



HUMANE SOCIETY OF KNOX COUNTY FUR, PURRS & BARKS

Spring 2012

OUR MISSION

Adopt * Care * Educate

Humane Society of Knox County is devoted to caring for unwanted and homeless animals while participating in activities advocating responsible pet ownership and the prevention of abuse and cruelty. The Humane Society also sponsors events and activities that promote the health and welfare of animals, and demonstrate the benefits of the human-animal bond. The Humane Society also offers programs that encourage community participation, and support preventative health care for companion animals.

TOWNS WE SERVE

Appleton	Rockland
Cushing	South Thomaston
Hope	Spruce Head
Martinsville	St. George
Matinicus	Stockton Springs
Montville	Tenants Harbor
Morrill	Thomaston
North Haven	Union
Owls Head	Vinalhaven
Port Clyde	Warren

Shelter Wish List

- **Large black Garbage Bags
- Leashes & Collars
- Canned dog & cat food
- Paper towels
- 6" paper plates
- Brooms/dustpans
- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- Postage Stamps
- NEW Fire Extinguishers
- gift cards: Walmart & Staples

New Van for Vet Runs
THANK YOU!



Photo by Jim Bazin

Togus lends his celebrity paw in Cobb House ribbon cutting ceremony

Thank you to all who came out on a gorgeous day in March to celebrate the opening of the Cobb House, our new cat care facility. The turnout was amazing. We had a packed house of people eager to see the new building and learn more of what we do for the community. We are grateful to the late Martha Cobb for making this building possible allowing our incoming cats to be safely housed separately from the medical ward. Visitors came with gifts aplenty. By the end of the day we had a huge pile of much needed supplies that were kindly donated to help in our efforts. What a wonder-

ful showing of community support. Special thanks goes out to celebrity guest Togus The Cat who stole the show, and his "entourage" Don Carrigan and Tom Block who spent the day with us, greeting visitors and signing their book *Togus: A Coon Cat Finds a Home*. Togus officially opened the Cobb Cat Care House by cutting the ribbon along with Don Carrigan and Tracy Sala, shelter executive director.



Fur, Purrs & Barks is the newsletter of the Humane Society of Knox County. The Humane Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the care of homeless and unwanted animals. The Humane Society provides care to all admitted animals until appropriate placement can be made. The Humane Society does not euthanize an animal unless a serious medical or behavioral problem exists that cannot be resolved.

Fur, Purrs & Barks welcomes letters as well as photographs but reserves the right to refuse any material.

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SHELTER HOURS

Open daily from 11-5, closed Sundays

Closed major Holidays



The Humane Society of Knox County is located on 17 Buttermilk Lane in Thomaston.

Hello to all friends and supporters of the Humane Society of Knox County,

It's Spring and that means its membership time. Once again, all of us here are asking you to be a member of HSKC and join us in the ongoing fight for the abandoned and homeless animals in the twenty communities we serve and beyond. This past year HSKC has cared for a record of more than 1,200 animals; from cats and dogs, to rabbits, ferrets, and even ducks and chickens.



Dorothy volunteers in cat room

We've also come to the aid of countless numbers of people in our area. People, some in tears, desperate for a safe place to leave their pet when they can no longer care for it and for assurance that we will find it a loving home. People looking for a peaceful place to sit in a corner and gently pet a cat. People looking for a rewarding place to volunteer their time and give back to the community. And, most gratifying of all, people finding their "perfect match," leaving with a new loving addition to their family. These are the stories that warm our hearts. This is what we do. This is why so many are committed to this organization.

I urge you to take this opportunity to renew your membership, or join for the first time, and become a part of our team. Your help will guarantee our work will continue. A Basic Membership is only \$35 for the entire year. If you can, I hope you will consider becoming a Sponsor Level Member at \$100 and help us do even more.



