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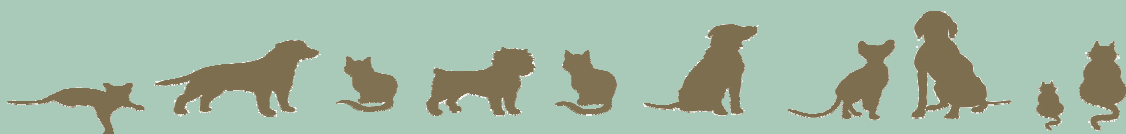
PEOPLE

TO

PETS

CREATING LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY / ANNUAL REPORT 2008



# mission

IT IS THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY TO FIND RESPONSIBLE & CARINGS FOREVER HOMES, TO PROVIDE SHELTER & CARE FOR THE LOST, ABANDONED AND UNWANTED, TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ANIMALS...PROVIDE A VOICE FOR THOSE WHO CAN NOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AND TO STREIGHTEN THE BOND BETWEEN ANIMALS AND HUMANES,



## we are rescue

UNTIL YOU HAVE HELD A TINY PUPPY IN YOUR ARMS AS IT KISSED YOUR FACE WITH SLOBBERY PUPPY BREATH AND FELT THE LOVE,

UNTIL YOU HAVE HELD AN INJURED OR SEVERLY ILL DOG IN YOUR ARMS AND FELT THEIR PAIN,  
UNTIL YOU HAVE LOOKED INTO THE EYES OF A TIRED AGING SENIOR DOG AND FELT THEIR WISDOM,  
AND UNTIL YOU HAVE SEEN AND UNDERSTOOD THE LOOK IN YOUR DOGS EYES THAT TELL YOU THEIR TIME ON EARTH WITH YOU IS OVER....AND YOU HUMANELY LET THEM GO,

YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE LIFE OF A RESCUER.

WE FIND BEAUTY IN THE MOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE PLACES AND THE OTHERWISE HOMELY FACES.  
IT IS OUR GIFT SO SEE BEYOND THE DIRT, TERROR, SADNESS AND DEFEAT AND FIND THE TRUE SOUL THAT LIES WITHIN.

**WE ARE RESCUE.**



# dear friends

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Humane Society, I thank all who have contributed their valuable time and resources to our organization in 2008. Your support helped us match more than 1500 animals with their new forever homes, transforming them from “shelter dogs and cats” to beloved family members.

Special thanks to our staff and tireless volunteers for their efforts on our behalf. We value their commitment to our mission and appreciate their support, especially at times like these when extra dollars and minutes are both hard to find.

We look forward to continuing to serve our local communities and the animals that need our help.

Warmest Regards,

*Susannah Chance*



## THE BOARD

Susannah Chance, President

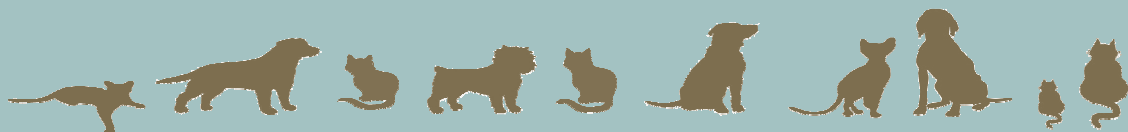
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# open hearts...open hands

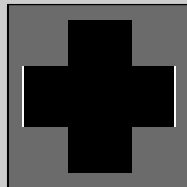


With our hearts and hands open to the lost, abandoned, and unwanted animals of our community, the NH Humane Society strives daily to make a significant difference in the lives of the animals that we care for. Every story is unique unto itself, an abandoned feline with her kittens needing foster care, a canine with bladder stones in need of corrective surgery, or a transport puppy desperately looking for his new forever home. We are here.



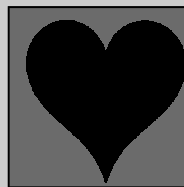
## SAFEGUARD

The NHHS has provided a voice, speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves for over 100 years. We stand steadfast in our mission, providing care and comfort for the lost, abandoned and unwanted animals of our region.



