



NHSPCA to expand resources for people and pets



Due to an increasing need, it's critical we expand our Animal Protection Team to add a part-time person to assist with investigations and dispatch resources, as well as a second agency truck.

By Sheila Ryan

Director of Development & Marketing

There is an old saying around here, “not a single animal walks in or out of our building without a person attached.” It makes sense, right? However, many folks still think of the NHSPCA, and animal welfare organizations in general, as being solely an animal cause. This couldn't be further from reality.

Recently, at the NHSPCA's annual Auction for the Animals, we announced that we will be expanding our ability to handle animal cruelty and neglect cases while also building an infrastructure to help people who are in the midst of turmoil that is negatively affecting the animals in their lives. This is a two-pronged approach to managing the increased incidences of animals being at risk across New Hampshire.

The first is the more straight-forward aspect of this expansion. We will be increasing the NHSPCA Animal Protection Team (APT) from our existing humane officers to add a part-time staff member

who will not only be able to assist with investigations but also dispatching resources. A second agency truck will ensure that the Animal Protection Team will always have a vehicle for urgent property visits, seizures and more while allowing business as usual to continue with our existing truck which is currently shared with our farm program, Adoption Center, etc. It will be fitted to haul a trailer for cases where we need to remove horses and other farm animals. As often happens, we need multiple vehicles and trailers to respond to larger cases. It will also allow the team to be on separate cases at the same time when needed. The additional staffing and vehicle will also allow us to increase our ability to coordinate disaster response.

Another aspect of this expansion is a little more abstract, and requires a story to begin... You will read in this newsletter about a gentleman who asked for our help in capturing 25 cats around his home. These were his cats, beloved pets. This

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"Home" is the very best gift

By Rich Hegarty

Annual Fund Manager

Year-end is a great time to reflect on how this year has gone, and what we hope for the next one.

In 2024, more animals needed us than in recent years. Overcrowded shelters around the country needed us to meet planes and vans full of animals transported to New Hampshire to find a better life. Rescues happened far too regularly involving dogs and puppies, cats and kittens, goats, horses, birds and more. They needed us to intervene and save them from cruel, neglectful and heart-breaking conditions.

Click [here](#) to send the animals some holiday love!

Every day, local animals also arrive as strays or are surrendered by their owners. The volume of animals can be daunting; with hundreds of loving and deserving animals just waiting

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**Where there's a will, there's a way:
The story of Emmett**

A kind horse named Emmett makes an incredible transformation after arriving in terrible shape.

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

I've been reflecting this week on the many changes we've had over the years. My first day as Executive Director was in October 1994, and in the ensuing 30 years, our agency has changed a lot. As I walked through our former shelter that first day, I could feel tension and excitement. The kennels were painfully loud. Dogs barked frantically as they faced each other through chain link fencing. Some excited, some barking aggressively, some shaking in the back of their kennel, terrified. The odor from open trenches was tough and chipped paint showed years of wear and tear.

One could barely turn around in the front cat room where cages faced each other. Space only wide enough for one person, hoping to adopt, to look. Birds and hamsters were stacked on a tiny counter at the end of the room — predator and prey living side by side. It was overwhelming. . .

When I walked out back, it was disturbing to see this extremely dated facility barely able to contain the overwhelming demands. Every day animals arrived more quickly than they left. The shelter back then was often referenced as a pound — a truly derogatory description.

In those days, it was impossible to help every animal due to the sheer numbers coming in. Statistics showed that we were just above the 50% mark for saving lives through adoption. It was heartbreaking.

Thankfully, much has changed since 1994! It is so exciting to see all the positive changes and the milestones met along the way in both animal welfare and at the New Hampshire SPCA.

We used to need to tell children to plug their ears, stay in the center of the walkway and go cautiously through the kennels. Today, our kennels are welcoming and often quiet. We encourage kids to spend time reading to animals which can help reduce their stress. Many kids enjoy the calming nature of these visits. Others may be working to overcome their own fears and challenges with reading and learning to find joy in the process.

In the early days, our goal was singular — get as many animals adopted into appropriate homes.

Today, because of the support that you have given us through the years, we have been able to make transformative changes to our campus and to our work. The incredible staff, volunteers, and you, our wonderful supporters, have allowed us to not only meet the needs of our local animal population but also celebrate saving the lives of animals from overcrowded shelters around the country through the transport program. As the years have rolled by, we have been able to expand our impact by adding expanded veterinary care and more recently, surgical care. We have even been able to send teams to assist recovery efforts following natural disasters and large-scale rescues.



In 1994, we were a small shelter doing some big work. Today, we are truly a community agency with a beautiful campus helping so many more. We have grown from offering the minimal care required to adopt animals to comprehensive care transforming the lives of so many that would never have had a chance years ago.

We've been able to fulfill some of our dreams of helping the community with those services as well.

We have evolved through the years, changing with our industry, broadening our goals to help animals and the families that love them. We have dreamed to help more — to make an even greater impact, and we have done it because we have been joined by you — the most amazing group of people, supporting our mission, our agency, the animals and those who love them.

I am so profoundly grateful to have been a part of our agency's growth. To watch it blossom from the image of a pound, to a flourishing Community Resource Center for animals and people. We have grown from pure focus on saving lives to also providing wellness care, training, education and so much more.

If you have not been here for a while, I encourage you to come and visit. Explore our website, look at all the different programs and services we offer. Come enjoy programs or events that are both educational and sometimes, just fun. Join us in celebrating all the love that our furry and feathered friends bring us.

I am truly grateful for your amazing support that has enabled us to fulfill this vision, and look forward to how we will continue to evolve and serve more.

On behalf of all the animals whose lives have been forever changed because of you, thank you!

With heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lisa Dennison'.

Lisa Dennison
Executive Director



We are so thankful we could be a safe place for Emmett to land when he needed love and compassion the most (left). This guy has made a full transformation while in our care (right), and he has showed us just how grateful he is for his second chance every day! Thank you for helping make his recovery possible!

Where there's a will, there's a way: The story of Emmett

By **Michelle Murch**

Equine & Farm Program Manager

We call him Emmett. Emmett is a strong, determined name. It carries a sense of strength and courage. It also has a sense of humor to it.

Emmett is all of that.

This guy came to us fragile, trembling uncontrollably. His lanky skeleton was covered only by skin and a leftover, filthy winter coat that was peeling off in thick

chunks of manure-, mud- and urine-caked pieces. He was emaciated. He was only nine years old and remained a stallion. His body condition score was a 1 out of possible 9.

