



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

Summer 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
Metal Filing Cabinets
gift cards: Walmart & Staples

THANK YOU!

Humane Society Launches Capital Campaign for New Shelter

At our annual Clean Up and Cook Out in May, before PMHSCC members, volunteers and special guests, outgoing President Warner Vaughan announced the launch of a capital campaign to generate funding for a new 10,075 square foot animal care facility. The need and opportunity emerged as the organization developed our strategy for addressing the future requirements of the Mid-coast communities we serve.

With the growing demand for our shelter, adoption, spay/neuter, and community outreach services expected to continue in the foreseeable future (our animal intake numbers have more than doubled in the past 10 years to nearly 1,500), our plan, which includes building a larger, state of the art

facility, is geared to help us meet these expanding needs. (Continued on page 3)



Outgoing President Warner Vaughan & Incoming President Richard Procopio

Her Name Was Cobalt



I started out as a volunteer at the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County. I would work with the cats, cleaning their cages and their community room. Whenever I was done cleaning I would sit down

on the bench in the lobby. One day when I sat down for a break this big, fat, orange and white cat with a mustache sat on my lap. I didn't think much of it, until the staff said "oh be careful of her!". They warned me that she can be moody. I wasn't too worried about it, she seemed like a friendly cat to me. As I sat there petting her she turned around and whacked me on the arm! She jumped out of my lap and walked away with her "cattitude".

Every day I went in to volunteer she would come sit with me and I found myself trying to figure her out. I couldn't understand why

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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.

Greetings,

Families, we all have them. We all have people we share a genetic bond with, but there are other kinds of families. I would venture to say that the Pope Memorial Humane Society is a family, a family of like minded individuals that understand the importance of the human animal bond. A family that understands that it is our responsibility to nurture and care for homeless and unwanted pets, to find loving homes for them, and to educate and support our community in the proper care of animals.

The statistics are staggering, over 1500 animals were cared for at the PMHSC this past year. Dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, goats, chickens and other animals that I am sure I am forgetting to include. So as the family of animals grows we need to increase the number of people to join the PMHSC family to help take care of them. For \$35.00 a year a Basic membership is a great way to become part of our family or consider a Sponsor level membership at \$100.00 to help even more. So please consider becoming a member or renewing your current membership. We have over 3,700 followers on our Facebook page so I know that our family of supporters is out there.

It is an exciting time at the Pope Memorial Humane Society. Our adoption program is uniting more and more animals in need with caring and responsible families, our spay/neuter program is helping many pet owners by providing informational and financial assistance, the Trap Neuter Return program is humanely and effectively managing the free roaming cat population, the K-9 correction program is expanding, and we are reaching out to the community to teach compassionate and responsible pet ownership.

As families grow, more space is needed and that is the case here at PMHSC so we are beginning a capital campaign to build a much needed new facility. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Lyman Pope, a long time supporter of ours and a recognized expert in animal shelters, we are off to a great start. We still have a long way to go though to reach our goal. In the meantime, your membership now is even more important to keep our life saving programs and commitment to helping homeless animals going. Feel free to stop by and take a look at our preliminary building plans. I think that you will become as excited as we are about our future and how we can better grow the PMHSC family.

Thank you for your support, Richard Procopio
Board President

Welcome New Board Members

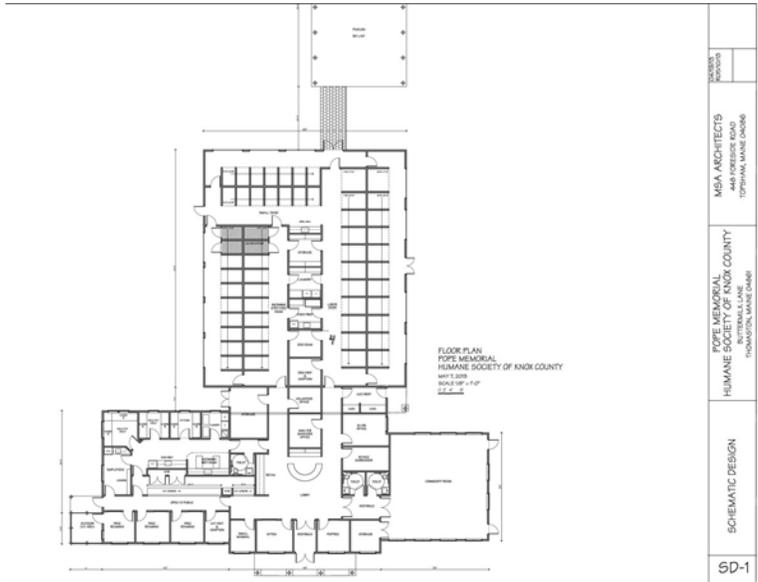
We'd like to welcome Karen Claywell, Sue Lindley-Howard and Paulette Stewart to the PMHSC Board of Directors. They are an accomplished, experienced group whose talent and enthusiasm will carry our organization forward for a successful 2013 and beyond. We are delighted that retiring Board President Warner Vaughan is not going far and will continue on as Chair of the New Building Committee and member of the Capital Campaign Committee.



