



# SHELTER FROM THE STORMS

By Courtney Vavra

The last few months have been difficult to witness as our neighbors to the south have faced a series of catastrophic natural disasters. It's hard not to feel overwhelmed by the devastation we see daily in the media.

Mr. Roger's famous quote is a simple but comforting reminder when faced with a newsfeed full of heartbreak and tragedy: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would

say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

So I took a look in my newsfeed, and there they were—people filling tractor trailers with supplies, volunteers heading to help heavily impacted areas, folks donating money and time to help total strangers.

I've worked at the New Hampshire SPCA for over 8 years, so it's no surprise that I'm an animal lover. I was naturally drawn to the stories involving animals. I was worried that animals were scared and lost—that families were losing everything, including their precious pets.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# Believe you can make a difference!

By Courtney Vavra

## 2017 Holiday Fund Drive

**Believe you can make a difference**

**Help Now**

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

Earlier this year, Cassie a long haired dachshund, was rescued from squalid conditions by our Humane Investigator along with her four tiny babies. Like many dogs used strictly as breeding machines, Cassie

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The journey can be challenging but we rise when we are called...

It might be to meet a plane of homeless animals on the tarmac at Pease escaping the onslaught of Hurricane Irma, or being called to a farm with animals in distress. It might be an apartment overrun with cats or horses without food or water. It could be the sad home of a loved one who has passed, to remove animals now all alone.

This month it has been all of these and more. It was a home with an abandoned tank of fish and two homes overrun with cats. It was to bring a horse to safety, injured and hungry. There were the five dogs, all seniors and each with multiple medical needs, serious signs of aging and terrified having been flown from what was previously the safety of a senior

sanctuary in Puerto Rico.

No matter the size or the species, we care deeply for each of them; the abandoned animals and those whose care is less than marginal. We arrive, equipped to bring them to safety. Staff and volunteers trained to work in harsh and often heartbreaking conditions.

We work as a team and each person plays a critical role. It is when we rise, prepared for the unthinkable, the unimaginable and the discouraging, that we truly feel the commitment to our work.

There is a hopeful light as we load vehicles, prepare to leave and travel to the destination. We know the outcome will be brighter for the journey and we know we have you with us along the way.

You may not leave your home, or your job but your support encourages us and enables us to rise. Your commitment to the New Hampshire SPCA and what we represent allows us to make the best decisions even when we aren't quite sure how we will manage it. There are times when we stretch just a bit more than is comfortable because we know you care.

Thank you for being a safety net for us and the animals. Because of you, we were able to complete five transports from the hurricane ravaged regions, and so much more.

We are truly grateful for this, for them and for the future. Thank you.

On behalf of the animals,

Lisa S. Dennison  
 Executive Director

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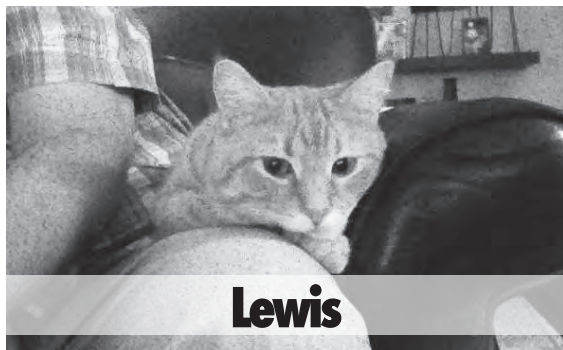
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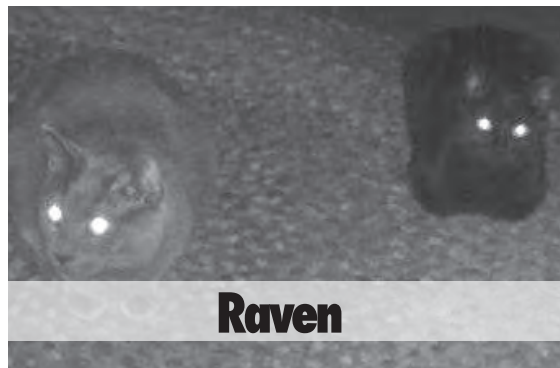
My son changed his name to Thompson immediately after adoption :) Thompson is doing great and loving his new life! I've attached some photos as "evidence" so please feel free to use them as a success story. In the last one he's actually sleeping on his back (not cleaning himself!) which I've rarely seen a kitty do. Thompson has a lot of kitten-like qualities so while the Vet confirmed his age at between 2-4 years, my son and I agree he's probably closer to the younger side. Besides playing with a bird cat-toy that makes chirping sounds and "chasing" our feet under blankets he especially loves to run up and down the hallway and skid on a rug that should have a non-slip pad underneath (but currently doesn't lucky for him)!

