



## Pippa the Wonder Pig!

By Carrie Fyfe

Equine & Farm Program Manager

Here at the NHSPCA Equine and Farm Program, we are accustomed to accepting some novel critters into our barns. This year, we provided shelter and medical care for a variety of interesting species such as button quail, ring-necked pheasant and

### Want to know more?

Visit us online for more information about Pippa and the other barnyard animals waiting for their forever homes.

Jacob sheep. However, one of the highlights of 2018 was the unexpected arrival of one very special, very intelligent farm critter!

Pippa arrived at our shelter as a 10-12 week old piglet weighing only 48 pounds! She appeared to be a Yorkshire pig, a breed traditionally intended for meat production. She had been left alone in an empty house when our field services team picked her up and brought her to safety.

When we first met Pippa, she was covered in mange (a highly curable but uncomfortable skin condition in pigs) and desperate for love and attention. We fell in love with her instantly! With a nice bath and medical treatment, Pippa's mange soon cleared and for the first time we began to see her gregarious personality emerge!

As the weeks flew by, Pippa began to grow and change faster than we could have imagined! We began to see some fascinating aspects of Pippa's personality develop including her exceptional problem solving skills, obvious intelligence and affinity for all people and animals.

We also found that as Pippa grew, so did her sense of adventure and desire to try new things! We developed a fun training plan to not only teach Pippa new things, but to keep her brain stimulated during the day.

She easily learned to wear a harness, walk on a leash and follow a target pole and with the introduction of clicker training, she quickly

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Pippa, a young Yorkshire pig, is searching for the perfect home. She is exceptionally smart, loves people and is estimated to reach about 300 pounds!

## Let's blog about it!

By Ali Lynch

Outreach & Events Coordinator

If you've ever wondered the correct way to handle a rabbit or which local hotels are pet friendly, we've got you covered.

The New Hampshire SPCA Blog is a useful resource with articles that discuss a variety of topics. Whether you are wondering how to introduce a dog to a new baby or what hot weather activities to do with your pup, we have an article for that.

In collaboration with our highly skilled veterinary team, adoption counselors and certified trainers, each article discusses subjects that every pet owner can benefit from.

It also offers an insider's look into our upcoming events, involvement in the community and legislative action. We use resources from organizations such as the Humane

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## Dear Friends and Supporters,

Today is the 441<sup>st</sup> day that we will walk Grampa Doo. We will also walk Freddie, Maize and Piper. We will stuff Kong's and give them to each dog to provide some stimulation as they lie in their kennels waiting for their afternoon walk. Today we are still waiting... for their day in court. That day, when it comes, will determine whether they can finally be freed from being held as evidence and hopefully become a beloved family companion. Today is day 441!

On December 14, 2017 we participated in what would become *the longest, most difficult and most expensive case* of suspected animal cruelty that we have ever been involved in. The animals, property of a defendant, linger in a suspended holding pattern that causes deteriorating behaviors, prolongs under socialized behaviors, places staff, volunteers and other animals at physical risk and can cause compassion fatigue — an exhaustive emotional state — a sense of hopelessness for everyone involved in their care.

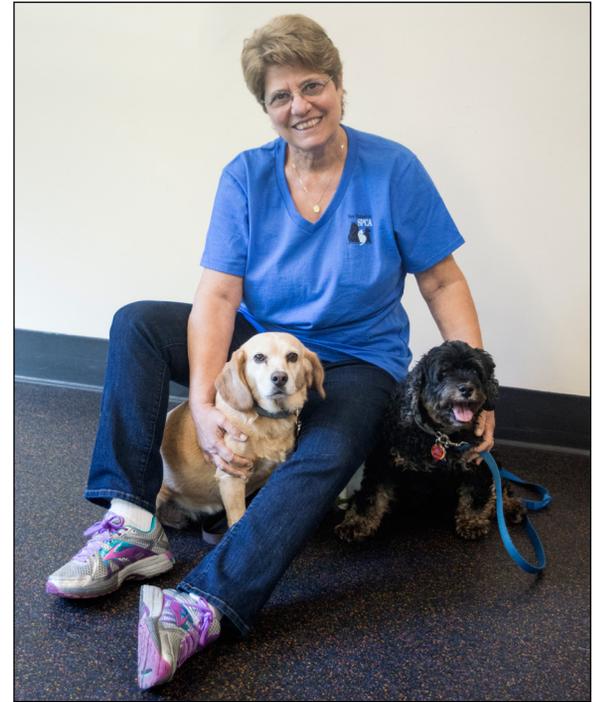
One of the most frustrating aspects is that there are existing laws that should have prevented this case from dragging on this long.

Varying interpretations of the laws requiring an expedited trial or a posted bond to retain interest in the animals on an appeal of a courts guilty verdict have prevented the dogs from being released months ago. These 36 German Shepherds, the 82 Great Danes, the 52 Labrador Retrievers, the horses and all the other animals held as evidence need greater clarity of law and better protections. They are living, breathing beings who experience emotion, pain and suffering. The suffering that they experienced prior to rescue should not be prolonged by the courts.

This needs to stop and we need *your* help to support legal changes that would help Maize, Daphne, Jill, Piper and every other animal in our care.

Senate Bill 77 (SB77) and Senate Bill 161 (SB161) is the change they need.

SB 77 provides an opportunity to discuss with the Court the health and welfare of animals held as evidence. It would require disposition for the animals within 14 days, and a bond if ordered, paid within fourteen days. This would eliminate the high cost of caring for the animals held in protective custody for interminable lengths of time. In addition, the appeal bond, that protects ownership and provides funds for continued care, would be assured regardless of which court the appeal



was for, something that was challenged with the Shepherds.

Senate Bill 161 would ensure that any animal shelter, rescue organization, pet store or breeder who transfers 20 or more animals in a year, would be licensed by the Department of Agriculture ensuring that those entities meet the basic animal care requirements under the existing law. Licensing and inspections can be a strong tool to prevent animal cruelty.

In our efforts to educate legislators and concerned citizens, we recently held a Legislative Reception for the first time. Hosted by Representative Pantelakos, Murray and Bushway, we were delighted to have three Senators, fifteen Representatives and 85 community members discussing the proposed legislation for this year's session.

As we work diligently to help pass these two critical laws that will protect animals in our community and in protective custody, we hope that you will join us and take action through direct conversations with your representatives and at the State House. We are the voice for the voiceless and they need us now. Thank you for helping!

On behalf of the animals,

Lisa Dennison  
Executive Director

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# Seventeen years and counting!

By Steven Sprowl

Humane Agent, Field Services Manager

11,277 complaints, 680 seized animals, 1,974 surrendered animals, 15,455 animals have been helped by the New Hampshire SPCA Field Services Division.

Looking back on my 17-year career with the NHSPCA, I can hardly believe the statistics myself! On my first day as Humane Agent, I sat in my office looking at some previously unsolved cases and came across one that needed a fresh set of eyes. Just eight days later, I was working with the Newton Police Department on a search warrant for animal fighting. The investigation led to the arrest of an individual who eventually received 5 years in NH State Prison and the seizure of 43 fighting Pit Bull dogs. They completely filled the old shelter which had been vacant since the new Adoption Center had opened. We had to handle them, feed them and provide them with medical attention until the case was resolved through the courts. It was the biggest animal fighting case in New England at the time, and possibly since.

The NHSPCA was founded to prevent cruelty to animals in 1872, but I can speak only to the nearly 20 years that I have been on the job. I have assisted the police in removing/seizing over 680 animals to date, animals that were brought to the NHSPCA and treated medically and held in protective custody for the court. We have had 1,974 animals surrendered to the NHSPCA from people that could no longer care for their animals properly and surrendered them voluntarily in lieu of facing cruelty charges by the police agencies.

I have seen horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, alpaca and many other species of animals suffering at the hands of abusers. I've witnessed animals dying from lack of food, water and necessary shelter. An owner's failure to seek medical treatment for animals suffering is another form of cruelty and



**Humane Agent Steven Sprowl comforts a dog that had been on the run for a few weeks. In addition to helping find lost dogs, Steven works directly with police departments to rescue victims of cruelty and neglect, and has done so for 17 years.**

neglect that we see far too often.

