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Dear Friend of the Animals,

What happened on the night of May 5th is something our team will never forget. Late that evening, an after-hours fire broke out at our shelter. In a place where so many animals have experienced safety, comfort, and love for the very first time, everything changed in an instant.

Within moments, first responders rushed to our building. Staff and volunteers answered phone calls in the middle of the night and immediately sprang into action. Dogs were carefully carried to safety. Cats and small animals were evacuated out of an abundance of caution. Animals who had already experienced fear, uncertainty, and hardship were suddenly facing another frightening moment, and our team did everything in their power to make sure they felt protected every step of the way.

And somehow, in the middle of the chaos, this community showed up. The incredible team at K9 Kaos opened their doors without hesitation, providing emergency housing, care, baths, comfort, and calm for our dogs during one of the most stressful moments our organization has ever faced. Supporters flooded us with messages, donations, supplies, and offers to foster. Volunteers rearranged their lives overnight. Staff members worked around the clock, exhausted and emotional, but completely focused on one thing: making sure every animal was safe.

Because that is what this community does. When animals need help, people show up. Right now, all of our animals are safe, and for that, we are endlessly grateful. But while the immediate emergency may be over, the reality is that we now face a very long road ahead.

The fire has left our organization navigating emergency medical monitoring, temporary housing, disrupted programming, limited intake capacity, and the overwhelming uncertainty that comes with rebuilding after a crisis. Services our community relies on, including pet food assistance and animal intake support, have already been impacted as our team focuses on emergency response and recovery efforts.

And while so much attention has understandably been focused on the fire itself, the needs of the animals have not stopped.

Every animal currently in our care still needs food, medication, enrichment, clean bedding, training, and love each and every day. New emergency calls continue to come in. Families in our community still need support to keep their pets safe and at home. The work continues, even in the middle of heartbreak.

In animal welfare, there is never really a pause button. Animals will still need medical care. Families will still need support keeping their pets fed and safe. Emergency cases will still arise. And every day, animals who have nowhere else to go will still need us. That is why we are asking for help.

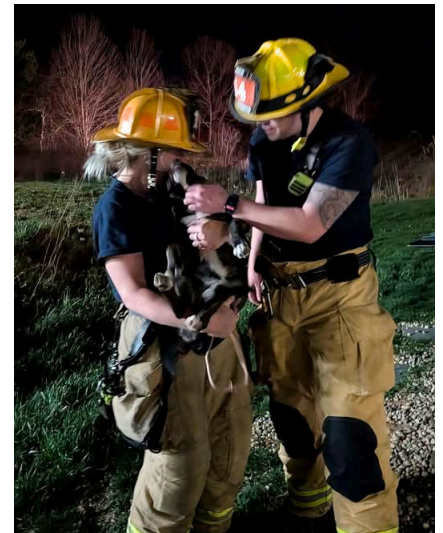
In the coming weeks and months, our shelter will need significant support to recover from this devastating event and continue providing lifesaving care to the animals and people who depend on us. Monetary donations will allow us to respond to the needs that continue to unfold each day, from emergency veterinary care and temporary housing to supplies, recovery efforts, and critical operational support as we begin to rebuild.

Every donation, every share, every kind message, and every act of support reminds our team that we are not facing this alone. In moments like these, community means everything. We know the road ahead will not be easy, but if the past few days have shown us anything, it is that we are surrounded by extraordinary compassion and support.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. Thank you for loving these animals. Thank you for standing beside our staff and volunteers. Thank you for reminding us, even in the hardest moments, just how compassionate and extraordinary this community truly is. The animals still need us. And we still need you.