## CARE

Medical care is provided to each and every animal that passes through our doors. Whether vaccinating a litter of pups, treating a cat for upper respiratory infection, or providing sterilization surgery, we are here to help.



## MATCHMAKING

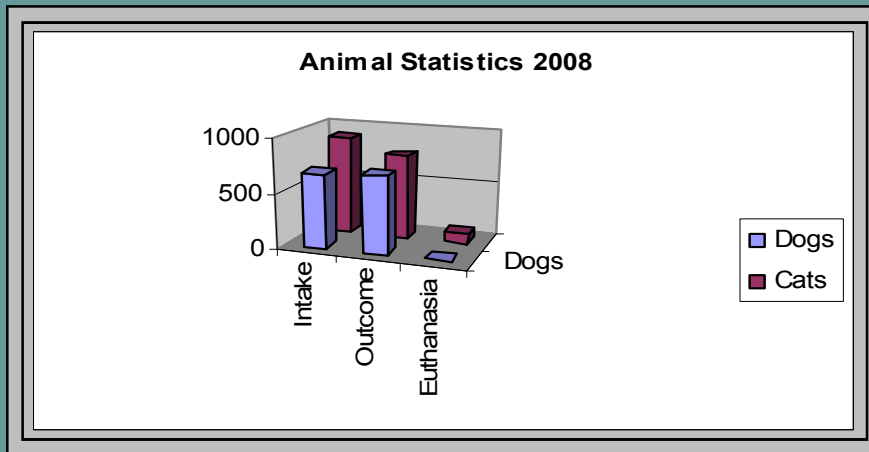
A lifelong companion, a best friend, a source of unconditional love is what the animals at NHHS offer. We take great pride in being able to offer that connection for our adopters. Our services bring new lives and friendships together daily.



## REUNITING

Keeping a family together, is of the utmost importance to us here at NHHS. Microchip clinics are offered yearly, as well as lost and found services. We strive to help facilitate a safe and speedy return of your beloved pet.

# animal stats



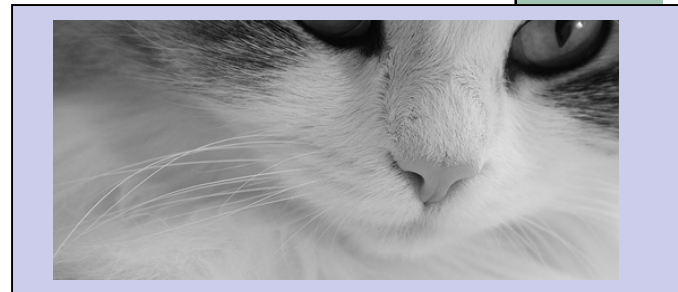
<b>INTAKE (Live Dogs &amp; Cats)</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Cat</b>	<b>Total</b>
Strays - ACO & Public	226	597	823
Owner Surrender	129	270	399
Owner Returns	24	35	59
Transfers from Organizations outside Community	295	3	298
<b>Total Intake</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>1579</b>
<b>OUTCOME</b>			
Adoptions	493	759	1252
Transfer to alternate shelter/rescue organization	8	0	8
Return to Owner	199	11	210
<b>Total Outcome</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>1470</b>
<b>EUTHANASIA</b>			
Healthy	0	0	0
Treatable - Rehabilitatable	0	0	0
Treatable - Manageable	0	0	0
Unhealthy & Untreatable	11	69	80
Died on Arrival	0	0	0
Died in Shelter	0	19	19
<b>Total Euthanasia</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>99</b>
Subtotal Outcomes (outcome & euthanasia)	711	858	1569
Animal Live Release Rate	100%	85%	93%
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# s.n.a.p. program

The New Hampshire Humane Society created a low cost spay/neuter program: S. N. A.P; to alleviate overpopulation issues at the local level, and help reduce the number of cats and dogs entering the shelter. Tracking our successes, we see a disproportionate number of owners utilizing the service for their un-sterilized animals coming from 'at risk' neighborhoods, those that encounter difficulties in terms of personal financial resource. Thankfully our S.N.A.P service offers a solution to the pet overpopulation situation – a discounted spay/neuter program for the underserved animal populations of New Hampshire is the best choice. In fact, the State of New Hampshire ranks as one of the most progressive areas in the country with the publicly funded PLAN A/PLAN B program. Working in tandem, we continue to offer S.N.A.P to all who ask for help.

