



Paw Prints

"The best shelter is...a compassionate community."

MHS STRONG!



This edition of
Paw Prints is dedicated
to the MHS staff.

"When I think of Monadnock Humane Society, I think of people. I think of the exceptional and dedicated staff that works here. They aren't just compassionate and kind to the animals that come through the doors, they are also friendly and helpful to the people that grace our threshold. Our community is so fortunate to have this trusted resource to serve us. Please join me and the Board of Directors in thanking the MHS staff for their strong commitment and devotion to our community." — Dr. Kathy Reilly, MHS Board Chair

Letter from our leader,

Dear Community,

As I write this message, I am enjoying my first six weeks at MHS and yet this is the second revision of my letter to the community. My first letter was on a wonderful, enjoyable and positive note about how great it is to be here and how kindly I have been treated by the community at large. It was truly a 'glass half-full' message written while I was still in the honeymoon stage of our new beginning. Yes! I was looking at everything through rose colored glasses.

Well, the honeymoon is over! Not to say things are not still wonderful and positive, but I find myself compelled to take a more serious tone and address one the main issues that we as a community organization are facing.

For many years, MHS has been spending more money than we are taking in. Expenses have far surpassed the reality of our income. That is a fact. Add to this that it has been the practice to supplement the budget deficit by taking funds from our reserves and we have a problem. Unfortunately, the reserves are dwindling and we cannot continue this practice in the future. The Board of Directors' and the community's alarm and sense of urgency to change this situation are at the heart of the current transition which I have been asked to lead. Simply put, it is a transition from an unsustainable MHS to a sustainable MHS. Only by making this transition will we ensure the future of our organization.

The simple solution would be to make more money and spend less. That is a solution that is easier said than done. We as an organization need to look deeply at the underlying issues of the ongoing problem and come up with a viable community solution to what is in reality, a community problem. We at MHS must learn to live within the reality of our income. This means recognizing our true income potential and creating an MHS that we can afford to be.

One of my tasks as Transition Leader is to review all the functioning of MHS and with community and stakeholder support and input, create a plan for the changes that need to be made to ensure our future as a viable organization. This will not be an easy task. We need to rigorously assess our strengths and assets. We need to look and listen carefully for what distinct difference we make to the community we serve. And then we need to figure out how to do what only we can do and do it in a sustainable way. I will be calling on you for help. In fact, we are currently creating a survey that you will be able to complete on-line and we plan focus groups and community forums in the future. Also, through the generous gift of an anonymous donor, we have received a \$20,000 challenge gift to help us get through the end of this fiscal year.

The survey will be up and running soon, but what you can do immediately is help us meet our \$20,000 challenge. Please give generously to our future and know that *your gift will be matched*, making your gift worth double your original donation. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this newsletter helped us raise not only an additional \$20K but also an additional \$40K, making our total gift equal to \$60,000?! I know we can do it!

Yes, the honeymoon is over and now the serious relationship begins. The transition will be hard work and will have its ups and downs. Difficult times are expected. I am however dedicated to the long term success of MHS and I truly hope you are too. It will not be easy, but as a community I know our mission will continue and flourish for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Olsen, Transition Leader



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Wednesday – Friday, noon – 6:00 pm
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OUR MISSION:

To foster a compassionate community by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals.

HAPPY TAILS

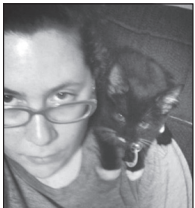
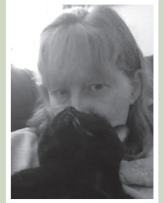
Diggy

I adopted Diggy in October. His name was Baby when we met him at MHS, but when we left, we knew he was a Diggy. And he's also my Baby anyway... Special thanks to Katie. She is the one who helped us that day. —Christine Davis



Maddie the Jail Cat Foster

Maddie was adopted by Amy, a corrections officer at the Cheshire County House of Corrections, this past summer. Maddie was one of the cats in our foster program at the jail.



