



Humanely Speaking

Bangor Humane Society Newsletter

Fall 2018

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The Bangor Humane Society champions the humane treatment and adoption of companion animals, provides quality care for homeless pets, and promotes animal welfare through education and advocacy.

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We are thankful for...

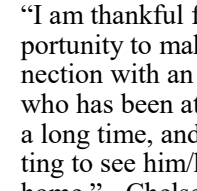
We wanted to take a moment and use this newsletter to give thanks to the countless people, agencies and organizations that help give the thousands of animals that find refuge at the Bangor Humane Society each year the second chance they deserve.

Every day we save lives—lives that would not be saved if not for the ongoing dedication and support from our staff, volunteers, adopters, our donors, and all our community partners.

Our staff wanted to begin by expressing what they are most grateful for while working at BHS...



“I am thankful for our BHS family and that there is always a kitten to snuggle on a hard day.” - Katelyn Stoddard, Volunteer & Community Outreach Director



“I am thankful for the opportunity to make a connection with an animal who has been at BHS for a long time, and then getting to see him/her go home.” - Chelsea Brown, Adoption Counselor



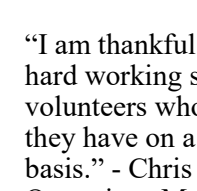
“I am grateful for the people who show compassion towards the humans that work hard behind the scenes at BHS—whether sending a happy tail update, a site visit with a BHS alum or baking treats for the staff— it boosts morale and keeps us moving forward.” - Stacey, Director of Development and Public Relations



“I am forever grateful for the resiliency of the animals we see come into our care - no matter the obstacle, they always rebound.” - Sam Carruth, Animal Care Coordinator



“I am grateful for all of the people willing to take a chance on our animals and give them their forever homes.” - Ashley Clukey, Adoption Counselor



“I am thankful for our hard working staff and volunteers who give all they have on a daily basis.” - Chris Young, Operations Manager



“I truly appreciate how nice it is to come in every morning to a team that is unstoppable. Team BHS is forever willing to go to extreme lengths for our people and animals; ready for anything. I want to say thanks and share my gratitude to be a member of Team BHS.” - Allen Batchelder, Licensed Veterinary Technician



“This year, I am grateful for our community and their generous donations during the times we have needed them most.” - Katrina Bradford, Animal Care Tech

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From the Director



Every day I am grateful for our amazing staff, volunteers, donors, adopters and community partners that support our work and help us save lives. I am especially grateful to work in a place where puppy kisses are always available as a welcomed distraction, especially on the most stressful day.

But, this newsletter I want to take a moment to give a special thank you to a group of people that work quietly behind the scenes to set the vision and strategic direction of our organization— the BHS Board of Directors. Not only are each of them passionate about and

engaged in our mission, but they help us govern our programs, policies and fiscal health. They help us steward the resources entrusted to us and ensure that we operate as effectively, efficiently and compassionately as possible. These resources we steward are the heartbeat of this organization. Without them, we could not save all of the lives that come to our door.

We know that the holiday season is the most philanthropic time of year; we raise the majority of our annual campaign budget during this time. Since May, we have raised nearly 45% of our annual campaign goal. So, this holiday season I ask you to make BHS a part of your holiday giving list. Our Board of Directors and I promise to be good stewards of your generosity.

Please visit our website www.bangorhumane.org/donate to make a gift online or to explore other ways to give this holiday.

With Gratitude,

Suzan Prendergast



Hours of Operation

Monday — Friday: 12:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.

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Ashley, Hannah

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Stacey, Katrina, Cam, Caitlyn

Veterinary Technician
Allen Batchelder, LVT



Make a holiday gift and help us reach our goal!

