



# POPE MEMORIAL HUMANE SOCIETY OF KNOX COUNTY FUR, PURRS & BARKS

Winter 2013

## OUR MISSION

### Adopt \* Care \* Educate

The Humane Society of Knox County is devoted to caring for and placing unwanted and abandoned animals in loving homes; promoting responsible pet ownership, humane treatment of all animals; demonstrating and enhancing the benefits of the human-animal bond and ending pet overpopulation through aggressive spay/neuter and Trap Neuter Return programs.

## 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  
Surgical Gloves/ Shoe covers  
Brooms/dustpans  
Laundry & Dish Detergent  
Postage Stamps  
gift cards: Walmart & Staples

## THANK YOU!

## Forty-three Cats Rescued from Single Household



On January 21st, PMHSCC staff members, accompanied by Animal Control Officer Robert J. Robinson were given entry to a home in one of our service towns to find dozens of cats living in deplorable and very unhealthy conditions, floors covered in feces and soaked in urine. Twenty one cats were humanely trapped that first day with another twenty two to follow, bringing the current total to forty-three. The "Ice Cats", as they have come to be called, were rescued during some of the most bone chilling temperatures we've had so far this winter. Although the cats had been receiving food on a fairly regular basis, they were living in the home with

no heat and had received limited human interaction for over two years. Sadly, as is often the case in hoarding situations, the owner started out with the best of intentions but became overwhelmed and unable to care for the numerous cats in her care. Often hoarders confuse their loving the animals with the reality of their inability to provide a safe, clean, and healthy home for them.

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## Shelter Adopts New Name

We are excited to announce that we will now proudly be known as the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County. The new name, recognizing Mr. Lyman Pope of the Lyman Pope Jr. Foundation, is in appreciation of Pope's tireless efforts and advocacy for shelter animals both locally and regionally and his willingness to work with us so that we can achieve our vision for the future. The name was officially revealed at our Volunteer and Community Appreciation Dinner in November.



Tracy Sala, Warner Vaughan, Lyman Pope

*Fur, Purrs & Barks* is the newsletter of the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County. The PMHSC 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 Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County is located on 17 Buttermilk Lane in Thomaston.

Dear Friends,

2012 was a banner year for the shelter, saving more lives and creating more families than ever before. Over fourteen hundred animals came through our doors needing help of some kind last year. Whether it be a call to a frantic owner that we have their lost dog, a place to go for a senior cat whose owner has passed and now needs a new home, an abandoned litter of kittens who needed to be bottled fed or surgery and extensive rehabilitative care to a cat named Union who stole our hearts, we were there to help. We couldn't have done it without your support. Your gifts of time, needed supplies and financial contributions made it possible.



It looks as if 2013 will be no different. On the heels of receiving the forty-three "Ice Cats" in January, we received twenty-three animals in a suspected neglect case including two donkeys, one goat, seven chickens, three ducks, two dogs, six cats and two parakeets. We're starting to feel a bit like Noah's Ark here. We never know what the day will bring but whatever it does bring, we are here to help. We will continue to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, care for those who have no one else to care for them, and love those who are unloved. We hope that you will continue to help us help the homeless and abandoned animals in our community get their second chance. Thank you for your support.

Tracy Sala  
Executive Director

## 2012 By the Numbers

### My Have We Grown in 10 years

**622** the number of animals admitted to the shelter in 2002

**1487** the number of animals admitted to the shelter 2012



Please vote for us to win \$1,000-\$5,000 in the Bangor Savings Community Matters More program. Write in our name under Mid-coast Region. Learn how at [www.hskme.org](http://www.hskme.org).