Muffin

Just wanted to share our "two week home" photo! Thanks MHS for bringing Muffin, formerly known as "Rue," into our home and hearts. She is such an affectionate kitten!!!! —Andrea Domitrovich



Julius

Julius is very happy with his new family. He's made lots of new friends (he's pictured here in the center) and feels right at home! —Greg Alexander

Mandy (aka, Éclair)

It didn't take long for Mandy to come out of her shell! The minute we got her home and out of her carrier she took five minutes to get used to the house. Now she follows me around like a shadow everywhere and sits on my lap for hours purring. She also loves to sit by the window and watch the birds, chipmunks and squirrels. She's become a very special little girl to me and I'm so glad I have her! —Donna Poor



Coco

I am so happy with my little dog! My niece and I came to your shelter to adopt my baby. His name was Peter Pan. He is very happy in his new home and very spoiled already. He has many toys and loves to play. He will be well taken care of! —Joan Larson



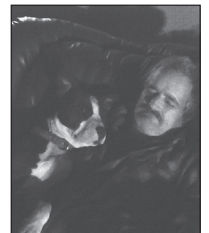
Bacon & Cannoli

"Hi, everyone! We got adopted by Ryan (who is 10) and Casandra (who is 9). Ryan picked me, Bacon (aka giles) and Cassandra picked Cannoli (aka Xander). We are totally loved and wanted you to know. Thank you all for being so helpful to us!" —The Decato Family



Kira

My wife saw Kira on your website and I am so glad she did. If certain things were meant to be, Kira was meant to be here. A very special dog and part of the family now. Thank you! —Jim Pelland



Rusty

Rusty has become such a beautiful cat since he's been able to come inside and not be left out all the time. Thanks again for helping me adopt him! —Louann Dunham



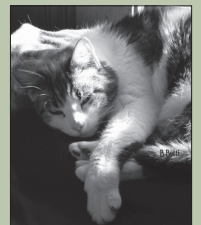
Tucker

My fiancé and I adopted a dog from you almost two years ago, and I just wanted to say THANK YOU SO MUCH! He is the perfect dog and we couldn't imagine life without him. (To see a photo album of Tucker, visit the MHS website). —Rebecca Anzaha



Remembering Cha Cha

I just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you for letting me adopt my best girl Cha Cha. She has brought me such great joy and companionship over the past 15 years. Today she left this world and I will miss her terribly. Thank you again for the great job you do finding homes for animals in this area. —Brenda Botti



Herbert & Hunter

We adopted Handsome Herbert and Hunter on February 7th. We are totally in love. Thank you so much! —Leslie Germana



Remembering Thumper

I am writing with heavy heart. 11.5 years ago we adopted "Thumper" from you in early Oct. 2003. He was about 1.5 years old. We moved from New Hampshire out to Colorado with Thumper—who we renamed "Granite." He passed away on Monday and I loved that dog sooooo much! I'm including a photo of him here from 2010. Sweetest family member ever! Thank you for what you do. —April Laliberte



COMMUNITY CONNECTION making a difference together

The Information Technology Department at Cheshire Medical Center collected a carload of donations for the animals during the holidays! Special thanks to Jean Slepian for organizing the fundraiser and bringing the gifts to us!

ServePro of Keene collected a whole bunch of donations for the homeless animals! Julie Bowen and Derek Paul from ServPro are pictured here delivering the goods!



Nature's Green Grocer in West Peterborough chose MHS to benefit from their **Green Giving Program**. They raised \$613 dollars for us. Many thanks to Joel, Tyler, and everyone at NGG, and thank you to all customers who chose to give their wooden nickel to MHS!

Kari Post of the Keene Family YMCA came by with dozens of beautiful hand-made hearts for the animals. These hearts were created by everyone at the Valentine's Day Dance held at the YMCA. Thank you, Kari, and thank you to everyone who made a heart!



Michele Pastuszak of Smiths Medical presented a \$135 check to MHS Tech, Bonnie, and Harley the dog. The employees at Smiths frequently do fundraisers throughout the year, and they chose MHS to benefit this time. Thank you all for helping the animals!

The team at **Barton Associates of Keene** chose to help MHS with their **Dress Down Week** fundraiser, and they raised \$300 plus a carful of supplies for the animals. They had a visit from two MHS Alums—Molly and Luna—to help launch the campaign!



We're so grateful to **Holly at The Fuzzy Dog in Fitzwilliam**. She's held several fundraisers for us at her location, and she adopted Izzy the cat who continues to enjoy her position of importance at the shop! Thank you so much, Holly! We appreciate the carloads of goodies you collect for us.

Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce November Business After Hours

We had a great time hosting the **November Business After Hours** on Thursday, November 19th! Thanks to everyone who came and gave their support.



Photos by Ed Thomas Photography

The Keene Sentinel hosted the **Udder Madness Walk** in October and helped raise \$1,200 for the animals. Thank you to all who helped us—especially the Delta Phi Epsilon (►) sorority from Keene State College!



Agway of Keene invited us to participate in their special anniversary event in October. They also donated truckloads of dog food! Thank you Michelle, Matt, Mike and everyone at Agway of Keene!

Let's give a big hand to **Carla Hartwell** who donated a large amount of cat toys, food, dog treats, toys and food in November. You are so good to the animals, Carla! Thank you.



