

# adopt. honor. advocate Cocheco Valley Humane Society

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Cocheco Valley Humane Society is a small, non-profit animal shelter located in Dover, NH. Established in 1984 to serve the domestic animal welfare needs of the more than 125,000 residents of Strafford County, NH, CVHS cares for abused, neglected, and unwanted animals every year. Housed in a 130-year-old former piggery, the shelter does not receive any state or federal funding. Instead, CVHS relies on donations from the community.

Our mission at CVHS is to provide quality, compassionate care and shelter to our animals in partnership with educating the community concerning animal treatment and welfare.

In addition to adoptions, CVHS provides many services to the community, including Humane Education programs and a pet food pantry to assist pet owners who cannot afford to purchase food for their pets. CVHS has also started offering low-cost spay/neuter clinics to the public once a month thanks to Dr. Sarah Curry and her All Creatures Mobile Veterinary Service.

An open admission shelter, CVHS accepts dogs, cats, and small animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, and birds. All animals at CVHS are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and up-to-date on their vaccines before being adopted. There are no time or space limits for the animals on the adoption floor - every animal at the shelter has a safe place to call home until they find their forever home.

With only a small staff to care for the animals, we rely heavily on help from volunteers. Over the course of the year, nearly 200 people volunteer their time in one way or another to the shelter. While many volunteers assist with the day-to-day operations of the shelter, others help with special events, humane education, foster care, office work, and offsite adoptions.

> Volunteers also join us for service days throughout the year to complete large projects. Employees from Bauer Hockey and students from the University of New Hampshire and Berwick Academy are just some of the special groups that provided a day of service to CVHS in 2013. These volunteers help us clean the shelter courtyard, paint offices, organize storage sheds, and assist with maintenance projects.

> With the launch of the Bring Us Home campaign for our new shelter, we look forward to be able to offer even more programs and services to our community in the near future!



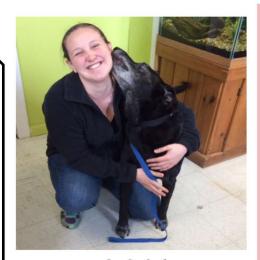
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# The year in numbers

# Incoming Animals Jan. 1, 2013 - Dec. 1, 2013

Cats	480
Kittens	343
Dogs	264
Puppies	35
Rabbits	22
Guinea Pigs	6
Rodents	16
Ferret	10
Birds	26
Total	1,202

In 2013, CVHS had to start utilizing a wait list for incoming animals as there was often more animals that needed to come into the shelter than we had kennel space available.



1,046 animals adopted

Outside of the shelter, animals are available for adoption at PetSmart in Rochester, Petco in Dover, and Pet Connection in Barrington.

#### Average stay of a...

Cat	47 days
Kitten	47 days*
Dog	38 days
Puppy	21 days*
Rabbit	95 days
Guinea Pig	13 days
Rodent	50 days
Bird	27 days

\* includes time spent in foster care

#### Longest stay of a...

Cat	347	days
Dog	238	days
Rabbit	223	days

There are no time or space limits for animals at CVHS!



# 23 dogs 10 puppies

transferred to
Cocheco Valley
Humane Society for
adoption from partner
shelters



## 181

animals sent into foster homes

While 135 of these animals were kittens, a mix of dogs, cats, and even rabbits were also sent into foster homes with volunteers.

### 2013 Financial Statement - Unaudited

INCOME	<u>2013</u>	Difference from 2012
Donations & Fundraising (includes Bingo)	\$ 562,423	\$ 7,488
Adoption & Service Fees	\$ 130,072	\$ (15,691)
	\$ 692,575	\$ (8,123)
EXPENSES		
Adoptions, Services & Medical Expenses	\$ 40,835	\$ (56,785)
Medical portion of above amount	\$ 34,485	\$ (17,390)
Fundraising & Community Outreach	\$ 17,722	\$ (10,097
Administrative and General	\$ 483,703	\$ (82,122)
	\$ 576,745	\$ (114,569)

## Making a difference

In 2013, twelve full service animal shelters in the state of New Hampshire, including Cocheco Valley Humane Society, joined forces to form NH PetSave. The first collaboration of its kind in the state, NH PetSave was created so animal shelters could work together to engage the public, bring awareness to pet homelessness, and provide resources to save the lives of vulnerable animals. Thanks to the efforts of NH PetSave, Governor Maggie Hassan officially declared the week of March 18th, 2013 to be **Homeless Animal Awareness Week**.





