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# From the Executive Director

Community support is critical whether you run an animal shelter or a business. A local business is celebrating the support they have had for 100 years by giving back to the community. The Cabot House, a family run business, is marking their 100th anniversary and thanking its friends and customers by holding an event they are calling Chairs for Charity on November 23rd at the Portsmouth Harbor Events and Conference Center.

We are excited to be part of this gala, which will benefit Cocheco Valley Humane Society, Jaden's Ladder, Habitat for Humanity SENH, and AIDS Response Seacoast. The evening will feature dinner, live music, a silent auction, and a live auction featuring 6 chairs painted by amazing artists, including Greg Mort, Jay Schadler, Mary Blum, and others.

Anyone wishing to attend or donate is welcome to contact me at 603-749-5322. Mark your calendars now for this wonderful night because it is sure to be a sell out and seating is limited!

Leslie Heindl  
Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE

## CHAIRS FOR CHARITY

NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2013

6PM - COCKTAIL RECEPTION  
AT CABOT HOUSE

7PM - GALA EVENT AT  
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OF SIX CHAIRS PAINTED  
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# Salmon Falls Family Healthcare Donates Impressive \$90,000 to Cochecho Valley Humane Society

The staff and directors of Cochecho Valley Humane Society are excited to announce a new partnership with Salmon Falls Family Healthcare to establish an Animal Wellness Fund that will be dedicated to the medical needs and care of the 2,300 animals CVHS serves each year. With the extremely generous support of CEO Dr. Michael O'Connell, owner of Salmon Falls and also the 11 PainCare facilities throughout NH, a monthly contribution of \$7,500 will be made to the fund to cover approximately half of the costs associated with providing quality care for the animals.

The cost of veterinary supplies and services continues to increase. Every animal at CVHS receives thorough medical exams by the shelter's team of veterinarians and necessary vaccinations and wellness treatments. In addition, 100% of the animals adopted by CVHS are spayed or neutered. "The average cost to care for an animal can range from \$100 for a basic medical exam, vaccinations and spay/neuter services to well over \$1,000 depending on the medical condition of the animal" according to CVHS Executive Director, Leslie Heindl. "Inability to pay for animal's medical treatments is one of the primary reasons for animal surrenders and the economic downturn has resulted in more animals being surrendered with critical medical issues than ever before. With this generous support from Dr. Michael O'Connell, we are able to more easily absorb the increased costs associated with caring for these animals. We all thank him from the bottom of our hearts. He is really improving the quality of life for all of the animals at CVHS," she added.

Because of his compassion for animals, Dr. O'Connell has adopted countless pets from CVHS over the years, and has also donated \$20,000 annually as part of the holiday match program. His selflessness cannot be matched, however, when it comes to CVHS. "On behalf of the dedicated staff at Salmon Falls Family Healthcare, I am proud to launch this new Animal Wellness Fund. I support the important work and mission of CVHS and am pleased to have an opportunity to directly impact the shelter's ability to continue reinforcing its mission in the community. CVHS still needs more help to cover medical costs, so I would encourage other businesses to join me in supporting this important initiative, as well," O'Connell noted.

Salmon Falls Family Healthcare is the oldest independent family practice in the area and employs over two dozen medical staff. Salmon Falls Family Healthcare utilizes state-of-the-art electronic medical

records, in-house billing and scheduling, and has its own high complexity CLIA-compliant lab facility providing shorter wait times, convenience, and consistency of care. For more information contact 603-4018 or visit [www.SalmonFallsMD.com](http://www.SalmonFallsMD.com). Those interested in learning more about contributing to the Animal Wellness Fund should contact Leslie Heindl at Cochecho Valley Humane Society at 603-749-5322.



**Pictured (from left to right): Karen Zaramba, CVHS Board Chair; Leslie Heindl, CVHS Executive Director (holding CVHS alumni Cotton); Dawn Daigle, Practice Manager Salmon Falls Family Healthcare; and Dr. Michael O'Connell, CEO Salmon Falls Family Healthcare**

# Outdoor Movies to Benefit Animal Shelter

This summer, Cocheco Valley Humane Society and the Dover UNO Chicago Grill teamed up to present two outdoor movies to benefit the animal shelter. “UNOs does a lot to support our shelter,” explains CVHS Promotions Coordinator Alaina Goodnough. “We were having a meeting with them about a different fundraiser when this brilliant idea came up to hold outdoor movies during the summer. We thought it would be a great opportunity for families and pet owners to have a fun night out while supporting the shelter.”