## **WHY OWNERS DON'T SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR PETS:**

- Cost – owner can't afford the procedure
- Accessibility – no transportation or lack of available low-cost resources
- Owner thought the animal was too young to get pregnant
- Owner chose not to make sterilization a priority
- Animal escaped and got pregnant before it could be sterilized
- Owners want their children to experience the "miracle" of birth
- The procedure will change the animal's personality
- Cultural and/or religious differences
- Owners concerned that the procedure would make the pet fat and lazy
- Neutering takes away the male dog's "manhood"



## **SPAY-NEUTER SURGERY FACTS**

- Gestation period for both dogs and cats is 63 days. Female cats can become pregnant again ten days after giving birth!
- Kittens and puppies can be spayed or neutered as young as eight weeks of age.
- Modern anesthetics are safe and painless and pets recuperate quickly from surgery.
- Low-cost does not mean low-quality. The SNAP program uses state-of-the-art surgical instruments and equipment and does not cut corners or compromise quality.

# snippets

**Strays Reclaimed:** Dog-192, Puppies-7, Cats-8, Kittens-3

**Top ACO Stray Towns:** Laconia-41%, Barnstead-11%, Meredith-9%, Belmont-7%

**Top Owner Surrender Towns:** Laconia-24%, Barnstead-9%, Meredith-8%, Belmont-7%

**Strays Brought in by Public: 465** (93% cats/kittens) **Strays Brought in by ACO: 322** (59% dogs)

**Top Reasons for Owner Return:** Animal was too much to handle.

**Euthanized:** Healthy-0%, Sick/Injured-2%, Aggression-2%

**Top Citizen Stray Towns:** Laconia-27%, Meredith-10%, Belmont-9%, Gilford-9%

**Top Reasons for Owner Surrender:** Moving/Landlord, Animal was too much to handle.

**Owner Surrender:** Dogs-86, Puppies-43, Cats-156, Kittens-114, Small Animals-7

**Incoming animals:** Strays-51%, Owner Surrender-25%, Owner Return-4%, Transport Animals-18%

**Total Animals Adopted = 1,279**, Dogs-227, Puppies-266, Cats-386, Kittens-373, Small Animals-27

**Arriving at NH Shelters in 2008:** Dogs-4,465, Puppies-1,107, Cats-7,333, Kittens-3,526

**Adopted from NH Shelters in 2008:** Dogs-2,561, Puppies-968, Cats-5,416, Kittens-2,703

**Strays Reclaimed from NH Shelters in 2008:** Dogs-1,173, Puppies-25, Cats-124, Kittens-5

**Transferred from out of state to NH Shelters in 2008:** Dogs-1,146, Puppies-818, Cats-13, Kittens-42

**Top 3 Reasons for Surrender of Dogs in NH:** Moving/Landlord/Eviction, Not enough time for pet, Animal was too much to handle.

**Top 3 Reasons for Surrender of Cats in NH:** Moving/Landlord/Eviction, Animal was too much to handle, Allergies.





# financials



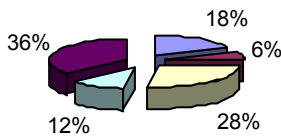
## Income 2008

Shelter & S/N Services	\$	243,067.00
Town Contracts	\$	84,000.00
Contributions & Fundraising	\$	366,484.00
Estate Giving: Wills & Bequests	\$	156,249.00
Investment Income	\$	(472,625.00)
	\$	<b>377,175.00</b>

