

# Fall River's 'Forever Paws' give abandoned New Bedford dogs 'Opal' and 'Topaz' some TLC

"Started at the bottom, now we're here ? Talk about a glow up!

Remember those two shih tzus that were found on the side of the road in New Bedford? Look at our pretty girls now!

Opal (the one with more white) is a shy, nervous girl that needs some help building her confidence. She really enjoys the company of other dogs so a confident canine housemate would be perfect for her! It may take multiple meets for this girl to warm up to you but, given what she's been through, she's forgiven. She's easily distracted by any "interesting" noises and likes to investigate new people once she's comfortable around them.

Topaz (the one with more black) is more outgoing than her sister but also has an intense protective streak. She needs someone that won't coddle or baby her too much so that behavior won't escalate. Once she gets to know you, she's a sweet, lovable, curious girl that loves to be snuggled in your lap.

Both girls are around 2-3 years old, are good with other dogs, good with cats, and both love plush toys! Both need to be homed with children 12+ as we don't know their history.

These girls DO NOT need to go to their new home together. In fact...we would prefer that they didn't. Topaz can be aggressively possessive of her sister so unless their new owner is someone that has a great deal of experience with that sort of behavior, we would advise against adopting them

together.

If you're interested in either of these sweet girls, visit [foreverpaws.com](http://foreverpaws.com) and click adopt to download our application. Once complete, you can email it to us at [fpas1@foreverpaws.com](mailto:fpas1@foreverpaws.com) or fax it to us at 508-677-9175."-Forever Paws Animal Shelter.

**All photos by the Forever Paws Animal Shelter:**



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# **Massachusetts Fire Department, Animal Control respond to trapped fawn**

"A deer found its way into a tight space today at the water treatment facility.

Brockton Fire and Brockton Animal Control worked together to safely remove it. The members of the Brockton Fire Department train continuously for all types of incidents."-Brockton Fire and Life Safety.

**All photos by Brockton Fire and Life Safety:**



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**Fairhaven's playful, sweet 7-month old Golden Doodle**

# **“Lola” looking for loving home**

“We are asked many times to recommend a dog breeder. Our answer is always that we don’t recommend any of them.

Lola is a 7 month old Golden Doodle. She has a birth defect that is most likely from over breeding. The breeder surrendered her when they realized that they couldn’t make any money off of her.

Her rear muscle system has not fully developed so she has a problem walking normally and unfortunately keeping her feces inside. She releases her feces randomly and doesn’t realize that she does it. The vets are hopeful that she will out grow this issue but it isn’t guaranteed. She could remain like this her entire life.

She was just spayed last week so she is looking for a very understanding family that can adopt a special needs dog. She loves to play catch and jump into the pool. She loves everyone she meets. If you would like to meet her please stop by and say hello.”-Fairhaven Animal Control and Shelter.





*Fairhaven Animal Control and Shelter photo.*

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## **City of New Bedford enforcement actions against rooming houses getting results**

“In the wake of a fatal March 2023 rooming house fire on Acushnet Avenue, Mayor Jon Mitchell directed the New Bedford Fire Department to launch an aggressive enforcement program to bring the City’s remaining 19 un-sprinklered rooming house operators into compliance with a state law mandating the use of sprinkler systems. As of this week, the New Bedford Fire

Department's enforcement program has resulted in:

- 6 operators having fully completed sprinkler system installations;
- 5 operators deciding to cease or reduce operations as rooming houses so that their facilities are no longer subject to the state sprinkler requirement;
- 6 operators currently installing sprinkler systems; and
- 2 operators facing court action brought by the City for their failure to respond to City directives.

In addition, since March 2023 the Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau conducted inspections of 14 other rooming houses with existing sprinkler systems. Fire Inspectors verified that these existing systems were in good working order. The Fire Prevention Bureau is continuing its close scrutiny of rooming houses in New Bedford, with rooming houses periodically checked for compliance with all life safety code requirements.

"Rooming houses pose a unique set of fire safety challenges, and we must take extra steps to keep their occupants safe," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "I am grateful for the work our code enforcement team and the fire department did to make that happen."

"Our progress is a reflection of the dedication and professionalism of Captain Kurt Houghton and his team of Fire Inspectors, and their effective collaboration with other City Departments, including Inspectional Services, the Mayor's Housing Task Force, the Health Department, and the Solicitor's Office. It has been a team effort to hold rooming house operators accountable, and I am proud of the role that the Fire Department has played," said Fire Chief Scott Kruger.

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# **OVERVIEW OF CITY'S 19 UN-SPRINKLERED ROOMING HOUSE OPERATORS**

## **6 Locations With Fully Completed Sprinkler System Installations (Since March 2023)**

- 116 County Street
- 485 County Street
- 45 Morgan Street
- 162 Sawyer Street
- 39 Sycamore Street
- 192 Walnut Street

## **5 Locations That Have Ceased Or Reduced Operations (No Longer Subject To State Law)**

- 138 Deane Street
- 234 Earle Street
- 152 Williams Street
- 371 County Street
- 110 Eighth Street

## **6 Locations Actively Installing Sprinkler Systems**

- 201-203 Ashley Boulevard
- 549 County Street
- 147 Eighth Street
- 49 North Street
- 550 County Street
- 134 Deane Street

## **2 Locations With Operators Facing Court Action**

- 237 Collette Street
- 639 County Street

## **14 Locations With Existing Sprinkler Systems (Which Have Been Re-Inspected)**



- 1751-1759 Acushnet Avenue
  - 1842 Acushnet Avenue
  - 434 Cottage Street
  - 396 Middle Street
  - 347 Pleasant Street
  - 1050 Pleasant Street
  - 1060 Pleasant Street
  - 20 South Sixth Street
  - 29 Tarkiln Hill Road
  - 116 Lindsey Street
  - 116 Ruth Street
  - 493 Belleville Avenue
  - 499 Purchase Street
  - 242 Walnut Street"-City of New Bedford.
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## **UPDATED: Massachusetts State Police seek public's help locating missing 7-year old Lowell girl**

**UPDATE @ 3:38PM, Monday, July 10:**

"We are heartbroken to report that a Massachusetts Environmental Police boat crew and MSP divers recovered Anna, the missing Lowell girl, from the Merrimack River around noon today.

We and our partners from Lowell Police, the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Law Enforcement Council, and District Attorney Marian Ryan and her office, all whom worked extremely hard to try to find Anna, extend our deepest condolences to

her family.

This is outcome everyone prayed would not come to be. We thank all members of the public who read and shared the initial posts about Anna.”-Massachusetts State Police.

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“Our law enforcement partners and we are resuming the search for missing 7-year-old girl Anna this morning on Lowell.

Anna is Black, 4’7”, 70 lbs., and was last seen wearing black shorts, a white vest, and a purple hair tie. She might be on a bike. She was last seen in the East Merrimack St. area, Belvidere section of Lowell.

Anna was last seen between 2:00 and 3:00 PM Sunday afternoon. She is autistic and nonverbal. If seen please keep her in sight and call 911.

Please share this post.”-Massachusetts State Police.



*Massachusetts State Police photo.*