Karen Claywell & Sue Lindley-Howard

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The new shelter facility will include 28 roomier kennels for dogs, 3 free roaming cat rooms (one with an outdoor porch access), 12 cat condos, a kitten room, plus accommodations for an additional 72 cats. There will be a community room for educational programs, training and special events, isolation and exam areas for incoming animals, get acquainted/adoption rooms, ample storage, and an outdoor covered pavilion area for dogs. There will also be a room/adoption area for other small animals, such as rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets and birds.



The facility will be equipped with a special air exchange/filtration system and acoustical features to enhance the health and comfort of resident animals, staff and visitors.

The fundraising goal for this new shelter is \$2.2 million, and 40% of this amount has already been raised. Lyman Pope, Jr. a benefactor of animal care facilities throughout New England has provided planning expertise and seed money to kick-off this capital campaign. The Humane Society of Knox County recently added 'Pope Memorial' to its name in honor of Pope's generous, unwavering support of animal welfare services. You are welcome to stop by the shelter and see our preliminary building plans and learn more about our future plans.



Is your Fido a natural for Mr. February?



We are accepting photos of your furry, feathered, scaly or finned friends to be featured in our popular pet calendar. There are four different opportunities to have your pet shine.

1. **COVER SHOT** - \$300 Have your animal grace the cover
2. **GLAMOUR SHOT** - (\$200) You can have your pet featured for a month, accompanied by a chance to share just what makes him so special with a side panel story.
3. **TAIL WAGGER** - (\$35) Your pet's photo is featured on an extra day square within a month
4. **PAW PRINTS** - (\$25) For those who stand out even in a crowd, we have the Paw Print which will be a collage of pet photos.

Don't delay, spaces are limited and the deadline is drawing near. For more information visit www.hskcme.org or email questions to HSKCCalendar@gmail.com. Each submission gets a complimentary calendar. Purchase additional calendars for only \$10, on sale this fall.



Whisker Walk Family Fun Day & 5K 2013

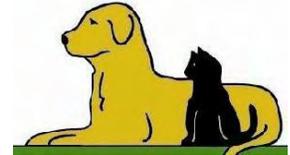
Saturday, September 14, 2013 • 10:30 AM • Harbor Park, Rockland, ME

**NEW
This year
5K RUN**

It's time to lace up those sneakers, grab a leash and your canine companion and join us for our Whisker Walk and Family Fun Day on Saturday, September at Harbor Park in Rockland. And new this year we also have a 5K run too. This pledge driven event is the largest fundraiser for the shelter, raising funds in support of providing medical care and finding homes for over 1,500 homeless pets in our community. To join, simply register online at www.firstgiving.com/hskcME/whisker-walk-and-family-fun-day-2013 and create your own fundraising page, or use the pledge sheet and start asking friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to support you in making a difference. Everyone is welcome. Walkers/Runners may walk with or without their canine companion. Registrants will receive a 2013 Whisker Walk t-shirt and prizes will be awarded to the first place runner, first place runner with a dog, top fundraising individuals (adult and youth) and top team. Registration opens at 9:30 and the run/walk starts at 10:30(staggered starts) and the festivities run until 2:00 p.m. There will be plenty of fun: vendors, food, agility demonstrations, live music, raffles, rescues and more. For more information visit www.hskcme.org or follow us on facebook at WhiskerWalkFamilyFunDay

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MAN'S BEST FRIENDS



SHEPARD CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP



Cobalt cont'd

this cat would seek out my attention and then turn on me when she received it. The more time I spent with her the more I realized what she would tolerate, what she liked, and what she didn't like. It was like she spoke her own language.



She didn't like many people so I felt privileged that she liked me. I grew to understand and love her as if she was my own pet. When I was upset or angry about something I would come to the animal shelter to visit her. It made me feel so good knowing that this cat trusted me and wanted my attention.

Eventually I was lucky to become a staff member at the shelter and I got to see her every day. After doing all my work you could find me in the lobby with her on

my lap. It was almost like we had become a pair, you didn't see one without the other. We loved each other.

One day when I came to work I found out she was put into foster care. I was so happy for her. So happy that someone else loved her and wanted to give her a chance. She went home with a lovely couple that have their own animal rescue group, it was perfect for her.

A few months went by and then something terrible happened. As I walked into the building where we keep the sick cats I saw a bottle of pills with her name on it. My heart sunk and I remember thinking to myself 'no that can't be right, it has to be old'. I went to look in the cages and sure enough there she was. I couldn't believe my eyes.

There she was, she didn't look like herself. She had lost so much weight and she looked awful. She stopped eating and her liver was failing. It wasn't looking good for her. I wasn't ready to give up yet.

I got online and researched what I could do to help her. Every morning and every night I came into work to force feed her, give her fluids and give her the medications she needed. After a little bit

of time she looked a lot better. We took her back to the vet to see if anything had changed. Her liver had improved! I was so happy that I had actually helped. But then things got worse. Although her liver had improved she was severely anemic. I wasn't sure exactly what this meant other than her red blood cell count being low. Theresa then explained that the vet thinks it may be cancer related. We gave her a few more days to see if she would improve at all.

