

Annual Report 2012



NH HUMANE SOCIETY
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A Word from our Board President



As my second year serving as President and my term on the New Hampshire Humane Society Board of Directors comes to a close, I have been reflecting on all that we have accomplished these last six years. When I first came onto the Board, construction of our beautiful new building was nearing completion. We were excited to be able to care for our animals in a setting that offered warm kennels for the dogs and sunny community rooms for the cats.

During this past year, we have continued to add strength to our Board of Directors. The Board also spent considerable time revamping our Bylaws and developing and approving a new set of Governance Policies and Procedures. The policies cover a wide range of issues including integrity and ethical conduct. Additionally, a strategic plan was formulated with input from the staff and volunteers. The Strategic Plan, in addition to the new Governance Policies and Procedures, will guide the Board in the future as they perform a number of key functions including: providing the overall direction for

NHHS, ongoing policy development, monitoring of programs and services, performance management, communication and advocacy.

As an independent nonprofit without ties to any national organizations, we depend on the support of donors and volunteers. In these challenging economic times we really appreciate those that continue to sustain our efforts. Support for NHHS comes in many forms—board membership, financial contributions, participation in event planning,

or direct animal care. And then there are our youngest supporters, the children who ask their friends for donations of supplies rather than gifts for their birthdays.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I offer many thanks to our staff, volunteers, donors and members that have contributed to our efforts in finding forever homes for the animals temporarily in our care. We look forward to 2013 and hope you will join us in the effort to help the animals that depend upon us.

Sincerely,
Julie Irwin
President of the Board of Directors

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Letter from the Executive Director

To All The Loyal Supporters of the
New Hampshire Humane Society —

In 2012, I celebrated two milestones here at the New Hampshire Humane Society—three full years as Executive Director and 10 years since I took in my first foster cat to care for at my home. Now after many thousands of hours working long days and hundreds more fostering 250 cats and kittens, I hopefully am wiser and smarter. Thankfully, I only adopted seven of those cats who now rule the house along with my first dog ever, my sweet Sampson.

It's my pleasure to share with you the successes we've achieved on behalf of the more than 1,200 animals that come through our doors each year. NHHS's accomplishments are the direct result of a vibrant network of volunteers who come from all types of backgrounds and experiences and the wonderful and dedicated staff that ensure all animals are cared for here every day.

We are located in Belknap County, the second poorest in the state. We were blessed with an incredible donation of \$10,000 to develop and implement a no-cost spay/neuter program for those that cannot afford even the low prices of our regular clinic. With this donation, along with the addition to our staff of a full-time Medical Director, we are now able to provide a wonderful resource back to our community through this program.

Of course, the New Hampshire Humane Society could not exist without the tremendous work and dedication of the staff and volunteers. These are the people who soothe an animal who doesn't understand why its owner moved away or the one that comes with physical ailments and is treated with gentle loving hands until body, heart and soul are healed.

I am proud to be associated with such a talented team. Together we have made a difference in the lives of the animals we care for each year. We had ten cats that went to their forever home after each was here at least a year. Simon, who was pictured with me in my first message in the 2009 annual report, was adopted after 1,080 days!

I invite you to review the 2012 highlights on the following pages which outlines the many initiatives, service developments and activities that marked this past year. My personal thanks to our donors, employees and volunteers for their continued support and dedication to enriching the lives of our animals and for being part of the NH Humane Society family.

Sincerely,
Mary G. Di Maria
Executive Director

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New Hampshire Humane Society Financial Report 2012

2012 Financial Highlights (Unaudited)

New Hampshire Humane Society

Mission and Purpose

1. 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.
6. To be a community partner to help care for animals and to keep them in their forever homes.

