



HUMANE SOCIETY OF KNOX COUNTY FUR, PURRS & BARKS

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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
- Wood Pellets (instead of litter)
- Canned dog & cat food
- Paper towels
- 6" paper plates
- Laundry Detergent
- HP ink 92, HP ink 901xl
- Postage Stamps
- Bull Horn
- gift cards: Walmart & Staples

New Van for Vet Runs

THANK YOU!

Local Vet Helps Revitalize HSKC Feral Cat Program



Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Glenn Yovino of Harbor Road Veterinary Hospital HSKC's Feral Cat Program, started by the late James Hummer and his wife Kitty, is back up and running. Dr. Yovino generously donated \$1,000 so the shelter could adequately outfit the program with ten brand new traps. Going the extra mile, Dr. Yovino also jump started the program by spaying/neutering the first forty feral cats at no cost to the shelter. Feral cats are a growing problem in our community. Collaboration is essential for a community wide feral cat management plan to be successful. We are hoping that other local veterinarians will follow Dr. Yovino's lead and join us in combating this problem. We are also looking to community members in the twenty towns that we serve to help us identify not only the existing colonies of feral cats but those community members willing to monitor the traps and manage the Trap, Neuter and Return colonies. It will take a concerted effort on all of our parts to stem the tide of unwanted, homeless cats. We thank Dr. Yovino for his generosity and commitment and for leading the way.



Dear Friends at HSKC,

In June of this year, we adopted our beloved Honey, a red-nosed pit bull mix from your shelter. Words cannot express how blessed we are to have Honey in our lives. We love and adore her with our whole hearts. We gave her the middle name of 'Blessing' because that is what she truly is to us.. a blessing from God.

Honey made the transition from her home at the shelter to her home with us amazingly well. There were no difficulties at all and right from the beginning it felt as if we had always had Honey. Thank You for taking such loving and excellent care of her before we "found" each other.

Please know that you have our utmost respect and admiration for the wonderful faithful work you do to help God's



beautiful creatures. Thank you for your compassion and love you have for animals and for all that you do for them. To us, you truly are Heroes! Your amazing dedication does not go unnoticed.

May you all be blessed abundantly. You are a group of incredible people doing an incredible job. From the depths of our hearts, we thank you... and Honey says "thank you", too... and sends you a big, wet, loving kiss. Patrick & Andrea

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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Closed most Holidays



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

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who remembered the homeless animals in our care in 2011. We couldn't do what we do without your help. So, what exactly do we do? We save lives and create families and we did it in record numbers last year. An astounding one thousand two hundred and nine animals came through our doors last year looking for help and a second chance. Who knew that twenty three years ago when the Humane Society of Knox County was first started, when serving a hundred animals in a years time was a lot, we would grow to serve so many in such a relatively short time and be a safe haven for so many.



Dr Yovino with Hutch, post surgery

Last year, we helped reunite one hundred and fifty lost pets with their anxious but relieved families. And we are proud to announce that eight hundred and ninety-nine animals (dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, ferrets, and even pets of the feathered variety) got what they wanted and deserved — to be adopted into loving homes. Those that needed medical care received it, be it routine vaccinations, treatment for heartworm or surgery to remove an abscess. Of course, part of our mission is to stop the growing population of unwanted animals through spaying and neutering of companion animals. Your support enabled us to spay/neuter six-hundred and seventy shelter animals and provide financial assistance for over one hundred owned pets to get sterilized. We also launched our “Join the Revolution” spay/neuter campaign to reach out into the public and spread this important message. We are not done.

As our communities grow and the demands on the services we provide increases, we must grow too to make sure that all that need our help can get it. We don't receive any federal or state funding nor do we receive money from national animal welfare organizations. Our support is from you, the communities we serve, from the grateful families we create. It is our most sincere hope that we continue to work together as we provide a safe place for displaced, abused and abandoned animals until they transition into loving homes.

