

# Maple's story: A foster home turned forever home

by Jennifer Moreau

We had been a three dog family for many years. Sadly, we lost our rotweiler, Krissy, to cancer a few months ago. We went back and forth about adopting again. Was a third dog worth the extra energy and commitment? Realistically, we were missing Krissy and did have the energy and commitment. So it was decided we would start our journey for another member of our household. My husband began browsing websites looking for the next perfect dog.

We returned to CVHS and watched the dogs in the play yard to see if there were any that caught our attention. There was a tiny strawberry blonde pit bull that I found fun. We returned the next day to inquire about her and were informed that she could not be adopted at this time, as she was waiting for double knee surgery, but she could be fostered. We took her for a walk and introduced her to our family. It was not love at first sight. Maple was not connecting with us - I assumed because she was a stray for so long, living on her own and caring for her puppies - but everyone got along so we decided to go down the foster care road. It hurt my heart to think that such a sweet



From Left: Paige, Xyla, Maple and Lucy

little girl was going to have to recover from not one but two surgeries in a cement kennel. I knew the staff would do everything possible to make her comfortable, but she deserved a home with a soft bed and loving care to recover in.

We completed the applications, attended the volunteer orientation, and then waited. We got the call to take Maple home shortly after her first surgery. We were instructed to work with her and perform physical therapy on her everyday and to keep her still and quiet. The physical therapy was the easy part. But

keeping her still and quiet, that was another story. This little girl had a streak of energy running through her! She loved being in the house and playing with my daughter and her two foster sisters Paige (a 6-year-old pit bull) and Lucy (a 3-year-old boxer).

It was evident that this little girl had not been around a lot of people, as there were a lot of things human that she did not understand. Everything from a running shower to a microwaved bag of popcorn made her unsure. She would seek comfort of her kennel when she got

scared and come out a short time later. She needed a lot of confidence-building and some potty training. Being with her foster sisters was a good thing for her. They helped to teach her it was ok to love us and to be with us. They helped her learn to go potty outside, and that there was always a treat waiting for good behavior. Slowly, she started to understand.

We were told that at six weeks post surgery she would be going in for her second surgery. On January 3, 2011, we returned her to the shelter so she could undergo surgery the next day. It was a long few days without Maple. We had grown accustomed to her in just a few short weeks. Up until this point I knew Maple was only with us temporarily. She was our foster and would move on to find her forever family.

We arrived to pick up Maple a few days later. Maple nearly knocked me over when she saw me. I think that was the defining moment. Maple had said "Hi Mom! I missed you!" From the moment we brought her home she has been by my side. Granted, her leg is still hurting and full of staples, but she still wants to be an active part of the family. She runs and jumps with her sisters and snuggles with my daughter. Her potty training has improved, and she has not tried to eat my daughter's toys in days. It seems like while being away from us for those few short days, she has realized what it means to have a family, or maybe it's just me wanting her to...

As I sit here writing this article about being a foster family, Maple is curled up by my side. Like all our other dogs, she is not the one we set out to find, but rather the dog that found us. Once her staples are removed and she is cleared for adoption, we intend to adopt her. It is pretty clear that we are Maple's forever home.

We would absolutely be a foster family again. The experience has been wonderful. The only thing that we would do differently is pray that I have the ability to let the next foster go to their forever home, as I have lots of room in my heart for them, just not in my house.

## Looking to volunteer at CVHS? We have something for everyone!

by Alaina Goodnough

Have you always wanted to join the Cocheco Valley Humane Society volunteer program but other commitments or allergies to animals kept you away? CVHS offers a number of volunteer opportunities that don't involve a weekly commitment or animal care.

### Donation Banks

Many shops, gas stations, restaurants, markets, and vet offices in the surrounding towns have donation banks for the shelter. Monitoring a donation bank is an easy way to combine running errands with fundraising for the animals. Volunteers who are part of this program are responsible for monitoring specific donation banks and are required to empty their banks at least once a month. CVHS is always in need of more volunteers to help us expand this program. On

Average, volunteers collected \$10,500 per year for the animals! Is there a location you visit frequently you'd like to add a donation bank? Let us know, and we'll get you started as a donation bank volunteer!

### Seacoast Bingo

If you like meeting new people, you might enjoy helping at our weekly Bingo game. Every Saturday night, the Bingo game at Seacoast Bingo in Somersworth benefits the animals at Cocheco Valley Humane Society. A team of 30 volunteers and two staff members run the Bingo game each week with each volunteer committing to a minimum of one Saturday per month. Our most successful fundraising effort, Bingo raises an average of \$150,000 per year! Volunteers over the age of 21 who are comfortable handling money are always needed.

