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Thank You

by Jeanette Christman,
Director

THANK YOU! As the new director of HSWM, I have been humbled and honored by all of the support that I have received. I have had the opportunity to meet so many new people and truly believe that we have the best volunteers, employees, supporters and Board.

It is because of our wonderful and generous supporters that we have been very busy planning some much needed maintenance on our buildings. We also will be starting on the new 32 x 64 foot agility/exercise yard for all of the dogs, which I am very excited about. We are hoping that with the help of our supporters we will be able to remodel and add-on to our incoming cat building and add a puppy nursery in the near future.

As we continue to help the abandoned, abused and homeless animals in our community we once again really need to thank all our staff, volunteers, and our supporters. We are very blessed to have the support from our community and to have so many helping us help these animals. Last year we took in 843 pets and were able to reunite 135 of them with their families. We adopted out 476 and worked with other shelters and rescues to place 128 in different areas of the state to help them get adopted. 2022 was a tough year but all of the hard work was definitely worth it.

We were able to spay or neuter 380 animals belonging to the public and 409 pets that came into the shelter. That is 789 animals in one year that were spayed or neutered, AMAZING!

Please stay tuned for all of this excitement and more. I hope to see all of you on August 26th at Happy Tails!

Spring & Summer Safety

by Debbie Neff,
Shelter Manager



With the warmer weather upon us, we would like to talk about some pet health and safety tips to keep you and your pets cool as cucumbers during those dog days of summer.

First and foremost vaccinating your animals is very important not just during the summer but throughout the year. During the summer months with more animals traveling here, there and everywhere, it's a very wise idea to make sure that your animals are up to date on their vaccinations. They could pick something up literally anywhere and have detrimental effects on their overall health. So, before planning to go on that fun family vacay with Fido and Fifi get them in for their annual boosters.

You may want to talk to your veterinarian about a flea and tick preventative for your pets to keep those pesky parasites off and away from your pets and out of your home.

Anytime you are traveling with your animals make sure they are never left in a hot vehicle. This could result in extreme thirst, heat stroke or worse. Be conscious of the decisions you are making for your animals prior to taking them with you.

Our feline friends do not acclimate to the heat well at all. Some folks work on the Trap, Neuter and Release on feral cats during the warmer months. If you do, make sure that traps are not set during the hottest part of the day and are checked every morning to ensure that the cats are able to be taken in to your vet or released from the trap in a decent amount of time. Never set a live trap for an animal before going away for more than a day.

As always watch your kids and your pets around water! Have a Great Summer. See you at Happy Tails Aug 26!



by Bonnye Knoche
DOGhouse Manager

Hello. I would like to introduce myself as the new Manager of the DOGhouse Thrift Shop. My name is Bonnye, and I have resided in the White Mountains since 1992. My work experience has been retail and thrift stores. My personal experiences range from cooking, gardening, reading and farming. I have grown children and 3 wonderful fur babies - all rescues.

When I saw the opportunity to work with the Humane Society as the DOGhouse Manager, I realized I was filling a need and desire within me. My team consists of 3 people - Jeremy, Gary, and Terri - along with great volunteers. There are many changes coming this year to improve and enhance your shopping experience. More importantly, we are motivated to increase sales for the shelter and the care given to the animals it helps.

Our doors are open for donations, but we are doing home pickups if needed. We always need newspaper and plastic shopping bags for the store.

Please stop by The DOGhouse to say hello, shop our merchandise, and support the Humane Society of the White Mountains!

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Volunteer Spotlight

By Cally Grimes, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator

Terry Bankert

Many of you may already be familiar with our dear friend Terry but for those of you who are not, please allow me to introduce to you a truly amazing woman.

