



NH HUMANE SOCIETY

Laconia • New Hampshire

2011 ANNUAL REPORT



A Special Thanks! *to our Hard Working Staff & Board Members*

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Megan Tower	Animal Care Leader

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Latisha Goss	Adoption Counselor
Michele King	Adoption Counselor

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Jodie Favorite	Animal Care Technician
Peggy Gifford	Animal Care Technician
Becky Hart	Animal Care Technician
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Mary Di Maria	Board Member

In Appreciation of our Community Partners

Interlakes Animal Hospital
Meadow Pond Animal Hospital
VCA Lakes Region Veterinary Hospital
Winnepesaukee Veterinary Emergency Center

Sant Bani School
Tilton School
New Hampton School
Laconia Christian School
Elm Street School

Salmon Press
Concord Monitor
Laconia Daily Sun
Soco Magazine

Leo Sandy

A Word from Our Board President



As I finish my first year as President of the New Hampshire Humane Society Board of the Directors, I want to extend my thanks to our members, donors, volunteers, and staff for their commitment to the mission. We are working closely together to ensure our resolve remains strong to provide care and comfort to the homeless, lost, abused and abandoned animals of our region. It is important too, that as an animal welfare agency helping people and their pets, that we continue to give back to the communities we serve.

We have made great strides in 2011, expanding our Board of Directors, partnering with the largest veterinary practice in the Lakes Region, and maintaining our 90% adoption rate.

Relying solely on donations from the public, we continue to strive to keep operating costs low and efficiency high, in an economy that is still weak. We depend so much on your continued generosity whether it is your donation dollars, your time, professional services, or gifts of supplies needed to make the cats, dogs, puppies and kittens lives comfortable while they await their forever homes.

Thank you for your continued support – seeing the joy on the faces of happy families taking home their newly adopted pet is why we all work so hard.

Sincerely,

Julie Irwin

President of the Board of Directors

Letter From our Executive Director

To All The Loyal Supporters of the NH Humane Society: How often have we heard the words “If I ever win the lottery, I’m going to open my own shelter” uttered by a visitor impressed with the New Hampshire Humane Society? It’s a noble sentiment, spoken with passion, but without a true understanding of what it takes to run an animal shelter.

As I look back over 2011, I am continually reminded that the sheer hard work performed by the staff and volunteers is just one part of what it takes to ensure all the animals are cared for here every day. Come rain or shine, blizzard, or heat wave, our dedicated staff and volunteers who simply want to make a difference in the lives of an animal are here 365 days of the year. They make sure our doors remain open to those that need our help: 1,300 in 2011 with an even great number anticipated in 2012.

Without monetary support we would be hard pressed to provide the veterinary care necessary to treat the sick, heal the wounded, and mend the broken hearts of many who arrive at our doorstep. In 2011 NHHS spent \$130,000 in medical care with that figure anticipated to be higher in 2012 as more animals come through our doors.

Addressing the over-population issues specific to cats in our state has been a major goal for us this past year. We streamlined the Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) process and targeted un-spayed/un-neutered felines. The demand for this low cost sterilization service tripled, so much so, we reached out to



other veterinarians to assist us. Further, all cats leaving the NHHS are micro-chipped given the demographic that 75% or more of ‘stray’ cats are in fact owned animals never re-united with their families. The SNAP program is pivotal and necessary and guaranteed to be more widely available in 2012.

Without the tireless marketing of pets desperate for loving homes, without constant fund-raising via small and large events, without continual promotion of our shelter at off sites, outreach and community based initiatives and business partnerships we would find it very hard to meet the needs of so many animals each and every day.

The care and love given those animals that wait for their forever homes is a tribute to the dedication and compassion exhibited by everyone associated with NHHS. We strive to make their stay as short as possible, but no matter how long the wait, we are pledged to find a forever home for all. I am proud and honored to be part of that team.

So that’s what it takes to run an animal shelter.