The Keene Yoga Center hosted a holiday fundraiser for us—**YogAnimals Day**—on Saturday, November 29th. They raised over \$160 in donations plus a whole lotta' supplies for the animals. Special thanks to Michelle Davis (left) and Josephine Russell (right) for organizing this event to help the animals!

Margarita's of Keene continues to help MHS. On November 21st, they held a **Full Moon Madness** event and raised \$160 for us!!!

Treat Goods of Depot Square in Peterborough hosted a fundraiser for us last quarter. Treat Goods collected \$170 in cash donations, and also invited MHS to participate in the **Peak into Peterborough** event in October. Treat Goods also gave a discount coupon to everyone who adopted during those months. Thank you, Kathy and everyone at Treat Goods!



Summer and Chris Silverman purchased a big batch of goods for MHS for holiday gifts to give the animals! Thank you both so much for your generosity and good cheer!

One Stop Country Pet Supply held a **Valentine's Day Fund-raiser** for MHS. Anyone bringing in a Wish List item was put into a drawing for a big basket of donated goodies! Pictured here is the winner with Jess, One-Stop's manager. One Stop also donate 3% of all purchases on Valentine's Day!



MHS was invited to be a part of the **Holiday Gift Wrapping for a Good Cause** fundraiser in **Depot Square Peterborough**. We raised over \$300 wrapping gifts for the holiday shoppers!!! Pictured here is Ashley, MHS Feline Coordinator. Thanks to everyone who helped, to the customers and the merchants, and to Cy Gregg for giving us this opportunity!

Kids giving to the animals instead of receiving gifts for themselves!

John (8), Izak (3) and Zayl (4) Kemp chose to give gifts to the homeless animals instead of receiving Christmas gifts from Grandma (Gerri Moore, an MHS volunteer!). Way to go, kids!

Olivia asked for gifts for the homeless animals instead of gifts for herself. We are so grateful to



you, Olivia! She is pictured here (on the right) with Ashley, our feline coordinator.

Mia collected gifts for the animals for her birthday! She presented the gifts to Caitlin, MHS Shelter Tech. Thank you, Mia!



Liam and Aiden celebrated dual birthdays (eight years old) and decided to help the animals together. Liam's brother Charlie helped, too!

Girl Scouts helping homeless animals!

The Peterborough Daisy Troop 12300 made us these beautiful drawings ► and gave us a donation!



Girl Scout Troop 12288 from Peterborough came over to MHS for a tour, and gave us a gift from their cookie sales.



Nora and Lucy from the Gilsum Girl Scout Troop created toys and a card for the animals!

Girl Scout Troops 10782 and 12706 combined forces and collected *tons* of supplies for the animals! Thank you all so much!



Olivia Budzik chose to help MHS while also doing a project to earn a badge. She created a dog treat recipe book and baked a number of them as sample. The books were given out to families who adopted during the holidays. Great job, Olivia! 🐾

NEW STAFF



Robin Secore joins the MHS team as the Director of Finance and Administration. She worked for over 16 years in the transportation department at C&S

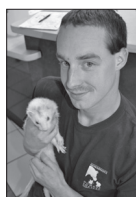
with a focus on finance and administration. She then worked for Park Place Vet in Swanzy as the Hospital Manager handling both personnel and hospital finances. Robin is a Keene native and lives in town with her partner and best friend, William. Together they have three grown sons and a three year old grandson whom Robin adores. She also has four Pomeranians who keep her pretty busy. We are so pleased to have Robin on our team!



Caitlin Blanchard brings a wealth of experience in customer service and animal care to MHS in her role as a Shelter Technician. She has worked at Smiths Medical in quality

control, and was a dietary/housekeeping aide at Maplewood Nursing Home

in Westmoreland. She is a graduate of Monadnock Regional High School, and she has been a lifelong lover of all animals. Caitlin has trained German Short-haired Pointers and she occasionally will care for pets when their owners are away. Caitlin has two dogs and three cats and we are as happy to have her as she is to be here. Welcome, Caitlin!



Chris Cloutier is a "jack of all trades." If you need a job done, chances are Chris has the experience and the ability to do it. Chris has worked as a machine operator, a carpenter, a security

guard, a fireman, in food preparation, and in lawn maintenance (to name a few). In previous jobs at KL Services, Pyrotechnico, Telstar Display Fireworks, Inc. and Advance Security Services, he's been recognized as an outstanding employee and a great team member. Chris joins MHS as our Facilities Custodian. He's a big animal lover and has volunteered for MHS in the past. We're so glad Chris has joined the MHS staff!



