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of the White Mountains

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Thank You Staff, Volunteers and Supporters!

by Deena Pace, Director



As we continue our life saving efforts for animals, we really want to thank all our staff, volunteers, and supporters. We feel very blessed living in our communities and to have so many people helping us help the animals.

In 2020 we took in 1,085 pets and were able to reunite 177 of them with their families. We adopted out 598 and worked with other shelters and rescues to place 164 in different areas of the state where they had a better opportunity to get adopted. Our live release was 94%, something that we are all so proud of.

It seems like it took a while and lots of hard work and creative thinking but thanks to all our support with rescues and other shelters we have made it. Looking back all the blood, sweat and tears has been so worth it.

Last year thanks to the AZ License Plate Grant of \$10,000.00 we were able to get 293 companion animals spayed or neutered with the owner paying only \$25.00 per cat and \$35.00 per dog. This year we received a grant from them for \$7,500.00 and are continuing to aid the community with their pets.

Our 16th annual Happy Tails is scheduled for August 28, 2021 in the Orchard's at Charlie Clark's. We really missed having it last year, it was sad not to see all of you. So put it on your calendars now and we hope to see you all there this year.

As many of you know we are not affiliated nor supported financially by any of the big or small animal groups. We are our own entity and rely on The Doghouse Thrift Shop, small grants we are able to obtain, our fundraising events and all of our donors. It cost us \$1,818.00 per day to keep our organization going in 2020. That's why it's so important for us to be able to do our fundraising; so let's make this year our best ever for the homeless animals that we serve.

Keeping your pets safe during the Dog Days of Summer

by Debbie Torbet,
Shelter Manager



With the nice days of the summer it can be quite exciting to take your dogs with you on fun car rides. However, we have to remember to leave them home during the worst of the summer as a car's heat is dangerous for dogs and it only takes minutes for them to be a victim to heat stroke.

Just like you get very thirsty, animals do also, so make sure they have lots of fresh water readily available to drink at their discretion.

If you love to go swimming at lakes, pools etc. keep in mind that your dog may not like to swim as much as you do. If you are not positive they like the water, don't force them in as they can become frightened and not know how to get back out. If they do like to swim, be sure to give them a bath afterwards to get any dirt, sand, algae etc. off them. Just like with kids - watch your pets around water.

Many pets with lighter pigment in the eyes, ears, nose, belly have a higher chance of getting a sunburn. They make sunscreen for dogs for this reason. Check with your veterinarian to see what kind would be best for your pet.

Be sure you know the signs of heat stress from excessive temperatures. Check the animal for signs of heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, restlessness, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, and unconsciousness.

If your pet is overheating:

1. Move your pet into the shade or an air-conditioned area.
2. Apply ice packs or cold towels to your pet's head, neck and chest or immerse him in cool (not cold) water.
3. Let your pet drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.
4. Take your pet directly to a veterinarian.

Many pets are afraid of fireworks. They start to panic, pant excessively and drool. If you know your pet is fearful, give them a quiet area they can retreat to when

the fireworks are exploding. Please bring them indoors when the fireworks are going off as they will find any way they can to away from the loud noise. Many pets are lost by being left outside. If your pet is extremely stressed by loud noises, talk to your veterinarian about calming methods. A lot of pets react the same way during a thunderstorm, so keep the weather in mind and again, allow them a safe place to retreat where they feel secure.

During the nice weather we have here, have fun, enjoy the sun and keep your pets safe during those hot dog days of summer.



Spring at The DOGhouse

by Les Thompson, DOGhouse Manager

We had a busy winter here at The Dog House and we are hoping spring is just as busy. We have been saving items that we think will be good at the Happy Tails event this summer. The many treasures and wonderful donations we get is the reason we are successful. We set out clean and complete items every day. Come in and take advantage of our weekly sales. Please don't forget the first weekend of every month we have a 50% off sale.

I would like to give a Thank You to our great employees: Jeremy is our Warehouse Supervisor in charge of processing daily donations although he works wherever he is needed without complaint - he is still very quiet but full of never-ending energy. David who is the part-time Cashier/Clerk and is in charge keeping the customers happy, the register humming and organizing/cleaning the Main shop - he is happy go lucky. Chase and Judy are our new part-time employees and what a fine job they do.

We also have wonderful volunteers that we could not do without. Deb B. does a great job with our jewelry, crafts, shoes and a lot more. Kelsie, Judy and Revon, all have exceptional organizational skills and it shows - the store looks great. We are lucky to have them.

We are requesting that face masks to be worn when shopping and bringing in donations. Please social distance when you can and if you are feeling sick please stay home - we will be here when you feel better.