CVHS and UNOs kicked off their outdoor movies on July 27th with a presentation of *The Goonies* followed by *Back to the Future* on August 24th. As an added bonus, each movie started with a showing of a cartoon and, in the case of *The Goonies*, ended with the music video for Cyndi Lauper’s “The Goonies R Good Enough”.

With perfect weather both nights, each movie attracted between thirty and forty supporters, many of whom brought their four-legged friends with them. UNOs offered a special pizza, soda, and popcorn combo meal both nights with a portion of proceeds being donated to CVHS.

Volunteers from the shelter were on hand both nights to sell raffle tickets (see page 8 to learn more about our upcoming raffles) and talk about the shelter. Guests were also invited to test their knowledge of the two classic 80s movies with a movie trivia contest, the winner of which was rewarded with a CVHS logo water bottle filled with candy.

Following the success of the first two movies, CVHS will be offering a third movie at the end of September. “We are thrilled to be partnering with the North East Paranormal Associates (NEPA) for a paranormal 101 presentation and a showing of the movie *Ghostbusters*,” Alaina says. This special event is scheduled to take place at 7pm on September 21st at the Dover UNO Chicago Grill.

“We’re waiting for confirmation from a special location to add a ghost hunt after the movie,” Alaina adds. For all the latest news about this final movie and paranormal event, including information about the potential ghost hunt, be sure to “like” Cocheco Valley Humane Society on Facebook.

## Meet Our Cover Dog



Boomer is a lovable Beagle who came to Cocheco Valley Humane Society as a stray. This gentle boy has had a pretty rough life and is ready to retire in a comfortable and loving home.

When Boomer first arrived at the shelter, he was in very poor condition. Severely flea infested and suffering from hair loss, even walking proved difficult for his weak body. An exam at the shelter

revealed that, in addition to being unneutered, his teeth were in bad condition, leaving his mouth in constant pain.

Two surgeries and a lot of love later, Boomer is now ready to start the next chapter of his life. This once too-weak-to-walk dog now enjoys leisurely strolls with the volunteers. He is looking for a quiet home with a patient owner willing to take on an older dog.

Will you be the one who gives Boomer the loving home he deserves? Hurry in and meet this wonderful boy!



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# DEARDENZI

Send your question to [devassist@cvhsonline.org](mailto:devassist@cvhsonline.org).

Please put Dear Denzi in the subject bar.

Dear Denzi,  
Halloween is coming up and my parents like to dress me in a costume every year. I don't mind it, but my fellow canine brother is a Hallo-weenie and gets upset if he's dressed up, so our parents always leave him out of the fun. Can't he just deal with it for one night?  
- Howling for Halloween

Dear Howling,  
Your parents are right to leave your brother out of the Halloween activities if he does not enjoy them. While some animals don't mind being dressed in costumes, others are frightened – especially if the costume blocks their vision or impacts the way they move. Animals should never be forced to wear a costume as they might hurt themselves trying to take it off. Enjoy your special one-on-one time with your parents and let your brother enjoy his quiet time away from the activities.

Dear Denzi,  
I love to give kisses to my people, but everyone pushes me away and tells me my breath stinks. I'm so embarrassed! What can I do to fix my offensive breath?  
- Potty Mouth Pooch

Dear Potty Mouth,  
Many pets suffer from bad breath, and there are many different causes. First of all,

make sure your parents are brushing your teeth regularly. If your teeth are in bad shape, have your parents take you for a cleaning at the vet. It may not be fun, but clean teeth are the first step towards fresh breath – and a clean mouth will help prevent other illnesses, too! If a good teeth cleaning doesn't help you, your diet may be to blame. Fish flavored foods can give you some really stinky breath, so be sure to avoid them! Ask your parents to get you some special dental treats and chew toys, too – they'll help keep your teeth clean and your breath fresh!

