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Thank you for your meaningful gift. If your name is not listed here, please watch for it in our next newsletter issue.



Meet Ladybug

I'm a cuddlebug and enjoy attention. I was brought here in May 2009 because my owner became ill and could no longer care for me. I do great with other cats and I'm told that I'd make a nice addition to any household. I do have food allergies so I'm on a special diet. Can you give me a forever home?



Life should be good!



Hi,

We adopted three kittens (who have not lost their mittens) back in October. We came in looking for two, but then my husband decided that he wanted a kitten of his "own". So we left with three - Macaroni, Cloud and Waffle. We kept Macaroni's and Cloud's names, and changed Waffle to Bruschi (after Tedy of Patriots fame). They are doing well and get along great with our two older cats. Thanks for all that you do!

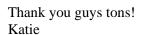
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Here are some pics of Bob....we thought we would share!:) We love him and he is fitting in great w/ the animals. They love him and he isn't

so sure yet. He has claimed the

top of Fred's chair to bird watch through the big window.





We adopted Cooper on Saturday 1-2. And we just wanted you all to know how much we adore him. He seems to love all human members of the family already and comes to be snuggled by each one he sees. He really loves it if you brush him, that is his favorite, he will even go give the brush a nudge on the table and look at you with this sweet little please face. He even played with some toys this morning so he is getting more comfortable with his surroundings already. He is eating and drinking well and using his litter box. Thus far he is very content to ignore the dogs even though they both wish to be his best friend. That will happen on his terms in time. I cannot believe someone had not scooped him up. We are so very happy he chose us to come home with.

Thanks for caring for him, Ellen, Jake, Eric, Gracie, Tucker & Cooper Hello everyone. We thought you might like this latest picture of Biff (now Nehemiah, or Miah). He loves our

Golden! He is SUCH a joy. 24/7 play, always into something. Very lovey, always purring. Very entertaining. Just a delight. He went to the vet and has a clean bill of health. Thank you for letting us adopt him!!



Gail

Hello there.

I am just writing to thank you for giving me the opportunity to adopt one of your special little gals. She was rescued from Alabama, along with her mommy and 7 brothers and sisters, from the side of the road and we were fortunate enough to have them shipped to NH for us to adopt. We have named her Harlequinn but we call her Harley for short. She is having a wonderful time here at her new home and she is growing like a weed. She was 4.5 lbs when we got her (see picture below) but she is now weighing in at a whopping 8 lbs after a month and a half. We love her to pieces and can't see how we had ever lived without her. She has a new

little sister now who is a Chihuahua who weighs 1.5 lbs named PJ and they are super sweet together. I am sending you a picture of them to let you see how adorable they are together. Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to complete our little family.



Sincerely, Pozey



Volunteers are a Special Breed

During 2009, CVHS' army of volunteers donated 12,086 hours to help the animals - that's about \$120,000 worth of time! Volunteers spent their time walking dogs, cleaning kennels, socializing with cats, doing laundry, transporting animals and attending outside events.

One of these outside events happens every year during November and December at the Fox Run Mall in Newington. Volunteers and kissing booth dogs man a table at the JC Penney mall entrance every weekend to raise community awareness of our work during the holiday season. They collect donations and sell dog and cat treats to raise money for the shelter. This year's event required the help of 144 volunteers and 64 kissing booth dogs. We made quite a hit at the mall with our kissing booth dogs ranging from a Chihuahua to a Doberman - and everything in between! Between donations and retail sales, a recordbreaking \$7.000 was made over the course of the two months! Thank you to all the volunteers and dogs that helped at this fundraiser!

A huge thank you goes out to the hardworking volunteers who continue to make Bingo our largest fundraiser. About 30 regular volunteers manage the games at Seacoast Bingo in Somersworth each Saturday evening, raising

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\$150,000 annually for the animals. Over 3,000 hours were donated by Bingo volunteers this year!