Thanks for checking in on us,  
Andrea



Today we celebrate 2 years since Lewis came home with us. We have taken many selfies and here are a few where he likes to sit with me when I'm watching TV. He is such a loveable little guy. Can't imagine a day without him.

Thanks again for all you do,  
Chip, Kevin & Lewis



Good Morning NHSPCA,

We are so happy with Raven. She is very shy, but very accepting of love. We waited the first night out so she could have some time acclimating alone in our bed room, our cat Smokey Bear was at the door all night sniffing and meowing. The next morning we opened the door and he went in looking, they talked nicely to each other. We left the door open for the day as we left for work. They definitely bonded and the two have been inseparable since, she is his shadow, and he is her caretaker. She is still slow to come to us, she hides when we get home and slowly makes her way out as we settle in, then she sits at a distance and watches us. The photo is a typical night now for us now, we watch tv as the cats watch us. Smokey is happy, and she seems to be too. Its heart warming to see them bond, and her build trust.

Thanks SO much,  
Ben & Amanda



Hello!

I adopted Rocky from you March of 2016. He hated shelter life and he has done a total 180! It took me a little bit to get him comfortable but once he was I found out he is quite the snuggler and licker! He would prefer to lick people instead of being pet. I love my 13 year old and adopting a senior pet was the best choice I could've ever made!

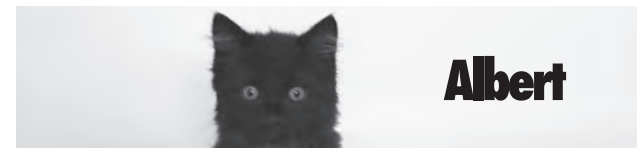
Kendra



Hello!

It's been an adjustment, but everyone is so happy- especially our new friend. We've renamed her! (her third name now) We call her Mittzy because of her extra paws/toe/thumb in which looks like fabulous little winter mittens when she's playing. She's also become quite spunky and playful now that we all know each other. Her first vet visit was very uneventful. She's a healthy older cat, with lots of life in her. She loves her blue yarn mouse, reading magazines/books and doing what cats do best which is laying in a puddle of sun. We're so happy we could adopt her, and so wish we could take home every animal ever. Mittzy is safe and very happy with us and we wouldn't have it any other way!

Thanks again for helping us pick out the best cat ever!  
Katie and Brian



Dear NHSPCA,

Albert is thriving and we love him. He's a hoot and has actually not stopped since we brought him home. We've been forced to take down one set of drapes that became his personal climbing wall. Otherwise the only change is that he's forced our hearts to almost explode from our chests with love for the "little man Albert". He sleeps buried deeply under the covers at our feet which was initially scary, but seems to be working out to his satisfaction.....and ours. He's been to the vet, Dr. Lauren Hill in Stratham, and got his rabies shot and he checked out just fine. He's never missed a meal and seems to think we're nice people. The girls next door, Auntie Cheryl and Auntie Jo, visit almost every day for their Albert fix.

