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A biannual newsletter for friends of the
Humane Society of the White Mountains

Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe
to put all of your eggs in one basket. *Evan Esar*



Upcoming Shelter and DOGhouse Projects

by Joshua Smith,
Executive Director

Since accepting this position in October, 2023, I have had a few projects in mind that I want to complete at the Shelter and the DogHouse Thrift Store. We have repaired an eve at the thrift store along with insulating a wall and installing a heater in our barn building. This will help the staff with cold winter temperatures as well as maintaining the roof's integrity. We still need to seal one roof and repair some drywall in our "Man Cave" area, along with a few other small things needing repairs or upgrades.

At the shelter, we have completed four new outdoor play yards for the dogs with thanks to our generous donors. We are in the process of purchasing a new generator which will be installed to power the shelter buildings in the event that we lose electricity, a problem which happens a few times every year. This will ensure that we can provide heat or cooling as well as run the well pump so that animals have water during a power outage.

We are in the planning stages of a new "stray cat" wing to be built onto a rear side of the cat's building. This will allow us to have better ventilation, more kennel space and the potential to care for more cats. There are also several small repairs and upgrades that were taken care of this year.

The next time you visit the shelter, look for improvements throughout the shelter to see what changes are happening in the up-coming months. It is only due to our generous donors that we can make the improvements which give the resident animals a safer and better place to call "home". Thank you for all that you give to these pets. Whether you give funds, time or thought, every donation really makes a difference. *Thank you!*

HSWM News and Updates

by Debbie Neff,
Director of Operations



2024 was a busy year for puppies and kittens at the shelter. Some litters were born in the shelter while others arrived as babies. The litters that come in without their mothers often have to be bottle-fed and need a lot of extra care. We had over 150 puppies and 120 kittens in 2024. Almost all of them have since been adopted or transferred to other rescues in larger communities where they have a better chance of finding loving homes.

In our totals for the year, we took in 217 felines and 316 canines for a total of 533 animal intakes. We did have quite a few adoptions, bringing our total adoptions for the year to 313. We are very happy and proud to report that we were able to 'live release' 90% of our animals with the vast majority of these being adoptions into permanent homes and the remaining transferred into other rescues, shelters or returned to their owners.

With so many animal intakes in 2024, we are very fortunate to have great donors and volunteers. We received several monetary donations plus many pounds of food, blankets, toys and so many other, much needed supplies. All of these great donations are critical for the every-day care and wellbeing of the animals.

The monetary donations received throughout 2024 have gone to the general care of our residents and several "brick & mortar" projects at the shelter. For example, we will soon have a generator that will kick on in the event of a power outage so we will always have water and heat or air conditioning in the kennels. Also, we will soon have a new room for incoming stray cats. The existing stray cat room will become another isolation area. Cats are very good at passing illnesses to one another so we need to be able to isolate sick animals from the rest of the

population. In addition, we will soon have more monitoring cameras installed and a sound system to help calm the animals with relaxing music. This helps the pets by relieving some of the stress and anxiety of being in a shelter.

We couldn't appreciate our volunteers more. We have the best volunteers anybody could ask for. Some walk dogs, some socialize, clean and help feed cats. Others help with the endless amounts of laundry, dishes, and general cleaning. Then there are people who help with offsite activities, such as the amazing adoption event volunteers and those who work behind the scenes grant writing, data collection and so many other tasks. All of the work done by these wonderful people is what helps us maintain the high-quality care that we provide to the animals here at the Humane Society of the White Mountains.

We have several events scheduled for this summer. In June, we host Critter Camp for the kids, running for 3 weeks. We also have an event at the Pinetop Lakes Association for their "Dog Days of Summer". In July we build a float for the 4th of July Parade in Show Low. In August we will have our 20th (yes 20th!) annual Happy Tails Auction and BBQ in Charlie Clark's Orchard. We are very excited about this major fundraiser and adoption event! Come September, we build another float for the Fall Festival Parade and, as usual, we will again be pet sitting at the Run to the Pines Car Show.