Dear Denzi,  
My feet have been really itchy lately! My parents tell me to stop licking and chewing them, but I can't help it! What's wrong?  
- Itching for More Information

Dear Itching,  
It's likely that you have an allergy, either to food or something in the environment. Have your parents wash your feet when you come in from outside and keep away from any area that may have been treated with chemicals. If you still suffer from itchy feet and find it's not related to the environment, you should try a different food. You might need grain-free or hypo-allergenic food. Talk to your vet about the best plan for you!

# CVHS Dog Walk a Success

On June 23rd, CVHS held one of its largest fundraisers of the year, Tails to Trails and the 19th annual walk for the animals. Despite the humid weather and threat of rain, more than 100 people turned up at the event to show their support and help raise more than \$20,000 for the animals.



Although the event has undergone many transformations over the years, this year's walk was all about bringing the dog walk "home". Taking place on the lawn of the Strafford County Courthouse, where the event originated 19 years ago, the festivities included both the current

Humane Society, located just up the road, and the new land where CVHS plans to build a new facility, just steps from the courthouse.

"We really want to show people the past, present, and future of CVHS," says Courtney Norberg, an intern at the Humane Society who created displays for the event featuring the history of the shelter, the current struggles faced by the staff with the aging facility, and plans for a new building. Guests were able to tour the current shelter as well as see drawings and a model of the proposed new shelter.

Twelve lucky participants in the walk for the animals discovered strands of pearls that had been generously donated by Jewelry Creations in Dover. The strands had been hidden along the walk route, which travelled past the shelter before winding through the woods and alongside the Cocheco River. Vendors and demonstrations rounded out the day, including a loose-leash demonstration by Petco and readings from a pet psychic.

Thank you to our hosts Mark Ericson and Karen Kiley from WOKQ, our top sponsor Rochester Toyota, and the vendors, volunteers, and participants who helped make this event a success. Be sure to join us next year when our walk will be celebrating its 20th year!



A view from the walk route

# als for aws

Looking for a new way to give back to the community?

Cocheco Valley Humane Society invites you to lend a helping paw to our shelter with our new Pals for Paws sponsorship program.

Pals for Paws sponsors are area corporations, businesses, individuals, families, and organizations that provide a donation to assist with operating costs for the shelter. Sponsorships help with shelter operations such as utilities, cleaning supplies, food, medicine, vaccines, kennel supplies, and other necessities that are an important part of the shelter's operating budget.

Our organization is deeply grateful to the following individuals and businesses who have joined the Pals for Paws sponsorship program:

## **Gold Paw Level**

Federal Savings Bank  
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Barbara Dehne

## **Silver Paw Level**

Bob's Clam Hut

## **Bronze Paw Level**

Versacon  
Penelope Peterson  
David and Christine Entrekin  
Dr. Robert Wyand – Great Falls Veterinary Hospital

Your support is essential to the success of our organization. It is because of your donations that CVHS is able to provide food, medical care, shelter, and love to more than 2,000 animals each year. If you'd like to learn more about the Pals for Paws sponsorship program, visit our website at [www.cvhsonline.org/palsforpaws.cfm](http://www.cvhsonline.org/palsforpaws.cfm).

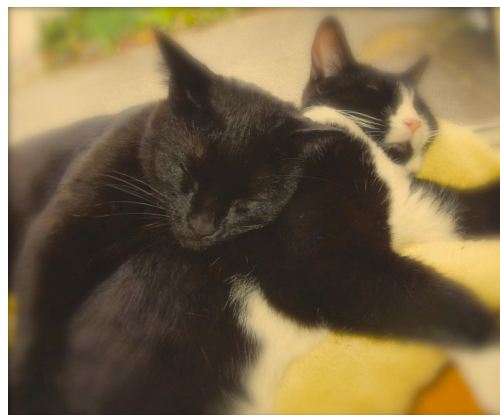
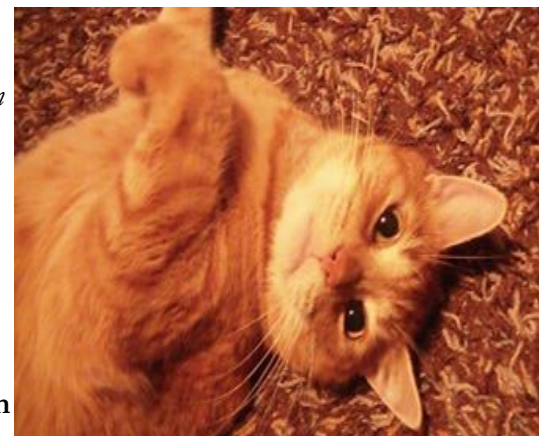
Donations can also be made in honor or memory of a friend, loved one, or beloved pet. Consider making a donation to CVHS in lieu of wedding or birthday gifts! Go to [www.cvhsonline.org](http://www.cvhsonline.org) to learn more about how you can make a difference in the lives of the shelter animals.

