

# Paw Prints



*"The best shelter is...a humane community."*

## A brother is a friend given by nature. — Jean Baptiste Lagouve



Brothers Rocky (left) and Precious (right).

For several weeks earlier this summer, visitors to the MHS Adoption Center were greeted at the door by Rocky and Precious, feline brothers who were usually curled up napping together or grooming each other. Staff were stumped as to why they hadn't been scooped up by a new family as they were both charming and engaging.

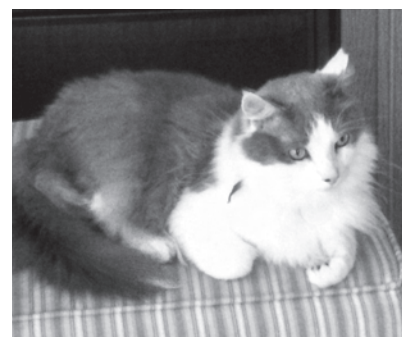
The brothers had spent the first six years of their life together when they found themselves in temporary emergency boarding at MHS as their human family came upon hard times. Since they were housed in a staff area, we really got to know them and their wonderful "purr"sonalities.

Rocky, a grey and white longhair, often had an inquisitive nature and look on his face. His eyes were always wide

open, his head slightly tilted, watching everything you were doing. He would meow and roll on his back for belly rubs. Precious, a short-haired brown tabby, was much more reserved. However, he loved to give head butts and sit in your lap. He had such a serious, intense look on his face, and yet he would chirp and move toward you so you could pet him. Only when you passed his test would he rub up against you. They were quite a pair!

Unfortunately, their family could not reclaim them and so we put Rocky and Precious up for adoption so their new family could find them. With their close bond, we knew they had to be adopted together and even had a special adoption rate for the pair. Rocky and Precious loved being on the adoption floor and greeting the constant stream of visitors through our doors. What charming greeters they were—even the nearby kittens couldn't hold the attention of all our visitors! When they were featured as our Pet of the Week in the local paper, several people called to "sponsor" Rocky and Precious which helped us care for them.

June went by, and Rocky and Precious were still waiting. Then, July began slipping by. The Staff (by now, utterly enchanted with the boys) was discussing who amongst them was going to adopt them. And then on July 26th, Rocky and Precious found a home! The couple originally only wanted one cat who would be a lap cat and provide much needed company for a quiet home, but when they were introduced to Rocky and Precious, it was love at first sight! They knew immediately they had found the perfect companions for them. There was no question for them, either—these brothers needed to be together. Congratulations, Rocky and Precious, we will miss you but we are so happy for you! 🐾



## Greetings from the menagerie...

The summer months have been a whirlwind of activity at Monadnock Humane Society: three St Bernards on the adoption floor (in addition to lots of other great dogs waiting for their new families), 21 cats taken in from a hoarding situation, Cat-Splosion! (over 40 cats found new homes), a wildly successful Walk for Animals, a new website, we were voted "Best Non-Profit Organization" in the Monadnock Region, our new Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator (more on Margaret later), and several other new faces throughout our community. It's not often I get to stop and catch my breath and think about all we've accomplished together—the lives we've touched and the animals we've given new opportunities to.

Thank you for being part of our work and joining us as we build a humane community here in the Monadnock Region.

*Michelle Thevenin*

Michelle Thevenin, Executive Director



Pictured are, left to right, Mary Przywara, Michelle, and Pam Walther. Mary and Pam were our top fundraisers for the Walk for Animals, each bringing in over \$1,700!

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## Check out the new MHS website!

Get all the latest news, find adoptable pets, sign up for a training class, read the Happy Tails, and a lot more!

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Closed Monday and Tuesday

### Administrative Hours:

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### OUR MISSION

To foster a compassionate community by promoting and providing for the wellbeing of animals.