### Humane Education

Our Humane Education program is in high demand by local schools and scout troops. We are looking for volunteers who are comfortable with public speaking and enjoy working with children to help us refresh and expand this program. Programs vary depending on the needs and age of the group. Some presentations are given at the shelter, while others are done offsite at schools and churches. Humane Education is a wonderful chance for us to teach the community about shelter programs, adoption, and animal care. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate in the Humane Education program!

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, or if you wish to know more about our volunteer program, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Alaina Goodnough, at (603) 749-5322 ext 111 or [volunteerc@cvhsonline.org](mailto:volunteerc@cvhsonline.org).

## Vaccines aren't what they used to be

by Dr. Sarah Proctor, DVM

What vaccines do Smokey and Spike need? How many should they get and how often? How safe are they? Recent changes to pet vaccination make these questions confusing for many pet owners. You have more options than in the past, and there is more controversy surrounding what the 'right' protocol should be. Being an informed pet owner requires some understanding of these questions. Let's examine a few of the changes to pet vaccination that have occurred in the past several years.

FVCRP for cats and DA2PP for dogs are commonly called "distemper," vaccines, but actually protect against several viral diseases. FVRCP protects cats against 2 respiratory viruses (feline herpes and calici) and one gastrointestinal virus (feline panleukopenia). DA2PP protects dogs against two respiratory viruses (distemper and parainfluenza), one gastrointestinal virus (parvo), and a hepatitis virus. In the past, these

vaccines have been given every year, but research has shown that many dogs and cats can retain protection for several years after vaccination. Based on this information, many veterinarians now vaccinate for these diseases every three years. We can even measure antibody levels in your pet's blood to determine how long their protection actually lasts, and possibly extend the intervals even longer. This test is called an antibody titer.

Rabies vaccines must be given to dogs and cats at least every three years by NH state law and every two years in Maine. In recent years, a yearly rabies vaccine has become available for cats. Many cat owners choose this vaccine because it is less likely to cause an injection site reaction or tumor than the traditional three-year vaccine. The yearly vaccine contains substances that, according to scientific studies, are less reactive in the cat's body, thus potentially cause less damage.

Vaccines for Lyme disease and Leptospirosis are two additional options available for dogs. Lyme disease is rampant in our area, and is carried by deer ticks. Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection contracted by ingesting infected ground water or rodents, and is

## Uncorking some love for the animals



**From left:** Calla Bischoff, tasting manager at Flag Hill; Rachel McCoy, new special events coordinator at CVHS; and Heather Houle, director of marketing at Flag Hill.

On January 14, 2011 supporters of CVHS and Flag Hill Winery came out in droves to uncork some love for the animals. Flag Hill Winery extended its tasting room hours and hosted a wine tasting, featuring two signature-label wines designed exclusively for CVHS: Fido Foch and Whiskers White. The wine went on sale in early December, and \$4 from each bottle was donated to CVHS! At the event, Flag Hill Winery presented CVHS with a check for over \$600 and an additional \$300 was raised the night of the tasting. Thank you to Flag Hill Winery for partnering with us and making this fundraiser a huge success!



Thank you to our sponsors for making our Second Annual Black Tie & Tails a great success!

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Thank you again to The Red Barn for making this event possible! The Red Barn provides a lovely setting, delicious meal and wonderful staff!

**The event raised over \$20,000 for the animals!**



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by Sue Carney

*Another dog, visitors at the door, strangers in your yard, kids on bikes, the mailman, a squirrel.*

For many dog owners the above list can make for a miserable time with their dog. Aggression towards strangers, kids or dogs is a very real problem, and knowing how to deal with it, and even change it, can change your life and your relationship with your dog.

Traditionally when a dog lunges, bites at the air or barks uncontrollably at something, we call it "aggression." No matter what or who your dog is fixed on, the behavior is scary and prevents a lot of owners from socializing their dog, having friends over or simply enjoying being with their dog. Believe it or not, true aggression is actually quite rare. Although all dogs are capable of aggression and will resort to biting or even fighting with and killing something that threatens them, it is normally the very last option they choose in any conflict situation.

All dogs are equipped with the flight, fight or freeze mechanism that helps them decide how to deal with a scary or threatening situation. In a "conflict" (which again can be the mailman, a visitor at your door or another dog walking by), dogs choose in the first few seconds what their plan of action will be. Their choice, again, 90% of the time, is to NOT cause a conflict.

