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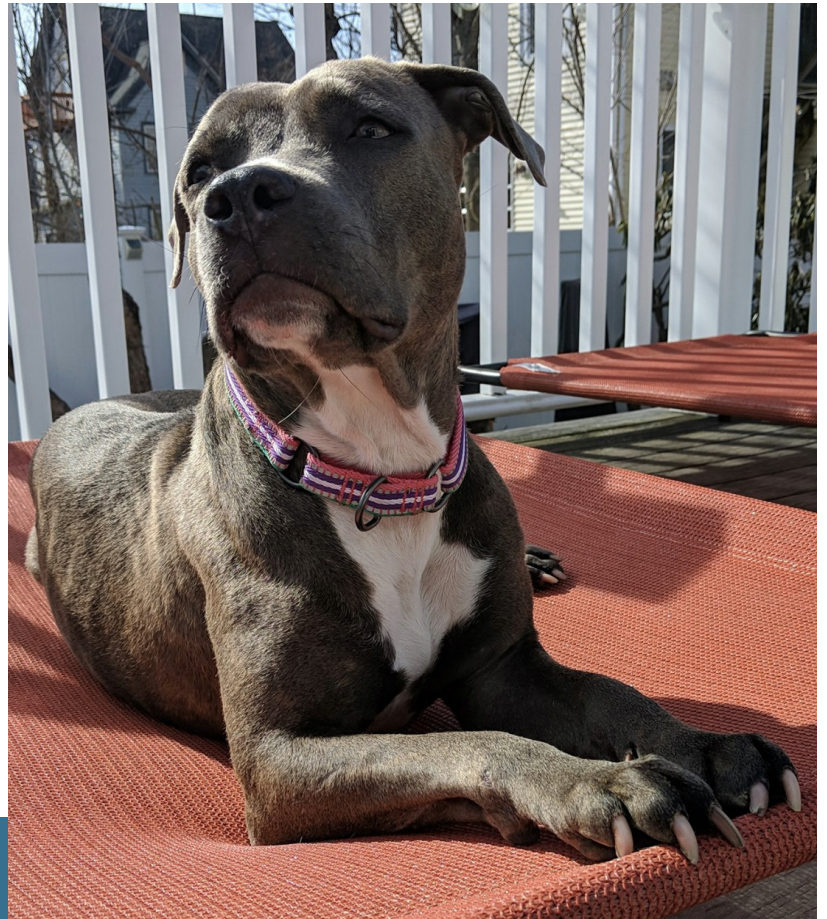
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### *Meet our spotlight pet: Greta!*

Greta has been in shelter care since February, and entered a foster home in mid-March. She is sweet, affectionate, and playful, but can be quite timid. Though Greta takes a while to warm up to new people, her personality shines once she gets to know you!

Her foster home has allowed her to build confidence away from the stress of the shelter, and Greta has been making steady progress. Thanks to the work of Greta's foster parents and the examples set by her canine foster brothers, she is coming out of her shell a little bit more every day! Being in the company of fellow doggos eases some of Greta's anxiety, and boosts her confidence. She LOVES playing with her foster fur-brothers, and could spend all day roughhousing with them!

Greta's looking for a loving home with a calm environment and a patient owner that is willing to help her feel comfortable in new environments. She requires a home without feline friends and with family members aged 14+. She would LOVE to go to a home with other dogs, as she is most confident around fellow canine companions!

If you think your home could be a good fit for Greta, please email [mlariviere@cvhsonline.org](mailto:mlariviere@cvhsonline.org) for more info.

# Spring Fundraisers Wrap-Up



## 2020 Calendar Contest

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 CVHS 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 pets became famous calendar models and over \$6,000 was raised for animals at CVHS! Stay tuned to our social media pages & website for updates on when the calendars will be available for purchase!

## 25th Annual Tails to Trails

Tails to Trails 2019 was pup-tastic! Though an overcast day, the rain held off and weather turned out to be perfect for our 86 runners and 55 walkers! Competitors in the very first Human Agility Contest showed off their best doggo skills, inciting cheers and encouragement from onlookers!

A special thanks to Burgers on Main for serving up tasty bites all day long, Woodland Farms for sponsoring our first-ever beer garden, Sages Entertainment for twisting fun balloon shapes, and all of our incredible vendors and sponsors! You all helped make this day a huge success!

Together, we raised \$11,000 for animals in need! THANK YOU to all who enjoyed this awesome event!