We sincerely thank our community for the continued support they give to the Humane Society of the White Mountains and the animals in our care.



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A Day at the DOGhouse Thrift Shop

by Bonnye Knoche, Manager

A typical day starts with us opening the store, gathering donations, and preparing for the daily business. But what goes on behind the scenes and why it matters so much for our animal shelter is the 'Big Question'.

Every day, we price your donations in the work area or barn, as we refer to it. As we are a small crew, we focus on the different work areas depending upon what is needed most in the store. The store is organized into different departments, such as Clothing, Electrical/Art, Linens, Books/Games, and Miscellaneous. Furniture, yard items, sport's equipment is priced upon arrival. As an example, I may work with Linens today but do Miscellaneous the next, which might turn out to be a 3 day task. We have volunteers help with the Book/Game area, Clothing and wherever there is a need. We couldn't run the store without our dedicated volunteers!

When a donation is made, we quickly sort the items into the processing areas. First, we remove unsaleable items and then put the saleable donations into the correct tote for us to work on. Sometimes, we have no room for certain things on the sales floor, so we use totes to store these pieces until we need them. When donations are high in the summer months, we save the extra objects which we sell in the lean winter months.

How do we determine what is usable, the value, and how do we come up with prices? We are so very lucky to have wonderful donors in our area! Many of the donations are vintage and highly collectible! These items are priced higher as they are worth more than an average piece. Items are priced fairly for our customers. We try to make sure that items are in good condition with no rips, cracks, stains, etc. I might add that we save unique or unusual items for our Happy Tails Auction and BBQ, so be sure come by Charlie Clark's Orchard on August 23, 2025.

Please note that we will be open on Monday - Saturday 10:00 to 5:00 starting on April 28. If you have large or unusual items to donate, please call us before bringing such pieces to the store. Please do not leave any donations outside when we are closed. They are often stolen before we arrive to start a new day.

And to answer the 'Big Question' - what does it mean to the animal shelter? Every dollar we earn goes directly to the Humane Society of the White Mountains. My Team (Carson, Glen, Heidi, Sharon, Xavier, Nathan, and Rene) are dedicated to doing everything possible for the wellbeing of the shelter's dogs and cats. We know that our work, along with your donations, is critical to the care and feeding of the animals while they await their adoption.

What is the Humane Society of the White Mountains

by Joe Alvizar
Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator



Here at HSWM, we believe that compassion is contagious - and the more we can share that compassion with our community, the better. As 2024 came to a close, we're thrilled to be a part of our outreach activities that are enriching the lives of both people and pets. With all of the local events from Fugly's 1st Annual Pet Drive to Happy Tails, and all the off-site adoptions events hosted by our generous partners at 77Subaru, PetSense and PAC911, we are deeply grateful for the support.

Looking Toward 2025: Exciting Plans Ahead!

As we look to the future, we're excited about the possibilities that 2025 holds. We're planning to expand our outreach programs, host even more adoption events, and continue building strong relationships with our neighbors. But we know that none of this is possible without the support of our community and volunteers.

If you've been thinking about joining us or have volunteered in the past and are looking to get involved again, now is the perfect time. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact and give even more animals the love and care they deserve.

Why Community Events and Off-Site Adoptions Matter

Our goal is simple: we want to make a meaningful difference for the animals in our care, and we can't do that without the help of the wonderful people who call this area "home". Our community events and off-site adoptions are integral to making sure that more animals find loving homes.

By hosting off-site adoption events and attending local gatherings, we can connect with people who might not otherwise visit the shelter, spreading the word about our adoptable pets and giving them a chance to meet potential new families. These events also provide the perfect opportunity to interact with the community, answer questions, and share information about responsible pet ownership and the vital work of HSWM.