His sweet happy personality shined through, even in the darkest moments.

We would fight for him, with him.

He didn't know us or his surroundings, yet he laid down to rest his tired, weak body upon arriving at the NHSPCA. He laid there for an unusually long time, a flight animal, in a strange paddock, never having left the farm he was born on, eating hay

among strangers. It was unusual. He was so calm and did not appear to be in any real distress despite his obvious condition. His eyes were big but soft and bright. His body continued to tremble even though his muscles were resting.

We began the process of refeeding Emmett. This is a slow reintroduction to food to allow the body to adjust. During starvation, the body's reserves of fat and protein are used for energy and mineral stores are decreased. Starvation causes muscle wasting and weakness, so we initially attributed his tremors to his malnourished condition. Emmett laid down excessively. When a horse has lost 45-50% of their normal body weight, their odds of survival are not good.

We had no idea what the future held for Emmett, but his will to live certainly never wavered.

It was determined that Emmett's malnourished condition depleted him of Vitamin E. The area in which we live is known to be deficient in Vitamin E, which horses get from fresh, green grass. The amount of Vitamin E decreases as the grass matures and when hay is stored long term. When horses do not get the required amount of Vitamin E, it can cause permanent damage. Signs of Vitamin E deficiency are poor muscle development, muscle weakness or a more severe neurologic

condition called Equine Motor Neuron Disease (EMND), which is where Emmett's levels were trending.

Emmett was treated aggressively, and his levels bounced back well, but the tremors and excessive need for resting his muscles continued. We consulted specialists who told us to give him time and that he still had a chance, especially when we told them about his strong spirit. We refused to give up.

It took five months. Emmett eventually lost his coat completely—he was pink, and it was summer. He needed to be covered from head to hoof to keep him from burning. The bugs drove him crazy, causing even more tremors and further exhaustion, so fly gear and spray was an absolute must. It was a lot of work, but together, we made it through.

Emmett gained weight, grew back his coat and was healthy enough to be gelded. He rests mostly at night now and we rarely see even a muscle twitch.

Emmett is still the chattiest, happiest, silliest, sweetest Appaloosa you will find at the NHSPCA. Most importantly, he is healthy and has a bright future ahead of him. Emmett cannot wait to meet his forever family. We won't know what his full potential is until he shows us, but we know for certain he has the courage and will to accomplish anything.

“How long should you try? Until.” — John Rohn

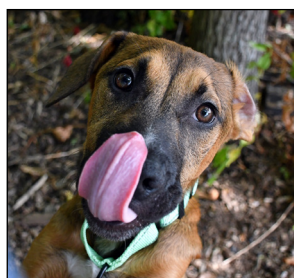
Interested in adopting?

Please click [here](#) to see what horses and farm animals are available!

Answering the call to provide hurricane relief

By Kelly Marinel
Manager of Animal Care

On September 15, 2024, nearly 80 shelter pets were airlifted to New England to make room for pets impacted by Hurricane Francine. BISSELL Pet Foundation and Cathy Bissell coordinated and funded the transport of homeless dogs and



Bashful (top), Doc (middle), and Sneezzy traveled all the way from Louisiana to find their families here in New England!

cats from Louisiana shelters. The pets on this flight had been homeless and awaiting adoption at Jefferson Protection and Animal Welfare Services (JPAWS) in Harvey, LA, prior to Hurricane Francine's landfall. When disasters such as this hit, the areas in crisis need to be able to take in pets displaced by the storm. What we do not want to do is transport animals that have families actively looking for them, or families who need temporary housing during the aftermath of the hurricane. Instead, animals that were already available for adoption are moved to make room for those that will need to be reunited with their families after the storm.

When we received the call about the impending crisis, we immediately went to work evaluating our space to determine how many dogs and cats we could take in on such short notice. We were sent links to view the candidates, and information was being added and updated by the minute. Eight dogs and puppies and nine cats and kittens would be welcomed with open arms here at the NHSPCA—safe and sound, and out of harm's way. The week of arrival, we already had a busy transport schedule with cats arriving from the ASPCA and dogs arriving from Texas. With the help of our wonderful volunteers - who picked up more shifts, helping with animal care, dog walking, driving to pick up the animals, administration assistance—

and our generous community—who stocked our shelves with much-needed dog and cat food and plenty of warm blankets—we were able to make it work and help save more lives.

We are incredibly lucky to have the community and space we have and there is not a moment we take it for granted. We are determined to continue to help animals in need no matter where they are located whenever we have the capacity to do so. The four puppies that came from Louisiana—

Saving lives during Hurricane Milton

By Melissa Mower
Communications Manager

As Florida was bracing for yet another hurricane, we were feeling particularly grateful to be able to assist in freeing up resources for southern shelters so they can rescue more displaced pets and reconnect more families.

On October 9, we welcomed 12 dogs from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). These dogs, originally rescued through an alleged cruelty case in North Carolina, had been in HSUS' care in Maryland prior to the storms.

Our team began talking with HSUS about transporting this specific group of dogs weeks earlier; however, when the need to move animals in response to the storms became more urgent, we were able to shuffle things around to accept the transport sooner than originally expected.

With the help of Pilots to the Rescue, this group of dogs—which included two chihuahua puppies and a 10-pound poodle mix—made the journey to New Hampshire.

According to HSUS, these dogs were part of a large group of animals found living in overcrowded, filthy conditions in NC in early September. Approximately 60 dogs and cats were found living in stacked cages in a 960-square foot residence. Thankfully, they were removed and transported to HSUS' facility in MD because the NC shelter was already at capacity.

These dogs joined the more than 200 animals that had been in care at the NHSPCA at that time. We were also pleased to welcome a transport of 25 cats that same night with the help of our friends at BISSELL Pet Foundation, and welcomed 13 dogs and 14 kittens the following week thanks to Take Me Home Advocates for Transport out of Lockhart, Texas.

Maple, Doc, Sneezzy and Bashful—were all adopted at offsite adoption events the day they became available. In fact, just a couple of weeks after this emergency transport, all 17 animals were settling into their new homes here in New England!

Again, thanks to the support of our community—from adopting, to donating, to volunteering, to sharing information—we can continue to work together to help animals in need. We are so grateful!

