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Spring 2018 Newsletter

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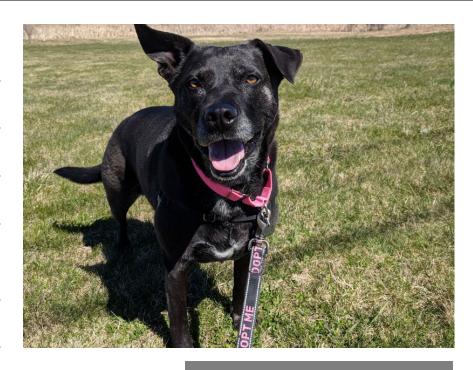
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Meet our cover dog: Penny!

Penny is a sweet sensitive senior searching for a kind-hearted human companion to share the rest of her days with. She came to CVHS because she was struggling with the chaos that comes along with sharing a home with small children.

This girl wants nothing more than a nice comfy dog bed to call her own and a dog bowl with her name on it to eat from every night. Penny can be very sensitive and doesn't enjoy having her back end touched too much. For this reason, she should go to a home that understands her body language and will respect her personal space when she needs it.

Don't let her gray face fool you, Penny still LOVES playtime and would be a wonderful walking partner! Penny should go to a home with human companions aged 16+. Penny must meet any canine companions she would share a home with.

She could likely share her space with a cat with a slow proper introduction. Are you interested in giving Penny the home of her dreams?

DID YOU KNOW?

Between January 1st and April 30th, CVHS adopted 16 rabbits, 1 ferret, 7 birds, 7 small animals, 48 cats, 12 kittens, 73 dogs, and 20 puppies. That's a total of 184 animals who are now safe and happy in their forever homes!





Tails to Trails Dog Walk Wrap-up

Our annual Tails to Trails Dog Walk and 5K fundraiser took place on April 29th in Henry Law Park and it was a big, if wet, success!

Dozens of pups came out with their people to walk in the rain for us, and some even braved the doggie pools despite the weather! While the gray skies kept many away we still had a great turnout and a lot of fun. This year we moved the event to downtown Dover in Henry Law Park, and we couldn't have been happier with the new venue. There was added space for vendors, higher visibility, and it's always nice to be down by the water! We're already looking forward to next year's event.

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, vendors, and our dog walk and 5K participants, we raised over \$16,000 for CVHS!

If you're interested in sponsoring next year's event, please reach out to Debbie Shelton at devdirector@cvhsonline.org

Happy Tails Adoption Update

Dolly is one of those dogs that is "just happy to be there." Social and sweet, this happy girl quickly stole our hearts. Dolly came to CVHS when her owner was struggling to properly care for her severe allergies. The fur was completely gone around her eyes, and they were almost completely swollen shut. She was uncomfortable due to her symptoms, but that didn't stop her from enjoying trail walks and playing with her stuffy toys.

We began a hypoallergenic diet and medications to help ease her symptoms. She made drastic improvements and found her forever home with an incredible dad and three feline siblings. Her new dad is working very closely with her veterinarian to determine the best course of treatment for her, and boy does it show. Her fur is filling in nicely, her skin is no longer pink, and she is making great progress. Dolly now enjoys long walks on the beach, hanging out with her new feline friends, and spending quality time with her family.

Congratulations, Dolly! We're so happy for you!



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Heartworm Disease: Not Just For Dogs

by Dr. Sarah Proctor

Most dog owners are aware of heartworm disease. Did you know that cats and ferrets can also get it? Let's talk about how they are alike and how they are different.

How do they get it?

Mosquitos transmit heartworm disease to dogs, cats, and ferrets. The disease is more common in the southern US, but even in New England, heartworm is found regularly. There were over 100 cases of heartworm diagnosed in NH dogs last year.

You might think that there is no heartworm risk in the winter, but this past winter is a great example of why that is just not true. Remember those days in February that hit 70 degrees? Mosquitos can become active quickly in warm spells, and will put your pets at risk.

You might also think that indoor pets are not at risk, but I'm sure you've had mosquitos in your home. If that is true, then even your indoor pet is at risk for heartworm. Granted, the risks are lower for indoor pets and during the winter months, but the disease can be deadly and prevention is very safe and relatively cheap.

What happens to heartworm-infected pets?

If untreated, heartworm infection will eventually kill an infected pet. It may take years and many worms to kill a dog. It takes only one worm to kill a cat or a ferret. Adult heartworms look like spaghetti. Imagine a long strand of spaghetti curled up in your cat's tiny heart. A few small worms can be lethal in a small animal. In cats, symptoms similar to asthma (coughing, wheezing) can occur. Symptoms of heartworm common to all pets are coughing, vomiting, and lethargy, exercise intolerance.

