It was 2:40 a.m. and we three remaining staff blearily admired our newly transformed administrative office at 190 Pleasant Street. We had created a temporary shelter: carpeted floors were now a sea of blue tarps lined with rows of cat “condo” cages furnished with bedding, food, litter, and even some colorful catnip mice. Mounds of donations from generous individuals and businesses were stacked against the walls. In a few hours we would retrieve an undetermined number of cats from a single-wide house trailer in one of our contract towns. Staff and volunteers had been working for weeks to prepare for this major rescue and the last few had straggled out just before midnight.

At first it had looked like a classic “cat hoarder” story. Local authorities in one of our contracted towns had been alerted that there might be way too many cats in way too small a home. After a visit to the single wide mobile home, they agreed and called the state’s animal welfare agency. But here the tale departs a bit from the usual. The Maine State Director of Animal Welfare, Liam Hughes, a compassionate man, realized that “Dan” (name changed out of respect for the dignity and privacy of a man who dearly loved his cats, all 106 of them!) had ended up with too many cats in his trailer because he kindly took in a few hungry strays and lacked the resources to spay and neuter them. Three years of...
On the horizon...

Things have been hopping around CHS these days. We’ve been inundated with rabbits, who now happily inhabit the more spacious former kitten room/former Executive Director office next to the lobby. So while the bunnies are finally free to roam, the kittens (most of who are luckily in warm cozy homes by now) are confined to cages in the hall. Which brings me to my next point: SPACE.

Space is always at a premium in shelters, and even though we have the luxury of spilling over into 190 Pleasant Street, which we hope to retire the mortgage on in 2014, the shelter is still bursting its outdated seams. Cats keep coming in ever increasing numbers. Only the dog areas have some empty kennels. That is because our community loves and takes GREAT care of its dogs, including spaying and neutering them. Dogs are coming to us in fewer numbers than in past years. Despite the scarcity of local dogs, our community still wants and deserves a selection of pooches to pick from. For this reason we are particularly excited that the ASPCA honored CHS with a $58K grant to purchase a Sprinter transport van. This will allow us to travel to our partner shelters in other parts of the country to rescue healthy, well-behaved dogs which would otherwise be euthanized. The grant was in response to a presentation about transport best practices that our resident veterinarian, Dr. Mandie Wehr, gave in Nashville, Tennessee, at the annual international HSUS animal conference in May 2013.

Besides our newfound ability to safely, humanely, and very carefully bring dogs from away to our community, we are also in the process of tackling the behavior issues that often cause dogs to end up in shelters in the first place. On pages 8 and 9 you can read all about the improvements we have underway for our doggy digs at CHS.

We also have some other exciting activities taking place around the CHS campus in 2014. We are creating a graphic/experiential exhibit of our vision for Coastal’s future in a room at 190 Pleasant Street. Intended to convey a feeling of the proposed Animal Adoption Center, the space will include the architect’s drawings, large “before and after” photographs, a “behind-the-scenes virtual tour” of the Range Road facility, and samples of the latest designs in cages and kennels. We expect to begin showing prospective supporters our plans later this winter. I invite you all to come by anytime to see what we are up to.

Happy New Year!

KAREN STIMPSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUCCESS STORIES

Where are they now?

We have about 150 pics of her now. **LEIA** is doing great! I can’t believe how sweet she is. Other dogs attitudes definitely don’t faze her, which I love. She’s good with the cats for the most part, but when she gets too excited and wants to play with them we just tell her to “leave it” and she does … obviously they don’t mind too much, one of them curls up with her. When we rub her and she gets really relaxed she kind of purrs, it sounds like she’s snoring with her eyes open. Mike keeps calling her a prize pit, and she really is. Thank you! — Bethany

MAC, one of the hoarded cats, was pregnant when she got to CHS, so she went into foster care. She had five kittens in early October. Here she is snuggling with one of them.

Long time Coastal Humane Society resident, **BOBBY**, found a home with his bonded buddy, Windy. Above, he strikes a silly pose on the coffee table.
Thank you.

The Coastal Humane Society thanks the volunteers, donors, and business supporters who donated their time, talent and resources to make our cat hoarder rescue such a huge success September 8 through September 15, 2013. To join our volunteer team, please call 725-5051 or visit coastalhumanesociety.org

If you are one of the many people that volunteered or stopped by with a kind donation and didn’t leave your name, this thank you is for you, too! Call 449-1366 to let us know we left you out.

