



Pope Memorial Humane Society Cocheco Valley

Fall 2019 Newsletter

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MEET OUR SPOTLIGHT PET: ORCA!

This handsome guy came to the shelter in April as a stray. Despite his good looks, Orca has been overlooked by potential adopters for over five months.



Orca is an adorable pup with a strong personality! Though it takes him a little while to trust new humans, he makes an awesome companion once he warms up to you! Orca loves exploring the outdoors on long walks, and almost never goes anywhere without one of his toys! Most days, you can find him sitting quietly in his kennel, holding one of his beloved toys in his mouth. He's just waiting for the right person to finally notice him!

Though Orca is friendly once you get to know him, he can be a bit hesitant. You'll often see him with a toy when meeting new people, as his toys act as a kind of security blanket for him. He's looking for an experienced, loving home that is willing to give him the time he needs to be comfortable and practice self control! He must go to a home without cats or young kids but would love to have a canine companion!

Orca is a wonderful dog that has been overlooked for far too long. Will YOU finally notice him? Come get to know Orca and find out if you could be his match! For more information about Orca, please email Mariah at mlariviere@popememorialcvhs.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Haunted Overload



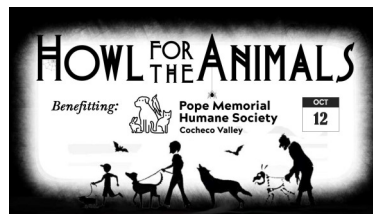
October brings the beginning of Halloween celebrations. Our favorite part of this spooky season is the fantastically frightening Haunted Overload at DeMeritt Hill Farm in Lee, NH!

One of the top-rated haunts in the country, this is a can't-miss event for those who find the fun in fear! Not psyched about getting scared? Come to a Day Haunt to see all the intricate details of the Haunted Overload set, without all the creepy monsters! Check out the event schedule and get your tickets at hauntedoverload.com!

Haunted Overload generously donates 10% of their profits to Pope Memorial Humane Society each year. In return, we try to help make the haunt as successful as possible by providing committed and dependable volunteers!

If you're interested in volunteering at some of the events during the 2019 season, visit cvhsonline.org/haunted-overload for details.

Howl for the Animals



Throw on your costumes and help us kick off the Halloween season at Haunted Overload for our annual Howl for the Animals event on

Saturday, October 12th from 10am-3pm!

Bounce in our bouncy house, decorate your own trick-or-treat bag, get your face painted, and trick-or-treat your way through the Haunted Overload day haunt collecting candy from our friendly ghouls.

This is a family-friendly event (no scary monsters!) appropriate for kids of all ages. Dogs on leashes are also welcome, so bring the whole family!

Admission is just \$5 and all proceeds go to Pope Memorial Humane Society. Tickets are available on our website at <https://cvhsonline.org/howl-for-the-animals/> or at the gate on the day of the event.

CCC Charity Golf Ball Drop



Purchase your golf balls for the 6th annual Helicopter Golf Ball Drop at Cochecho Country Club! The drop will take place on Sunday, November 3rd, and a portion of the proceeds will be going to the animals of PMHS!

Golf balls can be purchased for \$25 each. The owner of the ball that is the first ball in or closest to the hole on Fairway #6 after the helicopter drop will receive 20% of the money raised! There is no limit to how many golf balls you can purchase. Support a good cause and you might just win some cash of your own!

The deadline to purchase golf balls is Thursday, October 31st. Checks can be sent to:

Cochecho Country Club
145 Gulf Road
Dover, NH 03820
Attn: Golf Ball Raffle

Wag, Swag, and Giving



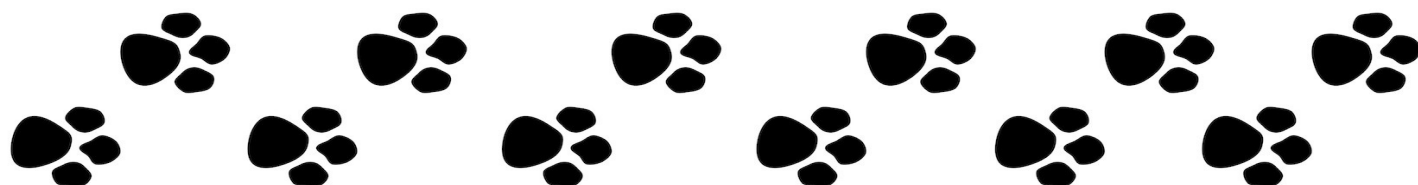
Join us on November 8th at 6pm for our second annual Wag, Swag, and Giving: A Beer and Wine Tasting Event to benefit PMHS.

Last year's event was such a success, we couldn't resist doing it again! Hosted at the beautiful Cochecho Country Club, the night will feature various wines and craft beers from local favorites, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live and silent auctions for some incredible prizes, and live music.

Don't miss a fun night of delicious food and beverages, fabulous auction items, and mingling with your fellow animal lovers.

