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From the Executive Director

On the horizon...

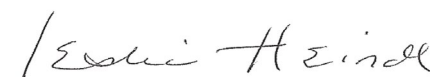
Cocheco Valley Humane Society is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this Fall. We continue to work to care for the stray, abandoned, and surrendered animals of Strafford County in the same 100 year old piggery and 30 year old trailers that have been our home. I am happy to say that we continue to make progress toward building our new home. Our current Board Chair, Karen Zaramba, and former Board Chair, Kelly Glennon, are heading up the "Bring Us Home" Capital Campaign Committee, which is made up of many prominent community members. We have been working hard on campaign plans and materials are available by request.

Space and updated facilities are what we need to continue our mission more effectively and efficiently. Here are a few examples of what we have included:

- Dedicated rooms for the small animals instead of the administration building lobby.
- A behavior room where we will be able to offer behavior classes which will help our goal to enhance the bond between people and their pets. Many pet surrenders are due to behavior issues, so we need to have the space to conduct classes.
- Humane education classes, which are part of our mission, will be held in our new community room.
- The new animal care areas will have not only more space but better ventilation and light for a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment.

This has been a long time in the making and we are not there yet. I will provide progress reports as we move ahead. I invite you to come by anytime to see the plans and model and, as always, we appreciate the support of the members of Strafford County and surrounding communities.

Best Regards,



Leslie Heindl
Executive Director

Celebrating 20 years at Tails to Trails and the Walk for the Animals



The New England Agility Team kicked things off with a great agility demonstration. After the demo, guests were invited to try the agility equipment with their own dogs.



We were thrilled to have Mark Ericson (left) and Karen Kiley from WOKQ's Morning Waking Crew join us once again as hosts of the event!



Jenn Schaaff (above right, with Karen Kiley) from Pampered Paws K9 Massage offered a special doggie massage demonstration.

Jo Maden, a certified LifeCycle Celebrant, joined us to provide a special Blessing of the Animals she had created specifically for our event. Jo reminded the walkers, "as we honor each pet lucky enough to have a loving home, let us hold in our hearts all those still waiting for their forever homes and the many volunteers who care for them (...) we celebrate our beloved animal companions, those present here and those remembered in our hearts. We offer our gratitude for the love they share, the joy they bring, and the memories that they leave with us. Today and every day we offer them our promise of safe keeping; to care for them with dignity and respect and to love them always."



Lt. George Joy from the Barrington Police Department welcomed walkers back to the event with a special police dog demonstration.



And they're off! The walk route followed a 1 1/2-mile loop around the shelter and through the woods along the Cocheco River. Walkers were encouraged to keep their eyes open for special gifts from Jewelry Creations along the walk route.

No place like *Home* for the *Holidays*

Cocheco Valley Humane Society is thrilled to once again be taking part in Blue Buffalo's Home 4 the Holidays adoption drive. Taking place from October 1st through January 2nd, Home 4 the Holidays aims to educate the public about adoption while helping animals across the country find their forever homes.

In addition to the adoption drive, we will have the opportunity to submit our most heartwarming adoption stories each week for a chance to win \$1,000 for the shelter! Shelters with the most participation in the campaign are also eligible to win two food prizes from Blue Buffalo.

Even if you are not in a position to adopt this holiday season, you can still help the homeless animals at the shelter. Spread the word about adoption, direct friends and family to our website, and be sure to share our adoptable animals on Facebook!

Meet *Patches*



Patches is 5 years old and was brought to the shelter because her previous family had too many animals. She is a feisty girl who loves attention – and when she has had enough, she'll let you know! She likes to be queen of the castle, so she would be happiest in a home where she can be your only pet. She loves looking on the window, getting treats, and gentle pets.

If you're looking for a companion who is a mixture of sweet and sassy, Patches may be the right match for you. A generous supporter has already sponsored Patches' adoption fee, so she is available at no cost to her new family. She is already spayed, microchipped, and up-to-date on her vaccines.

