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CVHS Holds 17th Annual Dessert Tasting & Silent Auction



After taking a year off in 2014 to hold a special 30th anniversary celebration, we are excited to announce the return of one of our most popular events, the Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction. Taking place on Sunday, March 29th from 1pm to

3pm at the Kittery Community Center in Kittery, ME, this year's event will once again be hosted by our longtime friends Mark

Ericson and Karen Kiley from WOKQ.

In addition to bidding on fabulous auction items and sampling an array of desserts, guests are invited to cast their votes for the dessert exhibitors they feel deserve the awards for Best in Taste and Best Presentation. Cocheco Valley Humane Society will also be making a special awards presentation to recognizing several individuals who have gone above and beyond in their support of the animals and shelter.

A portion of the event will be dedicated to Champion's Fund. Created in 2008, Champion's Fund helps cover unexpected medical costs for the shelter animals. The most recent recipient of help from the Champion's Fund, Tucker, will be at the event to greet guests and help raise money for other shelter animals still in need.

Tickets for the 17th annual Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction are \$25 each and can be purchased online on the CVHS website at www.cvhsonline.org/DessertTasting.cfm or by calling the shelter at 603-749-5322 ext. 112. This event sells out year after year, so be sure to get your tickets now! Special thanks to all our sponsors, including Seacoast Dream Dentistry; Black Dog Car Wash; D.F. Richard Energy; Cummings, Lamonte & McNamee, P.A.; and our friends at WOKQ.

WHAT:

17th Annual Dessert
Tasting and Silent Auction

WHEN:

March 29th, 2015
1pm to 3pm

WHERE:

Kittery Community
Center, Kittery, ME

TICKETS:

\$25 each at
www.cvhsonline.org



CVHS partners with Kent Stephens' STAGE FORCE to present

Dogs and Lesser Mortals

Imagine a world where every meal is the most amazing you'd ever had. One where coming back from the post office is a reunion on the scale of 'An Affair to Remember', where every parting is overwhelmingly tragic and every joy transcendental. A world where love is always unconditional, and forgiveness is as easy as a pat on the head. Imagine that world, and you might be somewhere close to knowing what it feels like to be a dog.

On March 13th through 22nd, Kent Stephens' STAGE FORCE returns to the STAR Theater to celebrate the wonder of all things canine by throwing them a party: Dogs and Lesser Mortals, a cabaret-style evening of song, stories and scenes as exuberant as a Bichon Frise dancing for a piece of bacon.

Revel in the sheer, unadulterated joy of sniffing things. Harness your heartstrings to a rescue mission saving at-risk pups from an overcrowded kill shelter, and learn about the love that overcomes communications barriers, the taunting of squirrels, and even death itself. Whether you're a long-standing dog lover, desperately allergic, or one

of those odd people who choose the company of cats, you'll find something to love in this show.

For Dogs and Lesser Mortals, STAGE FORCE has partnered with the NHSPCA and the Cocheco Valley Human Society, two organizations who put heart and soul into finding loving new homes for rescued animals. Those interested in adopting will have a chance to meet eligible pets-in-need on site at the Kittery Community Center, and rescue pups will lend a hand to introduce the show.

Dogs and Lesser Mortals features the talents of Jamie Bradley, Christine Dulong, Andy Fling, CJ Lewis, Jessica Miller, and Ryan Salvato, with original music by CJ Lewis.

Buy your tickets to Dogs and Lesser Mortals today at www.stageforce.org!

Write up about STAGE FORCE and Dogs and Lesser Mortals provided by STAGE FORCE. For more information about Dogs and Lesser Mortals and STAGE FORCE, please go to www.stageforce.org.



Meet Our Cover Dog

Jilly



Age: 7 years **Sex:** Spayed Female
Breed: Boxer mix

Jilly is 7 years old and came to CVHS because her family did not have enough time or space for her. This sweet girl is looking for a medium energy home where she can be queen of the castle. She would do best as the only pet in a home with kids 8/10 or older. She is looking for a family that will help her with her leash manners and basic obedience. She has been on a hypoallergenic diet at the shelter and will need to stay on one in her new home. Jilly is ready to enjoy her golden years - will you be her best friend?

Chris' Pets for Vets

at Cocheco Valley Humane Society

Cocheco Valley Humane Society is honored to be part of Annie's Angels' newest program, Chris' Pets for Vets. Chris' Pets for Vets was created to honor the memory of Christopher Journeau and to help raise awareness about PTSD. The love of a companion animal can make a tremendous difference in the life of a vet, especially one who is suffering from PTSD. Chris' Pets for Vets will sponsor the adoption fee of animals at Cocheco Valley Humane Society for veterans and active military members.

