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"Champion's Fund" **Providing a Road to Recovery**

By Karen Fogarty, Manager of Shelter Operations.

In years past, an animal that arrived in serious distress was left with few options for treatment. Those with known medical conditions were left with no alternatives. With limited training, supplies and incredibly limited resources, the shelter had to make difficult decisions on a daily basis. The staff was faced with determining which animals they could treat, trying to save as many as possible. It was heartbreaking.

Champion's Fund was created in 2007 to help pay for costly medical procedures. Named after a gentle 9 month old German Shephard mix, that arrived with a deformed right front leg, Champion was able to receive the surgery he needed. Now with the ever growing support of our community, numerous animals are benefiting from his fund every year.

2009 was a year defined by medical emergencies; families with no options to help their beloved pets, and strays with no one to speak for them, we were there to provide that love, care, compassion and medical attention so greatly needed by these animals. You may remember some of these animals in need when they became their own "poster child", asking the community for help. You answered...thank you. Meet a few of whose lives have been changed.

Tilly

"Tilly", a Labrador puppy with personality plus... and little hope, was diagnosed with an ectopic ureter (which causes the animal to leak urine as the urine bypasses the bladder). This condition usually results in euthanasia due to the costly surgery, extensive aftercare



and the high risk involved with the surgery. The generosity of a local veterinarian, Dr.

James McKiernan of Great Bay Animal Hospital, allowed for a chance at hope for Tilly. With the help of Champions Fund, she was afforded an ultrasound, a much needed step to ensure that the surgery had the best chance of success.

Options were discussed and the decision was made to remove her ureter and kidney from the affected side. Tilly started her very own fundraiser to cover the cost of her surgery and the response went above and beyond! She had a fan page with followers checking on her status regularly...she is an amazing girl.

The surgery itself (intensive and extensive) lasted a few hours and required much attention and dedication post procedure. She was sent to a well qualified foster home for that recovery and has done wonderfully. Just recently, she made her way to her new loving permanent home!

Serenity

Some of the most touching were those that, just a few years ago, would have been left with no op-

tions to even consider. Late on a Sunday afternoon, a woman arrived with a large black cat, and stated she could no longer afford to care for him. Upon examining our new friend it was revealed he was suffering from blockage of the urinary tract, an incredibly painful and dire situation. He needed immediate attention! Dr. Jim McKiernan was contacted and we began to address the matter immediately. A major surgery was planned for the very next day. Without this lifesaving procedure Serenity would certainly not be with us today. After months of recovery, he awaits a new loving home.

Punky

"Punky" belonged to no one. Being fed for months by a concerned citizen, no one claimed she was part of their family. She was surrendered, unspayed and with no information about her past. Sadly, no one knew of her potentially life threatening condition. She was found to have several, enormous mammary tumors. Unsure if we could save her,

she was seen by Dr. Jaine Bloom for a consult. I am happy to report (as I watch her lay in the sun while



she recovers), she is healthy, happy and well. She will be ready for a new home soon!

Chi-Chi

"Chi-Chi"...now known as "Daisy Fiona Cricket" (yes, the staff fought over her name and she is so spectacular...she earned three

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Passing of the **Stethoscope**

A big THANK YOU to Dr. Cynthia Hoisington of **Animal Health Center in**

Rochester who served as our Vet of Record for the last few years. Your time, energy, and patience are greatly appreciated by CVHS and especially the animals you so lovingly cared for. You will always be a member of the CVHS family.

With the departure of Dr. Hoisington, we welcome our new Vet of Record, Dr. Sarah **Proctor**. Dr. Proctor is the new Veterinarian at the Thompson School at UNH. She graduated from UNH in 1996 and got her DVM from Cornell University in 2000. It has always been her desire to teach, so when Dr. Z retired in 2009, it gave Sarah the opportunity to pursue her passion and return to her alma mater.