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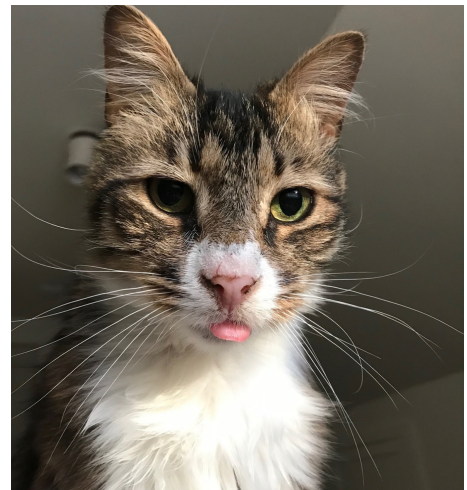


## NH Gives 2019

NH Gives is an annual 24-hour giving event hosted by the NH Center for Non-Profits. From 6pm on June 11th to 6pm on June 12th, we flooded your social media timelines and inboxes with adorable photos and great reasons to support CVHS. You, our amazing community members, shared our story, donated, and encouraged others to get involved. With your help, we won two prizes totaling \$500, had over 150 donors, and raised \$15,202 for the animals in just 24 hours! THANK YOU!



# Alumni Update: Patrick



Patrick (aka "Paddy") came to CVHS in August 2018 as a stray. Upon his arrival, it was clear Patrick had a rough life. He was nearly bald, extremely malnourished with severe muscle atrophy, and had a serious flea infestation. Additionally, Patrick's mouth was full of infection.

Though Patrick was friendly and very well socialized, no one ever came looking for him. No matter how horrible he felt, he always showed affection to everyone he met! Patrick's resilient spirit inspired us to do everything we could to give him a chance to recover. He was treated for his infections and had a full mouth extraction, removing all his teeth.

Slowly, but surely, Patrick began to feel better. Once he was healthy, he let his rambunctious, playful personality shine as he joined Dex as one of the CVHS office cats!

After 165 days, Patrick was adopted into the loving home of one of our amazing volunteers! In his forever home, he keeps his parents entertained with his energetic spirit.

Happy tails to Patrick and his fur-ever family!



## PMHS Spring & Summer Wish List

Limited Ingredient Dog Treats

Peanut Butter

Purina One Dog Food

Bleach

Greenies Pill Pockets

Pet Supply Store Gift Card

Contractor Trash Bags

Purina One Cat Food

Purina One Kitten Food

Non-Clumping Cat Litter

Plush/Interactive/Chew Dog Toys

# Spay/Neuter Rates Study



*At CVHS, we are committed to staying on the cutting edge of shelter practices and medicine. In 2018, we partnered with 2 UNH students to complete research in the shelter. Their work will help guide the future of CVHS as we work on strategic planning and develop new community outreach programs.*

## **Spay/neuter Rates for Dogs and Cats Entering CVHS, 2013-2017** by Marissa Prizio and Sarah Proctor, DVM

The number of local dogs and cats entering CVHS and other NH shelters has dropped dramatically over the past 20 years. In 2008, 1,200 cats and 800 dogs were admitted to the shelter. In 2018, CVHS took in about 500 cats and 250 dogs. That means 58% fewer cats and 69% fewer dogs in just 10 years! We examined how many dogs and cats were already spayed or neutered when they entered the shelter over the past 5 years.

### **Key results:**

- Dogs were 42% more likely to be spayed/neutered when they entered the shelter than cats.
- Males were 13% more likely to be spayed/neutered than females.
- The rate of spayed/neutered cats entering the shelter has risen in the past 5 years from 30% to 48% but the rate of spayed/neutered dogs has stayed about the same (around 50%).
- Owner surrendered pets were 2.8 times more likely to be spayed/neutered than stray animals.

### **Conclusions:**

Although our local intakes are down dramatically, we still need to focus on spay/neuter efforts to reduce the number of unwanted pets. We will continue to spay/neuter all adoptable dogs and cats (and rabbits!). Our new facility will allow us the space to offer community programming, and we expect spay/neuter services to be a part of that. Stay tuned!