 \$95,000 raised

\$215,000 



“As my phone shared with me pictures I'd taken over the past year of animals who have been in my life at the humane society, I was reminded of the ones who were so frightened; I'm thankful to them for allowing me to show them love and for sometimes showing it back.” - Julia Pesce, Adoption Counselor

“I am thankful that I get to learn something new every day from the animals we work with.” - Alicia Roussin, Adoption Counselor



“I am thankful for living in a community where there is great support for the care of our fur-legged friends, not only in donations, but in the time contributed by volunteers. We love them!” - Sheila Knapp, Office Manager & Bookkeeper

“I am thankful for the staff and volunteers who work their butts off everyday to make sure each and every animal is safe, warm, well cared for, and found their forever home.”
- Alissa Muise, Adoption Counselor



“I am grateful for the opportunity to save lives.” - Bethany Ward, Adoption Counselor

Your Donor Dollars Matter...

...our devoted donors



Jane S. Knight

It is impossible to express the importance of our donors and the magnitude of your impact- big and small. The level of your commitment to this organization is truly priceless. It takes a lot of money to save as many lives as we do and to make sure that these animals get the care they deserve while they are with us. Whether you are donating blankets, food, toys or money, your donations make it all happen.

We are so grateful to each person who chooses to make a gift to support and invest in our work. We are especially grateful to those who include us in legacy planning- whether your own or a loved one.

Long time supporters, like Jane S. Knight, who left us a generous bequest this summer. Her friends and family asked to acknowledge her legacy with a lifetime kennel sponsorship. She owned Fairmount Market with her husband, Frank, loved cats and was a dossier at the Bangor Historical Society. Her friends remember her as an avid reader day and night and a very open-minded person who held a deep conviction for truth, morals and education. They describe her as an absolutely well- rounded and dignified person who knew what she stood for.

Generous bequests, leadership giving and support from foundations not only help us sustain our work but create and expand the programming and services we can deliver to our community. We would like to thank the following foundations and acknowledge the following bequest givers for their legacy support so far this year.

Foundations

Maine Community, *low-income spay/neuter program*
Doree Taylor Charitable Trust, *low-income spay/neuter program*
Elmina B. Sewall Foundation, *internal capacity building*
ASPCA, *Relocation/Transport Van & Subaru Loves Pets Adoption Event*

In memory of :

Mary Hyde Ackley	William Focke
John Blaisdell	Gail Peterson
Ordway Clifford	

...our valuable volunteers

Since May 1st, **135** volunteers have logged over **1,500** hour of service and over **100** Dog's Day Out adventures. Twenty-five foster families have nurtured hundreds of our most vulnerable. Whether you foster, clean kennels, walk dogs, help with events, photograph our pets, clean dishes and laundry or provide administrative support, you make a huge difference. Your time and service play an invaluable role and are an integral part of our success. We are so grateful for each and every one of you.

No matter what our need, we always know we can count on you. We want to give a special shout out to those of you who filled a special need so far this year.

Eric Cameron: Eric has been a Fast Track Shelter Helper since July doing dishes, helping with laundry or any grunt task around the shelter whenever he finds himself with some free time on the weekends. During one of his volunteer days our washing machine broke beyond repair. Without hesitation, Eric left and returned with a brand new washing machine.

Nick Collins: A 16-year-old Eagle Scout from Holden approached us early in the spring wanting to complete an Eagle Scout project that would benefit our shelter guests.

He worked closely with our staff and decided to build some outdoor exercise equipment to be used for canine enrichment and training. He held a fundraiser to raise funds for materials and this fall presented us with multiple pieces that he designed and built for our canine guests.

Wayfair Employees: Many local businesses encourage volunteer service by their employees. This year over 8 employees volunteered to help at Paws on Parade, filling every role from setup and cleanup to greeters to crossing guards.



One of six pieces of equipment designed and built by Nick Collins.

Making an Impact...