**762** the number of animals that came in as strays in 2012.

**163** the number of stray animals reunited with their owners.

**80%** of dogs and **4%** of cats

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

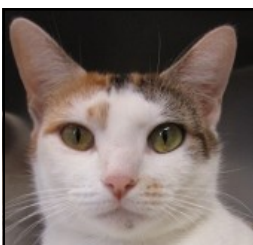


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**Available for Adoption**



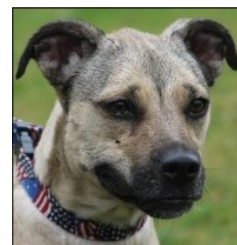
Jasmyn



Shy Ann



Pixie



Lily



Simile

4th Annual Fund Raiser  
Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County

2013  
**TROPICAL GET AWAY**  
featuring the sounds of **STEELIN' THUNDER**  
an awesome steel drum band

**Saturday**  
March 2 5-9PM

New Location  
Elks Club 210 Rankin St. Rockland  
Tickets \$10. advance sales available at:  
Hollydachs Pet Store • Humane Society  
Loyal Biscuit Company • Pet Quarters

**HORCH ROOFING** **Thomason Place AUCTION Galleries** **Kennel Pharmacy & Home Care**

50/50 Raffle Friends Fun  
www.humanesocietyofknoxcounty.org

**11,500+** the number of volunteer hours logged by our amazing volunteers!

**Microchips & Chocolate Chips**

a micro-chipping event and bake sale  
Loyal Biscuit Co. Camden location

March 23 10 - 1

\$25

No appointment necessary  
takes only minutes

Scrumptious bake goods available too!

## LOCAL GIRL SCOUT TROOP HELPS FERAL CAT PROGRAM



Girl Scout Troop 1160 from Warren participated in a "Survival" Camp-in at the Warren Community School on Saturday, January 26th. The girls had a guest speaker, Joan Vargas, from the HSKC who educated them about the feral cat colonies in the Mid-coast region. The girls then made feeding stations and winter shelters for the colonies. They also put together dog pull toys, cat perch blankets and toys to keep the numerous cats & kittens occupied at the shelter. The Troop learned about survival kits for the wilderness and each put together kits for their personal use. Thank you Troop 1160.

**353** the number of Hannaford Holiday Pet Packages bought and donated to us by our supporters over the holidays. Thank You!

### Help Celebrate World Spay Day with a Shortstack

Join us on **February 23**  
**8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**  
 at Applebees in Thomaston

A pancake breakfast fundraiser to support Trap Neuter Return Program

Tickets are \$7

**18** the number of **TONS** of wood pellets used as an environmentally friendly alternative to kitty litter.



### Local Real Estate Brokers Support Shelter

Thank you to the good folks at Coldwell Banker Soundvest Properties for their fabulous donation of \$2533 to the shelter. The gift was a result of the generosity of participating brokers who donated \$25 each time a house closed and in turn the company matched that gift. What a wonderful way to support your community animal shelter. Thank you Coldwell Banker Soundvest Properties.

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“The owner of these cats did the right thing by surrendering them to the shelter and allowing us to help find them new homes” said Tracy Sala Executive Director. The cats are now safely being housed in the Cat Care Facility at the shelter, enjoying clean beds, fresh food and water, and human interaction. They have also received proper medical attention.

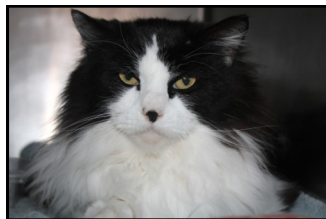
“Hoarding cases like these put a serious strain on our already full shelter and our resources.” says Sala. “But we are committed to seeing that each cat gets a second chance at a good life.” PMHSCC faced similar hoarding situations in 2007 when 43 cats were seized from a house in Rockland and again months later when it received 38 cats from a Warren home when it caught fire and burned to the ground.

As is also the case in most animal hoarding situations, very few of the cats are spayed or neutered. Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Glen Yovino of Harbor Road Veterinary Hospital and his veterinary assistant Melanie, fifteen male Ice Cats were neutered and received their rabies vaccinations during a special neuter clinic at no charge to the shelter. We are very grateful for the support and generosity of Dr. Yovino and his staff.



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A handful of the cats are socialized enough to go up for adoption immediately, while others will take weeks if not months to rehabilitate. Many, who are not candidates for rehabilitation will find their second chance as barn buddies.



Ice cat Barnabus

If you’d like to assist in the care of these cats by adopting or fostering, call the shelter at 594-2200. We’ll gladly accept donations of canned cat food and kitty litter and financial contributions to defray the mounting costs of their care.

