Recently, I was called to assist the Police in a small rural town over two hours from our location in Stratham. As the Cruelty Investigator for the New Hampshire SPCA, I am called out regularly to help police departments contend with situations of cruelty, neglect, or at times, the hoarding of animals. Our combined investigation confirmed that the owners were overwhelmed by the sheer number of animals that they had, and as a result, the animals were not receiving proper care. The Police Chief spoke to the owners and convinced them to decrease the number of animals that they were caring for to a smaller number that they could properly care for. He also told them that there would be four charges of animal cruelty for the neglect, one charge for each species that they had been keeping, rabbits, guinea pigs, dogs, and horses.

Voluntarily surrendering to the NHSPCA were 27 rabbits, 15 guinea pigs, two dogs with a total of 11 puppies and three horses. Because the owners voluntarily relinquished them, the animals were quickly free to receive proper medical treatment, time to recover and then be placed for adoption to forever homes.

The horses needed veterinary and hoof care right away. The white horse was severely underweight. Her eyes looked hollow and so deeply sad when she first arrived. She needed a special feeding schedule to help her put weight back on slowly and safely. Molly, the brown horse, had a problem with her front foot caused by a birth defect that had never been treated. She walked on the tips of her hooves while walking and tripped and staggered over few steps. She would need surgery to help her overcome this.
Dear Friends and Supporters,

The New Hampshire SPCA has been supporting the community and its animals for 147 years and throughout those years, the manner in which that support arrived has varied.

In the early years, though the offices were located in downtown Portsmouth, the Agent traveled the region and at the same time, worked to protect large animals from being over worked, neglected of basic care or being cruelly treated. Long before the concept of an “animal shelter” was raised, we traveled in the community protecting animals. Fast forward to 2017 and we once again are traveling around the Seacoast supporting people and the animals in their lives. This time, it is through our newly established Community Wellness Clinics that provide basic care to seniors and those with limited incomes. In partnership with the Portsmouth and Exeter Housing Authority and Rockingham Nursing Home, we have been able to provide basic veterinary care to cherished pets for those who are unable to access needed care in the community.

Expanding the safety net for animals and working to keep animals in their homes with caretakers who love them masts multiple goals and objectives, as we continue to nurture and support the precious bond between people and their pets.

On behalf of the animals,

Lisa S. Dennisin
Executive Director

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You've been supporting homeless animals for as long as you can remember; right? You believe in the work of the New Hampshire SPCA, but don’t think you’re a candidate to make a “big” gift? Not necessarily… Did you know that since 1905, over 200 people, just like you, have made gifts through their will or estate plan. And today, these same people continue to help fund and provide for the animals in our care, every day. Each one of them cared for the animals of their time, and each of them continues to provide for today.

If you walk through the hallway from our Adoption Center to our Learning Center, you will see the name of every person who made their “Gift of a Lifetime” through a bequest to the animals. Their names are each listed on our Sarah J. Pickering Circle of Friends recognition board. Sarah was our founder and her husband, John Pickering made the very first bequest to the NHSPCA in 1905. Since then, bequest gifts have continued in all states, whether enough to care for one dog before adoption or to help build our Learning Center for Pets and People. Each one is thoroughly appreciated and each donor remembered. Their legacy of supporting animals in need lives on, just as yours can.

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Imagine how scared Hank must have felt the day he was brought to our shelter by animal control. Something traumatic had happened to him. He was lost, limping, and half blind with his right eye bulging out of the socket. He shrieked from our touch, flinching in pain and fear. Seeing him suffering, our hearts just broke for him. Thank goodness he was living beside staff and volunteers that would help him feel better. Help him feel safe and wanted. Dr. Gentiletti determined that his eye was too far damaged to repair and needed to be removed immediately. During his recovery his coping strolled. His body relaxed and his tail began to thump. Free of pain, Hank’s true happy spirit shone through. Whether he was playing fetch, or trying to scout all seventy pounds of his body into your lap for a kiss, his enthusiasm for life always made us smile. He just seemed so grateful to be alive. Soon after we posted his story on our website, his adorable winks captured the heart of a young couple looking to find a playmate for their dog. We recently received a text update from his new family: “We just cannot stop gushing about Hank - he is just the absolute best! First off, we have taken him to the vet a few times now and he is in perfect health, all thanks to the NHSPCA. They said his eye closure looks good and he is in great physical shape. Although sad and unfortunate, he was properly cared for and now is one happy dog.”