COASTAL HUMANE SOCIETY
proliferation later, Dan was in a seriously unhealthy (for both man and beast) situation. Liam wanted a solution that was best both for the cats and Dan.

After several visits and lots of gentle persuasion, the man agreed to relinquish his furry roommates without any court or law involvement, so we could immediately provide veterinary care, spay/neuter surgeries, and speedy adoption. We began removing cats as shelter space allowed. However the cats left in the home were reproducing at an alarming rate, so our staff decided to take all the remaining cats at once and set up a temporary shelter in the administration building.

Shortly after dawn on September 8th, staff and volunteers began arriving at our makeshift cat rescue headquarters. This wasn’t our first cat round up, so we had a familiar script to follow, plus we had our knowledgeable shelter vet, Dr. Mandie Wehr, overseeing the whole operation. Soon two shelter vans, loaded with cat carriers, veterinary supplies, and catch nets, headed south toward their mission.

The rescue went according to plan. No one was allowed in the home. While our #1 cat wrangler, Darlene Brunick, stood outside the front door reassuring Dan that his cats would be well cared for, he tearfully but steadily delivered them to her, one by one. The vans soon returned, laden with mewing cargo.

What happened next was simply amazing: over 50 volunteers and staff escorted an even greater number of cats through a M.A.S.H.-style triage of six stations. Each cat was registered, examined by the vet, vaccinated, de-wormed, deflead and lime sulfur dipped. Once dried, each was fed and settled into its new surroundings. Throughout the day local business people, neighboring vets, restaurant staff, and citizens came by with words of encouragement, donations, supplies, and lots of food for both cats and volunteers — a wonderfully generous outpouring that continued through the week.

A week later, on the first scheduled adoption day, we enjoyed the most heartwarming part of the whole operation. When the doors opened at 11:00 a.m., 45 people were already in line, carriers in hand, ready to take a cat home. At 4:30 only three cats were left and six people were eager to adopt them. It was then I realized that people had come not just to look for a cat but to rescue a cat.

Invaluable support from the community helped make this rescue a success. Thank you to the generous businesses, professionals and individuals who donated dollars, goods and services. Thank you to our enthusiastic volunteers and shelter partners. And especially, thank you to all adopters who took cats into their hearts and homes.

— KAREN STIMPSON, Executive Director
NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Wish list

We go through a lot of food, litter, and laundry caring for up to 200 animals every day! Canned cat and dog food, litter, towels, fleece blankets and bleach are at the top of our wish list — but there’s plenty more we could use! If you see anything on this list you can provide, please help us out. Donations can be dropped off at the shelter on Range Road during business hours, 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. We will happily give you a receipt for your tax records, as well as a warm thank you!

For the animals...
- Peanut butter
- Cat litter (especially pellet form)
- Chicken baby food
- Cat beds
- Canned cat food
- Hill’s Prescription Diet food (canned and dry): w/d (canine & feline), c/d (canine & feline), and a/d
- Chew bones & treats
- Cat toys including feather/wands & furry mice
- Toys & treats for rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, mice, gerbils and hamsters
- Litter scoops
- Dog toys
- Kong toys for dogs
- New brooms & dust pans
- New high power, industrial strength vacuum cleaner
- Liquid hand sanitizer
- Office supplies
- High quality digital camera
- White copy paper
- Gas gift cards for fueling shelter van

For the building...
- Tall kitchen (30 gallon) and 60 gallon trash bags
- Plastic grocery bags for picking up animal waste
- Bleach
- Paper towels, toilet paper, & tissues
- Low-sudsing laundry powder
- New brooms & dust pans
- High power, industrial strength vacuum cleaner
- Liquid hand sanitizer
- Office supplies
- High quality digital camera
- White copy paper
- Gas gift cards for fueling shelter van

For the vet...
- Hydrogen peroxide or rubbing alcohol
- Soft blankets for surgery recovery

Did you know? Maine has the second highest number of cat owners in the U.S. More than 40% of households in Maine have a cat. The second most popular pedigree cat in the U.S. is the Maine Coon.

