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Wesley

Believe you can make a difference!

By Courtney Vavra

Annual Fund & Digital Marketing Manager

Thanks to friends like you, this holiday is much happier for animals like Wesley.

Poor Wesley was abandoned by his previous owner. When he was brought to the NHSPCA, he needed immediate care. Aside from being hungry, dehydrated and covered in fleas, he was also in pain from a large mass on his leg.

Thanks to compassionate supporters like **YOU** who understand the urgency of caring for injured animals, Wesley received the care he needed, and

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Horses and pigs and peafowl... oh my!

By Michelle Murch

Equine & Farm Program Manager

2022 has been the year of the Farm Animal. Not officially, of course... but here in the Equine and Farm Program, it has certainly felt like it.

Between January 2022 and September 30,

Adoptable Farm Animals

Please click [here](#) to view all available farm animals!

2022, we took in 116 farm animals. This number includes equines, pigs, goats, sheep, and a variety of fowl — lest we forget all those peafowl!

On the flip side of that,

92 animals have gone home. 30 of which were equines!

We are still currently caring for 14 Protective Custody animals that were brought in at some point over those nine months. Some of them have been here for more than six months.

Our ability to help so many animals is largely due to our purposefully-planned expanded campus. What the new space has provided for the animals is simply hard to put into words. The arena alone has afforded us the opportunity to



Shadow is just one of the 116 animals that has spent time with our farm program since January. Our expanded space has allowed us to help more horses and farm animals than ever before!

find homes much quicker and year-round, as we are no longer affected by the change of the season or restricted by inclement weather.

Every time an animal goes home and a stall opens up, we are able to welcome another animal

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

When the tough questions come, it is so comforting and reassuring to be able to say, **yes**.

When the emergency calls come and staff share information about critical medical needs, asking permission to treat animals at an emergency veterinary practice, I can say, **yes**.

When we need special equipment, foods or treatments, it is because of you that I am able to say, **yes**.

I am filled with gratitude that I can say yes, knowing the lifesaving difference it makes to every animal.

Recently, we assisted police only to find a dog in extremely poor condition. Staff responded immediately and sought emergency veterinary care. It is difficult to say that this case didn't result in a positive outcome. However, we were grateful to give him his very best chance and ultimately, were able to humanely relieve his suffering.

Just days later we removed two animals from horrific conditions. Once in our care, they were seen and treated by the specialists they needed. We don't have to hesitate to provide the best care needed to save lives.

I am so grateful we can make such a difference and that is because of our tremendous and caring community. *Your* generosity is what makes our work possible and truly saves lives every day.

Whether gifts are made at special events or through the mail, whether they support specific medical funds or our annual campaign, online or in person, each dollar is making a difference. Sometimes the difference is through care and treatment, rehoming, or reunification. Sometimes through our Safe Pet or Food Share programs or other animal support services.



Our ability to send a cruelty investigator into the field or teach the next generation of pet owners and animal caretakers is all because of you. *You* are the reason we can be available 365 days a year providing care or crisis response. *You* are amazing!

In this season of thanks (and every other day), I am so grateful. Having been here when "Yes" wasn't always possible, it does not go unnoticed how much better our days are now. We thank you, and I thank you, each time I get to say **yes**.

On behalf of the animals and people we serve, **thank you** for supporting our mission and allowing us to educate, pursue and protect when needed. We just couldn't do it without you.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and joyful holiday season~

Sincerely,

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

Lisa Dennison
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Extended hours result in more adoptions

By **Dianna Currier**

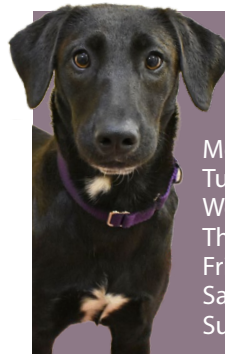
Manager of Adoption Programs

We are so excited to have extended our hours to the public again! On September 30th, we began opening Thursday-Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed on Wednesdays.

As many of you know, in 2020, construction began expanding our campus and we are thrilled to be sharing these new spaces with you.

We have updated our dog kennels in our Dog Pavilion and out back. The dogs have been given brighter and bigger spaces to enjoy as they wait to go home.

We also remodeled our Cat Pavilion and the community rooms have been given a makeover, which has added lots of enrichment opportunities for cats to stimulate their natural instincts. Our new Catio allows the kitties to experience



Come see us!
Our updated hours:

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

the outdoors while still being enclosed in a safe environment.

The new Aviary has given birds available for adoption their own room which is separate from other small animals keeping them healthier and happier.

Our lobby has been remodeled to have more wide-open spaces and gives our staff a panoramic

view of the animals and their working environment. In addition to that, there is a newly-added room for the always difficult animal surrenders, which allows privacy for those dealing with sensitive situations.

We are looking forward to expanding what our new Veterinary Center offers with community programs and in-house medical treatments.

Our staff is eager to showcase these newest additions. We are all looking forward to getting back to some more normalcy within our Adoption Center.

We know the extended hours will allow us to facilitate a lot more in-person adoptions and interaction with the community — something we have missed dearly!

We hope you take advantage of our new hours and come in for a visit. We think you'll be as excited about the new additions as we are and hope you leave with a [forever friend!](#)

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

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

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 on a regular daily schedule
- Food must be clean and free from excessive moisture
- Must have sufficient quantity of fresh water



DOGS

Shelter for dogs

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

If you see a horse or dog outside without adequate shelter, please call us — (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!

Thankful for transports

Black cat transported to NH after being overlooked in Georgia for more than a year

By Amanda Wellman
Transport Coordinator

Blackberry the kitten was only four months old when she was found wandering the streets of Georgia, alone and frightened. The kind person who scooped her up immediately contacted the local cat rescue, but the rescue did not have any available foster homes and could not take the tiny girl in. And, because the local animal shelter is constantly over capacity and forced to euthanize animals — even kittens! — the woman who found Blackberry certainly did not want to bring her there.

It was decided that the rescue would pay to board Blackberry at a cats-only veterinary clinic until a foster home

became available for her. Blackberry lived at the clinic for almost half a year, winning the hearts of every staff member but unable to find an adopter who wanted a half-grown black kitten.

Finally, a foster home opened up for Blackberry and she was welcomed into her first real home where she lived with other cats, kids, and dogs and did well with all of them. Her foster family told everyone who would listen that Blackberry was an overlooked gem, but still no adopters appeared for our girl.