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Patches

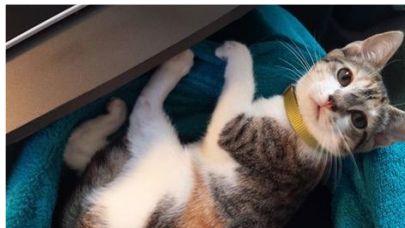
AGE:
5 years

SEX:
Spayed Female

BREED:
Domestic Short Hair



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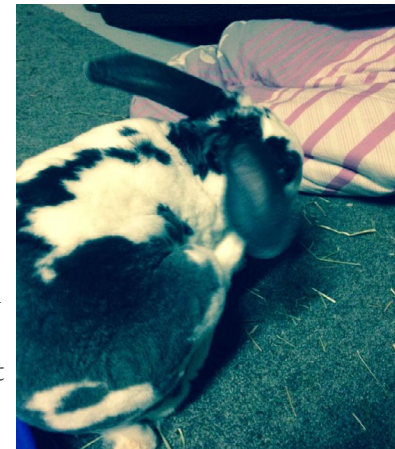
Hey Everyone Nina Here! Oh but I suppose you know me as Dottie Mae! Just wanted to let you know I'm doing great! I have lots of toys and a even a kitty tree! I absolutely love climbing and chasing my new cousin Sora up and down it. I'm not shy anymore, though I still don't like loud noises. I keep my mommy on her toes and I'm always telling her how much I love her. Mommy says I'm a chatterbox and a lovebug! Anyway thought I'd drop by and say hi. Miss you all, lots of love.

Submitted by Shawnicee Banks



Scout is doing great! Loves going for car rides with his friends!

Submitted by Courtney Murphy



Update on Thumper! His Vet appointment went awesome!! The vet said he's Livin Large He LOVES going up and down the ramp now! He goes crazy whenever I bring his salad to him Thank you again for letting me adopt one of my bestfriends Best choice I've ever made!

Submitted by Riley Foley



My si guy formally known as uncle bill has been with me for about a year now and he's been the greatest cat I've ever had. Thank you guys for doing all that you do and letting me add his great guy to my family.

Submitted by Hayley Yvette

Have you adopted from CVHS? Be sure to "like" Cocheco Valley Humane Society on Facebook and share your pet photos with us!



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HOWL FOR THE ANIMALS

October 18th

11am to 2pm

DeMeritt Hill Farm

Lee, NH

Featuring raffles, face painting, a bouncy house, games, and a fun trick-or-treat through the Haunted Overload day haunt

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Halloween is almost here, and that means it's time for Haunted Overload! Consistently ranked one of the top Halloween attractions in the country, Haunted Overload invites guests to explore the dark woods of DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee, NH where they will encounter original characters, special effects, and movie quality sets. In 2011, Haunted Overload and CVHS formed a partnership that continues today. Each year, the shelter provides volunteer support to the haunt and Haunted Overload donates 10% of their proceeds to the shelter. In 2013, their donation to CVHS totalled more than \$16,000!

Unlike most Halloween attractions, Haunted Overload offers three levels of scares. Appropriate for all ages is the day haunt, which allows guests to wander the haunt in the safety of daylight without any live actors or special effects. The day haunt also gives guests the opportunity to appreciate the artistic sets created by Haunted Overload, which are easily overlooked at night when frightening characters lurk around every corner! For guests looking for a more eerie experience, Haunted Overload offers Fright Nigh Lite, which offers all the special effects of the attraction in the dark of night without the scares from live actors. And, of course, the full night show delivers big scares for Halloween lovers.



To help kick off the Halloween season, CVHS is holding a special event called **Howl for the Animals**. Taking place on **Saturday, October 18th** from 11am to 2pm at DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee, NH, Howl for the Animals marks the official opening of the Haunted Overload day haunt. In addition to activities happening at the farm, CVHS will be offering a bounce house, games, crafts, and a special opportunity to trick-or-treat through the Haunted Overload day haunt. Non-scary characters will be on hand to pass out candy and guests are encouraged to come in costume. The day haunt is also Fido-friendly, so be sure to bring every member of your family!