The four puppies that came from Louisiana—



Bank Robber was one of the first dogs from this transport to be adopted! Her lifesaving transport was only possible because of you and your support for the animals. Thank you.



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Happy Tails



Maribel

We adopted Maribel in early October. She has warmed up so quickly and is coming out of her shell. She definitely has some sass to her, but she is the most lovable husky anyone has ever met! She **loves** car rides and is just happy to be sitting in the back seat with the windows down! She also loves her walks and the adventures we take every day.

— Morgan C. & Jameson C.



Hobbes

Hobbes is adjusting very well! He is loving his new home, and his playmate (my roommate's cat)! He loves treats, belly rubs, and playing with string toys.

— Evika T.

The human side of animal rescue

Here to serve animals and the people who care for them

By Savannah Alcerro, MPA

Director of Animal Services

Working with animals is a wonderful career path, even though some people may think we hug puppies and kittens all day. One of the best parts about working with animals is working with the community. When we speak about animal sheltering, it's understood that we work with animals, but it is less obvious to think that our work is intrinsically tied to people. It makes sense when you remember that at the core of being a pet is a guardian who cares for that animal.

Serving pets means also serving the people who care for them.

The New Hampshire SPCA embraces the humanistic side of this field. When owners reach out to the NHSPCA for help, we try to use the resources we have to assist. Some of the more dramatic instances are where an owner has too many animals and needs assistance with surrendering.

One such situation happened this fall, where an elderly gentleman was seeking help surrendering what he described as 25 cats. He explained he was having a very difficult time caring for so many cats, physically and financially. Shortly after the call, members of our Adoption Center team went to his property in our Sprinter van, ready to bring 25 cats back to the NHSPCA. After 30 cats were loaded into the Sprinter with others still readily running around the property, it was estimated there were approximately 75 cats that would return to the NHSPCA for care and eventual adoption.

When people hear about an individual with such a staggering number of animals, their first thought may be one of judgement. But, as with most things, if one took the time to understand how the situation occurred and to see the love that person has for the animals, it is impossible not to feel compassion. Let us not forget that the gentleman had reached out for help first. He knew the situation was unsustainable and was trying to access resources around him. I am very grateful he found us and equally glad we were able to assist him and the cats.

Stories of human hardship are not unusual in animal sheltering. We frequently receive inquiries from individuals or families who are experiencing homelessness and need temporary housing for their animals. Some animals come in for tem-



Moxie is just one of the approximately 75 cats our team rescued from a single property this fall. She, along with all the others from this rescue who have been cleared for adoption, has been adopted and will spend the holidays in a safe, loving home.

porary housing after living with their owners in tents or cars.

It is always staggering when an owner facing so many obstacles in their own life, continues to prioritize their pet. They are often more worried about their pet's health and welfare than their own.

Some owners reach out because they are living in their car and can't leave their pet in that car while they work. Others are living in a tent during cold temperatures and are worried about their pet being uncomfortable. Many owners say they are not worried about themselves, but their motivation is being able to provide a safe place where they can be reunited with their pet. All of the owners we have been able to serve love their pets and make great efforts in ensuring they are cared for while they work their way back to stability.

We welcome the community and make space for everyone, no matter what they are facing. The NHSPCA is able to assist an incredible number of animals who desperately need that assistance. These stories are not only a reminder of kindness, but also of the need for and importance of the NHSPCA and continuing to spread the message that caring for sheltered animals also means caring for our community.

Shattering superstition: Rescuing 30 mini house panthers

By Amanda Wellman
Transport Coordinator

Rescuing more than 30 cats from a hoarding situation is not easy, but you would think that once the cats are all safe, warm, fed, and housed, your job is pretty much done. All that's left to do is find good homes for such fine felines!

But, when all the rescued cats have black coats, the work is just getting started.

You might wonder why many animal shelters and rescue organizations struggle to place animals with black coats, and there are multiple answers to that question. The first and most obvious is that many people still believe the superstition that a black cat crossing your path brings bad luck and will therefore avoid adopting one. In addition to that superstition, black coats are more subtle and less eye-catching than others. Imagine a black cat kenneled next to a Siamese cat or a stripey orange cat, and you'll realize that most people's eyes are drawn to the more dramatic coat colors.

Many animal adoption agencies are in older or poorly lit buildings, making it difficult for adopters to even notice an all-black cat sitting in the back of a dimly lit kennel. To top it off, if you have an animal with a black coat, you probably know how difficult it can be to capture a great photo of them. Even promoting animals with black coats is more challenging!

All these reasons contribute to what is known in the animal welfare world as Black Cat (and Black Dog) Syndrome, a noticeable phenomenon in which black cats are adopted at 10% the rate of cats with other coat colors.

The New Hampshire SPCA is blessed to be part of a community that loves and supports black cats—or miniature house panthers, as we like to call them. When our rescue partner in Louisiana reached out and asked us to accept one or two black cats from their massive 30+ black cat rescue effort, we went the extra mile and arranged for a transport flight of 25. These cats arrived in New Hampshire on August 21, 2024, and were all adopted by families in our fabulous community within just a few days of being available for adoption!

Some favorites from the trip were Enderman, a 5-year-old male stray from the streets of New Orleans who weighed a mere three pounds when rescued! Of course, there was Professor Pepsi, a dashing 5-month-old fellow who kept getting passed over at his previous shelter in favor of kittens with more dramatic coat colors. We'd be remiss to not mention the cats known as the "V" cats—10 cats whose names all started with the let-



Zippy was brought to a shelter in Louisiana as a kitten and spent more than a year waiting to be noticed. Within just a few hours of being available at the NHSPCA, she stole the heart of a kind girl named Zady.

ter "V" (Vaughn, Valkyrie, Valor, Vance, Vanessa, etc.) who came from the hoarding situation that inspired the transport!

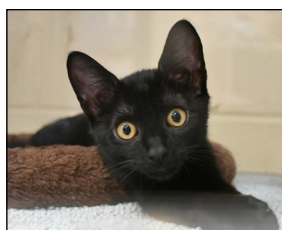
The cat whose story moved us the most, though, was Zippy. Zippy was brought to her Louisiana shelter as a kitten and was constantly overlooked during the adoption process due to her coat color. This loving girl was social, friendly, and charming, but she could not get Louisiana adopters to pay any attention to her. Sadly, Zippy grew up in the shelter—she spent just over a year living there until we chose her to come to the NHSPCA on August's black cat transfer flight.

