

Foster Care Update: Shadow & her litter



In early April, PMHS-CV assisted the NHSPCA in seizure of over sixty rabbits from a hoarding situation. As a result, we welcomed over 25 rabbits into our shelter, including a mom with newborn babies. We knew these very young rabbits and their mother would benefit from being placed in foster care as soon as possible, and luckily, one family answered the call immediately. The Soule family showed up within hours to welcome Shadow (mom), and her bundle of newborns into their home.

Because Shadow’s litter was tucked away under a nest of hay and bedding, we didn’t know how many babies were present initially. As it turned out, Shadow was caring for seven baby bunnies! She continued to care for her litter with the help of her loving foster family. She finally experienced what it was like to be in a home where she not only received tons of love and attention, but lots of fresh veggies and healthy snacks as well!

Over the next weeks and months, the Soule family watched Shadow’s babies grow, and it happened quickly! Soon, the babies were covered in fur and were developing their own personalities and quirks. Each member of the litter blossomed thanks to the socialization, play, and affection they received from their foster family. Shadow also continued to thrive, and by the time she and her babies returned to the shelter to be spayed and neutered, the family decided that Shadow and one of her babies, Oreo, had already found their permanent home with them.



We have no doubt that fostering all of these bunnies was hard work! But, it was a family affair; eight-year-old Juliet and five-year-old Miles were very involved in the process. When asked about their favorite parts about fostering, here is what they had to say:

Juliet: “My favorite part about fostering Shadow and her babies is that I got to see them grow from tiny, little pink things to big, fluffy, adorable bunnies. I also like that we gave them a nice home while they are waiting to get adopted and I love to give them so many cuddles. I love them so much!”

Miles: “My favorite part about fostering Shadow and her babies is that they are so cute and snuggly, and I love to cuddle them.”

If you would like to get involved in our foster care programs, please reach out to our Foster Care Coordinator: Caryn, by emailing cfugatt@popehumane.org

Adoption Story: Mr. T!

We pity the fool who didn’t fall in love with Mr. T. He was brought in as a stray with an unknown bite wound and Mr. T had to spend 4 months on a rabies hold watching the other cats around him get adopted. Even from a distance, he was a staff and volunteer favorite. Mr. T was adopted, August 6, the very day he became available.



Other Ways to Support PMHS–CV

AmazonSmile

Shop using AmazonSmile! Go to AmazonSmile.com and type in “Pope Memorial Humane Society”, Dover, NH. Every time you shop we will receive a donation. A great way to do all your shopping and support the animals!

Facebook Birthdays

Have you considered creating a birthday fundraiser? Select Pope Memorial Humane Society NH as the Cause You Care About and make your birthday even more meaningful! Two weeks before your birthday, you will see a message from Facebook in your News Feed giving you the option to create a fundraiser for your birthday. You can create a fundraiser for any of the 750,000 US nonprofits available for fundraising on Facebook - We urge you to choose Pope Memorial Humane Society NH as your cause. Your friends will receive a notification inviting them to support the cause in honor of your special day! Your gift to the animals at PMHS makes a difference in the lives of our animals many ways!

Monthly Giving

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. EVERY dollar matters and your monthly donation can save an animal’s life or prepare them for a happy future!

Wish List

- Dry dog & cat food
- Clay non-clumping cat litter
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Gloves
- Trash bags (39 gallon or larger)
- EZ Walk harnesses – medium and large
- 6 Foot leashes
- Wet Dog & Cat Food (any brands)
- Rabbit food (any brands)
- Guinea pig food (any brands)
- Hay (any brands)
- See the rest on our website!



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Meet our Spotlight Pet: Knuckles!

