



The Monthly Meow | December 2020



□ Animal Antics □

Help Keep Our Doors Open This Holiday Season



Seventeen years. For the past seventeen years, Conway Area Humane Society has saved the lives of thousands of our most vulnerable homeless animals. Community support has been vital to this mission. We depend on donors keep our doors open.

Our homeless animals need your help now more than ever. The pandemic has compromised our major fundraising events - but we will rise above this challenging time. When you donate to CAHS, you are helping us stay in operation and giving the gift of life in a most crucial year.

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Purrfect Christmas

Sassy siblings Bucky and Aries were surrendered to CAHS in July. Unfortunately, both cats tested positive for feline leukemia. This dynamic duo were two of the friendliest felines we've ever had! It took five months, but they were finally adopted together. [Read their story on our blog, The Weekly Wag!](#)



Reasons to Rescue an FeLV+ Cat

Have you ever wanted to be a cat superhero? Adopting a cat with feline leukemia (FeLV+) is an incredibly easy and rewarding way to save a life. Reasons why adopting an FeLV+ cat is the best decision you will ever make:

1. FeLV+ cats need all the love they can get!
2. FeLV+ cats can live long, healthy lives in the care of loving owners.
3. FeLV+ can only be contracted by cats, and does not affect humans or other pets.

Do you have what it takes to be a feline superhero? Find out now.

Saving Seraphina: Feline Flees From Flames



Tragedy struck as flames engulfed a Berlin home, leaving a cat named Bernadette trapped inside. It was nothing short of a miracle that this brave kitty escaped. Unfortunately, she endured injuries that required critical medical care her owners could not afford. Bernadette is being treated at the Conway Veterinary Hospital and is receiving all the love and care needed to heal. She was even renamed 'Seraphina' by hospital staff, which means 'fiery one'. **Follow her recovery story on our blog.**



Maggie and Chief, two spaniel mixes ages 11 and 3, came to to us after being rescued from a hoarding situation in southern New Hampshire. Though very under-socialized, this dynamic duo had the love of each other to keep the faith. [Read their story here.](#)

❑ Shelter Stats ❑

November Notes!

We Find Forever Homes

Take a look at all the great work we did in the month of November because of your support!



Cat Intakes

We rescued 27 wonderful kitties this November.



Cat Adoptions

49 cats found their families!



Dog Intakes

28 dogs found a temporary family with us.



Dog Adoptions

24 tails are at Wag-Level 100!



Intakes
55



Adoptions
73

From Our Furrless Leader



Dear CAHS Community,

I greatly appreciate all the community support we continue to receive despite the current crisis. We know that your love of animals, like ours, has not wavered during this pandemic. We all know that the work of saving animals needs to continue. It is not just animals we are helping here at CAHS. The power of human-animal bonds cannot be overstated. It is the people and families that adopt their pets here that is so powerful. I know I have greatly benefited from the joy of my own two dogs, Piper and Bandit, even more than normal during these socially distanced times.

I would like to thank **Four Your Paws Only** for helping us this month with our effort to get more pet food out to our local food banks. We will be able to distribute 3,450 pounds of pet food because of their help! It is a difficult financial time for many in our community, and we want to make sure we are doing are part to help. I also want to thank the **Vaughan Community Services Food Bank** for accepting the donation of food and working to distribute it along with all the work they are already doing feeding families here in the Valley. If you are having any challenges taking care of your pets during this time, please reach out to us so we can offer help.

The Conway Area Humane Society remains committed to fulfilling our mission, and thanks to the generosity of this community, we continue to have the means of doing so. We are already busy at work planning for our spring fundraiser, Paddy O'Paws. It will have to be an online fundraiser this coming year, but we will have some great items for auction, so please stay tuned for that event.

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Conway Area Humane Society! We wish you and your families a safe and wonderful holiday time!