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# Favorites

*Linus (formerly known as Tubby Yum Yums) is just wrapping up his fourth night in his new home. He adjusted almost immediately and is soaking up all the love and attention he can get. He's truly the best cat that anyone could ask for and we're incredibly lucky to call him family now!*

- submitted by **Paige Boynton**

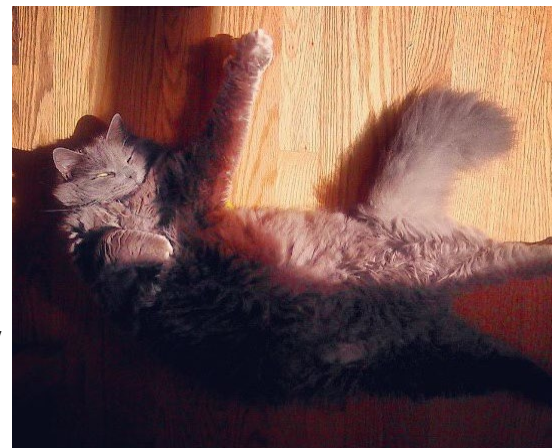


*Spot & Cheetos...adopted in May and then June, are forever inseparable and in love with one another.*

- submitted by **Michele Sheldon**

*All that fur makes BearBear a pretty darn chill boy on a hot week! thanks for this guy CVHS...he was returned to you twice in one year for "not getting along with other animals" and for "needing special food"... we took a chance on him and he has cat friends and he sleeps with our dog (also a rescue)...he gets along with the kids and he's just all around a wonderful love bug and happy as can be! We've had him over two years now, and he fits right in with our family, his home for the rest of his life no matter what! .... keep up the good work! BearBear says THANKS!*

- submitted by **Erin Duquette**



Be sure to "like" Cocheco Valley Humane Society on Facebook to get updates about all the exciting things happening around the shelter and our many wonderful animals looking for their new forever homes!

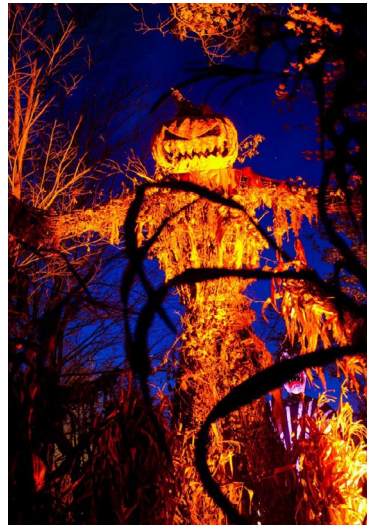
## Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics at Cocheco Valley

Thanks to a partnership with All Pets Mobile Veterinary Clinic, Cocheco Valley Humane Society is now able to offer low-cost spay/neuter clinics at the shelter to the public. Taking place at the end of the month, these clinics are currently available for dogs and cats only. Space is currently available for the next clinic, which will be taking place on September 25th. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up now! To learn more about the clinics, pricing, and to reserve a space for you pet, please call the CVHS Medical Manager Tracie Winslow at 603-749-5322 ext 103.



## CVHS Kicks Off Halloween With New Haunted Overload Event

Calling all Halloween lovers! This year, CVHS will be celebrating its third year as a partner with local Halloween attraction Haunted Overload. Haunted Overload, located at DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee, NH, has been consistently voted one of the top Halloween attractions in the country. As a supporter of CVHS, they donate 10% of their profits to the shelter each year, a donation which currently totals over \$24,000!