Despite the many times I have seen animals suffering and dying, I have seen more animals that the NHSPCA has saved by providing medical attention, safety and simple food and water. I've watched as horses have gained 100's of pounds over months of care and finally were able to go to good forever adoptive homes.

I am always amazed at the staff members that spend days and sometimes months rehabilitating animals and get to watch them leave on a new journey to good homes. It's amazing and rewarding to see the transformation of animals from sick and injured to healthy and ready for adoption.

Our buildings are filled to capacity at times but we still manage to find room when animals are in trouble. People often ask me, "how the heck can you do this work?" or "it must keep you awake

at night with all the bad things you see," or "why would you want a job like this?" My answer, "Well, someone has to do it. Might as well be me." I have the easy part, working with police agencies around the state rescuing these animals. The front line staff have the hard job of working with the sick and injured animals, making every attempt possible to get them healthy and into a good home.

My reward is watching the animals leave this facility to go to a new and better environment than they came from. It's heartwarming to watch a horse loading on a trailer to go to a nice home, or a dog jumping into a car with a family and taking its first ride to a new loving home.

Unfortunately there is a side to my job that I hate. Repeat offenders...yes, we have repeat offenders.

The police bring charges against the defendant, the prosecutors "make a deal" and the defendants are often released with no jail time, a slap on the wrist and an order to pay the NHSPCA restitution as required by State Law. I had assisted a case in a small community two years ago where the defendant plead guilty. She was allowed to get her animals back. She moved into another small community, with the same animals. I was later called by this new local police department to assist in removing the same animals again. Once again she was allowed to plead and got no jail time, plus got to keep the animals again. It is a felony the second time someone is arrested for animal cruelty, but try and get the prosecutors to bring felony charges...next to impossible.

Restitution is not the answer either. We have one woman who was convicted two times of cruelty, she got her animals back and owes over \$40,000 for their care and medical expenses. She was ordered to pay the NHSPCA \$100 a month. That would mean that she would be paying \$100 per month for 33 YEARS! But worse still, she often only sends \$10 or \$20 per month. We will never receive full restitution at that rate and despite her repetitive non-payment, the prosecution does nothing.

What can one do to help? Watch your legislation at work. Go online and read the changes they are attempting to make for animals and be a voice for the animals. Take the time to go to Concord to the hearings and let your local representatives know how you feel about cruelty. We can one day be better at caring for our animals in this State.

If you would like to help us care for the victims of cruelty or neglect, **please make a tax-deductible contribution to the SOS fund** at the NHSPCA.

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## Notes From The Barn

# Overjoyed for Orion

By Carrie Fyfe

Equine & Farm Program Manager

2018 has been a busy year for our farm program and we have had the privilege of facilitating many wonderful adoptions, particularly for our rescued horses. One of this year's many highlights was the successful adoption of Orion, a six-year-old pony gelding who arrived at the New Hampshire SPCA in the summer of 2017.

Orion was an athletic, jubilant youngster and it quickly became clear to us that it was high time he start a thorough training program, so we sent him to local trainer Leslie Ann McGowen for a proper education. Leslie Ann spent many months giving Orion the solid foundation he needed to begin the search for a loving, new home.

Under Leslie Ann's careful training, Orion blossomed into a well-rounded prospect ready to find his forever home. Lucky for Orion, a special young lady came along and the pair clicked



Photo by SweetShot Photography, LLC

**Orion and his owner, Rachel, clicked almost immediately when they met at the New Hampshire SPCA. The pair are still doing well and learning from each other every day.**

almost immediately! Orion was officially adopted into his new family almost a year after arriving at our shelter and we are happy to report that he and his young rider are doing well and learning from each other each and every day. We can't wait to hear of all the adventures Orion and his

owner will have as they continue to grow and develop as a team.

Success stories like Orion's remind all of us in the Farm Program of how fortunate we are to take part in the rehabilitation, care and eventual placement of these **very special animals!**

## NHSPCA offers affordable spay and neuter clinics

By Kate Young

Community Programs Coordinator

Since starting with the New Hampshire SPCA in October, I have had the pleasure of helping organize four Spay and Neuter Clinics for cats. These clinics help residents across the state of New Hampshire ensure their cats are spayed and neutered and receive additional services at an accessible cost. We even offer those super fun cones that the cats so enjoy wearing after surgery day!

For my part, this program is all about accessibility and inclusivity as well as the health and wellbeing of both the pet and the owner. Accessibly priced spay and neuter programs have contributed to a vast reduction in animal overpopulation across the country. This not only decreases the number of unwanted animals and surrenders to shelters, but a

lower stray population can help inhibit the spread of infectious disease. The program offered here at the NHSPCA allows residents around the state to keep their cats in good health while reducing unwanted litters. We have seen a notable decrease in the number of stray cats and surrenders coming into our shelter since implementing the Spay and Neuter Clinics in 2010.

In speaking with pet owners, I have discovered just how important these animals are to them and their families. In just the few short months I have been here, I have heard many stories of people rescuing a stray kitten from a parking lot or giving a home to a cat that was left behind when neighbors moved. These folks see an animal in need and want to help. Quickly, they find that the cat becomes an important member of their family, but the costs of ownership can be daunting. Regardless

of how pets come into our lives, we know how much joy they bring and how much they contribute to our personal wellbeing. However, worrying about whether or not we can afford to properly care for our pet is distressing to say the least. The Spay and Neuter Clinics make it possible for many people in our state to enjoy the rewarding companionship of a pet, helping both live healthier and happier lives.

Clinics are offered twice monthly on Tuesdays. Registration in advance is required. Owners are able to drop their cat off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon on the same day. Cats receive a wellness check, surgery and vaccinations if needed. We can also microchip, add topical flea and tick treatment, and of course send the kitty home with a stylish e-collar cone!

For more information, [visit us on the web](#) today!

# How to socialize a shy puppy

By Linda R. Haley, CPDT, KPA CTP

Behavior & Training Associate

**Q: I have a shy puppy. What's the best way to socialize him without scaring him?**

**A:** Proper socialization is important for all puppies to become well-adjusted adult dogs. Without socialization, your pup can grow up to be a shy, nervous or even reactive adult dog. Some puppies, like people, are shier than others and care must be taken to socialize them at a rate at which they are comfortable.

**ASK  
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Not all puppies can jump into a play group or meet a bunch

of strangers at a party and feel okay, so before you begin, determine where he is now. Is he okay with meeting one person at a time or is he comfortable with a few people? Is he okay playing with one other puppy or can he jump right in and be one of the gang? Is he better with people or with dogs?

If he's great with dogs, but not so good with people, start your socialization process with another dog present. You can walk together with friends that have dogs or go to a park where people play with their dogs. Being with other dogs will help him feel more relaxed and confident. He will start to think of these people as safe.

Remember to let him choose when he wants to meet the people. Most people are willing to help, but they need to know what to do. Ask them to

get down low, not stare at him, perhaps even look away and definitely not reach out! Let him come to them.



**Make sure you're socializing your puppy at a rate at which they are comfortable.**

You can drop some treats near the person so he associates good things happen around scary people. When he gets comfortable, give them some treats. Ask them not to reach out, but hold their hand steady near their body with the treat in their palm. Be sure to let them know their only job is to hold the treat, not to try to pet him.

After several successful approaches and treat taking, you can allow them to scratch him under the chin while he is taking the treat. Be careful not to let them reach over the top of his head.

them to explore. From heart-warming stories of small animal care to information about our camps, clubs and birthday parties, there is something for animal lovers of all ages to enjoy.

*“Not all puppies can jump into a play group or meet a bunch of strangers at a party and feel okay, so before you begin, determine where he is now.”*

This can be scary to dogs! Taking these steps slowly with many different people will teach him that treats and good things come from people.

