school could raise $1,000 to cover part of the cost. That was all Diane Sullivan needed to hear, and she and her animal law class spread the word. People sent in so much money that there was a surplus after paying for the surgery. Thus, The Shadow Fund was established at the suggestion of Associate Dean Michael L. Coyne and Burke to help pet owners who cannot afford necessary medical treatment for their pets. Requests keep pouring in.
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All Proceeds from the sale of this book benefit the "Shadow Fund." For copies contact Laura @ 978.681.0800 or stop by the school book store.

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CHILDREN & FAMILY EVENTS

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Andover Fire Department

The entire Andover Fire Department underwent BART (Basic Animal Rescue Training) training on April 25, 2007 and within two weeks used their new skills and equipment to assist four pet cats that were recovered from house fires. Just three hours after completing their BART training, Andover firefighters found a cat confused, scared, and hiding in the basement of a burning home. With their new skills fresh in mind, firefighters were able to assess and care for the animal and give it a safe return to its waiting owner.

Martha Parkhurst
MSPCA Law Enforcement

Since its formation in 1868, the MSPCA has been involved in the protection of animals. By the 1870s, when the first animal cruelty laws were enacted, the MSPCA had both paid and volunteer officers working across the state to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty allegations. Officers responding to cruelty complaints make every effort to educate offenders before filing for prosecution. Animals without proper shelter, in need of medical attention, not receiving proper nutrition, and animals abandoned when an owner moves away are only a small sample of the complaints that are investigated. Education is especially important for cases in which the letter of the law has not been broken, but neglect exists through failure to meet an animal's social and physical needs. Working closely with MSPCA hospitals and adoption centers, law enforcement officers make sure each abused animal receives the special care it needs and if necessary, a foster home during lengthy legal proceedings.

To Report Suspected Animal Cruelty, Please Call:
(617) 522-6008 or (800) 628-5808

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Special Thanks to Penguin Pizza
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Tel: 617.277.9200
Fax: 617.277.9204

Thank You to all of the volunteers that helped make this event possible.
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Andover Bookstore: More than a Bookstore
The heart of the cultural community of Andover, a gathering place for storytelling, author events, book groups, and poetry readings.
Located on 89R Main Street, in Andover.
Website: hugobookstores.com/andover

Andover Bookstore will be selling Tom Ryan's FOLLOWING ATTICUS.
After a close friend died of cancer, middle-aged, overweight, acrophobic newspaperman Tom Ryan decided to pay tribute to her in a most unorthodox manner. Ryan and his friend, miniature schnauzer Atticus M. Finch, would attempt to climb all 48 of New Hampshire's four thousand-foot peaks twice in one winter while raising money for charity. It was an adventure of a lifetime, leading them across hundreds of miles and deep into an enchanting but dangerous winter wonderland. At the heart of the amazing journey was the extraordinary relationship they shared, one that blurred the line between man and dog.

Holly Lindgren
Hand Made Bird Houses and Daffodils
Holly is a drug treatment provider in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. She has seen her puppy program and therapy dogs make a difference in the lives of those behind prison walls or locked within their own mental health issues. Holly was raised in a family that was blessed to take care of many animals including horses, cows, chickens, dogs, and cats. They taught her kindness, compassion, and the power of adoption.

Bird Houses Made by Holly Lindgren’s Father, Daffodils donated by Holly Lindgren and Northeast Nursery Garden Center.

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100% of all sales from Bird Houses and Daffodils goes to the Shadow Fund.
Northeast Nursery Garden Center
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Presenters

ANIMAL LAW ISSUES /PET TRUSTS

Attorney and Professor of Law
Joseph Devlin
Joseph Devlin is a professor of law. He teaches Wills and Trusts, Contracts, Accounting for Lawyers, Creating and Representing New Businesses, Drafting Wills and Trusts, Drafting Contracts and Business Agreements, Business Associations, and Logic, Analysis and the Law. He is a cum laude graduate of Brandeis University, obtained his J.D. from Boston University School of Law, and practiced law in Boston, MA. He is the author of AudioTextTour’s Contracts series and Contracts Made Incredibly Easy. He has written extensively for local and national publications, lectured for a national bar review company, and served on the board of trustees for the American Association of University Administrators.