REVENUES

	Amount
Individual and Corporate Donations*	\$276,130
Net Proceeds from Fundraising & Events	\$115,308
Estate Giving: Wills and Bequests	\$139,098
Shelter Services (Adoptions, Medical)	\$117,771
City and Town Service Contracts	\$ 64,000
Grants Received	\$ -
Interest, Dividends, & Other Income	\$147,284

* Includes the value of donated auction items

EXPENSES

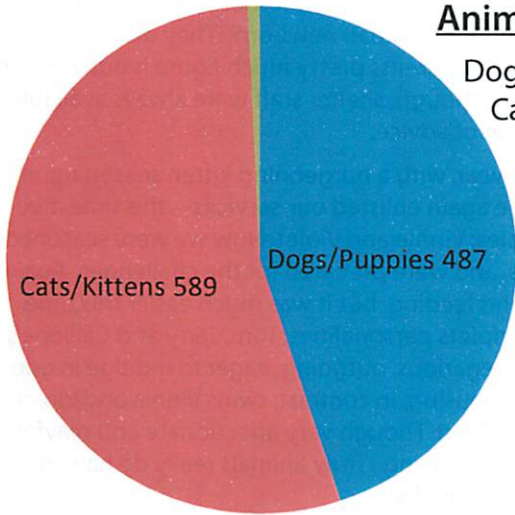
	Amount
Animal Welfare & Sheltering	\$449,546
MEDICAL EXPENSES	
Vaccines	\$ 6,121
Tests	\$ 7,136
Medicines	\$ 14,654
Surgical Supplies	\$ 6,647
Spay & Neuter Services	\$ 20,885
Veterinary Care	\$ 62,741
Mortgage Payments on Shelter Building	\$108,000
CAPITAL EXPENSES	
Barn Renovation Project	\$ 18,061
New Photocopier, Snowblower & PC	\$ 7,369
Management & General Expenses	\$123,512
Fundraising and Community Outreach	\$113,732

Animal Statistics

Other 8

Animals Received

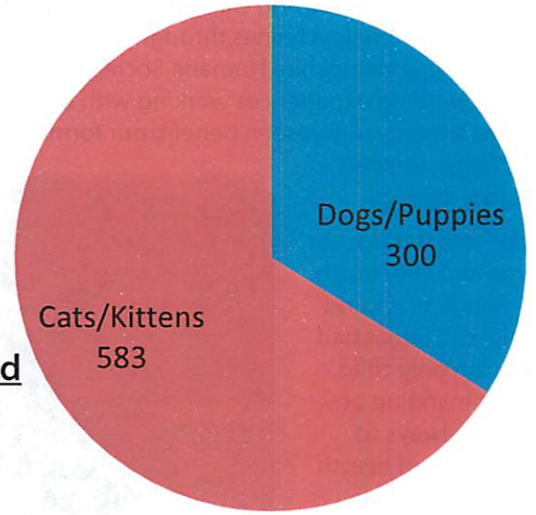
Dogs/Puppies 487
 Cats/Kittens 589
 Other 8
TOTAL 1084



Other 1

Animals Adopted

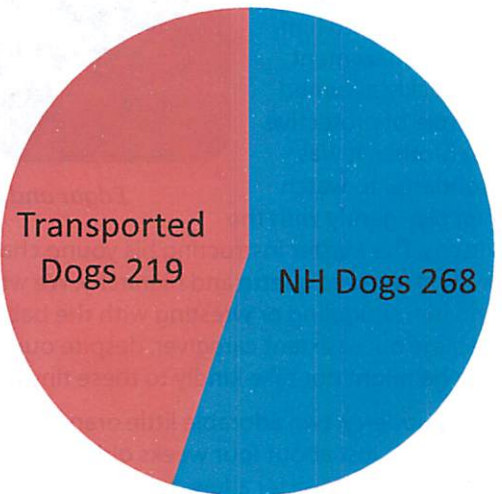
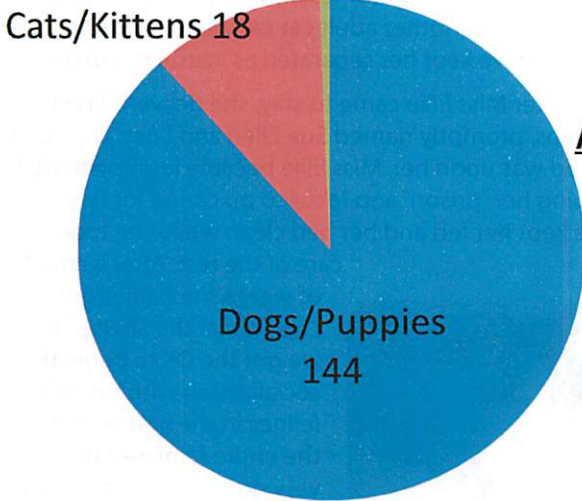
Dogs/Puppies 300
 Cats/Kittens 583
 Other 1
TOTAL 884