Winterport finds a family

This is a most exciting time to be a part of HSKC. We are looking at a future where we will be able to do so much more for the animals and people we serve. Now is the time to join us in this noble cause. We receive no state or federal funds, nor do we receive funds from national humane organizations. We rely on you. I ask you to return the enclosed envelope today with your new membership or renewal. Our goal is to have 200 members in 2012.

All of us at HSKC want you to be a part of our team. All of us, the animals included, thank you for your continuing support. You make what we do possible.

Sincerely,
 Warner Vaughan
 President

HSKC WELCOMES LOCAL VETERINARIAN TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Humane Society of Knox County is pleased to announce that Carissa Bielamowicz has been elected to its Board of Directors. A veterinarian at Harbor Road Veterinary Hospital of South Thomaston, she cares for companion animals plus many of the Hospital's large animal patients. Her other practice interests include dermatology and feline kidney disease.



Bielamowicz said: "I am very excited about joining the HSKC Board, and I look forward to supporting their efforts to care for homeless animals and educate the community about the importance of spay/neuter and vaccination of pets." HSKC

Board President Warner Vaughan added, "Carissa brings outstanding professional expertise to our Board. She will help us do much more to improve the quality of life for local animals."

Dr. Bielamowicz graduated from the Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine in 2002. Prior to joining the Harbor Road staff in October of 2003, she worked as a large animal ambulatory vet in Western Massachusetts.

A Camden resident, Bielamowicz enjoys hiking, sailing, kayaking, travel, volunteering with several local organizations including a marine mammal stranding group, and spending time with her Westie, Pippin.



WHERE IN THE WORLD?

"Wearing my HSKC t-shirt in New Zealand, on the Tongariro Crossing. Thanks for all you do back home"

Sean



CHIHUAHUAS



Sixteen Chihuahuas are getting their wings and will be flying from California into the waiting arms and homes of loving Maine families on May 30. This is our fourth life saving transport of Chihuahuas from Los Angeles County, CA where they receive over 300 Chihuahuas a month and not enough homes for them all. Thank you to Marge Fithian for coordinating the transport and to Dr. Judy Rose for helping fund this life saving effort. If you are interested in adopting a Chihuahua call the shelter at 594-2200.

WANT TO GO FOR A WALK?

Our dog walk is taking a walk...over to Harbor Park in Rockland, that is. On Saturday, September 15 we will be holding our 15th annual dog walk. To go with our new digs and our bigger and better festival to follow, we are changing the name of the Fur n Foliage to the **Whisker**



Walk and Family Fun Day. We hope you will join us in this important and fun fundraiser for the shelter. It's not too early to register and start collecting pledges in support of the animals in our care. Businesses can also get in on the fun by forming "packs" and raising vital funds to help us in our mission. Visit our website at www.hskcME.org to learn how to register and to create your very own fundraising page.

We are looking for a Whisker Walk t-shirt design. If you have some great, creative ideas we want to see them. If you are interested in making a submission we have a couple of guidelines to follow. You can find design guidelines at our website www.hskcME.org. Design submission deadline is May 31st.

THEY'RE HERE!

Spring is here and with the warmer, longer days, chirping of birds and blooming flowers the urge to be outside with our pets and play in the great outdoors is great. But before you open the doors, throw caution to the wind and head for the park or the woods, beware, there are blood sucking pests ready to pounce. Yup, fleas and ticks are in full force already, thanks to our mild winter. They are ready to latch on and wreak havoc. Did you know that a single flea can bite your pet over 400 times in one day? These tiny little bloodsuckers aren't only a nuisance for you and your pet but can prove to be dangerous too. Fleas can cause flea allergy dermatitis, be carriers of tapeworm, and cause anemia in your pets.



