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# 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!



Cocheco Valley Humane Society

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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           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,202</b> |

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**  
and  
**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

Donations & Fundraising (includes Bingo)  
Adoption & Service Fees

### 2013

\$ 562,423  
\$ 130,072  
**\$ 692,575**

### Difference from 2012

\$ 7,488  
\$ (15,691)  
**\$ (8,123)**

### EXPENSES

Adoptions, Services & Medical Expenses  
Medical portion of above amount  
Fundraising & Community Outreach  
Administrative and General

\$ 40,835  
\$ 34,485  
\$ 17,722  
\$ 483,703  
**\$ 576,745**

\$ (56,785)  
\$ (17,390)  
\$ (10,097)  
\$ (82,122)  
**\$ (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](http://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](http://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 [cvhsonline.org/progress.cfm](http://cvhsonline.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."

- Vicki Soletsky, LVT  
Adjunct Faculty

University of New Hampshire - Thompson School of Applied Science



# 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        |
| <b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>  | <b>9,101.75</b> |

Over the course of 2013, a total of **172 people** volunteered more than 9,000 hours to Cochecho 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 their pets from the past and present with the pet psychic, and even try out a No Need for Speed agility course with their dogs. The walk route itself circled past the current shelter building before winding through the woods in the shelter's "backyard" and along the Cocheco River. Many thanks to all the vendors, sponsors, and supporters who helped us raise **\$16,197** for the animals at CVHS!



## 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 memoriam

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              | Meagan Sue LaBrack          | Philip A. Perreault           |
| Prudy Waterhouse Allard     | Teresa Densmore              | Maxine L. Lacy              | Warren Peterson               |
| Mical Allopenna             | John Donovan, Jr.            | Maggie Ladd                 | Barbara Prescott              |
| L. Beverly Allyson          | Dr. Lee Ann Donovan          | Dr. and Mrs. Peter Lampesis | Margaret Puchlopek            |
| Walter Anderson II          | Thomas Richard Durepo, Sr.   | Jennifer LaPointe           | Isabelle Quimby               |
| Henry and Mina Audet        | James Eagan                  | Gwendolyn A. LaRochelle     | Ralph Ramsdell                |
| Audrey Barron               | George C. Estes, Sr.         | Bailey Lavigne              | James J. Regan                |
| Jade Bennett                | Richard Farnsworth           | Jeanne Renee Marie Lemelin  | Elizabeth Richardson          |
| Richard Bernard             | Jonathan Fischer             | Jane Cecila Lessard         | George Rivers                 |
| Sylvian Bisson              | Erin Fitzgerald              | Dr. Howard David Levine     | Mildred Jean Roberge          |
| Harvey Bostick              | William Flint                | Alvin Libby                 | Patricia Robinson             |
| Justin Bouchard             | James Foss                   | Jerome Lipman               | Vic St. Amand                 |
| Roland Boucher              | Vincent Frank                | Patrice MacNevin            | Elaine Schmottlach            |
| John Boulanger              | Arthur Fulton                | E. Patricia Mahoney         | Wade Scribner                 |
| Susan Tucker Bowen          | Ernie Gahan                  | Linda Malone                | Earle Sewall                  |
| Thomas Boyle                | Bette Garrett                | Peter Marble                | Michelle Silverio             |
| Kelly Brennan               | Mildred Gawlicki             | Madeleine Marie Marceau     | Thiadocia "Teddi" L. Simonds  |
| Rachael Brochu              | Frederick and Allie Gebhardt | Casey McCarthy              | Lorraine Soucy                |
| Anne Brown                  | Bethany Ann Holmes-Geller    | Lois Tuttle McClaran        | William and Virginia Sparhawk |
| Arline Brown                | M. Catherine Gitschier       | Bob McGurren                | Marya Spotty                  |
| Helen Elizabeth Brown       | Chester Goodrich             | Shirley Mellen              | Joy Strout                    |
| Susan M. Bryant             | Bob Grodan                   | Nancy Meredith              | Christopher Alan Sublette     |
| Dorothy Burr                | Rolly Grondon                | Mary E. Merrill             | Renee Sublette                |
| Diana Callahan              | Karl F. Grunert              | Ruth Messer                 | John Taylor                   |
| Mike Callahan               | Dorothy Heist                | Edward J. Meyer, Jr.        | Peter Taylor                  |
| Betty Canada                | Max Henry                    | Robina S. Meyer             | Sandy Taylor                  |
| Laurette R. Carrier         | Robert J. Hess               | Harvey L. Mick, Sr.         | Beatrice Thibeault            |
| Craig Joseph Casavant       | Eleanor Hodgdon              | Wayne Morin                 | Peggy Thomas                  |
| Anna and Elwood Clark       | Richard Howard               | Daniel Morris               | William Trefethen             |
| Frank E. Clark              | Roland Huston                | William Morrow              | Villa Twombly                 |
| Joan Clark                  | Catherine Violet Hubbard     | Barbara Mullins             | Jeannette Valley              |
| Margot Clark                | Charles Huddleston           | Jacob Warner Nason          | Gerry Volger                  |
| Joyce Cooney                | Helen G. Hughes              | Leon Newbury                | John Henry Ward               |
| Edmond Couture              | John A. Hutchins, Jr.        | Ronald Beldon Newell        | Betty Warnke                  |
| Mildred Cragin              | Nola Irwin                   | Alan Paine                  | Robert Welch                  |
| John Craig                  | Frank Jacoby                 | Tina Papas                  | Josephine Weston              |
| William and Jeanne Crandall | Helen Jarvis                 | Marge Papillion             | Carl F. Widen                 |
| George and Elizabeth D'Arcy | Sid Jenks                    | Marion Parks                | Sharon Wingate                |
| Margaret Daigle             | Jerry Joncas                 | Frank Parshley              | Golda Zarrow                  |
| Doris David                 | Chester Snow Jordan          | Bonnie Gayle Peabody        |                               |
| Doris Decker                | Stella Hagar Kerr            | Albert W. Pepin             |                               |

# 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 neuters**

**15 cat spays**

**20 dog neuters**

**5 dog spays**



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



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



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.