Why wouldn't anyone want such a sweet young cat, you might wonder? Unfortunately, the answer is likely due to her coat color. Black cats are the most overlooked cats at rescues and shelters. In fact, some studies show that black cats in shelters are euthanized at a 30% higher rate than cats of other coat colors! This phenomenon even has a name — it's known as Black Cat Syndrome and many shelters and rescues offer regular promotions on black cats to help combat it.



Blackberry, now named Nyx, has finally gotten to experience what a loving home feels like!

It's not clear why black cats are so frequently overlooked. One reason might be that black cats have traditionally had a bad rap for being bad luck. It also might be due to the fact that many shelters have dim or poorly-lit kennels, making it more difficult for adopters to notice a black cat in the shadows. Or it could be that many people are drawn to more flashy coat colors and will overlook a black cat if he's sitting next to an orange tabby cat or a floofy white cat.

Whatever the reason, Blackberry continued to patiently wait for over a year.

When her rescue reached out to the NHSPCA and asked if we could take Blackberry on our next transport, we agreed immediately. We love our house panthers here at the NHSPCA! On the day of the transport's arrival, we eagerly awaited our introduction to Blackberry and we were not disappointed. Blackberry is a total love bug — a purr machine who wants to snuggle you and make biscuits.

As you've probably already guessed, Blackberry was adopted less than 48 hours after being made available at the NHSPCA. She was chosen by a first-time cat dad who met with several cats but knew that Blackberry was "the One" when she rolled over onto her back and purred when he accepted her invitation to pet her belly. He looked at our Lead Adoption Counselor and declared "I'm in love!"

The staff at the veterinary clinic that raised Blackberry with so much care cried happy tears when we told them the good news.

So, be sure to advocate for the overlooked black cats (and dogs!) in shelters and rescues. And always remember that just because they don't catch your eye at first glance, they're still likely to win your heart if given a chance.

Do's & don'ts for this holiday season!

The holidays are a great time to show your four-legged friends how much you love them, but it can also be a bit stressful or even overwhelming for them. Here are a few strategies to get through the holiday season in a pet-friendly way!

DO...

- Let your animals be part of the festivities. Include them in after-dinner walks and fun and games.
- Introduce your dogs to your company and let everyone know what things bother them and what they can and cannot tolerate. This way there will be no injuries or accidents.
- Make sure you feed leftovers in a moderated amount (if you must feed at all) and include vegetables. Remember, **no** bones or turkey skin!
- Buy a present for your pets. They are part of the family, too. A new toy will keep them busy while you open your presents.
- Secure your tree, *especially* if you have cats. There is nothing that can dampen your Christmas spirits more than a toppled tree.
- Keep tinsel and glass ornaments on higher branches. Both can injure dogs and cats.
- Be mindful of harsh salts and ice-melting products. These can irritate your pet's feet, so look for ones that are pet friendly.

DON'T...

- Lock your animals away. They want to be part of the fun, too. Use a baby gate to keep them in one room so they can see you and be included periodically for fun and games.
- Over do the treats. Chocolate is a definite no-no (especially bakers' chocolate) but even turkey, lamb or ham can cause GI upset in your pet. Remember, no bones and no fatty skin.
- Give a pet as a surprise gift. Think it through and ask parents and other family members if they are prepared for a new pet. The NHSPCA can provide gift certificates for adoption so that the recipient can pick their own new pet.

Keeping up with our spectacular seven!

Beagle puppies rescued from a mass-breeding facility are learning what a loving home feels like

By **Melissa Mower**

Marketing & Graphic Design Associate

This summer, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) was working tirelessly with the U.S. Department of Justice to remove roughly 4,000 beagles from Envigo, a mass-breeding facility in Cumberland, VA. The facility — which had been cited for dozens of horrific violations of the Animal Welfare Act — was breeding dogs that would be sold to laboratories for animal testing.

We are proud to be partners with HSUS and were eager to assist, however we could, in finding safe and loving homes for these deserving dogs. On August 16th, we welcomed seven beagle puppies from this case. Our staff and volunteers wasted no time and got right to work making up for the love, affection, and care that they had been missing out on.

We watched them romp around on the grass — which probably felt so nice, but foreign, on their paws — and learn how to play and socialize with one another. As each ear flopped around and we caught a glimpse of the large lab number that had been tattooed on the underside, we were reminded of the life these pups were thankfully spared from.

It was no surprise to anyone, our community fell head-over-heels in love with these beagles just as quickly as we did! By the time you're reading this, all seven of the pups have gone home and become an integral part of their family. They have spent the last couple of months being snuggled, learning their manners, and realizing what it's like to be a beloved dog.

Your support and dedication are what makes these happily-ever-after stories possible. Thank you so much for being a friend to the animals and helping these beagles learn what love feels like.

Here's what some of the pups are up to now:



Louie (Formerly CNE-CAP)

Louie loves walking on the beach and being outdoors. He is very sweet and still has not barked or howled! He also loves riding in the car, going to new places, and playing with his big brother, Chester. He had a great time meeting many people at the car show in Rye, NH. He loves everyone he meets and knows sit and down, and his recall is really good, too. He comes running towards me at full steam!

He is a joy to have and even smiles when he is sleeping.



Freja (Formerly CND-CDS)

Things with Freja have been going pretty well! She is almost fully potty trained, just an occasional accident here or there. She and her Envigo brother Finley are the best of friends and they love to create mischief together. She has learned how to "sit" and "leave it" and can "spin". She is also learning "stay". We have her on a super nutritious pet food and her coat positively glows. Her favorite things to do are dig on our river beach and play with flower blossoms and seed heads along the edge of the field. My husband is positively head over heels for her. Quite frankly, I'm jealous! Next weekend Freja and Finley will be meeting up with Finley's

littermate and another rescue for a play date. It should be very exciting for us all!

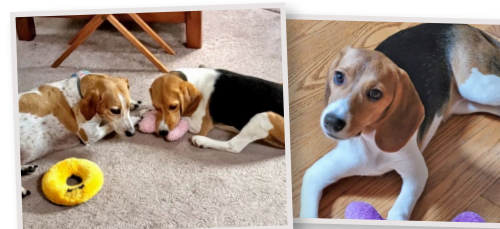
My whole family thanks you for helping these beautiful dogs find their forever homes. Our lives are truly richer for having Freja (and Finley!) in them.



Bentley (Formerly CNM-CAM)

Bentley is the reason to get up every morning. His personality is warm and loving and his energy level is a joy to watch. He lives in Newmarket, NH and our community has several dogs. Bentley is now one of the "the pack" and of course, one of the cutest ones! He is very gentle with our special needs dog but gives Mrs. Maisel, the cat who runs our house, a run for her money!

In short, Bentley is one of the lucky ones saved...But I'm even luckier to have him.