Sincerely,

Mary G. Di Maria
Executive Director

New Hampshire Humane Society Financial Report 2011

Mission & Purpose

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



2011 Financial Highlights (Unaudited)

REVENUES	\$	Amount
Individual and Corporate Donations*	\$	314,738
Net Proceeds from Fundraising & Events	\$	86,879
Estate Giving: Wills and Bequests	\$	264,996
Shelter Services (Adoptions, Medical)	\$	113,850
City and Town Service Contracts	\$	67,200
Grants Received	\$	7,100
Interest, Dividends, & Other Income	\$	168,287
<i>* Includes the value of donated auction items</i>		
EXPENSES	\$	Amount
Animal Welfare & Sheltering	\$	420,477
MEDICAL EXPENSES		
Vaccines	\$	7,501
Tests	\$	9,416
Medicines	\$	37,298
Surgical Supplies	\$	5,627
Spay & Neuter Services	\$	30,850
Veterinary Care	\$	38,989
Mortgage Payments on Shelter Building	\$	108,000
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		
New Septic System	\$	32,087
Washer & Dryer with Purification System	\$	12,987
New Server & Computers	\$	5,145
Management & General Expenses	\$	112,165
Fundraising and Community Outreach	\$	131,034

Volume of Shelter Animals At An All Time High

How the Economy Has Affected Our Four Legged friends

A new term in the world of animal welfare – ‘foreclosure refugee’ which illuminates the plight of former home owners, now renters, who can no longer keep the family together because of landlord rules. Often times these dogs and cats are older, and have lived with their humans since kitten and puppyhood. These scenarios are truly wrenching, mothers and fathers crying openly when surrendered the family pet.

New Hampshire Humane Society is here to offer the best hope for a happy solution, at least for the pet.

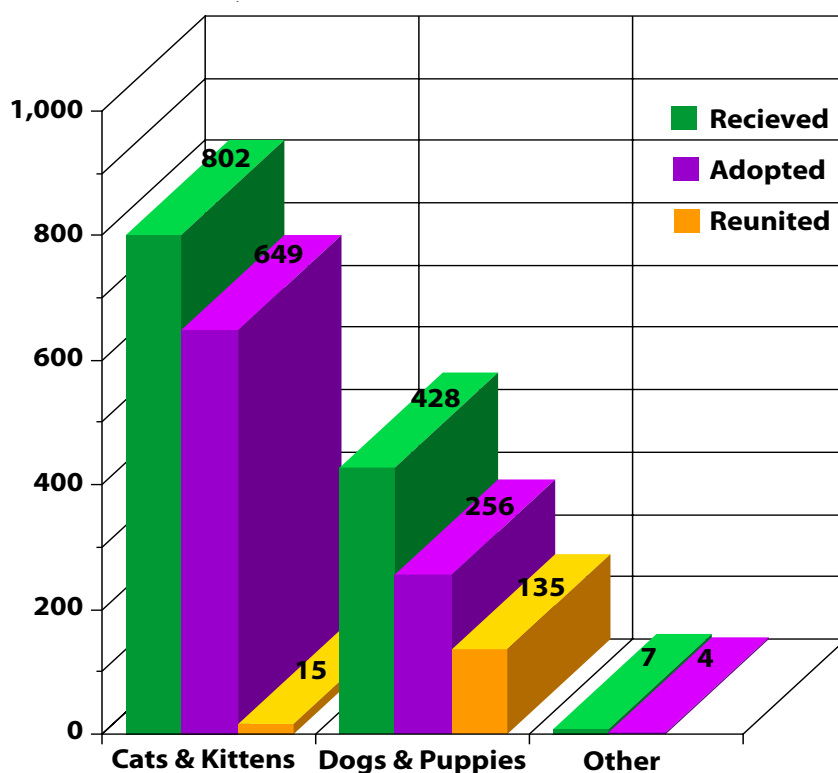
Medical hardship: another often heard reason for surrender. The term applies equally to the human who may have sustained injury and therefore job loss, or due to chronic illness, no longer having financial resource to care for their pets. Alternatively, pets that become

ill, or sustain injury, their financially strapped owners experience sticker shock at the veterinary hospital.

