



# 2007 Annual Report

*"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."*

-Josh Billings








**NH HUMANE SOCIETY**  
Laconia • New Hampshire

## Mission Statement

*The New Hampshire Humane Society (NHHS) is a private non-profit organization that was founded in 1900. As one of the largest and oldest humane societies in New Hampshire, we provide care for more than 2,000 animals each year, offer a low cost spay/neuter clinic, cruelty investigations and community outreach programs for more than 32 cities and towns in the NH Lakes Region.*

### Our mission and purpose is:

-  Finding responsible and caring forever homes
-  To provide shelter and care for lost, abandoned and unwanted animals
-  To be advocates for animals ... speaking for those that cannot speak for themselves
-  To implement educational programs and provide services to promote responsible pet ownership and the bond between animals and humans
-  To prevent cruelty to animals

## Board of Directors



**Susannah Chance**  
*Gilmanton IW, NH*

**Kate Miller**  
*Meredith, NH*

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**Julie Irwin**  
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**Cindy Bronson**  
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Total Animals adopted: 1,205- Dogs 185, Puppies 262, Cats- 331, Kittens- 416, Small Animals- 11

## Board of Directors



## President's Message

2007 was another great year for the many animals served by the New Hampshire Humane Society. Since the completion of our beautiful new facility in 2006, the animals that pass through our doors experience warm floors, abundant sunshine, spacious living areas, as well as lots of care and affection. If you have yet to visit us, please stop by!

To our fabulous staff and volunteers - we thank you for your tireless efforts that resulted in the placement of more than 1,100 animals into their new, forever homes. Many thanks are also due to all who help with and contribute to our fund raising efforts. Without the generosity of the public we would not be able to continue advocate for the animals that cannot speak for themselves. We are truly thankful for your support.

Sincerely,

*Susannah Chance*



*“ Animals  
are such  
agreeable  
friends,  
they ask no  
questions,  
they pass no  
criticisms.”*

*George Elliot*



Incoming Animals: Strays- 55%, Owner surrender- 18%, Owner Return- 2.5%, Transferred animals- 23%

## Executive Directors Message



### Our Contribution to the Community....

Serving the Lakes Region of New Hampshire and celebrating our 107<sup>th</sup> year, the NH Humane Society continues as the sole facility caring for the abandoned, stray and unwanted animals in our community. NHHS provides vital services to animals and people alike, caring and sheltering animals in need, providing adoption, and training or behavior evaluation services.

As an animal shelter it's easy to know what we need to do; shelter animals, care for them, and find them new homes. Every day at NHHS, every responsibility has one goal: helping animals - our original mission to which we remain committed. When we provide all of these services, we occupy a relatively brief span in the timeline of the animal's lives but what does it mean to be a humane society?

For the NH Humane Society it means helping families by providing low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, offering low cost vaccinations and preventatives; all necessary to help people care for the animals they love. We believe that people with limited resources can still provide loving, devoted homes to animals in need.

For the animals it means a second chance to find a loving family and a forever home. Through no fault of their own, these animals all wish for the same thing; a new life in a safe and loving environment. We are extremely proud of our outstanding adoption rate, over 90%!

*"The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue."*  
-Anonymous

As the fourth highest adoption center in New England we are able to extend refuge to dogs otherwise slated for certain death.

Our transport program with Georgia, South/North Carolina and Alabama has afforded 353 dogs the opportunity to join a family in New Hampshire.

For people struggling with dog or cat behavior issues we offer canine training classes with our accredited trainers or provide options and solutions that often means the difference between keeping a beloved family friend and having to surrender it to a shelter.

Our Outreach/Community programs have engaged countless children and groups that have toured the shelter and get a chance to see firsthand the work of animal welfare. With each new ambassador, we have an opportunity to strengthen the relationship of a humane society with its community.

The NH Humane Society could not have matured into the outstanding organization it is today without the extraordinary staff and countless volunteers. Our grateful thanks to all who have generously supported our mission and champion our cause in the community.