# HAPPY TAILS

## TEDDY & EMMA

Just wanted to give you an update on "Teddy", the stray cat formerly known as "Socks" whom we adopted in Feb. 2012, and "Emma," the black lab mix also adopted from MHS. They joined Gus, a shepherd mix that we adopted earlier. The first weeks we had supervised nose to nose visits through a gate separating Teddy from the dogs. Next we raised the gate at night to allow Teddy to roam the house, except for the bedroom, while we slept. After a few weeks of this arrangement, with Teddy quite capable of hiding under the sofa or chairs and thus avoiding direct confrontation, we allowed him free range. There was some chasing but not once did Teddy hiss at or scratch the dogs. It appeared that Emma was more curious than antagonistic, and Teddy was fearless in approaching her. Teddy has proven to be a loving companion with a sweet personality. Gus passed away recently, and Emma and Teddy are slowly adjusting to life without him. Thank you for the good work you do. — Rhonda & Dominick Tralli 🐾



## CHOCOLATE CHIP The Bunny

Chocolate Chip is a regular member of the family. He is so so sweet. He is still very shy though. He gets to run free on our screened-in back porch and if you just lay there and talk to him he will jump on you and run around you. I carry him outside sometimes like a baby and he just looks around. He is so gentle. When you pick him up he just goes limp. He is awesome! So, thanks again. — James Richard 🐾



## FERNANDO

Fernando came to us as a stray—he was found wondering around the city streets. It didn't take long for him to grow on us, especially Lisa, our canine coordinator. You pretty much didn't see Lisa without 'Nando in tow.' He loved wearing the latest fashions, too. Fernando was adopted as soon as he hit the adoption floor—none of us were surprised 'cuz he is such a cutie! We'll miss you around here, Fernando! 🐾



## An Update from EDNA & ELLIE

"We are doing great. We have a 1 1/3 acre fenced-in run with a double dog condo that we are crazy about. Edna acts like she is king of the hill when other dogs come by. Our neighbors are dropping by to meet us, so we have plenty of opportunities to meet everybody. Everybody wants to take us home, but we are fine right here where the treats are plentiful and the love is unending. The Ethan Allen leather furniture is a bonus." — Edna and Ellie



## A Note from BEAR BEAR

Dear Humans,  
Thank you for the support and care you gave me until I found my forever home. My new family loves me very much. I have a big yard

to chase tennis balls around in. I can do that for hours at a time. I love Frisbees too but I'm a little too tough on them. My family is looking for an indestructible Frisbee that I can play with. I really love to go swimming, hang my head out the car window to smell things and sleep in the sun on the front porch. I'm really behaving—my family cannot believe how good I am!! I miss all my friends at MHS. Please tell everyone I said hello. My new family and I will come back for a visit soon. I hope you are all well. Keep up the good work.



**All the best, Bear Bear**

P.S. – Be sure to check out my video on the MHS facebook page! 🐾

## MELBA

I just want to give you and everyone at the shelter an update on Mel. She is an awesome dog and I could not be happier. She has become my best friend and irreplaceable part of my Family. She goes everywhere with me and loves to hike and swim. She is very happy and follows me everywhere I go. She even comes with me to work. Thank you all so very much.

Tony Malloy 🐾



# Memories of Beverly Therrien

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I met Bev for the first time at Hair Ball 2012—the gala event was my introduction to the community as the new Executive Director of Monadnock Humane Society. She was being escorted by one of her granddaughters, a young woman who had done agility training with Bev and her dogs when she was a child. Even in the hubbub of Hair Ball I knew that Bev was a special woman who cared deeply about Monadnock Humane Society—both the animals and the people we serve.

Bev and her husband, Bob, were long time MHS board members and supporters. She was always lending a hand, no matter what activity we were undertaking. Earlier this spring when we honored Jim Guinane there was Bev, setting up appetizer tables and arranging all the food. She definitely enjoyed planning a great party!

But what struck me most about Bev was how much she cared about our staff—sending cards at special times, checking in and saying hello when she was nearby. At the holidays, a giant tower of goodies from Harry & David's appeared – of course they were from Bev and the staff enjoyed them for days to come.

Bev will be greatly missed—I was looking forward to getting to know her better as we worked together to create a more humane community. Although she's no longer with us, I know Bev is cheering us all on as we continue to build on our past successes, many of which are due to her great kindness and caring for the animals and the people we serve.