I'm sure you can guess the end of this story. Zippy was made available and within a few hours, the most perfect family came along, and the con-

nection was immediate. Zippy's mom reports that Zippy is kind, well mannered, humorously feisty on occasion (in the most adorable ways), and a fantastic snuggler.

She has the loving home that she always dreamed of, thanks to the hard work of our team and the support of our fantastic community of animal lovers like you!

Our last black cat transport was such a success that we planned another one that arrived on October 9. There were two V cats—Vanessa and Vivi—who couldn't come on the last trip because they were nursing kittens. We are so happy that this time around, these girls and their babies were on the plane headed North so that we could help them find their happily-ever-afters, too!



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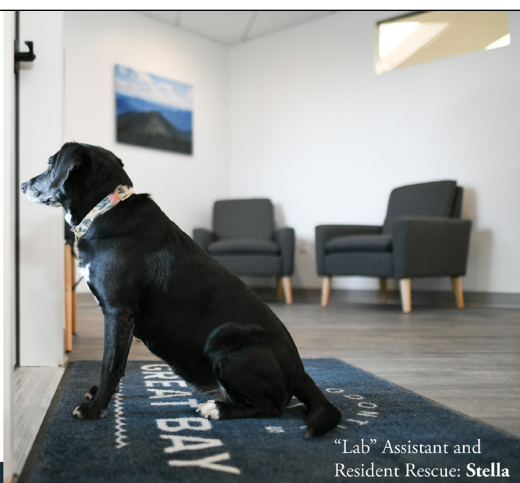
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Going the extra mile for a stray dog named Ken

By Emily Sullivan

Lead Animal Care Technician

When animals must be held back longer than expected due to no fault of their own, it makes everyone a little sad.

That is exactly what happened with Ken, a dog who was never claimed by his former family after being brought in as a stray. This four-year-old English Setter came to us as a happy go-lucky guy and immediately became a staff and volunteer favorite. We figured he would quickly be scooped up by an awesome family following his stray hold.

However, after he was thoroughly examined by our veterinary team, we got the hard news that Ken had a “wound of unknown origin” at the base of his tail.

What does a “wound of unknown origin” mean for an animal like Ken? Well, since he came in as a stray, we cannot be sure where the puncture came from, but we must assume it was from another animal. Since we don't know for sure the circumstances, we are required to hold him at the shelter until we're certain he has not contracted rabies, which can take



When we learned Ken would be in our care for an extended period of time, our team got right to work figuring out ways to keep him busy and comfortable.

up to four months to appear.

His fate was set to be with us for four long months. For context, any animal who stays at the NHSPCA for more than one month is considered a long-term resident. This was devastating news for Ken because a kennel is not a home... but it would have to make do for the next four months.

We couldn't let our sadness for Ken stop us from doing our job, so we got to work. We created extra enrichment -new ways to stimulate his brain -such as different ways to feed him whether that was from

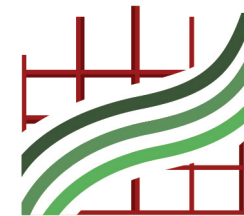
a box, a Kong, or a paper towel roll. We also played a lot of games with him to spice up his walks and time in our Dog Town pens. Given his breed, we knew he would love to sniff and follow his nose, so we used that to our advantage. We played lots of sniffing games, both outside and inside, to tire him out.

Ken held it together. He stayed calm, cool and collected, which is exactly how we hoped he would be. If there is something I've learned from this, it's how dedicated, loyal, and hardworking the staff and volunteers are for each and every animal that comes through our doors. We all came together to rally for this sweet guy, and it paid off.

The NHSPCA is an amazing place. Just ask Ken.

The day finally came when his four-month hold was over, and he was ready to be adopted. This was the best news! We had a party for him, complete with a doggie cake, music and party hats. Ken even wore streamers on his ears! Our team gathered around and congratulated him. Ken had done it: He was ready to start the next chapter of his life, and we could not be happier for him.

All the extra work it took to keep him entertained and content was worth its weight in gold.



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How the DiBiasio Internship impacted my career path

By Lexi Giannopoulos
DiBiasio Intern

My journey at the New Hampshire SPCA began during the second half of my senior year in college while I was studying animal science. At that time, I wasn't entirely sure which direction I wanted to go career-wise, but I knew my passion was for helping animals in need. Through my field experience and volunteerism at the NHSPCA, I discovered my love for animal welfare and realized what I want to pour my passion into.

I was fortunate enough to get deeply involved with the NHSPCA during this transformative period. My volunteer experiences included observing dog playgroups, going on a ride-along with the Animal Cruelty Investigator, participating in an off-site adoption event, and shadowing staff in various roles—animal care, adoption counseling, and even dog training. These experiences reinforced my passion for animal welfare, and I knew this was the path I wanted to pursue.

After months of volunteering, I was offered the opportunity to take part in the DiBiasio Internship.

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Please click [here](#) to learn more about this internship and to apply!

As a DiBiasio Scholar, I gained hands-on experience in animal care and adoption counseling. Prior to this opportunity, I had little professional animal experience, so I am grateful the NHSPCA provided me with a welcoming space to learn and grow.

I realized how rewarding it is to make a positive impact on the lives of homeless animals, and how fulfilling it is to see them leave the shelter with loving families. Each adoption brought a deep sense of accomplishment, knowing I helped make a lasting difference to the animal as well as their new family.

It was incredible to witness progress, seeing dogs who had never even walked on a leash transform into playful, confident pups showing off their zoomies to adopters in our Dog Town pens; or watching dogs come into our care terrified of humans, and gradually learning to trust and build a

meaningful bond with them was truly rewarding.

The most memorable experience came on the last day of my internship when I had a Full-Circle Moment with Veronica, the longest-stay dog at the shelter at that time. She arrived at the NHSPCA around the same time I started my internship, and on my very last day, I had the privilege of sending her home with her new family. It was a moment that perfectly encapsulated my time at the NHSPCA, solidifying my desire to continue working in this field.

People often say, "Do what you love, and it won't feel like work," and now I completely understand that. This internship not only allowed me to gain more hands-on experience in animal welfare but also gave me an outlet to channel my passion for animals and a sense of purpose I had been searching for.

I will forever be grateful for the NHSPCA and the opportunities I have been given there. I am thankful to the DiBiasio Family who created this wonderful scholarship and to the staff who have allowed me to learn. I will always remember each of the animals I fell in love with!