*Claudia Abdinoor*

Owner Surrenders: Dogs - 48, Puppies- 18, Cats- 145, Kittens- 69, Small animals-12

# NHHS VOLUNTEERS

## Our most precious resource

Our core group, those who have been with us for a more than two years continue to dedicate their time to the shelter in myriad ways: cleaning, care and comfort of the cats, kittens, puppies and dogs daily in the shelter. Volunteers take our dogs to off-site locales and off campus both promoting adoptions and giving much needed pastoral support to the animal awaiting new homes. They assist with school groups touring the shelter. Nine active dog bank routes throughout the region are monitored and picked up monthly by hand-picked, highly dedicated volunteers. Still more sit on event committees and many more sign up to work events large and small.

We offered Reiki therapy for the dogs thanks to the specialized training of one special volunteer.

Many school groups partnered with us bringing extra items they had worked tirelessly to collect for the animals.

A deep and sincere note of gratitude goes out to all who give so much, setting aside a commodity we all have precious little to spare - their time.

For this, all of us at New Hampshire Humane Society are eternally and deeply grateful.

- Volunteer program posted 4,778 hours.
- Our top two volunteers logged 577 and 251 hours respectively at a savings to the shelter of \$15,550.



*“The purity of a persons heart can be quickly measured by how they regard animals.”*

*-Anonymous*



# S.N.A.P

## Spay Neuter Assistance Program

2007 has indeed been a special year for the animals at New Hampshire Humane Society; a banner year in fact, for this shelter in terms of adoptions and the launching of our public assistance program: S.N.A.P. Spay Neuter Assistance Program, addressing over population issues in the region.

74 families were able to access low cost spaying and neutering services at the shelter for their privately owned pets. We fully expect to extend this service for many more in the coming year as we focus heavily on over-population. Having identified the segment of the community most in need, those that require a helping hand in terms of spaying and neutering their pets, accessing affordable sterilization surgery, the lack of which exacerbates abandonment of countless litters of unwanted kittens and puppies at our door. With our efforts, the newly minted S.N.A.P. will help put a dent in the enormous feline over population problem we face at this shelter, and all over the region.

Simply put, we know we cannot adopt our way out of this problem. Spay/neuter is the key.



*“Be a responsible pet owner- spay/neuter your pet to help eliminate pet homelessness!”*

*Claudia Abdinoor*



## Foster Care A Truly Special Calling

Much like the army marching on its stomach, the NHHS continues to provide service, care, and comfort with the help of so many wonderful volunteers. We would be hard pressed to continue without this, our most precious resource, especially so in the realm of foster care.

Fourteen active homes in 2007— hundreds of kittens were afforded quiet, safe quarters in private homes where they could grow and flourish until of age for legal adoption. Furthermore, mother cats were able to relax in the comfort of temporary homes where they no longer needed to worry about how they would survive or care for their offspring. Given the brutal weather we endured this year, cold and rain until well into what is usually summer, it is a testament to the commitment of this special group of people so willing to open their hearts and homes to animals who were truly down on their luck.

New Hampshire Humane Society thanks most sincerely the folks able to care for the homeless, fix them up emotionally and physically and send them out into the world, happy and whole, ready to be the very best pets any family could enjoy.



*“Who can  
believe that  
there is no  
soul behind  
those  
luminous  
eyes!”*

*Theophile Gautier*



## Our Transport Dogs

The State of New Hampshire is in an enviable position, fewer unwanted dogs and a surplus of people looking to adopt. Many states in the US, specifically southern states, struggle with the reverse of this situation. In order to offer hope to the animals awaiting certain death, the NH Federation of Humane Organizations compiled a set of guidelines, approved by the NH Dept. of Agriculture to ensure the transfer of healthy dogs and pups to our region. Each transport partner is carefully selected to ensure the safe arrival of the animals; each one carrying their valid medical "passport" from an accredited veterinarian. The NHHS is proud of successfully placing 100% of the sad souls that arrived. These dogs, all 353 were slated for euthanasia in overcrowded shelters and now enjoy the warmth of a sofa, fresh air in the Lakes Region and the most importantly, a loving family!

It is important to allay any misconceptions that our New Hampshire dogs are less likely to find space at our facility as the result of the transport program. In 2007, 361 dogs arrived from New Hampshire, actually more than our transports. Our facility has an added advantage of quarantine quarters for transport dogs to prevent endangering NH's homeless dog population. Our on site medical treatment area allows our vet to provide additional medical treatments, spay/neuter services if needed and vaccinations. We have ensured every contracted town that we will always provide a space for our NH strays.



