mission

IT IS THE MISSION AND PURPOSE OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY TO FIND RESPONSIBLE & CARING FOREVER HOMES, TO PROVIDE SHELTER & CARE FOR THE LOST, ABANDONED AND UNWANTED, TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ANIMALS...PROVIDE A VOICE FOR THOSE WHO CAN NOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES AND TO STRENGTHEN THE BOND BETWEEN ANIMALS AND HUMANES,
we are rescue

UNTIL YOU HAVE HELD A TINY PUPPY IN YOUR ARMS AS IT KISSED YOUR FACE WITH SLOBBERY PUPPY BREATH AND FELT THE LOVE,

UNTIL YOU HAVE HELD AN INJURED OR SEVERELY ILL DOG IN YOUR ARMS AND FELT THEIR PAIN,
UNTIL YOU HAVE LOOKED INTO THE EYES OF A TIRED AGING SENIOR DOG AND FELT THEIR WISDOM,
AND UNTIL YOU HAVE SEEN AND UNDERSTOOD THE LOOK IN YOUR DOGS EYES THAT TELL YOU THEIR TIME ON EARTH WITH YOU IS OVER….AND YOU HUMANELY LET THEM GO,

YOU WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE LIFE OF A RESCUER.

WE FIND BEAUTY IN THE MOST INCOMPREHENSIBLE PLACES AND THE OTHERWISE HOMELY FACES.
IT IS OUR GIFT SO SEE BEYOND THE DIRT, TERROR, SADNESS AND DEFEAT AND FIND THE TRUE SOUL THAT LIES WITHIN.

WE ARE RESCUE.
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Humane Society, I thank all who have contributed their valuable time and resources to our organization in 2008. Your support helped us match more than 1500 animals with their new forever homes, transforming them from “shelter dogs and cats” to beloved family members.

Special thanks to our staff and tireless volunteers for their efforts on our behalf. We value their commitment to our mission and appreciate their support, especially at times like these when extra dollars and minutes are both hard to find.

We look forward to continuing to serve our local communities and the animals that need our help.

Warmest Regards,

Susannah Chance

THE BOARD

Susannah Chance, President
Julie Irwin, Vice President
Sharon Tyler, Board President Emeritus

Wendy Palmquist, Treasurer
Kate Miller, Secretary
Mary Di Maria, Board Member
With our hearts and hands open to the lost, abandoned, and unwanted animals of our community, the NH Humane Society strives daily to make a significant difference in the lives of the animals that we care for. Every story is unique unto itself, an abandoned feline with her kittens needing foster care, a canine with bladder stones in need of corrective surgery, or a transport puppy desperately looking for his new forever home. We are here.

SAFEGUARD
The NHHS has provided a voice, speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves for over 100 years. We stand steadfast in our mission, providing care and comfort for the lost, abandoned and unwanted animals of our region.

CARE
Medical care is provided to each and every animal that passes through our doors. Whether vaccinating a litter of pups, treating a cat for upper respiratory infection, or providing sterilization surgery, we are here to help.

MATCHMAKING
A lifelong companion, a best friend, a source of unconditional love is what the animals at NHHS offer. We take great pride in being able to offer that connection for our adopters. Our services bring new lives and friendships together daily.

REUNITING
Keeping a family together, is of the utmost importance to us here at NHHS. Microchip clinics are offered yearly, as well as lost and found services. We strive to help facilitate a safe and speedy return of your beloved pet.
### Animal Statistics 2008

#### Intake (Live Dogs & Cats)

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<td>Owner Returns</td>
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<td>295</td>
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<td>Transfer to alternate shelter/rescue organization</td>
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<td>Return to Owner</td>
<td>199</td>
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<td>Unhealthy &amp; Untreatable</td>
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<td><strong>Total Euthanasia</strong></td>
<td><strong>11</strong></td>
<td><strong>88</strong></td>
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Subtotal Outcomes (outcome & euthanasia)

| Subtotal Outcome                                                       | **711** | **858** | **1569** |

Animal Live Release Rate

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**Animal Live Release Rate**

- **100%**
- **85%**
- **93%**
The New Hampshire Humane Society created a low cost spay/neuter program: S. N. A.P; to alleviate overpopulation issues at the local level, and help reduce the number of cats and dogs entering the shelter. Tracking our successes, we see a disproportionate number of owners utilizing the service for their un-sterilized animals coming from ‘at risk’ neighborhoods, those that encounter difficulties in terms of personal financial resource. Thankfully our S.N.A.P service offers a solution to the pet overpopulation situation – a discounted spay/neuter program for the underserved animal populations of New Hampshire is the best choice. In fact, the State of New Hampshire ranks as one of the most progressive areas in the country with the publicly funded PLAN A/PLAN B program. Working in tandem, we continue to offer S.N.A.P to all who ask for help.