PSA GRANT

Award winning videographer shares his talents with CHS

Lynn Peterson, an award-winning videographer, visited CHS in October to film some public service announcements. Lynn is world-renowned — he has six Emmys in his living room — and now works with the charitable organization Greater Good whose mission is to “protect people, pets and the planet.” Through videography, Lynn uses his talents to help non-profit groups tell their stories, to help raise donations and to inspire more people to volunteer. Thanks to our veterinarian, Dr. Mandie Wehr, CHS won a grant from Greater Good to produce public service announcements.

Lynn’s energy was infectious when he came to CHS in October. By the end of the first day, I was bursting with pride for CHS, as we both observed many happy animals and heard several recurring themes from staff and volunteers. “This is where I want to be. This is where I come to be myself and do what I love.” — “We do a lot for them, but they do so much more for us.”

Lynn spends his time helping to give a voice to good causes and organizations. We are grateful he gave one to CHS. Look for the videos on our website, on Facebook, and television in the coming months!

— JANE SIVISKI, Social Media & Marketing Coordinator

Above: LYNN, KAREN, and PEANUT work on a recorded segment.
SPECIAL GIFT

CHS receives special $45,000 endowed trust

The Coastal Humane Society is the recipient of a $45,000 endowed trust, the “Kate and Hector Fund.” The fund’s purpose is to provide financial help to pet owners in Mid-Coast Maine who need assistance in neutering a pet dog or cat or in paying for expensive medical treatment to prevent the unnecessary premature death of their dog or cat.

This generous bequest came from Renee Weisbard. As part of her estate plan, Renee provided for several charities. The most personal of these legacies was the one named for two of the family dogs.

Renee and her husband Alan retired to Brunswick, Maine in 1971, after owning and operating a pharmacy in Doylestown, Pennsylvania for more than 20 years. They loved to travel and had visited much of Europe and parts of Asia. Their home was full of artwork, books and souvenirs from their travels. Alan and Renee shared their home with beloved pets. Their dogs, Kate and Hector, passed away some time ago, but were never forgotten by the Weisbards. In honor of their dogs, they created a trust funded from their estate to provide for pets in need.

Alan passed away in 2001. Renee died nine years later on his birthday. CHS is honored to carry out the legacy of these kind and generous animal lovers.

FOSTER TALE

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

If you would like to become a Foster Parent for CHS, it’s easy. Please apply online or contact our Foster Coordinator Nicole Jedry-Irvin at 725-5051, ext. 14 or by email at foster@coastalhumanesociety.org.

69 KITTENS and 13 PUPPIES — A tale of a CHS foster family

Sixty-nine kittens and thirteen puppies, that’s how many little furry ones the Morrill family has fostered and helped to save in the past two years. Bottle feeding kittens is their specialty—and favorite labor of love. The whole family helps with feeding, loving and playing with the fostered animals.

“The most fun part of fostering is getting to spend lots of time with kittens and puppies. The best part is knowing we are helping these animals and making a difference in their young lives,” said daughter Sarah Morrill. “Without foster families a lot of these little ones wouldn’t have a fighting chance. It has it’s sad moments. Sometimes, no matter how hard we or the staff at CHS try, we lose one. But fostering brings so much joy and it is so rewarding.”

CHS offers foster training, medical care, food, litter, and bedding. Fosters provide the comfortable, quiet environment these future pets need while they get ready for adoption.

The Morrills have had many special animals, but one stands out. A kitten named Zeus was rescued from under a trailer and was in bad shape. They made him a comfy bed in the living room. He was safely fenced in, given plenty of blankets and treated to a heating pad. But Zeus wanted so much to be held and snuggled that he would gaze up soulfully with his irresistible big round kitten eyes until someone picked him up. Even as he grew bigger and stronger he still loved to be held and would sit at someone’s feet and stare up at them until they succumbed to his silent plea.

“It was hard to give him back,” mom Melissa remarked, “but we know he went to a wonderful family. And there were new kittens that had come in and needed our love. So, yes, we do get attached, but we know our job is to get them big enough to go to homes and families that we know will love them as much as we do.”

Above: ZEUS, one of the Morrill family’s adorable foster kittens, snuggles into a blanket.