How can we test pets for heartworm infection?

There is a simple blood test to detect heartworm in dogs. It is usually a part of your dog's routine yearly check-up. There is a similar test for cats and ferrets but the test is not very accurate in these pets. That's why many veterinarians don't test cats or ferrets on a regular basis. Other tests like x-rays and ultrasound may be required to detect heartworm in pets.

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A very special thank you to Bill Dube Ford Toyota Scion for their generous \$2,500 donation, and to the Toyota Dealer Match Program for doubling the gift! Your gift has helped us provide the animals in our care with the medical care they need to give them a second chance to find a loving forever home. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



CVHS Spring Wishlist

- Peanut Butter (must not contain xylitol)
- Natural Balance Venison & Sweet Potato (Dry and canned dog food and treats)
- Contractor Trash Bags
- Purina One Dry Kitten Food
- Purina One Cat Food (wet and dry)
- Purina One Dog Food (wet and dry)
- ***** Greenies Pill Pockets
- Plush/Interactive Dog Toys
- * Large Kongs
- Pet Supply Store Gift Cards
- ***** Grocery Store Gift Cards
- EZ Walk Harnesses sizes Med and Large
- Clay Non-Clumping Cat Litter

Foster Care Update

Over the past three months, the foster program at CVHS has been totally updated and revamped.

Traditionally, the foster program was used for pregnant cats or litters of kittens. It has now expanded to a wider variety of animals and a wider variety of needs.

Whether it's a pregnant cat, a sick puppy, or a dog with behavioral concerns, the foster program is now being used to give many animals a number of opportunities to help them maintain their health and happiness. Thus far, the program has been widely effective with many success stories!

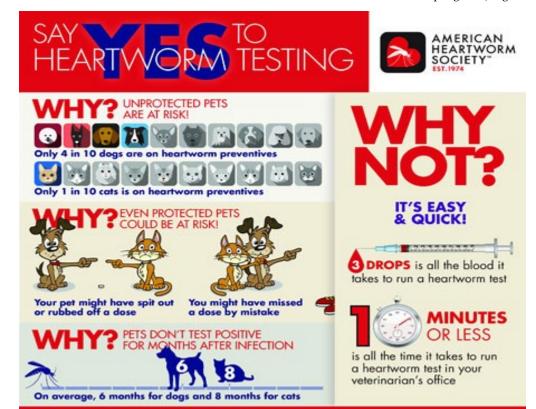
Leo, Kaine, Dolly, and Dobby (pictured below) are all examples of animals that have not only benefitted from the foster care program, but are thriving in their foster homes or with their forever families!

If you're interested in becoming a foster for CVHS, reach out to our foster care coordinator, Mary Boisse, at mboisse@cvhsonline.org.









PROTECT YOUR PET 12 MONTHS A YEAR. TEST FOR HEARTWORMS EVERY 12 MONTHS.

www.heartwormsociety.org

Heartworm Disease, cont.

If you recently got your dog from a southern US state, you should have them re-tested for heartworm a few months after they arrive in NH. Dogs are required to have a negative heartworm test before being transported to NH, but infections take time to show up on the test. If your pet was infected right before he was transported north, the infection will take several months to show up on a blood test. Talk to your veterinarian to decide if re-testing is right for your pet.

If my pet has a heartworm infection, what can be done?

We can treat heartworm infection in dogs with medication that kills the adult worms. The spaghetti-like worms then die and the dog's body must break them down and eliminate them. This takes several weeks. During that time, the dog must be kept extremely quiet to prevent stress on the heart.

Cats and ferrets don't tolerate the same treatment as dogs, due to their small size. Their body doesn't eliminate the dead adult worms as easily. They mount a severe inflammatory reaction to the dead worms, and that reaction itself can kill your pet. In cats and ferrets, we usually give anti-inflammatory medication until the adult worms die on their own, which can take quite a long time. It is much easier to prevent heartworm than it is to treat an active infection.

How do I prevent heartworm infection in my pet?

For dogs, cats, and ferrets, there is effective and safe preventive medication. There are many products available from your veterinarian. These may be given by mouth or put on the skin. There are many options available and all are quite safe and relatively inexpensive. The American Heartworm Society (https://www.heartwormsociety.org) recommends giving all dogs, cats, and ferrets heartworm prevention all year long. Talk to your veterinarian about what is right for your pet.



Capital Campaign Naming Opportunities

Do you have a special person or pet that you'd like to memorialize? Remember them with a brick placed in the brick walkway or a dog or cat kennel at CVHS!