If your puppy is nervous around other dogs find a calm, quiet dog your pup feels comfortable around and just hang out with him. You can walk side by side at distance where your pup is comfortable. You can feed your puppy treats as long as he is far enough away from the dog to not cause food guarding issues. You can try hanging out in a spacious room together, just be sure your pup has a safe spot to retreat to if he gets scared. Using a gate to divide the room can help them be comfortable with each other without having to interact.

Bringing puppies/dogs together can be tricky if you are not well versed in canine body language. I recommend finding a puppy play group with a qualified trainer. The NHSPCA offers puppy play groups and classes for all levels of training. Visit [us online](#) for a complete list.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at the New Hampshire SPCA.

## Have a question for our trainer?

Email your question to [askthetrainer@nhspca.org](mailto:askthetrainer@nhspca.org) for a chance to have your question featured and answered by our trainer in the next newsletter!

## Green to Great: A 90 Day Equine Revamp!

Posted on February 7, 2019



4 Horses, 4 Trainers, 90 days of Training.

Follow the journey as four rescue horses from the New Hampshire SPCA and MSPCA at Nevins Farm go from "green to great!"

Earlier this month, Demi, Dixie, Honey and Toby were partnered up with professional trainers to "learn the ropes" of being a horse. These trainers and their support teams will have 90 days to ready the horse for adoption, including such skillsets as ground manners, essential groundwork, and starting under saddle (a specific training plan for each horse will be developed based on the horse's needs). You can

**Visit our blog to read about two of our horses who are attending a 90-day training program!**

## BLOG...

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get involved.

The blog is a helpful way to find out more information about the different programs we offer at the New Hampshire SPCA such as our Community Wellness Program, which, since its start in 2017, has assisted hundreds of low income housing residents to obtain basic veterinary care for their animals.

Now, all of the articles on the blog aren't just for pet owners of a certain age. If you have a child in your life that is passionate about animals there are many resources on the blog for

## Check it out!

Stay up to date with the happenings at our shelter by [visiting us on the web!](#)

The New Hampshire SPCA Blog is a perfect way to stay informed on the many happenings here at the shelter, the triumphant stories of rescue and recovery and much more. We hope you'll visit our blog regularly and let us know if there is a subject you'd like to read more about.

## Opening our offices for the road to recovery

By Ali Lynch

Outreach & Events Coordinator

When an animal enters our shelter, the experience can be overwhelming for them. Going from a familiar environment to new surroundings can cause an animal's personality to completely change. The friendliest dog may shrink to the back of their kennel, a cat who once loved attention may back away at the slightest touch. Each animal is different and unique but our focus and determination to help them always remains the same.

When an animal shows signs of stress or anxiety in their kennel and it begins to affect their behavior, the next step is to look for a foster home. While we are incredibly lucky to have a community of wonderful foster families, sometimes the answer is closer than we think.

Our Development Department has a unique environment that may not exactly replicate a home, but has the ability to offer an animal the opportunity to spend the day with people who will love and comfort them until their true personalities shine through.

### Lost but Now Found

It is always heartbreaking to see an animal come through our doors scared and alone, but Duncan was a particularly tragic case.

Barely a year old, Duncan the Rottweiler had already been through so much. He spent two months lost and separated from his family during the coldest months of the year at just eight months old.

Unfortunately, no one knows exactly what happened to this sweet dog over the course of those two months, but he came to us broken. He was covered in ticks, desperately afraid of the slightest movement and had lameness in his back leg. Our vet diagnosed him with severe Lyme disease, which was evident through Duncan barely being able to move and needing multiple people to lift him to eat or drink.

One of our staff members took Duncan home to help him heal, but something was still missing. Duncan came into the office for the day, but once it was time to leave, a problem arose: the elevator. No one or no treat could convince him to get on the elevator. With no solution in sight, one of our staff members had an idea. She brought her dog, who is less than half Duncan's size, out and entered the elevator with no problem. Duncan, perplexed at this small dog that had conquered his biggest fear, slowly followed.

From there, the two became best of friends.



Duncan came to the shelter after spending two months on the run. This gentle Rottweiler was covered in ticks, had trouble walking and was still absolutely terrified from whatever happened to him in the wild. To avoid having him feel alone while he healed, Duncan spent time in the Development department snuggled up with a very small friend who showed him that the world isn't so scary after all.

Duncan followed in his friend's little footsteps with every milestone that arose. Duncan soon after entered a foster home with two other dogs that have helped him build his confidence but comes back once a week to visit his first friend. It's an amazing thing to watch the two of them cuddle up to each other, give each other kisses and to see Duncan come over to greet you when not so long ago, he couldn't even stand.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of not only our staff and volunteers, but also a special furry friend, Duncan is on his way to recovery.

### New Beginnings

When an animal is seized in a cruelty case or hoarding situation, it can truly be shocking to see the condition they come to us in.

Such was the case of Ninja, an adorable grey and white cat with distinct facial markings. She arrived at our shelter needing a good brushing and a hearty meal. Her delicate frame and matted fur hid her age as she was assumed to be about four years old. It was only after a thorough veterinary exam that it was determined she was closer to twelve.

The kennel environment overwhelmed Ninja immediately and we decided to bring her into our



Ninja was part of a hoarding case and found herself at the NHSPCA. She was extremely overwhelmed in the kennel environment, so she relocated to the Development department. The security she felt with her favorite people helped her prepare for her future.

office for some peace and quiet. She remained hidden under a desk for days, refusing to come out and shying away anytime someone tried to coax her out.

Slowly, in her own time, Ninja began to explore the office. She then graduated to approaching us for head rubs, on her terms of course, and traveling along the desktops to see what was happening.

Watching Ninja go from absolutely petrified to outgoing and friendly was heartwarming. Along

## FOSTERING...

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the way, we discovered Ninja needed special food as she had dietary restrictions. It took time and dedication to figure out what worked best for Ninja, but we were determined to find her the right fit.

Her favorite spot to be was on the desk of our Volunteer Coordinator, who didn't mind the tufts of hair on his keyboard from her afternoon naps.

When it came time to find this special kitty a home, we knew it was going to be tough. An older cat who had unsolved dietary restrictions and to-be-determined medications wasn't an easy fit. However, Ninja had become accustomed to frequent visitors coming in and out of our office, dubbing herself our office greeter, so we knew she would find her forever family.

Not too long after appearing on our website, the perfect match came along. Ninja went home with someone who was able to see her for what she truly was: a cat who just needed someone to love and to love her in return.

A special bond was built while Ninja was in our care, one that will be treasured for years to come. It is always fulfilling to watch a new relationship grow between animal and adopter, knowing that bond will last a lifetime.

## PIPPA...

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learned verbal commands as well as tricks.

Pippa loves her training sessions and we feel strongly that these brief but important sessions have given her the confidence to meet new people, enter new environments and try new things with joy!

Since arriving at our facility, Pippa has remained safe from harm and is guaranteed a happy, healthy life as a companion animal.

She is currently enjoying the comfort of her own personal bedroom in our Adoption Center and spends several hours during the day playing in our outdoor goat enclosure. She often eagerly greets visitors to our shelter by pressing her little disk nose to the glass of her door!

We anticipate that Pippa will continue to grow and develop for the next 6 months to a year and expect that she will eventually top off at around 300 pounds! While Pippa still has a lot of filling out to do, we truly believe that this very special piglet will make an exceptional companion animal!

Pippa's perfect family will have an indoor space capable of accommodating Pippa's changing size as well as plenty of enclosed outdoor space for daily outings. Pippa is an active, highly social pig



Photo by Salomé Barrot

**Pippa the pig has been working hard during her training sessions and is looking for a home that offers ample indoor space for her changing size and outdoor space for daily outings.**

and enjoys spending lots of time with her special humans.

This truly unique, little girl is waiting for that special someone to come along and provide her with a lifetime of happiness and adventure! For more information on Pippa and/or adopting a pig from the NHSPCA, **[please contact our Farm Animal Program!](#)**

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# The end of an era

By Sheila Ryan

Director of Development & Marketing

We would like to congratulate Richard Maxfield, Volunteer Coordinator Extraordinaire on his recent retirement.