Ask yourself this question: "What happens when a dog barks, snaps at the air, or lunges at the end of a leash or tie out? You leave, other dogs leave and everybody else LEAVES too. THAT is exactly what the dog wants...for you to leave. He is really saying, "Hey you, go away, can't you tell how big and scary I am, not to mention that you are trespassing or just plain getting too close to me?"

#### **So what is this behavior and how can you make it stop?**

If a dog was aggressive and had the intent to do harm...the behavior would be entirely different. You would be more likely to see quiet stalking, charging and a good solid bite, and it would happen right away! When a wild dog (like a coyote or wolf) goes on the hunt, they don't announce it to the animal they are hunting, by lunging in

## Behavioral training: Your Best Reaction is NO Reaction!

place, growling and barking. We all know that dogs are pack animals and that within their packs there is a leader. So, if you were the leader of your pack what would your job be?

1. Protect the pack
2. Protect the territory
3. Provide food
4. Lead the hunt

Now, isn't that interesting? Look at the similarities. Barking and lunging would get me to leave. Could it be that what is really happening here is that your dog feels in some way that he is the leader, and this job of protecting (you, himself and the territory) belongs to him?

What if we were to deal with this conflict for our dog, taking the job of leader away from the dog? Would the behaviors lessen or disappear altogether? Guess what? We have found the behavior does, amazingly, disappear.

The following exercises will give you the reactions you need when presented with what your dog sees as a conflict. If you follow these reactions, you should be able to stop these behaviors or at least make them less likely.

#### **Conflict solving inside the home**

We talked about taking the "job of protecting" away from your dog when you are at home or on a walk. Your body position is very important in these instances. You do not want to scold or say, "NO," but rather let your dog know through your body language and attitude that, whatever is happening is not a problem, and you will take care of it, because you're the leader.

Each and every time you are confronted with a stranger (or visitor) at the door or someone outside the window (that your dog sees and reacts to) this is what you will do:

1. Leash on
2. Treats in hand
3. Avoid touching your dog in anyway. TOUCH is a reward and grabbing your dog's collar is rewarding him for whatever he is doing at that moment. The leash will give you the control you need without you having to touching your dog.
4. Slide your entire body in between the door and the dog. Facing your dog, say, "I've got it" or "this is not your job."
5. Pick up the leash.
6. Tell the person to come in.
7. BACK UP about 6-8 feet and step on the leash, leaving about

18 inches of the leash free. Do not wrap the leash around your hands or arms. Drawing your dog closer to you will make the problem worse.

8. Tell the visitor that you are in training and to ignore the dog until it stops jumping or vying for attention. You may have to wait a bit, but it will be worth it in the end.
9. If your dog is not responding show him the treat, but don't give it to him until he does something you like: sit, stop jumping or just relax. Reward any of those.

Do this with noises, squirrels outside the window, visitors, or any time your dog jumps and barks at something outside.

#### **Conflict solving on a walk**

You're going to use the same technique of getting in between your dog and whatever it is he is focused on, but you will need some distance between you for safety and to use as reward. Dogs love to explore what they are barking at, so forward motion towards that thing or person can be very rewarding.

1. When a dog, cat, or person shows up and your dog starts to act up, take 3-6 steps backwards, shorten the leash and get in front of your dog. Do not pull the dog close to you.
2. Say, "Enough, I've got it." (Or whatever comes to mind), but not "NO."
3. Then wait for the dog to respond by relaxing or calming down a bit. REWARD that with a treat and try getting closer, or at least walking on past the person at a distance.
4. Try this about 3 times and reward anything good that you see.
5. If it doesn't work, walk backwards even more and try again (3 times) or go home and end the walk. Your dog will catch on very quickly that, if he reacts this way, he will not get to finish the walk, will get no attention, nor a treat.

#### **No reaction to other dogs**

Often when people out on a walk with their dog come across another dog, their very first response is to shorten the leash, pull their dog close and in front of them and pet it saying, "Shhh," "quiet" or "stop." When you come across another dog, your best reaction is NO reaction. Your job is to stand at the end of the leash and basically be a "tree," keeping the leashes from crossing and

being ready to back away if you feel the need.

If your dog simply notices a dog from a distance, do nothing and give him 30 seconds to decide to ignore and move on. If he does give her a treat and say, "GOOD BOY."