CVHS celebrates 30th anniversary at

Totally Rad for Rescue

Cocheco Valley Humane Society turns 30 this year! To celebrate, we invited our supporters to take a trip back to 1984 for a special anniversary party called Totally Rad for Rescue. More than 200 guests, most dressed in their finest 80s attire, filled the Portsmouth Harbor Events and Conference Center on the night of September 12th. Special guest Jadd from Z107 was on hand to host the evening, as well as Strafford County Commissioner George Maglaras, who helped introduce a video about the shelter's campaign for a new building. This event was sponsored in part by our longtime friends at Seacoast Dream Dentistry.



CVHS staff members (left) and guests (below, right) alike enjoyed dressing up in their finest 80s clothes and dancing to great music played by local 80s tribute band Gazpacho.

Guests spent the evening bidding on a variety of silent auction items and dancing to live music provided by local 80s tribute band Gazpacho. A highlight of the evening was a game of Heads or Tails. Eighty partygoers packed the dance floor for a chance to win an instant wine cellar and trip to the Wentworth by the Sea spa. As Jadd flipped a coin, guests were instructed to put their hands on either their head or their "tail". Guests who guessed correctly as to which way the coin would land would remain standing for another round until, eventually, one winner was left standing.



All of us at Cocheco Valley Humane Society want to say thank you to everyone who has helped the shelter grow and succeed over the past 30 years. We are truly grateful for your support and are excited for what the future will bring!

Special thanks to the CVHS volunteers (above, left) who helped make this event possible, including (from left) Jackie Bast, Bill Levesque, and Cindi Phillips.

Thank you to our friends at Seacoast Dream Dentistry for joining us as the top sponsor for this event!



A game of Heads or Tails, led by Jadd from Z107, started out with eighty players all vying for a chance to win an instant wine cellar and trip to the spa at Wentworth by the Sea.

Check out a timeline of our shelter's accomplishments over the past 30 years on page 8!

30 Years at CVHS

Cocheco Valley Humane Society first opened its doors in 1984 in a 100-year-old former county piggery. Within the first year, more than 2,000 animals passed through the shelter's doors. Over the years, the building has gone through many transformations to accommodate the growing needs of the animal shelter.



Today, the original structure is still in use and houses a majority of the shelter's animals. Two additional modular units were added in 1992 to create more animal space, as well as room for offices. Unfortunately, the animal welfare needs of Strafford County continue to grow and the staff members of CVHS are constantly challenged to find new ways to use the limited space available. Offices have been converted for animal



use and a new structure has been added to the courtyard.

Much like the animals in our care, we at CVHS are in need of a new home. A new building will not only allow

us to save more lives, but to offer more programs and services to our community, as well.

This year, we are not only celebrating our shelter's 30-year history, we are also preparing for a bigger and brighter future. Since the shelter opened in 1984, it has been the goal of everyone involved with CVHS to build a new facility. At our Totally Rad for Rescue anniversary event on September 12th, the Campaign Executive Committee unveiled the floor plans for our new building as well as the Bring Us Home capital campaign video, which can be viewed on our website at www.cvhsonline.org.

All of us at CVHS are excited for what the future will bring.



1984 - On September 25th, 1984, a lease is signed on a 100-year-old former county piggery for use as an animal shelter. On October 12th, Cocheco Valley Humane Society is officially founded.

1985 - After just one year, CVHS has cared for 2,720 animals.

1987 - CVHS officially becomes a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization on March 23, 1987.

1988 - The shelter joins the NH Federation of Humane Societies. CVHS also forms a humane education program and reaches more than 2,000 children within the first year.

1989 - Shelter implements a spay/neuter deposit policy and begins first steps towards ensuring all animals adopted from CVHS are fixed.