She feels that it is important for students to get

hands-on training and to have a better understanding of how an animal shelter works. CVHS will provide that opportunity. Sarah volunteered her time at the shelter while a student at UNH.

Dr. Proctor is married and has two cats and two rabbits. Her hobbies include tennis, soccer, reading and knitting.

Please welcome Dr. Sarah Proctor to the CVHS family.

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Thank you Dr. Cindy Hoisington for all you've done for the animals!

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Cocheco Valley Humane Society

is a community funded nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting humane treatment of animals. The Society's mission is to provide quality, compassionate care and shelter to our animals, in partnership with educating the community concerning animal treatment and welfare.

From the Executive Director's Desk

Well, we made it through another winter. The hot weather has arrived, some say a bit too early, but it is a nice change.



The animals seem to be enjoying the warmer weather. They do not like it when it gets too hot, but the dogs have the luxury of taking a swim if the heat is too unbearable.

With the warmer weather it is very important that the family

pet not be left outside without a shaded area and plenty of clean water. Also, never leave your pet in a closed and/or locked car. The inside temperature of an automobile can rise rapidly and cause the animal to dehydrate and possibly lose consciousness. The same is true for any other companion animals. Stop and think before you lock your pet in the car.

The first half of the year has been very busy here at CVHS. The 13th Annual Creature Comforts Dessert Tasting held on Sunday, March 21st was a huge success. We thank the event sponsors for their generosity, local individuals and businesses for their auction donations, Regatta Ballroom for hosting the event, Mark Ericson of WOKQ for serving as emcee, and Juston McKinney for entertaining the crowd...and thank you to everyone who attended!

Our off site adoption locations have expanded and we have been out and about in the community, from schools to the local restaurants. We look forward to the 5^{th} annual Summer Sun & Fun Craft Festival on July 10^{th} and Paws in the Park and the 16^{th} annual Walk for the Animals on September 26^{th} .

Enclosed in this addition of the newsletter is the 2009 Annual Report. Please take a look at it and give us your feedback. We would love to hear from you.

How do you like the new format of the newsletter? We are trying to be fiscally responsible and go a little bit green. Don't forget to send us your email address if you want the electronic version.

Thank you to the board, staff, volunteers, donors and friends of CVHS. Your continued support and commitment to the care of the animals is amazing.

On behalf of those with no voice,

Martha Jo Hewitt

Christmas in July

Please leave something under our tree!

With over 100 pets awaiting new homes, we need your help to get through this busy summer season.

With your support, it's like Christmas all summer long!

Our Christmas Wish List

Canned puppy and kitten food
Paper towels
Kitty Litter
Laundry detergent
Dry kitten food
Dry cat food
Dog toys
30 gallon trash bags

Items can be left under the tree in our lobby during operating hours
Tues - Sun after 11 am.





Get Fit with Fido!

Are you tired of trying to find time to go to the gym? No problem! Join the Cocheco Valley Humane Society volunteer program and Get Fit with Fido!

CVHS relies on volunteers to help walk and socialize dogs that are available for adoption. Going on walks offers a lot of benefits to the shelter dogs. In addition to giving them a break from their kennel, a walk helps them learn some basic leash manners - which will be greatly appreciated by their new owner!

A walk also has a lot of added physical and mental health benefits for shelter dogs. Along with helping to prevent obesity, regular physical activity helps them release stored up energy which, in turn, helps prevent such unwanted behaviors as barking and destructive chewing. Every minute you spend with a shelter dog helps socialize and prepare them for their new forever home

Walking isn't just healthy for the dogs; it's healthy for you, too! Walking is a great workout for people of all ages and abilities. Not only is it great for weight loss, it helps reduce the risk of heart disease, increases cardiovascular and pulmonary fitness, helps build stronger bones, and increases balance.

By volunteering to walk shelter dogs, you'll have a fun workout at no cost. Also, when the "trainer" waiting for you each day is a dog, you'll actually look forward to exercising. Dogs are ideal partners for getting in shape - they offer lots of love and are always willing to walk at your pace.