A single bite from a tick can cause Lyme disease, anaplasmosis or ehrlichiosis. Generally

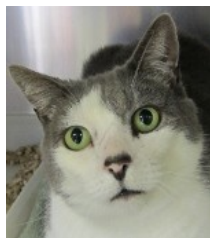
speaking, a tick need only be attached about 36 to 72 hours before Lyme disease can be transmitted so a thorough check of your pet's body for ticks should be done each time you come in



from a walk. Don't forget to check yourself too. They like to hitchhike on your clothing. If you find a tick, remove it immediately with a pair of tweezers. What's a pet owner to do? Benjamin Franklin said it best, *An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.* There are many products and medications that can help with the control of fleas and ticks. We recommend that you consult your veterinarian for what would work best for you and your pet.



LOOKING FOR LOVE AND A HOME OF THEIR OWN



Billy



Jack



Allen



Chester

Looking Forward and Giving Back
HSKC Legacy Society

Please consider including the Humane Society of Knox County in your will. A bequest to HSKC is ensuring that all animals are loved and cared for now and into the future. For the lost and abandoned dogs and cats with no one else to care for them, you will be providing a legacy of love and compassion. You may become a member of the Legacy Society simply by notifying us that you have named The Humane Society of Knox County in your will or estate plan. To learn more, contact Tracy at 594-4897 or at humane@midcoast.com.

With Gratitude.....

A community shelter is only as strong as the community that supports it. We are fortunate to have a very supportive and generous group of individuals and businesses who value the work we do on behalf of the homeless animals we care for and support it with gifts of money, services and donations of goods from our wish list. Here are just a few...



Eight and a half year old Leanna Cotton donated \$72.95, proceeds from a book fair with Barefoot Books she had for her birthday. Instead of getting books for herself, she donated the money to help out the animals. Way to go Leanna!!



Thank you to Meklin and Sons Excavating for donating two loads of gravel, totaling sixteen yards to cover our driveway. Staff member John Allen thanked Bruce Meklin, pictured with his dog Maisey for their very generous donation. Thank you Meklin family.



Thank you to Little River Veterinary Hospital for joining with the HSKC to celebrate World Spay Day in April. Little River generously spayed/neutered 18 cats for the shelter. Thank you for helping make a difference.



Thank you to Joanne and Michael O'Shea of Craignair Inn for raising \$663 for the shelter with their HSKC brunch and their very popular Friday Night Burger events.

Thank You...

Goodwill Industries for keeping our animals cozy with donations of blankets, towels & rugs..

Rockland Emblem Club for a mountain of much needed supplies .

Yankee Clipper Pet Grooming for helping are most challenging newcomers put their best paw forward.

Dr. Glenn Yovino of Harbor Road Veterinary Hospital for an awesome examination table

5th Annual

EAT FOR PETE'S SAKE

Thursday, June 14

Amalfi on the Water (L & D)
Athen's Pizzeria (D)
Atlantica (D)
Badger Café and Pub (L & D)
The Big Fish (L & D)
Blue Sky Cantina (L & D)
Café Mediterranean (L & D)
Café Miranda (D)
The Come Spring Café (D)
Craignair Inn and Restaurant

Fresh Restaurant (L & D)
Harbor Gawker (D)
Hatchet Mountain Publick House (D)
Home Kitchen Café (L)
In Good Company (D)
Park Street Grille (D)
Peter Otts (D)
Rock Harbor (D)
Rockland Cafe (L & D)
Thomaston Café (L)

More restaurants to follow

L=Lunch D=Dinner

Dine out at one of these participating restaurants on June 14th and they will donate back a portion of their proceeds to help the animals at the shelter. Check our website for an updated and complete list of participating restaurants @www.hskcME.org

2013 PET CALENDAR FUNDRAISER



Now is your chance to get YOUR special pet—be it furred or feathered, two legged or four featured in our 2013 calendar. Hurry, spaces are limited. Digital photos preferred (300 dpi or greater). For more information and to reserve a spot visit hskcME.org, or email HSKCcalendar@gmail.com.



COVER SHOT: \$300 Your pet on the cover

GLAMOUR SHOT: \$200 Your pet featured for a month with a side bar story.