\$2,000
Small Dog Kennel
\$1,500
Cat Cage
\$1,000
Large Brick
\$1,000
Small Brick
\$500

For more information, contact Debbie Shelton at devdirector@cvhsonline.org



Remembering Rosie by Deborah Limoges

It was love at first sight. I knew that Rosie was very special the moment I met her. She had such soft brown eyes and a gentle face. We tried agility for 2 seasons but ultimately decided to become certified with Canine Good Citizen so that Rosie could share all the love in her heart with others.

We started out visiting Nursing Homes, The Krempels Center, Dover Children's Home and making special appearances at CVHS fundraising events-she was a special hit outside of JC Penney! I found that the kids and residents loved her & she really enjoyed her time as well. Rosie also helped CVHS out by participating in several walkathons, raising over \$7,000 as her contribution to her friends that hadn't yet been adopted. We further expanded by becoming part of the Humane Education Team; Rosie was instrumental in teaching children how to be safe around dogs. Our goal was to reduce dog bites by 100%-Our mantra was: "1 bite is too many."

She was patient, alert and gave each child the chance to greet her, pet her very soft fur and learn to be safe around a dog that was not their own. I think sometimes the children listened more intently because of Rosie and her beautiful brown eyes that seemed to invite every child to come and greet her. We went to many area schools, pre-schools and summer programs. She was good with children from 8 months to 85 years old. No one was immune to her charm. There were several times that we worked with children who were fearful of dogs. Rosie taught them how sweet, loving and calming a dog could be. She had a way of going up to the kids that could use a little extra attention.

Rosie also started the reading program at Berwick Public Library. Children would sign up on a Tuesday or a Saturday to have the opportunity to Read to Rosie. Children were able to work on their reading skills because Rosie never corrected them, or rushed them; she just patiently waited to be read to.

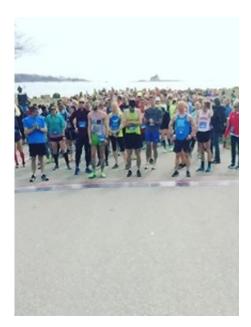
Rosie crossed over to the Rainbow Bridge and will be missed every day. But she is an example to how we can all work to make the world a better place. Rosie's jobs were to keep kids safe, educate, raise funds for CVHS and make everyone who met her leave with a smile. Time to run and chase some squirrels now....Until we meet again.



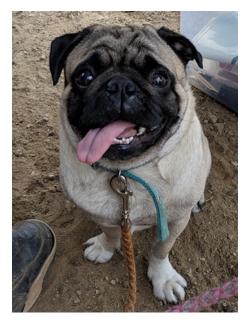








Thank you so much to the organizers of the **New Castle 10K** who picked CVHS as their beneficiary this year. Their kindness and generosity raised over \$5K for the shelter!



Thank you to **Hometown Auto**, **Granite State Offroad**, and Uncle Fester (pictured above) for their **Furever Friends and 4-Wheelers** donation drive event that raised almost \$1,000 for the shelter as well as a truck full of food, toys, and other goodies for the animals!



Thank you to the **American Legion Riders of Chapter 51**, Epping NH for hosting a charitable motorcycle ride, **Bikers for Barkers**, to benefit Cocheco Valley Humane Society! We are especially thankful to Matt for not only organizing the event but also leading the ride. In total, the event raised \$1,300 dollars for our animals! We couldn't be more grateful and we know the animals are just as thankful to all of you who participated, donated, and made this event PAWssible!

Many thanks to Dr. Grant Myhre of Myhre Equine Hospital & Cocheco Veterinary Hospital in Farmington for his incredibly generous donation of an Idexx CBC/Chemistry Analyzer to the shelter, a \$20,000 value! This machine will allow our medical team to run lab work in-house which will reduce our costs by half! It also provides a great learning experience for our veterinary technicians and will allow us to get lab results in minutes rather than days. This gift will help make us better at what we do. Thank you, Dr. Myhre!!

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

Jun 6-7: NH Gives

Jun 16: Hops & Hounds

Jun 23: Bill Dube Ford Drive for the Community

Nov 2: CVHS Wag, Swag, and Giving Event

Go to cyhsonline.org for more information.



Volunteer Spotlight

Meet our featured volunteer, **Roberta Janetos!** Roberta is one of our volunteer office workers who comes in several times a week to help us with any and everything we may need here on the administrative side. From data entry, to stuffing envelopes, to laminating signs, Roberta has done it all! She even braved the rain to come and help us with Tails to Trails this year.

Roberta is always here for us when we need her, helping to lighten our loads and lend us her time and knowledge. Thank you so much for all you do, Roberta!