He is such a gentle, silly, fun loving boy. He likes to run around at dog parks, he loves sticks, playing outside, playing with Lilly (his jack russell poodle mix dog pal) going for walks, lounging in the sun - you name it, he loves it. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much to all of your hard working staff and volunteers for taking care of our friends!

Every year, the New Hampshire SPCA takes in roughly 2,500 animals like Hank. We provide shelter, food and emergency medical care while they wait to be reunited with their families or adopted into new homes. All of this depends on people like you, with a heart for the most vulnerable animals in our community.

You can help make more happy endings for animals like Hank. So many cats, dogs and other animals are in need, and the costs to care for them are great. For a limited time, you donations can be doubled to help twice as many animals. So Lamprey, our former board president and current trustee has once again agreed to match every dollar you give by October 31, with one of her own – up to $25,000! Please send your gift today or donate online at www.nhspca.org.
4 Adoption Center News

Do You Have Any Kittens?

By Jen Frey

Come springtime, it seems everyone has kittens on the brain! And when the weather gets warmer, we start having pregnant moms, moms with litters, and orphaned kittens brought in to the shelter by the dozen. Where are all these kittens before they’re ready for adoption? That’s where our amazing foster families come in.

Dedicated families volunteer to open their hearts and homes to these little ones until they are old enough to find their new families. Foster parents provide food, care, a place for the kittens to play and grow, and most importantly, lots and lots of love! Being a foster parent is an incredibly rewarding experience. It’s amazing to know that you have had a part in helping a kitten find a loving home.

We’d love to have you join our amazing group of foster volunteers!


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Notes from Nellie

Last month, on June 1, I celebrated my 15th birthday! Lots of people ask where I came from and who I belong to so I thought this might be a good time to share that information with all my newsletter friends. I was born in a puppy mill in the US Midwest before being shipped to a pet store in the NH Seacoast area. Then I was sold to my first owner who didn’t know much about puppies, I guess, because she couldn’t understand why I went potty in her house and she didn’t like that! Well, no one ever taught me how to go! Would I know where to go? My first owner brought me here to the NHSPCA and left me here to find a new home. The first time my new mom saw me, I was tucked into the front of someone’s sweatshirt with just my little head poking out and she wasn’t even sure that kept all of me. I was so tiny! I only weighed 2 lbs. 10 oz. But I’ve been told I had a BIG personality! I was feisty and energetic and loved to play! My new mom and dad adopted me that week and I went home to live with two big dogs and 6 cats along with my 4 human siblings! And I got a new name too. Not too many people knew this but when I first came to the NHSPCA, my name was “Sasha the Feisty Lady”. I like the name Nellie a lot better, don’t you?! My family adopted me and helped me around for many many years! Thanks to my mom, Paula Parisi, who is the Manager of Humane Education Programs here at the NHSPCA and has brought me to work with her almost every day since 2002! She also helps me out in my educational activities!

Kindness Counts at Local Schools

Several local schools are engaging students to do projects that will make their world a better place. At York Middle School in York, Maine, sixth graders do a Kindness Project and for three 12-year old boys, their project choice was easy. Karen, Noah and Katie are all animal lovers and know they wanted to raise money to help the NHSPCA. So on a hot day recently, the boys set up a stand to sell ice pops and lemonade. Their efforts were a huge success and they raised $100.00! And at Newmarket Elementary School, a very caring group of Student Council members held a school-wide food and supply collection for the animals at the NHSPCA. They delivered a huge box of items worth approximately $200.00 that will go very far to help make the lives of our homeless pets much better!

Girl Scouts Bronze Award Aims to Educate

This spring, six Girl Scouts from Junior Troop 23920 in Hampton decided to earn their Bronze Award by doing a project to help the NHSPCA. Lauren, Madeline, Hannah, Alicia, Emily and Olivia are all in the fifth grade and love animals. The many resident animals in the Humane Education classroom are all unique and have different needs and personalities and we are always being asked questions about them from “how old is that degu?” to “what is a degu?” We desperately needed some signage to educate the public about our classroom pets so they could learn about the types of animals we have as well as provide some biographical information about each one. You are now able to come to our classroom and see all the bright yellow cards on each cage and read about each animal. This has been a huge help and many people have already mentioned that they’ve learned about all these animals since the new signs have gone up!

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Hi NHSPCA!