Best regards,  
Stuart & Debbie

## Health Insurance

By Steph Lichtman

Health insurance: Universal coverage? Repeal and replace? Currently this is one of the most hotly debated topics on the political front. Yet no matter what side of the aisle you are on with this issue, when it comes to our pet's health, we all want what's best for them. Unfortunately, veterinary bills can add up quickly especially when your pet has experienced an accident or medical crisis. Too often, the NHSPCA has to take in animals whose owners can't afford the financial burden of caring for their pet anymore. We receive countless calls and inquiries from owners trying to find a way to pay for an unexpected illness or injury, exhausting every resource possible trying to scrape together enough money to pay the vet. Unless you have a long standing relationship with a veterinarian, often time vets won't take a payment plan which can increase the urgency of securing funding.

Your dog eats the bowl of Halloween candy, your cat gets bitten by a spider, your pet gets loose and hit by a car, or your pet develops diabetes...all are unfortunate situations that can happen at any time to our furry friends. They are relying on you to take care of them.

While there are financial assistance programs to help with veterinary bills (see [www.speakingforspot/resources.com](http://www.speakingforspot/resources.com)), these programs typically require an application and approval process: a process that can take up valuable time when there is a health issue that needs immediate attention.

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This is where having pet insurance can make all the difference. Similar in some respects to medical insurance for people, many pet insurance companies offer different levels of coverage and deductibles, so shop around. Be mindful not only what you want your monthly rate to be but also what exactly the insurance will and will not cover. Pre-existing medical conditions, emergency or specialty vet care, prescription food and dental procedures are a few situations that may not be fully covered. Read the policies carefully and even better, call to speak to a customer service representative to get specific questions answered.

My cat Ezzie would not be alive today if weren't for the Trupanion Pet insurance I signed up for the day I adopted her from the NHSPCA. The NHSPCA offers a one month free trial through Trupanion when you adopt a dog or cat, so it made it very easy. After the initial trial, you can choose to opt into the plan at your own expense. When I took her home, Ezzie was a healthy girl. Originally brought to the shelter as a stray she was still a little thin but showed no sign of disease or illness. Even her bloodwork that had been checked a few weeks earlier looked fine.

Two weeks after adopting her, Ezzie's right eye became irritated,

cloudy and red which led to the formation of an ulcer. My vet at Stratham Newfields Vet Hospital treated her initially but when Ezzie was not responding to treatment she referred me to an ophthalmologist at Port City Vet in Portsmouth where her diagnosis was keratoconjunctivitis sicca (KCS or "dry eye"). After several months of treatment with eye medications and under the expert care of the ophthalmologist, Ezzie's eye finally looked great! She would remain on eye medication the rest of her life, but that was just fine with me especially since after meeting my deductible, Trupanion was paying for 90% of the cost of medication. Unfortunately a month or two later, Ezzie started vomiting and losing weight. Back to my primary vet we went. After extensive blood work, aspirates, urinalysis and even abdominal surgery it was determined Ezzie had Irritable Bowel Disease and one that was resistant to many treatments. Thankfully due to my vet's persistence Ezzie was able to pull through. Again, while she will always remain on some form of medication and frequent monitoring, she

is a healthy and happy cat. As of the writing of this story, Trupanion has paid out over \$16,000! I couldn't be more thankful for the pet insurance that allowed me to keep my sweet girl.

I would urge you to consider Pet Health Insurance for your furry family members, so that you don't find yourself having to make a most difficult decision. Below are a few Pet Insurance Companies to try. Do your research! Other companies are available as well. Or consult your local vet, to see who they recommend.



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# Notes From The Barn



It was a great day for two lucky horses that needed some extra attention. Cruiser and Jake, aka Red, have gotten a trip of a lifetime when they met a young woman from Dublin Academy, New Hampshire. Caroline Robins originally grew up in Kentucky where her love of horses started. When Caroline was about 5 years old she had her first pony. Sophomore year she then joined a riding team. For most of her life, her main focus was the competitive side of riding, whether it's fancy tricks, walking or shows. Now Caroline is intrigued by learning all the different sides horses have. She loves learning how to care for horses and learning about the different emotions horse put off. For example, reading a horse by looking at their eyes, ears and head tilts. With this passion for horses, Caroline is currently working on her Senior Independent Project. Her project is to work with the NHSPCA and Mountain View Farm in Barnstead, NH taking in two horses that needed a little training. Her main goal is to help get these two horses a second chance at life and get adopted. These two horses, Cruiser and Jake were never exposed to training so this opportunity for Caroline was the perfect match. Cruiser and Jake have not learned any manners until now because they came in scared. Over this short time both horses have benefitted. Jake came in eager and confused. Now, he's making progress walking, trotting and less bucking. There are so many fostering benefits coming from this case, which is why we love what we do, everyone wins!



