

2025 Impact Report



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Monadnock
Humane Society

Serving the community since 1875 by strengthening the animal-human bond by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals.

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Dear Friends,

This past year marked a meaningful milestone for Monadnock Humane Society as we celebrated 150 years of service to animals and our community. It was a year defined by resilience, recognition, and renewed commitment to our mission. This annual report reflects not only what we accomplished together, but the collective dedication of all who believe in a more humane future.

We were honored to receive significant recognition during our anniversary year. Official proclamations designating June 28th as MHS Day acknowledged our role in strengthening animal welfare and community well-being and reflected the trust placed in our organization by the communities we serve.

MHS was also named the Ken Jue Nonprofit of the Year by the Greater Monadnock Collaborative. This distinction recognizes excellence in leadership, collaboration, and service, and it belongs to our exceptional staff and volunteers whose hard work and compassion carried us through 2025, as well as to our donors and community partners who make this work possible.

Supporting families and preventing pet hunger remained a core focus. Through a partnership with Humane World for Animals and Chewy, we received 30 pallets of food and essential supplies for our Pet Food Pantry, expanding our ability to support families facing financial hardship and helping keep pets healthy and at home.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who supports Monadnock Humane Society. As we look ahead, we do so with optimism and determination. Guided by our mission and values, we will continue to champion humane treatment, strengthen community partnerships, and build a more compassionate future for animals and the people who care for them. Thank you!

Very sincerely yours,



Lee Rigby
Board Chair



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Kathy Collinsworth
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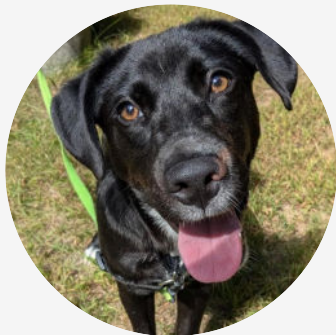


FY24: An Overview

1,308 PETS ADOPTED



**884
Cats**



**274
Dogs**



**150
Smalls**



We are delighted that our work has earned us the highest four-star rating by Charity Navigator. This rating is only given to organizations who are considered exceptional.



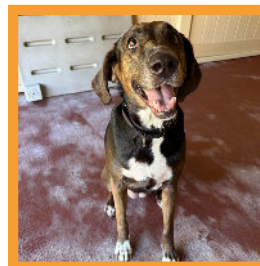
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POUNDS OF FOOD distributed to community members through our Pet Food Pantry



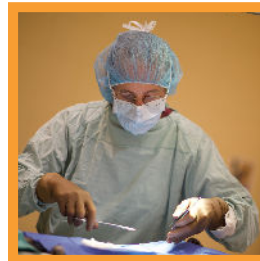
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Stray and Custody **PETS RETURNED** to Owner



135

ANIMALS TRANSPORTED in from overfilled shelters in the South



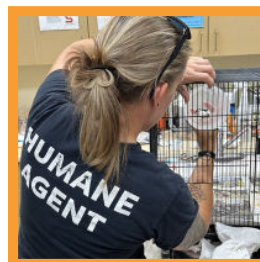
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SPAY & NEUTER SURGERIES performed on shelter and public pets



77

FAMILIES ASSISTED through our Animal Safety Net program



107

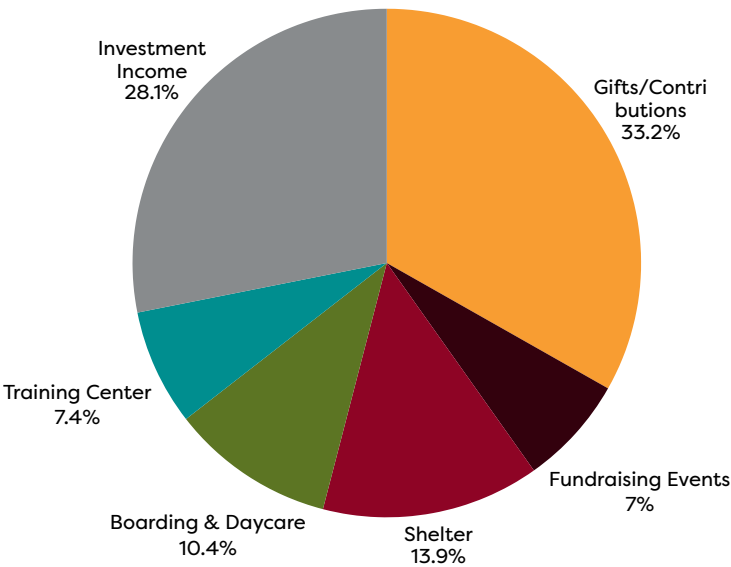
ANIMALS RESCUED from cruelty and neglect partly due to the resources and support provided by the Wratchford Family Anti-Cruelty Fund

