



The Happy Howl

The Newsletter for the Volunteers of
Cochecho Valley Humane Society

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Its that time of year again!

It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas! Its time for the annual JC Penney holiday fundraiser! Every weekend in November and December, we set up a table in front of JC Penney in the Fox Run Mall in Newington. We sell a variety of pet related items (dog treats, catnip mice), collect donations, and feature our kissing booth dogs. Last year, we raised over \$7,000 for the animals—and we hope to do even better this year! This event requires an enormous amount of volunteers and kissing booth dogs.



Mark the dates on your calendars now! The JC Penney holiday fundraiser will take place every Saturday and Sunday from November 6th-December 19th. Contact Alaina at volun-



Calling all
CVHS
alumni!

Join us in the



Dover Holiday
Parade!



Thank you, volunteers!

Thank you much for all you've done to help the animals at CVHS. You are truly making a difference in their lives. Please join us on Thursday November 11th at the shelter for a thank you party! The event will be from 5-8pm - feel free to come when you can. You are welcome to bring your four-legged friends as long as they get along well with other dogs. Please RSVP by November 8th by contacting Alaina at 603-749-5322 ext 111 or unteerc@cvhsonline.org.



Shelter Clean up Days



Get ready to roll up your sleeves and get dirty! On November 22nd and 23rd, the staff will be giving the shelter a thorough cleaning before the holiday donations start arriving. Spaces like our attic are overflowing with cages and carriers. We need to go through all our supplies and get rid of anything that is broken, missing pieces, or expired—and we would love some extra help! Volunteers will

Fall 2010 Day of Caring

Thank you to all the volunteers from Liberty Mutual who participated in this September's United Way Day of Caring. Volunteers helped clean out our food donation cooler, spruce up our garden, clean the dog pens, scrub all the rabbit cages, and repair a couple staircases. We ended up having a perfect day for the event and all the projects on our



Foster Parent Orientation

We currently have over 100 cats and kittens in foster care right now - and our nursery is still full! Our current foster parents are getting worn out—do you have room in your heart and your home to be a foster parent? An orientation / information session for anyone interested in learning more about our foster care program will take place at the shelter from **5:30-6:30pm on Thursday November 18th**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what is involved in fostering, meet the staff involved with the program, and ask any questions you might have. A fos-



Shelter Safety

Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or a newcomer to the shelter, it's always good to refresh your memory on some animal care safety tips. With so many dogs coming into the shelter from the Refugee Adoption Program, the dog adoption room can be a very hectic place. We want the shelter to be a safe place for our staff,

volunteers, adopters, and animals. With that in mind, please remember:

* Before taking a dog out of its kennel, take a minute to **read the information on the cage card**. Is it shy? Is it excitable? Is it nervous around people wearing hats? For safety reasons, you always want to know as much as possible about a dog before you take it out of its kennel.



* When in the adoption room, **only one dog should be out of its kennel at a time**. If a staff member, adopter, or volunteer has another dog out, you need to WAIT before entering the room or taking a dog out of its cage. Not all dogs are friendly with each other and something as simple as walking past one another could provoke a fight.

* **Never take more than one dog on a walk at a time**. If two or more dogs are in a kennel together, ask for assistance in getting one out. Even dogs that share a kennel could start a fight while on a walk.

* **Never mix and match dogs from different cages**. Ever! You are putting yourself, other people, and the dogs in a dangerous position if you mix together two dogs from different kennels. This is especially important if you volunteer with one or more other people and everyone wants to walk their own dog.

* Being aware of other dogs does not just apply to being in the shelter. **Whenever you pass through a door, be sure to check for dogs on the other side**. If there's a potentially dangerous situation on the other side of the door, YOU need to see it before the dog does.

* Animals don't have to be running loose to start a fight – they can fight right through the cage doors. **Always keep dogs close to you when walking through the kennels** to prevent them from running up to the cage doors.

* Although it's great to see someone express interest in the dog you are walking, you do not want to allow potential adopters to approach you while you are handling a shelter dog. Some dogs are more nervous than others about meeting new people. **If someone approaches you,**



Dover Holiday Parade

“Miracle on Central Avenue”

Sunday, November 28th at 2:45pm

Do you have a friendly dog you’ve adopted from CVHS?

We’re looking for some CVHS alums to join the shelter dogs and CVHS staff members when we walk in the Dover holiday parade.

We will not have a float, so dogs and their handlers must be able to walk the length of the parade route.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

Friday, 11/5 - Black Tie and Tails Benefit Gala

6-11pm at The Red Barn at Outlook Farm in South Berwick, ME

Saturday, 11/6 thru Sunday 11/28 - JC Penney Holiday Fundraiser

10am-7pm on Saturdays and Noon-6pm on Sundays at the Fox Run Mall in Newington

Monday, 11/22 and Tuesday 11/23 - Shelter Clean Up Days

Come help us clean the shelter from top to bottom!

Wednesday, 11/24 and Thursday, 11/25 - Shelter closed for Thanksgiving

Volunteers needed!

Sunday, 11/28 - Dover Holiday Parade

2:45pm in downtown Dover

DECEMBER

Saturday, 12/4 thru Sunday 12/19 - JC Penney Holiday Fundraiser continues

Friday, 12/24 and Saturday, 12/25 - Shelter closed for Christmas

Volunteers needed!

JANUARY

Saturday, 1/01 - Shelter closed for New Years Day

Volunteers needed!