—Michelle Thevenin, Executive Director of MHS



Bev and her granddaughter at last year's Hair Ball.

Bev and my husband Jim set up Bob, Bev's husband, to adopt a dog named Maggie from MHS. Jim had brought Maggie to the Hair Ball and Bev had Jim



Bev and her granddaughter, Alaina, at the Training Center Dedication in March.

pass the leash to Bob. Jim never went back to get Maggie and at the end of the evening Maggie had a new home. I don't know if Bob ever figured out that he had been set up through Bev's scheming. Maggie was one lucky dog!

—Linda Guinane

I met Bev at my first Board of Directors meeting. The first thing I noticed about her was that when she spoke everyone paid attention. She had been involved with MHS for so long that she was a wealth of information. She also had an amazing memory and total recall.

Bev had two “pet” projects at MHS. The first was the Hair Ball. She was involved in it every year we had it. Always planning and suggesting new or better ways to improve it. More than anyone, we owe the success of the event to Bev. Of course she always reserved a few tables for friends and family.

The other project was pet therapy. She thought that it would be a great way to demonstrate how an animal could comfort people. She also knew that it would be a way to reach out the community and make people aware of MHS. She rarely missed a meeting and was always an active participant, offering not only ways to help, but financial support as well.

I think of Bev often and still have a hard time realizing she will not be at the next meeting for MHS. She leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that all who knew her (and many that didn't) will miss.

—Rick Smith, former MHS Board Member



Bev and our father had a water line installed in the front of their property, next to the sidewalk. There is a dog bowl set into the ground and next to it is a spigot fashioned from brass in the shape of a dog. Not a day goes by without a neighborhood pooch out walking their master, stopping for a drink of fresh water. It is just another way that her love for animals continues on.

—David Therrien, Bev's son



Bev puts a corsage on Linda Guinane during Jim's dedication event.

Bev loved what people could do for animals. She also embraced what animals can do for people. The tangible evidence of her belief in the power of the human-animal connection is the therapy dog program at Monadnock Humane Society.

When the previous attempts at developing a therapy dog program had faltered, Bev Therrien put her arm around my shoulder and brought me before the MHS Board of Directors. Her support for a volunteer-led initiative resulted in today's Monadnock Therapy Pets (MTP.) In conjunction with MHS Training Center classes, MTP has assisted 25 teams become registered since 2010.

Today, those teams volunteer at hospitals, senior residences, colleges, elementary schools, & libraries throughout the Monadnock Region. Each team is a tribute to Bev's vision that building a humane community includes supporting human contact with animals.

The last time Bev was at MHS was in March for the dedication of the Guinane Training Center, where she and others present were delighted to share the room with three



Bev surrounded by her friends.

amazing therapy dog teams. Those dogs provided a living demonstration of the values at the heart of MHS' mission. Bev's therapy dog teams attend both MHS educational and MHS promotional events, carrying the task of helping create a humane community. Bev knew the power of a furry face to evoke joy and impart love.

For my part, I cherish all the time that Bev shared with me and devoted to the therapy dog program at MHS. I will miss her very much.

—Amea Abel, CPDT-KA, Founder & Coordinator,  
Monadnock Therapy Pets



This year's **HAIR BALL** will be dedicated to Bev Therrien. Save the date for this wonderful event, and join us as we pay tribute to this great lady who made such a difference in our community.

Saturday, November 2nd  
Keene Country Club  
6:00 pm – midnight

For more information, visit our website:

**[monadnockhumanesociety.org](http://monadnockhumanesociety.org)**

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: new faces at MHS

**ASHLEY OKOLA** joins MHS as **Feline Coordinator**. She has had a lifelong passion for animals, and has channeled that passion into her education and professional life. She is currently in a MS program in Animals and Public Policy at Tufts Veterinary School. She has held internships handling rare breed cattle, and has held positions in vet clinics where she has thoroughly enjoyed the customer service aspects. She is looking forward to making real changes in the community through her work here at MHS!



