

# 150 YEARS OF LIFESAVING WORK

2022 IMPACT  
REPORT



2022

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## TAILS FROM AROUND THE SHELTER



### JANUARY

Clarice came to us with 80 other black kitties from one home. The owner had been hospitalized with COVID. Most of the cats and kittens found homes quickly. Little Clarice was just 10 weeks old when we discovered she was suffering from Bladder Stones, an unusual condition for such a young girl. Thankfully, Clarice's symptoms were discovered early and she received treatment. Today this sweet little kitty has a home of her own.



### FEBRUARY

Our Behavior Department started 2022 off strong. With dozens of dog training classes and workshops to choose from, we had 166 participants and their dogs bonding over new skills and tricks.



### MARCH

Five horses, three Arabians, one Paint and a Chestnut Quarter horse were rescued by our team. They had no food or water and appeared thin and neglected. They were lacking appropriate confinement and living in unsanitary conditions. "The Fab Five" as they came to be known were in protective custody for eleven months.



### APRIL

April was a month of starting or restarting community programs. After COVID and construction it was great to see our community returning. Alzheimer's Café and rabies clinics returned full steam, joined by our first ever Pet Loss Support group. We are thrilled that these programs have continued to thrive.



### MAY

May was made even more beautiful by the return of our full complement of volunteers! It was challenging to create new SOP's for our newly remodeled spaces and retrain returning volunteers, but we were so excited to see those smiling faces again. Adding to that joy was the overwhelming number of new folks who wanted to sign up to become volunteers. We are so grateful and lucky to have such a great group to work alongside of!



### JUNE

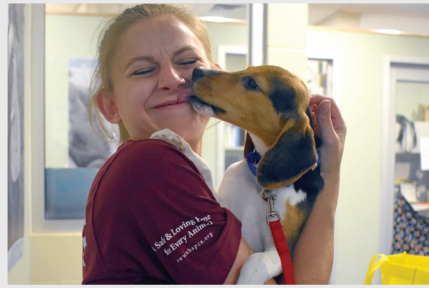
Paws Walk returned to Stratham Hill Park in full glory! The first 'normal' Paws Walk in three years, it seemed more like a family reunion than a critically important fundraiser. There were so many returning walkers, teams, vendors, sponsors, and of course, volunteers, that all made the day complete. The day was also record breaking in terms of the funds raised to care for homeless animals. We could not have been happier!

**Save the date for Paws Walk 2023: Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Stratham Hill Park!**



### JULY

Sweet Maya arrived in July on a transport from an overcrowded shelter. Upon arrival, we found that Maya was suffering from heartworm and skin infections. Fortunately for Maya, heartworm can be treated successfully under the right conditions. We called upon one of our amazing foster moms to care for Maya during the four-month healing process. She readily agreed and Maya recovered with the help of medical treatment and love from NM. Just before Thanksgiving, Maya found her forever home where she will be forever loved.



## AUGUST

August was a busy month! HSUS had 4,000 beagles from an animal testing lab that they were able to shut down. They needed to rehome the beagles ASAP and were in the process of spreading them all over the US. We were happy to help by taking seven of the Envigo Beagles and finding them forever homes. Meanwhile, we were experiencing a huge influx of small animals, especially bunnies and guinea pigs. The care these animals need is surprisingly labor intensive. Volunteers and staff worked hard at providing everything they needed and eventually they all found new homes.



## SEPTEMBER

In September we had four transfers from overcrowded shelters, of both cats and dogs. Running on all cylinders, the Adoption Center took in over 140 animals and found homes for 105. Programs were busy with presentations at Langdon Place, private tours, Humane Education programs being planned, Alzheimer's Café, an amazing Equine Chiropractic Workshop, plus animals in protective care in our Safe Pet program. All of these programs wouldn't be possible without our community's help. Thank you!



## OCTOBER

Our creative team in Humane Education hosted our very first Halloween Paw-rade on the beautiful grounds of the NHSPCA. Behind our buildings is a splendid (and very large) rain garden that was created during our capital expansion as part of an ecological water mitigation system. The rain gardens are bounded by our ring trail that served as a perfect parade route. Families with costumed children and pups arrived to paw-rade and then celebrate the fun of the holiday with snacks and well deserved best costume awards.