Emily Dawson, our new Shelter Technician, grew up in Connecticut where she worked as a veterinary technician for six years. She also has

many years' experience pet sitting. She has a bachelor's degree in Psychology, which helps her in both the human and animal aspects of working in this field. Emily has a dog named Colby Jack (*pictured here, taking a quick break from daycare*), a cat named Bleu, a ball python named Zola, and a small flock of chickens. She plans to own a small hobby farm someday. She's very excited to be a part of the passionate team at MHS! Welcome, Emily!



Ed Tracey is temporarily assisting Robin and MHS in our accounting department. Ed is an accountant (by trade) as well as an avid hiker and cat lover (by desire). We are grateful to have Ed's help and

wonderful sense of humor! 🐾

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Dr. Katherine Clarke, MHS Board Vice Chair, is a member of the faculty at Antioch University New England. She has many years of experience in senior academic administration in higher education having been Vice President of Finance at Weston

Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, MA, and Vice President of Academic Affairs at a Saybrook University in San Francisco and then at Antioch University New England. In these roles she worked closely with three boards of directors which were charged with the leadership of non-profit institutions facing major change in their industries. She has also served as treasurer on the board of directors of a nonprofit, the Center for Organizational Reform, whose mission was to help organizations achieve and maintain organizational health.



Kristen Trombly Flemming, MHS Board Secretary, is a lifelong resident of the Keene area. She received her BA in Communications and Psychology from Hofstra University in Long Island, NY. She has worked in the corporate business environment for

20+ years in a variety of leadership and management roles, specializing in the areas of process definition, project management, financial and strategic planning, and organizational development. She and her MHS alum Max are a registered team with Therapy Dogs, Inc. and

volunteer together at several local centers and institutions as well as with the MHS Monadnock Therapy Pets group. She participates in the sport of dog agility, serving as Treasurer and board member for the Canine Agility Training Society (CATS).



Mike Faulkner owns and operates Northeast Soils and Sitework in West Swanzy. He is responsible for all details of the business from meeting the customer, to estimating and actually doing the work, to final billing. He brings this hands-on knowledge

of how to manage money and allocate resources to get the most from what is available to his work on the board. He has been an MHS volunteer for over seven years and was named Outstanding Volunteer of the Year in 2014 and 2012. He has been particularly involved in contributing services to the physical plant, transferring rescue dogs and offering many of the practical services that are essential to MHS.



Bryanne Kingsbury grew up in the Spofford, NH area and now resides with her husband, Bryan, in Harrisville, NH. Bry attended the University of San Francisco where she graduated with a degree in International Studies with an Economics Emphasis. Currently an Insurance & Business Solutions Advisor with



New Volunteer Coordinator



We are delighted to have Amee Abel's talents and skills for this important role! Abel brings experience in journalism, animal training, instructing and social media to her new role. She has served as a volunteer at the shelter, and works part-time as a dog training instructor. Amee founded Monadnock Therapy Pets, the program that supports Monadnock area residents interested in volunteering with their dogs. *(For inquiries about volunteering opportunities, contact Amee at 603.352.9011, ext. 147 or via email at ameea@humanecommunity.org.)*

Volunteer Spotlights



Heather Samperisi

You may have noticed recently that we have a strong twitter presence, and that our social media participation is growing. We can attribute much of this success to a volunteer who took on the challenge of starting a twitter account for us, and keeping the content fresh. Heather Samperisi, a huge animal lover, advocate and supporter, is that volunteer. She has adopted many cats from MHS throughout the years. She has five cats: Charlie, Reina, Neela, Gabriel Gray and Coco; and a golden retriever named Vincent (Vinny) as well as some

tropical fish and hermit crabs. She is actively involved on the MHS fundraising committees for the Walk for Animals, Wheels 4 Paws, Hair Ball, and Handcrafted for the Holidays Craft Fair. Heather is currently employed at Keene State College and we are delighted to have her enthusiasm and passion helping us in our mission!



Jason Tapp

Another "behind the scenes" volunteer with passion and enthusiasm for the MHS mission is Jason Tapp. Jason has been helping MHS rebuild the website to be more effective and efficient. He knows all about what's "under the hood" of a website. Jason moved to the U.S. 14 years ago from Germany and built a successful career in IT. He currently works full time at Smiths BIS Inc. in IT support, and also runs a small IT consultancy and repair business—JML Technology Solutions—in his off hours. Jason lives with his wife Shelly, 10 cats and a beagle named Saffina (Saffy for short). He's admittedly allergic to both cats and dogs, but won't be parted from his pet family (our kind of guy!). We are grateful for his willingness to share all that he knows to help us. 🐾



Volunteer

If you are interested in volunteering for MHS, sign up for our next orientation: **Tuesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m.**

Clark-Mortenson Insurance, Bry is an alumni of the 2014 Leadership Monadnock program and has been honored as a 2014 Trendsetter by Monadnock Business Magazine. She is also involved in committee work for both the Keene and Peterborough Chambers of Commerce. Bry and her husband are active members of Harrisville NH's Historical Society, where they serve as Incorporators.