**BONNIE MORRIS** joins MHS as a **Shelter Technician**. Her experience includes managing small privately-owned farms as well as pet sitting for animals of all sizes. She has a passion for horses (she owns three!) and has assisted vets with their medical issues. She did her apprenticeship with the Animal Care Clinic in Peterborough, and has been a private duty caregiver. Bonnie is great with pets and their people and we're so glad she's joined the team!



**MARGARET ATKINSON** joins MHS as the **Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator**. In this role, she will be responsible for growing and strengthening the MHS Volunteer Program and community partnerships, and for various outreach and education activities in the Monadnock region.



Prior to joining MHS, Margaret was the Director of Sales and Marketing for the Green Mountain Spinnery Cooperative in Putney Vermont. She has had many years of experience working with various non-profit organizations in fund development and outreach, including as the Director of Development for the Institute for Community Economics of Springfield, MA and as the 4H Youth Outreach Coordinator for UVM Extension in Brattleboro.

An active volunteer herself, Margaret has served on the Brattleboro Town School Board for 8 years and is the current chairperson. She has also recently served on the Board of Trustees the Cooperative Fund of New England. Margaret lives in Brattleboro VT with her husband Alec Muller and their son Phelan, and their dogs Sallie and Chip. Welcome, Margaret!

## 2013 SUMMER VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

A good time was had by all at the Summer Volunteer Celebration. MHS volunteers gathered in the Therrien Community Room and enjoyed refreshments and a big THANK YOU for all the great work they do—especially this year as MHS was voted the “Best Non-Profit Organization in the Monadnock Region” by the readers of the *Shopper News*.



**Left:** Laura Lafortune, Pam Walther, and Lisa Forbes (MHS Canine Coordinator) enjoy a moment together – with Fernando! **Center:** Krista Butterfield, Wendy Turek, and Josh Guyette reflect on a few good memories from the past year. **Right:** Ashok Bahl, Mary Przywara, and Margaret Atkinson (MHS Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator) talk about ... cats, of course! (Mary's favorite subject).



# community connection making a difference together

## The fourth grade class of the North Walpole School

came to visit us in June and presented us with a check in the amount of \$746, which they raised during the school year. They began by creating a committee of students that had a monthly rotation of specific jobs, such as publicity, event coordinators, etc. Posters, newsletters, school PA announcements, and buzz in not only the school, but the community fueled their efforts. They raised money through popcorn sales, a penny drive, donation cans, and a pet show (where they sold homemade cat and dog treats called "Beastly Bites"). Wow!!!! Thank you all so much!



**Students from the Alstead Primary School** visited us in May and donated a whole bunch of wish list items that they collected for us. They also made us a really cool card. Thanks so much! Thank you, also, to the Fall Mountain Transportation Department for getting them all here!



**Carter Spencer** decided that for his birthday he

wanted to collect items for homeless animals instead of presents. He wanted every dog to have a home just like his dog! (**Carter is seated in the middle between his brother on the left and Sam Mathewes, Adoptions Coordinator, on the right**).



**Leann Charron** loves to help animals. She created a money jar as part of a school project and collected almost \$100! Her message – help stop animal abuse. (Photo: Leann presents her money jar to Emily Kerylow, MHS Shelter Manager)



**Members of the Fitzwilliam Church** held a special service for MHS called "All Creatures Great and Small" on May 19th. Sandy the dog attended the service, and as a result found her forever home! The church collected almost \$350

in addition to a big bunch of Wish List items. Thank you all so much! (pictured l to r: **Reverend Linda Tolton, Michelle Thevenin, MHS ED, and Joyce Tilton, MHS Board member, and Sandy the Dog**).



Cassidy and Kalin enjoy a moment with two kittens who visited **the Cheshire Children's Museum** during their "Live Pets at the Vet" program. Every second Thursday of the month, MHS brings a special pet to the Museum and

we talk with the children about the care of that pet. (More information on this program is on our website).

**The Parliament Group**, a team of students from Keene State College's Creative Writing Class, chose to work with MHS on their semester project – redesigning our brochures. They did their final presentation of their project in May after working with the MHS staff throughout the year. (Pictured: Megan Scott; Brittany Porter; Carol Laughner of MHS; Anthony Munoz, and Kelly Decerbo).



food! (Pictured is Michelle Thevenin accepting the donation from April Stevens, the Luminaria Chairperson).

