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You're invited to
UNLEASHED
on the catwalk for CVHS



Fashion Show & Silent Auction

Thursday, November 12, 2015

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cochecho Country Club

Dover, NH

See page 6 for more information!

Bring Us Home



Updates on the CVHS Capital Campaign

In March, Cocheco Valley Humane Society signed a 98-year-lease with Strafford County allowing us to move forward with our plans to build a new shelter on county land in the Strafford County Complex. Since the lease signing, we've had many exciting updates to our Bring Us Home Capital Campaign, including:

- Michael J. O'Connell** (pictured right), MD, MHA, and CEO of PainCare, Salmon Falls Family Healthcare, and R.O.A.D. to a Better Life, **generously donated \$250,000** to support our "Bring Us Home" capital campaign to build a new animal shelter. His tremendous gift brings us one step closer to our new home and we will proudly recognize his contribution with the naming of the surgical suite.
- Our friends at **Kennebunk Savings Bank** granted a **\$50,000 matching gift** to the campaign and will match all donations up to that amount that are given through the end of October.
- Petco Foundation** has awarded CVHS **\$50,000** for the capital campaign.
- We are working on a new program called **Kids 4 Cocheco** designed to help get children involved in our journey towards a new home. Stay tuned for more information! If you'd like to take part in this fun program, or if you're interested in taking on a leadership role, contact Suzanne Mello at omanager@cvhsonline.org.
- The Bring Us Home campaign has a new website!** To keep informed of updates and to follow our progress, check out the new website at www.CVHSbringushome.org. From this site, you can also look at naming opportunities and make a donation towards our building fund.



HOWL FOR THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 17th

11am to 2pm

DeMeritt Hill Farm, Lee, NH



Join us on Saturday, October 17th for our annual Howl for the Animals Haunted Overload kick-off event! This year's event features a bouncy house, crafts, raffles, and more. This event also marks the official opening weekend of the Haunted Overload day haunt.

In celebration of all things Halloween, we will be offering a special trick-or-treat through the haunt. Non-scary characters will be on hand to pass out candy and guests are encouraged to come in costume. Before entering the haunt, guests will have a chance to decorate their own trick-or-treat bag. The day haunt is also Fido-friendly, so be sure to bring every member of your family!

In addition to Howl for the Animals, DeMeritt Hill Farm will also be offering Halloween Storybook Hayrides. Hayrides are approximately 30 to 40 minutes long and feature a ride through the woods and orchards around the farm and stories with favorite storybook characters. Children are encouraged to dress in costume and will receive a pumpkin and goodies as part of the ride. Face painting and a story with Mother Goose are also part of the experience. Reservations for the Halloween Storybook Hayrides are recommended. To learn more, go to www.demerithillfarm.com.

This year marks our fifth year partnering with Haunted Overload. As part of this partnership, the haunt donates 10% of their profits to the shelter. In 2014, that donation totalled more than \$19,000! For more information about Howl for the Animals, go to www.cvhsonline.org/howl.cfm.



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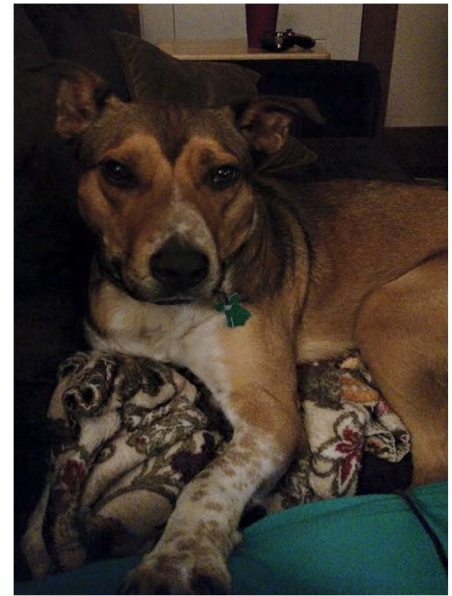
I think it's safe to say Bella is settling in quite well with us! She is the biggest love bug. Thank you for everything you do CVHS.

Crystin Lebel



We've had Scoot 1 year now!!! LOVE him sooooo much!!!!

Leasa Porter Jenks



This is Larry. We adopted him over a year ago...and today he turned 2!!!! We love Larry so much!!! Thanks for helping us find the final piece to our family!!! He's amazing!!

Samantha Tingle



Momma Molly Pearl loving the life. Such a great dog - thank you Cocheco Valley!

Dawn Marie Hebert



You probably remember him as Muenster. We have named him Gaston, but as you can see, he is very comfy in his new home.

Dennis Dean

Tails to Trails Recap

CVHS had a great day planned for our annual Tails to Trails dog walk, held on Sunday, May 31st. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans! Shortly after the event started at 11am on the lawn of the Strafford County Courthouse, the wind started to pick up, eventually becoming so strong that it was too dangerous for us to be under the event tents. Combined with torrential rain and the threat of severe thunderstorms in the area, there was no other option but to shut down the event before it had really begun.