...our charitable community

Over **400** of you gathered on the Bangor Waterfront on September 29th with your dogs to celebrate Paws on Parade turning silver! Nearly **800** participants, two-legged and four, raised nearly **\$90,000** (and counting) for our 25th Anniversary Event to support our adoption programs and veterinary care. We want to thank our event sponsors, Cross Insurance and Darling's, along with all of the teams, individuals and sponsors whose fundraising efforts will help us save so many lives. We also want to extend a thank you to all the vendors, walkers, volunteers and photographers who celebrated with us.

Lastly, congratulations to board member and Paws on Parade Chair, Russ Maynard for earning this year's Top Fundraising award. *Photo Credits: Bell's Furry Friends Photography, MelBee Photography, Eagle Eye Aerial Imaging, and Karen Littlefield*





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Ask the Vet



Dr. Laura Tardiff, DVM
Veazie Veterinary Clinic

Q: How can I keep my pet safe from harmful toxins?

A: One of the most common reasons our pets can become sick is exposure to household and environmental toxins. Accidental exposure and ingestion of harmful substances is a very common reason for an emergency call or visit to a veterinarian. We all know that it only takes one second for our pets to lick, swallow or chew on something harmful, but the good thing is that for the most part these exposures can be limited or prevented by knowing some of the most harmful things. If

your dog or cat were exposed to something harmful it is always recommended to call your veterinarian right away. Below are some of the more common toxic substances:

Chemicals: Rodenticides – also known as rat poison; there are many different types causing life threatening risks to dogs and cats and should not be in the house, barn or garage if you have pets. There is an antidote, or treatment, for some types. Always provide the brand name of the chemical to your veterinarian as it could result in life-saving treatment.

Ethylene glycol – anti-freeze, which is used in cars and other industrial solvents, can cause sudden and severe, often deadly, kidney failure.

Metalddehyde – common ingredient in snail and slug baits.

Marijuana: We have seen this toxicity more commonly within the last few years. If there is marijuana in the environment and your dog is acting strange please contact your vet. We will not judge you and it will help us treat your pet. Prognosis is very good for full recovery with time and supportive care.

Food:

Chocolate/caffeine – common clinical signs are vomiting and diarrhea. High heart rate and abnormal heart rhythms can become a concern with high enough exposure and emergency treatment may be needed.

Grapes/raisins – ingestion of these can cause kidney failure in dogs.

Garlic/onions – immediate clinical signs include vomiting and diarrhea. One to five days after ingestion animals can develop anemia (low red blood cell level) which can cause weakness, racing heart and depression.

Bread dough (containing yeast) – the warm body temperature allows fermentation of yeast within the dough, leading to possible alcohol poisoning.

Xylitol – artificial sweetener, found commonly in sugar-free gums and candies, can cause hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and liver failure. Signs of hypoglycemia are weakness, altered mentation/alertness, vision changes and seizures.

Plants and Mushrooms:

Lilies – ALL PARTS OF THE PLANT (pollen and even water in the vase) are toxic to cats and can cause kidney disease and failure. Vomiting and lethargy are the most common first symptoms.

Sago Palms – a common Bonsai houseplant is severely toxic to both dogs and cats. This plant causes liver failure.

Mushrooms – there are many mushroom species and they are difficult to tell apart. Some of the most dangerous and deadly mushrooms are of the Amanita (Death cap, Destroying angel) species, and we have some of these right in the Bangor area!



Another helpful resource is the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. Phone Number: (888) 426-4435.

In the Season of Giving...

Make a shelter guest *smile* this season. Shop online with Amazon Smile and select BHS as your charity of choice. A percent of every order is donated to us!



Visit our Giving Tree this holiday and donate back a shelter wish list item hung as ornaments!



Bark for Good this holiday! Spoil your pup or a BHS shelter dog in need with a BarkBox subscription. For every new signup, \$25 is donated to BHS. Visit barkbox.com/bangorhumane.



A beautiful gift that gives back! D. Kirkup Designs will donate 30% on all designs/orders Dec. 3-9th from www.dkirkupdesigns.etsy.com.



