

Annual Report 2014



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Christopher Walkley Board President & Treasurer

2014 has been a dynamic and exciting year at the New Hampshire Humane Society, one that sets us on track for growth and stability! First and foremost, I would like to thank

the staff, volunteers, donors, Board of Directors and all of the other individuals who help make our mission possible. Each and every one of you are important in your own right and we wouldn't be here without you. There have been a number of changes over the past year to better align the operations with the mission and have helped prepare the Society for the future.

- Realignment of staff to increase efficiency and productivity.
- Completion of an HVAC overhaul thanks for the overwhelming generosity of Dr. Peter Gray. This will ensure the system is as energy-efficient as possible.
- Increase in number of transports out of kill shelters, allowing the Society to save as many animal lives as we can with the resources at hand.
- Purchasing a new fuel-efficient van with the generosity of the auction attendees.

All of these things wouldn't have happened without a lot of passion and hard work. All of you are the voice for those animals that cannot speak for themselves, but want nothing more than to be loved in a safe and inviting environment. As we turn the page and look forward to a new year of hope and aspirations, we cannot forget where we came from and why we do what we do. So with that, I will leave you with a question: which pet/animal in your life inspired you to take part in the mission of saving animals lives? If you see me out and about, please tell me your story. I look forward to hearing your answers throughout the year.

Thank you all again,

Chris Walkley





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A MESSAGE FROM MARYLEE

By Marylee Gorham, NHHS Executive Director

Completing my first full year as Executive Director has been 365 days of hard, but gratifying work in the service of those I have taken a private and very personal oath to uphold, to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

I appreciate the vote of confidence from the Board of Directors – who unanimously gave me the opportunity to lead our organization. I took this vote seriously and with due diligence began the work necessary to forward our mission.

Many of you already knew my pedigree, no pun intended, having served as Development/Volunteer/PR Director since 2000. Yes, I have been 'the voice' that promoted the animals and illuminated their stories, often sad, sometimes poignant, but ultimately uplifting, both on radio, print media, and local television. Working with little to no budget to launch major events never presented a road block I couldn't overcome. Many of you have listened to my big ideas, usually beginning with the remark 'but why can't we..?" Encouraging, cajoling, sometimes challenging those I have met, to lend their efforts to our mission, is but a regular day in the office for me, because ultimately, that effort will provide the resources for the animals that call our shelter home.

The view is different now from the proverbial corner office complete with donated sofa for more intimate conversations with donors, volunteers and staff, to the table that has its own interesting story having been procured by one of our benefactors from an upscale second hand store. Having found a suitable round table (better for collaboration and meaningful dialogue) said table was lashed to the top of her car with a multitude of bungee cords. A sudden stop on the way to the shelter, without factoring in the elasticity of bungee's, launched the table with luge-like force into the air - necessitating a donated (of course) resurfacing and repair job before installation into what I euphemistically term Conference Room One [there is no Conference Room Two].

Aside from furniture, my leadership style has been influence by Paul Schmitz CEO of Public Allies, which operates AmeriCorps programs in 21 U.S. communities – who wrote the book "Everybody Leads".

My leadership style is all about collaboration, team building, capitalizing on the innate creativity all who work at, or who are associated [with] NHHS possess. I encourage staff, top to bottom, to walk in truth, speak up, present new ideas and methods, *be* the change that will make the life of an animal so much better, prior to adoption day. My leadership is about scale of ideas; how to implement those ideas into a process or program that is meaningful, enriching, compassionate, resulting in a creature anyone will want to welcome into their heart and home.

We've made incredible headway in 2014 - I invite you to continue the journey forward with us - one adoption at a time.

A LIFE OF SERVICE

By Peter Allen, NHHS board member.

Two years after making my first contact with the New Hampshire Humane Society: a call to see what my wife Kathy, and I could do to offer meaningful assistance to such a worthy cause, while at the same time, honor the life of our beloved Bernese Mountain Dog, Kasey; I find myself thinking about the incredible strides the organization has made in that time frame.