SET UP YOUR OWN TRUST OR BEQUEST

For more information about setting up your own trust or bequest for the welfare of CHS animals, please contact Karen Stimpson, Executive Director, at 207-449-1366, ext. 4.
The “Joey” Fund & Enrichment Program

CHS has embarked on a new canine enrichment program designed to improve a dog’s stay at the shelter and ensure happy and permanent adoptions. Staff and volunteers are being trained in techniques which include obedience training, supervised play with other dogs and other activities that will keep our canines occupied and challenged.

Inspired by the loving devotion of a friend for her pets, Yarmouth resident Janet Brewer approached CHS to make a donation in memory of Deborah “Joey” Jenkins, who passed away in March 2012. She requested that this donation “go to the dogs.” That check caused a domino effect that has been building momentum ever since.

Joey had several passions in her life, one of which was her love of animals, especially dogs. She had adopted a cat, Pixel, from CHS and was a volunteer dog walker as her busy schedule allowed. Joey was diagnosed with advanced cancer in 2011. Knowing her time was limited, she gave much thought to her legacy and requested that CHS be one of her beneficiaries.

So her friend Janet came to the shelter with an idea. She wanted to set up a fund to encourage other donations to our dog programs. We thought it was a great idea since about half of the shelter’s expenditures go to the dogs. We chose to ease into a comprehensive dog program using the fund to train volunteers and staff in activities to make doggie days at the shelter more stimulating.

We consulted the experts, then drafted the bones of a program based on successful national models. One of these, the “C.L.A.S.S. Program,” (“Canine Living and Social Skills”) helps lower shelter stress through basic daily obedience exercises, and teaches the kinds of skills dogs will need to adapt to their new homes. Rather than focus dog volunteer time solely on walking dogs, our volunteers will focus on teaching basic obedience using rewards based training.

If you would like to join our team of “enrichers,” please contact our C.L.A.S.S. and Dog Obedience Instructor, Sarah Steele, at
Dog Behavior Hotline

Many pet surrenders and most animal returns to shelters are due to behavior issues. Often these returns and surrenders could have been prevented if the pet owners had support, advice, information, or resources to turn to. So it’s time for us to get the word out to our adopters and other pet owners that help is just a phone call away. Our dog behavior hotline provides counseling on problem behaviors. It’s free. Just call 725-5051, ext. 12 and leave a message explaining the problem. Then please be patient with us; it may take a day or so, but we will call you back. We’ll ask questions, suggest solutions, provide you with information, and resources, or recommend other experts if necessary. Our goal is to enhance the bond between people and their pets, so don’t hesitate to call us for help.

New Digs For Dogs

Throughout 2014 we will be seeking community help to improve our dog areas at Range Road. We plan to start with the annual ritual of winterizing the dog isolation area. Once the snow arrives, we will beef up our trail and yard maintenance to help prevent and/or eliminate icy areas that pose a hazard to volunteers working outside with the dogs. Come spring, we’ll replace, or re-set dog yard fencing in order to thwart would-be escapees. We will also install barriers to prevent noisy disagreements and nose fights through the chain link. This effort has been generously funded by the Paul Makanowitzky Residuary Trust. Barbara and Paul Makanowitzky were residents of South Freeport and had a deep interest in the humane treatment of animals.

Then we’d like to build a “natural room” (a replica of a living room) for our dogs, where they can hang out with humans and be away from clanging kennels and the daily shelter hub bub. With good community support, we will also be able to build a laundry space away from the main building to protect the animals from possible dryer fires.

We picture a series of “fun-for-the-whole-family” work weekends, complete with food and plenty of animal time. All events, volunteer sign-ups, building material wish lists, and schedules will be posted on our website, so keep checking. We hope that you will join us.

NOTE: As this newsletter goes to press, we have received over $40,000 in supplies and labor from Hardypond Construction Company and over a dozen other vendors to begin immediate improvement to the dog areas. Board member Dorothy Wentworth and her husband Bob Gaudreau, president of Hardypond are making this effort happen beginning December 30, 2013!

If you would like to be on our “New Digs for Dogs” Planning Committee, we would love to have you! Monthly meetings (don’t worry – there will only be 4 of them, and they will last just an hour) begin in January.

If you are interested in joining up, or have special skills, talents, or building materials to donate, please contact: kstimpson@coastalhumanesociety.org, call 449-1367, ext. 4, or just stop by 190 Pleasant Street and ask for Karen.