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Supporters like you play such a critical role in these adoption stories. The fact is, we simply cannot continue our lifesaving work without you. This holiday season, you can help show suffering animals like Kenzie kindness and love by contributing to our Holiday Fund Drive. Please click [here](#) to make your generous gift today and give the animals a holiday hug. Thank you for caring!

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS...

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for their chance to be chosen.

As each day goes by, animals come in and then they find their homes. Most of them do so quickly, waiting just a few days or a few weeks; however, there is occasionally one that, for some unknown reason, gets overlooked by adopters day after day. They watch as a steady rotation of their kennel neighbors come and go, leaving with their new families.

This is where I see the heart of the NHSPCA. In the middle of doing all the things, and caring for all the animals, one animal that is having a hard time finding a home gets focused attention... every single time.

Adoption counselors, marketing staff, managers, directors, program staff, and everyone in between, we all want the best outcome possible for every animal. Each of us is willing to stop what we are doing to discuss and strategize to help that one animal.

Kenzie is one of those 'sticky' animals. An adorable pup who was just dripping in affection and joy, we all thought she would be adopted immediately, but as it turned out, Kenzie was here for months. This one dog became the primary focus for so many people in our attempts to get her noticed. We

knew she was going to melt the heart of whoever was lucky enough to finally 'see' her. Kenzie became a participant at meetings, a star on social media, and a favorite amongst our volunteers and staff. She appeared on flyers at local restaurants and businesses, within newsletter emails, and was talked about with every potential adopter that would listen.

We did everything we could think of, and eventually, it worked! Kenzie found her forever home thanks to the patience, work, and determination of so many people.

Kenzie will not be the last animal to stay longer than we had hoped. The good news, though, is that all that attention will be readily given to the next animal who needs it.

Thanks to you, our wonderful supporters, we can provide the attention and care to every animal when they need it. Your generosity provides medical care, nutritious food, training, enrichment and so much more, whether they are here for a week or for months. Donations are the backbone of what we do, and what we do never stops.

As you approach the end of the year, we hope you will consider supporting the NHSPCA either through a [one-time gift](#) or through monthly support. Your gift will provide happily-ever-afters for thousands of animals just like Kenzie.

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Follow me for a tour of our Veterinary Center!

By Dr. Carly LaGrandeur, DVM
Medical Director

For those of you who have not gotten to see our beautiful Veterinary Center yet, I would like to take you on a written journey through the facility while showcasing some of the amazing

Need assistance?

Please click [here](#) to learn about our community services

work we have been able to accomplish within these walls.

You first enter our lobby, where we have staff ready to check animals in, explain dis-

charge instructions to our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter clients, and work with the public to provide community animals with the care they need.

Beyond the lobby doors, you will see our exam rooms. Currently, we have only dipped our toes into the waters of community medicine and seeing the public for sick appointments, though we hope to see more animals in this capacity in the future. We recently opened our doors to those in need of low-cost euthanasia services. We believe the ability to assist animals that are suffering to pass on painlessly in the arms of their loved ones is a gift and will continue to provide this service for those in need.

Moving down the hallway is our fully stocked pharmacy. From the basics of antibiotics and pain medication to brand new innovative medications, we constantly work to provide the best possible outcomes for animals while working within our capacity for care. Just this past February, we placed a new, alternative diabetic treatment called Bexacat onto our pharmacy shelf for the first time. In our shelter, it is challenging to safely and consistently administer insulin injections every 12 hours, making it difficult to accept diabetic patients into our care. Hearing about the Bexacat, a new pill for blood sugar regulation in diabetics, we tried it for the first time this past February with a cat named Nala. Nala was a 14-year-old, overweight female cat who was drinking and urinating excessively in the shelter and was diagnosed with diabetes shortly after arriving. She was successfully adopted just weeks later as a regulated diabetic - and we have since sent home another diabetic cat that was treated with this medication. This is a wonderful way to increase lifesaving among the diabetic cat population.

Just down the hallway, you will see our comprehensive ultrasound machine, which allows



Greta, a 13-year-old Beagle mix, is one of the thousands of animals who have been in great hands when entering our Veterinary Center this year. Our compassionate medical team is led by Dr. Carly, pictured.

us to provide point-of-care assessments such as checking for fluid in an abdomen or assisting with diagnoses. Luca the cat found himself in need of advanced imaging after presenting to the shelter vomiting and lethargic. With the help of the ultrasound machine, we were able to diagnose an obstruction and confidently move into surgery to remove an earbud from his intestines. Luca healed well and was able to return to his family.

On the right is our fully equipped Dental Suite, complete with dental x-ray, which allows us to provide dental extractions and cleanings for those in need. As shelter medicine standards increase, we recognize the importance of dental disease as a chronic source of pain and discomfort in our pet patients. Take Skippy, a 10-year-old male lab transferred to the NHSPCA with one of the worst cases of dental disease we had ever seen. He underwent a dental procedure where 38 painful, infected teeth were removed. Skippy was quickly adopted after this procedure, allowing him to live a more comfortable life in his forever home.

Just outside the Dental Suite is our x-ray machine. Having in-house x-ray allows us to quickly diagnose conditions. One example is

Reba, a 7-year-old female shepherd mix who was transferred to the NHSPCA. On her intake exam it was noted that she had an abnormality of her left hip. An x-ray was taken which showed severe trauma to that hip that would require surgical intervention. To complicate Reba's case further, no heart sounds were heard on the left side of her chest during her exam. Back onto the x-ray table she went where a shocking diaphragmatic hernia was seen. Reba's spleen and portions of her liver were filling her left chest cavity. As this is a complicated surgery, she was sent off-site for surgical repair of her hernia, then returned to the NHSPCA for her hip surgery a few weeks later. Thanks to the in-house diagnostics, Reba was able to be adopted out a few weeks after arriving with her abdominal organs back where they belonged, and with a much more comfortable hip.

The facility is equipped with all the tools a shelter veterinarian could hope for, but the dream only comes to life when you fill the space with a team of people that care deeply for animals and put their hearts and souls into their work. We are lucky enough to have the team and the tools to help many animals in need at the NHSPCA and look forward to sharing more success stories as we grow.