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# 8 Happy Tails Continued

YEAR END 2017

Hi!

Jenny and Miranda are the best cats ever! I came to the SPCA originally to look for a kitten, but these old ladies just stole my heart.

They both had some pretty nasty upper respiratory infections when they came home. They were having trouble breathing and sneezing almost constantly about two days after they came home. Luckily, with a few vet visits and some shots and medications, they're steadily getting better and better. Miranda has some substantial tooth problems, but she's eating and drinking fine and doesn't seem to be uncomfortable at all, so the vet told us not to do anything about it for the time being. Other than the URI's and Miranda's dental trouble, they are happy, healthy seniors! They have such huge personalities. They both follow me wherever I go, and greet me at the door when I get home. They learned to climb the ladder to my loft bed,



and they sleep up there with me most nights. Jenny is the sweetest cat I've ever met! Miranda is so funny, she lays down on my feet while I'm trying to walk, and she is rarely seen without the trusty pink hair scrunchie she found in my room. She carries it everywhere, even leaving it in her food bowl while she's eating. They love to play, but they're always very gentle and have never scratched or bitten me while playing. They carry their toys around the house and leave them in their own secret hiding places. Their favorite toys are the cute little knit ones that you guys gave us in the little kitty care packages!

They love affection and when they're not sitting on my lap they're walking across my computer or climbing up my legs to demand a hug. They have fun chasing each other around the house in the middle of the night, and opening doors and caninates. When Miranda wants to be held, her tail vibrates, its so strange, but super cute!

These cats are fitting in perfectly at my home, and its already hard to imagine life before adopting them. I couldn't be happier!

Thank you SO much for all that you do for animals in need. It is very much appreciated. I'm so glad I adopted and that I am able to give these cuties the life that they deserve.

Lots of love,  
Haley (and Miranda and Jenny)

To whom it may concern: I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you as the employees and volunteers at the SPCA for maintaining such a clean, loving facility for animals to find refuge and meet new families. We visited a few years ago, after my daughter spotted Carlton, a senior chinchilla, (I think he was 14, she thinks 12...), to adopt him so that he could, as she put it, "live out the rest of his years in a happy home". Carlton had an eye injury, and required an extended stay at the shelter before we could bring him home, in order to stay under the care of a vet until healed, but when we went to sign the papers and secure his adoption we ran into Ted Bear, a black male cat with chubby cheeks and the chilliest personality ever, and we knew right away he had to join us as well, so we took him home that night. When Carlton was able to come home, he immediately made friends with our other two chins, Nogla and Sheriff Butterbean, and carried on enjoying dust baths,

Cheerios, and snuggles. He passed away yesterday after a brief illness, surrounded by his humans and his brethren, and although we are heartbroken, we feel so fortunate to have had the chance to enjoy his goofy grin and playful antics for as long as we did, and we know this wouldn't have been possible without the services and support offered by everyone at your organization. Thank you for your selfless devotion to animals and their care, and thank you for connecting us with our furry friend, he was such a joy.



Thank you for checking in! Hobie has been a wonderful addition to our family! We just love him! We kept his name as it totally fits him. Our other cat's name is Huckle and the two names sound cute together!

Hobie has made slow and steady acclimation to our home. Huckle, our one year old kitty is a bit over-excited about Hobie being here, and just wants him to play all the time. Major breakthroughs have happened this week after keeping them at a safe distance for some time. Hobie has become brave enough to explore the house without putting Huckle in another room. He loves our dog and is very comfortable with her. He's really showing that his comfort level has improved and he feels fine being out and about. Glad we took it slow and got him to the point that he's feeling "brave"! All three animals have breakfast, dinner and treats together peacefully. It's nice to see them interact positively.

