

# YOUR IMPACT IN ACTION



Pope Memorial  
Humane Society  
Cocheco Valley



**1,000+**  
ANIMALS CARED FOR

In 2023, our compassionate efforts at PMHS-CV produced remarkable results. We have been dedicated to keeping and placing animals in loving homes, providing essential medical care such as spaying and neutering, distributing food and supplies to those in need, and actively participating in cruelty investigations and rescue operations. Through these combined efforts, we have been able to care for and assist over 1,000 animals.

**727** ANIMALS TAKEN IN

We opened our doors to 727 surrendered, lost, abused, neglected, and unwanted animals, giving them a second chance at a happy ending.



**94%** DIRECTLY FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Our main priority is, and always will be, our community. 94% of our animals this year came directly from New Hampshire and Maine.



**473** ANIMALS ADOPTED

From dogs and cats to bunnies and birds, 473 animals were adopted to loving, forever homes. This included 19 animals that were placed with veterans as service animals.



**349** SPAY & NEUTER PROCEDURES DONE

Our medical team performed 349 spay and neuter procedures on incoming animals as well as at a low cost for animals in our community.



**307** INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS



**19,743**

HOURS CONTRIBUTED



Our remarkable team of volunteers supported the shelter by providing care to the animals through activities like walks, cuddling, and playtime, among others. They also offered foster care, organized field trips and sleepovers for the animals, and assisted with various events. We couldn't be more grateful.

We facilitated foster care for 201 animals, ensuring they were placed in caring homes. This helped prepare them for adoption and significantly enhanced their prospects of finding a forever, loving home. 57 dogs were able to go on field trips and experience joy and adventure and take a break from shelter living.

**201**

ANIMALS FOSTERED



**275+**

FOSTER FIELD TRIPS



**1,261** ANIMALS FED

Through our free Pet Food Assistance Program, we were able to feed 1,261 animals. This included 843 cats, 405 dogs and 13 feral colonies.



**427** FAMILIES HELPED

Our assistance program helped 427 families get the food and supplies they needed to keep animals in their loving, forever homes.



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Under gifts choose  
**Annual Appeal 2023**

Your Gift of...

**\$100**  
Spay or neuter an animal

**\$250**  
Microchip 10 animals

**\$500**  
Ready 10 dogs for adoption

**\$1,000**  
Treat a heartworm positive dog



November 2023

Dear Friend of the Animals,

As many of you are aware, animal shelters across the country are currently grappling with a severe overcrowding issue, forcing them to temporarily halt intake. Pope Memorial is no exception, as we confront this challenge on a daily basis. Our kennels are full and any and all available space is being used so we can take in one more surrender, one more stray, one more animal in need.

This year, our shelter has been flooded with animals, creating an ever-growing waitlist for dogs. Recently, we welcomed 17 dogs, including a resilient heartworm-positive mother and 9 puppies under a week old. Urgently surrendered, this brave mother had lost half of her dozen puppies before reaching us. Despite the heartbreak, her determination to care for her remaining offspring was evident, showcasing her strength as an exceptional mother and fighter. Within minutes of settling into our shelter, our staff witnessed a transformation in the new mom's demeanor. She felt safe, and she happily allowed our team to care for her pups, wagging her tail, licking them and proudly showing off her little ones. Though this was a significant victory, it was only the beginning of our day.

Our team faced additional challenges when two local shelters called hours later. They had taken in 4 abandoned puppies found under a deck, tiny and motherless, just days old. Our friends at the other shelters knew that these fragile pups wouldn't survive without immediate care, and also knew we had just taken in a nursing mother. Our staff swiftly responded, bringing the babies to us. The new mom seamlessly embraced them as her own, a destined connection after losing so many of her original litter. Despite the hurdles, a heartwarming turn came when a local partner, Hero Pups, welcomed the family into their new building. These pups will soon undergo training to become service and comfort dogs for veterans, marking a truly incredible new beginning for these once-abandoned animals. While we continue supporting the mother through heartworm treatment, we eagerly anticipate watching the puppies grow and bring joy to deserving veterans.

Your support makes partnerships like this possible. Collaborating with nonprofits such as Hero Pups allows us to extend care to a greater number of surrendered and neglected animals. Amid the current challenges, our shelter is struggling to meet the needs of our community. Your financial contribution is incredibly crucial, and we're reaching out to anyone who is able and willing to consider fostering. We understand that these are big asks, but our determination to advocate for these animals remains unwavering. We hope our community will step up, rally behind us and join us in this fight!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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