What Do Pets Teach Children?

Parents often bring pets into the family to teach children responsibility. It's a familiar scene at Cocheco Valley Humane Society. The child stands by the pet of choice and begs mom or dad to take the pet home.

"I'll help! I promise to" walk the dog, change the cat's litter box, or feed the rabbit. Of course, it's great if our children are involved in the pet's care. But adding a pet to a family can bring much more to a child's life than added chores.

Communication skills are practiced when children have pets. Children

slight cues

their pets

give them to indicate

their feel-



ings. They can later Sam is available for adoption. apply this

lesson to people because they are able to watch for body language

and apply that to relationships.

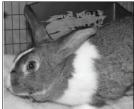
Children often become curious about the emotions their pets feel. Animals offer a chance for children to explore. Their interest can help children feel more comfortable relating to other people around them.

If properly supervised by adults, a child can learn to take care of another living being, and can take pleasure in keeping their pet healthy and happy. This responsibility is best learned when parent and child work together. It can strengthen family relationships and create that worthwhile feeling of a job well done.

Children go through life under constant evaluation. They are rated by their behavior, grades and athletic performance. The older the child the more often they feel criticized. Pets just want company. And they accept the attention of a child without judgment. They are happy to see their family under any circumstances. If a child is lonely, a pet

will provide company and consolation. This helps a child cope with their feelings and can build confidence as they sort through life's many issues.

Yes, pets do teach children valuable skills, ways of coping with daily life. Thanks



Destiny is waiting for a home.

to our animals, maybe our children will be happier and healthier. And that is certainly worth the investment of love, time and effort every pet needs.

Jane Kennedy is CVHS's Humane Education Coordinator. Jane is available to speak to schools and groups regarding care of pets. Jane may be reached at humaneed@cvhsonline.org.

Get Fit with Fido con't

Joining the CVHS volunteer program is easy. To get started, fill out and return a volunteer application. Applications are available in the shelter and on our website, cvhsonline.org. An orientation and training session are mandatory before you begin working with the animals. The Volunteer Coordinator will work with you individually to determine a schedule based on your availability. You'll then receive all the training and materials you need to feel comfortable handling the dogs.

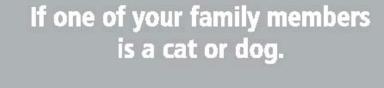
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Abandonment a Crime - CVHS Provides Assistance

It happens late at night, after the staff has gone for the evening or early in the morning before the building comes back to life. An animal is left on the door step of the Cocheco Valley Humane Society with no form of identification. The animal is scared and left out in the elements with no food or water until the dedicated staff arrives to find and then care for the abandoned pet.

This scenario happens more often than we can imagine. Over the last few months several dogs, cats and kittens have been found by a staff member at the shelter, scared and alone.

Many of us are facing financial hardships and having to surrender your family pet can be very difficult. CVHS has a Pet Food Assistance Program that can help you

keep your pet in your home. After completing an application and being approved, the shelter can provide food for your dog and/or cat. CVHS supports the human-animal bond. Please use the services that CVHS has to offer before you make that desperate step.

Abandonment is a crime. If you can no longer care for your pet(s) do not abandon them. Please call the Cocheco Valley Humane Society at (603) 749-5322 to schedule an appointment so you can bring the animal to the shelter.

If you cannot make an appointment, bring the animal to the shelter during operating hours and speak with a staff member. Just don't drop them off.

We are here to help!

names!) was brought in after being seen for several weeks in the downtown Dover area. Surely, she belonged to someone at some time,

but we will never know.

Champion's Fund

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You would have never known just by

looking at

her that



she was suffering from a very serious injury. She rolled and purred so contently. She limped ever so slightly and upon further examination, it was revealed that her back leg was shattered. Requiring orthopedic surgery to repair the leg was a tall order. Luckily, our friend Dr. Geoffrey Clark of VESH and our donors, came through once again and to provide the necessary surgery! Miss. Cricket is now recovering in a foster home as she receives the necessary physical therapy to ensure a full recovery. She too will be ready for a new home soon!