**7** the number of cumulative years long time resident cats Cricket, Molly and Cobalt lived at the shelter before they were adopted in 2012.



**BRUNCH**  
TO BENEFIT THE KNOX COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013**

*the* **CRAIGNAIR**  
INN & Restaurant  
**11:00am - \$15.00**  
*part of the proceeds to benefit the Knox County Humane Society*

 Please bring a donation of  
canned dog or cat food,  
large rawhide bones or bleach.  
[www.humanesocietyofknoxcounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofknoxcounty.org)

**CALL FOR RESERVATIONS: 594.7644**  
CLARK ISLAND ROAD, SPRUCE HEAD, MAINE - [CRAIGNAIR.COM](http://CRAIGNAIR.COM)

**\$550** the cost of flea treatment  
each month

*Legacy Society*

Please consider including the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County in your will. A bequest to PMHSCC 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 Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County in your will or estate plan. To learn more or to notify of your intentions, contact Tracy at 594-4897 or at [director@gmail.com](mailto:director@gmail.com)

## PETS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We received so many wonderful responses to the question “*Why does my pet make a difference in my life?*” in our Pets Make a Difference contest. We’re sharing some of those great stories below. Congratulations to raffle winners Shannon Nachajko, Joanne Ricca, and Zach Sincyr. A huge thank you to our sponsors who donated fabulous prizes to the lucky winners.



Thank you  
to our sponsors



### *Why does my pet make a difference in my life?”*



My family pets are my erasers. When I walk through the door they have the ability to instantly erase my worries and stresses. Even the most difficult days they are able to lift my spirits no matter what, and refocus my life into a game with any stick, ball, ribbon, or ball of paper. My cats are my bookends at night—one on my pillow, one at my feet, surrounding me with love. My dog also has super powers. His tail is a magic wand. If he wags it, people smile. Stacey, Duff, Kiwi & Tiller



We wanted children but suffered two miscarriages before deciding to adopt a dog. We walked LOTS before finding Izze. When we met him we just knew he was the dog for us. He is just the right combination of goofball and cuddle bug. He is no longer “top banana” because our family has grown through more adoptions—a 20 month old son and 3 month old daughter. Once of our son’s first words was “Izze”! As they say “Every boy needs a dog and every dog needs a boy.” We are so fortunate to have grown our family through adoption. Brenda



This is Tyler, we rescued him in 2008 from the shelter, as you can see he is doing wonderful. Christine



Minnie & Cricket are doing great together tho’ off to a rocky start. Cricket was a bit “put out” at first, & apparently didn’t remember/recognize her. Minnie kept at it, teasing/goofing on her/playing & all’s well. She also only “hid” in the office for a about 3hrs before coming out to explore... eat ( like a little horse :)). We have to pick up the food dishes or she’ll eat everybody else’s too. Anybody in the kitchen is her best friend ! She even hung out w/ all of us during the Super Bowl party. Sally



Merry Christmas from Bear





MAIL BAG



Hi,  
 Here is a picture of Little Scoot in one of her rare mellow moments! We love her. Hope Freight Train will too someday soon. If we could just get Scooter not to ambush her all would be great!  
 Teresa



**Brutus Update!**  
 "I wanted to let you know that Brutus is doing very well. His health continues to improve and his coat is starting to shine a bit.

He comes to school with me each day and the kids love him. Today we all piled into my Ed Tech's truck and went to cut a Christmas tree. He was right in the middle of the whole thing. The highlights of his day are going to the post office which is all of 500 yards down the road, recess and story time when we are all on the carpet with him"  
 Pam

**Coopertin!**  
 We got him at the shelter in November 2010. He was wire haired German pointer/lab. He is about 85 or so lbs. and still plays like a puppy. Cristy & Eric