To qualify for Chris' Pets for Vets, please bring your



military ID, DD-214, or DD-256 with you to the shelter when you come to adopt. Adopters must meet Cocheco Valley Humane Society's requirements in order to adopt. Although Annie's Angels and Chris' Pets for Vets are generously sponsoring the adoption fee, adopters must be able

provide food and vet care for their pet. For more information about this new program, go to anniesangels.net/chris-pets-for-vets/



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CVHS Holds 21st Annual Dog Walk



**May 31st, 2015
11am to 2pm**

Strafford County Courthouse

Our 21st walk for the animals is just around the corner! Taking place once again on the lawn of the Strafford County Courthouse, just steps from the shelter, the Tails to Trails dog walk is one of our largest fundraisers of the year for the animals. Hosted by Mark Ericson and Karen Kiley from WOKQ, the dog walk features vendors, demos, raffles, adoptable animals, prizes for the top pledge collectors, and a 1-mile walk for the animals.

The success of this event depends on YOU! Registration is now open online at www.cvhsonline.org/dogwalk.cfm. When you register online, you can form a walker profile, add pictures, and share your fundraising page via email and Facebook. Make the dog walk even more fun by asking your friends, co-workers, classmates, or teammates to join you in forming a walk team. Teams are encouraged to make signs, decorate t-shirts, or dress up to showcase that they're a team.

Don't have a dog? No problem! Take part in the walk in memory of a beloved pet or in honor of a pet you have at home. Although this is a dog-only event, we want to be sure to include all animal lovers!

Register today and start collecting pledges!

You can make this year's Tails to Trails event our **Biggest Fundraiser Ever** by following these fundraising tips!

Make an online fundraising page

Creating an online fundraising page is easy and fun! Simply go to www.cvhsonline.org/dogwalk.cfm and register online for the dog walk through FirstGiving. The website will walk you through the steps of creating a profile, adding pictures, and setting a pledge goal. You can even set up a walk team online! Don't forget to make the first donation yourself - your gift will set the tone for others to give.

Reach out to friends and family

Once you've created your online fundraising page, be sure to spread the word about your efforts to raise money for CVHS. Share your fundraising page with friends and family by sending a personalized email. And don't forget to share your page via Twitter and Facebook!

One a day

Ask one person each day to make a contribution. If you get four gifts of \$25, you will have raised \$100 in less than a week. Don't be afraid to ask for larger gifts. Most people are happy to donate, they just need to be asked.

Bring it along

Everywhere you go, your pledge form should go, too. In addition to collecting donations online, you can download a donation form at www.cvhsonline.org that you can keep on you at all times. You never know when you'll run into someone who will sponsor you!

Pin it up

Ask for permission at work, church, school, or the library to pin your pledge sheet on a bulletin board. Be sure to include your contact information as well as details about the walk.

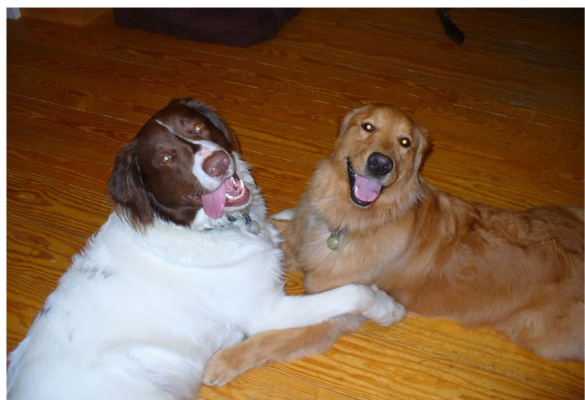
Get creative

You don't have to rely on sponsors alone to raise money for the animals. Try holding your own fundraiser, like a bake sale.

Learn more on our website at

www.cvhsonline.org

facebook favorites



Thought you might enjoy a couple pictures of the boys playing together and hanging in the kitchen.

Thank you again for Charlie. He is such a wonderful addition to our family!

Kerry & Michael



We adopted Willis and Hank several years ago and wanted to let you know they are doing wonderful. It took several years for them to want to snuggle with us, but now they do. Here is a picture of them together.

Wendy and Gary Stiles



We love to get updates about CVHS alumni! Like us on Facebook and be sure to keep us updated on how your best friend is doing!