Their only option, surrendering the

pet to NHHS knowing we can and will seek medical attention, as a non-profit agency pledged to care for animals.

ANIMAL INTAKE STATISTICS 2011



S.N.A.P. Spay & Neuter Assistance program

5 good reasons why you should spay and neuter your pets

1. Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life.

Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer, which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.

2. Neutering provides major health benefits for your male.

Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male companion prevents testicular cancer, if performed before six months of age.

3. Your spayed female won't go into heat.

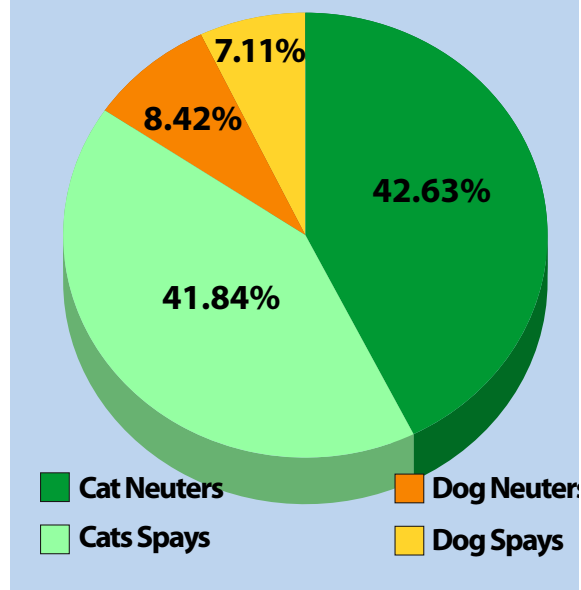
While cycles vary, female cats usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently—sometimes all over the house!

4. Your male dog won't want to roam.

An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate! That includes digging his way under the fence and making like Houdini to escape from the house. And once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other males.

5. Your neutered male will be much better behaved.

SNAP STATISTICS 2011



Remembering Daniel & Others *Why NHHS Transports Southern Dogs*

Cast your mind back, just a little way to October 2011. Some might remember the piece on Good Morning America about a little Beagle, so named Daniel, who cheated death in a city animal holding facility in Florence, Alabama. This quiet, unassuming dog shot to fame because somehow, miraculously, he escaped the fate of the eighteen other dogs, locked in a specially made steel chamber that feeds in deadly carbon monoxide gas.

For a few days there was an uproar, temporarily, about the horror of such a practice, when in fact this activity happens daily in many shelters across the country but disproportionately so in the southern tier. Gassing is a cheap way to destroy unwanted animals. It's ugly, horrific and inhumane, and a despicable practice for those of us in the business of saving animal lives.

New Hampshire Humane Society receives at least two groups of dogs every month from shelters in the south. Each group numbers about twenty dogs, usually young, all unwanted, all escaping the fate of Daniel. We accept these hapless creatures because the long drive to New Hampshire assures them life, liberty, and the promise of a loving home. We have agreements from 'sending' shelters, and agree, as the 'receiving' shelter to certain stipulations. All these dogs are vetted prior to transport. They come with valid and current health certificates signed off by a veterinarian. We provide further medical care once