If your dog notices a dog and starts to react as it is coming closer and closer. Do the same thing, NOTHING. Depending on your comfort level, allow the dogs to sniff...give your dog 30 seconds to walk away on his own, then gently pull him away and say "ENOUGH" or "LEAVE IT," and move on. Once you get about 30 paces away reward with a treat and "GOOD BOY."

If you are "surprised" by a dog (off leash), again, do the same thing - NOTHING! Allow your dog to "deal" with the situation without comment or correction. Walk on calmly and - if you are the leader - your dog will follow. Remember, NO reaction is the BEST reaction. If you are uncomfortable at any time, leave the area and (if necessary) call out to the dog's owner and ask that they collect their dog. If you are consistent, your dog will develop NO reaction to other dogs, or realize that you prefer no reaction and do whatever you ask.

The act of placing your body between your dog and the object of conflict is a natural movement that dogs do all on their own. It is called "splitting" and is often used by the leader of the pack when play gets too rough or a dog continually chases or barks at something. When you are outside on a walk, the secret to doing it correctly is the distance you put between you and the object. No one should ever get between two dogs when they are in a conflict, so remember to back up first. Distance from any conflict is your best defense.

#### **Will my dog ever be able to be around other dogs?**

Once your dog realizes that you are the boss and that you prefer little or no reaction to other dogs and new people, you will gain control and have greater and greater success. When that happens you can start reintroducing your dog to other dogs, for example in a dog park. But you can only be responsible for the behavior of your own dog. Behavior is very hard to predict and another person might not have taken the steps you have to ensure a quality meeting between dogs. Be careful.

# Life should be good

**Tigger & Leo**



"I got Tigger and Leo (brothers) at CVHS about ten years ago, and I can't tell you how much joy they have

**Buddy**



"Buddy has taken to our home quite well. He sleeps with us 90 % of the time, taking up my side of the bed. As you can see by the pictures, he is always on the

**Ross & Brock**



"Brock is adjusting well. My other cat, Ross, also adopted from CVHS a little over a year ago, is thrilled to have a playmate."

**Karlee**



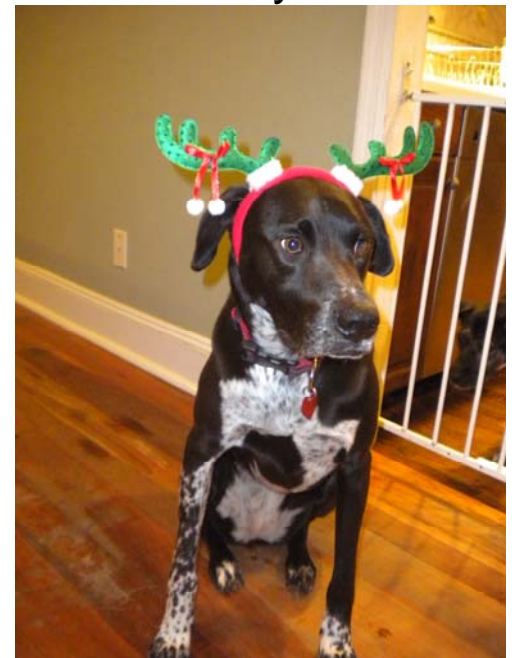
"At night, Karlee comes into our four-year-old son's bedroom at story-time and jumps up on his bed (something I said I'd never allow, but she's so cute!). She has become a member of our family and we are thrilled to have found

**Sasha & Simon**



"I am so in love with these dogs! Thank you for letting me adopt them!"

**Princess Laya**



"She is the most amazing dog and loved by

*Thanks to everyone who donated so generously over the holidays!  
Santa was very good to the animals this year!*

## CVHS WISH LIST

- \* Dry cat and kitten food
- \* Canned cat and kitten food
- \* Canned dog food
- \* Dry dog food
  - \* Large blankets and comforters
- \* Small comfy cat beds
- \* TOYS! for cats, kittens and dogs
- \* Towels and small blankets
- \* Rabbit food
- \* Hay, salt licks and toys for rabbits
- \* Laundry detergent
- \* Paper towels

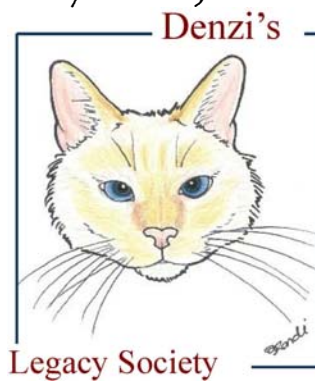
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- \* Restaurant gift certificates (for fundraiser raffles/prizes)
- \* Grocery store gift cards
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## Be part of a legacy...



