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l am honored to have served

by Deena Pace, Director

Wow, it's the holidays again. I want to thank each and every one of you for being in the lives of the homeless animals; we are a big family here at the HSWM and one that I am honored to be a part of.

As many of you know that I am retiring at the end of this year - this will be my last newsletter as the Director of this great place. As I say this, please know how hard my decision was to retire. I have poured my heart and soul into this place and will leave a large part of them here. I will always be one of the biggest advocates for our organization.

When I started in 2008 as the bookkeeper, I really wasn't sure I could stay on given the way things were as I worked under several directors. I was asked to be the Director when Mark Sterling was the Board President. He said "...don't give us an answer right now, look over the job description and talk to Roy (my husband) and your family. Really think about this because it's not a 40 hour a week job". Roy and I did talk about it and we decided I could do it but our lives would be different and busier. I believe that saying "be the change you want to see". So we started the hard work of change and growth. It wasn't easy at first - some people didn't like the changes, and others wanted to jump right in. One of the best things I did was ask Debbie Neff to be the Shelter Manager and help us make the changes we needed. I'm so grateful she did! Debbie has literally been my right hand in everything and I know that with her still the Shelter Manager, we will continue to do great things and keep moving forward. I would like to thank Mark and the Board for believing in me and the team I built. I am so proud and humbled to have been involved in making this a GREAT shelter for all the homeless animals. Thank you to Roy and my family and friends for always supporting and helping.

This year we had our best Happy Tails ever. We can't thank all who were involved from volunteers to

donors, and of course buyers, enough. It was really another great event. Thank you to my co-chair Terry Bankert and all the lead people: Gayle, Mary, Dianne, Deb, Gloria, Jamie and Mike just to name a few. Mark your calendar for next year's Happy Tails on Aug. 26th 2023. Watch for more great stories starting in March for AZ Gives Day, another great fundraiser. You all get emails of the stories of some of the lives we have saved this year. Of course please feel free to donate anytime as you know it takes lots of money to save all these loving pets.

I fall in love every day (as does everyone here) with these sweet amazing pets that we get to serve. I have seen sad things that I never thought could happen here in our great community. The amount of abuse and neglect is far too real and we make it our job to heal these loving animals. I believe that every animal has heart, mind, body and spirit. It's usually easier to heal the body because we can see what needs help. It's the heart, mind and spirit that takes longer as they are scared to trust or heartbroken that they no longer have a family or a home. These are the biggest challenges for us but our amazing staff and volunteers never give up and eventually win over the pet and get them ready for a new loving home. Some animals that have been on their own for so long really love having meals delivered, warm safe places to relax and sleep. They get walks and exercise and clean kennels, they have it the best they ever have had. We cry happy and sad tears here but always feel we are making a difference and saving lives. You see this is a calling; it's in our souls to help the helpless and to be their voice and make life better and for this, I am so grateful for everyone that helps.

Jeanette Christman will be your new Director; I know that she will do great things and keep moving forward for the animals and the community. I hope you will all join me in supporting her in all she does for the homeless that we serve.

I want to thank you all for trusting me and know that I love this shelter more than most will ever know. I am honored to have served the homeless animals here and the community that we live in.

May God continue to bless this wonderful shelter and all that care and support it.

Heartbreaking Moments

by Debbie Neff, Shelter Manager

This year has been very trying at the shelter. We have had what feels like the most animal intakes ever! We are very short staffed and have been for most of the year.



We are extremely grateful for our volunteers that have been able to come in to help us through this trying time.

We have many animals come in who are physically or emotionally broken and we have had to try to fix them. Most often it's the emotionally damaged ones that are the most difficult to help heal. We work very hard to become friends with them and find them forever loving homes.

This year is also going to end with the staff being heartbroken as we congratulate Deena Pace, our fearless leader, on her retirement. She has been here through thick and thin. She has given the animals her blood, sweat and tears for 15 dedicated years. I want to thank her for being my mentor, my leader and most of all my friend for these years and for doing what is needed for these homeless animals. Thank you so much for all your hard work Deena - I love you!!

With that being said, I'd like to welcome Jeanette to the hot seat and thank her for her dedication to the animals, for stepping up to the plate and taking on the responsibility as our Director. We are excited to see how much further we can take the Humane Society of the White Mountains.