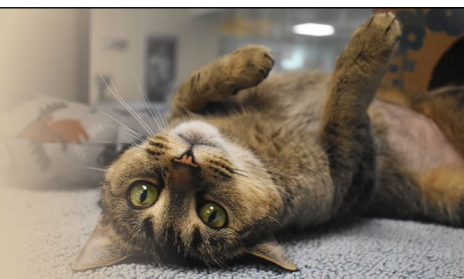


Heidi (Formerly CND-CCY)

My husband and I were one of the lucky families to be able to adopt one of the Envigo beagles! Having had beagles in my life from childhood forward, I knew what to expect regarding the breed as a whole and was anxious to add a new canine member to our family after losing one of our dogs to cancer about a year and a half ago. All that said, it has been quite the journey with this little dynamo, and we learn something new about her every day! She is unbelievably curious about everything and makes it her business to explore any and every thing she comes in contact with...including the TV remote, the sleeve of a jacket left dangling from a chair, and anything left too near the edge of a countertop, to name a few! But the joy of watching her fly towards us, jump up for attention, and smother us with kisses makes all those typical puppy reactions seem part of the process!

Become a Faithful Friend!

We are so thankful for the special group of committed friends that have set up a gift to be automatically made each month. **Becoming a Faithful Friend is an easy, cost efficient way to provide the NHSPCA with a reliable source of funding.** Monthly donations are charged to a credit card automatically and can be changed or canceled at any time. **To learn more or sign up, please email lsberman@nhspca.org!**



Worth the 111-day wait

By Melissa Mower

Marketing & Graphic Design Associate

Every once in a while, we take in an animal that we know will need a very special adopter. Such was the case with Wintermoon, an adult stray cat who had it written all over his face that life had not been too kind to him.

We knew right away that this handsome boy would need a patient, understanding family to help him transition from a life where he had to fend for himself to one where he could comfortably receive love and care from humans. We knew the search for the perfect fit would take some time, so our staff made use of every day and worked to get him more used to human attention, thus making him more adoptable.

Of course, it had to start very slowly. He was given plenty of time to decompress and simply get used to people being near him, delivering his food, speaking softly to him, and swapping out his bedding for something freshly washed and warm. As time went by, our animal care team was able to engage with him and pet him with a scratcher. He would show his appreciation for the attention by flopping over and showing his belly.

We learned that a Churu, a lickable puréed treat that comes in a tube, was the way to his heart! With the help of this treat, we were able to engage with him a little bit more and reward him for allowing us into his world.

We moved Wintermoon to a room that connected to our Catio — a screened-in outdoor space for cats — to see if he liked being able to keep tabs on what was going on outside, and we saw a sharp improvement in his overall happiness.

Every day, Wintermoon would sit in the open doorway and just watch the world go by. One lucky Saturday, 111 days after he first arrived, he watched as a woman got out of her car and walked into the Adoption Center. Little did he know that she was exactly what he had been waiting for.

Wintermoon was adopted by this lovely and kind woman, and she was willing to give him all the time he needed to feel safe and comfortable in his new home. She didn't take his growls or hissing during the first couple of days to heart and gave him lots of space to adjust. Two days post-adoption, she noticed he was starting to untuck his tail. Three days in, she emailed us to share that she was able to pet him very slowly for about five minutes! This was amazing progress and was only possible because she was being so respectful of his space and needs.

We're now nearing a month post-adoption for

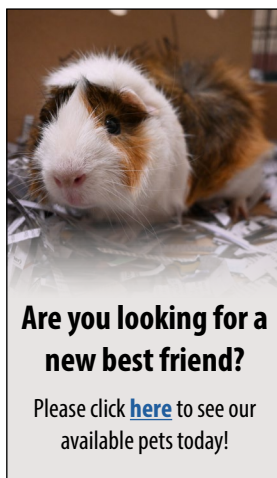


Wintermoon waited 111 days for a very special type of adopter: one that was willing to give him all the time and space he needed to adjust.

Wintermoon and he is continuing to adjust to life in a home. He's still not a cat that you can just walk up to and pet at any given moment, but he's making strides. He has built up the courage to jump up to explore the bed, loves looking out the door to watch the chipmunks and other critters gathering food, and gets the occasional zoomies! Most importantly, he's safe and loved by his owner who doesn't get frustrated with how slowly he wants to take everything.

We are so lucky to be an unlimited-stay facility for animals like Wintermoon, who are so worthy of all the good things life has to offer but need some extra time to find it. We're also fortunate to have a community that's willing to pull through for the underdog and help us place all of our adoptable animals, regardless of how special their needs might be.

Happy forever, Wintermoon! Onto the next...



Are you looking for a new best friend?

Please click [here](#) to see our available pets today!

Animals like Wesley, who turn to us in need of medical attention, depend on the generosity of people like you. By supporting the [Holiday Fund Drive](#) you help us provide the care they need.



HOLIDAY FUND...

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was given a lifesaving second chance.

Wesley underwent surgery to remove the mass and thankfully, it was benign. While his wound healed, he re-



Help animals like Wesley!

To support homeless and abused animals, please click [here](#).

ceived lots of love, regular meals, and a warm, cozy place to rest.

Wesley proved to be gentle, loving and grateful for the attention. All he ever wanted was a loving family to call his own, and that's exactly what he got!

Because of people like you, Wesley is snuggling with his forever family this holiday.

As you prepare to celebrate this season, you can help homeless and helpless animals like Wesley receive

the love and care they desperately need.

Make your gift now to our [Holiday Fund Drive](#) and you'll help save animals from cruelty and suffering this winter. Plus, you'll give years of fulfillment to the loving families who adopt them.



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Our expanded space has allowed us to comfortably house more farm animals while they wait to go home.

FARM...

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in need of a second chance.

Hope's Barn has eight individual stalls with in-and-outs (small individual turnouts) attached to each. This provides horses the option to be inside or outside, depending on their preferences. Some horses love standing in the rain and snow while others despise wet weather. The ability to choose whether they stay in or go out helps keep our equines happy and comfortable during their stay with us.

Between Hope's Barn, Lamprey Barn and the run-in shelters, we can house 23 equines at any given time.

The Equine Center for Transformative Care (you might know it as the Arena) allows potential adopters to come and meet horses, even throughout the winter when the ground is frozen and covered with ice and snow. In the past, it had been a big challenge to adopt horses out if the adopters couldn't ride or even see the horses being ridden. This is also true for other species. When potential adopters want to spend time getting to know a goat or pig but it's pouring rain, we can now escape the elements and hold meet-and-greets in the Arena.

