



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

Spring 2014

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

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| 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
- Martingale collars (M & L)
- Canned dog & cat food
- Windex
- Paper towels
- 6" paper plates
- Brooms/dustpans
- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- Postage Stamps
- Toolbox w/tools
- gift cards: Walmart & Staples

THANK YOU!

Dogtripping with Author and Dog Lover David Rosenfelt—An Exceptional Event

The Strand Theatre was packed on February 6th with over 200 people in attendance to hear author David Rosenfelt share his humorous stories of being in the movie business in California; a mystery writer with over a dozen books to his credit; and how it led him to be a rescuer of dogs in need,



LOTS of dogs. He regaled the crowd with engaging adventures of his trek across county with his 25 rescue dogs on his move to Maine. What a treat!! VIP Guests were treated to a reception with Mr. Rosenfelt where they had an opportunity to have a copy of his book *Dogtripping* personally autographed

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K-9 Corrections Program Featured on WCSH6 News!



On February 20th, PMHSC's K-9 Corrections program was a featured news story on WCSH Channel 6 News by reporter Amanda Hill. The training program, which started in 2006 as a collaboration between PMHSC and Bolduc

Correctional Facility, moved to the Maine State Prison in July of 2013. Chip, a sixteen week old Lab/Shepherd mix was the first enrollee in "the big house" and the first to graduate. Based on the program's success for both dogs and the inmate/trainers, by October of 2013 the program expanded to have four dogs at a time in the program.

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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.

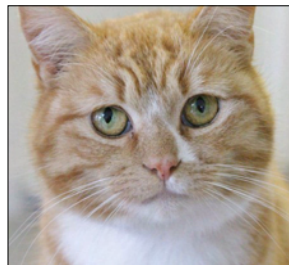
Dear PMHSC Friends,

When people find out where I work and what I do for a living I often get two responses — “I couldn’t work there, its too sad.” and “I couldn’t work there, I’d want to take them all home”. Sure, many of the animals we get in are in rough shape. They may have been abused or neglected or simply abandoned or forgotten. And yes, many of them come in with very sad stories. But, as far as the staff and I are concerned, the sadness stops when they enter through our door. From that moment on they are no longer unloved. From that moment on someone cares about them, will take care of them, will provide them with the shelter, food, and medical attention they need. Sadness is replaced with love.

Sadness is replaced with hope.

Saving lives and creating families, that’s what I get to do. I have the privilege of doing that everyday. I don’t do it, nor could I possibly do it alone. I have a dedicated staff that fights the good fight each and every day, 365 days a year, looking beyond the sad past and focusing on the present and the brighter future. I have a team of devoted volunteers who choose to spend their valuable free time helping us help animals in need. And, I have you, our supporters, who generously support our efforts through financial gifts and in kind contributions. It’s not about dwelling on sad stories, *its about turning sad stories into happily ever afters.* We, all of us together, do that. Because of you, we did it for nearly 1500 animals in 2013. Thank you for making that possible. We hope that you will continue to support us so that we may carry on our work and save more lives and create more families in 2014 and beyond.

As far as the truth to the second response, “I’d want to take them all home”, perhaps I’m not the best person to respond to that as I have adopted six wonderful cats during my tenure at the shelter. What I do know is that what may have started as “I want to take them all home” quickly changed to “I want to find them all a home”. That’s the challenge, that’s the reward.



Beatrix



Blair


Tracy Sala
Executive Director




Tanya Simmons

★★★★★ Awesome is all I have to say! The people working have the biggest hearts and love all the animals so much and take pride in really finding forever homes. Thank you for helping us connect with ours.

Saving Lives and Creating Families 2013 By the Numbers

1456 The number of Animals admitted to the shelter in 2013 

785 The number of animals that came in as stray 

651 The number of stray cats


134 The number of stray dogs

148 The number of stray animals reunited with their owners.

83.5% of Dogs 

5.2% of Cats

13,783 number of Volunteer hours donated 

1021 The number of animals adopted into loving families. 

Roughly **20-30%** of pet cats and dogs are adopted from Shelters or Rescues 

About **60%** of all households in the United States have a pet 

About 60 million dogs and about 75 million cats are owned in the USA



And this little piggy went wee, wee, wee, all the way Home

We're happy to report that our sweet piggy Valentine is doing great at her new home at Peace Ridge Sanctuary. We received this cute valentine from our Valentine.