My involvement in a very well established Pet Therapy program has allowed me to handle many shelter dogs that benefitted from a trip off campus to spread a little cheer to the elderly providing countless amazing stories. My personal enthusiasm about our mission invariably rubs off on others that know me, and so the sphere of influence grows. Being able to tell the stories that illuminate the incredible dedication our staff and volunteers exhibit daily for so many helpless animals, allows me the platform I want to promote compassion and caring, responsibility and stewardship of the lost, abandoned and abused.

Now as time passes and I am well into my tenure as a board member, being able to connect the dots, so to speak, networking on behalf of the organization, with other like-minded animal lovers and yes, philanthropists, is a very special type of volunteering that has been incredibly rewarding personally.

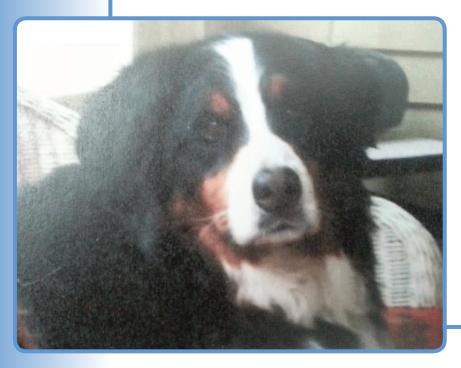
My family and I have been very fortunate to be of service to a variety of organizations.

Currently, my involvement with the Mission of Deeds (furniture warehouse for the homeless) is over a decade long. I started working on the truck picking up local donations and now I serve on the Board of Directors. My wife and I have had the great opportunity of tutoring children who have experienced homelessness for seven years at Housing Families and we both serve on that board. I am looking forward to becoming involved with the Interlakes Community Caregivers.

With Kasey's passing I became a part of the Humane Society family. We found Tavern 27 one sunny afternoon looking

for a lunch site and nostalgically discovered two enormous Berners. Of course Tavern 27 became a favorite for Tapas and the relationship grew quickly to having them host a family golf tournament and the eagerly awaited second year of the Bread Pudding Project, and Poppers for Paws, as fundraisers. The dogs helped us make that connection.

New Hampshire Humane Society is a terrific resource for the community, providing many programs and services for people, and their pets. What a wonderful organization to be part of.



NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORT 2014

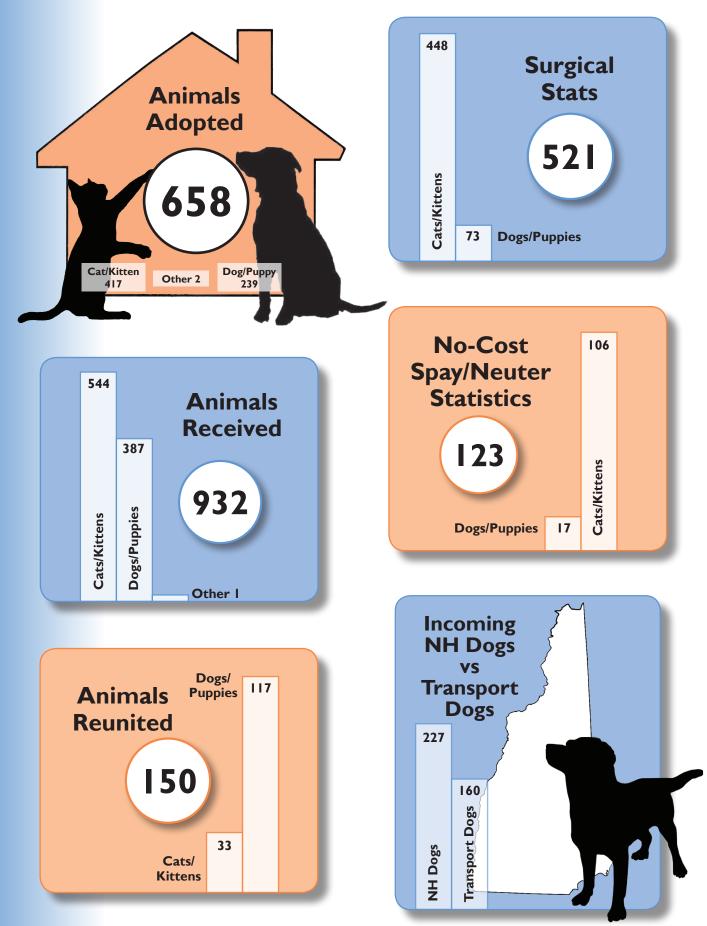
2014 Financial Highlights (Unaudited)

