

### ADOPTION STORY: PATCHES

On a cold night in February 2021, a scared 10-year-old pup was picked up from a home and headed to PMHS-CV. With the owner having passed away, and the family unable to care for him, Patches was now in an unknown car, with an unknown person heading to an even more unknown temporary home.

Upon arrival, Patches would not leave the tiny crate he was placed in by the family. No hot dog, cheese stick or jerky treat could coax him out. The next morning, he still hadn't left the crate. He was scared and snapped if anyone approached, the top of the crate was carefully removed, and a slip lead was placed on him. He immediately jumped up, excited to go outside. Small breakthrough. Squeaky toys, stuffed animals and red Converse sneakers comforted him and slowly he began to trust more people. After finding a foster person who understood Patches' needs, he began to flourish. Foster homes are one of our greatest resources, so when an interested adopter came forward, she was able to give her valuable insight and realistic expectations of Patches in a home setting. Patches was adopted on April 15, 2021 and even after his adoption, the foster and adopter continue to communicate with one another.



### MEET THE FANNINGS— SPOTLIGHT VOLUNTEERS

We want to recognize the dynamic volunteering duo of Kimberly and Brian Fanning!

Kimberly had volunteered with us a few years ago over in the old shelter building, and fortunately for us, she rejoined our volunteering team last year and brought along her husband, Brian. Individually and as a team they have taken on animal care, special events, donation runs, and even construction tasks! Brian is part of our regular morning dog walking team and along with Kim, has been a regular foster field trip volunteer, giving some of our pups some much-needed time away from the shelter. In addition to working with our cats and dogs, Kimberly is also a member of our donation pick-up team and is always one of the first people to step up when we have a new volunteering project. Together, they assembled a donated catio for our cat adoption room! Thank you, Kimberly and Brian for your generosity, kindness, and dedication. You make an incredible difference in the lives of the animals here—we are so lucky to have you in our PMHS-CV family!

### FOSTER VOLUNTEERS AND DOG WALKER MENTORS: Marvin and Kreen Reckart

For over four years, this husband and wife team, has been volunteering with PMHS—CV, enriching the lives of countless animals at our shelter and in their own home. Marvin and Kreen are two of our most trusted and experienced dog walkers. They have spent hundreds of hours giving valuable care and socialization to our pups who often need it most. As members of our Volunteer Mentor Team, they pass along their experience and help train new volunteers starting out. And their dedication to helping animals doesn't stop at the shelter doors. They have also been regular foster care volunteers and adopters. Over the years, five very lucky PMHS—CV dogs—most of them seniors—have found their way into the loving home of the Reckarts. On behalf of the PMHS—CV community, thank you Marvin and Kreen!



Please help us  
**RAISE THE  
"WOOF"**  
and build a  
**DOG PAVILION**

**Coming Soon!**  
New project to build a dog pavilion  
and specialty rooms (i.e. cat isolation  
and a behavior room, etc.).

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### NEW VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE

To learn more about the great work and dedication of our PMHS-CV volunteers, visit our new Volunteer Recognition page on our website!  
<https://popememorialcvhs.org/volunteer-recognition/>

### SPOTLIGHT PET: CUJO

Meet Cujo. At first his name was very indicative of his temperament. Cujo was surrendered in January for improper litterbox issues and difficulty urinating. Stressed, fearful and clearly uncomfortable, vet staff worked hard to limit interaction while figuring out the proper treatment for him to feel better. Once medically on the mend, Cujo was put in a catio and boy has he come a long way. He now allows some petting and will climb up on your lap once he's comfortable with you. Three-year-old Cujo likes open boxes with soft fuzzy blankets, catnip, and cat treats and would prefer to be the

only animal in a quiet household with no children. Do you have patience and be willing to let Cujo interact on his terms? If you want to learn more about Cujo, please visit our website or email us at [adoption@popememorialcvhs.org](mailto:adoption@popememorialcvhs.org)



**Pope Memorial  
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**SPRING/SUMMER  
2021 NEWSLETTER**

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### DRIVE THRU RABIES CLINIC

On April 17 we held our first drive thru



Rabies and Microchip Clinic of 2021 where staff serviced 41 animals. We are pleased that we can provide these low-cost clinics for the community. The drive thru clinics are the result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we will continue to offer them because it is so much less stressful for the animals. They are in and out before they even realize what is happening.