Our foster program is currently in the process of expanding. In past years, this program has consisted of the same small group of volunteers who, during kitten season, would find themselves taking on litter after litter for months on end. This year, our program is bigger than ever with 16 new volunteers going through the orientation process to become foster parents. Foster parents allow us to help far more animals than our tiny shelter would normally be capable of holding. In the spring and summer months, when our cat rooms are overflowing with nearly 300 cats, we've had 100 or more additional animals in foster homes.

Whether your have a spare room for foster kittens or a spare hour to come walk dogs, the shelter is always in need of your help. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old and must have a parent or guardian with them at all times until they are 16 years old. Orientation and training are required for all volunteers. Applications are available on our website, cvhsonline.org. For more information, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Alaina Goodnough, at 603-749-5322 ext 111 or volunteerc@cvhsonline.org.

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Why does CVHS offer Humane Education? As part of our mission, we are dedicated to educating communities throughout Strafford County and Southern Maine about humane care and treatment of animals. We also want communities to trust that every animal at our shelter receives appropriate care and treatment as we seek to help them find new homes.

How long are the education programs and what do they include? Programs average 30-45 minutes. Presentations focus on the basic needs and care of companion animals, safe approaches and handling of pets, and the importance of kindness and responsibility in daily life with both pets and people.

Who do we serve? Everyone! Cocheco Valley Humane Society offers a variety of programs for pre-kindergarten through high school as well as for adults. Our programs are offered year-round. Visits to schools, churches, home school groups and organizations such as 4-H and Scout Groups are always available. Any community group that would like us to provide a program can call, let us know your needs and CVHS will work with your group.

How can I schedule a presentation? Call CVHS at (603)749-5322 two weeks or more before your group meeting. Ask for a presentation - and Jane Kennedy, the humane educator will contact you to set up a date. You can also email her at humaneed@cvhsonline.org to arrange a time.

Can a pet from the shelter visit our group? Sasha, the canine humane education dog, is available for visits and is a CVHS alumni dog.

Can groups visit the shelter for a tour? Absolutely. Just call two weeks ahead to arrange a time. The shelter staff needs notice and we want you to come when the visit will be the best possible to answer questions and see all our animals ready for adoption. We will explain the workings of our shelter and how we accomplish our mission.



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Upcoming Events

Friday, February 26	PetCo's Dover Store Grand Opening, join us at the new PetCo on Central Avenue in Shaw's Plaza
Saturday, Feb. 27	PetCo's Dover Store Grand Opening, join us at the new PetCo on Central Avenue in Shaw's Plaza
Saturday, Feb. 27	Rabies and Microchip Clinic, 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the shelter conducted by Dr. Cynthia Hoisington.
Saturday, March 13	Pet Photos with The Easter Bunny, Sillie-Eventures of Manchester will be at Pet Quarters in Newington for Pet Photos 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. A portion of the proceeds is donated to CVHS.
Sunday, March 21	13th AnnualCreature Comforts Dessert Tasting & Silent Auction, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Regatta Ballroom, Eliot, ME. For tickets or more information, call 603-749-5322, ext. 113.
Saturday, June 19	Doggie Kissing Booth at Somersworth International Children's Festival
Saturday, July 10	5th Annual Summer Sun & Fun Craft Festival, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Calef's Field in Barrington. Applications now available. Call 603-749-5322, ext 113.

Sunday, Sept. 26 16th Annual Walk for the Animals at Henry Law Park, Dover. Mark your calendar!

Watch our website for news on this year's

Kitten Shower

to be held in May ~ date/location to be determined. www.cvhsonline.org

Offsite Adoption Days in the Community!

1st Saturday of every month - see us at **Pawsitive Steps**, Eliot, ME 2nd Saturday of every month - see us at **Club Canine**, Portsmouth, NH 3rd Saturday of every month - see us at **Pet Junction**, Somersworth, NH