Richard joined the NHSPCA as a volunteer dog walker in 2002. He loved the dogs and became the Saturday dog monitor for a number of years while working at UNH.

In 2010, Richard joined the staff of the NHSPCA as Volunteer Coordinator. He had a unique perspective having been a volunteer for eight years by then. He always advocated on behalf of the animals first, the volunteers close behind.

For the past nine years, Richard has done a wonderful job bringing new volunteers into the NHSPCA, growing the number of total volunteer to over 700! He has celebrated and awarded volunteers throughout the year and at

the Volunteer Appreciation Event which he has definitely improved!

I believe he deeply cared about every single volunteer he met along the way, and tried to show his gratitude daily.

*“He always advocated on behalf of the animals first, the volunteers close behind.”*

He has been a hard worker and an integral part of the team. He even stayed on to train the new Volunteer Coordinator, Stephen

Jones, for two weeks before he cleared out his desk on January 31.

We have yet to go a week since then, that we haven't seen him around the building already sliding back into his role as Volunteer Extraordinaire.

Wishing you the Best Richard! You'll be missed.



Richard Maxfield retired at the end of January after serving as Volunteer Coordinator for nine years.

# Thank you for your dedication to the animals

By Richard Maxfield

Volunteer Coordinator

As I prepare for my retirement as NHSPCA Volunteer Coordinator after 9 years, I want to acknowledge every volunteer who has donated his or her time at the shelter and enhanced the lives of countless animals.

Whether you have donated one hour or thousands (as many have), you should be proud that you gave your time and energy, not to mention your heart, to the animals who arrive at the NHSPCA's door, looking for a future, and finding it here. In one way or another, in ways great and small, each volunteer who helps at the NHSPCA enriches not only the lives of the animals, but also the lives of the people who adopt and cherish them.

In 2018, over 700 individuals provided nearly 48,000 volunteer hours. Most of these hours were spent caring for the animals, in direct care or in foster homes.

But many volunteers help in a variety of ways that are not always apparent. There are volunteers who come each day to wash and fold the mountains of laundry generated, and those who spend hours sorting and storing donations.

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Our Development volunteers worked countless hours preparing for events such as the Doggie Paddle Plunge, Paws Walk, and the Auction for the Animals.

Office volunteers send thank you notes and make thank you calls to let donors know how much their donations help the animals.

Volunteers help in our Humane Education classroom providing a basis for children's awareness of and concern for animals.

Volunteers working with our Behavior and Training staff provide valuable assistance to people who want to give their dogs the opportunity to learn and thrive.

As we look back on 2018 and ahead to 2019, volunteers can take pride in all that was accomplished, but also know that challenges lie ahead.

While we do our best to promote responsible pet ownership, there will always be a need for the sheltering and adoption services we

provide. In 2018, approximately 2,000 animals came through our door, and without the volunteers who help in so many ways, the NHSPCA couldn't do all it does to provide homes for these animals.

Looking ahead to 2019, supporters of the NHSPCA know that volunteers will continue to donate their time and energy to ensure that the animals will be well-cared for.

We couldn't do what we do without the dedication and compassion of our volunteers. From all of us at the NHSPCA, we thank our volunteers for all they do for the animals.

## MORE ONLINE

For a list of volunteer achievements from the last quarter in 2018, please [visit us online!](#)

# A Safe and Loving Home for Every Animal Begins Here.



IMPACT REPORT 2018

## 2018: Year of the German Shepherd

Dear Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that I write to you today. Without the support and generosity of our community, 2018 would have been nearly unbearable for the NHSPCA.

2018 began with nine German Shepherds already in protective custody after a fire in mid-December 2017 had killed more than two dozen of their innocent littermates. Then on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, our investigator was called to northern NH to assist the police in removing 22 additional German Shepherds from the same owner. It was -11 degrees and the dogs were in wire crates in the loft of an icy cold barn. They had no way to maintain their heat, only frozen water, and no food. And so began the year of the German Shepherds.

In our state, animal shelters are asked to hold 'live evidence' in protective custody for the police, the courts and the community. And so, we do. We take the animal victims in, treat their wounds, fill their bellies, provide safety and warmth and two to three walks per day; every day, for as long as it takes. But it isn't supposed to take months, or in this case more than a year. This municipal work of holding evidence is something we do because we care about the animals. But it is a difficult strain on our organization. It is particularly taxing on the staff who see these majestic creatures living in kennels for far too long. No animal should be kenneled for a year, but this is especially

difficult for German Shepherds as they are large, intelligent dogs that need stimulation, activity and interaction. We continue to do as much as possible in a kennel environment, but a shelter is not a home.

The case is also taxing on our finances and our ability to conduct our regular operations. How can we have adoptable dogs for the community when our kennels are full of dogs in protective custody? The case is now in its fourteenth month and currently scheduled for trial in April. We will wait for April and hope that the conviction that was appealed by their owner is upheld. We hope that the case will finally be over and the German Shepherds can be spayed/neutered and prepared for adoption.

The year of the German Shepherds will go down in NHSPCA history as one of the most challenging in 147 years. But thanks to every single person who has shown their support through contributions of time, food, indestructible toys, treats and also financially, we were able to weather the storm. Our deepest thanks, on behalf of the German Shepherds and all of the animals that will need us today and in the future.