Terry is a native Arizonian who grew up and went to school in Scottsdale. After graduating, Terry attended University of Arizona in Tucson where she majored in sales and marketing. As a teen along with her family, Terry volunteered and fostered animals for Arizona Humane Society. Although she chose her career in sales and marketing, Terry's lifelong passion has been to help animals of all kinds. Terry served on the Board of Directors for Brambly Hedge Rabbit Rescue for 15 years. Terry has made countless friends and contacts with rescues throughout the southwest in her quests to help animals all over the state. It is safe to say this woman has helped save thousands of lives during her years in rescue. Terry also served on the Board of Directors for Show Low's shelter Pet Allies for 10 years.

In 2010 Terry started volunteering at the Humane Society of the White Mountains. "I told them I wanted to start from the ground up" said Terry. So she started by scooping, cleaning kennels and

walking dogs. She, of course, also helped with dishes, laundry, clerical duties and any other tasks that were needed around the shelter. To this day Terry helps with all of these things and so much more. In 2012 Terry began helping with off-site adoptions and is currently our off-site Adoption Chair. Terry has always helped at our biggest fundraising event Happy Tails and has been Happy Tails co-chair since 2015. In 2022 Terry accumulated almost 500 hours volunteer time for Happy Tails alone. Terry has fostered countless animals in her years of rescue, continues to foster and always expresses the importance of fostering.

"The shelter is a part of my extended family. What happens here is important and I believe it should be important to everyone. I want to help make the lives of the shelter animals as soft, comfortable, stress-free and as happy as possible until they find their forever homes." -Terry Bankert

I spoke with a few of Terry's close friends and when asked "What comes to mind when you think of Terry Bankert?" This is what they had to say....

"As an advocate for animal welfare all of her life, Terry doesn't know the word 'Stop'. She has remarkable energy, compassion and knowledge to connect the right people with the right animal. I honestly believe Terry's passion for all animals' well-being has no boundaries and it is part of her actual DNA" -Gayle Basso

"Terry is definitely a go-to person. She gives it her all no matter what is asked and there is no hesitation. There are doers and there are talkers; Terry Bankert represents a very strong doer. When it comes to Terry, failure is not an option" -Deena Pace

"Being an animal advocate, Terry has a lot of connections and if she doesn't know someone or an organization, she will by the end of the day. If we are short handed Terry is always willing to come in and help us, whether it is doing laundry and dishes or helping in the front office. In the dictionary under Animal Advocate, I'm sure Terry's picture is in the definition. We love you Terry & thank you for all you do." -Debbie Neff

We are so grateful that Terry is a part of our Humane Society Family! Not only does Terry support our animals, she supports our staff as well and will go out of her way to make sure everyone is okay. Thank you Terry for your selflessness and countless hours of donated time to helping all of us here at the shelter and in the Doghouse. You are indeed priceless to us all. We send love and respect from all of your two and four legged friends to you!



Terry and Cooper take a rest break

A Slice of Life at the Shelter

By MK Roney

Kennel Tech Sarah Jordan and Good Boy Connor (pictured right) take a well-deserved break in between training sessions. Connor likes to jump on every bench around the trail, asking for pets and praise, and giving plenty of love in return.



Lead Kennel Tech Amber and Connor (aka Con Man) take time for cuddles on a cold January day. Amber and other members of staff work tirelessly to train these pups to be their best selves so they'll be ready for their forever homes.



Kendra (shown above) tells us what she thinks about all of this snow.



- A senior dog will make a great companion and trainer for a younger dog. They will teach them right from wrong and how to behave. Dogs do model themselves after one another.
- A senior dog needs less supervision. Leave a puppy alone for an hour and something will be destroyed!

The best match is a senior for a senior.

- You like to take a nap during the day? So do they!
- Go to bed early, they're right with you.
- Take a little car ride, they're ready!
- You are their savior, they know it and will always thank you for it

Seniors come with a lifetime supply of unconditional love. Once they are settled in your home and they know that they are now safe and cared for, they will love you forever.