Tim Westwig, Executive Director
Conway Area Humane Society



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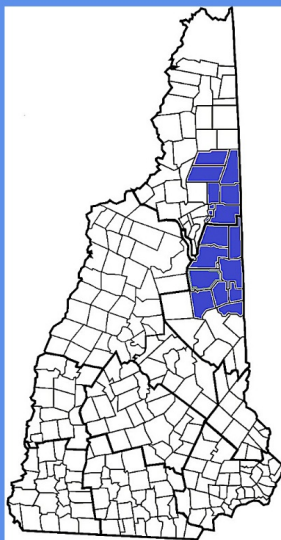
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Finding Forever Homes



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Community Mews

Pandemic Pet Response



Are you afraid of affording pet food at this time, or know someone who is? COVID-19 is creating housing and employment instability in our community and beyond, which can make buying food difficult as well. CAHS recognizes its mission to help our human and animal community members in their most challenging times of need. We wanted to make an extra special effort to stock food pantries with pet food during this time. CAHS partnered with For Your Paws Only to make this possible. For Your Paws Only helped us place a \$2500 order of pet food at wholesale cost, and even stepped up to give us an additional \$1250 towards this

effort! This resulted in 3,450 pounds of food to donate!

Thank you to Brian and Kathy, and all their staff members for making this happen. Thank you to Midwestern Pet Food as well for their support. Our plan is to donate this to local food pantries, starting with Vaughan Food Pantry. [Read the details here.](#)

Festive Faces: New to CAHS!

A round of ap-paws to three new faces: **Lauren Orsini**, **Mary Anne Sledzinski** and **Tara Vito**! Lauren is serving a second term on the CAHS Board, Mary Anne is our Bookkeeper, and Tara is our Staff Writer. Lauren has been instrumental in the creation of CAHS, practicing a lifelong labor of love for our community's neediest animals. Mary Anne brings a devotion to animals and a desire to help the Mount Washington Valley community. Tara is new to the neighborhood and offers a passion to serve through the written word. [Meet these paw-some people!](#)

❑ Lending a Paw ❑

Sponsors



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Volunteers and Donors

CAHS is fortunate to have a meow-velous group of volunteers who have litter-ally kept our doors open through the years. COVID has made the paw-sibility of volunteering difficult. This in no way means we do not need or appreciate your help. If anything, the pandemic makes us recognize your impact even more.

We are Furr-tunate for:

- **Barbara, Shelia** and **Katrina** - three wonderful women who ensure our cats have clean and comfy living spaces at CAHS.
- **Barbara** and **Shelia** for also clearing out the Harrison House.
- **Shelia's** endless supply of homemade blankets for our cats.
- **Ann's** incredible dedication on vet days, showing up for our animals during their greatest times of medical need.
- **Cheryl Ann**, our transport driver, who continually commits to long commutes to pick up our new residents.
- Everyone who has generously volunteered time for donation pick-ups
- **Amy**, who is fostering Finley, the five-week-old kitten
- **Christopher** and **Tara** for fostering eight-year-old Abby the cat
- **Helen**, who is training in cat care

Thanks to **Jackson Grammar School** for giving our animal friends a special delivery of your tasty treats! We estimate approximately five billion tail wags resulted from your gift. Thank you to the **Merriman House** for their donation of handmade catnip toys. Needless to say, our cats went crazy over this purr-fectly timed delivery!

□ **We're Not Kitten!** □

Jokes, Pokes and Anecdotes

JOKES

Why did the snowman
name his dog frost?

BECAUSE HE BITES!

What do you call a
frozen dog?

A PUPSICLE!

What did the dog say
when Christmas dinner
was served?

BONE APETIT!

How would a cat wish
you happy holidays?

MEOWY CHRISTMAS!

□ Take Action □

We Need Your Help!

Help save lives today.

During the pandemic, CAHS has been busier than ever. The need has never been greater for animal rescue efforts.

In the midst of the pandemic, CAHS has continued to:

- Remain open for animals and animal owners in need.
- Take surrenders.
- Provide lifesaving medical care.
- Secure forever homes for hundreds of homeless pets.
- Travel, both regionally and nationally, to conduct animal rescue transports.
- Offer our Safe Haven Program for local emergency surrenders.
- Provide Dog Park access for members.

Animals do
speak, but
only to those
who know
how to listen.

UNKNOWN

The pandemic has been particularly hard on the shelter because of its interruption to fundraising efforts, and **we need your help**. We have always relied heavily on our donors, and even more so in this time of need.