Dog Obedience Classes

We are adding some bells and whistles (or, in this case, clickers and treats) to our current roster of dog obedience classes. Enthusiastically taught by C.I.A.S.S. certified Dog Obedience Trainer Sarah Steele, our basic classes will still be offered — Puppy Playtime, and Basic and Intermediate Obedience. Other popular sessions, such as Tricks, Canine Good Citizen, and more, are listed on page 15 and on our website.

We’ll continue the C.I.A.S.S. training we began with each of our alumnae while they were at the shelter, teaching or reinforcing skills such as leash training, settling down, meeting strangers, table manners, attention, and coming when called, to name a few. Dogs can advance from a C.I.A.S.S. “B.A.,” to an “M.A.,” and finish with a “PhD.” certification. Dogs adopted from CHS will receive a $25 discount off every class. We really want our adopters to get off on the right paw! Non-alumni are also encouraged to join in these fun and rewarding classes.

To learn more or to sign up for any of our dog obedience sessions, please visit our website at coastalhumanesociety.org/obedience or call 725-5051, ext. 12.
Coastal Humane Society memorials

CHS is pleased to accept donations with the names of those whom you wish to memorialize. In order to properly celebrate your loved one, please specify next to each name whether your memorial is in the name of a special person or a beloved pet. Thank you for your continued support!

**PERSONAL MEMORIALS**
Send your donation plus the name of the person(s) you wish to honor, and include your name, to Personal Memorials, c/o CHS Administrative Offices, 190 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, ME 04011 or call (207) 449-1366, ext. 2

**PET MEMORIALS**
Send your donation to us with the name of the animal(s) you wish to memorialize, and your name, to Pet Memorials, c/o CHS Administrative Offices, 190 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, ME 04011 or call (207) 449-1366, ext. 2

**OTHER DONATIONS**
Please note that all other donations will be listed in our annual report. Consider making your memorial or honorarium gift on our website. Please go to coastalhumanesociety.org and click on “donate.”

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**People honorariums**
Donations were made in honor of the following special people between February 1, 2013 and September 30, 2013.