There's truly nothing quite like watching adopted senior pets live happily into their golden years in their new home. Remember that by adopting a senior you have opened a space for another animal, so you are saving two lives. Next time you come to the shelter for a tour, please ask to see all of the amazing dogs and cats we have and keep an open mind and heart.



Courtesy of the artist Mary Lundberg



Silver Muzzles Bring Silver Linings

By Terry Bankert

In all the years of being the Offsite Adoption Chair for the HSWM, I've always wondered why so many wonderful dogs and cats get overlooked because of their advanced age. As a senior citizen myself I shudder at the thought of raising a puppy or kitten and all the work that goes into that task! It just makes me shake my head. Give me a senior any day!!

My heart breaks each time a senior animal comes to us, a senior that has spent their entire life with the same family. Perhaps their human died or maybe they just couldn't pay the vet bills anymore. The worst scenario is when the humans get a new young puppy and just dump the old one. Many of these seniors become depressed and are often overlooked for younger dogs. The pet's age isn't the problem so much as the mindset of the prospective adopters conditioned to think that seniors will be harder to train than a young dog or cat which is a blank slate. Neither is necessarily true - and for senior pets this prejudice can be deadly!

Here are my reasons to adopt a senior and I bet you can add more;

- They are easy to care for. A few short walks a day is perfect for a senior. Then perhaps a nap in the sun or even better - a nap with their new owner
- Typically, they are already housebroken you just need to teach them what works in their new home.
- The personality of a puppy changes and evolves as they mature and grow. A senior's personality is fully formed. You know what you're going to get! And remember that you CAN teach an old dog lots of new tricks!

HSWM Goes International!

by MK Roney and Staff

During a PAC911 adoption event in January 2023, one of our many wonderful pups hit the jackpot.

Willow, now Rosie, found her forever family and began her jet-setting adventure. After forty-eight hours, three flights, four airports, a night in a hotel and an international border crossing, she finally made it to her new home in La Sarre, Quebec.

During her travels, Rosie was very calm, curious and a "chill pup" according to her new family. Rosie has settled into her new adventurous lifestyle, and has decided that she quite likes this whole "snow" thing.

Happy Tails, Rosie!



Clifford

Let's start at the beginning with this love. "Bear" came into the shelter as a stray back in June 2019. He had been microchipped, neutered and was not very old. We tried and tried to contact his owners to no avail. So we were then able to put him up for adoption and he found his forever loving home. Several years go by and when one of our volunteers was driving home, she saw this very emaciated dog on the side of the road.



She had some snacks in her pickup and tried to get him to come to her. She almost had him twice but each time a car would drive by, spook him and he would run off. Some other passersby saw him but were unable to catch him. They left the dog a pile of food so he had something to eat. They also fashioned a make-shift dog house for him to get out of the rain as it was a very wet couple of days.

Finally Animal Control went out and set a trap and was able to get him within a couple of hours. They brought him into the shelter and we started doing the exam on him right away. Part of his exam was being scanned for a microchip. After running his number, we saw that he was previously adopted from us! We immediately got on the phone to call his owners but unfortunately we were unable to reach them. We left messages but never had a call back. We decided to call him Clifford (The Big Red Dog).

Because Clifford was so emaciated, he had to eat very small meals several times a day. If he ate too much and too fast, he could literally explode his stomach. We fed him 6 times a day for several weeks before we could move him to a more normal feeding schedule.

In his initial intake exam, Clifford weighed 70 pounds. A few days after he was at the shelter, he expelled some bandanas (yes, multiple) along with some unidentifiable bone pieces.

After several months of proper care and nutrition Clifford put on 26 pounds and is now looking fantastic.



Pancake

by Debbie Neff

One of our wonderful foster volunteers found little Miss Pancake on her property with her barn cats. She noticed something odd about her paw. It looked as if her foot had been smashed or run over by something. She called her vet, Dr. Helzer, and was able to have the little kitty seen the same day.