Hobie loves to be loved on and gets lots of attention. He's a snuggler and is right next to my pillow almost every night. A few weeks ago he took his first trip to our family vacation home in Maine. He was great and enjoyed it once he got there...he doesn't love the car ride!

We're beyond happy to have had a second chance to adopt him (my daughter is Jr. Volunteer and saw him when he first came in in May--we missed out on adopting him then). Finding out that he is diabetic didn't change our minds about him (he was returned to the SPCA after the former adopters found out he was diabetic, totally understandable). We're happy we can give him the care he needs. We had a corgi with severe allergies that required shots to keep her healthy. We knew giving Hobie insulin shots wouldn't be a problem. His first vet visit went well. We ordered insulin before we got him and were able to have it ready for the day he went in. He had his first shot and they kept him to test his blood sugar

throughout the day. We were very pleasantly surprised at how well he reacted to the insulin. We were so happy to find out he'd only need one shot a day, not the two we anticipated. He's done very well with a good diet and insulin injections. He's a very good patient...after he finishes breakfast, he goes right into the bathroom and takes his shots with no problem. He's had one other day at the vet for a glucose curve. He'll go back next week for another. The vet feels he has a really good chance at remission! Fingers crossed! Thanks again to Dr. Gentilella. He was so supportive and helpful with all that Hobie needs and keeping us in the know about diabetic cats. I've kept him updated with Hobie's treatment.

Hobie is such a sweet kitty and he's kind to everyone. He's been very tolerant of our most recent home improvement project--putting in new flooring. He takes the noise in stride and isn't afraid of any of it. I'm sending a few cute pictures of him...please excuse the flooring construction mess!

Thank you to all at the SPCA for helping us get Hobie! We're so happy we have him!

Cristina





# Meet Linda Haley

## Our new Behavior & Training Associate!

Please welcome Linda Haley as our new Behavior and Training Associate. She will be teaching dog training classes as well as working with the dogs in the shelter. Linda is a Karen Pryor Academy Certified Training Partner and a Certified Pet Dog Trainer thru the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. She has volunteered at the MSPCA at Nevins Farm walking and training dogs and was a member of the Mod Squad. She has worked as an Adoption Counselor and a Volunteer Coordinator at the Salem Animal Rescue League and has volunteered at the New England Equine Rescue working with horses. She has taught group dog training classes as well as private consultations at various locations. Linda is passionate about animal welfare and particularly likes working with

rescue dogs. In addition, she has competed in Obedience trials with her first dog.

Linda is also a licensed chiropractor and owns her own business. She currently practices part-time and she is working to become certified in animal chiropractic.

When she is not training dogs or adjusting spines, she can be found running in the woods with her dog Cally or sailing on the ocean. She currently lives in West Newbury, MA. Linda is pictured here with animals who are currently at the NHSPCA and up for adoption!

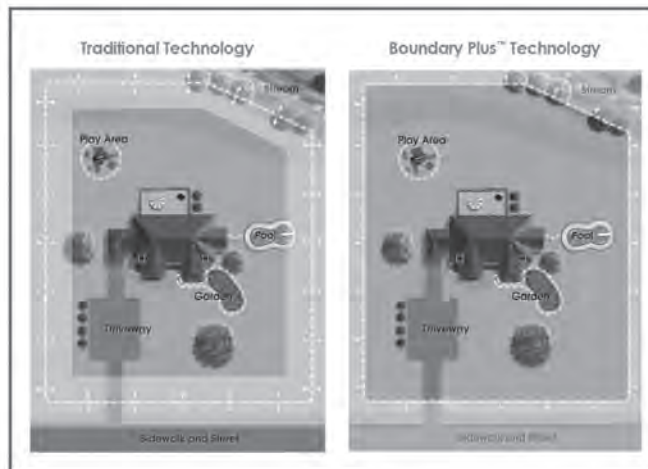


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# Rolling Meadows

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## 2017 Volunteer News & Recognition

Another summer has come and gone, and NHSPCA volunteers were at the shelter every day, caring for the animals both inside and out. New volunteers continue to sign up for volunteer orientations and are then trained to care for the cats and small animals, walk dogs, work in the barn and paddocks, or help with Humane Education or in the Administration and Development departments.