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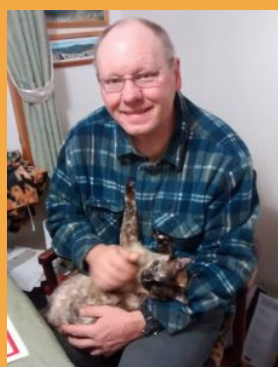
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### **Honor Kevin's Legacy Donate to the Kevin D. Clark Fund for Special Needs Animals**

The Kevin D. Clark Fund for Special Needs Animals was established when Kevin tragically passed away at the young age of 48 from complications of a rare autoimmune disease that struck suddenly.

Kevin's wife Sharon and sister-in-law Judy established the endowment fund bearing his name to help the shelter provide for the needs of animals that require special help to become adoptable. Kevin lived his life by frequently helping the forgotten or overlooked.



# Antibiotics & URI's in Cats Study



## Evaluation of Antibiotic Use in Shelter Cats with Upper Respiratory Infection

By Jillian Broadhurst and Sarah Proctor, DVM

Upper respiratory infection (URI) is very common in shelter cats. It's like the human head cold, and usually caused by a virus. Shelter cats are highly susceptible to URI due to its contagious nature (lots of cats in a small building), and the stressful shelter environment. Just like people, some cats get very sick with URI, and many veterinarians treat these cats with antibiotics. However, antibiotics only treat bacterial infections, not viruses.

Our study compared two groups of sick cats in the shelter: one group received antibiotics according to the normal treatment protocol, the other group did not. Some of these cats were also tested for bacterial causes of URI as well.

### Key results:

- Cats treated with antibiotics had the same duration of illness as cats that did not get antibiotics (9-10 days was the average duration of illness).
- Cats treated with antibiotics had the same severity of illness as cats that did not get antibiotics (severity was scored on a scale based on their symptoms).
- Only 30% of cats tested positive for any bacterial causes of URI, and those cats had the same duration of illness as other cats.

### Conclusions:

Antibiotics did not help sick cats get better. The cost of antibiotics and the stress of giving medication may not be worth it. We will be reviewing our treatment protocols for URI based on these results, and hope to publish the study to the wider veterinary audience. This important study has broad implications for the judicious use of antibiotics in both animals and humans as we all try to prevent antibiotic resistance that impacts the health of us all.



*Leave a mark on the local community*



*Honor your family member or beloved pet with memorable gift to the CVHS Garden & Walkway Brick Campaign*

Remember a family member, friend, beloved pet, or animal lover with a memorial brick in the Brick Garden and Walkway at the new PMHS Facility! Leave a lasting memory and make an impact on the lives of animals in need!

For more information, visit our website or email  
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# Becoming Pope Memorial



After 35 years as Cocheco Valley Humane Society, change has come to our organization. As of July 1, 2019, we are now officially known as Pope Memorial Humane Society.

Our new name comes during a time of great transformation for our organization. Not only do we have a new name, but a new logo and brand-new facility, as well! These changes all go together, as the construction of the new building would not have been possible without the generosity of Lyman Pope, Jr. A longtime philanthropist, Mr. Pope pledged \$1 million to our Capital Campaign in 2017, allowing us enough funds to break ground and begin construction on our new home. In honor of his gift, our organization post-move will be known as Pope Memorial Humane Society.

The highly-anticipated move to our new building is nearing completion. With help from Calling All Cargo and many volunteers we were able to move most of our necessities to the new site on June 24th, and we're really looking forward to settling into our new digs once the final inspections have been completed! As we await these inspections, the finishing touches are being put on the kennels and animal care areas. Our furry friends are still located at our old facility, and business will continue as usual there until we officially move into the new PMHS building!

Though we have a new name, logo, and facility, it is important to keep in mind that we are the same organization at our core. Our staff, volunteers, and operations remain the same, as does our unfailing commitment to saving the lives of animals in need. We will continue to serve Strafford County and the surrounding areas of New Hampshire and southern Maine with the same dedication. Though we are proud of the growth and impact we have made in the last 35 years as Cocheco Valley Humane Society, we look forward to this new chapter in our organization's story.

We can't wait for you, our incredible community, to join us on this new journey of becoming Pope Memorial Humane Society.



Thank you to Calling  
All Cargo for  
donating their time  
& resources to help  
us move into the  
new building! You  
guys were amazing!



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Grand Opening of Pope  
Memorial Humane Society**  
**Thursday, July 25th**  
**4pm-6pm**

RSVP by July 19th  
to [rsvp@cvhsonline.org](mailto:rsvp@cvhsonline.org)  
or 603.749.5322 x112

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 [popememorialcvhs.org](http://popememorialcvhs.org)!