- **CHASE BOYD**
  - Amy Boyd
  - MONTA CHIMPAH FOR VALENTINES DAY
  - Ronald Chipman
  - BIANCA CUNNINGHAM’S BIRTHDAY
  - Helen & David Griese
  - SUZANNE ENGEL
  - Molly Engel
  - CHADY RENHAM
  - Midcoast Federal Credit Union
  - WILLIAM FELKAY’S BIRTHDAY
  - Kathleen & Robert Burns
  - AVA FOX
  - Grace Abbott
  - Julie & Benjamin Gray
  - WRINKLES GREENE’S 12TH BIRTHDAY
  - Deborah Smyth
  - ALEXA GURNEY’S BIRTHDAY
  - Roberta Gurney
  - TRISHA GUSHE & CAROL FINK
  - Donald Wooten & Cynthia Deschenes
  - HEIDI HAYES
  - Victoria Harris
  - BONNIE HAYWARD’S BIRTHDAY
  - Michael Woodward
  - MAGGIE & JEFF
  - Pamela & Jones
  - CHLOE MARBLESTONE
  - Catherine Payson
  - TARA MIGLIACCI’S BIRTHDAY
  - Charlotte Soule
  - Susan Martling
  - MONHEGAN ISLAND DOCK JUMPERS
  - Gina Nelson
  - LILY MORRIS
  - Margaret Tripp
  - ELIZABETH MOYER
  - Cyndy Bush
  - HANNAH PAYSON’S BIRTHDAY
  - Maureen & David Soutter
  - EVERETT & STELLA PERKINS
  - Glenis Elliott
  - AIDAN PERKINSON
  - Anna & Chris Boll
  - Nancy & Scott Donsbach
  - Christopher & Anita Duffy
  - STEPHEN & HEATHER PERKINSON
  - Louise & Nuri Rosen
  - FRAN & GEORGE PHILIP
  - Victoria Devlin
  - ZOE PINKHAM & MADDIE HORROCKS ON THEIR 12TH BIRTHDAY
  - Hayden Libby
  - Max Spelke
  - ANDREA PURINTON
  - Village Candle
  - SANDY REYNOLDS BIRTHDAY
  - Joanne, Shelly, Carol, Jan, Bron, Angela & Pat
  - LYDIA SHEPHERD
  - Anne McBride
  - MARI SHULTZ’S BIRTHDAY
  - Stephanie Gross
  - BECKY SMITH
  - Susan Lloyd-Rees
  - SHAWN & SALLY’S WEDDING
  - Lois Kilby-Chesley
  - DEB SILVERMAN & PAT HARRIS’S WEDDING
  - Lynn Lustig
  - DR. WEHR
  - Laura Manning
  - Victoria Devlin
  - Frank & Lorna Dorsey
  - Lance & Karen Fletcher
  - Alfred & Polly Frawley
  - David & Serena Mercer
  - Fran Philip
  - William Poole
  - Sally Rand
  - Holly Sweeney
  - Randy Dievendorf
  - Hugh Robinson
  - Alden & Barbara Sawyer
  - Susan Soule
  - Didi & Holmes Stockly
  - Arthur & Edith Sweeney
  - Michael & Anne Taggart
  - Henry & Patricia Thomas
  - SUMMER ARCHER
  - Carl & Deborah Grobe
  - Amada Petersen & Nate Toothaker
  - CECIL BEAN
  - Glenis Elliott
  - DON BEATTIE
  - Gene & Robert Proctor
  - JASMINE JAZZY BINETTE
  - Girl Scout Troop #953
  - JOHN BORDEN
  - John Berry
  - Frank & Judith Carney
  - Carla Kissens
  - Jean McCluskey
  - Susan & Charles White
  - EDGAR BRADLEY
  - Sue Bradley
  - ROGER BREWER
  - Donald Mclean
  - EDWARD ERIC BUTLER
  - Lori Belza
  - Mary & Eric Butler
  - James Carter
  - Lydia & Andre Coquyty
  - Edward & Zella Dewey
  - Laura Lane-Letcher
  - Louise Lawes
  - Maine Technology Institute
  - Louise Minot
  - Morris Moser
  - Ocean Renewable Power Co.
  - Charles Vaughan
  - Charles Vaughan
  - Melissa & Ben Woodin
  - Linda Newth
  - CASEY SHARON & ALAN ALEXANDER
  - Casey Richard & Valerie Lamkin
  - CONNIE CHAIS
  - Stephen Chaissen
  - DOROTHY D. COLWELL
  - Atlantic Regional FCU
  - Colwell Mike Brady
  - CHRISTINE CONNELLY
  - Kathleen Connelly
  - ANNE COOK
  - Glenn & Michelle Richardson
  - FAYLENE H. CORNISH
  - Mary Heintzelman
  - Susan & Kevin Karnes
  - Eric & Patricia Robinson

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**Pet honorariums**
Donations were made in honor of the following special pets between February 1, 2013 and September 30, 2013.

- **BARKLEY (ALEXY)**
  - Lee & Lulu Grodzins
  - BELLA, SVEN & OLE
  - Rob Sobak & Karen Hoppenbrouwers
  - CASEY
  - Jeanne Ruid
  - GIGI
  - Eileen Boardman
  - HERKAMER
  - Tracy Hoffman & Tony Mestek
  - JEZABEL
  - Jon Biehler
  - LINUS
  - Jonas & Kate Werner
  - MERCEDES
  - Lyndsey Sutherland
  - MR. FLYNN & CHINA
  - Arthur & Charlotte Mary
  - MUGSY
  - Cynthia Griswold
  - OJ, BLACKIE & NIGHT
  - Carol Plourde
  - LILY MORRIS
  - Margaret Tripp
  - ELIZABETH MOYER
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  - Victoria Devlin
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  - Hayden Libby
  - Max Spelke
  - ANDREA PURINTON
  - Village Candle

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**People memorials**
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- **JOHN AMORY**
  - Thomas & Rachel Armstrong
  - Jon & Katherine Bauer
  - Mary Baron
  - Polly Burke
  - Victoria Devlin
  - Frank & Lorna Dorsey
  - Lance & Karen Fletcher
  - Alfred & Polly Frawley
  - David & Serena Mercer
  - Fran Philip
  - William Poole
  - Sally Rand
  - Holly Sweeney
  - Randy Dievendorf
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  - Didi & Holmes Stockly
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ABBY
Darragh Ferranti

ADDIE
Peter & Helen Frati

ALICE
Paula Rougny

ANNIE
Barbara & George Burr
Peter & Helen Frati
Kristina & Walter Hodgdon
Gary & Joanne Pennington

ANDY
Tracy & Rob Betti

ADDIE
Healthcare Management Systems

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Pam & Larry Jensen

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Round of A-Paws…

THANK YOU, POLLY ANDERSON!