Attorney and Professor of Law
Thomas Martin
Thomas H. Martin is an assistant professor of law. He teaches Civil Procedure and Conflict Resolution, Environmental Law, Torts, and Restitution. He is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He has served as assistant corporation counsel of the City of Boston and General Counsel of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. He was a founding partner of a law firm in Boston and has practiced extensively in the areas of administrative law, litigation, environmental law and health care. Mr. Martin taught at Massachusetts School of Law as an adjunct faculty member before joining the full-time faculty.

DOG TRAINING DEMO
Kimberly Palermo,
Owner, BlueDog Pet Training
BlueDog offer dog walking, private and group training, play groups, house sitting, and more. Each service is meant to keep your dog as happy and healthy as possible because at BlueDog, your dog will always come first.
Presenters

Salem Police Department
Sgt. Dennis King of the Community Impact Unit and Animal Control Officer Don Famico

The Mission of the Salem Police Department is to enforce the laws of society, protect individual rights, lives and property, and to reduce overall crime. The Salem Police Department strives to deliver the highest standard of police services to the community with pride and professionalism.

Salem Police Department
95 Margin Street
Salem, MA 01970
Non-Emergency Request for Police 978.744.1212
Business 978.744.0171

BOO THE PONY
- The NEER mascot

NEER NORTH (New England Equine Rescue)

NEER North actively rescues horses and donkeys in need. There are a wide variety of situations including owner surrenders, abuse and neglect where these majestic animals are at risk of diminished health or, worse yet, heading to slaughter. NEER North is a safe haven where these animals are rehabilitated with the intention of adoption into new families. NEER North also networks closely with other reputable equine rescue organizations, assisting where needed.

Our Methodology
* Rescue equines in crisis: owner surrenders, abuse, neglect and horses at risk for slaughter.
* Rehabilitate: offer safe haven, feed, provide medical and farrier care, win respect, trust, and love.
* Rehome: making matches and adopting into suitable homes.

NEER North
183 River Road, West Newbury, MA 01985
Contact: NEERNorth@aol.com
Website: neernorth.org

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Deb Newman’s Baked Goods
All are made from scratch with lots of hard work and dedication just for the Animal Symposium. 100% of all sales goes to The Shadow Fund.

Woburn Feral Cat Coalition

Is a non-profit no kill organization dedicated volunteers committed to controlling the stray and feral cat population through humane trap, neuter and release program.

Their primary activities include humane education to the public regarding pet over-population and providing assistance to cats in life threatening situations.

Email: Woburncats@gmail.com
Woburn Feral Cat Coalition
PO Box 3127
Woburn, MA 01888

Karla K. Cook, Artist

Karla believe that the inclusion of animals in our homes serves to enhance our humanity and allows us to appreciate the beauty of the world around us.

For her entire life, she has been surrounded by a menagerie: Cats, dogs, hedgehogs, rabbits, birds, mice and fish have all at one time or another inhabited her heart and her home.

Karla has found that using her love of animals with her love of painting makes for a winning combination. With each animal she paints, she attempts to bring that animal's personality through the painting to the viewer. Karla’s greatest success is seeing a smile flash across someone’s face when they look at her paintings.

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Reservoir Farm Studio

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Humane-itarian Awards

Each year The Massachusetts School of Law at its annual Animal Rights Day recognizes an individual/individuals or company that has made selfless contributions to improve and enhance the quality of life for animals.