5 In addition, many strays were able to receive assistance this year as well. Sadly, many cats are left outside, defenseless against the fast moving cars that rush by them. Many arrived on our doorstep, hit by a car and in serious condition. Our staff, volunteers and the veterinary community provided a voice for these injured animals with supportive care, wound repair, radiographs to look for broken bones, a name and LOVE. Sadly, we are not able to save them all, but at the very least they were offered comfort and a chance at hope

Such intensive treatments were well beyond CVHS's reach not too long ago. Champions Fund has truly allowed for so many lifesaving procedures! We now have well trained staff, the correct supplies on hand, dedicated volunteers, veterinarians just a phone call away and a functioning and thriving support system afforded to CVHS by this community. I am proud to say that CVHS is able to meet all of our animals needs quickly, effectively and most importantly compassionately. We certainly have come a long way!

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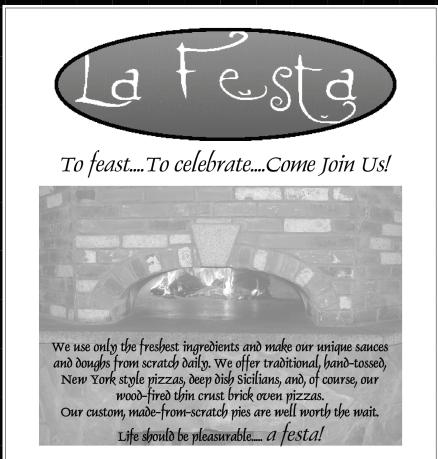
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Life Should Be Good

Hi, We adopted Willis and Hank on March 13th. They seem to be happy in their new home. We just love them

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and they really have not been to mischievous as we expected they might be.

Hope you like the pictures. They are also getting along with their older step brother.

~ Wendy & Gary Stiles

Hi CVHS, This is Sky. I adopted her as a 3 or 4 month old puppy from CVHS in 2000. She was a stray from Rochester. Sky is now 10 years old and just as hyper and

healthy as she was when I got her. When I take her for walks people always stop and ask how old is my puppy (haha). When I say 10 - they say 10 months? She's my best friend. She goes everywhere with me. I'm glad I went to CVHS on the right day and at the right time to find my best friend. Thank you for all you guys do

~ Laura

Making a Difference

The following children put their birthday wants aside and unselfishly asked friends and family to give donations to the animals in lieu of getting presents. Thank you to each of these caring, compassionate young people. You are the future of a more humane community.



Alexis Oberg of Somersworth, NH Emma Whall of Dover, NH Erin Cleary of Somersworth, NH Blaise Hadrych of Somersworth, NH Blake Peterson of Nottingham, NH Abigail Kozlowski of Dover, NH Elianna Martel Hi there

On February 5, 2010 I visited CVHS searching for a cat, however *I was found* by a cat, her name at the time was Starla, now it's Josie.

Josie has settled in nicely, she is "wonderful", I love her. She is the perfect cat, she loves to play, loves to be patted, loves attention. She makes me smile and laugh so much. She loves every toy she has. She will follow me all over

the house. She gives the best head butts. I think she is beautiful and can't imagine why she was never adopted before she



found me, thank goodness for that. I have attached a picture.

We appreciate all you do for the animals. Josie says hi and thank you for all you did for her.

~ Alice Matheny and Josie

Thank you to the businesses and

individuals who donated goods and

Hi,

I've attached a photo of "Bruce" the puppy I adopted from you in early February. I re-named him "Theo." He is doing very well. He just graduated from puppy kindergarten and has started advanced puppy class. I take him to Peirce Island, Fort Foster or Seapoint Beach every day. His best friend is Marvin, a boxer (pictured together below). He also attends A Dogs Tale, in Kittery, one day a week.