## PMHS—CV FOSTER FIELD TRIP & SLEEPOVER PROGRAM

Have you ever felt like you were overdue for a relaxing weekend or vacation from work? That's how many of our shelter dogs feel after being in their kennels for long periods of time. Although our superb animal care staff and dedicated volunteers do an amazing job of caring for every dog in our care, the kennel environment is stressful for dogs. After all, being at the shelter doesn't equate to spending some down time on a comfy couch, going for a long hike, or taking a car ride to visit a friend's house.

By measuring levels of the stress hormone cortisol in shelter dogs, recent studies across several animal shelters have proven that short-term foster experiences reduce stress in dogs, just like weekends help us to unwind after a long week at work. Since shelters across the country have had great success with sending dogs on field trips and sleepovers, we decided to give it a try! In just a few short months since implementing our program, several of our dogs have had the chance to take rides to new places, curl up on the couches and beds of volunteers, and spend extended periods of time outside of the shelter.



After a field trip or sleepover, dogs have returned in a more relaxed (and often tired) state. Animal care staff noticed that one dog even had fewer "accidents" in his kennel following a weekend-long sleepover. The benefits of these short-term foster trips don't stop at the immediate stress-reduction and overall fun experience for dogs; shelter staff is also able to gather valuable information about the dogs in our care when they are outside the shelter and in new settings. Our foster caregivers have been sharing their experiences through report cards, pictures, videos and emails.

Thanks to our fabulous foster care volunteers, we learned that one of our dogs thoroughly enjoyed having a canine companion at home, one delighted in going swimming (and others avoided water at all costs), and a few preferred to lounge in a nice sunny spot outside or nap on a cozy couch. Some of our dogs haven't previously had ample opportunities to be a passenger in a car, and by taking them for field trips, volunteers learned that the majority are content to go for a ride, even if they need a little boost getting into the vehicle first.

With warm weather coming, we're looking forward to more field trip opportunities for the dogs of PMHS-CV. If you have a weekend, or even an hour to spare, and you'd like to get involved by volunteering as a short-term or long-term foster caregiver, please reach out to Caryn, our Foster Care Coordinator, by emailing [cfugatt@popememorialcvhs.org](mailto:cfugatt@popememorialcvhs.org)



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE WEEK AT A TIME:

### Pam Shaw

For over 15 years, the cats at our shelter have been cared for and comforted by one of our most dedicated volunteers, Pam Shaw. Since 2004, Pam has been coming to the shelter every Thursday morning since she retired. Pam says that she always had a special fondness for cats. Not only has she adopted several cats from the shelter over the years, but she began helping enrich the lives of the cats here even before she became a volunteer. "When my grandchildren were small, we used to shop for the cats and deliver their gifts to the shelter just before Christmas. The opportunity to volunteer caring for the cats to help them along in their transition to their next home seemed to be a good 'fit' for me after retirement." And that decision has made a world of difference to the cats at PMHS—CV!

Volunteer Coordinator, Danielle Howard, recently asked Pam what she valued most about volunteering with the shelter and she said it's "the purposeful use of my time-to make a beneficial difference. The opportunity to help keep the cats fed, clean and comfortable as well as offering them nurturance and comfort is enormously personally rewarding for me."

Thank you, Pam for your extraordinary dedication and for the difference you make every week in the lives of the cats here at PMHS—CV.



## THANK YOU, TIMBERLAND VOLUNTEERS!

We'd like to give a special shout out to Howard Stiles and the team of volunteers from Timberland! All month long they have been lending their talents and tools to work on several projects around the shelter grounds. From general clean up, to painting, to major landscaping improvements, they are making a difference here at the shelter and we are so grateful to have them working with us! Thanks also to PMHS-CV volunteer, Carolyn Ricker, who has been guiding the Timberland team on all these projects.