The expansion project also affected our paddocks. Clover Fields 1 and 2 are equipped with run-in shelters and provide additional year-round housing for horses who are happier living outside. These areas can house two equines comfortably 24/7.

The expanded campus is very [farm animal](#) friendly and has allowed us to help so many animals that find themselves homeless for one reason or another. Our extra space certainly allows us to take in more animals, but we are only finding them amazing homes thanks to our Farm Program staff and volunteers.

Jordan and Amanda are remarkable employees whose dedication to the animals is obvious in the work they do. Our volunteers give us their time and



Abby is a beloved member of our farm program! She has been in our care since April 2022.

energy to complete the mission and that motivates us to show up every day and be the voice for those who don't have one.

These amazing humans are outside every day — even on holidays and weekends. They are fully committed to caring for animals who need us, even when it means sloshing through mud in the pouring rain... not being able to drink enough Gatorade to keep up with all the sweating that 90o-days bring... or frozen fingers and toes in the dead of winter.

Animal care doesn't have a day off. Our team is there every day to ensure the wellbeing of the animals we have been tasked with rehabilitating and rehoming.

Thank you, all of you, for supporting us in any way you can. It allows us to do the work we love. We appreciate you and so do the animals. I am fortunate to see the gratitude in their eyes every day.

GIVING TUESDAY

Animal lovers give back on Giving Tuesday.

November 29, 2022

Your gift will be matched!

Giving Tuesday has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. This year, the New Hampshire SPCA will kick off the day with a Triple Matching Gift! Thanks to our dear friend, Richard Parker, your gift will be tripled! For 24 hours only, your gift

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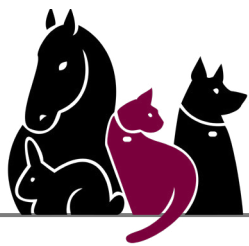
Triple your gift to help three times as many animals!

of \$25 becomes \$75, a gift of \$100 becomes \$300, \$500 becomes \$1500! You get the idea!

As a result of Mr. Parker's generosity, Giving Tuesday is the perfect day to give your heart out — just like our pets do every day. A shared love of animals is a bond that keeps us together — even when times get rough. Animals have shown us how to cope, providing comfort and joy during stressful times. They live in the moment and love unconditionally. We could all learn a few things from our furry and feathered friends.

On Tuesday, November 29... Giving Tuesday, not only will you help the homeless animals of the NHSPCA, but you'll also inspire others with your generosity!

So, whether you choose to give your time, your voice, or your money, please join other like-minded animal lovers, and give to honor and celebrate the special connection between pets and people.



CELEBRATING

So much has happened during our 150 Years!

By Sheila E. Ryan

Director of Development & Marketing

The New Hampshire SPCA was founded in 1872 to protect 'beasts of burden' and other animals from being treated with cruelty or neglect.

Our Founder, Sarah J. Pickering, had seen the brutal treatment that some inflicted on their horses



1872: Sarah J. Pickering forms the NHSPCA.

and mules and believed that people should do better, because animals deserved better. The animal welfare movement had begun in New York City with Henry Bergh in 1866 and Mrs. Pickering brought that movement here to Portsmouth. The NHSPCA was one of the first 10

animal welfare organizations to exist in this country and has not ceased doing that work in the past 150 years.

When we reflect on 150 years and all that has occurred during that time, it is somewhat astounding that the NHSPCA has been here through it all.

Our history unfolded in a young America. So many firsts occurred, much of them positive and yet, so many heartaches. As we celebrate 150 years of NHSPCA history, it is interesting to realize just a few of the things that were happening in the world and view our history through that lens.

Imagine, our 1872 founding was just seven years after the end of the Civil War and the abolition of slavery. President Ulysses S. Grant had just won his second term. The Statue of Liberty hadn't even arrived yet! Mrs. Pickering was surely ahead of her time!

In 1897, the Boston Marathon was run for the first time and in 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful man-powered flight. In 1912, the Titanic tragedy occurred and in 1914, World War I began and didn't end until 1918. Over 20,000 men from New Hampshire went into military service in WWI and 697 perished.

There was the 1918 Influenza Epidemic and in 1920, the Boston Red Sox traded Babe Ruth to the Yankees (creating 'the curse of the Bambino', which

wasn't broken until 2004!). All the while, NH was learning to take better care of their animals.

Also in 1920, women received the right to vote in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. There was King Tut's Tomb in 1923, Charles Lindbergh making the first flight across the Atlantic in 1927, and the Wall Street Crash of 1929, which started the Great Depression. In the 1930's, the first spay/neuter of companion animals was performed.

In 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor drew the US into WWII which ended in 1945. In 1950, the US entered another war, this time in Korea. Meanwhile, "I Love Lucy" premiered in 1951 and Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II in 1952.

The 60's brought the Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King, Jr. It also brought The Beatles, the first Super Bowl and the first moon landing.



1976: NHSPCA moves into first shelter.

The 1970's brought the first jumbo jet flight, Watergate, Jaws and Apple Computer. The 70's also brought an attitude of greater acceptance of spay/neuter for companion animals. In 1972, the ASPCA required sterilization for all adopted animals. In 1976, the NHSPCA moved into our first shelter down the road from our current location.

In the 1990's, Operation Desert Storm took place in Iraq and Kuwait, Bill Clinton was elected President, Nelson Mandela became President of South Africa, and Madeleine Albright became the first female Secretary of State. Spaying and Neutering became common, although not fully accepted everywhere in the US. Trap-Neuter-Release became a common practice to humanely control stray cat colonies.

In 2001, the 911 Terrorist Attacks occurred. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. Animal Welfare organizations (including



2010: Dog racing is banned in NH.

the NHSPCA) responded to rescue and care for displaced animals. In 2008, Barack Obama was elected the first African American President and in 2010, dog racing was banned in NH.

In the past decade or so, we have seen two royal weddings, the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and then her passing. We've seen the Ice Bucket Challenge raise millions for ALS research and Malala Yousafzai win the Nobel Prize. We've seen the legalization of same sex marriage, Donald Trump's Presidency, the #MeToo movement and, of course, COVID. We've also seen stronger animal protection laws enacted, the end of exhibition of animals in circuses, and a sharp rise in vegetarian and veganism. Animals have become regarded as part of the family and as emotional support. Their place in society has truly evolved, yet animal cruelty and neglect still exists.

All of these pieces of news and aspects of our lives and our country were transpiring while the NHSPCA was growing up. Now, at 150 years old, the NHSPCA has been through it and has come out stronger than ever. Last year, we cut the ribbon on our expanded and enhanced campus. Last month,

we re-opened to regular public hours six days per week.