Knuckles, a couch potato with a stubborn side, is this issue’s spotlight pet. If you are looking for sloppy kisses and someone to keep your feet warm with their butt, then this senior boy is the one for you. Knuckles was abandoned by his original owner in 2015. He was quickly adopted and spent the last 6 years in a home until he was returned for no longer being the right fit in the household. Sit, lay, paw, and roll over are just a few of his skills to earn a tasty treat. Blueberry yogurt pretzels are his favorite. Knuckles needs a pet- and child-free home where he can be the king of the castle.



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Thank You Northeast Credit Union Volunteers!

We want to thank the great team of volunteers from Northeast Credit Union who spent a morning volunteering with us last month, helping us clear some trails behind the shelter for a nature dog walking path. Thank you, Brianne, Carley, Becca, and Nicole, for all your hard work! The NECU team, along with our PMHS volunteers Carolyn Ricker, Cheryl Ash, Brian Fanning, Judy Dennehy, and Lisa and Rick Shaw, have cleared the first paths for our shelter pups and volunteer walkers to enjoy some lovely walks in the shade this summer. Volunteer Michael Carter is refurbishing benches to be placed along the “Pope Pines” trails to provide spots for volunteers and their shelter pups to take a break and hang out during their walks. Thank you to everyone working on this ambitious project to provide some great trails to explore, relax, play, and let the dogs be dogs!



Thank You Foster Care Volunteers!



We want to give a special shout out to all our Foster Care Volunteers! PMHS-CV is lucky to have over 40 volunteer families who have been providing loving foster homes for our animals in 2021. And when the shelter instituted its new Foster Field Trip program, over thirty volunteers began taking our shelter pups for extended day trips and sleepovers. This time away from the shelter decreases levels of stress and fear in our animals, and increases their happiness, playfulness, relaxation, and confidence. It also provides valuable insight and information for potential adopters. Lisa Kennedy (pictured here with Bella) has been one of our regular foster field trip volunteers. Although Lisa only recently started volunteering with PMHS-CV, she has already made a huge impact on the lives of the animals here at PMHS-CV! Lisa not only walks our dogs at the shelter and has provided great field trip experiences for them, she has also created some amazing videos showcasing our pups on their trips! In addition, she provided foster care for one of our PMHS-CV cats, Duncan, who has been at the shelter since October 2020. We learned so much about Duncan while he was in foster care, and determined exactly the kind of home he needs. Thank you, Lisa, for all the time you’ve given to our animals here at PMHS-CV, and for all the ways you’ve generously reached out to help PMHS-CV. And thank you to all our foster care volunteers—you’re making a world of difference in the lives of so many PMHS-CV animals!

Raise the Woof Help us build a pavilion!

PMHS-CV is embarking on a journey to raise \$200,000 to build a dog pavilion that would be an outdoor play area for dogs where they can have daily play groups, interact with volunteers and meet and greet potential adopters and furry siblings. This pavilion would also provide us the space to hold obedience and behavioral classes and community programs. Please help us make this pavilion a reality so we can help more dogs be dogs and play to live. If you are interested in supporting the pavilion please contact Deborah Shelton, dshelton@popememorialcvhs.org, 603-749-5322 ext. 106.



PMHS–CV Launches Summer Camps in 2021

For years we have talked about wanting to run summer camps at the shelter. At the old shelter, the environment just wasn’t conducive to meeting the needs of our guest campers. Well, “2021” while not a year of a lot of high points for most, PMHS-CV did check something off the bucket list. The shelter held week- long summer camps for grades 3 thru 8, while adhering to COVID-19 protocols put forth by the CDC. Each day offered a line-up of educational programming and fun activities for the kids. The camps included speakers from the UNH Marine Docent group, Jane Kelly from Barrington who does Raptor rehab, Katie from the Center for Wildlife, and John and Cindy Cafasso local beekeepers. We will be offering camps again in 2022!



Keep checking our website as we will be offering new programs such as Birthday Parties. Don’t forget if your kids are looking for something to do, have them check out our website. Under the Programs and Resources tab, Humane Education has educational videos and even a place to ask questions in the “Ask Ms. Lucy” section. While under that tab kids should also check out the resources for the homeschooling section where there are lots of fun and informational things for them.