The Gift of Time is Priceless

By Cally Grimes, Volunteer Outreach Coordinator

What a wonderful summer we have had here at The Humane Society of the White Mountains. We have had so many animals come through our shelter this year and we have been able to rehabilitate and re-home so many precious souls, which is our passion and exactly what we are here to do. We are so thankful for the amazing folks who volunteer with us, who share the same passion we do. We simply cannot say thank you enough to our volunteers who truly are the backbone of our organization. Our loyal volunteers help at the Shelter, Doghouse Thrift Store, Paws Spay/Neuter Clinic, Happy Tails, parades, bulk mailings in addition to other projects. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!

If you are one of our seasonal volunteers we want to wish you safe travels home and a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to your return in the spring! Now that we are going into our winter season I would just like to remind everyone that although it will soon be snowy and cold outside, we have a nice cozy adoption room where you can come and spend some quality time with our shelter dogs who truly need the extra love and time out of their kennels in the winter. And don't forget our delightful adult cat and kitten rooms, where you can snuggle up with some of our amazing kitties and read a good book. If you are not currently a volunteer with us but would like to join the family, please contact me at the shelter or via e-mail and I would be happy to get you going.

Valuable is the work you do
Outstanding in how you always come through
Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year
Notable are the contributions you make
Trustworthy in every project you take
Eager to reach your every goal
Effective in the way you fulfill your role
Ready with a smile like a shining star
Special and wonderful-that's what you are!
-Anonymous

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy winter season!

Fun at the 2022 Happy Tails Donation Center

By Mary Hovden

Did you know that we received a record 1501 items/donations for Happy Tails this year? And from these donations, we processed and/or created the following at the Donation Center:

- ·166 large gift baskets and 295 individual items for the Silent Auction
- ·55 items for the Live Auction
- ·Seven items for the Blitz Raffle
- ·59 smaller gift baskets and hundreds of individual items for the General Store
- ·Hundreds more donated items for seven magnificent \$5 raffle baskets

All this was accomplished in our 3000 square foot Donation Center located in White Mountain Village with a team of 18 dedicated HSWM volunteers and at least five fun-loving dogs. The use of this space for July and August was generously donated to us by The Pederson Group.

With the Donation Center open for a total number of 26 days during July and August, it was a LOT of work to receive, process and create all this magic for Happy Tails but we had a blast doing so. On any given day, when walking into the Donation Center, you would hear plenty of laughter and experience wonderful comradery as we did all this for our shelter animals.

We've already started planning for 2023 Happy Tails and we hope you will consider volunteering at the Donation Center where the magic happens! To learn more or to add your name to the volunteer list, please contact Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator, Cally Grimes at volunteer@hswm.org.











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All purchases made at the DOGhouse thrift shop STAY local and go directly to the support of the Humane Society of the White Mountains! Every penny spent goes directly back to the HSWM to benefit the animals.

Donations can be received in back of the store at our receiving door during business hours Tuesday thru Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

A Life of a Shelter Dog After Adoption

By Pumba Pace - with help from Mom

My life started in 2008. That May, I was found wondering the streets in Show Low. I was maybe a couple months old and somehow I ended up at a place they call the Humane Society of the White Mountains. I was pretty small so, after they checked me over, they put me in a cat kennel. I didn't like this at all so I refused to eat! After a couple days they said to the bookkeeper Deena "Can this pup



come to your office? We are full, she's in a cat kennel and won't eat". Wow, I hit the jackpot with Deena who I called "Mom"! Mom took me home with her that night and I was a good girl and ate. I still didn't have a name so Mom and Dad (Roy) watched me and came up with the name "Pumba" because they said I hopped around like the warthog on Lion King - whatever that is! Anyway, I finally won over the other dogs in the house by taking care of them. I would clean their faces and ears and, of course, their teeth. I guess my favorite thing was taking Mom's slipper out the doggie door every day when she was gone to work. Sometimes it was nice weather and sometimes it snowed or rained. Mom always scolded me because she likes her slipper dry at the end of the day.