She wasn't getting better. The decision came, we had to put her out of her pain. I went to the vet with her when we had to let her go. It was one of the hardest things I've ever done. I can't begin to explain how much I loved this animal. My heart was broken but I knew it was for the best. May she rest in peace and forever in my heart.



Her name was Cobalt.

Leave a Legacy of Love and Compassion

Please consider including the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County in your will. A bequest to PMHSC is ensuring that all animals are loved and cared for now and into the future. For the lost and abandoned dogs, cats and other small animals 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

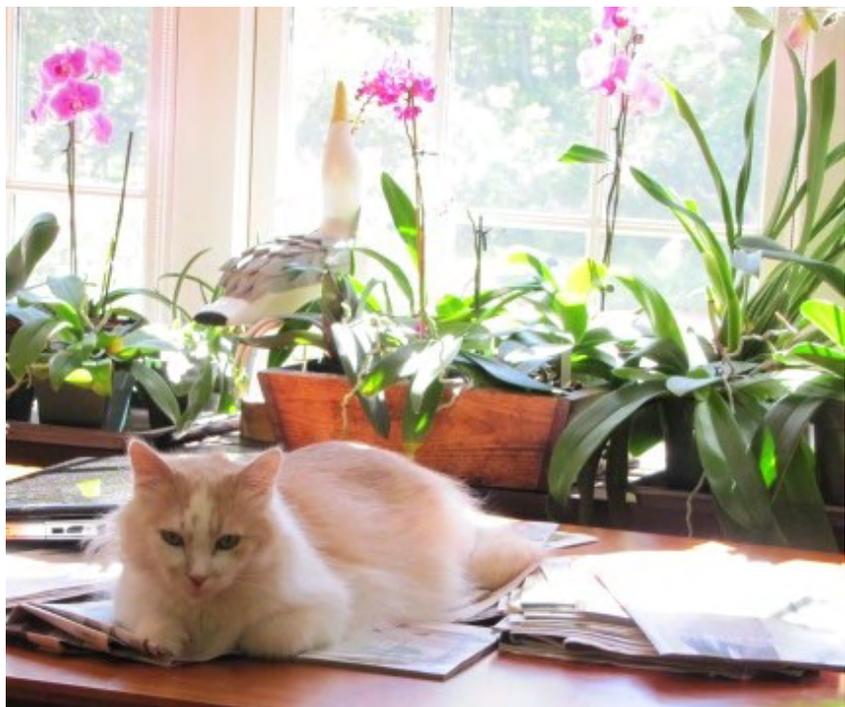


MAIL BAG

Hi,
 Just as described, he's great with the two dogs and is playful and submissive with our other cat, Nori. She's not so sure, but I did catch them both on the cat tree (let's hear it for catnip!). We're fascinated watching the two cats work out their new relationship and I've pretty much given up on the house rule about cats on the kitchen island and table, as you can see.
 He's so funny with his little teensy voice – he's a talker - and confident attitude, and in many ways, he reminds me of a (slightly) needy golden retriever, just wanting to be near.... So he's fitting in beautifully and we love him dearly and wanted you to know... a happy landing for Jeff!
 Thanks to you and your staff for taking good care of our kitty (to say nothing of all the others!)
 Cheers! Sandi



Casper and Skippy are living their happily ever after with the Schmiz family



Hello,
 It has been six months since we adopted Ginger (then Blair). I wanted to tell you that she is a happy little girl who loves to run in the woods, and has even gotten used to the couch. Thank you for the good work you do.

Andrea



Hi - just want to let you know Bennett is making real progress. He is now traveling all through the house and checking out everything. He LOVES cat toys! He also doesn't seem to mind the other cats and just ignores the dog! The only thing he isn't sure about is humans - still observing us. Today he came within a foot of me to get his favorite catnip flavored treat so one of these days soon he will maybe want to be petted. He seems to like stretching out on the carpet in the living room. Thanks, Joan

Do you have a happy ending story with a PMHSCC pet? We'd love to share your stories. You can send your pictures & tales to Tracy at director@hskcme.org or mail to PMHSCC P.O. Box 1294 Rockland, ME 04841



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We are located in Thomaston
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SHELTER HOURS

Open Daily from 11—5 pm
Closed on Sundays

WIN THIS QUILT!



TICKETS
\$1 each or
6 for \$5

“Paint Box” donated by Judith Sala
100 % Cotton 60” x 72”

Purchase Tickets at: The Shelter, Pet Quarters, Hollydachs, Loyal Biscuit Co. (all 3 locations), Lobster Festival, Maine Boats Homes & Harbors, The Union Fair and Whisker Walk Family Fun Day & 5K

DRAWING: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6



KEEP THOSE BOTTLES COMING

So far you have CLYNKed **69,912** bottles
earning **\$3,933.06** for PMHSCC

Thank You!!

Want to Clynk for PMHSCC? Here's how:

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



It's that easy to help us make a difference in the lives of homeless animals.