## NOVEMBER

Marge and Homer. No, not the Simpsons, Homer is an Australian mini-horse and Marge is a Merino sheep. They were surrendered to the NHSPCA after the police in their town expressed concern over their condition. Homer's hooves were so overgrown that they turned up in a long curl at the ends. He appeared extremely uncomfortable, and we were deeply concerned about his recovery. Similarly Marge had wool so thickly overgrown that she could hardly move and was covered in filth. We went about liberating them from their neglectful home and then treating their health concerns. What was adorable, was that they were a clearly bonded pair. Marge would not leave Homer's side, and vice-versa. It was such a relief to see them with trimmed hooves and shorn wool, begin to move with freedom and recovered joy. Marge and Home were placed with a beautiful forever family, where we know they will never be neglected again.



## DECEMBER

Rounding out 2022, it became apparent that this was a year of incredible horse stories. With our new barn and arena, we are seeing more incoming and outgoing horses than ever, never mind the sheep, goats and farm fowl numbers. We found homes for a record number of 42 horses in 2022, as compared to 3 just 10 years ago. One of those horse was Merlin who came to us via the MSPCA when they needed to move some of their adoptable horses to respond to an incoming rescue. We were happy to help and took several horses for them. Merlin was 34 years old, a senior horse by anyone's definition. We weren't sure at first what would become of Merlin? Could we find him a home? Well, not even three weeks after becoming a NH resident, Merlin was adopted by a kind woman who wanted to give him the retirement barn that he deserved. New Hampshire is truly a humane state and we are so happy for Merlin. Thank you.



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## 1,200 OUTGOING ANIMALS



100%

placement rate of healthy animals



100%

placement rate of treatable/rehabilitatable animals



96%

live release rate

## AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

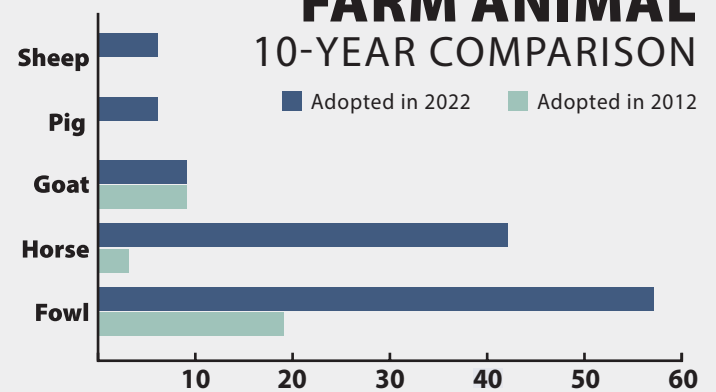
The **average length of stay** is the time animals spend at the shelter from the moment they are brought in until they are adopted. The **median length of stay** represents how many days animals spend at the shelter from the time they are made available for adoption until they are adopted.

Animal type	Total Incoming	Adopted	Return to owner	Average LOS	Median LOS
Cat	304	260	30	19.2	12
Kitten	254	248	2	15.6	10.1
Dog	210	131	69	14.6	9.1
Puppy	122	117	2	11.9	10.2
Farm Animal	82	78	0	54.4	45.4
Guinea Pig	61	61	0	57	43
Rabbit	58	53	4	70.7	22.6
Horse	53	42	0	79	36
Bird/Other	29	27	1	18.5	12
Rodent	19	16	1	226.9	8
<b>TOTAL*</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>109</b>		

\*These numbers do not include the 82 animals still in our care at end of day on 12/31/2021.