The K-9 Corrections program is led by dog trainer Marie Finnegan and is centered around teaching both the dogs and the handlers by using positive methods of training which teaches the dogs to trust people. This translates to dealing with people as well. The shelter dogs live with their inmate/trainers 24/7 for 6-12 weeks until they are ready to graduate and be adopted into a loving home. It's a



Rugby are most recent graduate



Nina

win/win situation. The inmates learn compassion, responsibility, patience and a new skill set and the dogs learn basic obedience and even a few tricks. You can see the WCSH6 news story by visiting our website and following the link. Eight week old Nina is the newest pup to join the program.

You can follow Nina and all our prison pups by following us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/K9Corrections. This program is made possible through the generosity of people who believe in its value. If you'd like to make a contribution to the program to cover the costs of training, food, medical care, toys and training supplies, simply earmark your gift K-9 Corrections.



TO BENEFIT THE KNOX COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

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 laundry detergent.

www.humanesocietyofknoxcounty.org

CALL FOR RESERVATIONS: 594.7644
 CLARK ISLAND ROAD, SPRUCE HEAD, MAINE - CRAIGNAIR.COM

Machias Savings Donates \$7,500 to Pope Memorial Humane Society's Capital Campaign



On Friday, February 21, Machias Savings presented a \$7,500 check to Campaign Chair Kathy Cuthbertson and Executive Director, Tracy Sala. The check represents the Bank's 3-year pledge in support of PMHSC's Capital Campaign targeting a new animal shelter facility. Machias Savings AVP and Rockland Branch Manager Judy Brogden said: "The Pope Memorial Humane Society has been creating happiness for pets and people since 1989, and they really need a new, larger facility. We are committed to helping them build a new shelter, and we challenge other businesses in the area to lend support to this important campaign."



by the author. We are deeply thankful for David Rosenfelt's support and generosity in making this event such a success. Not only was it an exceptional event for all who attended, it provided us a wonderful opportunity to share with the community our vision, plans and capital campaign to build a new and much needed animal facility to care for the growing number of homeless animals from the 20 communities we



serve. PMHSCC proudly premiered a new video that tells our story of the work we do by highlighting the stories of two shelter animals, Anna & Gracie and their journey from homeless to happily ever after. (A copy of the video is available upon request). We were very fortunate to have Don

Carrigan of WCSH6 emcee the evening. Our gratitude also goes out to Auctioneer Kaja Veilleux of Thomaston Place Auction Galleries for volunteering his time and expertise to be the auctioneer during our auction at the event. Thank you to all of our generous sponsors who supported this event. Because of your generous support, we raised over \$19,000.00! If you haven't read *Dogtripping* yet, we encourage you do to so. It's a fun and engaging read. We have a few copies available for sale at the shelter.

Don Carrigan, our emcee



Shelter dog Pixie introduced herself to the crowd

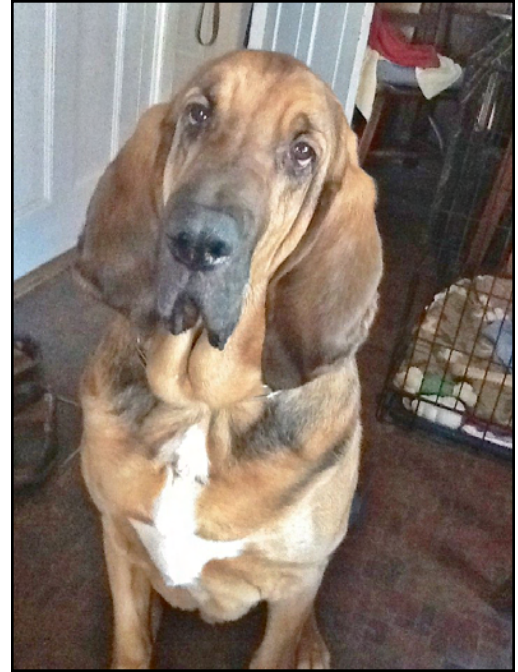
THANK YOU:

Ingrid Van Steenberg of Van Steenberg & Associates for her donation of Tax work for the shelter
 Anonymous Donor for the commercial grade Dryer. What a life saver!! We do TONS of laundry.
 Kalloch Co. for doing a great job keeping our parking lots and driveway clear and safe for visitors
 FMC— for their amazing community outreach and donation of much needed dog kennel dividers



Hi Everybody.
Remember me? I remember you!
Thanks for helping me!!! I am now LORD CHESTERFIELD.
You can still call me Chester, though....Well gotta go....my sofa awaits.

Leonard & Sandra



NOW - February, 2014

THEN - April, 2012



We adopted Scooter on February 15th. He is now king of the house and loves chasing a laser light. Thank you for allowing us to give him a loving home.
Russ & Joyce



Michael Manders

★★★★★ Got my girl Abby here couldn't have found a more perfect fit for me.

Like · Comment · about 2 weeks ago



Janie Miller

We were so fortunate to meet Theresa and her staff. Our adoption process was thorough, informative, and SO rewarding.



Zac Cushman

★★★★★ I really like that you guys help animals in need and give them care, love, and everything else they may need. You are Wonderful People. I thank you so much for all that you do!! <3



Leslie Minton

★★★★★ This is an amazing facility that works tirelessly to provide a loving, caring safe place for pets in transition to their forever homes. I whole-heartedly recommend them because I found Telulah there!

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

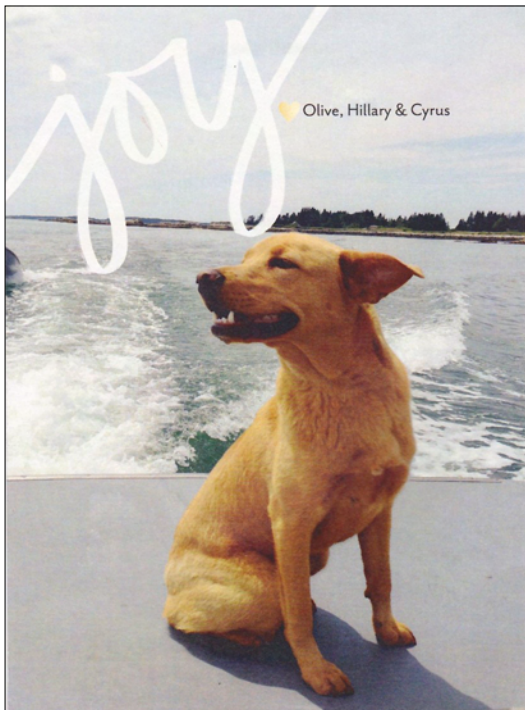


MAIL BAG



Good Morning All -

I believe Nikko is adjusting well to her new home. She is a delight and affectionate. My wife and I are glad she has come to live with us. She is beside me purring as I type this note. Thank you for being there... Stadler family



Olive, aka Dancer, loves lobster boat rides! She is the sweetest dog and definitely the best part of our 2013. Thank you! Cyrus & Hillary



Thank you all so much for helping us finally find our next family member, Peanut Butter Ball. We appreciate all you do! Coakely Family



Happy onyx with his new family! He is purring sleeping in our bed getting some R&R at the moment. Seanna

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

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We are located in Thomaston
off Route 1 on Buttermilk Lane

SHELTER HOURS

Open Daily from 11—5 pm
Closed on Sundays

5th ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County

2014

TROPICAL GETAWAY

Featuring the sounds of
STEELIN' THUNDER
an awesome steel drum band

Saturday
March 22 5-9pm

New Location
Post One American Legion, Rockland
Tickets \$8

50/50 Raffle Friends FUN
www.hskeME.org



KEEP THOSE BOTTLES COMING

So far you have CLYNKed **98,309** bottles
earning **\$5,374** 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.