We happily take your gently used donations from 10am to 4pm Tues through Sat in the back receiving area. You, the customer can be sure you are getting great items from The Dog House Thrift Shop

Don't forget our loyalty program. When you spend \$10 or more you will get your loyalty card stamped. After 10 stamps you will receive 25% off your next purchase. If you don't have a card, just ask and we will be happy to give you one. This and our daily/weekly sales are a few ways we say thank you for supporting us.

Thank you for helping the animals and the HSWM!



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Volunteer Corner 2021

By Deborah Thompson CVT, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator

Hello Volunteer friends. We're hope everybody continues to cope with the pandemic with patience. At least we have put 2020 behind us. "Thank you" is the phrase of the day, every day, around here. I hear those words all the time from our employees and volunteers. It's a wonderful, positive phrase. Never can hear it enough. THANK YOU.

The volunteer orientation started again in January. Now we are looking forward to at least one a month. These will be smaller classes because we need to practice social distancing and continue to wear masks for everyone's safety. We call it the "new normal". Juniors are welcome to come and participate in an orientation. They need to be with an adult or guardian at the class and in the shelter. We need a new generation of volunteers to work with the animals. So if you know anyone, please send them to the shelter for more information or you can go online to learn more.

This spring we will be putting the agility obstacles back up so the shelter animals can learn and play. And of course walking is so good for the soul - both human and animal. We still use the personality color codes that work well for which dogs to walk. Play time is important. You can ask an employee if you may go outside to the yard and play ball, groom, or just socialize. Anything you do for them is great. And it makes me feel so good to see them get some loving attention.

Here are some events we are planning to do this year: 4th of July Parade, Adoptions at PetSense, Happy Tails Auction & BBQ. Also a few Car Shows when the public can leave their pets at the HSWM tents and not have to worry about them getting too hot or scratching those nice shiny cars. We do this for a donation to the Shelter. If you are willing to help at any or all events, please contact me at the shelter.

There are so many other things to do to help around the shelter. A few examples are laundry, dishes, wash windows, yard work and snow removal. You can always find things to do here. We also like to see volunteers help at The Doghouse Thrift Shop. There is a different orientation held for volunteering there. The Doghouse orientations are held at the store so we can walk around and see the different areas that need attention and stocking.



ALL proceeds benefit the **HUMANE SOCIETY of the White Mountains**

16th Annual
HAPPY TAILS
AUCTION & BBQ 

Please join us in our fight to alleviate animal suffering in our community

Saturday, August 28, 2021
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
in The Orchard at Charlie Clark's

LIVE AUCTION
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DESSERT AUCTION, BLITZ ITEMS, RAFFLES & MORE!



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Being a Foster Mother

by Sara Middleton

I've been rescuing and fostering dogs and cats since I had my first home and yard in 1985 when working as a vet tech. Since then I have fostered over 100 dogs, puppies, cats, kittens and a few equines from many different rescue networks.

Studying animal husbandry, canine behavior and equine science in college, it's only natural to want to spend my life caring for animals. I became a professional dog trainer/behaviorist and enjoyed helping clients with basic training as well as behavioral issues. Having the experience with animals (especially dogs) has enabled me to give the best care for my foster animals, especially new litters and convalescing dogs and the occasional behavioral challenge.

I started helping The Humane Society of The White Mountains soon after moving here in 1995. The first dog I fostered for them was a cute little Aussie named Maggie. Maggie soon stole my heart and was my first of many foster failures from there.

At one time we had 6 dogs, all of them rescued and foster failures! As time went on I got emotionally stronger and was able to let my fosters be adopted even if they were perfect! (Foster failure means when you permanently adopt the pet you were supposed to have temporarily).

Our family is occasionally called to foster a pregnant mom or a newly whelped litter. With my experience, and being a mom who works at home, we are able to spend a lot of time with the pups as they grow. We have a small pet resort on our ranch and there's lots of room for them to romp and play. We have two teenage girls who are invaluable in helping to feed, clean, play and just love on them! They love to name the pups and we often think of a theme for each litter.

I love staying in touch with the families who adopt one of our foster dogs. I offer them half price on boarding just so I can continue seeing them! Our current foster failure is Jessie, a coonhound who was found very pregnant. She had 11 pups and because of her malnourished state, we lost six pups, despite the lifesaving efforts we made. That was a tough time for all of us. She is about 7 years old now and is one of the best dogs we've ever had.

Fostering not only benefits the animals but also the humans who get the privilege of caring for them. My daughters have been raised with many animals in their lives, some permanent and some temporary. Fostering has taught them compassion, responsibility and a good work ethic. If you have the time and the space, I highly recommend fostering, it is a great way to help the community but most of all, the animals benefit so much!



Love to Foster

By Shea Middleton,
17 yrs old



I love fostering because we get to take care of amazing and adorable dogs and cats. I love watching puppies and kittens grow up, learn to play, and gain personalities. We get to help animals live better lives, and it teaches me responsibility.