Reflecting on all we have to be thankful for

By Tiffany Ryder
Volunteer Coordinator

What is your Why? I have always had a Why behind everything I have done. The Why can be a reason to go to work each day, to do yard work, to clean your home, or to be kind to others. Or, the Why can be the reason you choose to volunteer. At the New Hampshire SPCA, the animals depend on volunteers and employees for safe shelter, medical care, food, exercise, and enriching, positive interactions.

For our volunteers, the animals are their Why.

One of the first steps to becoming a volunteer at the NHSPCA is attending a Volunteer Orientation. At the orientation, I often ask the applicants why they have chosen to become a volunteer. Often, the answer is because they love animals. As we continue discussing the topic, applicants share stories. Some have recently lost a pet due to old age or illness, but they're not ready for the next 'love of their life'. Others have recently retired and now have time to pursue their passions or are full-time students who cannot adopt a pet yet.

The answers are as varied as our volunteers themselves, but ultimately, the Why behind their choice to volunteer is love and compassion for animals.

The NHSPCA has more than 600 active volunteers. I am consistently uplifted by seeing the Why of our volunteers in action. As of October 1, the NHSPCA volunteers have dedicated more than 23,000 hours of their time to helping the animals.



We are a much stronger team with the help of our incredible volunteers, who give endless time, love and energy to the animals 365 days a year.

That help has taken the form of walking dogs, cleaning enclosures, doing mountains of laundry, mucking stalls, working on fundraising events, providing foster care and spending time with animals as small as mice and as large as horses. That help has been demonstrated in so many ways, far too

many to list, but no matter what form it has taken, the Why remains the same. We are deeply and truly grateful for all of it.

The NHSPCA needs volunteers every day, 365 days a year, no matter what the weather or other circumstances may be. And when they are needed, we know we can always count on them. Volunteers clean kennels on Thanksgiving and Christmas morning and walk dogs regardless of the ice and snow or brutal heat of summer. They meet transport vehicles at airports no matter the distance they must travel, and they feed bottle babies in the wee hours. I make special requests of our volunteers on a regular basis: calls for help cleaning our transport areas, last-minute assistance with walking dogs or even baking for events! These requests are never ignored, and I am constantly amazed by their willingness to step up and help in whatever way is needed. Without Volunteers, the NHSPCA simply would not be able to care for and save as many animals.

To say thank you to our wonderful volunteers just doesn't seem to be enough. Thank you for finding your Why as a volunteer. Thank you for taking time from your families, your hobbies, and your lives to help. Thank you for volunteering in horrible weather and on days that others might wish to go to the beach. Thank you for being the kind of people I am happy to call my neighbors.

As the saying goes, "When we are kind to animals, we are not only making their lives better, we are also making the world a better place."

Thank you.



Not all of our amazing volunteers work directly with the animals. We are just as appreciative of volunteers like this group from Teledyne, who spent a day in October helping us prepare our Rain Gardens for the impending winter. Thank you so much!

Join us for one of our upcoming programs!

Searching for activities your animal-loving child will enjoy? Our Humane Education Department offers unique, educational, and fun opportunities for kids to interact with animals and learn compassion and kindness for all living things.

FEATURED PROGRAMS:



Story Time: Bring your little one(s) to our classroom to hear an animal-themed story read aloud by one of our Humane Educators! Your child will get to socialize with our classroom ambassadors — rabbits, guinea pigs, birds and other friendly critters! — and get creative with our craft of the day! Ideal for children ages 2-5.



Reading with the Animals: Your child can help us socialize our animals and prepare them for adoption all while increasing their reading proficiency and confidence! Grab your current read or borrow one of our books, choose an animal, and spend 20 minutes or so telling your new friend a story. This program is open to anyone 5 years and older.

Please click [here](#) to view our complete list of programs for children.



Thank you, Coco and Toby!

By Tracy Ritzo

Manager of Humane Education

I mentioned to a few of the small animal volunteers that the Humane Education ambassador rabbits were looking for a retirement home. I was hoping to find the perfect home for this special bunny pair. Coco, an all-time favorite, has beautiful, soft, cocoa brown fur, big brown eyes and a heart of gold. Coco's partner, Toblerone is the cutest, most curious dark brown rascally rabbit whose daily antics provided us with endless entertainment.

After being surrendered in February of 2023, Coco had been a mainstay in the Humane Education Classroom, and wow, she is a trooper! She visited school events, classrooms, and libraries. She was pet at each of our monthly Alzheimer's Cafés, enjoyed every book read to her during Reading with the Animals, and hopped around during Storytime with her youngest fans. She took part in our homeschool classes and visited with junior volunteers, written several letters to her Pen Pals all over New England, and enthusiastically attended multiple Humane Education birthday parties. Coco especially enjoyed the over-the-top love she received from every one of the 215 campers during the nine weeks of summer camp!

But Coco will be turning seven in January, and she seemed to be slowing down a little. She was more sploot than spunk, more belly-time than binky-time, more flops than bops. Generally speaking, she was just less hoppy than usual.

Our veterinary team gave Coco a wellness check and determined she was a little overweight but otherwise healthy. She was just getting older. As much as it broke my Coco-loving-heart, I knew it was time for her to retire. She deserved some peace and quiet after years of being the center of attention in the Humane Education Classroom.

All the volunteers were sad to hear that Cocoa and Toblerone would be leaving the classroom,



After years in Humane Ed Classroom, Coco and her companion, Toblerone, have been adopted!

but none of them was able to adopt the charming twosome. I decided to mention their adoptable status to the current group of amazing junior volunteers. Immediately, one of the 13-year-old volunteers pulled out his phone and started texting his grandmother. "She wants a bunny, and I told her Coco and Toby are the best," he said. "She's retired, she loves animals, and she has a spare room that's perfect for the rabbits. She's so excited." Then he told us she was on her way to the shelter to meet them! He helped me pack up all of Coco and Toby's supplies: rabbit pellets, hay, water and food bowls, their kiddie-pool litterbox (since they're completely litterbox trained), and a few favorite chew toys. They hopped into a carrier, we put them in his grandmother's car, and they were gone.

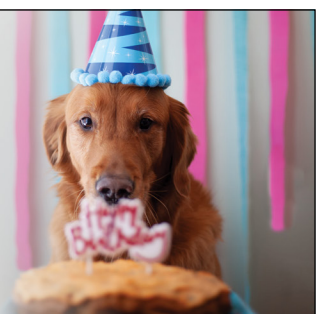
What a whirlwind! It happened so quickly but honestly, I could not have imagined a better home for Coco and Toblerone. They're the best rabbits and deserve the best possible life story. It's easy to see from the pictures and updates that Coco and Toby are getting very spoiled and loving their wonderful new retirement home.