WHY OWNERS DON’T SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR PETS:

- Cost – owner can’t afford the procedure
- Accessibility – no transportation or lack of available low-cost resources
- Owner thought the animal was too young to get pregnant
- Owner chose not to make sterilization a priority
- Animal escaped and got pregnant before it could be sterilized
- Owners want their children to experience the “miracle” of birth
- The procedure will change the animal’s personality
- Cultural and/or religious differences
- Owners concerned that the procedure would make the pet fat and lazy
- Neutering takes away the male dog’s “manhood”

SPAY-NEUTER SURGERY FACTS

- Gestation period for both dogs and cats is 63 days. Female cats can become pregnant again ten days after giving birth!
- Kittens and puppies can be spayed or neutered as young as eight weeks of age.
- Modern anesthetics are safe and painless and pets recuperate quickly from surgery.
- Low-cost does not mean low-quality. The SNAP program uses state-of-the-art surgical instruments and equipment and does not cut corners or compromise quality.
Strays Reclaimed: Dog-192, Puppies-7, Cats-8, Kittens-3

Top ACO Stray Towns: Laconia-41%, Barnstead-11%, Meredith-9%, Belmont-7%

Top Owner Surrender Towns: Laconia-24%, Barnstead-9%, Meredith-8%, Belmont-7%

Strays Brought in by Public: 465 (93% cats/kittens) Strays Brought in by ACO: 322 (59% dogs)

Top Reasons for Owner Return: Animal was too much to handle.

Euthanized: Healthy-0%, Sick/Injured-2%, Aggression-2%

Top Citizen Stray Towns: Laconia-27%, Meredith-10%, Belmont-9%, Gilford-9%

Top Reasons for Owner Surrender: Moving/Landlord, Animal was too much to handle.

Owner Surrender: Dogs-86, Puppies-43, Cats-156, Kittens-114, Small Animals-7

Incoming animals: Strays-51%, Owner Surrender-25%, Owner Return-4%, Transport Animals-18%

Total Animals Adopted = 1,279, Dogs-227, Puppies-266, Cats-386, Kittens-373, Small Animals-27

Arriving at NH Shelters in 2008: Dogs-4,465, Puppies-1,107, Cats-7,333, Kittens-3,526

Adopted from NH Shelters in 2008: Dogs-2,561, Puppies-968, Cats-5,416, Kittens-2,703


Transferred from out of state to NH Shelters in 2008: Dogs-1,146, Puppies-818, Cats-13, Kittens-42

Top 3 Reasons for Surrender of Dogs in NH: Moving/Landlord/Eviction, Not enough time for pet, Animal was too much to handle.

Top 3 Reasons for Surrender of Cats in NH: Moving/Landlord/Eviction, Animal was too much to handle, Allergies.
# Financials

## Income 2008

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<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>$(472,625.00)</td>
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## Expenses 2008

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<td>$911,389.00</td>
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### Income Pie Chart

- Shelter & S/N Services: 36%
- Town Contracts: 12%
- Contributions & Fundraising: 18%
- Estate Giving: Wills & Bequests: 6%
- Investment Income: 28%

### Expense Pie Chart

- Shelter Operations: 56%
- Veterinary Care: 17%
- Admin Support Services: 12%
- Fundraising: 15%
Volunteers In Motion

Whether chopping peppers and onions at the Sandwich Fair, asking for items from the wish list at various big box stores, or collecting coins from the Dog Bank program, New Hampshire Humane Society volunteers logged 7664 ¼ hours of service for the animals this year.