## Expenses 2008

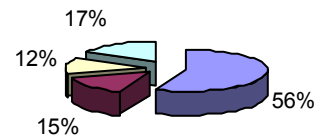
Shelter Operations	\$	511,154.00
Veterinary Care	\$	136,168.00
Admin Support Services	\$	111,389.00
Fundraising	\$	152,678.00
	\$	<b>911,389.00</b>

Income



- Shelter & S/N Services
- Contributions & Fundraising
- Investment Income
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- Estate Giving: Wills & Bequests

Expense



- Shelter Operations
- Admin Support Services
- Veterinary Care
- Fundraising



# volunteers



## Volunteers In Motion

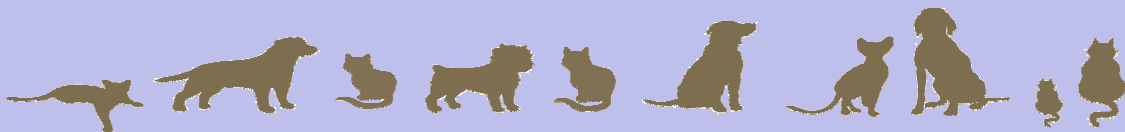
Whether chopping peppers and onions at the Sandwich Fair, asking for items from the wish list at various big box stores, or collecting coins from the Dog Bank program, New Hampshire Humane Society volunteers logged 7664 ¼ hours of service for the animals this year.

We bid a poignant farewell to Janet Thomas-Gauntlett – a veritable mainstay at our reception desk. Janet gave so many years of service to the animals, logging 632 hours in 2008 alone. Janet's story became somewhat legendary since the trick to hosting volunteers is finding the right niche for their talents and skills. Her path at NHHS led her away from the feline department on two occasions, our naughtier felines actually bit her - to the relative safety of our lobby and reception desk. Janet excelled at handling the hurly-burly of the front desk with incredible professionalism and calmness under pressure. We miss her humor, kindness and sensitivity.

Feline department volunteer Pat Muzzey deserves acknowledgement of her outstanding dedication in caring for hundreds of cats and kittens here with 323 ¾ hours of service logged. Pat is a regular face about the building on Wednesdays. The staff are so grateful to her for her commitment and the occasional pasta and chili dishes she shares with us!

Volunteers ensured regular events Funspot Indoor Triathlon, Timberman Triathlon, Dogtoberfest, and the Joyce Endee Production Craft Fairs ran smoothly with full staffing. Further, our newest ventures, Cram The Van off sites, Comman Man food booth at the Sandwich Fair, and the biggest of all, the Designer Show House, simply could not have happened without the gift of time from so many. The show house relied heavily on volunteers, both in committee, execution, and hosting the viewing public during the open phase of the house, logged 2945 of time.

On behalf of the organization, we look forward to another productive year with a strong volunteer base, those individuals of which, we simply could not carry out the mission without their stewardship.



# giving



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Mary Bruce  
Pauline Boucher

## 5,000+

Alice Teft  
Erma Rand  
Norman & Stacy Soucy

## 1,500-4,999

Anthony & Eleanor Spinazzola  
David A. Robinson  
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John Cataldo  
Keith Jordan  
Leonard Shallow  
Leslie Christodoupoulis  
Lyman Pope  
Marie Baker & Mark Woglom  
Mary Di Maria & Mark Diette  
Patrick Schimenz  
Rick Kilgore  
Susannah Chance  
Andrew McKibben  
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## 500-1,499

Alan & Ann Posnack  
Barbara Clifford  
Rev. William & Deborah Corr  
Charlotte Nadeau  
David Newcomb  
Dorothy Wilkins  
Dr. Michael F. Dowe  
Gary Coyne  
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Karin Pomerantz  
Karen Wilson  
Karl Wulfsberg  
Lisa Marie Prucha  
Lauralee Davis  
John Estano  
Mary MacLeod  
Nanci Coughlin  
Peter Dole  
Phyllis Hawkins  
Richard & Joyce Bennett  
Richard Coggon  
Robert Miller  
Robin Smith  
Shelley Olson  
Stephen & Tracy Lemoine  
Walter Hoyt  
Wendy Palmquist