For 15 years **Robin Smith** has been a realtor in the Monadnock region. She grew up in Charlestown, NH, and had a successful career in cosmetology, including being director of Keene Beauty Academy and then Whitman's Academy in Brattleboro.

Then, after succeeding in retail management, Robin found her love and passion for real estate. She has always been active in the community through committees, clubs and sponsorships including the Keene Family YMCA, Fast Friends, and the MHS Hair Ball Committee. She is a member of the board of directors of the River Valley Animal Protection League and the Monadnock Board of Realtors.

Bob Sutherland moved to the Monadnock area in 2002 from Portsmouth, NH. He is employed in a business development role with Kennedy Information, a market research firm that serves the management consulting profession and buyers of consulting services



on a global basis. Previously, he managed Kennedy's benchmarking research of consulting compensation, fees, financial, and operational metrics. Bob holds a Bachelor's degree in Business from Lake Forest College and an MBA from the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. He has previously performed board service with a NH secondary school and is also a participant on the board of the Keene Youth Lacrosse Association (KYLA).



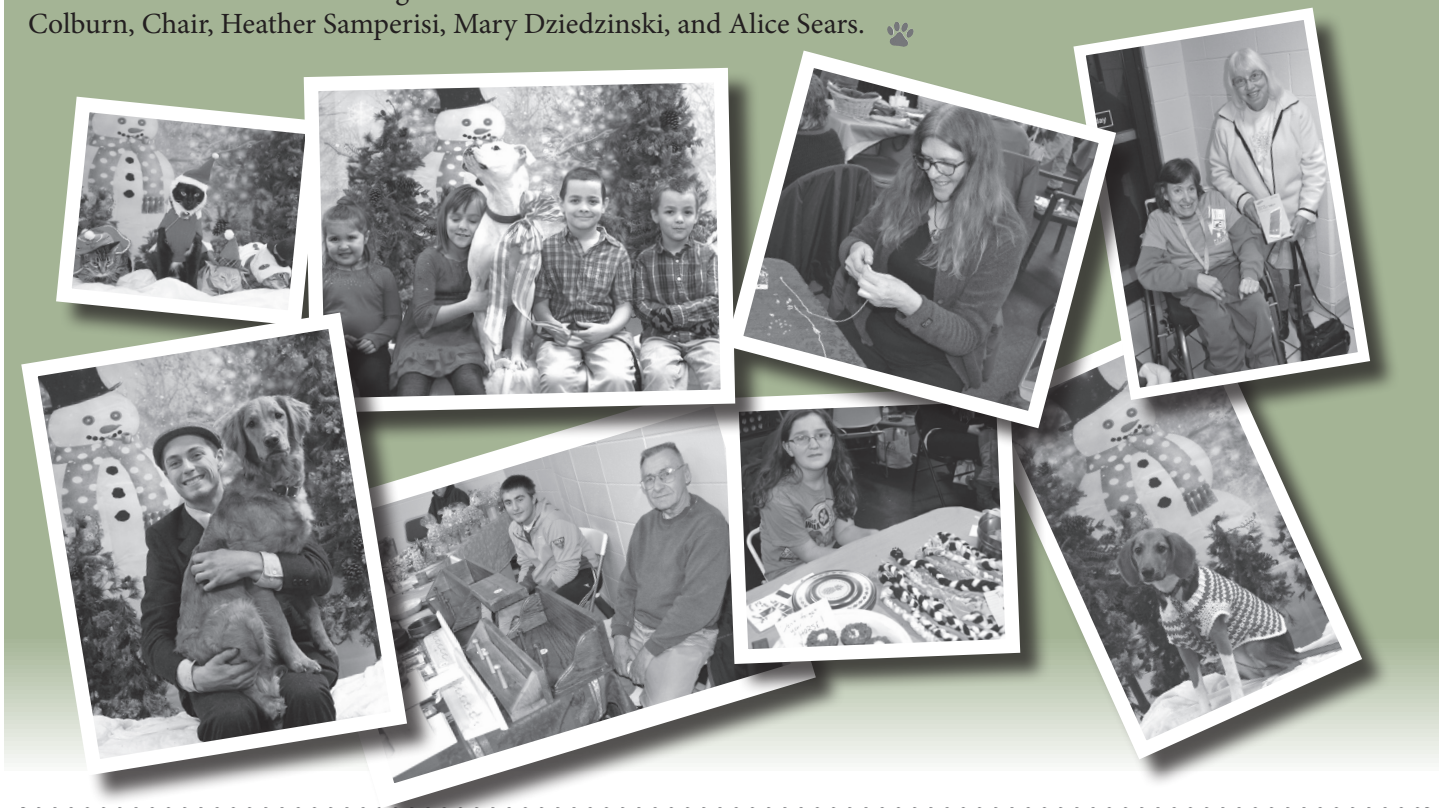
Sharon Wirant currently holds the position of Manager, Anti-Cruelty Behavior Services for the Anti-Cruelty Behavior Team of the ASPCA. She developed a behavior program that is implemented in emergency shelters nationwide that provides enrichment and behavior modification for animal victims of cruelty. She was formerly employed by Monadnock Humane Society as the Canine Behavior Manager and worked her way through the ranks of Director of Operations, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Business Operations. Sharon holds a Masters in Biological Sciences specializing in animal behavior from Smith College. She has over ten years' experience volunteering, fostering, adopting, and working in the animal welfare industry. 🐾