My life was great with my family. When they went somewhere like camping or traveling we all got to go. I was really part of a family and loved very much. Every night when Mom came home from work, all my fur siblings sniffed her a lot and they would not like that she left them home alone and cheated with other dogs.....lots of dogs. Mom would say "You know that you all came from the shelter and now we have to find the other dogs and cats their loving home". Life was great -I even got to be in parades with my Mom, I loved that! I also loved playing in the backyard in the snow. Mom and Dad would make me come in and then shut the doggie door so I wouldn't be able to go out after they finished getting all the snow balls off my hair. I have to tell you all that I had a great life, we all went camping and riding around in the woods, traveled to a place called the Valley and even had my own bed there. Sometimes I even got to go alone with Mom to work. Of course, I usually had to see our vet Dr. Helzer then. I liked Doc except she usually looked me over pretty good. I liked it better when she saw another one of my family.

Mom and Dad did a lot of what they called "fostering". I guess that is what they did with me at first. Anyway, there was always some fur babies hanging around. I felt it was my job to teach them the right way to do things so I was Mom's helper. I loved playing with them and cleaning them up when they needed it. Then Mom would take them back to the shelter and find them their very own loving home. Until one day they fostered this 3 legged hound dog they called Lucy. Wow - she was pretty fun to watch with 3 legs - she could run fast! Lucy never left here again I guess she was my new sister.

When we got older, on someone's birthday, Mom got us cupcakes! Oh my gosh - they were so good although Mom ate most of the frosting, I really wondered what that tasted like because she always seemed to enjoy it. Then it happened, Pepper, my oldest fur sister got sick. I mean really sick. She was in a lot of pain and she went somewhere called the Rainbow Bridge. On my fourteenth birthday we all got some of the frosting, we all loved it.

I think my very favorite was Osephis. Mom realized when Osephis went to that Rainbow Bridge how sad I was and always gave me extra hugs and kisses. Then one day Mom was vacuuming and I didn't run out the doggie door like Osephis had taught me to do. I realized that Mom wouldn't let that scary sucking thing hurt me. I started getting

braver and I still had my brother Wrangler and sister Lucy. We were all getting old and Wrangler got real sick too and he went to that Bridge and Mom and Dad cried again. I cried and Mom knew how sad we all were.

So awhile went by and it was just Lucy and me and in comes another sister named Cheyenne. I really didn't like her at first. I just ignored her and then I figured she wasn't leaving, so now we get along. So a couple more years go by and I was not feeling good. Mom kept taking me to Dr. Helzer and we tried all kinds of things but it wasn't helping. I was losing weight. I tried eating all the things made just for me but I couldn't swallow. I was losing weight fast and Mom and Dad knew it was my time to go to the Bridge. When I was sick, Mom always reminded me of all the fun things we did together since I was adopted the camping fun, rides and hanging out. I tried really hard to eat for Mom, she cried a lot and said "I just am not ready, Pumba love, but will do what you need". I guess she figured out I was telling her I wanted to go to that Rainbow Bridge with all my siblings. I knew how busy Mom was with a big fundraiser for all the animals at the shelter. I was hoping this would help her stay busy and not cry to much. So on Aug 13, 2022 my Mom and Dad took me to Dr. Helzer for the last time. Mom held me in her arms and was so brave for me, she kept saying "I love you Pumba, you have been the best girl ever. You need to go with Osephis and Wrangler, they are coming for you and we will see you soon." I started to feel better as Mom just kept talking and petting me and told me they would be okay. That helped me so much to know. Mom held me till I made it across Rainbow Bridge.

I would not have had the Best Life Ever if I hadn't made it to the shelter that May day so many years ago and found my real family.



Never "Just a Dog"!

By Deena Pace

Shortly after I began working at the Humane Society of the White Mountains in 2008, my family took in our first foster pup from there. She was a Carin Terrier mix and hopped around like Pumba, the warthog in the Lion King. Our Pumba was a brave little girl. We had a couple of dogs at home already and the one she needed to work to win over was Pepper, our



cattle dog. Pepper would show Pumba her teeth if she got too close. That little pup would just grin and go up Pepper to lick her teeth and clean her face. This approach eventually worked and Pumba was accepted.