FY24 Financial Summary

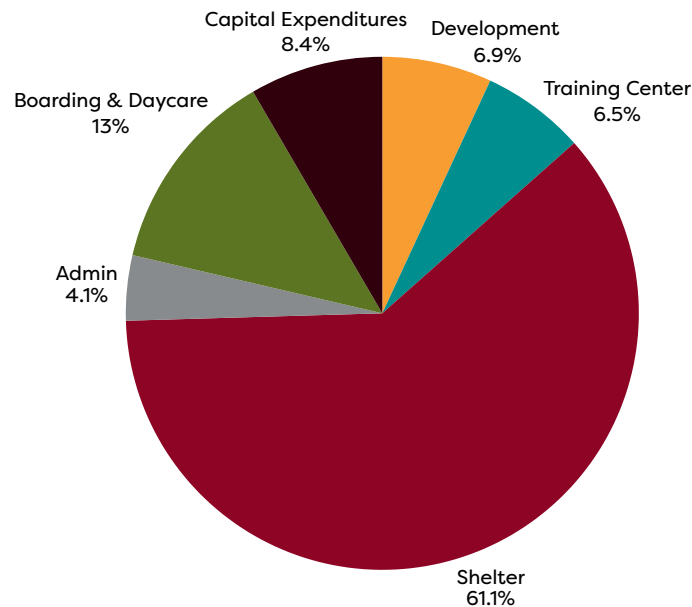
2024-2025 Operating Results

Monadnock Humane Society works diligently to maintain balanced budgets each fiscal year.

Income - \$3,080,495



Expenses - \$2,317,717



We are deeply grateful to our dedicated supporters, whose generosity allows us to steward our resources effectively in service of our mission.



Boarding & Daycare

Total number of reservations for boarding, daycare, and grooming.

1/2 day daycare	633
Full day daycare	7,124
Dog boarding reservations	541
Cat boarding reservations	152
Rabbit boarding reservations	13
Grooming appointments	1,323
Puppy play school	408



Training Center

Basic Obedience - 542 class hours

This includes Puppy Kindergarten, Everyday Canine Essentials and Focused Fido classes.

Advanced Training - 900 class hours

This includes Agility, Rally, Canine Good Citizen, Therapy Dog Training, Tricks, Reactive Dog and Competitive Obedience classes.

Private Lessons - 472 hours of lessons

Many of our Private lessons are conducted weekly.

2025 Volunteer of the Year

Shannon Ellis

Shannon has been an invaluable volunteer at MHS since 2022, bringing dedication, warmth, and a strong work ethic to every shift. Whether she is tackling laundry and dishes, preparing enrichment for the animals, or stepping in to help wherever she is needed, Shannon approaches each task with pride and purpose, understanding that every detail supports the well-being of the animals. She is a welcoming and steady presence who greets everyone with a smile, takes time to connect with fellow volunteers, interns, staff, and visitors, and helps others feel confident, included, and appreciated. Shannon's reliability, kindness, and genuine care for both animals and people create a positive and supportive environment throughout the shelter. Volunteering is clearly a source of joy and meaning for her, and her commitment, compassion, and team-first spirit make her richly deserving of the Volunteer of the Year honor.