1990 - CVHS creates a local television program called "Humane Perspectives". The show premieres on August 6, 1990 and runs for four years.

1991 - CVHS is the first shelter in the state of New Hampshire to require a minimum holding time on stray cats.

1992 - Shelter first opens a pet food pantry for the community. This program is still in operation today.

1993 - Staff members at CVHS meet with WOKQ for the first time. This relationship has lasted for more than 20 years!

1994 - The first annual dog walk is held on September 18, 1994.

1996 - In May, CVHS has the highest adoption rate of any shelter in New Hampshire.

1999 - On February 28, 1999, CVHS holds a Viennese Coffee fundraiser. This event will eventually become the dessert tasting and silent auction.

2006 - The world famous CVHS Doggie Kissing Booth makes its debut.

2008 - The Champion's Fund is created to cover the cost of surgical medical procedures for many of the shelter animals.

2009 - As of August 1, 2009, CVHS reaches its goal of spaying/neutering every animal prior to adoption.

2014 - County commissioners approve new land, allowing CVHS to move forward with plans for a new building. Design plans are finalized and the Campaign Executive Committee is formed to launch a capital campaign for a new facility.



CVHS prepares for annual holiday fundraiser

Mark your calendars! Cochecho Valley Humane Society's annual holiday fundraiser will be taking place every Saturday between November 29th and December 27th at JC Penney at the Fox Run Mall in Newington, NH. Each week, we will have a table set up at the inside entrance to JC Penney from the mall between 10am and 6pm. In addition to selling pet items, we will also be featuring our famous kissing booth dogs. For a suggested donation of \$1, holiday shoppers are able to play with or get a kiss from these friendly volunteer-owned dogs. New dogs are always welcome to join us at this event! If you have a friendly dog that enjoys meeting new people – especially children – consider volunteering with him or her for a shift at the doggie kissing booth this holiday season! To learn more, contact the CVHS Volunteer Coordinator Ruth Henderson at 603-749-5322 ext. 111 or email volunteerc@cvhsonline.org.

American Legion holds raffle to benefit CVHS

Our friends at the American Legion Post 8 in Dover are currently supporting the shelter by selling raffle tickets for two roundtrip airline tickets via Southwest to any location in Florida. A winner will be drawn on November 11th. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and are available through the American Legion Post 8 and at CVHS events. All proceeds from ticket sales go towards the care of animals in the Pets for Patriots program at CVHS. To learn more about this program, go to www.cvhsonline.org/petsforpatriots.cfm.



Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

to benefit Cochecho Valley Humane Society



Friday, November 7th, 2014

Moose Lodge

45 Chestnut Street, Dover, NH

Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.

Adults: \$5 Children 10 and under: \$3

Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Many new, used, and collectible items

When you bring a donation of paper towels, bleach, dish detergent, non-clumping clay cat litter, or Purina dry cat food for CVHS, you will automatically be entered into a drawing for a

7" Samsung Galaxy 3 Tablet

Winner drawn at 7:00pm

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to
Cochecho Valley
Humane Society



Volunteers are a *Special Breed*

Volunteers are tremendously important to us at Cocheco Valley Humane Society. From walking dogs each day at the shelter to helping at offsite fundraisers, volunteers are involved in all aspects of our organization. As we continue to take in more homeless animals and make greater connections within the community at fundraising events, our need for volunteers grows. Anyone interested in learning more about our volunteer program is invited to submit an application (available on our website at www.cvhsonline.org) and attend a volunteer orientation session. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old with an adult or 16 years old to volunteer alone. Anyone interested in learning more about volunteering should contact the CVHS Volunteer Coordinator Ruth Henderson at volunteerc@cvhsonline.org or 603-749-5322 ext. 111.