Just wanted to let you know how happy I am to have Nellie in my life! We’ve come so far in such a short amount of time and she’s made so many new friends! Thanks again for everything! She makes working two jobs completely worth it! -Aleene

Yes, it’s a sign of the times: the farm program has taken in more animals during the first six months of 2017 than any year in recent memory. Of the 84 animals that have arrived, 24 are horses that have been surrendered by their owners. Why do people give up their horses? There are as many answers as there are horses. It’s a difficult decision for any owner, and most want to do the right thing. Sometimes the right thing is surrender. Mist and Cody arrived because their owner had retired and decided to take care of them; mucking stalls and hauling water buckets became too difficult, and he now feeds a fixed income with a tight budget. Cody, a handsome bay Standardbred could still enjoy light trail rides. Mist is a 21-year-old Mustang who needs to live outdoors full-time in a herd, with plenty of company. To help her socialize, Bucky, a 30-year old palomino, was initially rescued by someone who then felt on hard times and couldn’t provide enough hay and grain, or proper shelter. When Bucky arrived at the NHSPCA, his ribs protruded and his hip bones stuck out. But he hadn’t given up on humans. Bucky now shares a pasture here with Cody and Mist. In fact, everyone here sees a human approach (preferably carrying a fresh bucket and an array of hay). Morgan and Lilly and your yodeling Justinia came to the shelter last year because their owner died in a tragic accident and his family could not care for the horses by herself. Justinia recently moved to her adoptive farm, Lilly, a lovely bay with a lively personality, has received some additional training off-site and is still waiting for her forever home. Each of these horses—along with all the other horses in the farm program—deserves a forever home. Their owners believed this too, which is why they chose to surrender their animals and wish to support the NHSPCA. We will find the right match for them. Meanwhile, they need plenty of hay. To help them out, please visit the NHSPCA website, click on the Farm Program Link and donate a bale or two!
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2017 Volunteer Recognition

It’s hard to believe that 2017 is half over. Each month, new volunteers sign up for orientations and training (most of which is done by mentor volunteers) so there is a steady complement of people helping in the Adoption Center to care for the cats and small animals; the dogs, and in the barns and paddocks. In the first half of 2017, nearly 500 individuals donated over 18,000 hours of their time to support NSPCA mission and goals.

While the majority of volunteers help with direct animal care, there are many others who helped to sustain the agency in other ways. For example, we were out in the community representing the agency at major events such as the Doggie Paddle Plunge and Paws Walk. Besides these large events, our Community Outreach Team supported adopt-a-thon events supported by volunteers who helped with informational and fundraising events held at local restaurants, businesses and farmers markets. By participating in activities outside the shelter, volunteers have many opportunities to educate and inform the public about the NSPCA’s mission and goals. Volunteers can be ambassadors for the agency, and a single encounter with a sympathetic person could lead to a donation of money or pet food, an adoption, or a new volunteer.

In our Development & Marketing department, volunteers performed a variety of tasks that keep our mission going and growing. From writing thank you notes and making thank you calls to donors, to preparing envelopes and postcards for mailings, to organizing merchandise in the store, volunteers are often willing to come in to help, sometimes on very short notice. Volunteers also help with Humane Education programs, providing children and youth opportunities to learn about animal welfare. In our Field Services department, volunteers helped with transports of pets from overcrowded shelters in other states.

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Marvel the Adventurer

Good morning!

Marvel is doing exceptional lately! Instead of using orange peels (I tried, one of the dogs chews them if I leave them by the hardwoods) we have an orange lemon citrus enzyme spray. My dad had leftovers from when he was a smoker, it’s for smoke odors but it’s kept our walls free of any new scratches. We spray when we do the litter box to keep it clean and fresh. I still can’t tell if he’s using any of the cat scratchers but the walls are clean.

Marvel is out from under the bed all the time now. He wanders into other rooms and has been very talkative. He meows a lot. He comes up to us and will rub his nose against our fingers but still won’t accept acceptance or petting. He’s even ventured into the downstairs area a few times at night when I’ve gone to bed and in the morning when he hears we are awake. He doesn’t stay down long, but the fact he’s ventured that far is amazing.

He’s taken to the dogs fairly well. I sat in the floor and let the dogs and watched Marvel wander in and over them. He rubbed up against them and moved around. 2 1/2 days don’t mean. The other grumbles but there’s been nothing worse than that. I’ve also seen him roll to his back in front of one of the dogs too! I think he was trying to get the dog to pay attention to him.