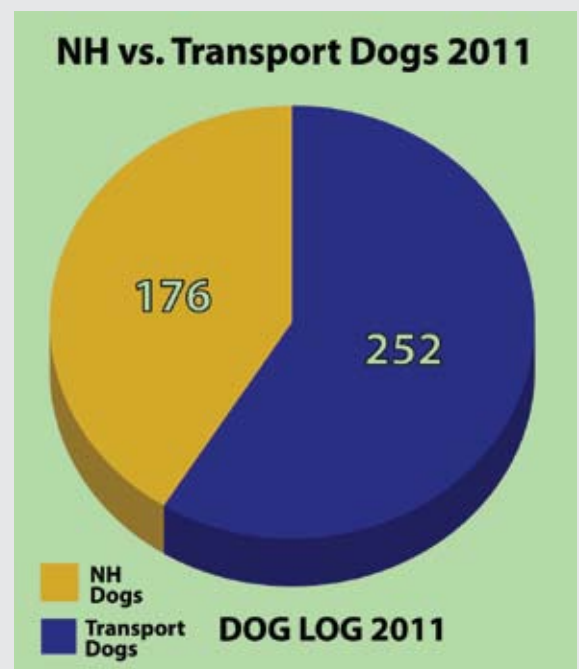


in the Granite State, hold them in quarantine and evaluate them for ideal placement. People want to adopt them. People want to know they made a difference and saved a life. People support our mission to help these dogs find wonderful northern homes where they can smell mountain air, enjoy our lakes, experience snow, and feel the comfort of a kind human hand.

Your support of New Hampshire Humane Society allows us to continue helping both local homeless animals and those whose only crime was to be born in states that have no teeth in their animal cruelty laws, no spay - neuter programs and no hope of adopting them before that long walk to 'the chamber'.

In 2011 more than half the dogs that were adopted from New Hampshire Humane Society were transported from the southern states as a result of over-population.

NHHS saved 252 puppies and dogs from shelters in Alabama, & Indiana, giving them a second chance at life.



It would be easy to reel off lots of facts and statistics in relation to the positive impact our volunteers have on any given day at New Hampshire Humane Society. Volunteers come to us from all walks of life; students, those in between jobs, those changing careers, those looking to meet like-minded animal lovers, those recently widowed, retired people, folks new to the area. They give so much and ask not for a return, save a friendly 'hello' and an appreciation for their service.

~ Volunteers logged in excess of 5014 hours in 2011.

~ Volunteers ensured events were staffed and ran smoothly both large and small.

~ Volunteers hosted our Animal Champions program teaching children responsible pet ownership.

~ Volunteers collected donations from the Dog Banks dotted along seven routes in New Hampshire.

~ Volunteers spread cheer and happiness to elders in area nursing homes bringing their own dogs, or shelter dogs to seven locales in and around the region.

~ Volunteers brushed cats who were hopelessly matted.

~ Volunteers spent quality time with dogs who really needed a friend.

~ Volunteers actively trained some



A Picture Paints a Thousand Words

Volunteers, our most precious resource

of our most emotionally bereft dogs in the B-Mod Squad.

~ Volunteers supported our fundraising efforts with items and their own dollars.

"I know I can't adopt them all, but I can give them hope"

~ Marie Catman Volunteer

~ Volunteers sat on committees, and helped with research.

~ Volunteers helped launch our Membership Program.

~ Volunteers actively promoted some of the neediest animals and helped them find their forever homes.

~ Volunteers taught deaf animals sign language.

~ Volunteers collated mail, answered our phones, took pictures for the website.

~ Volunteers opened their hearts and homes, fostering hundreds of homeless mother cats and kittens.

"One timely deed is worth ten thousand words" - The Works of Mr. James Thomson, 1802.

ON REFLECTION 2011 Through Their Eyes

2011 DOG WALK



BOW WOW FEST PARTNERSHIP

7TH ANNUAL FUNSPOT
INDOOR TRIATHLON



Marylee Gorham receives
\$12,000 proceeds from
Starr Lawton of Funspot

WINTER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



Marie Catman Mary Truell Judy Zugale

TILTON SCHOOL



Students donate to the animals

VOLUNTEER FORUM HOSTED BY ALTRUSA CLUB OF MEREDITH



Jan Keady & Felicia Johnson & Art

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE



Santa visits the NHHS

PET THERAPY AT BELKNAP COUNTY NURSING HOME



Alumnus Micah spreads cheer

PET PARTNERS CLUB



Holderness Summer Camp participates in our new program

Thank you Donors!*Generous Gifts Given in 2011***\$10,000 +**

Kenneth Binstock
 Mary G. Di Maria & Mark F. Diette
 Nassau Broadcasting
 Northeast Communications