Pancake had to take antibiotics to clear up the infection she had before having her paw amputated. When doing the amputation, Dr. Helzer said it was one of the hardest ones she has done. Pancake's leg was just mangled. Poor little girl.

Pancake was healing perfectly except for one small spot that just would not heal as it was on her knee where it was being rubbed continually. So, unfortunately she had to have her amputation taken up a little higher. Naturally Pancake needed even more time to heal before she was available for adoption.

During her recovery time, each and every staff member fell absolutely in love with Pancake. She had the greatest disposition and just the most loving personality. We all wanted to take her home with us but knew she would find her a wonderful forever home.

She found her perfect people and went home on Oct. 12, 2022 after being with us for 2 months. Although she was at the shelter for only a short time, we all loved her so much and were so happy for her when she found her forever home.



Meet "It's A Ruff Life Pet Grooming"

by Gayle Basso

There is a wonderful dog grooming business in Show Low which is very generous to all dogs adopted from the Humane Society of the White Mountains. They donate a free full grooming to each adopted dog. As 90% of these new pet owners return for future dog care, I was curious to chat with them and find out why they are so special.

It's A Ruff Life is a family owned and operated business with professionally trained groomers Tracy Horsman, her daughter Sandra Ruby and Kristian Banks - all on site 5 days a week. The facility has a joyful relaxed atmosphere and is spotlessly clean. When I arrived I found all of the dogs calm and wagging their tails. Tracy's first 12 year career was at a surgical vet tech in Ahwatukee, AZ. She then moved into dog grooming, started her own business and then spent the next 30 years caring for the pups of Ahwatukee.

Tracy and her team opened It's A Ruff Life in Show Low in January 2022 and went on to win Best of The White Mountains Award in their first year! They offer full grooming services - individually formulated shampoos, blow dry, de-shedding, brushing, ear cleaning, gland release, nail trims, paw fur trimming and dental brushing/scaling. During my visit I was very happy to see that no dog was forced to have anything done to it that the animal fought against.

Self-bathing your dog is another terrific service offered. It's A Ruff Life supplies everything you need to get your pup all clean and shiny. They have both large and small waist-high tubs that are true back savers for the human. They will even be on hand to help you lift your pet in and out of the tubs. I particularly liked that they warm the individually formulated shampoos and supply earmuffs for canine and human to wear when the dryer is running.

It's A Ruff Life also offers dog day care for both small and large pets. There are two separate penned areas with toys, beds, an elimination area and walks outside - away from the parking lot. The little ones even have a huge window to watch all the local comings and goings. All areas are sterilized daily so everywhere is fresh and very clean.

All dogs and humans at the HSWM are sincerely grateful for the work that Tracy and her crew do for our dogs as they leave our care and move into their new world, feeling clean and fresh. What a great way to start their next best lives! Thank you very much Tracy, Sandra and Kristian.

Call It's A Ruff Life for prices and schedules.
928-251-2178



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at the DOGhouse Thrift
Shop Lakeside Noon-2pm

JULY 4 4th of July Parade -
Show low

AUG 26 Happy Tails 2023 -
Charlie Clark's
Orchard - Pinetop

SEPT Fall Festival Parade & Pet
Sitting - Pinetop Lakeside

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Call the shelter after May 1
for schedules and reservations

 in Show Low

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Dog Adoptions most Saturdays 11-2

Thank You Petsense!

 See our facebook page
for the Pet of the Week

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Our Wish List . . .

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Pedigree Dry Puppy Food
Dog Treats
Treat Puzzles
Toys (Rope, Kong, Etc.)
Puppy Teething Toys
Powder Puppy Formula
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Feline Items:

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Purina Kitten Chow
Purina Cat Chow
Cat Toys
Powder Kitten Milk
Scoop-able Litter
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Treats
Small Animal Bottles
Miracle Nipples (Amazon)

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13 Gal/55 Gal Trash Bags
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Deck Brushes w/Handles
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