Celebrate your child's birthday with us!

Make it a day they'll remember! When your child has their birthday party with us, they get to meet the animals in our Humane Education Classroom, tour our Adoption Center and Equine & Farm Areas, and participate in animal-themed activities with their invited guests.

We're now booking on Saturdays and Sundays!

Scan the QR code to the left to learn more and book your party.





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Questions? Please contact us at (603) 772-2921 ext. 112 or behavior@nhspca.org today!

We hope to see you and your dog in a class at the New Hampshire SPCA soon!

How to make the holidays great for you and your dog

By Kelley Corson, KPA-CTP, CPDT-KA
Manager of Behavior & Training

The holidays are a wonderful time for us, but they can be really hard for our canine companions. Their routines change, strange people are suddenly in their home, they are boarded, they are traveling, or maybe a new dog friend even comes into their life. In general, our dogs' needs get put on the back burner due to our busy schedules which can lead to some unwanted behaviors to occur. We can easily set our dogs up for success during the holiday season without having to add to our busy schedule.

Let's dive into three tips to surviving the holidays with your dog:

1. Meet their Needs

This may seem like a big task when you are busy getting your house ready for guests, but it can be done simply and without much extra effort. To meet most of our dog's needs, we need to incorporate activities that involve physical exercise, licking, chewing, and sniffing. Here are my favorite low-effort (on our part), high-reward activities:

- Frozen Kong stuffed with kibble mixed with plain yogurt
- Flirt pole for ten minutes
- Sniffy walk: a short walk where your dog is allowed to choose the route and sniff everything they want
- Snuffle mat with their dinner
- A long lasting chew such as a bully stick or beef cheek roll

2. Keep your routine

I know this one is hard! Keeping their routine as normal as possible is helpful for your dog! Feed them and walk them at the same time you



Check out our top three tips for helping your dog stay comfortable through the holiday season!

normally would. This can ease a lot of anxiety for them during this busy time.

3. Set up a safe place for your dog

Most dogs don't love being in the middle of a holiday party and that's okay! Make sure to set up a safe place for your dog to hang out at your house or even at your family member's house if you are traveling. The safe place can be a crate or room but should be somewhere far away from where the gathering is occurring. Make sure the space has your dog's favorite toys, blanket, and something for them to work on, such as frozen Kong.

These tips are simple, and they should be! The holidays can be stressful for everyone, but it's important to acknowledge our canine friends during this time to make sure everyone can enjoy this time of year as much as possible.



Second chances start with you.

Visit nhspca.org/adoptable-animals or scan the code to see available animals.



PEOPLE & PETS...

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gentleman turned out to have over 75 cats that were living in and around his property. He had become overwhelmed with animals breeding and realized that he could no longer afford to feed them, never mind providing spay/neuter or other basic veterinary services. He needed help and we were able to provide it, for which we are so grateful. But what we learned about this gentleman was that he personally also needed help. He was struggling to feed cats because he was struggling. He had lost his wife and was living with the barest of essentials. He was unable to access human services. He was a loving pet owner and cared so much about his beloved cats but was in over his head.

This story perfectly illustrates the need for a comprehensive approach to helping animals while helping their people. What the story is not, is unique. We, sadly, encounter people far too often that are in similar situations to the one above. There have been instances of birds, sugar gliders, cats, dogs, all of which were simply in large enough numbers to overwhelm most people. There are folks who have always cared for their



Two of the more than 75 cats from one property decompress in the comfort of our Cat Pavilion.

horses, but the loss of a loved one, or a caregiver, or a paycheck and they suddenly find themselves beyond their ability to provide care. We are here for their animals, to nurse them back to health and to find them a new home where they will once again be cared for. What we hope to provide now are connections to human services. We will continue to care for the animals but rather than turning our back and leaving the people in need behind, we will be able to help, connecting them to services needed.

This expansion will include the addition of a

Community Outreach Coordinator who will be integral in delving deeper into our community and allow us to begin providing services to those who cannot come to us. By partnering with Social Services, we can identify and reach animals in need of services out in our community. We can more effectively align our services with those agencies that are already working hard to meet their clients' needs while leaving the needs of their animals unserved. We can further our mission in the community, providing even more positive impact on animals in need.

Our mission is 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. We believe that by treating humans that are in need with respect and helping them rather than penalizing them when they need our help, we achieve our mission on a higher level.

As we plan this latest expansion of services, we look forward to keeping you, our wonderful supporters, in the loop. If you have any questions about our plans, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for all of your support of the animals and those of us who have committed ourselves to their welfare.

Be sure your animals have proper shelter this winter — it's the law!

HORSES

Horses in Barns

- Must be adequately vented and dry
- Stalls must be of sufficient size so the horses are able to lie down
- Horses must be provided suitable exercise in arenas, barn yards, paddocks or pastures



Food and Water

- All horses must have access to roughage in proportion to their size, age, temperament and amount of work they are required to perform
- Must be fed daily
- Food must be clean and free from excessive moisture
- Must have sufficient quantity of fresh water

Horses in Paddocks or Pastures

- From November 1 through April 15, roofed shelter with at least three sides must be provided
- Horses must be able to move around freely and not be tied in the shelter
- Shelter must be large enough to accommodate the number of horses on the property

DOGS

Shelter for dogs

- Must be provided a natural or artificial structurally-sound shelter
- Must allow the dog to remain clean and dry and be able to stand up, turn around and lie down
- Shelter must be proportionate to size of dog and sufficient to retain body heat
- Adequate food and clean, fresh water must be available



If you see a horse or dog outside without adequate shelter, please call us at (603) 772-2921 ext. 111 or your local police department immediately. The police are bound by law to make sure owners are following the state statutes.

Thank you for helping us keep the animals safe!

Maximize your impact with QCDs, Appreciated Stock, and DAFs

By Sheila Ryan

Director of Development & Marketing

As the year draws to a close, many of us look for ways to give to causes we care about while maximizing tax benefits. The New Hampshire SPCA counts on our generous community to help us provide care, shelter, and advocacy for animals. But how can you make the most of your giving? The following are a few suggestions that can maximize your giving and may assist you with tax benefits.