TAILWAGGER: \$35 Your pet's photo featured on a day square within a month.

PAW PRINTS: \$25 For those who stand out even in a crowd, your pets photo within a collage of pet photos in centerfold.

Each entrant receives a complimentary calendar to admire and show off to friends and family. Better yet, order extra ones to give as gifts. Each additional calendar is only \$10. Calendars will be ready by early fall. Order now!



MAIL BAG



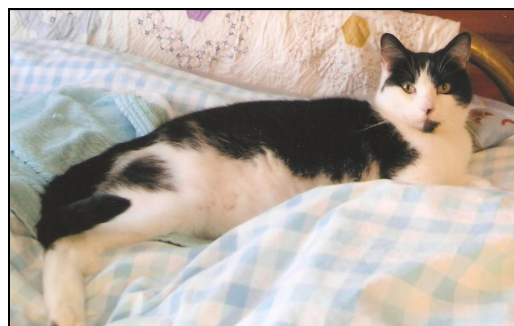
We love him (Brutus) so much! Richard and Melissa



Pearl (formerly Mau Mau) is so happy in her new home, and i couldn't be happier with her! we're two peas in a pod



Here is Trooper (now named Dozer by my 3 year old son who thought his purring sounded like a Cat Bull dozer) chilling out on the bed. He has been such a good kitty :-). He even gets along with the dogs. Amy-Sue



Hi
Just checking in to let you know that Fisk is doing great! He is calm and loving, has fine litterbox manners, and gets along with our two dogs, Lovejoy & Josephine. Our thanks to ALL of you for the special care you provide so many fine furries. Cathy and Bill



Bella ("Annie") is getting to be such a big girl! She had a little fun playing with "the big dogs" today and got a little too dirty...bath time for Bella!! :)

Kari

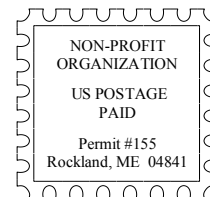


Sarge (aka Buddy) left, is loving his new home!

Do you have a happy ending story with an HSKC pet? We'd love to share your stories. You can send your pictures & stories to Tracy at humane@midcoast.com or mail to HSKC P.O. Box 1294 Rockland, ME 04841

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



We are located in Thomaston
off Route 1 on Buttermilk Lane

SHELTER HOURS

Open Daily from 11—5 pm
Closed on Sundays

Upcoming Events

- May 25 & 26 **Doggone Yard Sale, Plant Sale & Bake Sale.** American Legion Hall Thomaston, behind the business block 8-2. We welcome donations of stuff, plants & sweets. Call 975-5084
- May 30 **Chihuahuas Arrive!!**
- June 11 Spay/Neuter van transport to Freeport Spay/Neuter Clinic. Call shelter for appointment.
- June 14 **Eat for Pete's Sake** at local restaurants (see p. 6)
- June 23 **Summer Solstice Street Fair**
Main St. Rockland
- August 1-5 **Lobster Festival Rockland** check out our booth
- August 10-12 **Maine Boats Homes & Harbors Show** check out our booth
- September 15 **Whisker Walk and Family Fun Day**
Harbor Park Rockland 9:30-2:00



**KEEP THOSE
BOTTLES COMING**

**So far you have CLYNKed 19,042 bottles
\$958.33 earning for HSKC**

Thank You!!

New to Clynk? It's so Quick & Easy!

- * Pick up the special green Clynk bags at the shelter or at supporting local businesses.
- * Bag your cans & bottles.
- * Tag your bag with the accompanying HSKC Clynk bar code sticker
- * Bring bag to Hannaford in Rockland - scan and drop it off there.
- * Your bottles will automatically be credited to our account.
- * If just 20 HSKC supporters each returned a bag every 2 weeks, we'll make over \$1,500 a year. Stop by the shelter to get a bag or call Joan at 975-5084 for more info.

