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Dear Friend of the Animals,

When Pip arrived at our shelter on November 19th, she barely looked like the cat she was meant to be. A good Samaritan had found her lying in the middle of the road, alone, starving, and desperately sick, and brought her to us, hoping we could help. Pip was estimated to be around 10 years old, though her fragile body told a story of hardship that may have spanned even longer.

She weighed just 4 pounds when she came through our doors. Her body condition was a heartbreaking 1 out of 9. She was so emaciated that our team had to carefully manage every bite of food to avoid refeeding syndrome, a life-threatening condition where the body simply can't handle nourishment after prolonged starvation. Her tiny frame was caked in dried pus from severe infections in her mouth, nose, ears, and eyes. One eye was sealed shut from an old injury and ulcerated beyond what normal treatment could heal. She struggled to breathe through her nose, wheezed with every breath, and drooled yellow discharge from the pain in her mouth.

She hadn't even been in our building for five minutes before a staff member rushed to grab our medical team. That very first day, Pip was placed in isolation, shaved head to tail so we could properly clean and treat her skin, and given extensive bloodwork. Our Medical Manager looked at her and said the words that define who we are as a shelter: "We're fighting for this cat." And fight we did.

From day one, Pip required round-the-clock care, nebulizing treatments four times a day, multiple eye medications, daily antibiotics, antivirals, and pain medication twice daily for her severe stomatitis. Because one of her eye ulcers wouldn't heal on its own, our team used Pip's own blood serum to create specialized eye drops, all done in-house. For weeks, surgery wasn't even an option, she was far too weak to undergo anesthesia.

And yet, through all of it, Pip purred. Despite the pain, the hunger, and the exhaustion, she made biscuits the moment someone touched her. She greeted every treatment with gentle head butts. She ate with enthusiasm, played with toys when she finally had strength, curled up in soft beds, and wore a tiny sweater to stay warm and help her body heal. Staff lovingly nicknamed her Pip Squeak and nothing, not even five weeks of intensive medical care, could dim her spirit.

Little by little, Pip improved. Medications were reduced, then eliminated entirely. Her weight climbed to 8 pounds. Her body healed, and so did her heart.

Once she was strong enough, Pip attended community events, sat calmly in laps, and soaked up every ounce of love from volunteers, content to simply be held. Just three days after being cleared by our veterinarian, Pip was adopted by a senior who was looking for a quiet, loving companion.

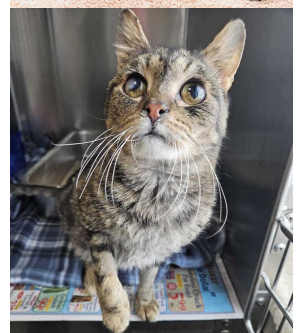
Pip's story is one of survival, compassion, and the extraordinary care your support makes possible. Her treatment required time, expertise, specialized equipment, medications, and an unwavering commitment from our staff and volunteers, all before she was ever ready for adoption.

They give us the ability to step in for cats who arrive at our doors with everything stacked against them, and to fight just as hard for every Pip who needs us.

Please consider making a gift today to help us continue saving lives, restoring strength, and mending hearts. Because every Pip deserves the chance to purr again.

Sincerely,

Molly Shanahan
Development & Marketing Director
Pope Memorial Humane Society - Cocheco Valley



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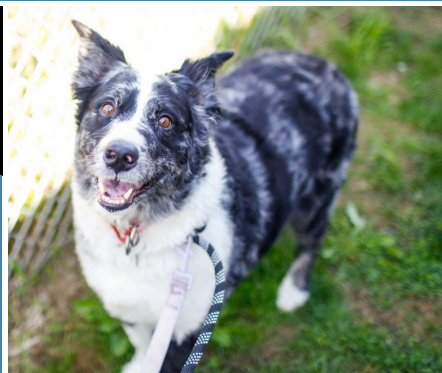
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1,021 ANIMALS
RESCUED

372
DOGS

454
CATS

195
SMALL
ANIMALS



FROM TRANSPORT
PARTNERS

12%

88%

FROM THE
COMMUNITY



771 ADOPTIONS

PETS
REUNITED
WITH OWNER

107

241 FOSTER
PLACEMENTS

68
BEHAVIORAL

173
MEDICAL

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

DOGS
25
DAYS

CATS
9
DAYS

SMALL ANIMALS
34
DAYS



307 VOLUNTEERS
CONTRIBUTED

20,000+
HOURS



629 SPAY & NEUTER
SURGERIES

77 ADDITIONAL
LIFE-CHANGING
SURGERIES

415 GROUP DOG
TRAINING CLASSES

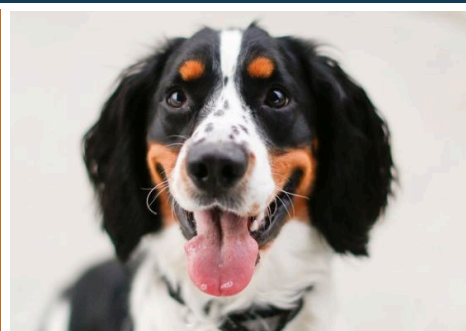
60 1-ON-1 DOG
TRAINING CLASSES

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1,105 DOGS

2,095 CATS

68
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
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