**Greater Keene Area Relay Committee for the American Cancer Society** once again collected pet food donations during the "Relay for Life" event held on June 22nd. Thank you all for donating over 200 cans/bags of pet

MHS was at the **Swansey Old Home Day** again, and we had a great group of volunteers to help us. Michelle and Emily Chalice (pictured) helped teach visitors how to make toys for the shelter dogs. 🐾



## MHS CALENDAR

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

► **Paws to Read to a Dog** – Kids, bring your own book or borrow one of ours to read to a dog! Admission is free. No reservations. Open to everyone. Saturday, Sept. 14th from 12:30 – 1:30pm.

► **PetFest/Wellness Festival** – Sponsored by the Monadnock Rotary Club – Come to Peterborough for the day and visit the MHS booth! We'll be making toys for shelter dogs, and there will be a dog training demo. Saturday, Sept. 28th.

► **Live Pets at the Vet at the Cheshire Children's Museum** – Come and meet a furry friend and find out all about them. Open to the public, free admission. Thursday, Sept. 5th 10:30 – 11:00 am.

► **Spay/Neuter Clinics for Cats** – Affordable sterilization services for cat guardians who don't have a veterinarian or cannot afford to spay or neuter their cats. Sept 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12 (see our website for more detailed information).

### EVENTS

► **The 11th Annual Hair Ball** – This year, we invite you to commit to the Love of a Lifetime while having a great time dancing to Wyld Nytz and bidding on a wonderful selection of auction items. *Don't miss the region's Best Charity Event!* Saturday, Nov. 2nd.

► **Home for the Holidays Adoption Event** – Give a pet a home during the holidays! A special adoption day with refreshments and good cheer! Saturday, Dec. 7th.

► **Handcrafted for the Holidays Craft Fair** – Save the date and plan to do a lot of holiday shopping! Over 40 crafters offering a diverse selection of gifts. One of the most popular craft fairs in the region. All proceeds go to the care of the animals. Saturday, Dec. 7th, 10 am – 3 pm.

### VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

Volunteers are a very important part of our work – they assist us with everything from basic cleaning and animal care to board and committee work and advocating for animals to the public. We need volunteers! If you are interested, please sign up for an orientation session.

Saturday, September 7, from 9:00am until 11:00am

Friday, September 20, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm

Saturday, October 12, from 9:00am until 11:00am

Friday, October 18, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm

Saturday, November 2, from 9:00am until 11:00am

Friday, November 15, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm

Thursday, December 5, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 18, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm

### TRAINING CENTER

► **A Weekend of Agility Workshops with Anne Andrie** – August 24-25th

► **Rally Show and Go** – September 21st

► **World Cynosport APDT Rally Trials** – Come watch top Rally trainers from all over New England compete right here at the Guinane Training Center – October 5-6th

► **CDSP Obedience Trials** – Competition Obedience competitors come to MHS to strut their stuff. Watch precision heeling, jumping, retrieving and more – October 27th



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- Best Non-Profit Organization
- Best Event for Charity – The Hair Ball
- Best Boarding & Daycare



## 2013 WALK FOR ANIMALS

We would like to thank everyone involved with making our 25th Annual Walk for Animals (held on June 22nd) a resounding success. Thanks especially to our over 150 Walkers – you all did an amazing job, and your spirit and enthusiasm before, during and after the event will always be remembered.

Thank you also to the business sponsors, donors, staff, volunteers, the city of Keene, the Dillant-Hopkins Airport officials, the town of Swanzy, and everyone who contributed – we were able to raise \$31,000, and to also raise a greater awareness of the work MHS does to save the lives of our homeless animals, and to fostering a compassionate community.

The Walk for Animals was a success because we all worked and walked together. We deeply appreciate everyone's support and we look forward to seeing all of you at the **26th Annual Walk for Animals on Saturday, June 21, 2014!** 🐾



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