Finding the new normal after the Shepherd case, construction and COVID has taken a bit of time, but we are settling into the start of the next 150 years. May they be in peace, prosperity, good health and in service to the animals and the people who love them.



2001: NHSPCA's Disaster Response Team prepares to help with Hurricane Katrina.

All with our deepest thanks for you, our community of supporters and friends, who make it possible.

Our State Agents through the years

By Sheila E. Ryan

Director of Development & Marketing

Thomas Ellison Oliver Marvin was the New Hampshire SPCA's very first State Agent employed for the purpose of investigating complaints of cruelty or neglect of animals.

Mr. Marvin, who was also the president of the Society, held the position from 1880 to 1890. Prior to his employment, the investigations were conducted by the Secretary of the Board and at times, some Board members.

State Agent Marvin was pivotal in the establishment of the State Agent and Deputy Agent positions during his tenure. Mr. Marvin oversaw a force of 20 deputies across the state. It is unclear if these deputies were paid in some way but were most likely volunteers. They worked in their own geographic area to try to keep animals safe, all while working under the authority of Mr. Marvin.

Mr. Marvin was well known in the Seacoast area. He was Mayor of Portsmouth in 1872 to 1873 and ran a medicinal cod liver oil manufacturing business with two other men, his brother William Marvin, Jr. and James P. Bartlett.

There have only been 11 Agents in our 150-year history. That's an average of 13+ years each. But as you can see from the listing (right), there have been a few that have dedicated decades to this work.

There was Howard O. Nelson who was the longest serving agent, from 1908 to 1938, and Peter Saunders, who served for 24 years from 1976 to 2000.

Most recently, there has been Steve Sprowl, who has been our Humane Agent and Field Services Manager since 2001. By the time you are reading this article, Steve will have been retired nearly two months.

Steve was the Humane Agent on some of our biggest — and certainly most public — cases. There was his first case, the DeVito fighting pit-bulls, which was horrifying and one we'll never forget.

Others included the Rye horses, the Shepherds of Bristol and Alexandria and one of the most horrifying from Middleton, NH, and sadly too many others to include here.

During his tenure, Steve cared about the animals and doing what he could to stop needless



Steve Sprowl, the most recent Humane Agent at the New Hampshire SPCA, retired in October after nearly 22 years of service. Steve is one of just 11 Agents that have served in our 150-year history.



A look at some agent badges from over the years.

suffering. We thank him for the nearly 22 years of service to the NHSPCA and wish him the very best in his future.

We hope that the next Humane Agent will bring the best qualities of all of his or her predecessors: the caring, the compassion, the passion and the vision of *A Safe and Loving Home For Every Animal*.

The NHSPCA's 11 Agents

In our 150-year history, there have only been 11 State Humane Agents in charge of the investigation of complaints of cruelty or neglect against animals, and for many years, children as well.



T. Marvin
1880-1900

H. Nelson
1908-1938

S. Sprowl
2001-2022

State Humane Agents

1. Thomas E.O Marvin, 1880-1900
2. Robert E. Hodgkins, 1900-1902
3. Albert J. Weston, 1903-1907
4. Howard O. Nelson, 1908-1938
5. Wallace S. Nelson, 1939-1946
(Served in WWII for USAAC as 2nd Lt.)
6. Mott L. Bartlett, 1943-1957
7. Henry S. Murch, Jr., 1958-1969
8. William H. Thomas, 1969-1974
9. Cecil K. Downard, 1974-1976
10. Peter Saunders, 1976-2000
11. Steven W. Sprowl, 2001-2022

There have been many Deputy Humane Agents over the years. At times, there were as many as 20 Deputy Agents from all over the state working with the State Agent. At other times, there were one or two.

In more recent years, other humane organizations have hired their own Agents to work in the part of the state that they are most familiar with.

At this time there are still only three full-time and one part-time Humane Agents in all of New Hampshire.

The Behavior & Training Department is flourishing!

By Casey Morrison

Manager of Behavior & Training

Do you have a new canine addition to your family? Or is your dog a tried-and-true bestie?

Take a class!

Please click [here](#) to view all of our behavior & training offerings!

Either way, we have training classes that will keep the bond with your pup growing and their mind and spirit engaged.

What's more is that training should be fun and positive for you and your dog, and we specialize in both!

Fall and winter are the perfect time for introducing your dog to training classes. Just when other outdoor activities may be winding down, come into our large, comfortable training room. Our classes are small and provide plenty of time to practice and receive individual attention. We offer a variety of classes, from basic behavior classes, to sporting classes like Agility or Parkour, to special puppy classes for that new baby dog in your life.

We also provide one-on-one private consulta-



This holiday season should be a fun time for all... your dog included! On top of our normal schedule of classes, we're looking forward to hosting various workshops and mini-series to help you and your pup get through the busiest time of year!

tions. These consults can focus on whatever behavior modification you are seeking for your dog.

All our group and private consults strictly utilize positive training methods. Positive reinforcement training uses a reward (treats, praise,

toys or anything your dog finds rewarding) for desired behaviors. Because the reward makes them more likely to repeat the behavior, positive reinforcement is one of the most powerful tools for shaping or changing your dog's behavior.

Whether it is excessive barking, jumping, chewing or anxiety over the busy holiday season, many pet parents struggle with their dog's behavior. In severe cases, these behaviors can lead to the breakdown of the human-animal bond and is one of the top reasons that dogs are surrendered. We want to help!

Keep a look out for upcoming fun workshops and shorter mini-series that we hope to offer to get you and your pup through the busy holiday season!

Some of these new offerings include a Holiday Manners Mini-Series, which will teach you how to get your dog ready for all the events and extra people in your home. It will touch on some basic manners like place, leave it, settle and patience all in just three short weeks.

Others will be announced soon, so keep checking [our website](#) often! We hope to see you and your pup in one of our classes soon!

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Looking ahead in Humane Ed

By Erin Burger

Manager of Humane Education Programs

Summer has come to an end, and autumn (and even winter!) is in the air. Kids are back in school and before you know it, the leaves will be falling!

Get involved!

Have or know a child who loves animals? We'd love to meet them!

Please click [here](#) to learn more about opportunities for kids at the NHSPCA.

That means it's time for our regular school-year programs to come back in the Humane Education Department!

While our familiar favorites, like Storytime with the Animals, our Afterschool with the Animals Club, Reading

with the Animals, and Junior Volunteers resumed in early October, we also have a few new ideas up our sleeves!