Volunteer Opportunities: Get Involved and Make a Difference

One of the cornerstones of HSWM's success is our dedicated volunteers - a group of passionate individuals who generously donate their time, talents and funds to support our mission. Volunteering is a fantastic way to give back to your community and help animals in need, and there's no shortage of opportunities for you to get involved! Whether you're interested in spending time with our animals, assisting with events, or helping with administrative tasks, there's something for everyone. Here are just a few of the opportunities available for those looking to volunteer:

- **Animal Care & Socialization:** Spend time with our adoptable animals, playing with them, walking dogs, or helping with training and socialization. Your time helps them become the loving, well-adjusted companions they're meant to be. If you want to really assist a shelter pet, consider being a foster home.
- **Off-Site Adoption Events:** Help set up, manage, and assist at our off-site adoption events. Meet prospective pet parents, answer questions, and share your love for animals.
- **Fundraising and Special Events:** If you're creative and love planning, our fundraising events are a great place to volunteer! Help us raise money and awareness through fun events, auctions, and more.
- **Administrative Assistance:** There's always work behind the scenes. If you're skilled at organization, data entry or customer service, we'd love to have you join our team.

Volunteer Training

We've been asked many times about the volunteer training process, and we want to make it as easy and welcoming as possible. We offer comprehensive training for new volunteers so you can feel confident and prepared in your role. The GOLDEN rule: HAVE FUN!

The training process typically takes an hour for most jobs. It's a great opportunity to learn more about the shelter's operations, our expectations, and the specific tasks you'll be doing. We keep the sessions interactive, friendly, and engaging, ensuring that you're ready to jump in and help as soon as possible!

Volunteers Are the Heartbeat of HSWM

There's no question about it: volunteers are absolutely critical to the success of our organization. HSWM relies on the selfless work of volunteers to carry out everything from animal care to event planning, and we couldn't do it without you. Volunteers don't just help us meet our goals—they help create a vibrant and caring community around the shelter, making our mission stronger.

If you have a special skill or talent you'd like to share, we would be thrilled to have you join us! Whether you're a photographer, an expert in social media, a skilled carpenter, or have any other unique ability, we'd love to explore how you can contribute. Your talents make us even stronger and there's always room for creativity and innovation at HSWM.

How to Get Started

Ready to volunteer? Simply reach out to us through our website at www.hswm.org or stop by the shelter to fill out a volunteer application. Once you're set up, we'll get you scheduled with an orientation, and before you know it, you'll be part of the HSWM family!

We can't wait to see you at our next event, helping out around the shelter, or working alongside us as we continue our important mission to protect and care for the animals of the White Mountains. **Together, we can make the world a kinder, happier place - one paw at a time!**

I have never been especially impressed with the heroics of people convinced that they are about to change the world. I am more awed by those who struggle to make one small difference after another.

Ellen Goodman

Anya and her Brood

by Debbie Neff

At closing time on a frigid Saturday evening, a panicked woman drove into the shelter.



She needed help for a Pit Bull mixed dog and her 11 pups. She said she found them under her porch 2 days earlier and couldn't locate the owners. At that time, the shelter was full and I, as Director of Operations, explained to her that we didn't have space for 12 dogs. She needed to call Animal Control for her jurisdiction. She lied by saying that she had and they couldn't help. I got on the phone and soon had 2 Animal Control agencies agreeing to help but not until the following Monday. I just have to figure out where to put the family over the weekend that is safe, warm and away from our other residents.

To assess the size of this litter, I went out to the vehicle and saw this poor starved, scared dog who is trying her very best to care for 11 very thin 2 to 3 week old pups. My heart was absolutely shattered that someone could allow this to happen. With the help of everyone at the shelter, we soon had all the puppies in a temporary kennel. The mother was very leery of us as we tried to coax her inside. So, I finally just picked her up and away we went to her pups. After seeing the condition of these dogs, we realized that their best chance of survival was to stay with us instead of going to Animal Control.