While the majority of volunteers help with direct animal care, there are many Volunteers who help to sustain the shelter in other ways. Our volunteers were out in the community, representing the agency in many ways. Among the events and activities NHSPCA volunteers have helped with in the last three months were off-site adoptions, our very popular “Yappy Hour” events, Rabies Clinics, and distributing posters and newsletters. By participating in activities outside the shelter, volunteers have many opportunities to educate and inform the public about the NHSPCA’s mission and goals.

For our United Way Fall Day of Caring, a group of employees

from Amadeus Hospitality helped clean the shelter, organized our Humane Education classroom and Auction materials, cut back plants and shrubs around the grounds, and several went to our Rolling Meadows Pet Cemetery to clean gravestones. The NHSPCA is deeply grateful for the support from community businesses such as Amadeus and others who give to us in so many ways.

In our Development department, volunteers performed a variety of tasks that keep our mission going and growing. From making phone calls and writing thank you notes to donors, helping with numerous mailings, and staffing information tables at our Community Outreach events, our Development volunteers are always ready to help in any way they can. For our upcoming Annual Auction for the Animals, volunteers have been soliciting (and donating) auction items, and helping to plan the event. Over 60 volunteers will help on the night of the Auction to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

As we head into the holiday and winter seasons, I know that the NHSPCA volunteers will continue to demonstrate their passion for the animals every day, with tender hearts and gentle hands. Without our volunteers we couldn’t carry out our mission, and we thank them for all that they do for the animals in our care.

Richard Maxfield  
NHSPCA Volunteer Coordinator

### Fall 2017 Volunteer Recognition

During the third quarter of 2017, the following volunteers have achieved milestones for their service to the NHSPCA. We wish to extend our congratulations and deepest gratitude for their service:

#### 25 Hour T-Shirt

Colleen Beane  
Nancy Bottom  
Ron Bottom  
Dezirae Duquette  
Laura Falvo  
Sarah Garrison  
Aidan Grot  
Kathryn Knight  
Kelly Knight  
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Katherine Lukas  
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Elsa Schmeier  
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Ann Smith  
Lynnette Stebbins  
Deidra Stilson  
Cathy Sullivan  
Steven Tosi

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Donna Bean  
Alyssa Brown  
Dezirae Duquette  
Laura Falvo  
Andy Gregg  
Raven Gregg  
Scott Hodgdon  
Morgan Kudlich  
Denise Lamothe  
Eric Landis  
Jan Leavitt  
Katherine Lukas  
Kristen Mandeville  
Peggy Marchand  
Brian Mullane  
Jacqui Oxholm  
Lynnette Stebbins  
Steven Tosi

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Nicole Couillard  
Kate Deveikis  
Shannon Elliott  
Derek Hayward  
Colleen LeBeau  
Kim Pearson  
Linda Rossetti  
Stephen Rowland

#### 500 Hour Name Badge

Lea Butkus  
Kathy Gilmore  
Sarah Knowlton  
Vickie Mason

#### 1000 Hour Name Badge

Jim Collins  
Sandi Cote  
Dave Hersam

#### 3000 Hour Name Badge

Rich Walker

#### 8000 Hour Name Badge

Barbara LeBeau

Shelter from the Storms - Continued from cover...

Thinking of my own family pets, I felt my heart twist at the thought of them being lost and scared in the aftermath of a disaster. I too really wanted to help.

I worried that as shelter with well over 250 animals in our care on any given day that we wouldn't be able to offer much help at all. I shouldn't have worried. We are very fortunate to live in an amazing community of helpers.

First, we relied heavily on our volunteers to help us prepare safe quarantine spaces and to foster animals. We reached out to Great Bay Kennels in Durham to ask for their



help to board some of the new transports. And we asked our supporters to help us make room in our shelter by adopting a pet and helping to spread the word about the urgent need for homes.