Are you enjoying your issue of Paws in Print? That’s largely thanks to one extraordinary lady, Polly Anderson, who has been our unofficial editor since Paws in Print’s very first issue in 2008.

Polly served on the Board for many years and has been significantly involved in our Plant Sale, animal photography, Millie’s Can collecting, and a whole lot more in addition to being our editor extraordinaire.

She carefully edits our work, does a whole lot of writing, and gets everything ready for print. We’ve sneakily snuck this thank you to her under her nose! Thank you, Polly, for being an incredible friend and supporter and for helping to produce what has to be one of the finest animal shelter newsletters. We, all of us at CHS, raise a can of Friskies cat food to you — several in fact!

Above: Polly (on right) with CHS friends and at the annual plant sale.
Region 10 Technical High School donates refurbished van!

Balloons, a large bow and a newly painted, shiny green van (sporting the Coastal Humane Society logo) greeted Karen Stimpson, CHS Executive Director as she walked into the Regional Voc. 10 High School Auto Collision shop. Her jaw dropped at the sight of the generous gift.

The Auto Collision students took on a “pay it forward” project featuring their newly acquired water-based paint system. The new system was funded by a grant from Lowe’s Toolbox for Education. The water-based spray paint is the latest development in auto collision technology and is intended to be more environmentally friendly and cost effective. The students not only repainted but also skillfully repaired and refurbished a donated van and then gave it to the Coastal Humane Society.

CHS staff and volunteers are very grateful to the talented and generous Voc. 10 students and staff for their spiffy, much needed new wheels. The vehicle is invaluable in helping us to carry out our mission. And, if they could speak, the animals who benefit from this wonderful gift would also thank you from the bottom of their furry hearts — and give you a kiss on the nose.

Did you know?

Global warming could lead to longer breeding seasons for cats. Cats are warm weather breeders so longer summers and warmer shorter winters may mean more litters.

Fundraising made easy

On my second day as Development Assistant at CHS, E.D. Karen Stimpson, asked if I wanted to work on a special fundraising project — I said, “Sure!” Sally Tongren of Topsham had called and wanted to donate her 2008 Subaru Outback to the shelter. No longer able to drive, she decided to donate the car to an organization that could use the vehicle or sell it and use the proceeds. I researched the IRS guidelines then we went to Sally’s home where we met her son Eric and her cat Spooky (a CHS alum) and completed the transaction.

The car was in excellent condition with low mileage so it sold quickly. We owe Sally a huge THANK YOU for this unexpected gift — and for making my new job so rewarding!

— KELLY FIKE, Development Assistant

Above: The beautiful new HONDA ODYSSEY VAN donated to Coastal Humane Society by Region 10 Technical High School.

Above: AMERE loves donations and thanks everyone who supports the animals of CHS!
NEW CUSTOM VAN

ASPCA donates custom animal rescue van to CHS

Dr. Mandie Wehr returned from a sheltering convention this past spring with a custom built animal transport van in her suitcase. Well... the paperwork and promise for one. The ASPCA, impressed with a presentation by Dr. Wehr and by her passion for saving more animals from overcrowded southern shelters, offered her a generous grant to purchase a vehicle especially equipped for the transport of animals. The “Sprinter” cargo van can accommodate 30 to 40 animals in comfortable conditions. It is tall enough for a person to stand up in and climate controlled for the animals’ safety and comfort. The grant also covers operating expenses for the first year.

A little back story: Our veterinarian had been researching ways for CHS to implement the American Shelter Vet (ASV) guidelines for best practices. She wanted to improve shelter procedures as well as the animal transport operations, thus ensuring that the shelter was meeting high quality standards for animals rescued from other shelters while protecting resident animals from potential infectious diseases.