Cocheco Valley Humane Society was accepted as the first New Hampshire shelter partner with **Pets for Patriots** in 2013. Pets for Patriots is an organization that works to help shelter animals find homes with members of the military. Active and veteran members of any branch of the military can qualify at no cost for the Pets for Patriots program by first visiting their website at www.petsforpatriots.org. Once

approved, participants can visit a shelter partner to find a new best friend. Eligible pets are available to Pets for Patriots participants for a reduced adoption fee and, after adoption, local veterinary partners agree to offer ongoing discounted care. For more information about Pets for Patriots, go to petsforpatriots.org. We are honored to be a part of this great program!

In 2013, we made progress towards finding our own 'forever home' and have continued to push forward with our "Bring Us Home" campaign. We have signed an intent to lease document with Stafford County and are working on securing a 100-year lease for county land for the cost of \$1 per year. We have also engaged Stewart Architects, who designed the New Hampshire Humane Society facility, to begin designing our new shelter. We look forward to sharing our progress as we go and appreciate your continued support! To track our progress towards a new building, go to cyhsonline.org/progress.cfm.





"During the year 2013, The University of New Hampshire - Thompson School of Applied Science was afforded the opportunity to create a real world class room for 24 students. These students were both Small Animal Care and Veterinary Technician majors. Students would attend class in groups of three to four. During the class time, students were allowed to gain experience in physical examination, phlebotomy, vaccination, and laboratory testing. During the physical examination of the animals, students would take heart rates, respiration rates, temperatures, check for external parasites, and perform ear and eye examinations. Students were asked to assess the overall health of each animal and, if there was an indication the animal had any kind of health concern, they were brought to the attention of the CVHS staff.

These tasks were supervised by a qualified instructor so that the students would gain confidence during their class experience with the ultimate goal of acquiring job skills."

## Thank you to our supporters

#### 2013 Grant Awards

Normand A. Ramsey Family Foundation
Exxon Mobil
Della Penta Charitable Trust
William Penn Foundation
GE Foundation

Number of Monetary Donations Received in 2013:

3,346

In 2013, CVHS announced a new partnership with Salmon Falls Family Healthcare to establish an Animal Wellness Fund. The fund is dedicated to the medical needs and care of the more than 2,000 animals CVHS serves each year. With the extremely generous support of CEO Dr. Michael O'Connell. owner of Salmon Falls, 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.

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. Unfortunately, the cost of veterinary supplies and services continues to increase. On average, the cost to care for an animal can range from \$100 for a basic medical exam, vaccinations, and spay/neuter surgery to well over \$1,000 for animals with greater medical needs.

Those interested in learning more about contributing to the Animal Wellness Fund should contact Leslie Heindl, Executive Director at CVHS, by calling 603-749-5322.



Every year, Champion's Fund covers the cost of surgical medical procedures for many of our shelter animals. CVHS is incredibly grateful to our community who generously supports our animals every day.

Without your support, our 'champions' would not have received medical surgeries that greatly

improves their lives and gives them all a second chance.

In 2013, a total of **\$4,368** was generously donated to the Champion's Fund. Thanks to these donations, animals like Frankie (pictured above) were able to get the medical care they needed to live happy, pain-free lives.

#### **CVHS Volunteer Program**

2013 Volunteer Hours

Direct Animal Care and Events 5,524.00 Bingo 3,577.75

Total Volunteer Hours 9,101.75

Over the course of 2013, a total of **172 people** volunteered more than 9,000 hours to Cocheco Valley Humane Society.