MHS HOLIDAY THANKS

Handcrafted for the Holidays Craft Fair

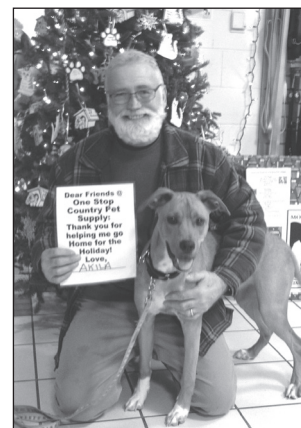
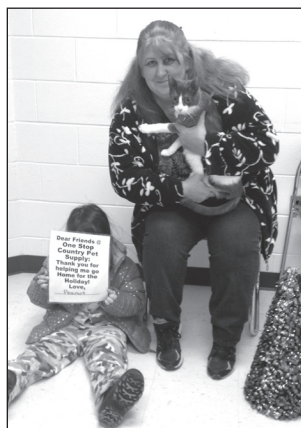
We would like to thank the entire community for the spirit, enthusiasm and support of our fundraising event – the Handcrafted for the Holidays Craft Fair. It was record attendance! Special thanks to our amazing volunteer crew and to the students of Dublin School. Thank you to each vendor/crafter for giving our guests an enjoyable shopping experience, and for your generous donations to the Brown Bag Auction! Thank you to everyone who donated to the bake sale, and to Alice's Restaurant. Many thanks to the businesses and individuals who supported us with services and supplies.

Last but not least—we are so grateful to the Event committee who worked so hard to make this a success! Rebecca Colburn, Chair, Heather Samperisi, Mary Dziedzinski, and Alice Sears. 🐾



Home for the Holidays Adoption Event

Over 50 homeless pets went home this past holiday during our Home for the Holidays adoption event which was sponsored by **One-Stop Country Pet Supply** of Keene. One-Stop donated \$25 to each adoption, as well as a \$25 gift certificate. Thank you to everyone who adopted a homeless animal during this event, and BIG thanks to One-Stop Country Pet Supply for making it possible. 🐾



THE 12TH ANNUAL HAIRBALL: THE GREAT CATSBY



The Great
Catsby

OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

The costumes! The music!
The feathers! The incredible
food! And the generosity
of everyone who helped

us raise \$40,000 for our homeless animals. It was a night to remember and a resounding success. Over 125 people attended the “roaring twenties” themed evening—“The Great Catsby”—to show their support.

We wish to thank our guests, business and media sponsors, auction item donors, volunteers, the Keene Country Club, Keene Jazz Orchestra, Keene State College Chamber Singers, our auctioneer Bill Stevens, photographers Richard Forcier and Matt Williams, graphic designer Vinoy Laughner, Sullivan Country Store, and Douglas Cuddle Toys (for providing the adorable Catsby favors for our guests).

We would like to give special thanks to the event volunteers that helped us throughout the evening: Mark, Kate and Soomee Carey, Linda Guinane, Marc Doyon, Spencer Clason, Shirley Chodin and Sigma Rho Upsilon sorority from Keene State College.

A round of applause for the volunteer 12th Annual Hair Ball Committee!