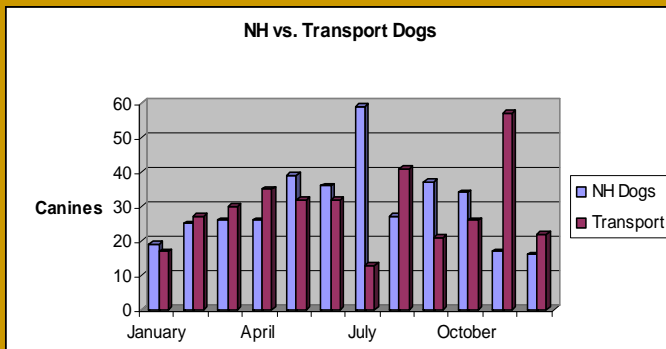
*"The average dog...*



*is a nicer person...*



*than the average person." Andy Rooney*



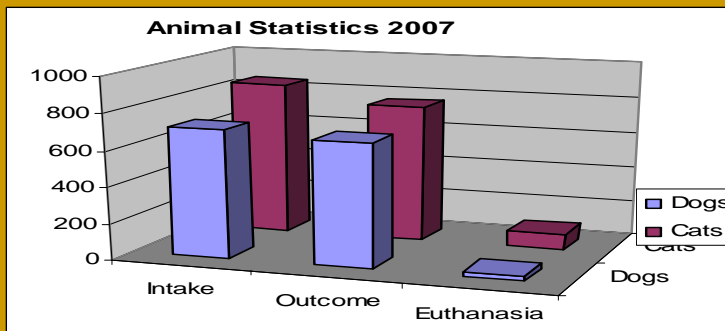
Top Citizen Stray towns: Laconia- 32%, Gilford- 11%, Meredith- 10%, Belmont- 8%, New Hampton- 5%.



## Statistical Information—Our Animals in 2007

The NH Humane Society is pleased to publish statistical information under nationally recognized guidelines known as the Asilomar Accords. This format was developed by a group of animal welfare leaders for the purpose of building bridges across varying philosophies, developing relationships and creating goals focused on reducing the euthanasia of healthy and treatable companion animals in the United States.

INTAKE (Live Dogs & Cats)	Dog	Cat	Total
Strays - ACO & Public	270	604	874
Owner Surrender	66	214	280
Owner Returns	20	22	42
Transfers from Organizations outside Community	353	17	370
<b>Total Intake</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>1566</b>
<b>OUTCOME</b>			
Adoptions	447	747	1194
Transfer to alternate shelter/rescue organization	10	0	10
Return to Owner	224	13	237
<b>Total Outcome</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>1446</b>
<b>EUTHANASIA</b>			
Healthy	0	0	0
Treatable - Rehabilitatable	0	0	0
Treatable - Manageable	0	0	0
Unhealthy & Untreatable	25	83	108
Died on Arrival	2	2	4
Died in Shelter	0	5	5
<b>Total Euthanasia</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>117</b>
Subtotal Outcomes (outcome & euthanasia)	708	855	1563
Animal Live Release Rate	96%	89%	92%



Strays Reclaimed: Dogs - 208, Puppies - 16, Cats- 12, Kittens- 1, small animals- 2