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Marvel and Quincey

Tilling bed or mom’s pillow. He can also be found in dad’s beard. The little mouse toy Quincy received nuzzle under mom’s chin and rub up against his favorite things to do are give hugs when being held, he is hungry, and when he wants to be picked up. His to greet us when we come home from work, when

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Tilla & Luna are best buddies and are normally found together when we are in bed. Luna is very affectionate, especially interested in a laser pointer or teaser toy. He doesn’t stay down long, but the fact he’s gone to bed and in the morning when he hears we are awake. He doesn’t stay down long, but the fact he’s ventured that far is amazing. It’s also seen him roll to his back in front of one of the dogs too! I think he was trying to get the dog to pay attention to him. He loves balls too. He keeps running off with the dog’s small tennis balls. He has a collection under the bed. The crinkle balls he seems to like too. I haven’t been able to get him interested in a laser pointer or teaser toy.

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Do you have a Car, SUV or Motorcycle that you are not using? Did you know that you can donate that unused vehicle to support the animals of the NHSPCA? Simply call Courtney at 772.2921 x102 and she will make the arrangements to have your vehicle, running or not picked up? It’s tax deductible too!
2017 Volunteer Recognition

It’s hard to believe that 2017 is half over. Each month, new volunteers sign up for orientations and training (most of which is done by mentor volunteers) so there is a steady complement of people helping in the Adoption Center to care for the cats and small animals that arrive, and who help with the barns and paddocks. In the first half of 2017, nearly 500 individuals donated over 18,000 hours of their time to support the NHSPCA.

While the majority of volunteers help with direct animal care, there are many others who help to sustain the agency in other ways. For example, we have an outpouring of enthusiasm about the animals and activities in many events and activities. NHSPCA volunteers helped with a variety of events held in the past year, many events such as the Dogger Paddle Plunge and Paws Walk. Besides these large events, our Community Outreach Committee and adopt-a-thon events were supported by volunteers who helped with informational and fundraising events held at local restaurants, businesses and farmers markets. By participating in activities outside the shelter, volunteers have many opportunities to educate and inform the public about the mission of the agency.

Richard Maxfield

NHSPCA Volunteer Coordinator

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25 Hour T-Shirt

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Rebecca Bront
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Kathy Bowers
Lisa Fort
Andy Gregg
Kenny Ham
Scott Hodgdon
Leah Hentz
Gayle Kenney
Kaiya LeClair
Peggy Marchant
Sarah O’Callaghan

200 Hour Name Badge

Lisa Bogan
Dick Curran
Lisa Fraser
Tom Roy
Caitlin Royer

500 Hour Name Badge

Emmie Pomerry
Linda Brasuk

1000 Hour Name Badge

Paul Verrette

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The Commemoratives Listed Below Were

donated to Rolling Meadow Pet Cemetery in Loving, Responsible Homes. In late May, 
New Hampshire was previously one of only two states that did not allow cats with FeLV (Feline 
Leukemia Virus) and FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus), two 

diseases which are not contagious to humans, to be responsibly adopted from the state’s 

era pet shelters in the state. In late May, an exemption for cats who test 

positive for FeLV/FIV to be placed in loving, responsible homes was 

removed from the state’s budget. We urge you to take immediate action to 

fight for the rights of New Hampshire New Hampshire. We asked you to help us fight to get it back into the budget before the close of the legislative session — and you did! The NH legislature passed the state budget and included the 

exemption for cats who test positive for FeLV/FIV. This is ONLY because of focused advocacy, 

phone calls and emails during the committee process made by animal advocates like you! Thanks to your advocacy, euthanizing or long-term 

housing will no longer be the fate for these New Hampshire cats. Thank you!
Last month, on June 1, I celebrated my 15th birthday! Lots of people ask where I came from and who I belong to so I thought this might be a good time to share that information with all my newsletter friends. I was born in a puppy mill in the US Midwest before being shipped to a pet store in the NH Seacoast area. Then I was sold to my first owner who didn’t know much about puppies. I guess, because she couldn’t understand why I went potty in her house and she didn’t like that! Well, no one ever taught me so, would you know where to “go”? My first owner brought me here to the NHSPCA and left me here to find a new home. The first time my new mom saw me, I was tucked into the front of someone’s sweatshirt with just my little head poking out and she wasn’t even sure that I kept of animal I was; I was so tiny! I only weighed 2 lbs. 10 oz. but I’ve been told I had a BIG personality! I was flaky and energetic and loved to play! My new mom and dad adopted me that week and I went home to live with two big dogs and 6 cats along with my human siblings! And I got a new name too. Not too many people know this but when I first came to the NHSPCA, my name was “Sasha the Feisty Lady”! I like the name Nellie a lot better, don’t you? My family adopted me and I’m so proud of many years! Thanks to my mom, Paula Paris, who is the Manager of Humane Education Programs here at the NHSPCA and has brought me to work with her almost every day since 2002! She also helped me on my weight control, too!