Other 1

Animals Reunited

Dogs/Puppies 144
 Cats/Kittens 18
 Other 1
TOTAL 163



NH vs. Transport Dogs

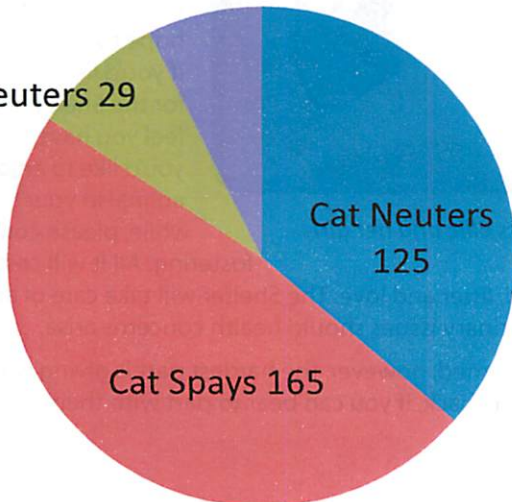
NH Dogs 268
 Transported Dogs 219
TOTAL 487

Dog Spays 25

SNAP Stats

Cat Neuters 125
 Cat Spays 165
 Dog Neuters 29
 Dog Spays 25
TOTAL 344

Dog Neuters 29



The fine art of FOSTERING....

By Mark Morello

My wife and I applied and were quickly accepted as foster parents for homeless felines through the Volunteer Department at New Hampshire Humane Society. We had three very rewarding experiences working with cats and kittens, and as a totally unforeseen benefit, our formerly singular cat, Edgar showed his true calling.

Prior to fostering, our large and very much in-charge black and white cat, Edgar had been an only child. A commanding boy, he was always so possessive of hearth and home. Edgar didn't appreciate change to his status quo. Bringing the little ones into our home softened him. To our amazement he quickly assumed the role of protective big brother. It was wonderful to watch him play gently with the kittens. The Master instructing his young charges in the ways of feline etiquette and hierarchy. We would regularly find him snuggling or wresting with the babies. Edgar became our assistant caregiver, despite our initial fears that he might not take kindly to these tiny invaders.

Tom and Jerry, two adorable little orange kittens were our first 'case'. Just about four weeks old they were reunited with their kitten sister a few days later when she was brought to the shelter. "Please can you take the third kitten?" was the request over the phone to which our immediate response was "Yes, of course, the family can't be broken up!" And so it was, Calliope, a petite calico, joined her brothers at the Morello residence. Those tiny critters kept us happily busy. At 4 weeks old, we quickly discovered that they needed hand feeding and we couldn't feed them fast enough. My wife and I were in stitches every time we sat down to feed these voracious little fur balls. There was food and formula everywhere and we loved every second of it. It was immensely gratifying to see them progress from formula in syringes to thinned down canned food to raiding the dry kibble from Big Brother, Edgar. We're pretty sure he also taught them the ways of the litter box, though have no actual proof.



Edgar and the kittens

If you've never cared for itty bitty kitties before, it's just so similar to caring for a human newborn. They don't come with a manual; we new parents pretty much figure it out as you go. With the kittens though, shelter staff were always available if we needed a bit of advice.

The following year, with a burgeoning kitten season upon NHHS, Marylee again enlisted our services—this time, two tiny grey tabbies; Vinnie and Violet. Now we were seasoned foster parents, and were prepared for the challenges. Again we did the hand feeding, but it was much easier this time. Whereas the triplets personalities, Tom, Jerry and Calliope's were similar, gregarious, outgoing, eager to indulge in good-natured roughhousing, in contrast, twins Vinnie and Violet were more subdued. Though very affectionate and playful they weren't as outgoing. Truly animals really do have distinct personalities and quirks.

Our last "foster child" was a pregnant female cat, Miss Ellie. The most difficult part with Miss Ellie was keeping her segregated from the others. Sometimes bringing an adult cat into a home "owned" by another adult cat can be touchy. Miss Ellie didn't like it but we kept her separated as instructed to do.