### NHHS Staff Members

**Claudia Abdinoor**  
Executive Director

**Marylee Gorham**  
Development Director

**Darlene Lemay**  
Director of Operations

**Karen Bald**  
Business Director

**Lauren Richards**  
Canine Manager

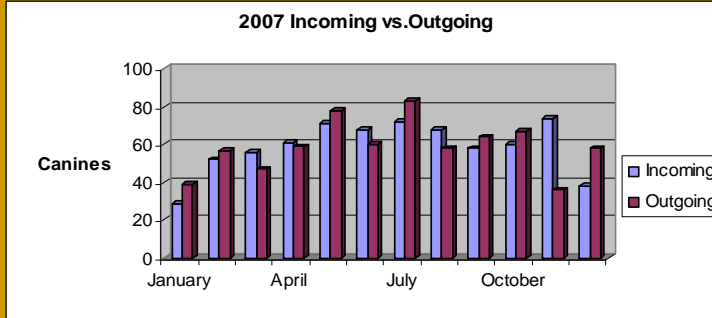
**Tammy O'Neil**  
Feline Manager

**Amy Coffaro**  
Marketing Specialist

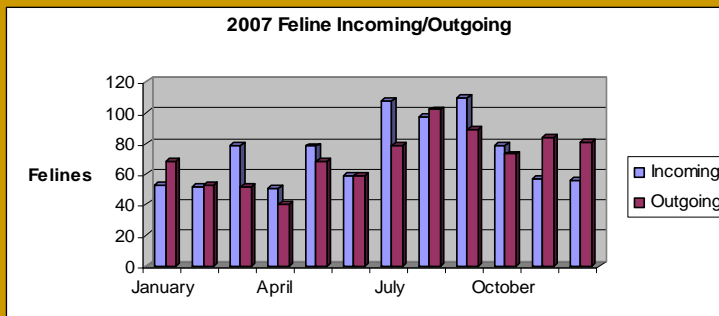


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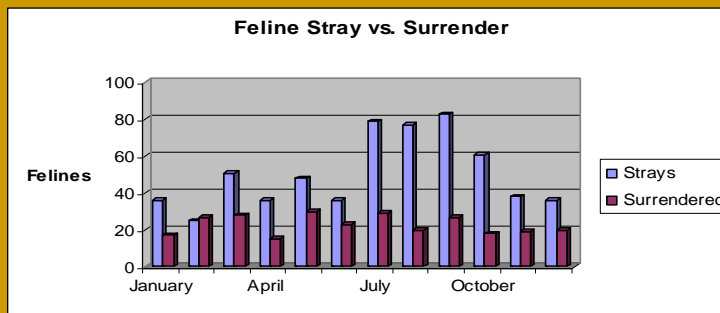
In 2007 we saw 714 dogs enter the shelter and 671 were lucky enough to find a new home - an outstanding 93% adoption rate!



A total of 879 cats came to our shelter in 2007 and 760 joined their new adoptive families- an outstanding 86% adoption rate!



The majority of our cats arrive as strays, a staggering 68%! Only 13 cats were redeemed to their owners of the entire 879 arrivals. These sobering statistics once again confirms the second class status cats enjoy within the community. They carry no identification (collars & tags) nor are they micro-chipped and despite obvious evidence that they were once loved and cared for by a family (many are declawed), they are never reunited with their owners who may mistakenly assume they met their demise somewhere on a road or attacked by a wild animal. We implore all owners to report the loss of a cat as soon as possible, the State only requires a three day holding period for stray cats before they can be put into our adoption program.

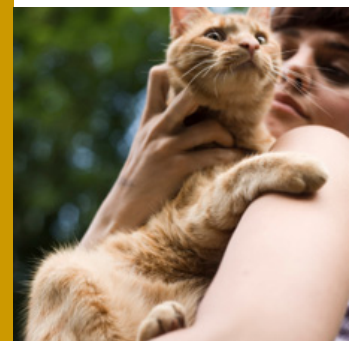


Top ACO Stray towns: Laconia - 47%, Meredith - 10%, Belmont - 8%, Alexandria - 5%, Plymouth - 4%, Gilford - 4%



*"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket, and then give him only two of them."*

-Phil Pastoret

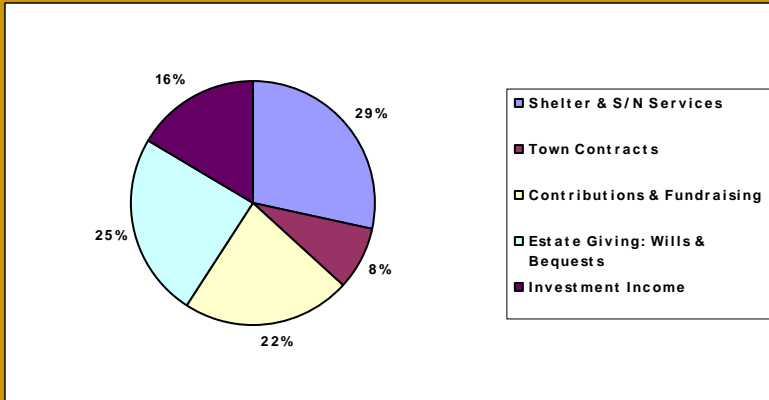


# 2007 Year End Financials

As a private non-profit organization, the NHHS relies on the financial support from generous individuals, businesses and foundations. Despite a constant struggle as we seek to stay within the confines of a set budget added to the challenge of unexpected animal welfare situations we successfully managed to provide services to the community. We are pleased to share our 2007 financial results with you that outlines our financial stewardship and sound fiscal strategy.