Adoption Success Stories



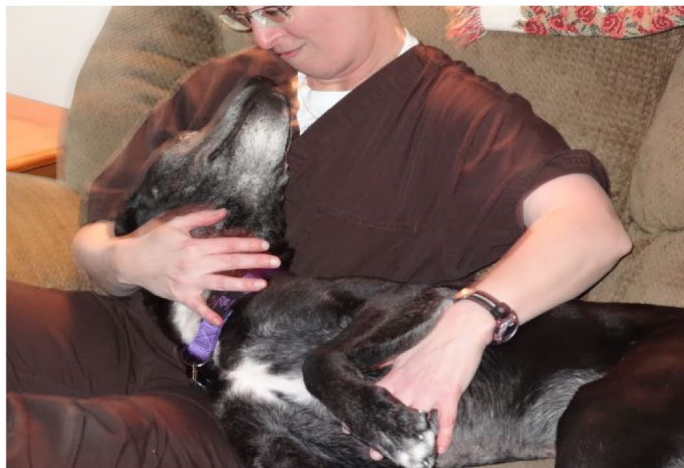
Hello Cocheco!

Almost 2 months ago I adopted a wonderful puppy named Aladdin, who we renamed Toby. He will soon be 9 months and is doing great in his new home. I'm not sure if you remember, but he was part of a litter that all had names from the Aladdin movie and I was told he was a Blue Heeler mix. I think he has some Doberman in him with the coloring and maybe we

will have a DNA testing done to figure out exactly what he is because we are so curious! I have attached a couple pictures of Toby settling in here. Thanks for such a great dog and I hope all is well at the shelter!

Katelyn Monroe

Hey Folks! You can take Rajah off your Fab Five list now. She's settled in quite nicely to live out her golden years with us and said to let you know that, while she appreciates everything you've



done for her, she's not going anywhere. [...]Thanks again for letting this sweet soul join our family.

Love, Michelle, Rachel, Raggles, Rita, Olive, and special thanks from the Matriarch herself

Haunted Overload wins ABC's *Great Halloween Fright Fight*



Janice Page and Eric Lowther pose with their trophy and hosts Sabrina Soto and Michael Maloney after winning ABC's Great Halloween Fright Fight.

It's safe to say that 2014 was the Year of Haunted Overload! This year marked our fourth Halloween season partnering with the local attraction. Each year, volunteers and staff members from CVHS assist with cleaning the haunt trails, construction, crowd control, directing parking, and even acting. At the end of the haunt season, Haunted Overload generously donates 10% of their profits to the shelter, a donation that has steadily increased over the years as the attraction has gained more and more attention both locally and nationally.

This year saw record-breaking attendance numbers as Haunted Overload was recognized on national TV as a top Halloween attraction. In September, a crew from ABC's Great Halloween Fright Fight, a

holiday special featuring over-the-top family Halloween displays and attractions, arrived at DeMeritt Hill Farm to film Haunted Overload. Hosts Sabrina Soto and Michael Maloney experienced all the thrills and chills of the haunt and were clearly impressed with, not only the scale of Haunted Overload, but the creativity and craftsmanship, as well. As part of the show, Haunted Overload founder Eric Lowther would be competing against five other Halloween attractions around the country for a grand prize of \$50,000.

When the Great Halloween Fright Fight aired on October 28th, it was officially announced that Haunted Overload had been selected the winner. In a remarkable display of generosity, Eric and his wife Janice donated their \$50,000 winnings to the Bring Us Home capital campaign fund to help bring CVHS one step closer to a new building!

Thanks to the extra publicity from the Great Halloween Fright Fight, attendance numbers soared during the last few nights of the Halloween season. As a result, Haunted Overload's yearly donation to CVHS of 10% of their profits was far greater than in previous years. To our amazement, CVHS was presented with a donation of \$19,500 by Eric at the annual Haunted Overload wrap party!

We are so grateful for Haunted Overload's continued friendship and support. And we are honored to partner with them each year to help present one of the greatest Halloween attractions in the country. Congratulations, Haunted Overload, for a tremendous year and thank you for all you do for CVHS!



Haunted Overload generously donated their \$50,000 winnings to Cocheco Valley Humane Society



For more information about Haunted Overload, go to www.hauntedoverload.com



Thank you to Dr. O'Connell, owner and founder of R.O.A.D To A Better Life, for generously matching \$30,000 in donations made to our annual holiday appeal!



Thank you to Seacoast Dream Dentistry for joining us as the top sponsor of our Dessert Tasting and Silent Auction!

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