Regardless of which method you choose, you will be making lifesaving possible here in NH with your support of the NHSPCA and we are truly grateful.

1. Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you are 70½ years or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you to donate directly from your IRA to a charity like the NHSPCA, up to \$100,000 per year (\$200,000 for married couples). QCDs are a great way to fulfill your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) while reducing your taxable income.

2. Gifts of Appreciated Stock

Gifting Appreciated Stock is another powerful strategy for year-end giving, especially if you've held the stock for more than a year and it has increased in value. By donating the stock directly to the NHSPCA, you avoid paying capital gains



There are multiple ways you can give to help the animals of the NHSPCA like Spock and Zero.

taxes and can deduct the fair market value of the stock on your taxes, up to 30% of your adjusted gross income.

3. Gifts from your Donor-Advised Fund

A Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) offers flexibility for your charitable giving, particularly helpful for year-end tax planning. You have the freedom to recommend gifts through your DAF to support the NHSPCA over time, allowing you to give strategically and align with your long-term philanthropic goals. Additionally, any growth in the fund is tax-free, meaning more money can potentially go to helping animals at the NHSPCA. If you have a DAF, you can make a recommendation for a gift through your DAF account holder.

Which giving strategy is right for you?

Each of these year-end giving strategies—

QCDs, gifts of appreciated stock, and DAFs—offers unique advantages, and your personal financial situation will determine which is the best fit for you. For many donors, a combination of these approaches allows them to maximize their charitable impact while optimizing tax benefits.

Next steps for year-end giving to the NHSPCA:

QCD: Contact your IRA custodian and provide the NHSPCA's information (EIN: 02-6000614) to ensure your distribution is processed properly.

Appreciated Stock: Reach out to your financial advisor or brokerage to transfer stock directly to the NHSPCA.

DAF: Log into your DAF account and recommend a grant to the NHSPCA. You can also schedule recurring grants for ongoing support.

As you plan your year-end giving, we hope these strategies can make the most of your contributions and make a real, lasting impact on the work of the NHSPCA. Your generosity today will change the lives of countless animals tomorrow and we are deeply grateful for your support and thoughtfulness.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call or email Sheila Ryan, 603-773-5706 or sryan@nhspca.org.

Are you unsure of whether your gift is tax-deductible? Contact your financial advisor or tax consultant.

Planned Gifts Received

The New Hampshire SPCA 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, 2024 – September 30, 2024

From the Estates of:

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If you'd like information about leaving a gift in your estate plans, please visit nhspca.planmylegacy.org, or contact Lisa Dennison at ldennison@nhspca.org.

Wow, what a Pawty!

By Julie Halama

Special Events & Sponsorship Manager

On April 6, 2024, the New Hampshire SPCA held an exciting new event right here in our Adoption Center... a Shelter Slumber Pawty! We were one of 61 animal welfare organizations from across the globe participating in this collaborative 24-hour festivity. The goal was close to our hearts: raise awareness and critical funding to help save lives and provide more resources for the animals in our care.

It was unlike anything we'd done before at the NHSPCA. Twelve animal-lovers arrived bright-eyed, eager and a little bit uncertain about the day to come. They were paired with an adoptable pet and spent the next 24 hours by their side, taking up residence in the kennel alongside their animal partner. From mealtimes to potty breaks, playtime to bedtime, these amazing animal lovers even slept on the floor in the kennels or animal rooms. And all while posting on social media to bring attention to the fundraising and the plight of homeless animals. Our crew was diverse with local business owners, dedicated volunteers, a law enforcement officer and a recent animal adopter, just to name a few.

The "pawticipants" quickly bonded with their companions and experienced the daily life of an animal shelter firsthand. Pawticipant Marta describes it from her own vantage point with Luffy the bunny:



"I already knew the animals got excellent care, but we got to see first-hand how hard the staff and volunteers work to make sure every animal is safe and well taken care of. The Dog Pavilion was so relaxed and quiet with every dog getting lots of attention and extra walks. The cats and small animals were getting plenty of affection and extra treats. Not to be left out, the staff also made sure all of us were comfortable, too!"

Most amazingly, we saw anxious behavior in the kennels slowly dissipate, as each animal felt at ease and loved by their partner. From the playful pup Skippy with Detective Scott to feline

pals Roxanne and Miss Kitty with Cassie and the beefy bulldog Knuckles with Jen, every pet had a night unlike anything they experienced since arriving at the NHSPCA, being cuddled and constantly cared for. Bethany made the most of her time with senior dog Django:



"Oh, how we snuggled, laughed and LOVED. Such special moments for me were being able to give him the sense of "home" by snuggling at night, walking and playing and being with him for many hours. It was amazing to see how peaceful the night was for everyone. I can't wait to do it again!"

The NHSPCA's Shelter Slumber Pawty was an amazing success! We raised \$50,000 for the animals, putting us in second place for fundraising. Most importantly, every animal quickly found a safe and loving home. Some, like Boxer-mix Boston, were adopted that day! We're looking forward to hosting our next Shelter Slumber Pawty on April 5, 2025, and helping even more homeless pets get their happy ending.



Want to join us next year?

Would you like to participate in the upcoming Shelter Slumber Pawty and personally fundraise \$1,000 or more for the animals? We'd love to chat with you! Please contact Sheila Ryan, Director of Development and Marketing, at 603-773-5706 or sryan@nhspca.org for more information!

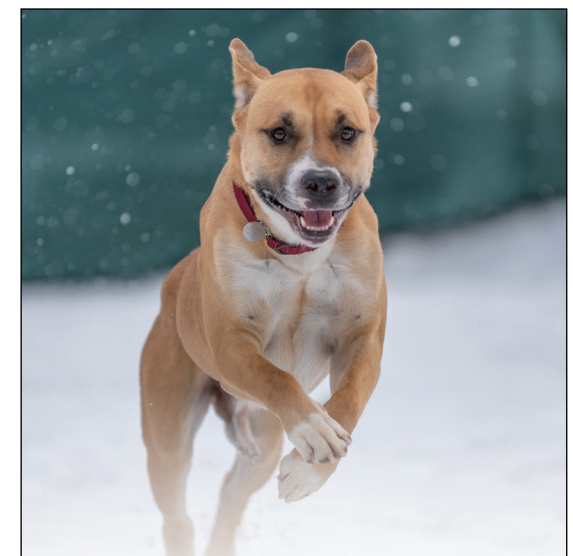


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