My dog Quinn was a foster puppy from a litter that was born at our house. I fell in love with her and we adopted her for my birthday.

We give most of our fosters to new homes, and even though it's always sad, it's good to know they'll have loving owners and a great home. Fostering animals has definitely been one of the highlights of my childhood.

Fostering

By Julia Middleton, 14 yrs old

Fostering pets has always been a part of my life. Ever since I can remember, we've always had a litter of puppies or animals who need extra help. It's been a big impact on my life. It's given me a sense of responsibility and adventure. It's always a different story for each animal we take in.

We become attached to them as well and it's always a hard goodbye. But fostering isn't sad at all, it's one of the best things I've experienced. Being able to help and care for the animals in a quiet, peaceful environment while they are recovering, needing a safe place, growing up, etc. brings a lot of joy. This is especially true because each and every animal brings a new experience.



Good Momma Moo

by Deena Pace

Moo is a black and white Chihuahua who came to us on Sept 22. Moo's owner was told by his landlord that he had too many dogs and had to get rid of them or move. You see, Moo had 6 puppies that were a week old. Her owner was devastated but he



couldn't move anywhere else at the time. Moo and her six babies were brought to us and put into a kennel close to an area where it seemed someone always was working doing dishes and laundry. Moo was frightened to the point of constant shaking. When Deena (HSWM Director) saw that, she brought Moo and her babies all over to her office. Moo quickly adapted to being there and was much happier.

It became clear very fast that Moo didn't know how to walk on a leash so she was taught that. Moo loved being in the office building ...she was the queen! While in the office, a volunteer came in on the weekends to care for them and walk Moo and spend time with her and the family of 5 (sadly, the little runt didn't make it). We had some new HSWM volunteers who wanted to foster, so Moo and her family went to a wonderful foster home. Moo flourished even more there and the babies grew and were eating food and spending more time learning how to be a dog. While at the foster home one pup started having problems and was brought to the shelter immediately for medical care. Sadly, that one didn't survive. The puppies would come back to the shelter when it was time for various vaccinations and checkups, and then return to their foster home.

Finally, they were all healthy and the puppies were old enough that it was time for all of them to come back to the shelter. When they came back into HSWM, the babies were separated from Moo. Moo had developed mastitis and she was not feeling well at all. Debbie (Shelter Manager) conferred with Dr. Helzer about Moo and we started her on medicine and cold packs on the teats. Debbie did some research and read that cabbage leaves help, so she got a head of cabbage and started wrapping her in those also. It took a couple weeks before Moo was healthy again, then she and the babies were spayed (and/or neutered) and put up for adoption. Moo found her new home in time for Christmas and she is doing great!



"I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult. It's not. Mine had me trained in two days."

BILL DANA

SS aka: Sergeant Stubs

by Debbie Torbet

The end of January 2020 we had a gentleman bring in a cat with a broken tail and no contraction of his rectum what-so-ever. (Their tails help with that). He had feces all over his bottom end and I was not quite sure what was going on. He had a lot of irritation due to the feces and urine burning his skin from it being on there so long.

I got him cleaned up and called Dr. Helzer to let her know what was going on with him. She advised me on what to do and she would see him the next day.

He was able to have surgery on his tail and we would see how he went after that. He never complained too much, although we knew he had to be in serious pain. He was on multiple medications to help him with pain, swelling and infection. He still had some issues with his bowels but he was improving. He was with us for 4 months before he would be adopted.

Although he was sweet he still didn't have full control of his rectum and so would be a barn cat, in a fully enclosed barn with a "catio" and the whole 9 yards - it was great! Except he was messing outside of the box, so he was returned to us after just 4 days.

We gave him some medication again to help him. He stayed here for another 3 months. Then one day we received an adoption application from a gal in New Mexico who, it turned out, had a cat with the same sort of issues and she had no problems with him if he occasionally had accidents outside of the box. She wanted to adopt him! She was able to make the trip to us to get him and he is now living his best life in New Mexico.



TRY THIS SAFE AT HOME RECIPE

Becca's frozen dog treats



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups fresh strawberries
- 1 cup water
- 1 banana
- heart shaped ice mold
- 2 tbsp peanut butter

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Add all the ingredients into a blender and blend until smooth.
- 2 Dice a few strawberries and add tiny pieces to the ice mold.
- 3 Pour your blended mixture on top and freeze for 1 hour.
- 4 Sit; stay. Enjoy!

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JULY 4 4th of July Parade - Show low

AUG 28 Happy Tails 2021 - Charlie Clark's Orchard

SEPT Fall Festival Parade & Pet Sitting - Pinetop Lakeside

OCT Strut Your Mutt

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petsense in Show Low

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 Puppy Teething Toys
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