## FARM ANIMAL 10-YEAR COMPARISON





449 VOLUNTEERS  
GAVE 17,335 HOURS



18 ANIMALS  
ENROLLED IN OUR SAFE PET  
PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL OF  
321 DAYS



TOP THREE REASONS FOR USE OF THIS PROGRAM:

LOSS OF  
HOUSING

MENTAL  
HEALTH

DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE



19,400 POUNDS  
OF PET FOOD DISTRIBUTED  
THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY  
EQUALING AN ESTIMATED  
97,000 MEALS



1,631

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN OUR IN-PERSON  
HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAMMING



659 DOGS  
PARTICIPATED IN ONE OF OUR  
125 TRAINING  
CLASSES



\*Other: Scout Badge Opportunities, Afterschool Clubs, Pet Loss Support, Animal Pen Pals



421 DOGS

PARTICIPATED IN PLAYGROUPS  
(SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, PUPPY)



# 1872 Society

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# Resilient Riley's patience pays off

After 347 days in the shelter, this sweet girl finds her forever family

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It's always such a pleasure to see a homeless animal get a second chance at a loving home, regardless of breed, species or age. In fact, seeing animals going home is the very best part of the job.

As we watched Riley jump into her new family's car after waiting so patiently for 347 days, it felt a bit different. It genuinely felt like we won the lottery.

The real winners, of course, were the three that rode off in that car: Riley and her new mom and dad.

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They say good things come to those who wait, and boy, did Riley wait. Day after day, week after week, and month after month, this brindle beauty sat in her kennel begging for someone — anyone — to just give her a chance. Behind those big brown eyes was a soul that so badly wanted to go home.

We didn't understand why it was proving to be so difficult to find that perfect match. Riley, after all, was an absolute gem of a dog with five ounces of personality to match every ounce of beauty. With every day that passed, we were so very thankful that she was with us — an unlimited stay facility — so she didn't have to worry about her time running out.

As Riley was waiting at the NHSPCA, her eventual adopters (Ashley and Bryan) were mourning the loss of their beloved senior dog, Eleanor — the third dog they had lost over the course of their marriage. After Eleanor passed, Ashley and Bryan agreed they couldn't possibly endure the heartache of losing another dog and decided that she would therefore be their last.

However, in the coming months, Ashley and Bryan started to realize just how much of their daily routine had been dedicated to caring for Eleanor. In typical senior fashion, she had required more care and time than an average dog. All the idle time started to pile up.

"I was home alone, my work was caught up,



**We knew Riley's eventual family would be absolutely smitten with her and we're happy to report that it couldn't be more true! We got used to seeing her beautiful face every day and while we miss her silly antics, it's so nice knowing she's finally home for good and that it's a perfect fit for all.**

and I didn't have any projects to work on," recalls Ashley. "The sun was shining, so I sat in the backyard and watched the world go by for a moment. As I sat there, I remembered endless late-night conversations my husband and I would have about wanting to adopt all the overlooked dogs that need homes. With that thought, I reached for my phone and pulled up the NHSPCA website to see if there was someone that needed a home."

To Ashley's surprise, the cutest dog popped up on her screen. She learned Riley had been homeless for 335 days at that point and had severe allergies, which would require more care and time than an average dog. She immediately texted Bryan and come to find out, she didn't have to work too hard to get him to change his mind on the no-more-dogs thing, either.

"We were that home," said Ashley. "I knew instantly that she had been waiting for us to find her."

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Ashley and Bryan came in to meet Riley and it was no surprise to any of us, it was love at first sight.

We were curious how the transition into her forever home would go because she had been in a loving foster home for a few months leading up to her adoption. Thankfully, Riley's transition went smoothly, and she got right to work showing her new family how appreciative she was to be given a chance.

Riley has been home for five months now and really could not have asked for a better family. When she isn't playing, chewing on a toy, or going on a walk with her family, she can almost always be found wrapped up a warm blanket on the couch. She loves making friends and gently backs her behind into every new person she meets to request butt scratches in exchange for her friendship.

After waiting 347 days, this sweetheart has the life we dream of for every animal that turns to us.

"Every day, she opens her gigantic heart a little wider exposing the boundless resiliency that lives beneath her soulful brown eyes," writes Ashley. "Riley has brought so much love and life back into our home, I'm so grateful she waited all this time for us to find her."