

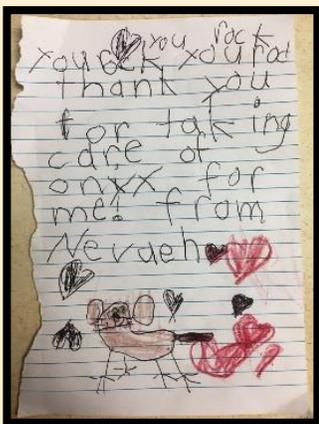
# MONADNOCK HUMANE SOCIETY

*Serving the community for over 145 years by strengthening the animal- human bond by promoting and providing for the well-being of animals*



Since 1875, Monadnock Humane Society (MHS) has nurtured the well-being of animals and their human companions. We provide education, programs, and services that create a healthier, more compassionate community for all. Our shelter, located in Swanzev, NH cares for over 1600 animals each year, and serves 44 communities in the Monadnock Region and beyond.

## ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME AND DISPLACED RESIDENTS



**Animal Safety Net.** MHS provides free boarding and medical care to the pets of community members who are fleeing domestic violence, are homeless, or are entering a drug, mental health, and/or medical treatment program.

**Pet Food Pantry.** Assisting persons who are struggling to navigate difficult financial times with free pet food.

**Feline Frenzy Low-cost Spay/Neuter, Rabies Vaccination/Microchip Clinics.** Vital medical care services available to our community at rates that are affordable to low-income populations.

**Emergency pet boarding.** Includes free boarding and medical care to the pets of community members who have had a house fire, flooding in their home or other emergency.

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

**Children's literacy program. Paws to Read to a Dog.** Children enjoy sitting with a registered/insured therapy dog and reading a book to them. The program impacts and improves reading skills and builds confidence in speaking skills as well.

**Serving as the holding facility for animals related to a protective custody situation.** MHS cares for animals whose owners enter protective custody.

**Serving as a holding facility for bite quarantines.** MHS protects the community by holding a dog for 10 days, as required by law. We monitor the dog during that time for signs of rabies, and return it to its owner if it is healthy.

**Loaning humane traps, at no cost.** MHS assists residents in catching a stray animal for rehoming.

**Assisting law enforcement with animal cruelty and animal hoarding cases.** We provide care for rescued animals and while the case is in the court system, we give the animal with medical care and boarding.

**Caring for strays.** MHS serves animals brought in by law enforcement, Animal Control Officers (ACOs), or community members. We care for these animals until an owner reclaims their pet, or we find good homes for unclaimed animals.

**Supporting law enforcement in managing animals.** At times MHS professional staff will assist ACOs and/or law enforcement to manage an animal's removal and move the pet to shelter, quarantine, or provide other services as needed.

**Re-homing surrenders.** When an owner dies, no longer wants their pet, or can't afford to keep it, MHS boards the animal and provides any needed medical care until they are ready to be adopted by a new, loving family.

**Assisting residents who have lost a pet.** Through our *Ten Thousand Eyes* program we build an online community network that reunites owners with lost pets.

**Monitoring and caring for stray cats with wounds of unknown origin.** MHS provides care and monitoring for rabies for four months as required by state law.

**Assisting with the cost of euthanasia and cremation.** If an animal was surrendered to MHS due to significant medical or behavioral issues and it is necessary to euthanize it, we cover the majority of those costs.

**Assisting with a feral cat colony.** A colony of feral cats can impact bird populations and cause problems and inconvenience for homeowners. Colonies are also a public health issue, since the risk of rabies is high among feral cats. MHS provides advice and support as these cats are trapped. We also provide spay/neuter at no cost to the homeowner, and we either release the feral cats back into their colony or find homes for them, as appropriate, through our Barn Cat Program.



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**Helping to effectively plan for disasters.** As a member of the New Hampshire Disaster Animal Response Team (NHDART), MHS helps to identify resources for animals and develop an effective method to mobilize those resources in an emergency.

**Facilitating the Barn Cat program.** We provide a spayed/neutered/vaccinated/microchipped cat to assist with control of rodent populations and acclimate the cat to their surroundings.

**Medical Care Funds – Madden Fund for Cats, Jazzeubelle Fund for Dogs.** These two funds were created by two longtime donors to give medical care to dogs and cats needing highly specialized, intense surgery and treatment that the MHS medical team is not able to provide.

*These programs are supported through our loyal donors, fundraising activities, and in part through proceeds from our **dog training, boarding, dog daycare, puppy play school, and adoption programs.** MHS is not affiliated with any other national organization such as the HSUS.*

## PROGRAMS THAT STRENGTHEN THE ANIMAL-HUMAN BOND



### **MHS Adoption Center.**

A safe place for animals to stay while waiting for their new families. The Adoption Center has a licensed veterinarian, technician, and staff of highly-qualified adoption and shelter technicians who care for the animals during their stay.

**MHS Boarding/Day Care Center.** A beautiful facility where trained animal professionals care for pets while owners are away. Dog Daycare gives dogs an opportunity to socialize and play while owners are away for the day.

**Puppy Play School.** Offering pups between the ages of eight weeks and four months an opportunity to have plenty of socialization, training and fun while owners are away for the day.



**The Guinane Training Center for Dogs.** Certified professional dog trainers help owners train their dog from the basics of obedience and manners to agility and rally obedience in a spacious 60' x 70' indoor training area.

**Volunteer programs.** Many different volunteer options are available and can be tailored to talents and schedules.

**Collaborations with schools, community centers and groups.** MHS works with many different groups and organizations in the community to provide education on animal welfare, bring awareness to the work we do, and to help engage them in volunteering and philanthropy.

**Bell Scholarship.** MHS works with a local vet to select students in the region for this scholarship which was established to provide support to those making a lifelong commitment to animal welfare thru their vocation of veterinary medicine.

**Wagtime Grooming Services.** Affordable, professional grooming services for pets who are staying with us in Boarding/Daycare, or by appointment. Services range from nail trim to shampoo/cut/style.

**Public walking trails and fenced run.** MHS offers the community a beautiful place to walk (with or without your dog) on miles of well-maintained trails that wind through fields and wooded areas on our 90 acres of land. A map is available at our Adoption Center or online. Also, bring your dog for safe and enjoyable exercise in our public run, located in back of our main building.

**Therapy Pets.** MHS collaborates with Monadnock Therapy Pets, a volunteer organization, to support and train pets and their people to do a variety of therapy work. All visiting teams are registered and insured. They serve the community thru the MHS Children's Literacy Program (*Paws to Read to a Dog*), visits to assisted living and retirement communities, at community events, and whenever there's a need for the therapeutic presence of a pet.



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