Despite the terrible weather, fundraisers still showed up with pledges in hand to help support the animals. Thanks to our sponsors and pledge collectors, this year's event raised just shy of \$18,000 for the animals at CVHS!

Special thanks to our top sponsor and longtime supporter Rochester Toyota and to our friends Mark Ericson and Karen Kiley from WOKQ for braving the weather to act as event emcees. We're looking forward to next year's event, which will also mark the return of our fun dog show, the Canine Capers. Be sure to check out our website and Facebook page to keep up-to-date on information about upcoming fundraisers!



Unleashed

on the catwalk with CVHS

Join Cochecho Valley Humane Society on Thursday, November 12th at the Cochecho Country Club for Unleashed, a fashion show and silent auction to benefit the animals. Adoptable animals will greet guests and join models on the catwalk. In addition to showcasing fall and winter fashions, there will also be a bridal display. The evening will include heavy hors d'oeuvres as well as entertainment from Eric Pomerleau, better known as DJ Downstairs.

General admission tickets to this special fundraiser are \$20 each in advance and \$25 the day of the event. To purchase tickets online, please visit the CVHS website.

Interested in being a sponsor? There are a variety of sponsor levels and benefits available for this event. To learn more, go to www.cvhsonline.org/unleashed.cfm or contact CVHS Executive Director Leslie Heindl at 603-749-5322 ext. 102.

Thank you, JJArtworks!



CVHS staff members with artist JJ Long

We held our first paint party fundraiser on August 20th with artist JJ Long from JJArtworks! Eighteen people came to the shelter and had a blast learning to paint "Dockside Doggie". A portion of the ticket sales were donated to CVHS. We had so much fun at this special fundraiser that we're working on scheduling another one at a larger location for this winter. Watch our website for updates and ticket sales!



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Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction *a Sweet Success*



We held our 17th annual Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 29th at the Kittery Community Center in Kittery, ME. Featuring an array of delectable desserts from local businesses, the Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction is one of the largest

fundraisers of the year for the shelter. Guests not only sampled desserts but voted on their favorites, as well. New exhibitor Breaking New Grounds (pictured above) from Durham was awarded "Best in Taste" while returning favorite Confection Art, based in Kittery, won the award for "Best Presentation".

Thank to everyone who helped make this year's event possible, including the sponsors, dessert exhibitors, auction donors, volunteers, and the Kittery Community Center. A special thank you to our top sponsor, Seacoast Dream Dentistry, and our friends Mark Ericson, Karen Kiley, and WOKQ.

Pedals for Paws charity bicycle ride

CVHS was honored to be part of Pedals for Paws, a charity bicycle ride and adoption event held on August 22nd at Great Bay Community College at Pease Tradeport. Riders were able to follow two routes, both leaving from and returning to the college. After the ride, riders and guests were invited to take part in raffles and meet adoptable animals from CVHS, NHSPCA, and Mary's Dogs.

Pedals for Paws was organized by John Linville and the three labor unions at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard - the Federal Employees Metal Trades Council, the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, and the American Federation of Government Employees.

Proceeds from this year's event were donated to CVHS. Linville hopes to do an annual Pedals for Paws event to benefit local shelters. Stay tuned for more information!



CVHS attends Hot Dog Day at the NH State House



We were honored to be selected by Representative Burt as the recipients of the donations collected at this year's Hot Dog Day. Taking place on the lawn of the NH State House, Hot Dog Day is a special lunch event for the State House employees. CVHS was on hand with adoptable dogs and an information table where we collected donations for our Bring Us Home Capital Campaign.

Keystone Dental Arts Holds CVHS Pet Adopt-a-thon



Keystone Dental Arts in Somersworth invited CVHS to participate in a pet adopt-a-thon at their office this summer. In addition to the animals, CVHS also sold pet toys and treats and collected donations. All monetary donations went towards sponsoring the adoption fees of long term cats. Ten cats were sponsored thanks to the fundraising efforts of Keystone Dental Arts!

Upcoming Events

September 25th and 26th

Dough Raiser at UNO in Dover

visit our website for more information

September 27th

Toddler Fest at the Dover Children's Museum

October 3rd

Apple Harvest Day in downtown Dover

October 15th through 31st

Haunted Overload at DeMeritt Hill Farm

go to www.hauntedoverload.com for show dates, times, and tickets

October 17th

Howl for the Animals at DeMeritt Hill Farm

November 7th and 8th

NH Feline Fanciers Cat Show

November 7th

Ghost Hunting 101 and Ghost Hunt

more info to come!

November 12th

Unleashed Fashion Show & Silent Auction

November 22nd

Farmington Woman's Club Pie & Craft Fair

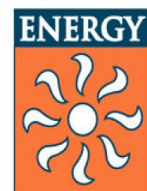
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