REVENUES	\$ Amount
Individual and Corporate Donations*	\$ 386,435
Net Proceeds from Fundraising & Events	\$ 249,015
Estate Giving:Wills and Bequests	\$, 5
Shelter Services (Adoptions, Medical)	\$ 136,466
City and Town Service Contracts	\$ 71,600
Grants Received	\$ -
Interest, Dividends, & Other Income	\$ 114,479
* Includes the value of donated auction items and radio advertising time	
EXPENSES	\$ Amount
Animal Welfare & Sheltering	\$ 498,970
MEDICAL EXPENSES	
Vaccines	\$ 2,512
Tests	\$ 7,227
Medicines	\$ 8,689
Surgical Supplies	\$ 3,913
Veterinary Care (Includes In-House Spays & Neuters)	\$ 135,749
Mortgage Payments on Shelter Building	\$ 108,000
CAPITAL EXPENSES	
New Dog Kennels & Shelter Improvements	\$ 3,388
Management & General Expenses	\$ 70,390
Fundraising and Community Outreach	\$ 110,052

New Hampshire Humane Society Mission and Purpose

- I. Finding responsible and caring forever homes.
- 2. Provide shelter for lost, abandoned and unwanted animals.
- 3. Advocate for animals...Speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves.
- 4. Implement educational programs and provide services to promote responsible pet ownership and the human-animal bond.
- 5. Prevent cruelty to animals.

ANIMAL STATISTICS



2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

January – Children's Birthday Party program launched with cadre of fully trained volunteers.

Chili Cook Off at Weirs Beach Lobster Pound – A nice way to spend a cold Sunday afternoon right before the SuperBowl, eating great chili for a worthy cause, the animals.



February – Two hard to place older dogs, Diver and Hazel find forever homes.



March – Abby the dog receives curative bladder stone removal surgery at NHHS and was quickly adopted thereafter.

Our shelter staff team The Super Pooper Scoopers participate in the 10th Annual Indoor Triathlon at Funspot. The event raises over \$28,000 for the animals. **April** – Annual Rabies-Microchip clinic a huge success for community pets.

May – Music Event at Pitman's Freight Room brings some new friends to the NHHS family.

Our P.A.W. (Pet Animal Welfare) fund is endowed for another

year thanks to a private donor.

June – 1st Mae West Memorial Ride hosted by Charlie St. Clair, President of Laconia Motorcyle Week, raises over \$5,000 for the animals. Look for this event in 2015!

Staff traveled to Cambridge, MA to

learn from preeminent canine behaviorist, Sue Sternberg on new techniques for Canine enrichment and training.

July – 1st Annual Pars for Paws Family Golf Scramble at Tavern 27-Misty Meadows Golf course launched a new event that encourages families to get outside for a worthy cause. Look for this event in August 2015

August – Annual Paws for a Cause Auction raises over \$100,000.

September – NHHS hosted Business After Hours – a wonderful evening to connect with new and reconnect with existing friends from the business community.



October – Work began on overhauling our HVAC system so that our shelter air is cleaner, warmer, and running efficiently during the coldest months of the year.

November – Black Friday Adopt-A-Thon was a resounding success. ALL available dogs were adopted!

December – our new van – a Chevrolet City Express is purchased thanks to donors who supported Fund-A- Need during our summer auction.

Our donors respond to our appeal "Do They Know It's Christmas?" raising over \$25,000 for the animals.