Some current volunteer needs include:

Haunted Overload: Volunteers are needed each night at the haunt to assist with crowd control and direct parking

Offsite Events: CVHS participates in fundraisers like fairs and adoption events almost every weekend. We need volunteers to man info tables and sell retail items and raffle tickets

In-shelter Help: We need volunteers seven days a week in the shelter to help with cleaning, dog walking, and socializing

For a complete list of volunteer opportunities, go to www.cvhsonline.org/volunteer.cfm.



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STEVE is nearly 5 years old and was brought to the shelter because he did not get along with other dogs. He must go to a home where he can be your only dog. Because of his size, he would do best in a home with older kids. He is a friendly boy who does well with new people.

Age: 5 years **Sex:** Neutered Male **Breed:** Mastiff / Boxer

GARRETT is a handsome boy looking for a high energy home. He does not do well with cats and is picky about dogs, so it is recommended he meet any potential canine siblings more than once. He is a very friendly boy but, because of his size and strength, it is recommended he go to a home with kids 10 and older. Garrett is looking for an active home with someone who will work with him on leash walking and manners.



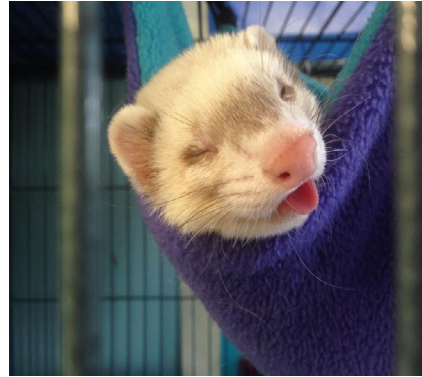
Age: 2 1/2 years **Sex:** Neutered Male **Breed:** Labrador mix



BUSTER is 9 years old and came to the shelter when his family moved and could not keep him any longer. Although he is very shy and quiet, he is a friendly boy who enjoys head scratches. Buster was initially very overwhelmed at the shelter, but he has since moved into an office where

he has been coming out of his shell more. This sweet boy likes snoozing at your feet and rubbing his head against your legs. He has lived with another cat before and might do well with another mellow cat in his new home. He would do best in a quiet home without children

Age: 9 years **Sex:** Neutered Male **Breed:** Domestic Short Hair



RUFUS is three years old and was brought to Cocheco Valley Humane Society because his previous owner was allergic to him. Don't let his sleepy face fool you - Rufus is full of energy and is looking for a home with someone who has lots of time to play with him. He does tend to play rough, so would do best in a home with an experienced ferret owner with no

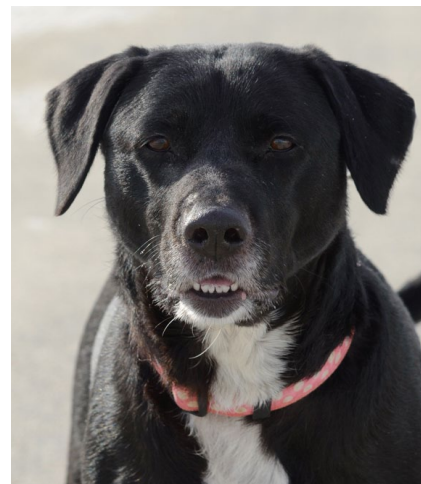
young children. If you're looking for a fun and playful ferret friend, Rufus may be the right match for you!

Age: 3 years **Sex:** Neutered Male **Breed:** Ferret

TATI is approximately 7 years and came to CVHS after her previous owner left her behind in an apartment. We are unsure of her history, but she has been very friendly and affectionate at the shelter. Come meet this sweet girl and see if she's the right match for you!



Age: 7 years **Sex:** Spayed Female **Breed:** Domestic Short Hair



BELLA is a 4-year-old lab who was returned to the shelter because her owner no longer had enough time for her. Bella is a sweet girl who is full of energy. She plays with toys and is always up for a game of a tug-of-war. Curious and active, she would do best with an owner who has lots of time for her and will keep her busy. She can be nervous in new situations and around new people but, once she warms up to you, she is very affectionate and

loves to be by your side.

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

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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