Kindness Counts at Local Schools

Several local schools are urging students to do projects that will make their world a better place. At York Middle School in York, Maine, sixth graders do a Kindness Project and for the last 12-year old boys, their project choice was easy. Kevin, Noah and Kade are all animal lovers and knew they wanted to raise money at a bake sale that they held after church services on Mother’s Day. There must have been a lot of people buying goodies for Moms because the girls raised $320.00 to donate to the NHSPCA. It Forward project is an annual tradition held after church services on Mother’s Day. There must have been a lot of people buying goodies for Moms because the girls raised $320.00 to donate to the NHSPCA.

Girl Scouts Bronze Award Aims to Educate

This Spring six Girl Scouts from Junior Troop 23920 in Hampton decided to earn their Bronze Award by doing a project to help the NHSPCA. Lauren, Madeline, Hannah, Alexis, Emily and Olivia are all in the fifth grade and love animals. The many resident animals in the Humane Education classroom are all unique and have different needs and personalities and we are always being asked questions about them from “how old is that degu?” to “what is a degu even?”. We desperately needed some signage to educate the public about our classroom pets so these girls set out to research the types of animals we have as well as provide some biographical information about each one. You are now able to come to one classroom and see all the bright yellow cards on each cage and read about each animal. This has been a huge help and many people have already mentioned that they’ve learned about all these animals since the new signs have gone up!

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A Round the Barn

Hi NHSPCA!

Just wanted to let you know how happy I am to have Nellie in my life! We’ve come so far in such a short amount of time and she’s made so many new friends! Thanks again for everything! She makes working two jobs completely worth it! -Nellie

By Linda Buchanan Allen

Maybe it’s a sign of the times: the farm program has taken in more animals during the first six months of 2017 than any year in recent memory. Of the 84 animals that have arrived, 24 are horses that have been surrendered by their owners. Why do people give up their horses? There are as many answers as there are horses. It’s a difficult decision for any owner, and most want to do the right thing. Sometimes the right thing is surrender. Mist and Cody arrived because their owner had retired and couldn’t take care of them; mucking stalls and hauling water buckets became too difficult, and he now feeds a fixed income with a tight budget. Cody, a handsome bay Standardbred could still enjoy light trail rides. Mist is a 21-year-old Mustang who needs to live outdoors full-time in a herd, with plenty of hay and water buckets, which he sees a human approach (preferably carrying feed bucket and an array of hay). Morgan, Lily and Justina came to the shelter last year because their owner died in a tragic accident; her horse, and his female, could not care for the horses by herself. Justina recently moved to her adoptive farm Lily, a lovely bay with a lively personality, has received some additional training off-site and is still waiting for her forever family. Each of these horses—along with all the other horses in the farm program—deserves a forever home. Their owners believed this too, which is why they chose to surrender their equines and commit to NHSPCA. We will find the right match for them. Meanwhile, they need food and water. To help them, or to learn about their needs, visit the NHSPCA website, click on the Farm Program List, and donate a bale or two!

Bucky arrived at the NHSPCA; his legs protruded and his hips stuck out. But he hadn’t grown up on humans. Bucky now shares a pasture here with Cody and Mist, who share a common background. However, he sees a human approach (preferably carrying feed bucket and an array of hay). Morgan, Lily and Justina came to the shelter last year because their owner died in a tragic accident; her farm, and his female, could not care for the horses by herself. Justina recently moved to her adoptive farm Lily, a lovely bay with a lively personality, has received some additional training off-site and is still waiting for her forever home. Each of these horses—along with all the other horses in the farm program—deserves a forever home. Their owners believed this too, which is why they chose to surrender their equines and commit to NHSPCA. We will find the right match for them. Meanwhile, they need food and water. To help them, or to learn about their needs, visit the NHSPCA website, click on the Farm Program List, and donate a bale or two!