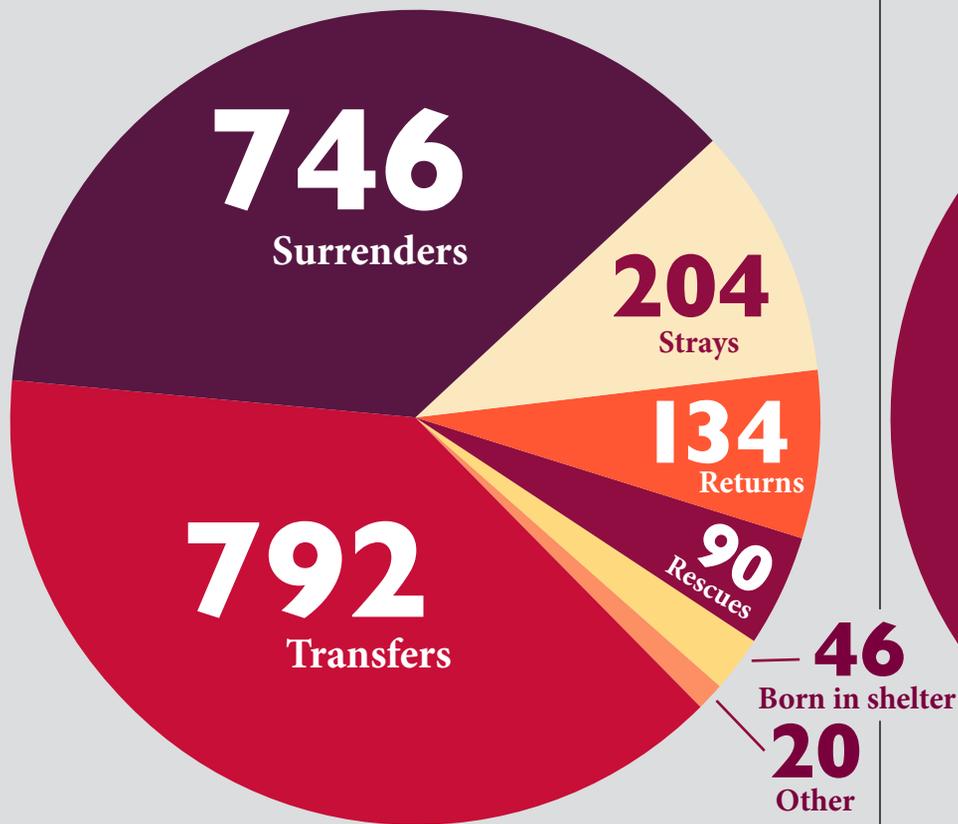
Sincerely,

Joshua Scott  
President, New Hampshire SPCA

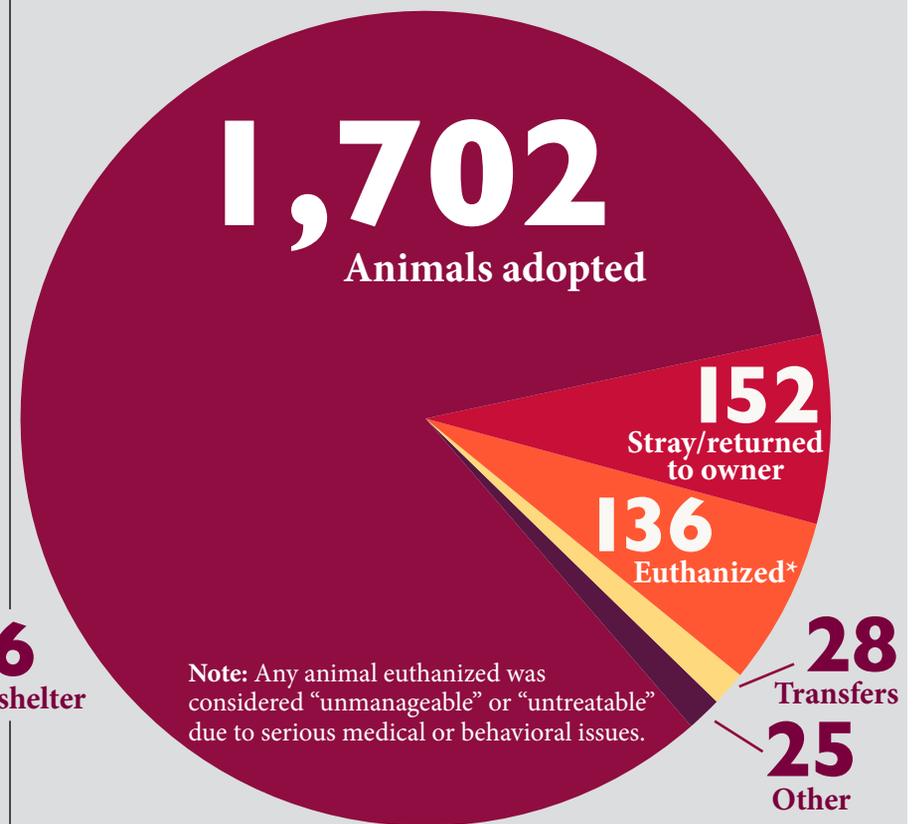


# 2018 ANNUAL STATISTICS

## INCOMING ANIMALS IN 2018: 2032



## OUTGOING ANIMALS IN 2018: 2043



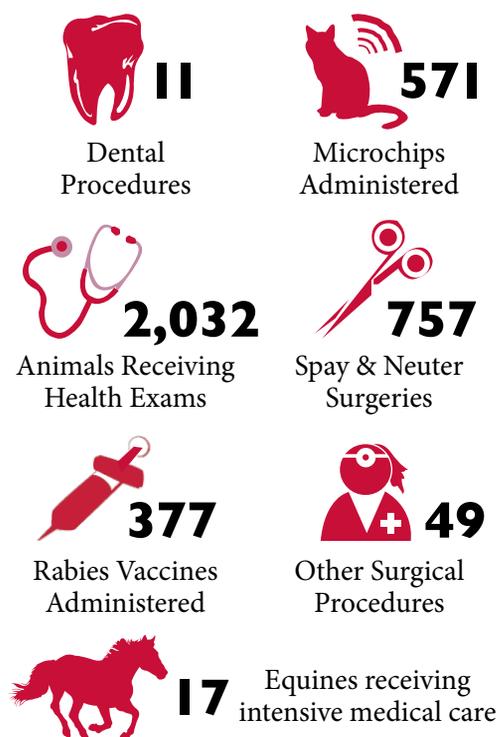
**92** animals in protective custody during 2018

**193** animals still in our care at the end of 2018

### COMMUNITY WELLNESS CLINICS

Low cost spay & neuter surgeries .....	232
Low cost rabies/microchip clinics .....	206
Rabies vaccinations administered .....	120
Microchips implanted .....	30
Distemper vaccinations administered .....	120

### MEDICAL CARE OF SHELTER ANIMALS



placement rate of healthy animals



placement rate of treatable or rehabilitatable animals



live release rate

	IN HOUSE	ADOPTED/ RECLAIMED	AVERAGE STAY (DAYS)
Cats	620	557	27
Dogs	470	398	34
Kittens	403	334	23
Puppies	205	181	25
Farm Animals	138	84	49
Rodents	127	84	81
Rabbits	79	73	60
Birds/Other	90	79	116
Guinea Pigs	58	49	31
Horse	45	15	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,235</b>	<b>1,854</b>	

Numbers include incoming animals **and** those that were here at the end of 2017.

# 2018 ANNUAL STATISTICS

## HUMANE EDUCATION

9,515 children reached

59  
COMMUNITIES  
REACHED



### RECURRING YOUTH INVOLVEMENT



Club members  
Ages 6-13



Junior volunteers  
Ages 13-15



Summer campers  
Ages 6-15

### COMMUNITY YOUTH OUTREACH

4,379  
Students who attended a presentation

728  
Students who received a tour

500  
Children who attended an offsite event

500  
Children who attended a classroom event

### ONSITE YOUTH PROGRAMS



Storytime with the  
Animals participants  
Ages 2-5



Birthday party  
participants

## BEHAVIOR & TRAINING

Classes offered to the public.....	145
Class participants.....	650
Private behavior consultations.....	99
Puppy Playgroup drop-ins .....	528
Small Dog Playgroup drop-ins .....	213

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

705  
total unique volunteers  
48,409  
hours contributed

The equivalent of 23 full-time staff members!

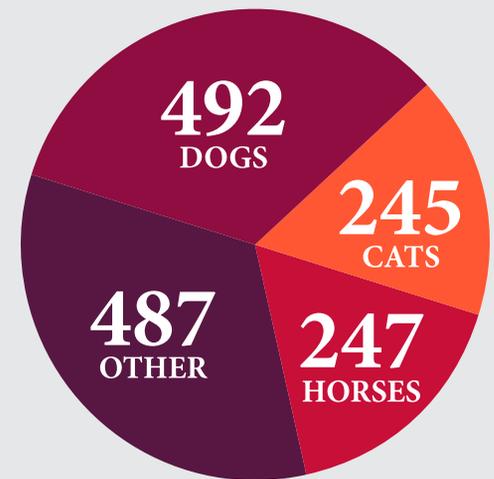


## FIELD SERVICES

670

cruelty complaints  
received and investigated

1,471 animals involved in  
complaints investigated:



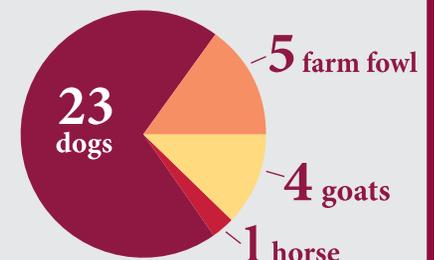
106

animals seized  
or surrendered following  
cruelty investigations

73 animals surrendered:



33 animals seized:



# 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



## JANUARY

The year begins with a staggering 55 animals in protective custody, including dozens of German Shepherds rescued from a frigid barn in northern New Hampshire. Little did we know that this one cruelty investigation would turn our world upside down and become one of the **lengthiest, most costly and most difficult case** in our recent history.

## FEBRUARY

As temperatures drop below freezing, our Cruelty Investigator takes frequent calls about animals, especially dogs, left out in the elements during frigid temperatures. Two NHSPCA volunteers attempt to **stay in a dog house overnight** to help make the public aware of the importance of bringing pets inside during extreme cold.



## MARCH

The NHSPCA has been offering monthly **low-cost spay/ neutering clinics** in our



community for 8 years now. We still receive daily calls from pet owners seeking an affordable option for altering their pet. With the rising cost of veterinary

care, it's apparent that even the most responsible of pet owners are struggling to meet the needs of their pets. We've increased the number of clinics held each month and have also offered a completely fee-waived option to help pets and the families that love them.