Denzi's Legacy Society is a group who has committed to continue their support to the animals of Cocheco Valley Humane Society.

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[www.cvhsonline.org/plannedgiving.cfm](http://www.cvhsonline.org/plannedgiving.cfm)

*\*Speak to your financial advisor about the benefits of planned giving*

## This Easter, make yours chocolate!

If supporters of the "Make Mine Chocolate!" campaign have their way, another ribbon pin will be proudly worn this spring. The blue ribbon attached to the ceramic chocolate bunny is joining the ranks of the pink breast cancer pin and the yellow "Support the Troops" pin. The cause? Educating the American public that live rabbits don't make good Easter gifts for children. The goal? Preventing impulse purchases that often result in yet another rabbit needing to be taken in by already overwhelmed animal shelters and rabbit groups.

Rabbits are a common but misunderstood creature. Contrary to popular perception, they are not cuddly pets happy to be toted around by their young owners. Nor are they low-maintenance animals, content to sit

idly in their cages. Rather, rabbits are highly social but often fragile creatures that require regular interaction with their human family, an appropriate diet, and veterinary care provided by a rabbit-savvy veterinarian. Like cats and dogs, they must be spayed or neutered for both behavioral and health reasons. Properly cared for, rabbits can live as long as large dogs.

So keep an eye out for the ceramic bunny with the blue ribbon. And think twice before you take that cute little bunny home.

For more information on the "Make Mine Chocolate!™" campaign, visit [www.makeminechocolate.org](http://www.makeminechocolate.org).

### Make Mine Chocolate!



Before you bring a pet rabbit into your home at Easter, please consider these facts:

- Rabbits are NOT low-maintenance pets! They require as much work as a dog or cat.
- Rabbits can live 8 to 10 years, sometimes longer.
- The necessary spay or neuter can cost \$100 or more, and rabbits require routine veterinary care.
- Rabbits are not cuddly — they can become frightened when held!
- Pet rabbits cannot be set "free" — it's a death sentence.

A week after Easter,  
the candy will be **forgotten.**



Sadly,  
so will the **rabbit.**

This Easter, remember: A rabbit is not a toy.  
If you're not ready to give him ten years of your life,  
you're not ready to give him as a pet.

[www.makeminechocolate.org](http://www.makeminechocolate.org)

## VPI's list of unusual ingested objects

Some dogs and cats eat way more than just pet food, according to Veterinary Pet Insurance's "60 Most Unusual Ingested Objects" for 2010. The list, which included oddities such as jellyfish, jumper cables and a rosary crucifix, was derived from the company's nearly 2,000 foreign body ingestion claims for the year.

Some pets ate multiple unusual items, such as the one that ingested an estrogen patch and a make-up brush. Socks, hand towels, sticks and rocks were among the more common foreign objects found in dogs and cats during the year, according to the Brea, California-based company.

Collectively, VPI policyholders spent almost \$3 million treating pets that ingested such foreign objects.

VPI's 60 most unusual ingested objects, in random order, are:

1. jellyfish#
2. glue#
3. estrogen patch/make-up brush#
4. tube of denture adhesive#
5. dead poisoned vole#
6. bikini#
7. ink pen#
8. plastic nose from teddy bear#
9. magnetic purse clasps#
10. baseball#
11. glass Christmas ornament#
12. hearing aid#
13. bed sheet#
14. box of pencils#
15. popsicle stick#
16. avocado pit#
17. dental floss#
18. coffee filter/coffee grounds#
19. fishhook#
20. pain relief tablet/B.B. pellet/highlighter#
21. tent door#
22. toy squeaker#
23. watch#
24. 16 steel wool pads#
25. pseudoephedrine/sponge/snail poison/tampon#
26. 20 cherry pits#
27. light bulb#
28. barbecue brush#
29. Frisbee#
30. jumper cables#
31. razor blades#
32. uncooked rice (1 pound)#
33. wallpaper paste#
34. squirrel#
35. balloon ribbons#
36. bird (whole)#
37. butter/sand#
38. deer antler (partial)#
39. extension cord#
40. leash/3 sticks of butter#
41. pin cushion#
42. portion of wool rug#
43. tobacco#
44. remote control#
45. 10 quarters/one penny/one Canadian coin/three arcade tokens#
46. foot-long submarine sandwich#
47. fire log#
48. wooden toy train#
49. pine cone#
50. round chew bone (whole)#
51. caulk#
52. eye glasses#
53. money (paper)#
54. oil-soaked dirt#
55. sand#
56. rosary crucifix#
57. 25 to 30 soiled diapers#
58. bath bubble mix#
59. bathtub cleaner/outdoor plants#
60. duck bone