Get your tickets and start browsing & bidding on our silent auction items at:

charityauction.bid/wagswagandgiving



PET INSURANCE: A VET'S PERSPECTIVE

The Cost of Owning a Pet: Making the Case for Pet Insurance

by Dr. Sarah Proctor, DVM

Our pets give us comfort and companionship beyond all expectation, and we give back to them with love and care. However, as we treat our pets more and more like children, the cost to care for them goes up too. Unfortunately, most of us can't provide our pets with absolutely everything we would like. Does he need the high-end boutique pet food or is the grocery store brand ok? Can he go another year without a dental cleaning or not? Will you pursue chemotherapy and radiation treatment if he gets cancer? Can we give them the best of everything while still living within our own budget?

Estimates of the cost of owning a dog or cat vary from \$500-\$2000 per year just for the basics like food, toys and routine veterinary care. Any special medical needs could increase costs a lot. Advances in veterinary care allow you to give your pet a better and longer life, but that advanced care does cost more. How can you prepare to afford whatever they might need? If your pet ends up in an emergency hospital and you're quoted \$10,000 for life-saving surgery, could you do it?

In recent years, pet insurance has become a viable option. You can get a policy that covers just emergency care and illness, or one that covers routine care as well. Some veterinary hospitals are even offering their own wellness plans that allow you to pay monthly for your pet's care throughout the year. For instance, you might pay a monthly fee of \$30, which could cover all your dog's required vaccinations, heartworm tests, etc. for the year. Each plan is different, so you have to spend time doing some research. Your veterinarian may have information on their favorite insurance provider.

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Popular Pet Insurance Carriers

ASPCA Pet Health Insurance
www.aspcapetinsurance.com

Embrace Pet Insurance
 (part of Geico)
www.embracepetinsurance.com

Pet Insurance by Nationwide
www.petinsurance.com

Pet's Best
www.petsbest.com

Trupanion
www.trupanion.com



Save the Life of an Animal in Need Donate to Champion's Fund

Every year, Champion's Fund covers the cost of surgical procedures for many of our shelter animals. Pope Memorial Humane Society is incredibly grateful to our community who generously supports our animals every day. Without your support, our 'Champions' would not be able to receive the costly medical procedures that greatly improve their lives and give them all a second chance at finding their loving forever homes.

Your generous contributions help animals like Dexter (left), one of our champions from earlier this year, live happier, healthier lives. From all of us at Pope Memorial Humane Society, THANK YOU to our Champion's Fund donors for supporting these animals in need!



Pet Insurance, cont.

Before becoming a shelter vet, I worked in regular veterinary practice. The hardest situations were those where a pet had a serious problem that the owners could not afford. Sometimes we were able to come up with an alternate plan for the pet or for payment, but sometimes the owner just couldn't afford the care. What hurt me most was not only a pet with a problem I couldn't fix but being called greedy and cold-hearted because I couldn't fix their pet for a reduced cost. The stress of giving all you can yet being seen as selfish is partly why the veterinary profession has a much higher suicide rate than the general public.

Every veterinarian I know has given away service for free, has offered payment plans but never been paid, or has come up with creative alternatives for a pet owner in need. Unfortunately, there are too many people in need, and our pockets are not deep enough to sustain that kind of giving forever. With the rising cost of veterinary school and student loan debts as large as a home mortgage; with competition from online pharmacies and over-the-counter flea/tick products; and with shelters like PMHS doing such a good job spaying and neutering pets before adoption; it keeps getting harder for veterinarians to make a living.

I'm not sure that we should move veterinary medicine towards the all-consuming insurance coverage used in human medicine, but perhaps there is a middle ground. The current pet insurance market is now broad enough to offer choices, and familiar enough with vets to be used conveniently by owners. If more pets were covered by insurance, more lives would be saved, fewer pets would be relinquished to shelters, and pet illness or injury would not be as grave a situation for a pet owner.

I encourage everyone to investigate pet insurance to see if it's right for you. It might perhaps help you save your pet and your pocket at the same time.

Volunteer Spotlight: Roseanne Kilty



Roseanne Kilty joined our volunteer program in February and in less than a year has already racked up over 230 hours caring for the animals! She's a dedicated dog walker who gives every pup in her charge a little extra love and special attention.

Rosie is also always up for some fun when our special events roll around and frequently volunteers to help us out with those. Her contagious smile and positive attitude make her a welcome addition to the volunteer team for dogs and staff alike!

Thank you, Rosie, for all of your time and dedication to the animals!



PMHS Fall Wish List

Bleach
Non-clumping litter
Contractor trash bags
Purina One Dog & Puppy Food
Limited Ingredient Dog Treats
Purina One Cat & Kitten Food
KONG Toys (L & XL)
Ziploc Bags
American Journey LID Food (Salmon or Venison)
Plush/Interactive/Chew Dog Toys
Peanut Butter
Pet-Safe Ice Melt
Pet Supply Store Gift Cards



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Open House Wrap-Up

On July 25th, we hosted an open house ceremony at the new home of Pope Memorial Humane Society that showed us the incredible support of our community.