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HEATHER SAMPERISI

JENNIFER THOMPSON

The Hair Ball was a success because of the unconditional support of members of the community who opened their hearts to the animals and the mission of Monadnock Humane Society. We are deeply grateful to you all for making this event such a success. *Thank you!* 🐾



Photos by Richard Forcier and Matt Williams

MHS BOARDING & DOG DAYCARE NEWS

The MHS Boarding & Daycare Team has been competing—in the Daycare Games! The second annual Daycare Games, founded by The Dog Gurus, were designed to be a skills-based challenge (no treats or toys used) that keeps dogs safe and happy while they are at play with each other. The “Olympic-style” Daycare Games are focused on proving who is best at providing these skills to the dogs in their care. And, we’re proud to say that the MHS Team ranked high in all three categories! Weekly Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for individual dog handlers were given to the following MHS Daycare Staff:



Event 1: Dog Recall – Awards for this event are based on the percentage of dogs in the playgroup that come when called and are 6’ from the handler and respond in 3 seconds. They must be close enough to be easily petted.

GOLD/ADVANCED: LINDA THOMPSON, DEB WATSON
GOLD/NOVICE: CAITLIN BLANCHARD

Event 2: Group Sits – Awards in this event for the number of dogs in the playgroup sitting at the same time on cue (2-4 seconds).

BRONZE/ADVANCED: LINDA THOMPSON
BRONZE/NOVICE: CAITLIN BLANCHARD



Event 3: Managing the Gate Boundary – Awards are given for the number of dogs waiting calmly at the boundary line of our door/gate (sitting or standing).

GOLD/NOVICE: CAITLIN BLANCHARD

SILVER/ADVANCED: GALINA CORNELIUS, LINDA THOMPSON
 DEBRA WATSON

MHS Boarding & Daycare Team goes to Hershey, PA



This past November, Linda, Deb, Courtney, and Galina took a road trip to Hershey to attend **The Pet Boarding & Daycare Expo**. The highlight of the trip was meeting one-on-one with Susan Briggs, one of the founders of the Dog Gurus. We attended classes on reading dog body language, sanitation and disease control and how to effectively use our body motions and posture to control dogs, among many other classes. We were proud to learn that the industry standard is now recommending rest periods during the daycare day, which is something we already do!



And the **Valentine’s Day “Puppy Love” Boarding and Daycare Photo Contest** winner is.... **The Chabot Family** – Steve, his grandchild Reilly, and Bailey the dog! 🐾

Lola the Therapy Cat

You’ve heard about Therapy Dogs, but here’s a story about a therapy cat! Lola was adopted by Michael and Diana less than a year ago. When they adopted her, she was semi-feral. But, they could see the potential she had right away for a career in therapy! They already had one therapy cat who was about to retire. Lola was an unusually calm cat, and her fur was softer than velvet. Michael and Diana did some research online and found an organization nearby (Pets and People) that provided therapy training for cats! In a very short time, Lola was ready to meet the staff and residents of a local assisted living facility. She brings them joy each week and they look forward to seeing her with great enthusiasm!

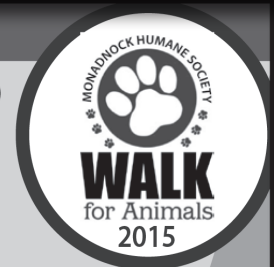


SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, June 20
 10am–2pm**

at the Keene Dillant-Hopkins
 Airport in Swanzey, NH

Prizes for top fundraisers!
 Lunch, music, fun!



Walking together...



...saving lives!

All proceeds from the 27th Annual Walk for Animals go directly to the care of the animals at Monadnock Humane Society.



More information will be posted on our website:
WWW.MONADNOCKHUMANESOCIETY.ORG

GUINANE TRAINING CENTER NEWS

Ashley Lang passes her CPDT-KA examination!

In case you have not met her yet, Ashley Lang has been teaching and assisting in training classes at MHS since 2010. She is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT). Recently, Ashley passed her CPCD-KA (Certified Professional Dog Trainer–Knowledge Assessed) exam. There are a lot of acronyms there, but what's important to know about this accomplishment is that Ashley has taken her professional growth to a new level and sets her apart from other dog training professionals—one that benefits all of us in the community! Passing this exam shows that Ashley has met the requirements for this credential with the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers...and it's not easy to achieve. In addition to the actual exam, Ashley logged in over 300 hours of dog training to get this certification which provides animal care professionals and dog owners with a trusted, quality standard for dog training professionals.

Please join us in congratulating Ashley on this very impressive accomplishment!



Upcoming Events at the Guinane Training Center

Mary Horn Obedience Workshop

Sat., March 21, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

If you are training your dog in heeling skills for obedience and rally, consider this great workshop!

Registration information and flyer are available online.

World Cynosport Sanctioned Rally Obedience Trials

Sat./Sun., March 28-29, 8 am – 5 pm

Two trials each day. Spectators are welcome to watch this fun competition event!

For a complete list of training classes, visit our website.

Blue Ribbon Rewards Membership Program at MHS Guinane Training Center

A benefit program designed for frequent customers at the Training Center!
\$100 annual dues for individual or family.