Dr. Wehr presented a paper on the results of her research to the Humane Society of the United States at their 2013 Spring conference. She reported that she had been consistently developing the ASV guidelines at CHS since 2012, but that she couldn’t accommodate all the best practices because she had no control over the transportation of the Southern rescue dogs. She felt strongly that if the shelter had its own transport vehicle, CHS would be able to save more lives (regularly scheduled trips rather than relying on the schedules of commercial companies), provide more humane transfers (e.g. stopping every four hours to give the dogs a break), and have more say in choosing the animals.

“The sending shelters naturally give us the animals that they feel would be most appealing to adopters,” she said. “I would like to add dogs that are at a higher risk of euthanasia, so-called “brown” dogs. These are ordinary looking dogs who don’t stand out but who would still make great family pets.”

The van is being outfitted and should be ready for rescue trips early in 2014!

Thanks to Dr. Wehr and the ASPCA, CHS can now help save more animals from euthanasia and bring more wonderful pets to Maine where they will have a better chance at finding homes.

Want to help us save even more animals?

We will need volunteer drivers, gas cards, and more Puppy Squad helpers. Also loyalty cards for national chain restaurants and transferable points for hotel lodging would make trips easier for volunteer drivers.

Top left: Dr. Wehr, right, and her team with a transport pup. Top right, a sample of the type of custom van CHS will be receiving to help transport animals.
Get involved with CHS!
All listed events will be held at our Administrative Offices at 190 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, unless otherwise noted. Visit our website frequently to check for new workshops or other activities.

JANUARY

SAT 1/4
Rabies PLUS! Clinic
Harpstown Town Office
Mountain Road, Harpswell
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
New Volunteer
Orientation & Training
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

SAT 1/18
Rabies PLUS! Clinic
Cumberland Town Office
Tuttle Road, Cumberland
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
New Volunteer
Orientation & Training
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

TUES 1/21
Dog Enrichment Program
Roll Out Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

SAT 2/1
New Volunteer
Orientation & Training
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

SAT 2/8
Rabies PLUS! Clinic
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

THURS 2/13
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

SAT 2/15
New Volunteer
Orientation & Training
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

MARCH

SAT 3/1
New Volunteer
Orientation & Training
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

SAT 3/8
Rabies PLUS! Clinic
10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

SAT 3/15
New Volunteer
Orientation & Training
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

APRIL

TUES 4/1
Dogs Behaving Badly:
Impulse Control Workshop
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
(one night only, $15 per dog)

SAT 4/5
New Volunteer
Orientation & Training
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

SAT 4/12
Rabies PLUS! Clinic
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SAT 5/19
New Volunteer
Orientation & Training
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

JUNE

6/14
Rabies Plus Clinic
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

JULY

SUN 7/13
Rabies Plus Clinic
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

A smart dog is a happy dog
Why take obedience classes at CHS? We’re experts. It’s affordable. All proceeds from our classes benefit our shelter animals. And CHS adoptees are eligible for a $25 discount on all classes! To learn more or sign up, visit coastalhumane society.org/obedience or call 207-725-5051, ext. 12.

WEEKLY DOG Obedience CLASSES
See schedule below for basic classes.

Basic Obedience
Open enrollment, 6 week program
Mondays beginning 1/6, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays beginning 1/11, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Puppy Kindergarten
Open enrollment, 6 week program
Mondays beginning 1/6, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays beginning 1/11, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

FREE Puppy Playtime
Get your puppy off on the right paw
Every Monday, 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Every Saturday, 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

SPECIAL OBEDIENCE CLASSES
All special classes meet weekly for 4 weeks and run from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Total Recall
Tuesdays, session 1 beginning 1/7, session 2 beginning 4/8

Tricks!
Tuesdays, beginning 2/4

All About Walking
Tuesdays, beginning 3/4
WHAT A SUCCESS!

Paws for a Cause

This past Paws for a Cause could be the best ever — not only did everyone have a great time, we raised a whopping $27,740 for homeless animals!

The day featured our first 5k run — a huge success with nearly 100 two-legged runners, and many four-legged ones. A thousand thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered, and joined us for our special day of serious fun and fundraising. Your support is vital to our mission!

WINNERS: Be sure to check out who won our 5k race and dog talent contests on our website!

SAVE THE DATE: Our next Paws for a Cause will be August 23, 2014. If you would like to be a volunteer, please call Jane at 449-1366, ext. 1.