In November, we will begin offering ethics and welfare classes for middle and high school students. Run by Marla Andrews of Humane Hearts, LLC (who has been lending a compassionate ear as the facilitator of our monthly Pet Loss Support Group), this is a unique opportunity for teens who are passionate about making the world a better place for animals.

Marla's classes will run in monthly sessions (typically four sessions per month) and will follow a discussion-based format.

Students will also engage in thoughtful debates about assorted topics, which may include things like the role of animal shelters and sanctuaries, how to be a responsible advocate for animals (through things like voting legislation, how you choose to spend money, and letter-writing), the use of animals for entertainment, medicine, food, conflict between humans and animals, and careers working with animals.

As the days get cooler, we can't deny that the holiday season is right around the corner. The



There is so much to look forward to as the seasons begin to change! In addition to our regular offerings, we are excited to host ethics and welfare classes and special programming, like our first-ever Halloween Paw-rade and a wintertime favorite, Deck the Howls! We hope to see your child at an event soon!

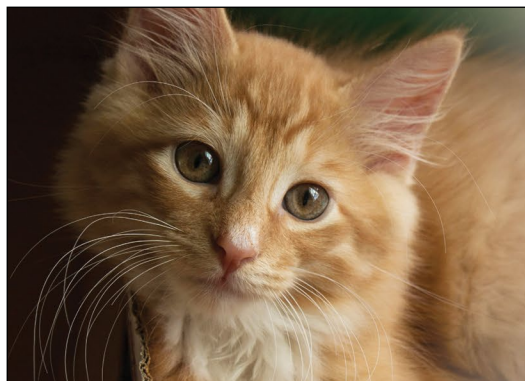
holidays are always fun for us because we host our school vacation camps, but right now what we are really looking forward to are our special events!

Last December, we hosted Deck the Howls as part of a nationwide initiative to spread joy and cheer to homeless animals during the holiday season. As part of this memorable event, children came to the NHSPCA and read to our adoptable animals, made decorations for their kennels, and decorated dog treats. Of course, we had such a wonderful time that we are plan-

ning to do it again!

But we aren't ready to rush into winter just yet... there's still lots of Fall fun to be had! By the time you read this article, we will have welcomed costumed children, dogs, and adults to our first ever Halloween Paw-rade! With scenic views along our ring trail, adoptable dogs, and plenty of treats, we're sure it will be simply fab-boo-lous!

If you have an animal-loving child in your life, take a look at our [upcoming events and programs](#) and join us for a great time! We hope to see you soon!



Commemorative Gifts

We are so grateful for every gift received in support of the animals. Commemorative Gifts are especially touching. Gifts to remember or honor a beloved family member, friend or pet or in celebration of a special life event, a birthday, wedding or promotion, are all very special to us. We are honored to be a part of your lives in this way.

All Commemorative Gifts are posted quarterly on our website and are honored there for a year or more.

Please visit our Commemorative page at nhspca.org/commemorative-gifts/ to view our new listing.

Thank you for all you do for the animals.



Our volunteers make a world of difference

By Juli Tyson

Volunteer Coordinator

As the year comes to an end, we've been reflecting on how much our volunteers have accomplished — both as individuals and as part of groups. We are so thankful for all their hard work.

It's been quite a year! It was the year of coming back: Volunteers came back starting in March and then fully in May after two years on hiatus due to COVID and construction. We welcomed back transports and the public — at first just a few days a week, but now we are back to being open six days a week.

We are so grateful to each of you who helped get us back to a sense of normalcy!

Though we haven't quite reached the number of volunteers, nor the number of hours given in 2019, we seem to be on the right track. We are offering [new volunteer orientations](#) twice a month, getting new volunteers trained, and seeing our volunteers take on weekly or bi-weekly shifts. No doubt those 2019 numbers will be reached and likely exceeded.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in any capacity this year!

One of the interesting things about our volunteer group is the varying amounts of experience.

We have volunteers with 10 or 20+ years of service who have returned to their regular weekly (or even multiple times per week) shifts.

Some volunteers got started just before the pandemic hit and never gave up hope of return-



The animals are lucky to have such lovely people show up for them every day. Thank you, volunteers!

ing. They are now getting their chance to put their training to work.

We have young people returning as volunteers after spending many years as junior volunteers with our Humane Education program.

Then there are all the new volunteers of varying ages hoping to help benefit the animals and be involved in their community.

We have 289 people who have applied to become volunteers since January 1, 2022. 132 of whom have attended an orientation and are becoming — or have already become — regular volunteers.

Staff have expressed an outpour of appreciation for all our volunteers every day.

"Can I just say how nice it was to have so many volunteers this morning? We're just about done with animal care even though we have 19 dogs!"

was a message I was sent one Saturday morning.

Or "Juli, I have to tell you, Oliver is so sweet and kind with the small animals, it's such a pleasure to watch someone put so much time and love into cleaning up after the Guinea pigs."

We have especially been feeling the love for our volunteers because we have regular transports coming in. This has kept our dog and cat populations steady and we are so thankful for their consistent work in all animal care areas.

Some weeks, we already have 17 dogs in the building and a transport is scheduled to come in with nine dogs and 16 cats. This would typically be a cause for concern and anxiety, wondering how all the animals will be properly cared for... but all we have to do is put out the call for volunteers to fill up that week's schedule and our volunteers get it done.

I mean, who wouldn't want to come and play with six Great Pyrenees/Hound mix puppies?!

Let's not forget our volunteers outside of animal care! We are so appreciative for our office volunteers who come in and complete important office duties.

To those who help with Alzheimer's Cafés, offsite events, Humane Education activities, and within our foster program — thank you!

We have Paws Walk volunteers who came through for us in May and June and Auction volunteers working hard from August through November... These events wouldn't be possible without them. We are so thankful for their dedication!

Thank you, volunteers!

COZY COOP

Sending a big thank you to volunteers Heather and Annette, who answered our call for help and built our new chicken coop with ease! Our chickens and roosters are already enjoying this quiet space that was built just for them.



Volunteers Needed!

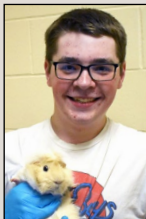
Come help us care for animals and become a part of our dedicated team! We particularly need people who are available for at least a two-hour shift every other week. Reach out to Juli at jtyson@nhspca.org or (603) 773-5734 today for our online application.

WHY DO YOU VOLUNTEER?



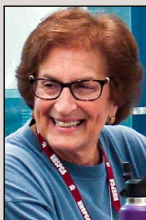
I love being able to care for all the little babies before they head off to their forever homes. For a moment, I get to provide them with total love and care that they may have never experienced before, and I know that I made a difference for them.