We bid a poignant farewell to Janet Thomas-Gauntlett – a veritable mainstay at our reception desk. Janet gave so many years of service to the animals, logging 632 hours in 2008 alone. Janet's story became somewhat legendary since the trick to hosting volunteers is finding the right niche for their talents and skills. Her path at NHHS led her away from the feline department on two occasions, our naughtier felines actually bit her - to the relative safety of our lobby and reception desk. Janet excelled at handling the hurly-burly of the front desk with incredible professionalism and calmness under pressure. We miss her humor, kindness and sensitivity.

Feline department volunteer Pat Muzzey deserves acknowledgement of her outstanding dedication in caring for hundreds of cats and kittens here with 323 ¾ hours of service logged. Pat is a regular face about the building on Wednesdays. The staff are so grateful to her for her commitment and the occasional pasta and chili dishes she shares with us!

Volunteers ensured regular events Funspot Indoor Triathlon, Timberman Triathlon, Dogtoberfest, and the Joyce Endee Production Craft Fairs ran smoothly with full staffing. Further, our newest ventures, Cram The Van off sites, Comman Man food booth at the Sandwich Fair, and the biggest of all, the Designer Show House, simply could not have happened without the gift of time from so many. The show house relied heavily on volunteers, both in committee, execution, and hosting the viewing public during the open phase of the house, logged 2945 of time.

On behalf of the organization, we look forward to another productive year with a strong volunteer base, those individuals of which, we simply could not carry out the mission without their stewardship.
## Corporate Benefactor
- Albertsons
- Alex Ray & Great American Dining
- Awakenings Café
- Bodies in Motion
- Burlwood Antiques Center
- Concord Monitor
- Corner House Inn
- Curves of Meredith
- Endorfun Sports
- Franklin Savings Bank
- Funspot
- Hampshire Hospitality Holdings
- Henry Maxfield Real Estate
- Joyce Endee Productions
- Life Centered Learning Institute
- Manor on Golden Pond
- Maurices
- Meredith Village Savings
- Nassau Broadcasting
- Northeast Communications
- Northway Bank
- O Steak & Seafood
- PetCo
- Rutter Media
- Salmon Press
- Sam’s Club
- SDS Cycles
- The Paw House Vermont Inn
- Waterville Development Corp.
- Weirs Times

## Foundations & Trust
- Clark Foundation
- Dal Pan Family Trust
- Grazis-Gray Charitable Fund
- Helen Busiel Trust
- Lena T. Nelson Trust
- Ruth W. Metcalfe Charitable Trust
- William Evans Trust

## Giving

### 10,000+
- Mary Bruce
- Pauline Boucher

### 5,000+
- Alice Teft
- Erma Rand
- Norman & Stacy Soucy

### 1,500-4,999
- Anthony & Eleanor Spinazzola
- David A. Robinson
- Frank & Marcy Yerkes
- John & Leslie Robinson
- John Cataldo
- Keith Jordan
- Leonard Shallow
- Leslie Christodoupoulis
- Lyman Pope
- Marie Baker & Mark Woglom
- Mary Di Maria & Mark Diette
- Patrick Schimenz
- Rick Kilgore
- Susannah Chance
- Andrew McKibben
- Thomas & Marcia Haughey

### 500-1,499
- Alan & Ann Posnack
- Barbara Clifford
- Rev. William & Deborah Corr
- Charlotte Nadeau
- David Newcomb
- Dorothy Wilkins
- Dr. Michael F. Dowe
- Gary Coyne
- George Tyler
- Graciano Rodrigues
- Interlakes Elementary School
- Jean Leone
- Jeff Cloutier
- Jeffrey Forbes

### 250-499
- Arthur & Dorothy Chicaderis
- Cynthia Baron
- Edwina Drummond
- Fred & Glennis Halterman
- George & Brenda Crawford
- James Mc Hale
- John Suldenski
- John T. Bennett
- John Travers
- Ken Wilson
- Laconia High School
- Lisa Bartlett
- Luann Flood
- Mary Rudasill
- Michael Dougherty
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul M. Buck
Deborah Cotton
Peta Cote
Philip Simpson
Richard & Joanne Tilton
Richard & Gail Wholey
Robert Sherman
Russell & Judy Sabanek
Sarah Witt
Scott Glenn
Stephen Vann
Susan Gaines
Whitman Richards