Working with a network of shelters, over the course of a few weeks we took in 87 animals impacted by Hurricane Irma and Maria. We met a plane full of cats and dogs from South Florida at Pease Airport in Portsmouth and traveled to New Jersey to fill our sprinter van with cats from the Tampa area. We continue to shelter Sato dogs who have been flown in and have escaped total devastation in Puerto Rico. It's important to know that these animals were homeless prior to the storms. By taking them in, we were able to free up space in local pounds and shelters to allow them to help the animals that were displaced during and after the storm.

It was challenging to manage the influx of additional animals, making sure they were all properly cared for

both medically and emotionally. But knowing that every animal that we took in, allowed another animal to potentially be reunited with a family that was missing them—made the struggle absolutely worth it. Because of the kindness and strength from within our community, we will not turn our backs on people and pets that need help. We simply find a way.

People are good. People are kind—and it doesn't always have to take a disaster to see them. After all, I see them every single day at our shelter. Thank you all for your help.



## notes from *Nellie*

By Paula Parisi, Manager of Humane Ed Programs and Nellie's Mom

Many of our NHSPCA supporters and friends have already learned of the passing of my precious family pet and amazing NHSPCA co-worker, Nellie. I have received so many notes, sympathy cards, hugs and kind smiles, Facebook messages and other expressions of sympathy over her leaving us. Nellie certainly lived a wonderful life! I was fortunate enough to have her come to work with me almost every day for fifteen years. She was adored by so many children over the years. Whether Nellie visited their classroom, wore a fancy dress at their birthday party or was pushed around the shelter in her pink stroller, so many children have fond and vivid memories of interacting with her. When I adopted Nellie in 2002, I had no idea of the impact she would make on me, my family both at home and at work, and all the wonderful friends she made over the years. She was smart, happy, sassy, cuddly and as I always told her, she was the cutest dog in the whole

world! She can never be replaced and I won't even try. The closeness I had with her and the role she played in my personal and professional life is a once in a lifetime bond. This will be our final "Notes From Nellie". Thank you to everyone who loved her over the years and shared expressions of sympathy for her passing; it means a lot to me.



## Danville Girl Scouts Silver Award Project

It is such a pleasure when Girl Scouts come to the NHSPCA and tell us that they want to do a project to help animals. We sit down and brainstorm needs and interests and they always come up with a terrific idea! Chloe and Elizabeth, 14 year old Girl Scouts from Danville, thought that the small animals at the NHSPCA needed a little extra outdoor time in the nice weather so they constructed a safe and portable outdoor enclosure. Using expert advice from family and community members as well as donations from local businesses for materials, Chloe and Elizabeth constructed and delivered their handmade addition to our small animal enrichment program. Look for our bunnies and guinea pigs playing in the grass when the weather warms up!



## Students Help Animals Affected by Hurricanes

The kindergarten, first and second grade students at Exeter's Main Street School were concerned about the animals that needed help after recent hurricanes hit in Texas and Florida. They wanted to help but weren't sure how. NHSPCA Humane Educator Elizabeth Segeberg and her NHSPCA canine alumnus Ruby visited Main Street School and explained how many pets from shelters in the South had come to New Hampshire to find new homes so that pets rescued from the storms could wait in the shelters to be reunited with their owners. These caring students wanted to help take care of all the pets newly arrived at the NHSPCA so the school community collected donations. We are very grateful for the generosity of these students and their families and will use their donation to help make the new arrivals feel welcome in New Hampshire and assist them in finding new homes.



## Our 2017 Summer Camp Garden is a Success!

Every summer, our campers plant and nurture a small outdoor garden that is specifically designed to grow vegetables, plants and herbs that can be fed to our small animals in the classroom and the Adoption Center.