— Fran



It has been really fun getting to know the staff who work here, and it is also really rewarding to care for the small animals... much more so than spending my time doing other things!

— Nick



I started as a dog walker and fell in love! Now, 26 years later, I help any way I can with other tasks as needed, like phone calls, events, fundraising and more. I am grateful I am able to help in these ways and want people to know that there is **always** something to love to do at this beautiful place of healing and hope!

— Stephanie



I had been waiting to retire so I would have time to spend at the animal shelter. Being retired is so boring, and the shelter gives me a meaningful place to spend my free time.

— Lucy



Whatever I give to the dogs, I get back tenfold because they are such incredible animals. May I also shout out the staff? They are wonderful and really make us feel appreciated.

— Tom



We'd like to send a huge thank you to our friends at CAES! They came and helped us clean and reorganize our basement in addition to some other projects. This was a huge undertaking that has truly made a world of difference to our staff. Thank you to longtime volunteer, Cathy Scuto, for recruiting this team!

Many hands make lighter work

By Juli Tyson
Volunteer Coordinator

To close out the summer, we had a couple more groups come and accomplish a few important projects. Longtime volunteer, Cathy Scuto, gathered a team of 16 employees from her workplace, CAES. The team from CAES came and conquered every job we threw at them! From helping us completely reorganize and clean our basement, to taking out heaps of trash and files for shredding, to weeding gardens across our campus. There was not a job they didn't give their all to and they completed their work with ample time for a tour of our campus and shelter... plus time to join a puppy playgroup!

This was a huge undertaking that made a world of difference for the staff at the NHSPCA. The basement cleanout was long overdue since our renovations so there was much to be gone through and spaces to be utilized better. You can take the staff's word for it: they did a remarkable job! Thank you, Cathy Scuto, and team!

We also participated in the United Way Day of Caring, where volunteers spent the day getting our Children's Garden winter ready. If you have a vegetable garden at home, you probably know that this can be a time-consuming task. These volun-



Thank you so much to the volunteers from Lincoln Financial Group who spent their United Way Day of Caring getting our Children's Garden ready for the winter and deep cleaning our indoor spaces!

teers got our four ground beds and two raised beds ready to survive the winter and be productive for us again next spring. The Day of Caring group also gave the inside of our shelter a much needed deep clean from tackling all the glass around both sides of the building to cleaning the sills, and other places that can get overlooked day to day and week to week. It all looks fantastic!

Thank you, Granite United Way teams!

The Koda Fund literally saves lives

By Kate Young

Community Programs Coordinator

Many animals arrive at the New Hampshire SPCA in need of medical intervention. While some arrive with minor medical needs, others arrive in severe distress or injured. We are able to provide this often life-saving medical care for animals in

Support the Koda Fund

If you want to support animals like Lucy, click the code below to donate to the Koda Fund or attend our **Afternoon with John Holland** event on February 4, 2023!



need thanks to [the Koda Fund](#). This Fund, along with collaboration and partnerships with other local rescues, veterinary hospitals, and specialists, helps provide the medical intervention for many pets each year.

Such was the case with Lucy, a 5-year-old orange tabby who was brought to the NHSPCA through a local rescue. Lucy was trapped at a feral cat colony, but upon meeting her, the rescuer determined she was quite friendly and could probably do just fine in the right home.

However, it was clear Lucy was going to need some help to get well before she could be placed for adoption.

At the end of May, Lucy came to us with severe tartar, gingivitis, and ulcerated gums. Sadly, this serious dental disease and probable stomatitis was causing a lot of inflammation and pain for her and it needed to be addressed as soon as possible.

Thankfully, through the generosity of the Koda Fund, we were able to connect with Dr. Gorayeb and the folks at Piscataqua Animal Hospital! They did a full dental for sweet Lucy, including multiple tooth extractions, which provided a great deal of relief for her. She was given long-lasting antibiotics, anti-inflammatory and pain medications to help fight infection and keep her feeling comfortable while she healed up.

Stomatitis is an interesting condition that can occur in both cats and dogs but tends to be more commonly seen in cats. An inflammatory condition of the mouth, stomatitis is thought to be caused by an over-active immune response to plaque and tartar. It's almost as if Lucy had become allergic to her own teeth!

Lucy received her surgery in June, healed up,



Thanks to the Koda Fund, the NHSPCA was able to help Lucy, who was suffering from severe tartar, gingivitis, and ulcerated gums. Her serious dental disease and probable stomatitis was causing this sweet girl a lot of inflammation and pain.

was cleared by the NHSPCA veterinary staff and made available for adoption in July. She was adopted by a loving home shortly after! She will likely need to continue to have her teeth monitored and may need to get used to regular brushing to help control the plaque and tartar buildup, but she is feeling so much better now — thanks to the teamwork of animal welfare and the local veterinary community.

Another amazing example of this collaboration is Peanut, a little 4-year-old white and tan guinea pig with ovarian cysts. Though not uncommon, these cysts don't always cause significant health implications. However, in Peanut's case, hers were causing physical discomfort and they could be easily seen on her abdomen.

Spay and neuter for guinea pigs is rare. But, in Peanut's case, a spay was the only option to save her life due to several large cysts in both of her tiny ovaries.

Dr. Thomas at Eliot Veterinary Hospital offered to perform this procedure along with hormone injections for Peanut so that she could have a chance at a normal life in a loving home. We are happy to report that, thanks again to the wonderful life saving support provided by the Koda Fund, the surgery was a success and Peanut was adopted with her two fellow guinea pig companions this past May!

Because of the Koda Fund and these partnerships, Lucy, Peanut and so many other animals receive the medical care they need to ease their suffering and give them the best chance at finding a forever home.



An Afternoon with John Holland!

Please join us for an incredible afternoon of laughter, tears and psychic mediumship with John Holland at the NHSPCA.

This year, John will be joined by special guest **Dr. Melissa Magnuson**, author of *Animality: How Pets and People Connect*.

Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.
at the New Hampshire SPCA

Tickets will go on sale December 5, 2022

General Admission..... \$69

VIP Admission* \$99

*Includes 30-minute Q&A with John Holland and an autographed gift

Looking for more? Purchase your raffle ticket to win a one-on-one reading with John or an autographed collection of John's books at nhspca.org (attendance not required to win).

*Our deepest thanks to John Holland as 100% of the gross proceeds of this event go toward healing sick and injured animals through **the Koda Fund**, which John established here at the NHSPCA over a decade ago.*

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, 2022 - September 30, 2022

From the Estates of:

Gail Oberlan Bates
Exeter, NH

Constance Huckaday Bosen
Hampton, NH

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Summertown, TN

Lorayne V. Dodge
York, ME

Joy L. Kimball
Dover, NH

Dianne Koerner
Stratham, NH

Nancy M. Mathey
Exeter, NH

Margaret M. O'Connell
Manchester, NH

Maurine Stard
Hampton Falls, NH

Why give?