Hundreds of you turned out to celebrate our long-awaited new facility, and we couldn't be more grateful that you shared such an important moment with us! We couldn't save the lives of animals in need without the support of our amazing community, and we are so happy that so many of you were able to take part in the beginning of this new chapter with us! THANK YOU!

Special thanks goes to Woodland Farms Brewery, Stoneface, and The Portsmouth Brewery for providing some tasty local brews to toast to our new home, as well as Michaela King Creative for photographing the event!

Since officially opening our doors and adoption floor to the public on August 1st, we have seen an increase in shelter visitors and over 120 animals have found loving forever homes! Here's to many more happily fur-ever afters throughout this new chapter.

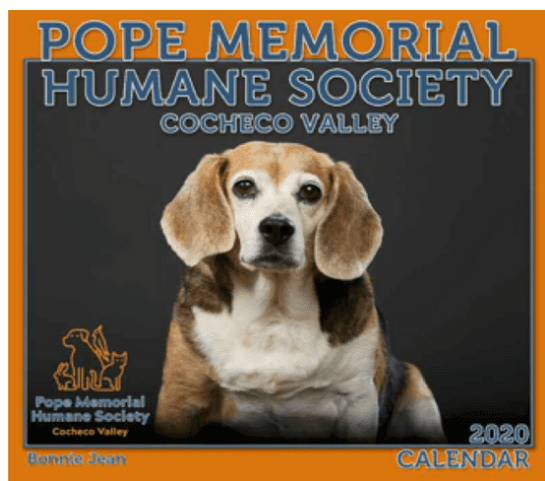


2020 PMHS Calendar

During the month of May, we ran our first online calendar photo contest, a competition between adorable pets for a coveted spot in the 2020 PMHS Calendar, with all proceeds going to animals in need!

Competition was fierce between furry friends throughout the month, and when the final tally was counted, 12 fabulous pets became famous calendar models in their professional portrait sessions donated by Greg West of Sit. Stay. Smile. Pet Photography, and over \$6,000 was raised for the animals at PMHS!

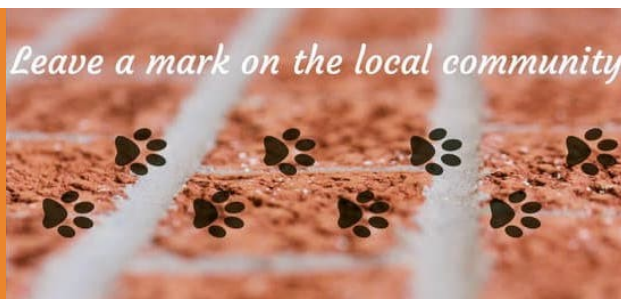
These calendars are now on sale for just \$25 each. Come down to the shelter to get yours today and spend all year looking at adorable animals!



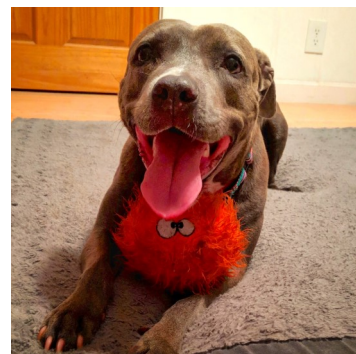
Memorial Bricks

Remember a family member, friend, beloved pet, or animal lover with a memorial brick in the Brick Garden and Walkway at Pope Memorial Humane Society's new facility. Leave a lasting memory and make an impact on the lives of animals in need.

For more information, visit our website or email



Adoption Update: Greta



Remember Greta, our Spotlight Pet from the Summer Newsletter?

Greta came to the shelter back in February. She was timid and nervous, and it quickly became clear that a kennel environment was too overwhelming for her to stay in long-term. After a few weeks with little to no interest from potential adopters, Greta entered a loving temporary foster home through PMHS in March.

In foster care, Greta's rambunctious personality started to shine. She absolutely loved rough-housing with her furry foster brothers, Reggie and Churchill, exploring the woods up at the lake, and going for walks with her foster mom, Caryn. As the months went on, Greta continued to get more and more comfortable in her foster home and some of her anxieties began to ease. With all the love and support of her foster family, she was definitely feeling right at home!

Well, her foster family felt the same way and decided that they loved Greta too much to let her go! After six months in shelter care (five of which were spent with her foster family), Greta finally found her forever home on August 15th. It was right in front of her the whole time!

Greta's mom says that she's been a wonderful addition to their home. Though it took her a little while to settle in, Greta turned out to be the perfect permanent fit for their family. Happy tails to Greta and her forever fam!



Pope Memorial Humane Society is a non-profit organization that receives no state or federal funding. We depend on fundraisers, grants, and the generosity of individuals like you to provide food, shelter, and medical care to the abandoned, abused, neglected, and homeless animals of Strafford County, NH and Southern ME. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of the 1000+ animals each year who depend on us for their care while they are waiting to find their forever homes. Please consider making a donation today at cvhsonline.org/donate!