This year's recipients:

Tom Ryan and Atticus M. Finch

After raising thousands of dollars for Angell Animal Medical Center in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, the pair was inducted into the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) Hall of Fame as co-recipients of the "Human Hero of the Year Award." Tom currently writes the popular "The Adventures of Tom & Atticus" column in the North Country News and Mountainside Guide and the blog, "The Adventures of Tom and Atticus." He and Atticus live in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Nolan Doherty

Nolan is a nine-year-old boy who is the oldest of four, soon to be five siblings. He has always been a caring, sweet young boy to his younger siblings, and his caring nature has also been directed toward animals, in particular dogs! Last spring Nolan planned a dog fundraising party to benefit The Shadow Fund. He invited family, neighbors, and all his Hingham South School friends, raising more than one thousand dollars!! What a great success!

Presenters

Essex County Sheriff's Department K-9

The Essex County Sheriff's Department K-9 Division consists of 16 teams with wide-ranging duties. While all of the teams are responsible for providing security at the department’s three incarceration facilities, they are often called by police departments to aid in the arrest of fugitives, locate missing people, and detect hidden drugs. In 1999-2000, the K-9 Division responded to 300 calls from communities in Essex County and southern New Hampshire. The unit recovered 30,000 bags of heroin, more than 900 pounds of marijuana, 10 kilograms of cocaine and crack, and thousands of dollars.

The unit also conducted more than 100 demonstrations in area schools and at parades and fairs throughout the county.

Kara Holmquist, MSPCA Director of Advocacy

Kara Holmquist is the Director of Advocacy for the MSPCA, and has law degree from Suffolk University Law School. Kara has been a member of the Massachusetts Animal Coalition (MAC) since 2001. Her work with MAC has focused on the Advocacy Committee and the "I'm Animal Friendly" license plate program. Kara is on the steering committee of the Humane USA-Massachusetts political action committee (PAC), which seeks to elect humane-minded legislators to office. Kara is a part of the newly formed Animal Law Practice Group of the Massachusetts Bar Association. Kara lives with her dog (Finley), cat (Addy), husband (Kiko) and daughter (Story).

Website: mspeca.org
Les Embrey from The Massachusetts Caged Bird Association

MCBA was formed in 1916. Article IV of the Bylaws (2008) states the purpose as follows: “...to improve & promote the care, handling, maintenance, breeding, & welfare of cage birds, & the dissemination of useful & helpful avian-related information. ...[the object of] the Association is to promote the welfare of its members and bind together affiliation through good fellowship. The Association supports efforts to preserve natural wild avian habitats, efforts to preserve avian species at risk for endangerment, and efforts to further the study of avian behavior & avian illnesses.

Website: masscagebird.org

Concetta Ferragamo and Robin Shewokis from The American Federation of Aviculture

The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) is a nonprofit national organization established in 1974, whose purpose is to represent all aspects of aviculture and to educate the public about keeping and breeding birds in captivity.

Mission and Purpose
The mission and purpose of AFA shall be to promote the advancement of Aviculture through educational programs that support the advancement and improvement of breeding practices, husbandry practices, and living conditions for exotic birds, conservation, research and legislative awareness. The goal of AFA is to insure long-term, self-sustaining populations of exotic birds both in captivity and in the wild.

American Federation of Aviculture, Inc.
PO Box 91717
Austin TX 78709-1717
Tel. 512-585-9800
Website: afabirds.org

Bob Swain and Waldo from NEADS (Dogs For Deaf and Disabled Americans)

NEADS is a non-profit organization, organized under section 501c (3) of the IRS code. NEADS was established in 1976 to train and provide rescued dogs and donated puppies to assist people who are deaf or physically disabled in leading more independent lives at work, at home, and at school. These assistance dogs become an extension of their owners and bring security, freedom, independence, and relief from social isolation to their human partners. NEADS has trained well over 1000 assistance-dog teams from all states since 1976, with 50 teams graduating from its campus in a biannual graduation ceremony, which is both heartwarming and inspirational. This graduation ceremony is open to the public and completes the six-month training cycle for the dogs to be ready to assist their human partners. Among the types of dogs trained are hearing, service, social, specialty, service dogs for the classroom, ministry, therapy, and walker dogs.

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