Thank you for making a difference,

Tracy Sala

Where are the In Memoriam and In Honorarium Gifts listed?

We are so grateful to those who remember us in their time of grief and in time of celebration by making a donation in memory of a beloved pet or person or in honor of someone special. Your thoughtfulness for the homeless animals in our care with these generous donations allows us to continue our animal welfare mission. The sheer number of these gifts makes it impossible to print them all in our newsletter without increasing the printing costs exponentially, taking away from the services we provide to the animals, something we don't believe you'd like us to do. Instead, we will be acknowledging these donations a couple of times a year in a full page ad in the local Free Press. We will announce the publication date on our website. We hope that you agree that this is a satisfactory compromise so that we can acknowledge your generous gifts but also allow us to use your donations for what they were intended - for the care of the animals. Thank you for your understanding.

We Are Throwing a House Warming Party and You are Invited!



Thanks to the generosity of the late Martha Cobb we were able to build a new building, The Cobb House, to house the ever growing population of displaced cats that come into our facility.

Last year alone, we received **eight hundred and forty eight cats and kittens**.

Where did we put them all? That has been an ongoing challenge for years. Foster homes have been critical to our success and creative adoption advertising has helped adopt them out more quickly but our cat rooms are still crowded and stressful for the animals. This building will finally allow us to physically separate our incoming cats from those receiving medical attention. With this new building our cats will be happier and healthier and in turn, adopted out quicker into loving homes. We're very excited about this and we want to celebrate with you. We invite you to join us for a housewarming party on **Saturday, March 17 from 1-4**.

You'll get a chance to walk through the new building and see what we've been up to and what we are planning. For those who don't like to come to a housewarming party empty handed we will gladly accept items from our wish list as a housewarming gift: canned cat food, Kitten Milk Replacement, paper towels, laundry detergent, garbage bags etc. Visit our website at www.hskcME.org for a complete list. We hope to see you there. Thank you to Lanny Boggs and his crew, especially Gary and Steven, for doing an amazing job with this building. We are very excited to move in and start changing lives.



Machias Savings Bank Helps Launch HSKC Cat Cage Campaign



HSKC Board President Warner Vaughan, gratefully received a check from Machias Savings Banks' Assistant Vice President Judith Brogden in the amount of \$500, launching our Cat Cage Campaign to purchase fifty-one much needed stainless steel cages to safely house the growing population of displaced cats in our community.

Incredible as it may sound, these cages will cost \$24,351. If you would like to contribute to our Cat Cage Campaign, simply make a note with your donation that you would like to help buy a cage to help a homeless cat. Thanks for your support.

HSKC to host First Annual Legacy Society Luncheon

We are making plans for our first annual Legacy Society luncheon honoring the commitment of Legacy members to HSKC. All members of the Legacy Society are invited to this special luncheon, to be held in late Spring, in recognition of their generosity. The luncheon will offer an opportunity to network with other society members and learn about the latest developments at HSKC. We want to make sure we don't leave anyone off the invitation list, so if you have included the Humane Society of Knox County in your will or estate plan or have intentions to do so, let us know so we can recognize your commitment, ensuring that HSKC has the financial resources necessary to continue providing life saving programs to the homeless animals we serve long into the future. To learn more, contact Tracy at 594-4897 or at humane@midcoast.com.

In Memory of Buster

Our beloved dog Buster went to Heaven on October 7, 2011. He was my best friend, constant companion, and simply the best dog ever. We adopted Buster from HSKC when he was 11 years old. We had no plan to adopt a dog that day, or even to visit the shelter. But as my kids and I were on our way home from shopping, the Spirit moved me to stop there and “just look”. That’s what I told the shelter attendant when she greeted us; that we were “just looking”. She immediately pointed out the dog in the lobby with her, Buster, who she explained was like the shelter mascot. Everyone loved him, she said. Well I can tell you that if I had no intention of adopting when I came in, I certainly didn’t plan on adopting an elderly dog with a laundry list of health issues. She must have sensed my skepticism and quickly pointed out that he acted very young for his age, that the growths were only fatty tumors, that his other conditions would resolve with time and care, and the he really was a very sweet dog. We decided we would just check out the other dogs anyway. When we returned to the lobby, Buster greeted us and looked up at me as if to say, are we going home now? Before I knew it, I was filling out paperwork to take him home on the “slumber party” program. He hopped into the car like he had done it a hundred times, and before we even got back home, **there was no question that he was our forever dog.** I finalized the adoption right away.