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Do You Have Any Kittens?

By Jen Frye

Come springtime, it seems everyone has kittens on their brain! And when the weather gets warmer, we start having pregnant moms, moms with litters, and orphaned kittens brought in to the shelter by the dozen. Where are all these kittens before they’re ready for adoption? That’s where our amazing foster families come in! Dedicated families volunteer to open their hearts and homes to these little ones until they are old enough to find their new families. Foster parents provide food, care, a place for the kittens to play and grow, and most importantly, lots and lots of love! Being a foster parent is an incredibly rewarding experience. It’s amazing to know that you have had a part in helping a kitten grow strong, healthy, and ready for their forever home.

We’d love to have you join our amazing group of foster volunteers!

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Think you might be ready to open your heart and home to some little ones in need? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Richard, and let him know you’d like to be a foster parent:

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We asked our foster parents to share what they had to say about their experience: Heartwarming, fostering means to them in one word. Here is what these amazing foster parents have to say:

**Name-Game, Litters, Worthwhile, Vigilance,**

**Happiness, Proud, Entertaining, Love!**

It is a great feeling to know the NHSPCA is here to help animals overcome neglect or abuse and have a second chance. Affection, we’ve been doing it since 1872.

**Wellness, Continued from cover...**

We didn’t have the capacity in the Adoption Center to house 27 kittens and 15 guinea pigs, so we made our conference room into a safe place for them for months.

We are deeply touched by each person and animal that we reach through this program, a service to both. We are truly grateful to have the opportunity to reach beyond the walls of the NHSPCA and bring these services to those in need. Keeping animals healthy and in loving homes is one goal of this program. We thank, from the bottom of our hearts, everyone that made this outreach possible.

**Rescuing, Continued from cover...**

This fall the NHSPCA plans to continue more Wellness Clinics that will include low income and seniors. We will continue our fundraising efforts to help offset costs. We will also be doing it since 1872.

We’d love to have you join us as a foster parent. Southport, Juice, and the guinea pigs are a testament to this. Bringing them back into the shelter felt like bringing them back home. The rabbits have shown us that we can make a difference in their lives.

We would also like to thank the following people and businesses that have dedicated their time and effort to make these clinics possible:

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You can be supporting homeless animals for as long as you can remember; right? You believe in the work of the New Hampshire SPCA, but don’t think you’re a candidate to make a “big” gift? Not necessarily… Did you know that since 1905, over 200 people, just like you, have made gifts through their will or estate plan. And today, those same people continue to help fund and provide for the animals in our care, every day. Each one of them cared for the animals of their time, and each of them continues to provide for today.

If you walk through the hallway from our Adoption Center to our Learning Center, you will see the name of every person who made their “Gift of a Lifetime” through a bequest or gift to the animals. Their names are each listed on our Sarah J. Pickering Circle of Friends recognition board. As Sarah was our founder and her husband, John Pickering made the very first bequest to the NHSPCA in 1905. Since then, bequest gifts have continued in all stars, whether enough to care for one dog before adoption or to help build our Learning Center for Pets and People, each one is thoroughly appreciated and each donor remembered. Their legacy of supporting animals in need lives on, just as yours can.

A charitable bequest, a gift through your will, is a simple, flexible and versatile way to ensure the work you care about continues for years to come! By including a bequest to the New Hampshire SPCA in your will or your living trust, you become one of the memorable people who have cared enough to plan for the future of the animals. In addition, your gift enables your estate to federal estate tax charitable deductions as allowed by law.

Gifts can be made as a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or as a remainder amount. Giving through a bequest or living trust enables you to leave a legacy that reflects your particular passion for animals and their welfare, while knowing that the funds remain local, and your family is in control of how your plan dictates.

Please let us thank you! When you choose to add the New Hampshire SPCA to your estate plans, we hope you will let us know. We would like to thank you for your generosity, make sure we understand the intentions of your gift and also recognize you as a member of the Sarah J. Pickering Circle of Friends.

We hope you will consider leaving a legacy to the animals and continue to support in perpetuity, the lifesaving work that you care so much about for the animals and continue to support in perpetuity, the Circle of Friends.

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For more information about bequest or other planned giving opportunities, such as life insurance, charitable gift annuities, etc., please contact Lisa Dennison, Executive Director, 603-772-2921 x107. We also recommend consulting with your financial advisor.