Thank you,

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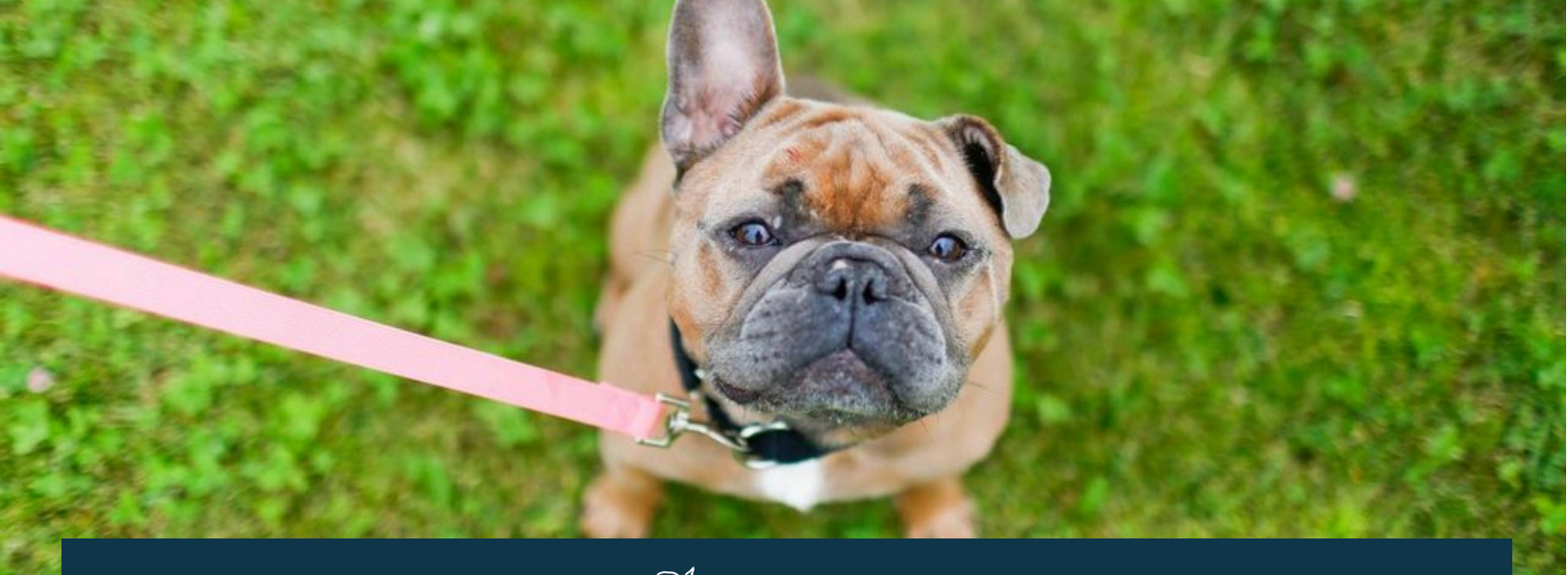
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\$500

Spay or neuter
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Monthly Giving

& Join Our Pack of Hope!

At Pope Memorial Humane Society-Cocheco Valley, every wagging tail, every gentle purr, and every second chance begins with compassion. Our monthly donors are just that. Compassionate individuals who believe in our mission and provide steady support for the animals at our shelter.

When you give monthly, you're not just donating. You're showing up, again and again, for the animals who need you most. For the dog recovering from years of neglect. For the kitten born outside with no one to care for her. For the senior cat whose owner never came back. You become part of a special circle of hope - a lifeline for animals who arrive scared, injured, or forgotten.



Your gift becomes more than dollars, it becomes trust, consistency, and comfort. It means food in the bowl every morning, warmth through the night, and the resources to provide both medical and behavioral support while they wait for the right family to come along.

Monthly giving allows us to plan, to respond faster, and to say "yes" to animals with nowhere else to turn. It's the most powerful way to stand with us, every day, all year long. This kind of giving transforms not just individual lives, it transforms the future of our shelter. Join our community of monthly givers and become part of every happy ending at PMHS-CV.

How Your Monthly Donation Helps Save Lives.

\$10

Feed a small animal fresh produce for a week

\$10 a month can make a big difference for one of our smallest shelter residents! Your monthly gift helps provide a week's worth of fresh produce—like crisp greens, carrots, and apples—for a rabbit, guinea pig, or other small animal in our care. It's a simple act of kindness that keeps them healthy, happy, and thriving.

\$25

Heartworm test & preventative for a dog

A monthly gift of \$25 can help protect a shelter dog from a life-threatening illness. Your support covers the cost of a heartworm test and a month of preventative treatment—keeping them healthy, safe, and one step closer to finding their forever home. It's a small gift with lifesaving impact.

\$50

Diagnostics for a senior animal

With a gift of \$50 a month, you can help give senior animals the care they deserve. Your support provides essential diagnostics, like bloodwork, x-rays, or urinalysis—that help us detect underlying health issues early and create personalized treatment plans. It's a critical step in giving older pets a second chance at comfort, health, and love in their golden years.

\$75

Care for & feed a litter of puppies or kittens for a week

A monthly gift of \$75 can provide a week's worth of care, food, and comfort for an entire litter of puppies or kittens. From formula and nutritious meals to clean bedding and medical checkups, your support gives these little ones the best start in life as they grow strong, healthy, and ready for loving homes.

\$100

5 hours of behavioral training for a dog

A \$100 monthly gift can provide five hours of professional behavioral training for a dog in need. This training helps build confidence, teach good manners, and increase adoptability—giving dogs the tools they need to thrive in a forever home. It's not just training—it's a second chance.

\$250

Spay or neuter an animal

A gift of \$250 covers the full cost to spay or neuter a shelter animal—preventing unwanted litters, reducing overcrowding, and helping that pet take one big step closer to adoption. It's a powerful way to support responsible care and create lasting change for animals in need.

Want to Learn More?

Contact Molly Shanahan at mshanahan@popememorialcvhs.org to learn more and set up your match today.