Once the family was settled, we fed the mom a small meal which she immediately gobbled. I gave her some treats which she took, nearly taking my finger with them. She immediately dropped the finger and softened her bite. I can still picture her that first day, with tears streaming down my face as I'm writing this, remembering the horrible condition this poor dog was in. She was very protective of her pups and we gave her plenty of space to take care of them. At the same time, we worked to gain her trust and in just a couple of days, Mama was fairly comfortable with us. After some investigation by Animal Control, it was found to be the folks who turned her in were her actual owners.

We named her "Anya" which means grace, a quality she had in abundance. Anya was given several small meals a day as we didn't want to overload her system. We had no idea when, if ever, she had had proper nutrition. We had also discovered that she had no milk for her pups - a result of starvation. Although she tried to nurse them, we had volunteers and staff coming in around the clock to bottle feed these babies.

As our kennels were already full, we reached out to another shelter with the hope that they had space for this family. We were very grateful, when after a few weeks, the other rescue placed them in a foster home where they had their own little house and yard.

The day for her to leave came and, though I knew it was best for her to go, my heart was broken. I have the utmost respect for Anya as she showed us that, no matter how badly off you are, you still have a job to do. Her job was to care for those pups regardless of her emaciated condition.



Anya and the pups thrived while they were in the foster home. We are so grateful to other rescue organizations who are able to help in situations like this one. It was amazing to see the transformation of this family. The puppies have all been adopted. Anya has been spayed and is awaiting her forever family. I truly hope that whoever adopts this amazing, selfless soul appreciates her devotion and all the love she has to share.

Anya - you are my hero!



Rescue Dogs Attend BRES Literacy Night

by Jamie Dye

Education, children, animal rescues, and reading: All amazing by themselves, but put them together and magic happens! Magic truly happened on January 23rd with Blue Ridge Elementary (BRES) holding their annual Literacy Night following the theme of "Reading is Magical!"

BRES Literacy Night has been an annual event where families and community members unite to share the love of literacy. This year, over 625 people attended and took home more than 4000 donated books provided by the Basha High School Academic Decathlon team. Although the families loved receiving the books, some of the happier community members who didn't receive any books were not humans. They were rescue / therapy dogs and pups, and they were so happy to have a community night with the kids!

There were 3 different sets of therapy / rescue dogs who accepted the invitation and were placed in different areas of the school. These groups have attended Literacy Night for many years, and it was amazing to see them visiting the campus. Gayle and Terry, both long-time volunteers and strong advocates for HSWM, joined the 4-6th grade teachers. Pip and Arla were rescued from HSWM, and rescued pup Sadie had her first debut with the readers. The dogs enjoyed listening to the many stories shared by the kids, even though Arla did not heed the advice from the wiser Pip to pace herself if she wanted to last all evening. Regardless, the kids were extremely happy to see the dogs and read to them.

Wendy and friends also brought her dogs, Bear, Max, and Abby, as well as another new attendee, Debbie's pup Austin, and all were excited to see the students. Wendy's dogs came from various rescues here in the White Mountains, and she is a dedicated volunteer in helping with events such as this and Critter Camp. Wendy and Debbie were placed in the 1st grade hall, and the younger students were thrilled to sit and read to their furry friends. Wendy expressed how much her dogs love interacting with the children, and she was elated about being invited to Literacy Night again.

Reading to dogs is not just for fun (although it IS fun), it is therapeutic for all who participate. Studies show when children read to dogs, especially in the shelter environment, it provides a calming de-stressor to the animals. It often decreases stress among struggling readers, as well, simply because the readers are less concerned about being "corrected". This was clearly seen at Literacy Night, as there were so many students, regardless of their reading ability, who enjoyed sharing stories and wanted to stay and read more!

It was an amazing event, and the tradition of rescue dogs coming to Literacy Night will continue in the years to come. Reading IS magical, and it showed in both the beautiful faces of the kids and the dogs. It is exciting to see what the next chapter will hold.



Tuna Cat Treats



Image via From Under A Palm Tree

If cats could use Instagram, they'd definitely "heart" these easy tuna treats by From Under A Palm Tree.