## APRIL



The NHSPCA medical team continues to reach out to our community to provide **wellness care and food** to pets whose people cannot provide it, without judgment and without barriers. The program partners with senior or low income housing complexes to provide monthly wellness clinics around Rockingham County to pets that don't see a veterinarian regularly due to cost or transportation issues.

## MAY

Our community rallies to help find the owner of an Amazon parrot abandoned at our doorstep in a plastic bag. **The badly neglected parrot**, who we named Mayday, refused to eat anything for close to a week and we were very concerned about her medical history. Despite the efforts of our community, the owner was never found. Thanks to our supporters she responded well to specialized veterinary care and was placed in a loving home a few months later.



## JUNE

Who let the dogs out? YOU DID! Paws Walk is the largest, dog-friendliest event on the seacoast and thousands of animal lovers (and their dogs) showed up to help support our work at the shelter. It is a fun event with a serious purpose, to raise critically needed funds to help us to care for thousands of homeless animals. It was an extraordinary day. We hope to see you on June 9, for **Paws Walk 2019!**



*A special young lady uses her wish to help animals. Through collaboration between Make-A-Wish New Hampshire and the New Hampshire SPCA, Brooklyn's heartfelt wish of rescuing puppies came true. With Brooklyn's help, the NHSPCA transported a group of rescued pups to New Hampshire, where they all found homes on **"Brooklyn's Adoption Day"** on June 30.*

# 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW



## JULY

The owner of the 36 German Shepherds that have been held at our shelter in protective custody for more than 6 months is found guilty of animal cruelty. It should have been a good day. The guilty verdict should have legally allowed us to place them into adoptive homes. However, an immediate appeal forces all 36 to remain in limbo. With no end in sight, our volunteers and staff double efforts to make sure the animals continue to feel safe and loved while the legal case drags on.

## AUGUST

With an active Facebook and Instagram community, we can always count on our followers to share important updates and help us advocate for homeless animals. Still, we were amazed at the outpouring of support for a lonely little duck named **Freddy Mercury**. As the only duck in residence, he was terribly lonely. We knew he'd feel better with friends so we turned to our followers to help us find him a home with other ducks. His plight captured the hearts of many and within hours the post was shared thousands of times. By the very next morning, Freddy was heading home to join a flock of new friends. It's heartwarming to know that our community has a soft heart for every type of homeless animal!



## SEPTEMBER

Tigger was 19 years old when she was surrendered to us. The shelter environment is stressful for cats, but even more so for senior cats. Older cats can have a compromised immune system which often leads to upper respiratory infections. It was critical to find Tigger a home as soon as possible. While many shelters wouldn't even consider adoption for a cat at such an advanced age, we placed our faith in our community and asked for their help. Tigger's story quickly went "viral" and was seen by thousands of people, but most importantly by the kind-hearted person who adopted her.



## OCTOBER

Our Field Service Team was called to help safely catch a **stray dog** that had been on the loose for weeks. No one knew who she belonged to. She was very timid and possibly injured, so our Field Services Department set up humane traps based on multiple sightings from the public. It took over a week, but finally we were able to catch her and bring her to safety. When no one came forward to claim her, we named her Doodlebug and placed her up for adoption.

*Doodlebug's limp was caused by a torn ligament in her back leg. She could hardly put any weight on it. Thanks to **John Holland's Koda Fund**, she received the costly surgery and rehabilitation to fix it. She's now pain free, happy and safe in her new home.*



To: JILL SHEPHERD + FRIENDS  
NEW HAMPSHIRE SPCA  
P.O. Box 191

## NOVEMBER

As the weather turns colder, we see a sharp influx of horses and farm animals in need of help. As one of the only animal shelters in the state committed to helping horses and farm animals, we take call after call regarding animals in dire need of food, medical care and safe shelter. Our paddocks and barn is quickly filled to capacity. By the end of the month there are 25 horses, 4 goats, 3 pigs and 10 roosters and pheasants in our care. With adoptions notoriously slow in the winter season (especially for **farm animals**) barn staff and volunteers brace themselves for a long and challenging winter.



## DECEMBER

The year wraps up the way it began, with too many animals stuck in protective custody. Their legal proceedings stalled by a series of frustrating postponements. When it becomes clear that the 36 German Shepherds will remain with us through the holidays, our community rallies to provide them with comfy beds, toys and treats to help them feel loved and to help brighten their spirits. The outpouring of support from our community means everything to staff and volunteers that have spent every single day of this year walking, feeding, cleaning, training, and most importantly loving these animals as if they were their own.

# 1872 SOCIETY

*The 1872 Society was developed as a way of recognizing and thanking our incredibly generous donors who are so important to the animals and our mission. The category names were chosen to further demonstrate that each plays a significant role. We sincerely appreciate each one of you for your commitment to our work.*



*Although the 1872 Society recognizes our top donors, we would also like to express our gratitude to each and every person who contributes. Each gift has a positive impact and helps care for the animals. Thank you.*