Timberland Volunteers Howard, Melissa, and Estelle

## WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT PMHS-CV

### BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR AND HELP US HELP MORE ANIMALS

By becoming a monthly donor, you can help us provide shelter, food and medical care for all of the animals that are looking for a second chance at a forever home! Reliable monthly gifts provide a consistent income stream that we can depend on when a lost, neglected, unwanted or abused animal is brought to us for help.

Becoming a monthly donor is easy and EVERY dollar counts!! You can sign up to be a monthly donor by going to our website [www.popememorialcvhs.org](http://www.popememorialcvhs.org), click on the donation button and choose make this a monthly gift. If you prefer to use your checking account, please contact Janet Quintero by phone at 603-749-5322 ext. 112 or by email at [jquintero@popememorialcvhs.org](mailto:jquintero@popememorialcvhs.org) and she will be happy to help you.

**We have a goal to enroll 100- 80 more monthly donors by year-end which means we need your help today!**

**EVERY** dollar matters, and below are examples of how your monthly donation can save an animal's life or prepare them for a happy future.

**\$5 per month can provide food, shelter and preventative treatments for a cat**

**\$10 per month can provide food, shelter and preventative treatments for a dog**

**\$25 per month can provide spay/neuter procedures for 6 cats**

**\$50 per month can provide spay/neuter procedures for 6 dogs**

**\$75 per month can provide lifesaving surgeries such as tumor removal or teeth extractions**

**\$100 per month can provide medical treatment for a heartworm positive dog**

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### Pub Crawl to Benefit PMHS-CV

Please visit our website site at [www.popememorialcvhs.org](http://www.popememorialcvhs.org) and go to our events page to download the Pub Crawl card to get stamped at the six locations.

The cards are sponsored by Metcalf Maintenance, LLC.

### NEW THIS SUMMER—PMHS-CV DAY CAMP!

Summer camps are one of the best experiences that children can have; great memories are created by making new friends

and participating in activities that they will never forget. This year, Pope Memorial Humane Society – Cochecho Valley is offering the summer camp experience packed with activities for children with separate half-day, week-long sessions for Grades 3 & 4, 5 & 6, and 7 & 8. Price is \$150 per child. 5-day commitment required. There cannot be any mixing of sessions.

### Camp Sessions:

**Grades 3 & 4 July 12 – July 16 Morning Session**

**Grades 3 & 4 July 12 - July 16 Afternoon Session**

**Grades 5 & 6 July 19 – July 23 (Morning Session is FULL)**

**Grades 5 & 6 July 19 - July 23 Afternoon Session**

**Grades 7 & 8 July 26 - July 30 Morning Session**

**Grades 7 & 8 July 26 – July 30 (Afternoon Session is FULL)**

### Session Times:

**Morning Sessions: 9 am – 12 pm**

**Afternoon Sessions: 1 pm – 4 pm**

The campers will meet some of our shelter animals and learn how to be responsible pet owners, how to care for different types of pets, and what their animal's body language tells them. Several guest speakers are planned, and depending on the different age groups, they could include a representative from the Center for Wildlife, Julie Kelly from On the Wing raptor rescue, the Dover Sheriff's dog, Jasper, who does search and rescue and a local beekeeper. The UNH Marine docent group will be giving a presentation about the ocean and the lives of the animals that live there. In addition to the speaker presentations, our camp counselors have put together fun craft activities for the campers to do both in and outside of the shelter.

If your children are looking for something fun to do, then join us by signing them up for the Pope Memorial Humane Society—Cochecho Valley Summer Day Camp. Registration is now open.

Please visit <https://popememorialcvhs.org/event/pmhs-day-camp/> to learn more and register today!

### Questions?

Reach out to our Humane Education Coordinator, Mary Goyette by phone at 603-749-5322 ext. 111 or by email at [mgoyette@popememorialcvhs.org](mailto:mgoyette@popememorialcvhs.org)

### SIT.STAY.SMILE. IN DOVER, NH CREATED A FUN WAY TO GIVE BACK!

15% of net proceeds from the sale of all #DogFriendly merchandise through June 30 will be donated directly to the animals here at Pope Memorial Humane Society-Cochecho Valley!

In addition to #DogFriendlyDover and #DogFriendlyPortsmouth, they have also added #DogFriendlyNewHampshire merchandise! **Check it out at <https://dogfriendlymytown.com/>**