Our campers know fresh is best and we want to provide excellent nutrition for the small animals we care for. This past summer's garden was a huge success! We were fortunate to have our garden

designed by Edie Barker of Barker's Farm Fresh Vegetables right here in Stratham. We harvested veggies all summer long which were enjoyed by all! In the fall, we picked, cleaned and dried our sunflowers to have fresh, plump seeds that we can share with our outdoor animal friends when the weather gets cold. We even have a few classroom pets such as our mice, degus and rats who enjoy these delicious and nutritious treats!



Believe You Can Make a Difference - Continued from cover...

was suffering from years of neglect. Her fur was soiled and matted, and she struggled to walk on long curling toenails. She had advanced dental disease with rotting teeth and painfully inflamed gums that would require surgery to heal.

If you saw the way she tenderly nursed and groomed



her pint sized puppies, your heart would melt. It was amazing to watch her protect her babies, and give them the loving care she herself had gone so long without. Cassie was a good mama and all four pups seemed to be in good health.

Cassie and her pups were placed in a foster home for a few weeks until the babies were old enough to be adopted. And as Cassie healed from her surgery, her spirits revived and by the time Cassie was feeling better, she was like a brand new dog — contagiously joyful with a tail that never stopped. Cassie was starved for attention and was so grateful for any affection. She'd wiggle her way onto your lap, nudging your hand with her long nose, looking up at you with such pure happiness.

Cassie stayed on in foster care to adjust to living in a real home and to work on undoing years of going potty inside. During that time, she really bonded with her foster mother's grandmother who would visit every day. She had recently lost her beloved dachshund Heidi, adopted from our shelter 11 years ago. The minute they met it was as if this perfect pair was a match made in heaven. Today she looks like a brand new dog, her coat is silky and soft, and her eyes sparkle with love for her new family.

This Holiday season, you can help homeless and helpless animals like Cassie receive the love and care they desperately need. Donate now to our Holiday Fund Drive and you'll help save animals from cruelty and suffering

this holiday season. Plus, you'll give years of fulfillment to the loving families who adopt them. Donate now at [www.nhspca.org/HolidayFund](http://www.nhspca.org/HolidayFund).

Thank you!

**"The minute they met it was as if this perfect pair was a match made in heaven."**



## Brilliant deduction! A gift of stock can yield significant benefits for you and the animals.

The stock market has been riding high for quite some time now. On October 17, 2017, the Dow closed at over 23,000 for the first time in history! The news both excites and terrifies those with a stock portfolio.

This incredible run means that many people have stock that has appreciated in value. And along with that gain comes concern. Some folks worry about a possible correction, and losing the value that has been built. Others worry that if they sell the stock they will be facing significant taxes on their gains.

Who would have thought the market going up could be such a worry? The good news is that making a charitable gift of appreciated securities helps with both of those worries. There are benefits for the donor as well as the charity receiving the gift. When you give stocks with appreciated value, you may receive an immediate tax deduction and savings on capital gains taxes. In addition, making your gift with stock may allow you to make a more generous gift while no longer worrying about the volatility of the market.

As you are considering your year-end charitable giving, please review your portfolio and give a gift that helps the animals and your tax planning as well.

### How it Works.

1. Simply contact your broker and request that your appreciated stocks be transferred to the New Hampshire SPCA.
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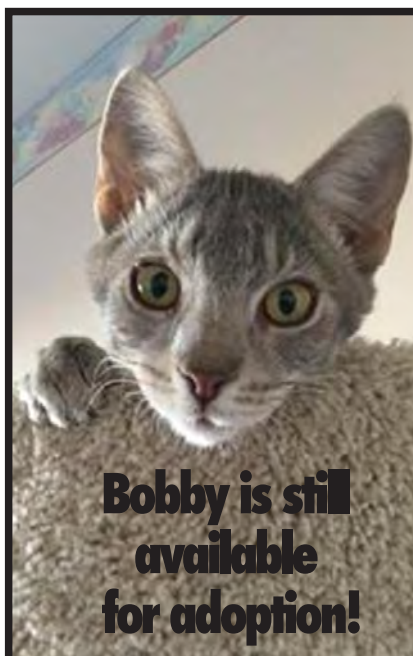
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