## Income

Shelter & S/N Services . . . . .	\$ 305,053
Town Contracts . . . . .	\$ 88,767
Contributions & Fundraising . . . . .	\$ 240,757
Estate Giving: Wills & Bequests . . . . .	\$ 263,947
Investment Income . . . . .	\$ 174,881
<b>Total Income . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 1,073,401</b>



## Financial Position

Cash & Investment . . . . .	\$ 3,003,989	Current Liabilities . . . . .	\$ 83,485
Property & Equipment . . . . .	\$ 2,415,780	Long Term Debt . . . . .	\$ 1,723,205
Other Assets . . . . .	\$ 17,053	Unrestricted Net Assets . . . . .	\$ 3,503,206
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 5,436,822</b>	Temp. Restricted Net Assets. \$	51,202
		Perm. Restricted Net Assets. \$	75,724
		<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 5,436,822</b>

Top Owner Surrender Towns: Laconia- 26%, Belmont- 9%, Meredith- 8%, Gilford- 6%, New Hampton- 4%



“My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money.”

Joe Weinstein

YOU CAN HELP  
**DONATE**  
ONLINE TODAY



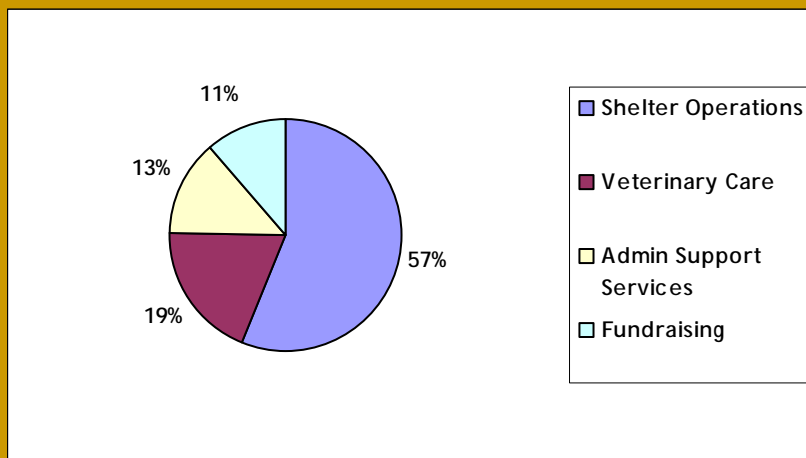
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The NHHS operations, programs and services cost \$ 2,278.62 per day to operate, which computes to \$517.34 per animal. Adoption fees only cover 9% of that cost; the rest needs to be raised as donations or event fundraisers. Additional expenses include interest payments on a \$1.8 million dollar building loan. Fundraising expenses factor a mere 11% with 76% of every dollar donated going directly to the programs that provide care for our animals. We aggressively manage our expense budget to ensure that your donation dollar is used wisely to provide for the animals.

## Expenses

Shelter Operation . . . . .	\$ 456,176
Veterinary Care . . . . .	\$ 154,018
Admin Support Services . . . . .	\$ 109,374
Fundraising . . . . .	\$ 91,624
<b>Total Expenses . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 811,192</b>

Your donations to NHHS are used for the greatest good for the most animals. Our finances are audited by an independent accounting firm each year to comply with federal standards. We provide full disclosure of financial data to the State of New Hampshire, fulfilling all charitable registration requirements. We continue to ensure that our revenues and expenditures are in healthy balance, reviewed by our Board in consent with our financial managers to protect the longevity of our organization and sustainability of our programs.