## 250-499

Arthur & Dorothy Chicaderis  
Cynthia Baron  
Edwina Drummond  
Fred & Glennis Halterman  
George & Brenda Crawford  
James Mc Hale  
John Suldenski  
John T. Bennett  
John Travers  
Ken Wilson  
Laconia High School  
Lisa Bartlett  
Luann Flood  
Mary Rudasill  
Michael Dougherty  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul M. Buck

# giving



## 250-499 Continued

Deborah Cotton  
Peta Cote  
Philip Simpson  
Richard & Joanne Tilton  
Richard & Gail Wholey  
Robert Sherman  
Russell & Judy Sabanek  
Sarah Witt  
Scott Glenn  
Stephen Vann  
Susan Gaines  
Whitman Richards

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Annie Schneider  
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Casual Cape  
Christi Walsh Interiors  
Coldwell Banker  
Common Man Family

## Company C

Craig Gamble Construction  
Culligan  
David Messier  
Dawn Heiderer-Design Inspirations  
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Deborah Fairbanks Corr  
Dogwatch of Lakes Region  
Duralee Window Treatment  
Edwina Drummond Interiors  
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George Hawkins Photography  
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Helen Sage  
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Jan Naylor  
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Jonathan Sargent  
Joyce's Draperies  
Judy McShane  
Katheryn Cordeiro  
Kitchen Encounters  
Laconia Christian School  
Laconia Savings Bank  
Lake Style Interiors  
Lakes Region VW/Audi  
Lakes Region Dental  
Leah Storey  
Lee Jofa Fabrics  
Linda's Flowers  
Lori Currier Interiors  
Dr. Louis Ricciardiello  
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Meredith Bay Personal Fitness  
Meredith Harley Davidson  
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New Hampshire Home Magazine  
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Normandin Cheney & O'Neil  
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countless Volunteers.**

# things people can learn from dogs...



When loved ones come home, always run to greet them

Run, romp and play daily

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm

Be loyal

Never pretend to be something you're not

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride

Allow the experience of the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience

Let others know when they've invaded your territory

Take naps and stretch before rising

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently

Thrive on attention and let people touch you

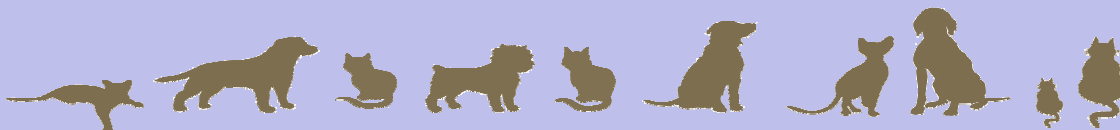
Avoid biting when a simple growl will do

On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree

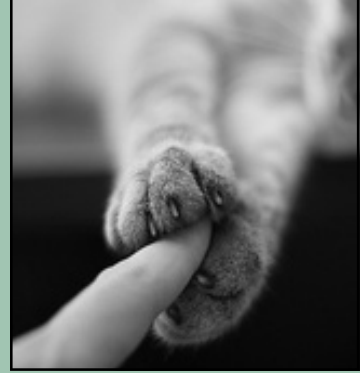
When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body

No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing, pout and run right back  
and make friends

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk



# things people can learn from cats...



Whenever you miss the sandbox, cover it up, dragging a sock over it helps

Nap often

If you can't get your way, lay across the keyboard until you do

When in doubt, cop an attitude

When you are hungry, meow loudly so they feed you just to shut you up

Always find a good patch of sun to nap in

Life is hard, and then you nap

Curiosity never killed anything except maybe a few hours

Variety is the spice of Life. One day, ignore people; the next day, annoy them

When in trouble, purr and look cute

Make your mark on the world, or at least spray in each corner

Climb your way to the top, that's why the curtains are there

Always give generously; a bird or rodent left on the bed tells them, "I care."

When you have something important to say, try to say it in the dead of the night when you're SURE everyone's sleeping. There's no better way to get the attention you deserve.