2014 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Total Volunteer Hours 2014: 8,277

Over 1,000 Hours

William Desmond

500-1,000 Hours

Christopher Baerman Vanessa Lemieux

200-500 Hours

Joyce Coleman Nancy Jacobson Danielle Jordan Janet Lenentine Barbara Lyden Pat Muzzey

100-200 Hours

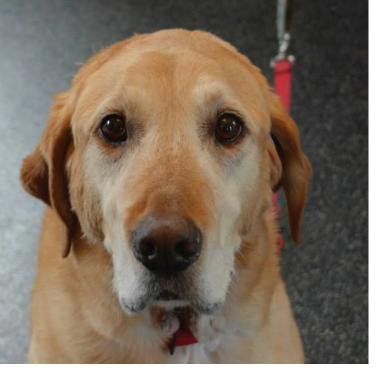
Casey Adams Evelyn Blais Lynn Davis Miranda Dean Alexis Dubois Deb Corr Karyn Fallon Dede Flynn Lee Forshay Kevin Keady Deb McNeish

50-100 Hours

Peter Allen John Bender **Ron Blais** Philippa Bohl Dan Brown Geriann Eash Meg Greenbaum Marilynn Hill Maggie Livingston David Lorch **Emily Martin** Patrick May Patti May Lisa McHugh Brendan Morrison Wendy Palmquist Ed Peck Marsha Richardson

Rescuing these helpless creatures will tear your heart out... stomp on it... and bury it where you never think you will find it...

Then along comes another sweet soul, that digs it up and gives it back to you.



A NOTE FROM OUR VOLUNTEER CORDINATOR, ANDREA BONNER

My first visit to the NH Humane Society was to adopt my beloved dog Lola. A few months later I found myself happily adopted in turn as Volunteer Coordinator for the shelter. We are both indeed fortunate to have passed through the shelter doors. In my time here I have been touched and amazed by the dedication of NNHS volunteers who desire no recognition for their time, energy and compassion but feel paid in full by a purr and happy bark. Is it any wonder I like to think both Lola and I have found our forever homes?

As the year passed, over 100 volunteers provided dogs and cats with compassionate care and training, cleaned kennels and cat cages, socialized shy and frightened animals, staffed events, planned fundraisers and provided administrative assistance, performed grounds maintenance and landscape services, offered facilities improvements and professional in-kind services, assisted in driving transport dogs from the airport, helped with spay/neuter clinic operations, fostered animals, visited nursing homes and rehab centers for our Pet Therapy program, conducted trainings for new volunteers, developed and led humane and responsible pet ownership education programs for children through a variety

of venues and served the organization on the Board of Directors and various essential committees. And did laundry-lots and lots of laundry!





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UNBROKEN – A STORY OF THE STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE OF TWO SPECIAL FRIENDS

Leigh and General enjoyed a quiet life and years of happy cohabitation with a human who loved them dearly. Sadly, their owner passed away, leaving these two friends alone in the world. They travelled to New Hampshire Humane Society a little weary, depressed and in need of medical intervention while coping with the upheaval of their lives.

Animals form bonds of friendship as strong as any human, and they experience the

emotional pain of loss - grieving the absence of beloved humans. At our shelter animals find safe harbor, care and comfort until adoption day. We shaved Leigh's matted coat and started him on medicated baths. General exhibited the most obvious stress, he wouldn't eat, didn't attend to grooming, pulled out his fur, and cried constantly. In an effort to help General acclimate to shelter life, never an easy thing, it's not the home you were used to, he was moved to our administrative offices where he could enjoy a window seat, daily grooming and pick from a veritable smorgasbord of feline foods.

Meanwhile Leigh faired a little better. His coat began to grow back, he participated in our Pet Therapy program visiting area nursing homes, where he brought joy and a smile to all who met

him. But in quiet moments he could be seen sitting outside in the sun, wistfully watching the driveway, as if awaiting the reappearance of his owner who would never come.

We showcased Leigh as Pet Of The Week in September, hoping someone would look past his advancing years and see a sweet and gentle dog, with much love to give, who truly deserved a second chance.

Linda and Paul Erickson of Epsom, New Hampshire thought it about time to have another canine since five years had elapsed since the passing of their own dog. Though their house is populated with elder animals, they felt ready to open their hearts

> and home to a dog in need. Paul and Linda began their search, starting in the Manchester area and driving north to our shelter in Laconia where they saw Leigh for the first time. Just one look is all it took for this wonderful retired couple to fall in love. Didn't matter one bit he was an 'old soldier', in fact, that was their preference.