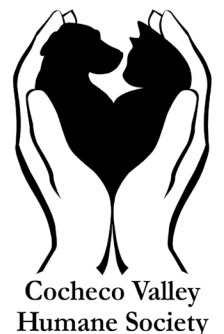
To start this year's Halloween season with a bang, CVHS will be holding a Haunted Overload kick-off party called Howl for the Animals on Saturday, October 12th from 11am to 2pm at DeMeritt Hill Farm. Halloween lovers of all ages are invited to enjoy pumpkin decorating, games, and a costume contest where we will award prizes for best adult, child, and pet costumes as well as "most original".

A special feature of the day will be the official opening of the Haunted Overload day haunt. Guests will be able to trick-or-treat through the haunt in the safety of daylight and interact with some of the not-so-scary characters that are part of the show.

"The day haunt is a great opportunity for guests to see and appreciate the artistry of Haunted Overload," says Kelly Bowen, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator at CVHS.

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## WHERE BEST FRIENDS MEET



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“The haunt is incredibly detailed and beautifully made, but it’s impossible to see all the work that goes into it when you’re being chased by someone with a chainsaw,” she adds. Completely scare-free, the day haunt is a great introduction to Haunted Overload, especially for guests who might be too scared to enjoy to the full show.

In addition to all the Halloween fun, CVHS will also be offering three special raffles that will be drawn at the end of the event. Tickets will be available at Howl for the Animals for \$1 each or 7 for \$5 for the following prizes:

#### A Keurig Coffee Machine

#### A Dine Around Package

Featuring the following gift certificates:

- \$25 Johnson’s Seafood and Steak
- \$25 Harvey’s Bakery and Coffee Shop
- \$50 Third Street Grill
- \$30 Cartelli’s Bar and Grill
- \$25 Chilis
- \$30 Ship to Shore Food and Spirits
- \$25 The Riverworks Restaurant and Tavern
- \$25 Cafe Espresso
- \$25 Pink Cadillac Diner
- \$25 The Kitchen on Islington
- \$50 Windjammers
- \$50 Granite Steak and Grill

#### A Getaway Package

Including:

- Overnight stay for 2 with breakfast at Three Chimney’s Inn
- Around of golf at Rockingham Country Club
- A 50 gift certificate to Harbor’s Edge restaurant at the Sheraton Portsmouth

Be sure to join Cochecho Valley Humane Society on October 12th from 11am to 2pm for Howl for the Animals, our Haunted Overload kick-off party! For more information, go to [www.cvhsonline.org/howl.cfm](http://www.cvhsonline.org/howl.cfm)

To learn more about Haunted Overload, see pictures from past years, and purchase tickets for this year’s show, go to their website at: [www.hauntedoverload.com](http://www.hauntedoverload.com).

Volunteer actors are always needed to help make the haunt a truly terrifying experience. To get involved, click on the “Howl for the Animals Volunteer Program” section on the Haunted Overload website.

# CVHS Yard Sale

Saturday, September 21st

8am to Noon

Dover UNO Chicago Grill



## HOWL FOR THE ANIMALS

HAUNTED OVERLOAD KICK-OFF PARTY

Howl for the Animals



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013

11AM TO 2PM

DEMERRITT HILL FARM

LEE, NH

- Pumpkin decorating
- Adult, child, and pet costume contests
- Trick-or-Treat through Haunted Overload
- Games, raffles, and more!



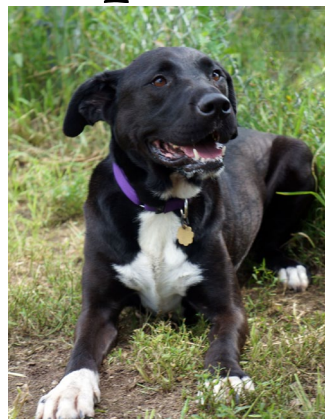
# The Faces of CVHS - Adoptable Pets



I'm **ROCKY**! I am a very sweet boy. I love to play frisbee and am very eager to please. I also love to relax by your side and be with you all the time. I get anxious when you go away and when it thunders outside, but if you give me clear boundaries I will try to behave.

I would love a home with a patient owner who has lots of time for me. I'm currently in a foster home because the shelter is too stressful for me.