Volunteer projects included:

- \* Cleaning cages
- \* Walking dogs
- \* Socializing with animals
- \* Assisting at weekly Bingo game
- \* Helping at off-site adoption events
- \* Giving Humane Education presentations
  - \* Serving on committees
  - \* Helping at fundraisers and events

# Special events and fundraisers



## Haunted Overload

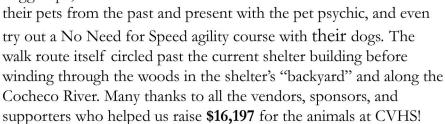
In 2013, we marked our third year as partners with Haunted Overload. A one-of-a-kind Halloween attraction located at DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee, NH, Haunted Overload has been named one of the best Halloween attractions in America by Haunt World and was even voted the #5 best haunt in the country by The Weather Channel. Each year, the haunt donates 10% of their proceeds from the Halloween season to CVHS. In 2013, that donation totaled more than \$16,000!

## Tails to Trails Walk for the Animals

Taking place on Sunday, June 23rd, our Tails to Trails dog walk was held on the Strafford County Courthouse lawn, right where it originated 19 years ago. Our largest fundraiser of the year, the event was once again hosted by our friends Mark Ericson and Karen Kiley from WOKQ's Morning Waking Crew.



Participants were able to shop at the vendor booths, pamper their pets at the doggie spa, connect with





## **Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction**

The 16th Annual CVHS Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction was held on Sunday, March 24th, 2013 at the Regatta Room in Eliot, ME. Guests bid on more than 120 auction items and sampled decadent desserts from local bakeries and restaurants, including Mill Eats, Baby Cakes, Café Ciabatta, Stonehouse Baking Company, and Confection Art.

The Dessert Tasting was once again hosted by our longtime friends Mark Ericson and Karen Kiley from WOKQ'S Morning Waking Crew. During a special awards presentation, **Cindy Cafasso** received the **Best Friend Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions by a volunteer. CVHS also recognized local Halloween attraction **Haunted Overload** with the **President's Award**, which is presented to an organization or individual who goes above and beyond to support the animals. The Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction was a sweet success and ended up raising **\$21,493** for the shelter!

## In memorium

We mourn the loss of these dear friends of the animals and are grateful for their generosity and foresight to leave a legacy gift to Cocheco Valley Humane Society through their will and estate plans in 2013:

> Newell Hogan Lacy Puchlopek Noble-Neal

#### We also mourn the loss of these animal lovers whose family and friends made donations in their memory:

Anne E. Abbott Florence Decker Prudy Waterhouse Allard Teresa Densmore Mical Allopenna John Donovan, Jr. L. Beverly Allyson Dr. Lee Ann Donovan Walter Anderson II Thomas Richard Durepo, Sr. Henry and Mina Audet James Eagan Audrey Barron George C. Estes, Sr. Jade Bennett Richard Farnsworth Richard Bernard Jonathan Fischer Erin Fitzgerald Sylvian Bisson Harvey Bostick William Flint Justin Bouchard **James Foss** Roland Boucher Vincent Frank John Boulanger Arthur Fulton Susan Tucker Bowen Ernie Gahan Thomas Boyle Bette Garrett Kelly Brennan Mildred Gawlicki Rachael Brochu Frederick and Allie Gebhardt Anne Brown Bethany Ann Holmes-Geller Arline Brown M. Catherine Gitschier Helen Elizabeth Brown Chester Goodrich Susan M. Bryant Bob Grodan Dorothy Burr Rolly Grondon Diana Callahan Karl F. Grunert Mike Callahan Dorothy Heist Betty Canada Max Henry Robert J. Hess Laurette R. Carrier Craig Joseph Casavant Anna and Elwood Clark Frank E. Clark Roland Huston Joan Clark Margot Clark Joyce Cooney **Edmond Couture** 

Mildred Cragin

Margaret Daigle

Doris David

Doris Decker

William and Jeanne Crandall

George and Elizabeth D'Arcy

John Craig

Eleanor Hodgdon Richard Howard Catherine Violet Hubbard Charles Huddleston Helen G. Hughes John A. Hutchins, Jr. Nola Irwin Frank Jacoby Helen Jarvis Sid Jenks Jerry Joncas Chester Snow Jordan Stella Hagar Kerr