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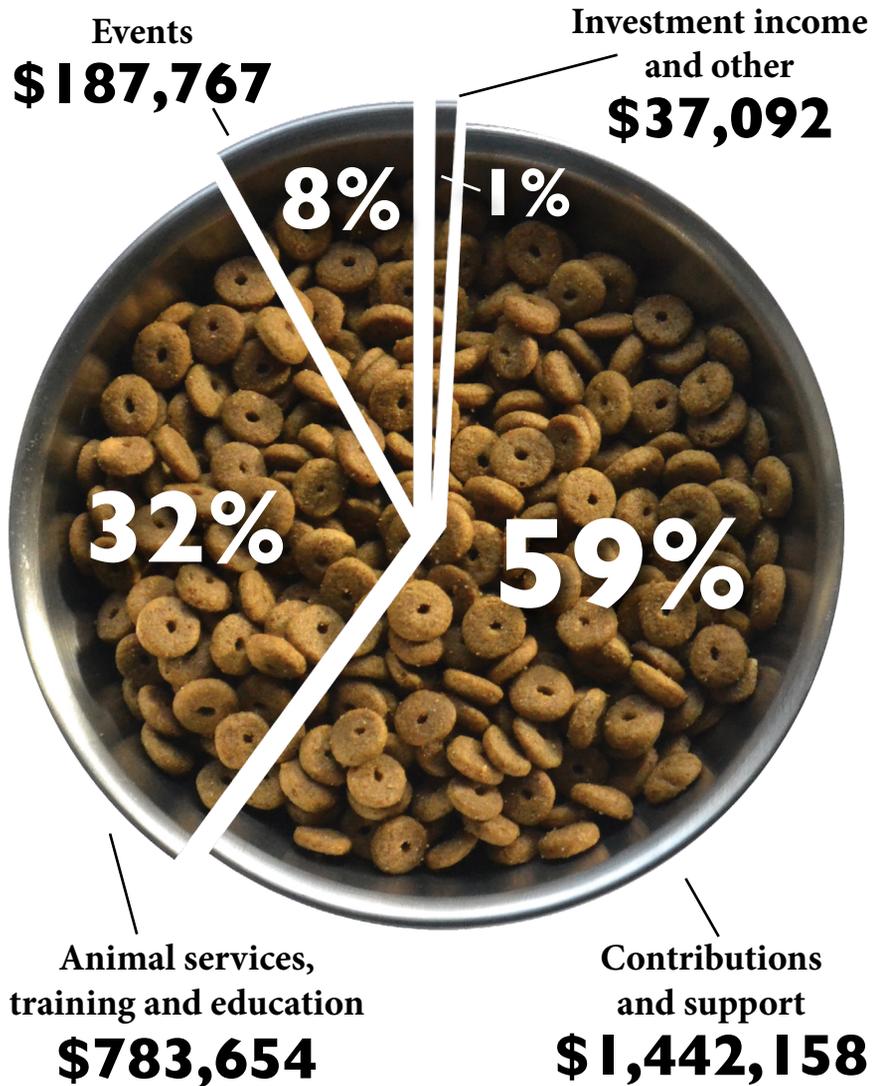
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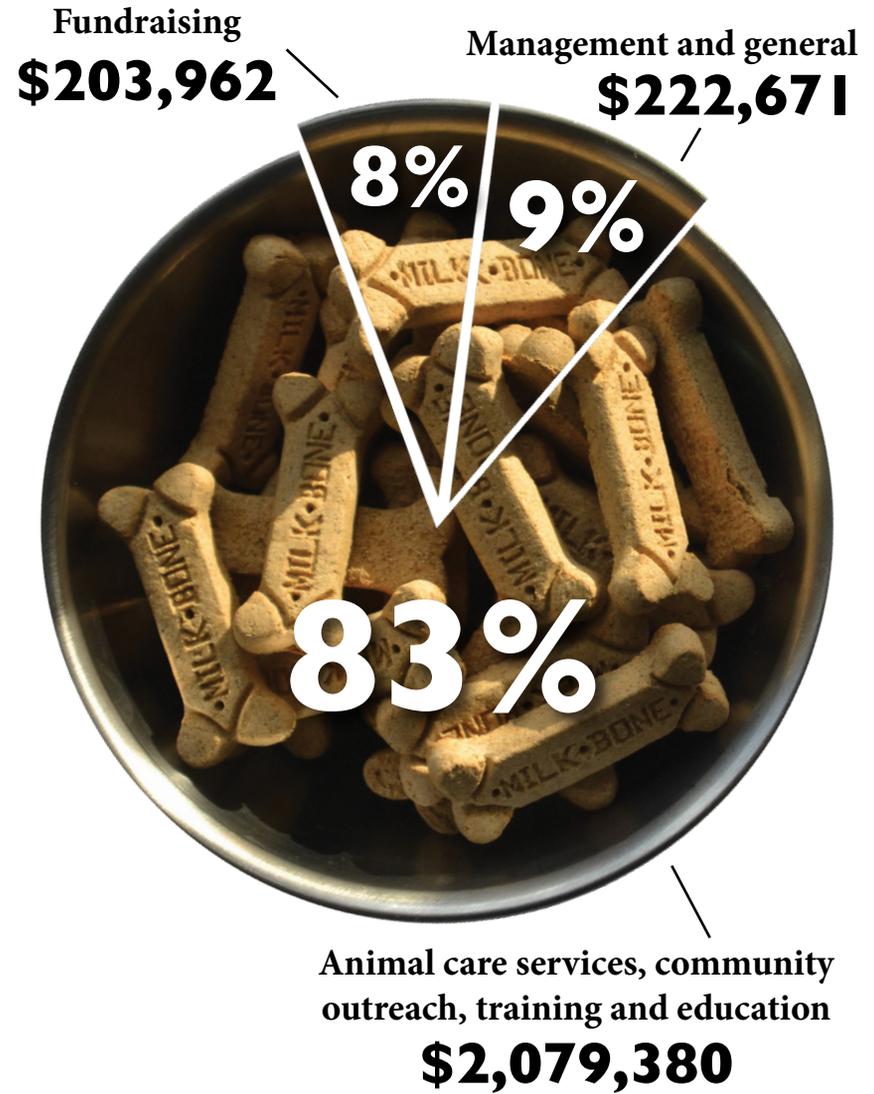
**To save the lives of companion animals through rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption; to promote learning, eliminate animal cruelty and be a leader in advancing the highest standards of animal welfare.**

# 2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## OPERATING INCOME



## OPERATING EXPENSES



New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

## A HEALTHY COMMITMENT

Average investments we make in every cat and dog

Service	Approximate Value	Service	Approximate Value
Spay/Neuter.....	\$125-\$350	Vet exam .....	\$35
Microchip implant & registration .....	\$50	Dental (when applicable) .....	\$250
Heartworm test & preventative (dogs) .....	\$35	Food & care for at least 14 days .....	\$210
Updated vaccinations.....	\$50	Time with Behavior Trainer (5 hour average) (dogs).....	\$100
Diagnostic.....	\$75	Identification tag.....	\$6
Other medical procedures or surgeries (as needed) .....	\$100-\$2,500	Collar/leash or carrier.....	\$24
Flea & parasite prevention.....	\$35	Average committed to every cat & dog.....	\$620-\$3,720

NOTE: We are equally committed to other animals in our care. Approximate value of services that other animals receive would vary by species.

## Planned Gifts Received

The NHSPCA greatly appreciates the concern shown by donors who give of their financial resources to assist the Society with its mission. Through their planned gifts, the following individuals made generous contributions toward the ongoing programs and services of the NHSPCA.

January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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*Planned Gifts build a foundation for the future of the NHSPCA and a better life for the animals that need us.*

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## Classroom pets loved by all students

By Paula Parisi

Manager of Humane Education Programs

Everyone's favorite part of visiting the **Humane Education** Classroom at the New Hampshire SPCA is checking in on the animals here.

In our Adoption Center, we have many wonderful animals who are looking for new homes. However, in the classroom, pets have already found their forever homes right here with us!

All of our animals in the classroom are healthy, friendly, well-cared for and most importantly, they are familiar and comfortable with the high level of activity that goes on with the programs held in this room.

These animals also accompany our Humane Educator on her visits to local schools. This means these animals must also be able to comfortably ride in a vehicle and adjust to a new location/situation.

Many of our frequent visitors to the classroom, whether in our afterschool clubs, at a birthday party or just stopping in briefly, have expressed a favorite animal! Here's what some of our visitors have written about some of the classroom pets:



"I like Rebel and Pepper the cockatiels. I like to hold them when they come over to my shoulder to see me. Rebel tries to chew on my ear and Pepper chirps loudly in my ear! Pepper loves flax seed crackers and loves visiting with kids." — Brock

"I love the rats, especially Foxy. She relaxes in my arms and also loves to chew cardboard. She can be a sleepy rat sometimes, too. Her favorite food is red pepper. Sometimes she can be a trouble-maker with the other rats!" — Ava



"My favorite animal in the classroom is Honey, the hamster. She is very calm and sweet and loves to be held. Honey is so small she has to be brushed with a toothbrush which she loves because it makes her soft and silky." — Annabelle

"I love Snickers, the chinchilla, because of how soft and fluffy he is. He has the best color fur ever: light gray. He likes to hide away in his sleephouse and then dozes off! Snickers has an awesome name that totally fits him. Even though in the wild, chinchillas live in large groups, Snickers rocks the single life! He is such a cool animal!" — Caitlin



Students from the K/1/2 class at Maude H. Trefethen School in New Castle, left, and Girl Scout Troop 13946, right, recently visited the shelter. Both groups received a tour of our facility and generously dropped off donations to help the animals.

## Schools, organizations make a difference

By Paula Parisi

Manager of Humane Education Programs

I usually try to randomly showcase groups that visit the NHSPCA with generous donations that show their care and concern for homeless pets. In this newsletter, I would like to take a look at just a little over one week of scheduled tours and visits by different groups from the local area! Please keep in mind that these are only the groups that actually made an appointment with me (always recommended!) and received a behind-the-scenes tour of the Adoption Center and a meet-and-greet with the classroom pets.

**Friday, December 7:** The Oyster River Parents and Preschoolers came to the classroom for a private StoryTime with the Animals and enjoyed a read-aloud book and a visit with the classroom pets. The families all brought donations for the animals.

**Tuesday, December 11:** The Best Buddies Afterschool Club from Oyster River Middle School in Durham came for a tour and to visit the animals. They brought lots of food and supplies along with beautiful, cozy handmade no-sew blankets.

**Thursday, December 13:** Several high school students from Bellamy Academy in Dover brought many donations from a food and supply drive they held at their school. They also toured the Adoption Center and met the classroom pets.

**Thursday, December 13:** Girl Scout Troop 13946 from Dover made a visit as part of the NHSPCA Badge Program. The girls had a tour, learned all about the NHSPCA, created safe dangling toys for the resident cats, and earned an



Students from Bellamy Academy brought a load of donations from a food and supply drive they held at their school.

NHSPCA badge. They also donated fleece toys and blankets they had made previously.