**Good Morning**

As promised here are some updated pics of Jake & Liza. They love to go outside and roll around in the grass and we can't wait to see what they do in the snow! They are wonderful dogs and have settled in very well. They have both become quite playful, love bones and chew ropes. Jake might be 15 but he has a young soul and is very, very funny when he jumps up for a ball or around in the back field, he likes the water but wades only and won't quite swim. Liza finally figured out how to play tug of war with the rope bones and actually picked up a tennis ball, that was a very exciting moment to watch They have truly been a pleasure and couldn't have come into our lives at a better moment in time, I am grateful for Jen's phone call - they were a great mother's day present :)  
 Kathryn



Hello,  
 Here are a few pictures of Chance (aka dingo) the newest addition adopted in June and Frit-z (aka frenchie) which we adopted over 6 years ago. They get along so well. I have so many pictures of them..Was so hard to decide which ones to send. We are just in love with Chance and I believe that feeling is mutual. He is just so gentle and fun loving. We are so glad you thought of us for him, when we arrived to look at a Chihuahua.

Thank you, E McIntyre :-)

**1122** the number of animals who where adopted into loving homes in 2012.

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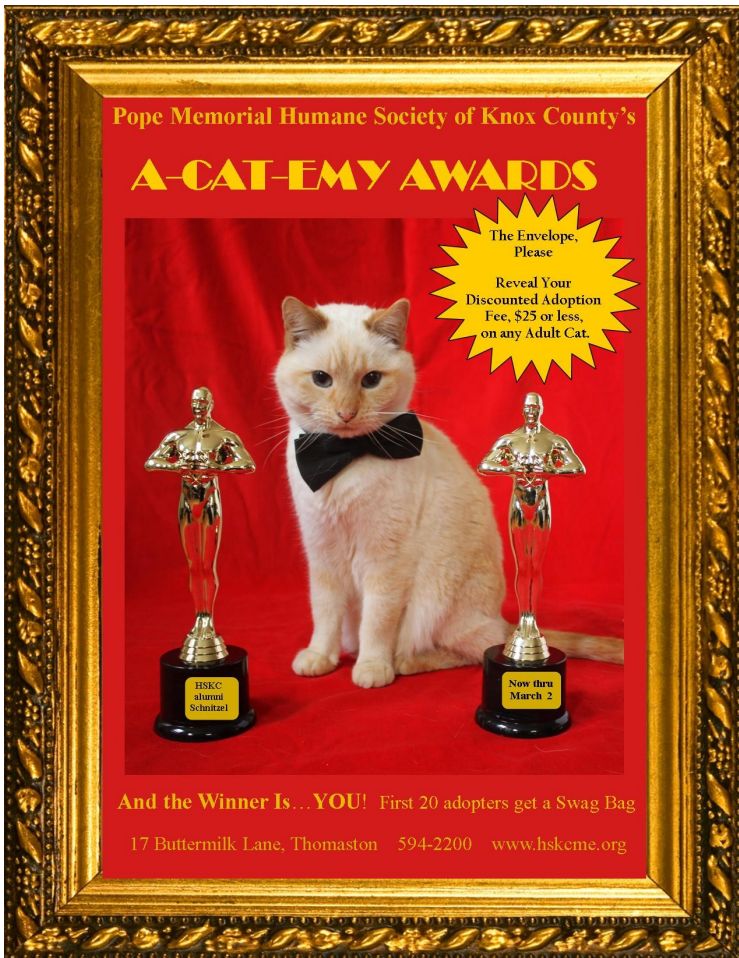
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



We are located in Thomaston  
off Route 1 on Buttermilk Lane

**SHELTER HOURS**

Open Daily from 11—5 pm  
Closed on Sundays



**KEEP THOSE  
BOTTLES COMING**

So far you have CLYNKed **49,902** bottles  
earning **\$2,915.45** for PMHSCC

**Thank You!!**

- \* Pick up the special green Clynk bags at the shelter or at supporting local businesses.
- \* Bag your cans & bottles. Tag with HSKC bar code sticker
- \* Bring bag to Hannaford in Rockland -scan and drop it off there. Your bottles will automatically be credited to our account.

Together you have saved enough energy to light 77.5 light bulbs 24 hours a day for a year.

A special shout out to volunteers  
Tara Comber and Daniel Gargan for  
keeping our "bottle drive" going  
strong.