To make them, mix canned tuna with olive oil, egg, flour and mashed banana. Flatten onto a parchment lined cookie sheet, bake for 10-15 minutes at 350 degrees, and then cut into kitty-bite sized pieces.

No-Bake Pumpkin Dog Treats

Author Amy Desrosiers

A quick and easy no-bake pumpkin dog treat that can be made with common pantry ingredients. Recipe can also be consumed by humans and is really yummy!

Ingredients

1 cup pumpkin puree
1/2 cup peanut butter
2 1/2 cups oats rolled/old fashion oats are fine
1/4 cup honey
1 tsp cinnamon

Prep Time 10 minutes.

Servings 15 balls

Calories 124 cal

Instructions: In a large bowl mix well oats, peanut butter, pumpkin puree, honey, and cinnamon. Form 1 1/2" balls and place them on a parchment lined baking sheet. Chill for 1 hour, and then move them to an air tight container.

Welcome to the P.A.W.S. Clinic



Yes! Pets Are Worth Saving!

By Laurie Palazzolo, certified veterinarian tech

Are your dogs and cats current on rabies vaccines? Did you know that there are confirmed cases of the rabies virus in the White Mountains? There is! It has been found in not only wildlife, but in domestic animals as well.

Rabies is a horrible virus that attacks the nerves and causes extreme inflammation and fatal damage to the brain in mammals. Rabies can be transmitted by a bite or exposure to an open wound through saliva of an infected mammal. That means not only are pets at risk, but you and your family are too.

Having the great outdoors in our backyard is awesome and just minutes away to enjoy with family, friends and our precious pets. When in the wilderness avoid contact with wildlife that may have a higher risk of being exposed to rabies such as bats, foxes, raccoons, skunks, and coyotes. Even stray or feral cats and dogs that are not out in the wilderness, and appear sick, could be exposed.

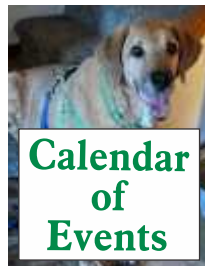
BE RESPONSIBLE! Keep your pets current on rabies vaccines to help prevent them from getting the rabies virus. Contact animal control or the Game and Fish Department if you see any animal that looks sick or rabid.

If you plan to get your pet spayed or neutered at the PAWS Clinic, ask about getting your pet vaccinated for rabies. If your pet only needs vaccines, contact your veterinarian or look for a low-cost vaccine clinic to prevent the disease and protect your pets and family from this fatal illness.

Call 928-368-5295 and make your appointment. Let us help you give your pet a healthier, longer life. See you soon!

Stay "Pawsitive"

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers Plan Ahead. Get Involved.



- June** Critter Camp, 3 weeks
- June 28** Pinetop Lakes Association "Dog Days"
- July 4** Float & walkers in 4th July Parade, Show Low
- August 23** 20th Annual Happy Tails Auction and BBQ, Charlie Clark's Orchard
- Sept.** Annual Meeting of the Members (date & time announced later)
- Sept. 26-28** Fall Festival Parade Float & Walkers. Also Pet Sitting at Car Show

Please check our website HSWM.ORG for event updates

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Saturdays - adoption events, call the shelter for further information

See all of our adoptable animals on our website:

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Dog Treats
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Toys (Rope, Kong, Etc.)
Puppy Teething Toys
Powder Puppy Formula
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Purina Cat Chow
Cat Toys
Powder Kitten Milk
Scoop-able Litter
Pelletized Horse Bedding (Tractor Supply)
Treats
Small Animal Bottles
Miracle Nipples (Amazon)

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Window Cleaner
Disinfecting Wipes
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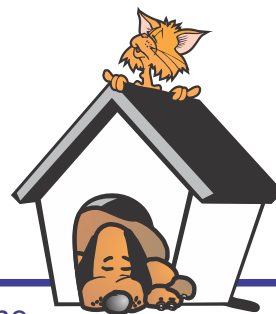
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"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape
a little worn around the edges, but they fit well." *Bonnie Wilcox*

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