Road Toll

PMHS-CV held its second Road Toll event on August 14 from 10 am to 2 pm at the intersection of Central Avenue and Oak Street in Dover. Over 20 volunteers participated by collecting tolls in the 90 degree weather. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the community. At the end of the day over \$6,000 was raised for the animals!

50/50 Virtual Raffle

Throughout the month of August, we sold raffle tickets for our virtual 50/50 Raffle. The raffle winner was drawn on FB Live on September 7 at noon. A lucky winner walked away with \$4,476.50 in cold hard cash! Thank you to everyone that participated and made this virtual event such a success!

Comedy Night

PMHS-CV held their first Comedy Night at the Dover Elks on Saturday, September 18. Over 120 people attended the event which featured Kenny Rogerson, Francis Birch and Paul Landwehr. A 50/50 raffle was held that night and the lucky winner walked away with \$452.50 in cold hard cash! Attendees were treated to homemade popcorn popped fresh that evening and scrumptious sweets donated by Lil’s Café, Winnie T’s, EmilyRan Bakes, Three Sisters Cake Shop, Lovebird Donuts, Sweetened Memories, Foster’s Clambakes & Catering, and Reigning Sunshine Confections as well as PMHS-CV volunteer bakers.



Upcoming Events

Howl for the Animals

This is a family-friendly event (no scary monsters!) appropriate for kids of all ages. Kids will be able to decorate their trick-or-treat bags before making their way through the Haunted Overload day haunt collecting candy from our friendly ghouls! Dogs on leashes are also welcome, so bring the whole family! Prizes will be given to the best dog costume as well as best kid’s costume (one for 6 and under and one for 7 and up!) We want everyone to have a fun and safe day, so COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place. The rain date for the event is October 17th. **Admission is just \$8 and all proceeds go to Pope Memorial Humane Society—Cocheco Valley.**

Haunted Overload

Haunted Overload is simply one of the most creative and unique haunted attractions in New England. Focusing on quality, they’re committed to giving the customer the ultimate Halloween experience at an affordable price. Nowhere else can you see huge monsters looming over the crowd, some as tall as 34 feet. The authentic farm location provides the perfect backdrop for the hundreds of lighted pumpkins and movie quality sets. Most of the one-of-a-kind props are designed and created by founder Eric Lowther. **Haunted Overload generously donates 10% of their profits to PMHS-CV each year to help us in our mission to care for the homeless and neglected animals of Strafford County and Southern Maine.**

Main Event (The Ultimate Halloween Experience!) October 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29
Fright Night Lite October 14 & 28
Glow Stick Night October 30
Black Out Night (Halloween!) October 31
Day Walk October 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31

Raise Your Paw Online Auction for PMHS–CV

Pope Memorial Humane Society—Cocheco Valley will be hosting an online auction during the month of November! There will be so many exciting items offered! A few are listed below:

- A week at a house in North Conway, NH
- 2 night stay for 6 at a vacation home in Pittsburg, NH
- Valentine Get-a-Way in York, ME
- Dine Around Gift Basket with gift cards to popular restaurants in the area
- Tissot T-Sport V8 Chronograph Black Dial Watch
- Pampered Pet Dog Basket
- Pampered Pet Cat Basket
- Spa Basket
- Family Dental Basket
- Lottery Card Basket
- Pet Portrait
- Golf Foursomes
- Handmade items (hand carved wooden items and knitted baby blanket)

Memorial Bricks

Do you have a special person or pet that you want to honor or memorialize? Remember them with a Memorial Brick placed in the Brick Garden and Walkway of Pope Memorial Humane Society—Cocheco Valley’s new building. If you are interested please contact Deborah Shelton, dshelton@popememorialcvhs.org, 603-749-5322

Giving Tuesday

International Day of Giving on November 30. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to this online day of giving.