Pumba slept on her bed right beside my side of the bed for years. Pumba started having problems and we were pretty sure she had cancer but she continued to love life and we continued to love her. Pumba turned fourteen this year and her health started going down very fast. We tried all kinds of things under her doctor's care and nothing was working. She couldn't eat or even swallow anymore. I would hold Pumba and tell her everyday what a good girl she has always been, how much we love her. I did this for weeks knowing what was coming. We faced the decision all caring pet owners do and realized that we couldn't let her suffer. As hard as it was, we did what was right and compassionate for her. At the vet's office, I held her in my arms and told her how loved she was and that Pepper, Osephis and Wrangler were waiting at Rainbow Bridge for her and before she knew it, that we would be there too. I thanked her for fourteen wonderful years and told her she would never be forgotten. I held her until she was gone. Why? Because it was the last loving act I could do for her and she deserved to be in my arms and not someone else's.

Meet Austin . . . Happy Tails Biggest Fan!

by Jamie Dye

Happy Tails is the single largest fundraiser in our area occurring every August. It is full of excitement with many caring hearts who come to help the HSWM in providing quality care



for the communities' lost and homeless animals. There is one heart in the crowd, however, that may be just a little bigger with enthusiasm and excitement, and it belongs to a young Pinetop resident. His name is Austin Dunsmore, and he is most likely the BIGGEST fan of Happy Tails.

Austin is a young man who has spent most of his life in the Pinetop area, graduating from Blue Ridge High School in 2016. His heart thrives in Pinetop, and he loves the Humane Society and its mission. His connection with the shelter continues with his fondness of frequenting The DOGhouse Thrift Shop, especially with Deena. Here he loves to look for unique items to enrich his interests. In fact, Austin was a prior employee of the thrift shop for almost 2 years before changing jobs and is currently in his sixth year with Safeway in Pinetop.

Austin's mom recently purchased a furnished home and had some nice items to donate, mostly art, lamps, and firewood haulers. Austin would bring in the donations with a big smile, knowing he was helping the cause. When asked why he wanted to help with the event, Austin said, "I just think what they are doing is amazing and wonderful. There are lots of poor animals who need help. I think the Humane Society is wonderful."

Austin worked his first Happy Tails in 2017 and was immediately hooked. He returned in 2021 as an attendee and attempted to bid at some Live Auctions but was outbid every time. He decided to save more money and try again in 2022. As the big day neared, Austin became increasingly excited, barely able to sleep the night before. He even made his mom take the day off so she could be there with him.

SUCCESS! Austin attended the event with determination and won some Live and Silent Auction items. His favorite items were the metal canvas of Big Springs he won during the Live Auction and a Box Elder Maple tree, which he planted in front of the window at his home. When asked why he wanted to attend the event, he simply stated: "It just fills my heart with joy going to Happy Tails, knowing all the money is going to a great cause and there are so many people who care. I am glad to be one of those people."

Austin says he is already saving for Happy Tails 2023 and will take the day off again to attend the event. He really is "Happy Tails Biggest Fan"!! Thank you, Austin, for your continued compassion and excitement. The animals and people appreciate you!









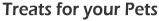












By Terry Bankert

Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Treats

Your furry friend is an important member of the family, and that means they deserve homemade treats too! Sure, you can go out and buy a box of dog treats, but these peanut butter and pumpkin dog treats are made with love and they're just as easy to make as making a batch of cookies.

Here's what you'll need to make the homemade pumpkin dog treats: Whole Wheat Flour-Whole wheat flour is packed with nutrients for your pup, like fiber, protein, and antioxidants. You can use all-purpose flour in a pinch, but it won't provide as many nutrients. Eggs- are great for dogs and add protein, fatty acids, and vitamins to their diet. Canned Pumpkin- Make sure you get pure pumpkin puree and not pumpkin pie filling. The pumpkin pie filling can have added ingredients, like sugar, which isn't great for dogs. Peanut Butter-Use natural peanut butter or double check the ingredients and make sure the peanut butter doesn't contain Xylitol, which can be harmful to dogs. Salt-The salt will help the treats' flavor — and it's perfectly safe for dogs in moderation. Cinnamon- Not only does cinnamon give the treats a delicious flavor, but also it can provide some great nutritional benefits (like antioxidants, anti-inflammatory properties, and better heart health). Water-This optional step will keep the dog treats together and make it more workable for you.

Ingredients

2 ½ cups whole wheat flour

2 large eggs

½ cup canned pumpkin

2 tablespoons peanut butter

½ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon water, or more if necessary (Optional)

How to Make Homemade Dog Treats

Simply combine all your ingredients in a bowl or stand mixer. Then transfer the mixture to a work surface and work it with your hands until a dough has formed.