2025 Employee of the Year

Kerri O'Brian

Kerri has been an exceptional member of the Monadnock Humane Society team since 2012, bringing steadfast dedication, compassion, and versatility to every role she undertakes. As the heart of our volunteer program, she creates a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment that empowers volunteers to contribute meaningfully and confidently in service of our mission. Kerri's patience, clear communication, and deep respect for individuals of all abilities ensure that everyone feels valued and able to succeed, strengthening both our human and animal communities. Her willingness to step in wherever needed, paired with her extensive institutional knowledge, makes her an indispensable resource for staff, volunteers, and board members alike. Kerri's quiet leadership, generosity of spirit, and unwavering commitment to animals and people embody the very best of MHS, making her a truly deserving Employee of the Year.



160 Volunteers

Contributed 13,414 hours during FY24

\$466,673

Total value to MHS

*The Current Estimated National Value of Each Volunteer Hour Is \$34.79

303 Animals in Foster Care

(cats, kittens, dogs, puppies) were placed in foster homes in FY24

Our volunteers are our foundation. No matter what kind of volunteer work they do, they are contributing in invaluable ways.

*Source: Independent Sector

The Margaret D. Bell Memorial Scholarship Fund Winner



Meet Delaney Tenney, the 2025 recipient of the Margaret D. Bell Scholarship administered by MHS. This prestigious award honors the legacy of Margaret Bell and her lifelong dedication to compassionate animal care while supporting aspiring veterinarians who share that same commitment. Delaney's path toward veterinary medicine is driven by a genuine love for animals and a strong desire to make a meaningful difference in their lives, whether caring for pets, livestock, or wildlife, and by a passion for strengthening the bond between animals and the people who love them. This fall, she enrolled at the University of New England in Maine, majoring in animal science, with plans to continue on to veterinary school and ultimately open a 24-hour emergency veterinary clinic in her hometown, bringing critical care and reassurance to her community. Delaney's vision, compassion, and dedication reflect the true spirit of this scholarship, and we are proud to support her as she takes these important next steps.

The Jennie B. Powers Legacy Society



Since 1875, MHS has worked to build a compassionate community for people and animals, guided by the courage and conviction of Jennie B. Powers. Long before such advocacy was common, she walked the back roads of the Monadnock Region defending animals, women, and children, and working to bring justice to those who were most vulnerable. The Jennie B. Powers Legacy Society invites those who share her vision and values to help ensure this vital work endures for generations through thoughtful and meaningful planned giving.

If you are interested in exploring planned giving options through the MHS Jennie B. Powers Legacy Society, please contact Kimberly McNally at: (603) 354-4015 or kimberlym@humanecommunity.org.

Happy Tail LEO

Meet Leo, formerly known as Durian, a gentle, senior cat who arrived at MHS as a stray with no known history. He came in with painful wounds on his hind legs and lower back, a high fever, anemia, and signs of infection. One eye was badly injured, his coat was covered in flea dirt, and further exams revealed a tapeworm and severe dental disease. Even with all he was facing, Leo was friendly, alert, and eating well, showing trust in the people caring for him.



Our medical team acted quickly to address his many needs. Leo received fluids, parasite treatment, pain control, and ongoing medical care. He underwent a dental cleaning for periodontal disease and was referred to our friend, Dr. Jurk at Animal Eye Care of New England, for surgery to remove his injured eye. The surgery was successful, and with medication, rest, and time to heal, he continued to improve.



Today, Leo is thriving in his new home. He adjusted right away, is eating well, gaining weight, and settling in beautifully. His adopter shares that he loves cuddling with his canine sibling, Bean, and gets along well with the other cats in the home. Leo is now safe, comfortable, and exactly where he belongs.



SAVE THE DATES

THE 38TH WALK FOR ANIMALS MAY 2, 2026



The Monadnock Humane Society Walk for Animals unites individuals of all ages, walking together to support animals in need. In the weeks preceding the event, participants raise vital funds that support our life-saving work by rallying support from friends, family, and colleagues. We hope to see you there!

THE 24TH HAIRBALL GALA SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

Voted the #1 Event for Charity by the Best of Monadnock Awards for the last 10 years, this annual event celebrates community, kindness, and the incredible bond between humans and animals. We gather every year to celebrate our impact with an unforgettable evening of cocktails, delicious food, a live auction, and entertainment.



Interested in MHS Event Sponsorship? Learn more at monadnockhumanesociety.org/sponsorship

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