Strays brought in by public- 456 (87% cats/kittens) Strays brought in by ACO- 379 (56% dogs)



*“If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you;*

*That is the principal difference between a dog and a man.”*

Mark Twain



# Donor Recognition

The New Hampshire Humane Society relies on the financial support of our donors to assist us with the care of the homeless, abandoned, and injured animals. Due to the support we receive we are able to offer care and comfort along with medical attention to the animals that arrive on our door steps.

On behalf of all of us and the animals at NHHS we are pleased to acknowledge the generosity of those individuals, corporation, and foundations who supported us with direct contributions totaling \$250 or more.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed to NHHS in 2007. Thank you!



*“Every boy should have two things: a dog, and a mother willing to let him have one.”*

Anonymous

## Shelter Patrons

*Donors who have contributed or pledged to contribute \$1,000 or more in 2007 to help underwrite the new shelter project.*

Richard & Joyce Bennett

John Cataldo

Susannah Chance & Andrew McKibben

Lauralee Davis & John Estano

Sydney Dowd

John & Inge Hilberg

John P. Irwin

John & Julie Irwin

Lovett-Woodsum Family Fund

Wendy Palmquist

Penny Pitou & Milo Pike Foundation

Norman & Stacy Soucy

Anthony & Eleanor Spinazzola

Stephen Whitney

## 2007 Annual Contributions

*Further thanks to our closest friends who answered our plea for help when we needed it most.*

### \$5,000+

Marie Cantin

Marie C. Tyler

### \$1,500–\$4,999

Jeff Cloutier

Timothy Landry

Leonard Shallow

### \$500–\$1,499

Claudia Abdinoor & Weldon Bosworth

Stanley & Renate Arnold

Jackie Avignone

Marie Baker & Mark Woglom

Karen Bald

David Bastien

Jeffery Bennett

Jim & Cindy Bronson

Susannah Chance & Andrew McKibben

Barbara Clifford

Patti Clifford & Douglas Tankard

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Peter Dole

Cathi Eagan

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Top reason for Owner Return: Too much animal/can't handle

# Donor Recognition



*"I've met  
many  
thinkers and  
many cats,  
but the  
wisdom of  
cats is  
infinitely  
superior."*

*Hippolyte Taine*

## \$500-\$1,499-continued

Jeffrey Forbes

William Gard

John & Inge Hilberg

Walter & Ellen Hoyt

John & Jean Humphries

Laconia High School

Stephen & Tracy Lemoine

Jean Leone

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Theresa Paige

Nicole Piscopo

Peter Proko & Althea Rondeau

Robert Raco & Peg Gavenonis

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Marnie Schulz

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## \$250-\$499

Acorn Brown's Turtle Town

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Pamela Black

Bodies in Motion

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New Hampton Community School

Raymond & Carole Ouelette

Judith Reilly

Ben Sanders

Erville & Blanche Smith

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Sonny's Construction

Norman & Stacy Soucy



Euthanized: Healthy- 0%, Sick/Injured- 2.72%, Aggression- 1.86%

# Donor Recognition

## \$250-\$499-continued

Ellen Suprunowicz  
Swiftwater Girl Scouts  
Tilton Veterinary Hospital  
Michael Toepfer  
John Travers  
John & Susan Travers  
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## Corporate Benefactors

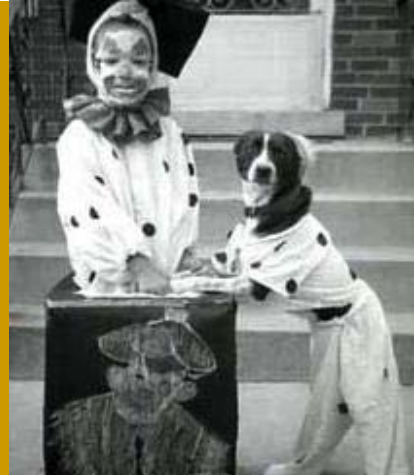
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Helen Busiel Trust  
Lena T. Nelson Fund  
Lyman Pope Foundation  
Paul & Ferne Sticht Foundation  
Ralph P & Edna W. Dube Trust  
Ruth W. Metcalfe Charitable Trust  
Truman Charitable Fund  
William Evans Trust



*“Dogs have  
owners,  
cat have  
staff.”*

*Anonymous*