Roll out the dough and either cut it into strips or stamp it with your favorite dog bone cookie cutters.

Bake at 350 degrees F for 40 minutes, until crunchy. Make sure to wait until they are completely cool before giving it to your dog.

Cat Treats

Making cat treats from scratch might seem like a lot of work, but when it comes to our feline friends, it's really the least we can do to reciprocate the love and care they give to us!

<u>Ingredients:</u> 1/2 cup whole wheat pastry flower (plus a few additional tablespoons), 1 (3.75 oz.) can of sardines, one egg

Supplies: rolling pin, food processor, cookie sheet, parchment paper, mini cookie cutter if desired

Step One

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Purée the can of sardines (with the oils) in a food processor, then add one egg and a 1/2 cup flour. Pulse until well blended. Continue to add flour, one tablespoon at a time, until the mixture begins to pull away from the sides of the food processor and just starts to form a ball. Once the consistency is that of a pie dough, remove from the food processor and place on a floured surface. Note: When using pastry flour, you can end up needing closer to 1 cup, if you choose to use another flour you may end up using more or less. Always start with 1/2 cup, then add more as needed.

Step Two

Roll the dough on a floured surface until it forms a ball, then roll it out with a well-floured rolling pin until it is approximately 1/4 inch thick. You can cut out the treats any way you choose, but we recommend keeping each individual treat 1 by 1 inch or slightly smaller. You can use a mini cookie cutter, or you could also make tiny biscuits by rolling small balls and flattening them with the back of a fork.

The HSWM Board would like to thank Deena Pace for her 15 years of tireless service. *Congratulations on your retirement!*

Deena, THANK YOU! I want you to know that I personally appreciate all your hard work as the Director for the Humane Society of the White Mountains for the past several years. Your dedication, compassionate care and concern for all the animals that have come through the shelter has been very comforting to those who work for the shelter and who live in our community. As a result of your hard work, there has been countless number of animals who have found their forever homes. I have enjoyed working with you and wish you the very best in your retirement. Bernard Huser

My message for Deena, As a new board member this year, I am in awe of the amount of hard work and dedication it takes to be a director for HSWM. Deena has done such an outstanding job throughout the years. Oh, how she will be missed! She can retire with satisfaction of a job extremely well done. THANK YOU Deena! Bev Best

Dear Deena, In the twelve years I have volunteered at HSWM under your guidance, I have continued to learn from you. There have been joys and tears, amazing wonders and miserable heartbreaks but always you have been a leader and a teacher. You have enriched my life and world in ways I am still realizing.

You have been the best kind of teacher. Others learn from you by watching what you do - you instruct by example rather than just with words. As Director you have saved many thousands of animal's lives and enriched far more human ones. You always insist that "It is all for the animals" and you have certainly given all of you for them.

Of all the many things I thank you for, perhaps one of the most critical has been to stay on as Director to help us adjust to the changes and bring Jeanette Christman fully into the HSWM family as the new Director. Deena, I imagine your "retirement" will be as busy as working full-time and I hope you now get to explore all the things you have put on hold for the sake of the animals. Be well my dear friend and go have good fun! Gayle Basso

Deena, I cannot even begin to express my appreciation and heartfelt thanks for your service to the shelter! You have created such a legacy, and I will miss you greatly. You're unwavering devotion to helping all the animals on the mountain and all over the U.S. is so amazing. I will miss popping into your office and seeing your beautiful face. You have seen my kids grow up, and I will definitely keep in touch.

Jeanette, I know you will continue to do the amazing things that are happening here, and I wish you the best of luck and offer any support I can provide. Your heart is huge and I ask that you continue to lead with kindness, compassion, and dignity. We are Blessed to have you here! *In peace, Jamie*

Deena, I am very fortunate to have been able to share the last thirteen years with you on this journey in creating a beautiful, loving place for all the orphaned dogs, cats and other animals that have been in your hands. HSWM has come a long, long way since the day you said; "Yes. I will be the Director."

Thank you for fighting the fight. You will be missed. Wishing you good health and happiness for your retirement. With love and gratitude, Laurie Palazzolo

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Purina Cat Chow
Cat Toys
Powder Kitten Milk
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Treats

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