Blue Ribbon Benefits:

- ▶ 10% off all dog training classes at the MHS Training Center *
- ▶ 10% off all private lessons
- ▶ \$10 hourly rentals of the Training Center **
- ▶ Membership Card

*Discount cannot be combined with coupons or other discount programs ** Subject to availability of the MHS Training Center; cannot be shared with non-members; reservation required. Use of agility. Obedience and rally equipment requires permission during private rentals.



Our New Field Services Vehicle!

In our last edition of Paw-Prints, we asked if anyone had a car to donate to MHS for our Field Services and animal cruelty investigations. Robin and Peter Eichert, volunteers and donors, answered our call for help. They donated this beautiful Honda Pilot. This is so much more than a car—it's safety and reliability for our staff and the animals we help. *Thank you both so much!*



Don't just take your dog for a walk... take your Walk for a Dog!

Support our homeless animals by walking your dog (or, walk without a dog) For every mile you walk, Wooftrax will give a donation to MHS.

Go to Wooftrax.com, download the app, and support MHS every time you walk. It's easy. (Tell your friends about it, too—the more walkers, the bigger the donation!).

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MHS CALENDAR

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

► **Rabies and Microchip Clinic** – MHS offers cat/dog rabies vaccination service as well as microchipping. All paperwork and tags provided, first-come-first serve basic see our website for more information. Sat., Apr. 4, 10 am – 2 pm.

► **Paws to Read to a Dog** – Kids, bring your own book or borrow one of ours to read to a registered, insured therapy dog. No reservations. Open to all. Saturdays, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

► **Public Spay/Neuter Clinics for Cats** – Affordable sterilization services. Upcoming dates for Clinics: Apr. 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, Jun. 11 & 25. For more information and to schedule, visit our website.

EVENTS

► **Spring Celebration of MHS** – Kick off your winter boots and come over to celebrate MHS together! Music, desserts, fun, and awards for Compassionate Citizen of the Year, and Outstanding Employee and Volunteer of the Year. Fun for the entire family! Annual Meeting follows. Sat., May 2, 2-4 pm.

► **The 27th Annual Walk for Animals** – Get your team together now and start fundraising for the animals! Held at the Keene Airport, rain or shine. Prizes, tee shirts, gift bags, CJ the DJ, and lots of fun! Sat., Jun. 20, 10am – 2pm (registration at 9 am). Visit our website for more info!

► **Wheels 4 Paws Motorcycle Ride** – Animal-loving bikers, unite! Join the many bikers who want to show their support for the homeless animals of MHS. A 100 mile ride to raise money for their care. Great after-party with BBQ, deejay and raffles. Date in Sept. 2015 to be announced.

► **The 13th Annual Hair Ball** – Happy 140th Birthday MHS! A gala birthday celebration! Held at the Keene Country Club. Amazing Silent and Live Auctions, great food and company, all to benefit the animals of MHS! Sat., Nov. 7, 6–11pm.

► **Handcrafted for the Holidays** – SAVE THE DATE! This is *the* holiday event of the region. Over 50 local crafters and vendors. Sat., Dec. 5, 10am–3pm.

► **140th Birthday Party for MHS** – SAVE THE DATE. This is the actual birthday of Monadnock Humane Society! More info to come. Friday, Dec. 18th.

FUNDRAISERS– Restaurants & Businesses

► **Community Giving Tuesdays at Waterhouse Restaurant** in Depot Square, Peterborough. 10% of all proceeds will be donated to MHS. Enjoy lunch or dinner! Apr. 14 & 21, For more information: waterhouse.com.

► **Spring YogAnimals Festival at Keene Yoga Center** – a festive day of Yoga and Animals! Come and take a yoga class, visit with animals, and enjoy the festivities! Open to the public, free admission. Sat. Jun. 6.

► **Noche Mexicana Fundraising Nights at Margarita's of Keene** Amigos! Come over to Marg's, eat great food, and help the animals! They donate 15% of pre-tax food and beverage costs to MHS! Apr. 16, Jul. 2, Sep. 17, 4 pm until closing.

► **Round Up or just Straight Up** – Donate to help MHS while you're at **Scores Sports Bar & Grill** in Railroad Square, Keene. When you round up your bill to the next dollar (or just add \$1 or more to your bill) Scores will donate it to MHS. An ongoing fundraiser!



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**Your gift will double and will help
twice the number of animals!**

**In this
140th ANNIVERSARY YEAR FOR MHS
help us raise an additional \$20,000 by July 1.
We hope you'll join us in meeting this
Birthday Matching Gift Challenge!**

To make your matching gift, use the attached envelope and write
"Birthday Gift" on the envelope. Or, make your donation online.