**Designer House Supports**
Accent Home & Garden
Adirondacks of Winnipesaukee
ADS Water Treatment Services
Ailanthus
Annie Schneider
Art 3 Studio
Atherton Rye Design Professionals
Aubuchon Hardware
Barbara Bernier Interior Design
Barbara Girard
Barn House Lighting
Barron’s Billards
Barron’s Major Brand Appliances
Bartlett Design Associates
Belknap Landscape Company, Inc
Bossey Builders
Boula Gorrell Lumber Company
Boyer Interior Design LLC
Burlwood Antique Center
C.A. Hoit Company
Casual Cape
Christi Walsh Interiors
Coldwell Banker
Common Man Family

Company C
Craig Gamble Construction
Culligan
David Messier
Dawn Heiderer-Design Inspirations
Deb Chamberlain Fabrication
Deborah Fairbanks Corr
Dogwatch of Lakes Region
Duralee Window Treatment
Edwina Drummond Interiors
Eric Chapman
Ernest Thompson
Faye Foster Antiques
Florence Cummings Real Estate
George Hawkins Photography
Gloria Najecki
Grenon Trading Company
Harden Furniture
Helen Sage
Hilman Oriental Rugs
Home Comfort
Inside Outlook
Jan Naylor
Jeri Bothamley Interiors
Jonathan Sargent
Joyce’s Draperies
Judy McShane
Katheryn Cordeiro
Kitchen Encounters
Laconia Christian School
Laconia Savings Bank
Lake Style Interiors
Lakes Region VW/Audi
Lakes Region Dental
Leah Storey
Lee Jofa Fabrics
Linda’s Flowers
Lori Currier Interiors
Dr. Louis Ricciardiello
Loving Volvo

Luann Sipe
Lynn Montana
Marcy Yerkes
Marie Baker
Mary Di Maria & Mark Diette
Meredith Bay Massage & Wellness
Meredith Bay Personal Fitness
Meredith Harley Davidson
Mir Sultan
New Hampshire Home Magazine
NH Independent School of Music
Normandin Cheney & O’Neil
Northern Security Agency
Orchid & Vine of Wolfeboro
P. Kaufman Rajaston Parade
Personal Days Skin Care
Peter Ferber
Red Oak Montessori
Relyco
Robert Allan, JAD
Sadhana Whole Health
Sant Bani School
Scott Murphy
Signature Events
Sperry Tents
Sports & Marina ParaFunalia
Stanley Furniture
Steve Aldrich
The Country Braid House
Tish’s Nail Care Boutique
Tracy Glover
Trust for Public Land
Village House Interior, LLC
Watermark Navigation Systems
Waukewan Country Club
Wickes Lumber
Window & Floor Attire
Wood & Clay

Special Thanks to the Browher Family and all the countless Volunteers.
things people can learn from dogs...

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them
Run, romp and play daily
Eat with gusto and enthusiasm
Be loyal
Never pretend to be something you’re not
Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride
Allow the experience of the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy
When it’s in your best interest, practice obedience
Let others know when they’ve invaded your territory
Take naps and stretch before rising
If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it
When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently
Thrive on attention and let people touch you
Avoid biting when a simple growl will do
On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree
When you’re happy, dance around and wag your entire body
No matter how often you’re scolded, don’t buy into the guilt thing, pout and run right back and make friends
Delight in the simple joy of a long walk
things people can learn from cats...

Whenever you miss the sandbox, cover it up, dragging a sock over it helps
Nap often

If you can’t get your way, lay across the keyboard until you do
When in doubt, cop an attitude

When you are hungry, meow loudly so they feed you just to shut you up
Always find a good patch of sun to nap in
Life is hard, and then you nap

Curiosity never killed anything except maybe a few hours

Variety is the spice of Life. One day, ignore people; the next day, annoy them
When in trouble, purr and look cute

Make your mark on the world, or at least spray in each corner
Climb your way to the top, that’s why the curtains are there
Always give generously; a bird or rodent left on the bed tells them, “I care.”

When you have something important to say, try to say it in the dead of the night when you’re SURE everyone’s sleeping. There’s no better way to get the attention you deserve.