Buster brought me peace and comfort at a very difficult time in life. And he taught me so many life lessons. For example, not worrying about what people think of your appearance. Most people looked at Buster and saw his warts or tumors. But I saw his beautiful spirit. Buster helped me to slow down and look at life through kinder eyes. Especially this past year as his body began to succumb to the ravages of old age, he helped me to cope



with and accept my own physical disabilities. My compassion for the struggles of the elderly has grown, as there is such a great need for people to open

their hearts to the aged—both people and pets. I took a lot of criticism from family and friends when I adopted “such an old dog”. But these years with buster have been the best of my life and I wouldn’t trade my time with him for anything. He understood me and offered me companionship and comfort whenever I needed it **Some people say I rescued him. But the truth is that Buster saved me!**

A friend shared this quote with me: “The magnitude of our grief when we lose someone special from our life is a measure of the magnitude of the love and blessings we have received from them.” This is true. However, there is no way to fully express all the joy and love he brought to my life. No way to truly honor what an amazing dog and friend he was. And there is equally no way to convey the grief our family is experiencing. We will miss him always and he will never be forgotten. What I pray for now is that his story will touch someone’s heart in a way that inspires them to advocate for all animals, especially senior pets. I believe with all my heart that God has taken Buster home with Him. I look forward to the day when he greets me at the gates of Heaven. **Buster: Best dog ever!**

Gena Morse Ahlberg

**SENIOR PETS
LOOKING
FOR LOVE
AND A HOME**



Ben



Ceres



Pepe



Tazer

3rd Annual Fund Raiser
Humane Society of Knox County's

2012 **TROPICAL GET AWAY** 2012

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an awesome steel drum band

**Saturday
March 3
5-9pm**

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HSKC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Humane Society of Knox County announces that Kimberly Grinnell has been elected to its Board of Directors.



For 11 years, Lincolnville Center resident Grinnell has volunteered at Mid-coast animal shelters as a foster parent for motherless kittens, and most recently she has

focused her efforts on supporting animal care, communications and fundraising programs at HSKC.

"Fostering kittens was a great way for me to teach my children about the importance of adopting shelter animals and the importance of community service," Grinnell said in a news release.

HSKC Board President Warner Vaughan noted, "We are very pleased that Kim has agreed to join our Board of Directors. Her many skills and continued support will help us do even more to help companion animals in our area."

A University of Maine at Augusta Magna Cum Laude graduate, Grinnell currently is administrative assistant at Maine Natural Health. She previously was office manager of High Mountain Hall in Camden. She has also been an animal shelter technician at Camden-Rockport Animal Rescue League and a timing system scorekeeper for swim meets at the Camden Hills Regional High School. Her previous volunteer work has also included Student Association Officer for the University College Rockland, Web Forms Coordinator for the University of Maine at Augusta Honors Program Student Association, Board of Directors and public relations support for Five Town Communities that Care, and committee involvement at the Penobscot Bay YMCA.

She lives in Lincolnville Center with her husband Arthur, and she is the proud grandmother of two grandsons and, in May, a new granddaughter.

BRUNCH
TO BENEFIT THE KNOX COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012

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

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CLARK ISLAND ROAD, SPOUCE HEAD, MAINE - CRAIGNAIR.COM



Every Friday night through the end of March, the Craginair Inn will donate \$1 of every burger sold to HSKC. Reservations are greatly appreciated. 594-7644.