Two weeks after Miss Ellie came to stay, she delivered two female kittens, promptly named Sue Ellen and Lucy. Now that motherhood was upon her, Miss Ellie became less concerned with escaping her "prison" and focused on caring for her babies. We kept her fed and her bed clean while she took

care of the rest. After a couple of weeks the babies got a checkup at the Shelter and we got the OK to begin their socialization with the other felines in the house. Happily the entire family—kittens very quickly—did find their forever homes.

Fostering was a remarkable experience which I eagerly hope to get back to one day. If you'd like to volunteer for the Shelter but don't feel you have the time, or if you'd like to enjoy having an animal in your home for a while, please consider

fostering. All it will cost you is

food, litter and love. The Shelter will take care of any veterinary issues should health concerns arise.

Be warned, however, the hardest part is giving your fuzzy fosters back, if you can bear to part with them.



Miss Ellie and her girls

Hero Dogs

By Phil Bohl



Two years spent on a chain, attached to a pick up truck, left outside in all weathers, with no shelter was the life Art the Saint

Bernard and his sister endured. Finally relinquished to New Hampshire Humane Society, this wonderful organization that I am proud to be part of, it was time for Art's life to take a turn for the better. His sister found a home quickly, but Art needed more help, he was a truly special dog.

Heartworm positive, arthritic, flea infested, with a coat that stopped you in your tracks a mile away the smell was so bad, it was love at sight when Marylee took me back to see this very large dog, all alone in the quarantine area of the shelter. I had only come over that fateful day in July 2009 to play with the cats and talk to the staff as usual since I had been volunteering for a while and already had a full house in the pet department — two Boxers and a raft of rescue cats.

Art was underweight, sad and very stinky. Marylee told me his story. My initial response was 'fur and drool'. But when I opened my mouth, my heart spoke saying "If I foster him, you won't get him back". I think that was the answer Marylee knew she would get.



So Art came home with me. He intimidated the Boxers and cats because of his size, but he was a quiet soul. He learned that life can be good. He recovered from his disease and began to visit nursing homes through the NHHS Pet Therapy program. He was also part of the Animal Champions education program, proving to be a good listener to those in need. For a dog that had spent most of his life alone, Art enjoyed the attention and he got lots of it. Simply walking into a room drew looks of amazement. He loved to ride in the car with his head out the window, drool and slobber jittering in the breeze and sticking to the glass. He was the right height for the elderly in wheelchairs and he loved the children who rubbed his ears. He adored ice cream, swimming in the lake, and chasing squirrels.

He was diagnosed with Lymphoma at the age of eight. Art passed away April 13, 2012.

I still have people ask about him. Strangers will come over to my car and remark about seeing him hang his big, stately head out the window. He touched more lives and put smiles on more faces than I will ever know.

I took a break from dogs after Art died deciding instead to focus more on cats for a while, but a friend had other ideas. Laurie sends care packages to Military Dog Handlers out of Hanscom AFB in Massachusetts. She knew the loss of Art left a great hole in my heart, and she knew about a German Shepherd who would be retired from military service quite soon. Brett — a Military War Dog (MWD) was removed from active duty due to Lupus, arthritis and skin conditions that rendered a normally luxuriant coat into a tough ugly shell much like an old helmet. In his working days he located bombs and helped protect our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. He guarded the President at the U.N. in New York City. I'm sure he has seen things I'll never understand.

When I first saw him he was in bad shape—his joints and feet were swollen from being kept on cement floors. His tail tip was raw and bloody from hitting the sides of his kennel. He was aloof and pretty much ignored me. I saw past his ailments but in my thirty years of canine experience, I had never seen skin like his before. I needed to get him out of the kennel.

Brett, renamed Rhett, as in Butler, in *Gone With the Wind*, because he is so handsome, finally came home with me in October 2012. Our first port of call, the vet's office to treat his skin, and his entire body the best way I could. Time, antibiotics, non steroidal anti-inflammatory medications, glucosamine and much love, have made his life easier and he has learned to be a dog again. He has four beds to choose from and a dog ramp to get in and out of the car. Yes he is spoiled.