## Checklist: What to do if you've lost your pet

1. Report your missing pet to local shelters. Provide a detailed description and a recent photo. The more precise you can be, the better the chance of identification are. A list of shelters can be found on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com). Visit your local shelter frequently.
2. Post information on the CVHS Facebook page.
3. If your pet is microchipped, contact Homeagain immediately.
4. Post fliers with your pet's name, description and photo along with your phone number throughout your neighborhood.
5. Offer a reward, even if a small one, and hand the fliers out to neighbors asking them to watch out for your pet.
6. Report your missing pet to Veterinary offices, animal control and your local highway department.
7. Place notices in the lost and found section of your local paper ad Craigslist.
8. Check crawlspaces, basements, garages and under porches. Sometimes an injured or ill pet will "hide" in these places and may be unable to get out.
9. Put something (such as an item of clothing) that has the scent of you or your pet on it near your home to draw the pet to a familiar smell.
10. Keep a bowl of water and some dry food outside during the day (do not leave out at night as you may attract unwanted "guests").

## Upcoming Events

February - Adopt a Rabbit Month

February 18th & March 19th - 4:30 p.m.



Enjoy food and drink in the Margaritas lounge!  
5% of the lounge sales will go to CVHS!

The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. and goes all night!  
**Only at Margaritas in Dover!**

February 19th - 12:30 p.m.

**Paws 4A  
Cause**

Pack up your snowshoes and head to **Kingman Farm in Madbury** for a guided snowshoe trek for dogs and their owners! There's no entry fee. Instead, please bring a monetary donation for CVHS! For more information, contact Brayden Dunn at [braydenjdunn@gmail.com](mailto:braydenjdunn@gmail.com).

March - Adopt a Guinea Pig Month

March 17th - 4:00 to 10 p.m.



**St Patrick's Day  
Benefit for CVHS**

**Texas Roadhouse in Newington** will be hosting a benefit for CVHS on St. Patrick's Day! Come out that evening to celebrate! 20% of the evening's sales will benefit the animals of CVHS! Patrons must present a coupon to their server. To print out a coupon, go to [www.cvhsnline.org/news.cfm](http://www.cvhsnline.org/news.cfm).

March 8 - April 24



**Make Mine Chocolate**

CVHS is kicking off our celebration of **Make Mine Chocolate** with a visit from the Lindt Bunny Car on March 8!

The Make Mine Chocolate Campaign reminds people that bunnies are year-round pets. Often, people buy them on impulse and then bring them to shelters when the whim is over. This Easter, why not make it a chocolate bunny or a cuddly, stuffed toy instead?

April 30th & May 1st - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April showers bring kittens! Bring a donation to the shelter to help us get ready for the litters of kittens that will be coming this spring and summer!

Coming Soon...



Look for our new and improved website in spring 2011!

Our web address will remain the same:  
[www.cvhsnline.org](http://www.cvhsnline.org)

**Attention Artists!**

Create a design to be used on t-shirts and other items for Paws in the Park!  
**All entries must be submitted to the shelter by May 1, 2011.**  
*All Entries must be 8 1/2 X 11.*

**Paws in the Park - NEW date & location!**

**Sunday, June 12, 2011**  
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Registration: 11:00 a.m. Walk: 1:00 p.m.  
Registration fee: \$10.00 per registered walker

**Download pledge forms and team packets and register on FirstGiving from our website: [www.cvhsnline.org/dogwalk.cfm](http://www.cvhsnline.org/dogwalk.cfm).**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Has your team already registered for the walk? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Other) \_\_\_\_\_

I adopted my dog from CVHS.

I, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, and assigns, assume any and all risks associated with the Benefit Walk and Fun Dog Show, and waive and release any and all rights and claims against Cocheco Valley Humane Society, its agents and representatives, and any others connected with the event for injuries and damages of any kind suffered by myself or my animal. I grant permission for Cocheco Valley Humane Society to record any or all participation in the event for use in photographs, motion pictures, TV recording, videotapes or other media, or for use in publicity, promotions or advertising without reimbursement of any kind.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This MUST be signed to participate (signature of parent or guardian if participate is under 18).

Please register me today! Enclosed is my \$10 registration fee.

I can't attend but would like to help. Please accept my donation to benefit the animals at CVHS.

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