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Through their planned gifts, the following individuals made generous contributions toward the ongoing programs and services of the NHSPCA.

January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017

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From the Estates of:

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Planned gifts build a foundation for the future of the NHSPCA and a better life for the animals that need our care, every day. Each one of them cared for the animals of their time, and each of them continues to provide for today:

First off, we have taken him to the vet a few times now and he is in perfect health, all thanks to the NHSPCA. They said his eye closure looks good and he is in great physical shape. Although sad and unfortunate, he was properly cared for and now is one happy dog.

Imagine how scared Hank must have felt the day he was brought to our shelter by animal control. Something traumatic had happened to him. He was lost, lumping, and half blind with his right eye bulging out of the socket. He shrieked from our touch, flinching in pain and fear. Seeing him suffering, our hearts just broke for him. Thank goodness he was living-nearly by staff and volunteers that would help him feel better. Help him feel safe and wanted.

Dr. Gentilella determined that his eye was too far damaged to repair and needed to be removed immediately. During his recovery his towering stopped. His body relaxed and his tail began to thump. Free of pain, Hank’s true happy spirit shined through. Whether he was playing fetch, or trying to count all seventy pounds of his body into your lap for a kiss, his enthusiasm for life always made us smile. He just seemed so grateful to be alive. Soon after we posted his story on our website, his adorable wink captured the heart of a young couple looking to find a playmate for their dog. We recently received a wonderful update from his new family.

“We just cannot stop gushing about Hank - he is just the absolute best! First off, we have taken him to the vet a few times now and he is in perfect health, all thanks to the NHSPCA. They said his eye closure looks good and he is in great physical shape. Although sad and unfortunate, he was properly cared for and now is one happy dog.

He is such a gentle, silly, fun loving boy. He likes to run around at dog parks, he loves sticks, playing outside, playing with Lilly (his jack russell poodle mix dog) going for walks, lounging in the sun - you name it, he loves it. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much to all of your hard working staff and volunteers for taking care of him.

Every year, the New Hampshire SPCA takes in roughly 2,500 animals like Hank. We provide shelter, food, and emergency medical care while they wait to be reunited with their families or adopted into new homes. All of this depends on people like you, with a heart for the most vulnerable animals in our community.

You can help make more happy endings for animals like Hank. So many cats, dogs and other animals are in need, and the costs to care for them are great. For a limited time, your donation can be doubled to help twice as many animals. To Lamprey, our former board president and current trustee has once again agreed to match every dollar you give by October 31, with one of her own — up to $33,000! Please send your gift today or donate online at www.nhspca.org.

First he lost his home.
Then he lost his eye.
But he never lost hope—
All thanks to you!
Dear Friends and Supporters,

The New Hampshire SPCA has been supporting the community and its animals for 147 years and throughout those many years, the manner in which that support arrived has varied. In the early years, though the offices were located in downtown Portsmouth, the Agent traveled the region and at the same time, worked to protect large animals from being over worked, neglected of basic care or being cruelly treated. Long before the concept of an “animal shelter” was raised, we traveled in the community protecting animals. Fast forward to 2017 and we once again are traveling around the Seacoast supporting people and the animals in their lives. This time, it is through our newly established Community Wellness Clinics that provide basic care to seniors and those with limited income. In partnership with the Portsmouth and Exeter Housing Authority and Rockingham Nursing Home, we have been able to provide basic veterinary care to sheltered pets for those who are unable to access needed care in the community.

Expanding the safety net for animals and working to keep animals in their homes with caretakers who love them melts multiple goals and obstacles. It is as we continue to nurture and support the precious bond between people and their pets.

On behalf of the animals,

Lisa S. Dennison
Executive Director

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Advertisement in the New Hampshire SPCA Newsletter! Now you can reach a highly targeted audience of 22,000 animal lovers with our quarterly distribution throughout the Greater Seacoast area by placing your advertisement in the New Hampshire SPCA’s quarterly newsletter. The New Hampshire SPCA reaches over 150 communities in Rockingham and Strafford counties in New Hampshire as well as Southern Maine and Northern Massachusetts. Along with reaching a broad audience of animal lovers, your advertising helps make a difference in the lives of thousands of animals by supporting the NHSPCA. For advertising rates and information please contact Tahlia Goupil at 603-772-2921 ext. 119 or tgoupil@nhspca.org.

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Thank you 2017 PAWS WALKERS and SUPPORTERS!