In Art's paw prints, Rhett now follows. At the nursing homes he finds every walker with tennis balls on them, he is always gentle and sweet. His fur coat has grown back, the fluid in his joints has diminished. He still has some spinal pain, and his teeth are worn down and broken from all his Schutzhund training and likely real life scenarios. He knows ALL the toys, not just his favorite Kong and Planet Dog Ball are his. He has learned I won't leave him. No more kennels, ever. And he is



never reprimanded, ever. Not that he does anything wrong, but positive reinforcement goes further than reprimands for any dog.

Rhett and I have been together since October 2012, we are still learning about each other and he is learning to put his trust in me, and me with him. Life is Good. Rhett is my Hero.

Cruelty and Abuse

The Jack Russell Terriers story

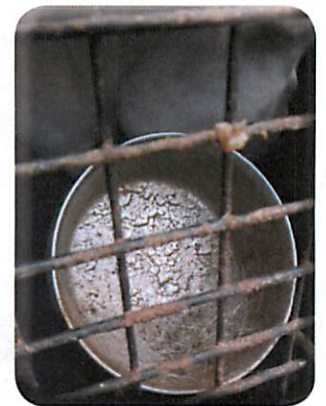
What crime could a little Jack Russell Terrier commit that would result in imprisonment in a tiny plastic crate? Truly, none of us at New Hampshire Humane Society can imagine a life restricted in such cruel fashion. Forced to endure the summer heat, and the winter cold. No option but to relieve one's self on the scant and dirty bedding stuffed in that small cage, and then, worst of all, having to lie in that waste, all day, all night, every day, every night, year after year.

Such were the conditions a group of little dogs found themselves in before authorities and the New Hampshire Humane Society stepped in. A main part of our mission is active involvement with cruelty and neglect cases wherever these awful situations rear their ugly heads.

Thanks to our outpouring of support from our many animal advocates and donors we were able to provide the care needed. Further, we are grateful to the folks who made those early calls of concern, stepping up to speak for those than cannot speak for themselves, and to law enforcement officials who helped facilitate the final release from such hideous bondage, only wishing that the removal of these innocent creatures could have happened sooner.



A horrific find — the Jack Russell Terriers in their crates.



A filthy unused water bowl in a crate.



Buttercup goes home!

Happily, Napoleon, Betty White, Roscoe, Pisces, Black Jack, Buttercup, Ivory, Waldo and Tilly, have received the care and comfort they so richly deserve and are enjoying the love and warmth of their permanent homes.

Happy endings! A smiling Bitsy (formerly Buttercup) in her new home. This picture says it all!



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Volunteers are involved in most aspects of our organization; helping out with office tasks, working at our fundraising events, soliciting donations...but most importantly, working with the animals. Our hard working staff can't do it all, but the volunteers are there when we can't be, comforting and loving the creatures that pass through our doors.

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200—500 hours

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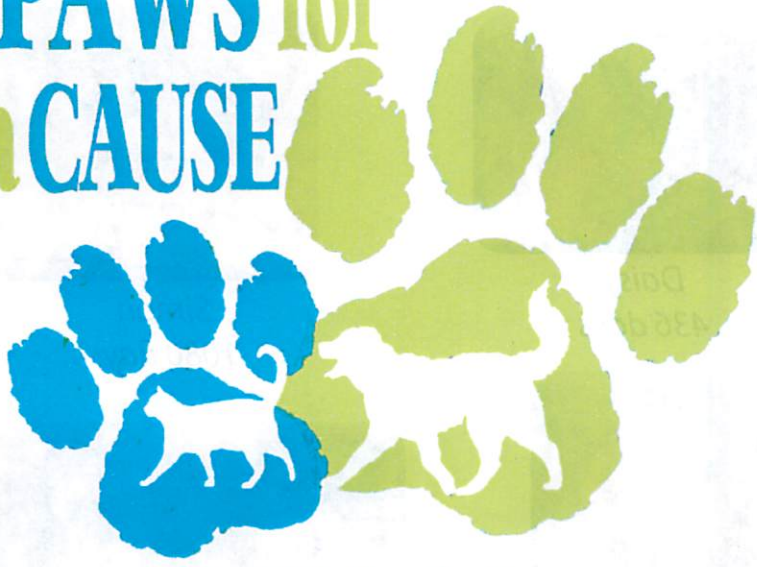
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