> > Time went by, Leigh, now named Pudgie, and aptly so, since he blossomed in so many ways basking in the love showered upon him by the Ericksons. Staff admitted how emotional they were when reading Linda's posts on our Facebook page, such was this match made in heaven.

In a stroke of genius, we hit upon the idea one afternoon having attended again to General and his upset digestive system, of calling Linda to see if she and her husband would

consider taking General – he was so sad and despondent, we were at a loss as to how to help him. Linda admitted, "I hadn't been feeling well. I was still dressed in pajamas, sipping tea and honey, sniffling and hoping to have a quiet day, when the phone rang. I immediately told my husband Paul to load up the cat carrier, we were going to the Humane Society!" General was reunited with Pudgie under the watchful eyes of all at NHHS.As if no time had passed, months of separation melted away when these two friends saw each other again.

General walked right up to his dog friend, winked 'hello' and nuzzled the wizened chin of the black dog he knew as his companion. Pudgie raised his head and smiled broadly, his tail wafting gently back and forth.



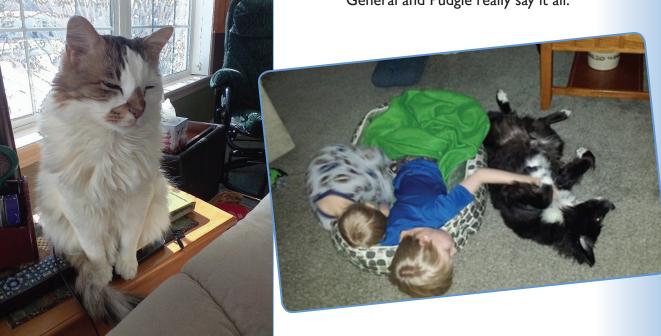
There wasn't a dry eye in the shelter that afternoon.

Paul and Linda took General home – reunited with his canine companion, happy to have a new family to love and care for him.

General we are told, has commandeered Linda's side of the bed. He sleeps with his new humans every night. Pudgie with renewed vigor has made friends with two other older dogs in the neighborhood, and on brisk winter mornings can be found cavorting with his newfound canine companions.

Pudgie and General now enjoy a warm, cozy home together, never to be separated, with humans who are totally committed to caring for them for the rest of their lives.

Our thanks to the Ericksons cannot be fully put into words. But the purrs and barks of joy from General and Pudgie really say it all.



CONTRIBUTIONS

Our mission would not continue without the support of our donors.

A sincere thank you to our special friends who allow us to continue to provide care and comfort, a warm bed, medical intervention, enrichment, and ultimately a forever home for the animals.

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PETS WHO CROSSED THE BRIDGE IN 2014

Gone from this realm, but not forgotten, they live on in our hearts

I REMEMBER

I stood by your bed last night, I came to have a peep. I could see that you were crying. You found it hard to sleep. I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear, "It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."

I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea, You were thinking of the many times your hands reached down to me. I was with you at the shops today.Your arms were getting sore. I longed to take your parcels, I wish I could do more.

I was with you at my grave today, You tend it with such care. I want to re-assure you, that I'm not lying there. I walked with you towards the house, as you fumbled for your key. I gently put my paw on you, I smiled and said "It's me."

You looked so very tired, and sank into a chair. I tried so hard to let you know, that I was standing there. It's possible for me to be so near you everyday. To say to you with certainty, "I never went away."

You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew... in the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you. The day is over... I smile and watch you yawning and say "Good-night, God bless, I'll see you in the morning."

And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide, I'll rush across to greet you and we'll stand, side by side. I have so many things to show you, there is so much for you to see. Be patient, live your journey out... then come home to be with me. - Author unknown



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IN MEMORIAM

This space is dedicated to those that passed away in 2014. Their last wish, to remember the animals. We are so grateful to receive so many memorial gifts, what better way to keep the memory alive of a fellow animal advocate than to support our shelter.

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