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Sarah S. Curtis
 Deborah Fairbanks Corr
 Funspot
 Laconia Savings Bank

\$3,000-\$4,999

Animal Welfare Fund
 Philippa Bohl
 Peter and Ellen Gray
 Hampshire Hospitality Holdings, Inc.
 KPINC Consulting
 Marnie B. Schulz
 Total Security, Inc.
 VCA Lakes Region

\$1,000-\$2,999

Another An-Teek Shop, LLC dba Paws Antiques
 John Bender and Marcia Bates
 Richard and Joyce Bennett
 Richard A. Calvin
 Rick and Judith Casale
 Susannah Chance
 Jeffrey P. Cloutier
 Joseph and Pamela Correia
 Anthony and Valerie Davis
 Hali Dearborn
 Great American Dining dba The Common Man Family of Restaurant
 H.E. Murdock Co., Inc. DBA Days Jewelers
 Constance S. Heath

Richard and Bonna Hughes
 The Humane Society of the United States
 Interiors by Randi
 Jo Potter Keen
 Lakes Region United Way, Inc.
 Stephen and Tracy Lemoine
 Adora Maharaj
 Robert S. Miller
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 North American Reserve LLC
 Peter and Kathy Nurge
 Pine Gardens Manufactured Homes, Inc.
 Theresa Romano
 Robin Smith
 Kenneth and Gracy Solinsky
 Casey and Rita Trumble
 Christopher J. Volpe
 Weirs Beach Lobster Pound

\$500-\$999

Samuel S. Audley
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 Casual Cape
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 Dennis Cooper
 Cybertron, Inc.
 D Stone Davis
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 Diena Farr Roth
 Charles and Evelyn Schwager
 Small Business Benefit Solutions, LLC
 Tractor Supply Company
 Nathan and Joan Warren
 Sarah Witt
 Karl N. Wulfsberg & Lisa Marie Prucha
 Dee Dee Wyatt
 Walter and Carole Young

Foundations and Trusts

Aldis J. Christie Jr. Trust
 Clark Foundation
 Estate of Benjamin Bean
 Estate of Gordon Heard
 Estate of Lucille F. Guild
 Gladys W. Christie Trust
 Helen F. Busiel Trust
 Lena T. Nelson Fund
 Marjorie M. Clark Irrev Trust
 Martha H. Brown Trust
 Penny Pitou & Milo Pike Charitable Fund
 Ruth W. Metcalfe Charitable Trust
 Truman Charitable Fund

THE REAL MOVERS AND SHAKERS AT NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY



Sampson
Executive Director



Bonnie
PR & Volunteer Director



Chloe
Business Director



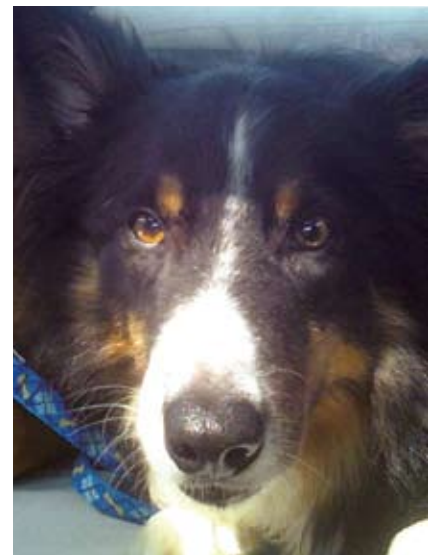
Mason
Director of Development



Penny
Animal Care Director



Wylee
Animal Care Leader



Bandit
Animal Care Leader



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