**Age:** 7 years **Sex:** Neutered Male  
**Breed:** Labrador mix



**GABBY** is a very sweet 4-year-old Labrador Retriever who is looking for a new home. This gentle girl is very well behaved and is happy to cuddle by your side. She also loves water and would love a family that is willing to take her swimming! Gabby must go to a dog-free home as she does not get along with any other dogs.

**Age:** 4 years **Sex:** Spayed Female  
**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

The adorable **BETSY** came to CVHS as a stray. Because of a neurological condition that affects her sight, we would consider her a special needs cat.

Currently living in an office at the shelter, Betsy enjoys exploring and playing. She can be affectionate and enjoys being cuddled and loved. She would do best with an experienced owner in a quiet home - preferably without stairs!

**Age:** 1 year **Sex:** Spayed Female  
**Breed:** Domestic Short Hair



I'm **TRIXI** and I am tiny and grey and have huge amber eyes. I'm pretty much still a kitten and, if you try to walk by me, I will reach out and paw you. I'm a little goofball who is right up at the front of my cage whenever I see a person, hoping that they will be The One... the one I can play with, and rub up against, and talk to (I'm a talker). I'm little pixie Trixi, and I'm waiting for you. Hurry!

**Age:** 2 years **Sex:** Spayed Female  
**Breed:** Domestic Short Hair



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# Get Involved at CVHS: Volunteer!

Cocheco Valley Humane Society is gearing up for a fall and winter full of fun events. Thanks to our wonderful team of volunteers, we're able to be out and about in the community virtually every weekend from the end of September until after Christmas.

After our showing of Ghostbusters in September (see page 3) and special Howl for the Animals event in early October (see page 7) we'll jump into a busy Halloween season with our friends at Haunted Overload at DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee, NH. While our Howl for the Animals event officially opens the day haunt portion of the attraction on October 12th, the full shows run from October 18th through November 2nd.

Volunteers are integral to every part of **Haunted Overload**, from clearing trails and building the haunt during the off season to directing cars and scaring guests on show nights in October. CVHS will be looking for volunteers to help every night of the haunt as well as during the day for the special day haunt hours. There are multiple jobs available for volunteers to help with each night.

After Halloween, the shelter quickly shifts into holiday mode as we start our annual **JC Penney Holiday Fundraiser**. Taking place almost every Saturday and Sunday in November and December at the Fox Run Mall in Newington, NH, this annual Christmastime fundraiser for the animals is staffed almost exclusively by members of the CVHS volunteer program. Each weekend, volunteers collect donations, sell CVHS retail items, and bring their friendly Kissing Booth Dogs to greet holiday shoppers, often raising between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for the shelter animals.

Volunteers are essential to CVHS, not just for the day-to-day caring of the animals, but for the special events that help us raise money for the shelter, as well. If you're interested in learning more about how you can be a part of our upcoming fundraisers, please contact the CVHS Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator Kelly Bowen at 603-749-5322 ex. 113 or [volunteerc@cvhsonline.org](mailto:volunteerc@cvhsonline.org). Volunteers must be at least 14 years old and are required to submit an application, which is available on the CVHS website at [www.cvhsonline.org](http://www.cvhsonline.org). Every volunteer makes a difference in the life of a shelter animal!



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## About Cocheco Valley Humane Society

Cocheco Valley Humane Society (CVHS) is a community-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the humane treatment of animals in Strafford County, NH and Southern Maine. Every year, we provide a safe haven to more than 2,000 surrendered, lost, abused, neglected, or unwanted animals. Our mission is to provide quality, compassionate care and shelter to our animals, in partnership with education the community concerning animal treatment and welfare.

CVHS is only as strong as the support we receive from our community. There are several ways individuals, organizations, and businesses can help us sustain our mission.

## JOIN US

### Become a supporter:

- Support our mission financially
- Donate goods or services
- Sponsor an event
- Host a donation bank
- Host a fundraiser, supply drive,  
or off-site adoption

### Volunteer:

- Help provide care, socialization  
and love to our animals
- Become a foster parent
- Join a CVHS committee
- Assist with community outreach  
and fundraising events

For information on how to support the animals of CVHS,  
visit our website at [www.cvhsonline.org](http://www.cvhsonline.org)