A home for the holidays! Check out one of the performances of Elf this season at the Penobscot Theater and help a featured shelter dog find its home!



For every new customer that signs up for Fabian Oil's automatic delivery, Fabian Oil will donate \$25 BHS. Visit www.fabianoil.com/bangorhumane to learn more!

...our admirable adopters

Since May 1st, over **1,200** of our pets have been adopted into new loving homes, including **154** who came from shelters in other parts of the state and country. Every single day we are grateful for each one of you who have chosen to open your hearts and homes to one of our pets, becoming a part of the BHS family through adoption. You have adopted abandoned puppies and kittens, healthy dogs and

cats, those with special needs, our treasured seniors and a variety of small animals. Because of you we currently have a live release rate of **94%**. The heart of our mission is creating new families and helping to support and protect that relationship. Thank you for joining us in giving so many of our pets the second chance at the happy, healthy life they deserve.



...our philanthropic partners



Although building partnerships across our communities is a daily goal, October has traditionally become a month where our relationship with adopters, donors and businesses intersect to celebrate and promote pet adoption to save more lives together.

This year, a \$5,000 grant from the ASPCA created an opportunity to partner once again with Quirk Subaru to increase adoptions. Discounted adoptions, local advertising, giveaways to

adopters, takeaways from featured pet partners and filling a forester with shelter supplies helped us celebrate our relationship with our pets while thanking our community for choosing pet adoption when adding a furry family member.

Quirk Subaru donated a car load of supplies and helped us adopt **264** pets into new loving homes.

Additionally, Subaru of New England selected us as one of 12 New England shelters to participate in their #SNE-LovesPets Social Media Campaign during the month of October in which \$5 was donated for every pet photo uploaded with their hashtag. As a result, **22,763** pet photos raised \$60,000 for regional shelters. As one of the selected shelters, we will receive a \$5,000 donation from Subaru of New Eng-

land as a result of the campaign.

We are so thankful for community partners who help us find homes for and meet the needs of our shelter guests every day!

Philanthropic partnerships like these help us save lives by supporting the quality direct care and funding the various medical needs required to achieve our current 94% Live Release rate.

Thank you to every single one of you who adopted this October, helped Fill the Forester and participated in the #SNELOvesPets campaign.



Quirk Subaru employees dropping off Forester full of shelter supplies.

...you

Give our a mission a voice. Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete our donor survey this spring. Of those who responded, **70%** of you believe our primary areas of focus should be our adoption programs, veterinary care and low-income spay/neuter program. Over **90%** of you feel your donation makes a moderate to great impact on our work (you are right!) And, **80%** of you feel we can grow and improve our outreach and transport programming. We are grateful your support and values that align with and help guide our strategic vision moving forward into 2019.

Stand with us as Ambassadors. Thank you to each one of you that helps us promote adoption, humane education or champion our work helping to expand our reach beyond our shelter walls.

Drive change as advocates. Whether you share our social media messages or write your state legislators to create and strengthen the laws that protect our pets, thank you!

Grow our revenue as philanthropists. To every child who collects shelter items in lieu of birthday gifts, every crafter who creates homemade gifts for retail resale and every individual or business that hosts a third-party fundraiser on our behalf, thank you! Your creativity and passion puts the fun in fun-draising and helps us deliver the care our shelter guests deserve, no matter the need. ■



Our Guiding Principles

- **Treat** all animals and people with respect, dignity and integrity.
- **Work** diligently to end companion animal overpopulation by increasing awareness of spay and neuter programs.
- **Promote adoption** of physically and mentally healthy companion animals.
- **Educate and train caretakers** to develop fulfilling and lifelong relationships with their companion animals.
- **Serve as responsible stewards** of our resources.
- **Hold ourselves to the highest standards** of safety, care and cleanliness.
- **Raise public awareness** with regard to the humane treatment of all animals.
- **Use euthanasia** only as a last humane option when in the best interest of an animal.



Thank you for
your support!