Also, join them on Sunday, March 11 for brunch with a portion of the proceeds to benefit HSKC.

3 Dogs Cafe Thank you to 3 Dogs Café for another fun and delicious 3 Dog Night Event held in December. Thank you to Steve Watts and Keith Stone for putting on this fun and festive holiday fundraiser for the shelter. Thank you also to Sam Grinnell for lending his musical talents to the evening. The music was great!!

The BLUE™ Bag Project



"Never underestimate the power of a small, dedicated group of people to change the world; indeed, that is the only thing that ever has." A committed group of HSKC volunteers, led by volunteer Maggie Lawler, proved what a small group of dedicated volunteers could accomplish, one bag at a time. The task, make 200 tote bags out of empty Blue Buffalo dog food bags in a very short amount of time during the Christmas holiday, no less. The reward, \$2,000 to go towards HSKC's efforts to spread the word of the benefits of spaying/neutering companion animals and to provide financial assistance to those who need it to get that accomplished. Thank you to all who participated in this project and made it happen.



Kayla, center, celebrated her 7th Birthday by having her party guests bring donations for the shelter. We think that's wonderful! Thank you. Also pictured, Emma and Quincy.



Thank you to all the kids in the Warren After School Enrichment Program (ACES) who donated more than 150 items to the shelter. You're aces in our book!

THANK YOU

A community animal shelter is only as strong as the support it receives from its community. Thank you to the following for their support.

- Home Kitchen Cafe
- Good Impressions
- The Animal House
- Loyal Biscuit
- Pet Quarters
- Hollydachs
- Hannaford
- Redlon and Johnson
- Law Office of James Brannan
- Van Steenberg & Associates
- Lowes
- Home Depot
- Paulette Stewart
- Rolf Gerhardt

PET CALENDAR FUNDRAISER



Thank you for making our 2012 Pet Calendar Fundraiser a HUGE Success. We were so pleased with the overwhelmingly positive response to our efforts, we're gearing up and excited to do it all again for 2013.

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. For more information and to reserve a spot visit hskcME.org, or email HSKCCalendar@gmail.com

Special thanks to volunteers Kath Holland & Kim Grinnell for their hard work and dedication on this project. Our 2012 Calendars are now just \$5 at the shelter.



MAIL BAG



We are loving Beatrice! She was one of the latest Chihuahua deliveries and has become a great addition to our family. Just wanted to say THANK YOU! to everyone that helped in the process of getting these dogs loving homes—from California to Joan to Susan to Humane Society of Knox county—and many more I'm sure. Thank you and happy holidays!

The Rogers



The boys are VERY comfy, doesn't seem possible that we adopted King a year ago. He is such a good boy. We love him dearly. What a pleasure they are to live with!!!

Brenda

Hi,
As you can see Yentl, now Pippa & Lakehouse, now Rex are quite comfortable in their new home. As one friend put it they won the equivalent of the lottery! We are thrilled to have them!

Margot & Bill



Hello,
We want you to know that "Pure Heart" has adjusted well in her new home. We have renamed her ebony. Some of her favorite things to do are lie on her pink blanket, drink water out of the sink, play with a string, and sleep in high places. She also likes to bring us presents like napkins. Jeff & Chris



These are my 5 rescued boys. As you can see they have a good home. Thank you for all you do. Greg

Our newest addition Dexter, re-named from Scupper, (closest to the front) is loving his siblings!

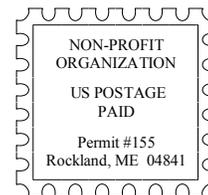
Meg



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

March Madness



2009 HSKC alum Schnitzel

Make a fast break to the Humane Society of Knox County March 13th thru the 24th for our March Madness Adoption Event.



All adult cats 6 months and older are just \$5. Help these bench warmers get off the sidelines and back into the game. Adopt!



KEEP THOSE BOTTLES COMING

So far you have CLYNKed 11, 612 bottles earning \$672.25 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.