He is a very smart boy and a happy one. He was house-trained very quickly with the help of a bell that is hung on the front door....he rings it with his nose when he needs to go out. He is

learning to walk on a leash...he doesn't pull, but he does love to chew the leash! He really does have a very sweet personality and has does his best to socialize with lots of different people and dogs.



I just wanted you to know that I love him so much and he and I are having lots of fun together.

~ Sarah and Theo Camp

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Summer Sun & Füh Craft Festival

Saturday, July 10

Calef's Field, Barrington

9 am to 4 pm



FREE ADMISSION

Behind **Calef's Country Store**Parking available at **The Christmas Dove**Rain date: July 11

For complete list of crafters, activities, prizes and sponsors, visit:

www.cvhsonline.org

For more info: 603-749-5322, ext. 113

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Live Entertainment
with Sandra Koski
Dancing Dogs
CVHS Kissing Dogs
Animals for Adoption
Lunch
Refreshments
and much more!





Upcoming Events



Saturday, July 10 9 am to 4 pm Calef's Field, Barrington

Located behind Calef's Country Store ft Festival Parking available at The Christmas Dove Quality handmade crafts, food, entertainment, raffles, children's activities and more. Dogs are welcome!



Sunday, Sept 26 11 am to 4 pm Henry Law Park, Dover

Located in downtown Dover on Henry Law Avenue Parking available at park and throughout downtown Join us in our 16th annual Walk for the Animals! Support the animals by collecting pledges. Prizes will be awarded to top fundraising individuals and teams. Don't miss the fun dog contests, entertainment, the "Barkin' Market" featuring pet related businesses, and the parade of dogs led by Dover's Mounted Police.

Black Tie & Tails Gala Friday, November 5

Save the date! at The Red Barn at Outlook Farm, South Berwick, ME. Details available at cvhsonline.org.

Offsite Adoption Days in the Community*

1st Saturday of every month—see us at Pawsitive Steps, Eliot, ME 1st Saturday of every month—see us at PetCo, Dover, NH 2nd Saturday of every month—see us at Club Canine, Portsmouth, NH 3rd Saturday of every month—see us at Pet Junction, Somersworth, NH 4th Saturday of every month—see us at PetCo, Newington, NH



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We Challenge You! Pledge to help the animals!

Join us at Henry Law Park on Sunday, Sept 26th for Paws in the Park!

It's easy to raise money for the animals!

- Download your pledge form from **cvhsonline.org/dogwalk.cfm** *and/or*
- Create your personalized page at firstgiving.com/14524.
- Link this page to your facebook page.
- Email the link to friends, family and co-workers as an easy way to ask
- Add a tagline with the link to your email signature...so every email message sends this message!
- **Start NOW!**

Top Fundraisers will receive prizes!



Behavior Classes

CVHS will be offering 2 different dog training classes, taught by Sue Carney of Sue Carney's Real Life Canine Academy. Real Life 1- is a beginner class for the adolescent dog that has yet to go to a class or new adopters trying to help a dog transition and improve all around behavior. The class is for 1 hour a week for 5 weeks and will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM, at CVHS and will run from July 14 – August 11. The cost for the 5 week class will be \$125.00. CVHS adopters get a discount of \$10.00, making the cost \$115.00.

Top 5 Troubles – Will address those behaviors that are driving you crazy, but you don't need a full class or you need a class but cannot commit to 5 weeks or you and you dog need a refresher. Take 1, 2, or all 5 classes. The cost is \$30.00 per class or \$125.00 for all 5 classes. CVHS adopters get a discount.

The classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the shelter from July 14 - August 11. Specific classes - July 14, Jumping; July 21, Pulling and Heel; July 28, COME; August 4, Leave it, Drop it and Wait (knowing the difference); August 11, Barking and reactive behavior towards visitors, joggers, other dogs, you name it!

Visit www.reallifecanineacademy.com or www.cvhsonline.org for more information. To register call (603) 320-2969 and ask for Sue.

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