**Friday, December 14:** Animal loving students from the K/1/2 class at Maude H. Trefethen School in New Castle visited and had a tour along with a classroom pet meet-and-greet. They collected and delivered lots of wonderful donations!

**Tuesday, December 18:** Two classes of students from Seacoast School of Technology, Plant and Animal Science, in Exeter, NH, visited the NHSPCA as part of their Animal Welfare Unit. They delivered lots of donations that they had collected and learned about what we do here at the NHSPCA and all the services we offer to the community. They also toured our facility.

This span of time also included four birthday parties and StoryTime with Animals for the public as well as numerous casual visitors stopping in to say hello. The classroom pets sure do earn their keep in the Humane Ed classroom!



Arlo the terrier mix was adopted from the NHSPCA in March of 2014. The lovable rescue pup recently found himself on stage, featured in the Seacoast Repertory Theater's production of Annie!

## From the shelter to the stage!

By Heather Parisi

This past November my dog, Arlo, adopted from the NHSPCA in March of 2014, played the role of Sandy in Seacoast Repertory Theater's production of Annie. A scruffy blonde terrier mix, Arlo looks the part and it turns out he's a natural on the stage!

Upon hearing that they were looking for a dog to play Sandy I contacted the theater and arranged a time for Arlo to "audition" for the part. He met some of the cast and crew and they told me what would be required of him and we decided he would be perfect for the role! There were 23 performances of Annie but due to my work schedule Arlo and I could only commit to 15 of the shows. The ones we could not attend starred Arlo's understudy, a beagle named Joey.

Arlo loved taking part in the show and being on

stage was easy for him. He had two scenes back to back and while he was at times eager to get offstage to see me, he was perfectly comfortable in front of the crowd and had no trouble being surrounded by all the singing and dancing. Each time the young actress playing Annie brought Arlo on stage the audience let out a collective "aww" and for a second this former shelter dog really stole the show. He even took second billing in the program!

Arlo's favorite part of the experience was hanging out backstage with his co-stars and the crew. He especially loved all the attention he got from the kids playing the orphans and the feeling was mutual. Each night when we arrived at the theater Arlo would happily run to the dressing rooms to greet his new friends. No matter what they were doing everyone stopped to say hi to Arlo and it was clear that they all enjoyed having a dog around.

Arlo has always loved attention and it turns out he loves the spotlight too! We had a blast being a part of Annie and I would gladly put Arlo in any future performances at Seacoast Rep. So even if you didn't get to see Arlo in the role of Sandy, there might be a chance to see him play another role someday. Look for him on Broadway!

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Leo

Funf has been renamed to Leo, and he is the best kitten I could ask for! Very fresh but so entertaining and so loving! It's funny because when I came to the shelter, he was so timid and shy and almost instantly he showed his true colors!

— Alik Kallas

# 20 Commemoratives

WINTER 2019

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAR  
10

### CATVIDEOFEST

The Portsmouth Music Hall, Portsmouth, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Each year, curator Will Braden creates a program of the best cat videos of the year to show the masses! Don't wait to purchase your tickets to this popular event! A portion of proceeds go to the animals at the NHSPCA.

MAR  
10

### LOW COST RABIES CLINIC

New Hampshire SPCA, Stratham, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Stop by the shelter to get a rabies vaccination for your pet. The cost is \$20 per pet and no appointment is necessary.

APR  
13

### EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA AT THE MALL

Mall at Fox Run, Newington, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us for an informational rabbit experience event! Visit with a rabbit and learn basic rabbit care. Handmade bunny totes will be available for sale to the public.

APR  
26-28

### ANNUAL KITTEN SHOWER

New Hampshire SPCA, Stratham

Help us prepare for kitten season and donate items from our wishlist! While donating, please stop in and shop our baked goods sale and enter to win raffle prizes. Thank you!

APR  
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MAY  
4

### ADOPT A PET EVENT

Mall at Fox Run, Newington, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Our staff will be onsite and ready to help you adopt a shelter animal! Stop by and meet animals right at the mall!

MAY  
17-19

### PETSMART NATIONAL ADOPTION EVENT

Petsmart, Seabrook, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Looking for a furry friend? Stop in to Petsmart in Seabrook to meet your match! The NHSPCA will be onsite with many available animals for adoption!

MAY  
18

### PET PALOOZA

Tendercrop Farm at the Red Barn, Dover, Time TBD

Spend the day listening to local, live music and enjoying all that the Tendercrop Farm at the Red Barn has to offer. Music, food, and fun, all to benefit the animals!

MAY  
19

### LOW COST RABIES CLINIC

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JUNE  
9

### PAWS WALK

Stratham Hill Park, Stratham, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Walk the 2-mile trail (a shorter walk is available) in honor or memory of a beloved pet and enjoy food, local vendors, activities and games, animal demonstrations and more!

JUNE  
23

### LOW COST RABIES CLINIC

New Hampshire SPCA, Stratham, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Stop by the shelter to get a rabies vaccination for your pet. The cost is \$20 per pet and no appointment is necessary.

JULY  
13

### ADOPT A PET EVENT

Mall at Fox Run, Newington, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us at the Mall at Fox Run in Newington for a special adoption event. Meet homeless animals that are available for adoption and go home with your new best friend!

# Another record-breaking Auction!

By Megan Bickford

Special Events and Sponsorship Manager

The 2018 sold-out Auction for the Animals was held on Saturday, November 17 at the Wentworth by the Sea and was an outstanding success. Three hundred of the Seacoast's most influential and generous animal lovers attended to support the work of the New Hampshire SPCA. Together, we raised record contributions for the animals, which will provide warm beds, full bellies, safe shelter, and loving care in addition to supporting the **SOS Fund**.

## Save the Date!

### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction for the Animals

November 17, 2019  
Wentworth by the Sea

Year after year, the Auction for the Animals has been the Seacoast's event-not-to-be-missed! It's a jubilant evening filled with fine attire,

unmatched auction item offerings, divine food, and most importantly, shared purpose. Popular auction items included a seven night stay for six in Costa Rica, roundtrip flights on JetBlue, a MaxMara designer handbag, sports tickets, paintings, and more!

As usual, the highlight of the evening was the Fund-A-Need. This is the point in the evening when we stop everything else and express the most pressing need of the Agency for the coming year. This year, we asked our guests to give generously to support the SOS Fund to help save the victims of cruelty and neglect. Gifts to the SOS fund specifically help ease the tremendous burden of expenses associated with cruelty cases.

Our most well known case this year has been



Guests enjoyed good food and company during the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction for the Animals at the Wentworth by the Sea. The record-breaking year helped the shelter replenish the SOS Fund, which provides money to victims of cruelty and neglect.

the 36 German Shepherds rescued from severe neglect. As the case has dragged on for over a year, the dogs have been in the protective custody of the NHSPCA. Due to this case and others, we had an extraordinary number of animals in need of the SOS Fund in 2018. By the beginning of the summer, the fund was completely depleted; however, thanks to the support of our animal loving community and the attendees of this event, we were able to help replenish the funds.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to

## Auction Sponsors

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all who opened their hearts to make this event possible. Attendees, auction item donors, sponsors and volunteers are the reason we are able to continue to provide a safe and loving home for every animal that comes through our doors.

Special thanks to our Top Dog sponsor, Veterinary Emergency and Surgery Hospital of Brentwood.

We invite you to save the date and purchase your tickets early for the 2019 Auction, which marks the 25<sup>th</sup> year!



Don't miss the NHSPCA's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Paws Walk!

## Save the Date: Paws Walk 2019!

### 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Paws Walk

Sunday, June 9 at Stratham Hill Park  
10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Paws Walk is the New Hampshire SPCA's largest grassroots event and raises critical funds to support our life-saving programs. Paws Walk is also a day full of meaningful fun for everyone: family, friends, kids, co-workers, and dogs alike!

Enjoy a day of delicious food, outdoor activities, and interesting vendors, while spending time with other local animal lovers and their canine companions.

Don't have a canine companion? Don't worry about it! Four-legged friends are welcome, but not required.

**Registration opens on March 1.** Don't wait to sign up and start fundraising!