Meagan Sue LaBrack Maxine L. Lacy Maggie Ladd Dr. and Mrs. Peter Lampesis Jennifer LaPointe Gwendolyn A. LaRochelle Bailey Lavigne Jeanne Renee Marie Lemelin Jane Cecila Lessard Dr. Howard David Levine Alvin Libby Jerome Lipman Patrice MacNevin E. Patricia Mahoney Linda Malone Peter Marble Madeleine Marie Marceau Casey McCarthy Lois Tuttle McClaran Bob McGurren Shirley Mellen Nancy Meredith Mary E. Merrill Ruth Messer Edward J. Meyer, Jr. Robina S. Meyer Harvey L. Mick, Sr. Wayne Morin Daniel Morris William Morrow Barbara Mullins Jaccob Warner Nason Leon Newbury Ronald Beldon Newell Alan Paine

Tina Papas

Marge Papillion

Marion Parks

Frank Parshley

Albert W. Pepin

Bonnie Gayle Peabody

Elizabeth Richardson George Rivers Mildred Jean Roberge Patricia Robinson Vic St. Amand Elaine Schmottlach Wade Scribner Earle Sewall Michelle Silverio Thiadocia "Teddi" L. Simonds Lorraine Soucy William and Virginia Sparhawk Marya Spotty Joy Strout Christopher Alan Sublette Renee Sublette John Taylor Peter Taylor Sandy Taylor Beatrice Thibeault Peggy Thomas William Trefethen Villa Twombly Jeannette Valley Gerry Volger John Henry Ward Betty Warnke Robert Welch Josephine Weston Carl F. Widen Sharon Wingate Golda Zarrow

Philip A. Perreault

Warren Peterson

Barbara Prescott Margaret Puchlopek

Isabelle Quimby Ralph Ramsdell

James J. Regan

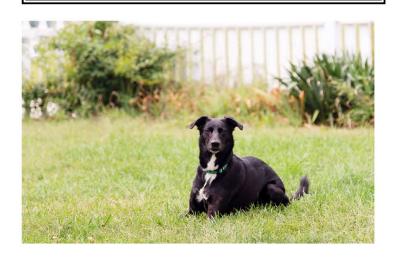
# Helping the community

Thank you to **Dr. Young, Dr. Hoisington, Dr. Winn**, and **Dr. Proctor** for helping us achieve our mission of spaying and neutering every animal prior to adoption!

Thank you to **Dr. Curry** for bringing All Creatures Mobile Veterinary Service to our shelter every month to offer a low-cost spay/neuter program to the community.

This program started in September 2013 and, through the remainder of the year, we were able to provide:

24 cat neuters15 cat spays20 dog neuters5 dog spays



Every animal adopted from CVHS is up-to-date on its rabies vaccine and microchipped. The shelter also offers rabies and microchip clinics throughout the year. In 2013, **65 microchips** and **185 rabies vaccines** were administered at two clinics



CVHS is extremely grateful for the support we receive from the local veterinary community. The following animal health professionals generously offer to give newly adopted pets a free first vet exam.

Animal Health Center - Rochester, NH
Broadview Animal Hospital - Rochester, NH
Central Park Veterinary Hospital - Somersworth, NH
Eliot Veterinary Hospital - Eliot, ME
Great Bay Animal Hospital - Durham, NH
Great Falls Veterinary Hospital - Somersworth, NH
Greenland Veterinary Hospital - Greenland, NH
Hampton Veterinary Hospital - Hampton, NH
Lafayette Animal Hospital - Portsmouth, NH
Milton Veterinary Clinic - Milton, NH
Ocean Valley Veterinary Hospital - Stratham, NH
Salmon Falls Animal Hospital - South Berwick, ME
VCA - Portsmouth, NH



As part of our pet food pantry, we gave away more than **5,000 pounds of food** to pet owners who could not afford to feed their pets.