By Sheila Ryan

Director of Development & Marketing

I was recently speaking to a friend and the subject of charitable giving came up. You might think that being the director of development this conversation would happen with my friends regularly. I can assure you it doesn't. But my friend really wanted to better understand what motivates people to give. It's an interesting question and one that I could answer in so many ways.

At the top of the list, at the New Hampshire SPCA people give because they believe in what we do. They give because they care about animals or because they've had a personal experience adopting or having their child attend summer camp or even having to relinquish a beloved animal. Sometimes they give because they've read about us in a news article concerning a rescue or because they've come to an event and learned all of the things that we do. Some people give because they feel like they always have, year after year, helping to care for homeless and helpless animals. Others are new donors or new volunteers and have just begun a new relationship with this very mature organization.

One special way that people sometimes choose to give is through their estate plans. Often referred to as the "Gift of a Lifetime", a gift through a will or trust or even a life insurance policy can create a legacy for donor while making a huge impact on animals in the future. The NHSPCA received our first such gift in 1904 and have been fortunate to have received many since.

But again, the question is why? And who are the people who make gifts in their will?

The answer is simple: People choose to include the NHSPCA in their will or estate because they believe in our mission, our longevity and a positive future for animals. They also trust the NHSPCA because we have been here caring for animals for 150 years and we're still growing and evolving.

The best part is that everyone can make a gift in their will. *Everyone*. A common misconception is that only wealthy people leave estate gifts, or that only people who own 'lots of property' need a will. You just have to want to make a difference.

I'm here to tell you that every adult needs a will. It can be as simple or complex as your circumstances require. But no one wants to let the government decide where their assets go after they're



There's a misconception that only wealthy people need a will, but it's simply not true. If you do not choose where your assets will go once you're gone, the government will. Click [here](#) to create your will, completely free of charge.

gone, and that is exactly what will happen if you don't have a will.

We have partnered with [FreeWill.com](#) to give you a completely free service to make sure you have the peace of mind of knowing your loved ones and belongings are protected.

Here at the NHSPCA, we hold estate gifts in very high regard. We know that the donor has put thought and care into what charity they have entrusted their legacy. To honor that connection to our mission, our board policy is that a minimum of 25% of every estate gift is permanently invested in our endowment. Endowment is like a savings account that grows over time and makes sure that we have a strong and secure financial future. The rest of the gift goes toward current needs, essentially caring for animals in all the ways we do. Thus, regardless of the size of the gift, whether \$100 or \$10,000 or more, a gift made through your will permanently connects your name and commitment to the NHSPCA through our endowment. So, long after you've passed, you can still be helping us feed the small animals, cats, dogs, and farm animals.

So, the question was, why give? The answer is simple: Because you want to [make a difference for animals forever](#).

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Events are back and better than ever!

By Julie Halama

Special Events & Sponsorship Manager

We've had a lot to celebrate in 2022, including the return of our in-person events. After two years of virtual this and socially distanced that, it's been a blast having face-to-face interaction with our community and seeing plenty of adorable animals at the NHSPCA's signature fundraisers.

Join us at an event!

Click [here](#) to view our events calendar!

In June, hundreds of animal-lovers and their dogs came to Stratham Hill Park for a record-breaking Paws Walk, which raised over \$130,000 for the animals! We could not have asked for a better day at this annual fundraising event. Our Vendor Village was packed with everything from electric bikes to dog treats, while guests were able to do some shopping, eating, and petting cute dogs before their walk for a worthy cause.

Later this summer, we made a splash at our annual Seacoast Paddle for the Pups fundraising event, generously hosted by our friends at the Seacoast Paddleboard Club. Plenty of pups were "on-board" as we paddled down Exeter's Squamscott



We had a blast getting to see all of you yet again at Paws Walk and the Seacoast Paddle for the Pups. Thank you for coming out to support the animals!

River, all to benefit homeless animals.

Of course, the most anticipated event of the year is *the Auction for the Animals*, coming up on Saturday, November 19th. This year's Auction will be celebrating the NHSPCA's 150th Anniversary as we gather for a magical night at the Wentworth by the Sea. Tickets are already sold out for the event, but you can still help by participating in our On-line Auction and Best of Live Raffle to benefit the animals. We're excited for you to see the wonderful items that local businesses have donated.

Get your Best of Live Raffle tickets before November 19th and you might be the lucky winner of your choice of Live Auction Items. Learn more and bid at [nhspca.org](#).

A cute face for every month!

By Ben Driscoll

Events & Digital Marketing Assistant

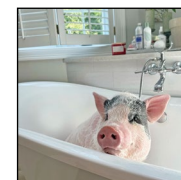
Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's calendar contest! Your entries, votes and calendar purchases helped raise over \$16,000 for homeless animals. We had 132 total entries, the most we have ever had for the calendar contest. It was great seeing all the cute pet pictures submitted and reading all the creative bios you wrote.

I wish every picture submitted could be a pet of the month, but unfortunately there are only 12 months in a year.

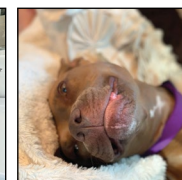
I would like to congratulate our category winners of this year's calendar contest:



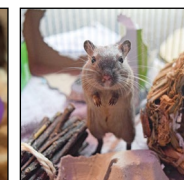
The Seacoast's Favorite Animal: Luvbug



Farm: Eloise



Dogs: Sybil



Smalls: Jerry

The pet with the most votes overall was Luvbug. Before I left work on the last day of voting, I checked the website to see who was winning and Luvbug was not one of the favorites to win.

When I checked the website again the following morning, much to my surprise, Luvbug had pulled off an incredible last-minute upset!

The four winner's pictures will be included in our calendar alongside other entries that were judge's choices.

Thanks again to everyone that participated to help homeless animals. I am looking forward to an even more exciting competition during next year's contest. Start taking those adorable photos of your 'contestants' now!

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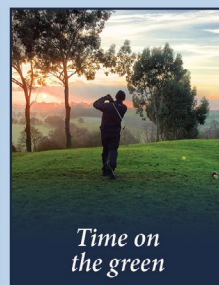
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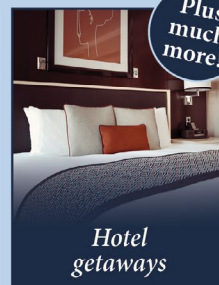
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