This year we celebrated the 26th Anniversary of Paws Walk and what a year it was! We had remarkable weather, unprecedented participation, and most importantly, we reached our fundraising goal! Paws Walk is a critical fundraiser for the NHSPCA that raises essential funds for not only the dogs, but the cats, farm animals, small animals and birds that enter our shelter, too. To all of our marvelous fundraisers, thank you and believers in the cause. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting Paws Walk. The funds raised at Paws Walk are critically needed to help provide for the thousands of homeless animals that will turn to us for a second chance this year. Due to your generosity and hard work, the New Hampshire SPCA will be there to help those animals when they need us.

Additionally, we need your support:

• People most adorable furry family members to share their heartwarming tales.
• Involves reports of animal cruelty and neglect.
• Offers affordable community spay/neuter services.
• Educate adults and children about the humane treatment of animals and best training practices.
• And so much more!

We had dozens of vendors in attendance who offered a wide variety of services and items for sale. From books to leggings, dog bowls and paintings, we had it all! DJ Ron Read pumped up the crowd with great music. MC Kelly Brown kept our guests informed and entertained, and our exhibitors offered exciting doggie demonstrations throughout the day. As usual, it was tough competition for the Top Fundraising spots this year, everyone did a great job helping to raise critical funds, but here’s the year’s top spots:

Top Team: Canusa Law Office
Top Individual Adult: Stephanie Stineley
Top Individual Youth: Logan Wyman

Thank you to our Paws Walk 2017 Top Fundraisers!

We would also like to take a moment to give thanks to all of our Sponsors for the event:

FurPal Sponsor: Anheuser Blue Cross Blue Shield.

We hope you’ll be back next year for more Paws Walk fun! But until then, thank you for believing that animals matter.

NHSPCA Community Wellness

It’s a cool and sunny Thursday in March when we arrive at the Community Recreation Center at Golding Meadows in Portsmouth, NH. The five of us, staff from the NHSPCA medical team led by Dr. Stephen Gentilella, pile out of the NHSPCA van and are greeted by Tammy Jordy and Franco Farnan from the Portsmouth Housing Authority. We’re unsure of what to expect on the first of our grant and donate funded Community Wellness clinics for dogs and cats, but we quickly settle in and get ready to greet our first clients.

An option for low cost vaccinations and medical care for senior and low income residents. This services are available in the Seacoast area is the new NHSPCA has been aware of for many years. Now with generous funding from Maddie’s Fund, The Fuller Foundation, and donors who gave to the Special Fund at last year’s Annual Auction we are able to get this program underway.

Brian Goodacre, Manager of Animal Care and I, meet with our first client, whom I’ll call ‘Domino’ Domino has a beautiful and affectionate cat, however, she has been unable to get her vet since the vet recently became she doesn’t drive anymore. It was obvious to me that the depth of the love she has for her cat and her desire to provide the best for her since Domino doesn’t have a car, she walked to the Recreation Center, call carrier in hand, to make sure she was first in line to meet with the vet. For our fee of $10 our medical team performed a physical exam, vaccinations, deworming, flea/tick preventative, ear grooming, dogs, and horses.

Recently, I was called to assist the Police in a small rural town over two hours from our location in Stratham. As the Cruelty Investigator for the New Hampshire SPCA, I am called out regularly to help police departments contend with situations of cruelty, neglect, or like in this case, the hoarding of animals. Our combined investigation confirmed that the owners were overwhelmed by the sheer number of animals that they had, and as a result, the animals were not receiving proper care. The Police Chief spoke to the owners and convinced them to decrease the number of animals that they were caring for to a smaller number that they could properly care for. He also told them that there would be four charges of animal cruelty for the neglect, one charge for each species that they had been keeping, rabbits, guinea pigs, dogs, and horses. Voluntarily surrendering to the NHSPCA were 27 rabbits, 15 guinea pigs, two dogs with a total of 11 puppies and three horses. Because the owners voluntarily surrendered them, the animals were quickly free to receive proper medical treatment, time to recover and then be placed for adoption to forever homes.

The horses needed veterinary and hoof care right away. The white horse was severely underweight. Her eyes looked hollow and so deeply sad when she first arrived. She needed a special feeding schedule to help her put weight back on slowly and safely. Molly, the brown horse, had a problem with her front left hoof that had never been treated. She walked on the tip of her hoof and tripped and stumbled several few steps. She would need surgery to help her overcome this

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