

Summer 2009

# Kennebec Valley Humane Society News Quarterly

*Caring for animals since 1927.*



## KVHS Welcomes New Executive Director



Our vision is to end pet overpopulation and to advance the humane treatment of animals.

Our mission is to care for, protect and place animals for adoption in lifelong homes; to prevent cruelty to animals by educating our communities in the proper and humane care of all animals.

The Kennebec Valley Humane Society is happy to welcome their new Executive Director, Hillary Roberts. She comes to KVHS after spending the last 7 years as the Director of Emergency Services for the American Red Cross, where she managed incidents with people in emergency and crisis situations. Now, Hillary hopes to put her background to work for animals.

Hillary started with KVHS on June 29<sup>th</sup> and is off to quite a busy start. "This is a particularly busy time for our staff and volunteers. Everyday we have new animals arriving at our shelter- some are abandoned on our doorstep and some are surrendered by families forced to make the heartbreaking decision to give up a pet." Roberts explains that the shelter has experienced an increase of animals being surrendered, and that financial donations are lower than usual this year. "The mission that we are able to carry out every day is due in large part to the donations made by the public. We are not state or federally funded, and every dollar donated helps our local animals in need. One of our fundraising programs that I would encourage people to consider is the Patron Program. It's a great program designed to provide the shelter with steady, monthly cash flow from our supporters" said Roberts, who also stated that the shelter is also happy to accept in kind donations of goods. At this time, the shelter is in particular need of kitty litter. For a complete list of items the shelter is in need of, please visit the wish list on the back of the newsletter.

"The work being done at KVHS is so critical to our communities. When animals are homeless, abandoned, or surrendered we are their second chance for a family and a happy ending" said Roberts. "We're here working everyday to make lives better for these animals. We just look to our community to support us by donating, adopting, and contributing to our efforts. Together, we will make a difference".

Hillary lives in Augusta with her fiancée Michael, their two lab mixes Kennedy & Roosevelt and cat Phoebe.

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KVHS Hours of  
Operation:  
Open for adoptions  
Thurs., Fri., Sun. 12-4  
Sat. 10-4

## Patron Program

A new supporter level has been added to the Patron Program. For less than 33 cents per day, you can help ensure that KVHS will continue to provide homes for over 3,000 stray, abandoned, and abused animals right here in Central Maine.

Our goal is to have 100 Patrons by the end of 2009. We need your help to reach that goal. If you have already become a Patron, THANK YOU! We hope you will also consider sharing this wonderful opportunity with friends, relatives, and colleagues. We all know people who share our love of animals; this is a great way to involve others in our cause.

Groups and businesses are also eligible to become Patrons. Even a small group or business with just twenty-five employees could become a Patron for just 40 cents per person per month! It's a great community service project. For more information, contact Hillary Roberts at 626-3491 ext. 100, [director@pethavenlane.org](mailto:director@pethavenlane.org), or visit our web site at [www.pethavenlane.org](http://www.pethavenlane.org).

“Join Our Circle of Caring”



### **KVHS introduces the new E-Newsletter & chance to win a years supply of pet food from Naturally Good Pets!**

KVHS has implemented our new E-newsletter so that you can all stay up to date on what we're doing. When you sign up at [www.pethavenlane.org](http://www.pethavenlane.org) you will be entered into a drawing to win a years supply of pet food from Naturally Good Pets in Farmingdale. The newsletter will include helpful hints and tricks for your pets, upcoming events, and other useful information for pet owners!



### **We need you to open your hearts & your homes**

Kitten season is here, and with it an increased need for Foster Parents. By fostering kittens for just a few weeks, you allow their young immune systems to develop significantly. This greatly diminishes their chances of becoming sick, and increases their chance at a happy, healthy life. Many of our Foster Families share stories with us about how fulfilling this experience is for their entire family. This very short-term commitment can save several kittens. If you can help, please contact Melissa Hewins at 626-3491 ext. 102 or email [animalcare@pethavenlane.org](mailto:animalcare@pethavenlane.org)



## *16th Annual KVHS Mutt Strut was a Huge Success!!*

KVHS recently held their 16th Annual Mutt Strut on Saturday, May 9 at the Augusta Armory, a dog walk to benefit the nearly 4,000 stray and abandoned animals that come to KVHS each year. Supporters came from all over to participate in the walk, either as an individual or as a team. Pledges brought in over \$9,000.

After the walk, the activities didn't end! Top pledges were awarded to walkers, people participated in the Capitol Area Canine Contest during which dog owners showcased their smart and beloved pet, and the Pet Expo took place in conjunction with all other events.

Many different vendors showed their support with informational booths during the 3rd Annual Pet Expo. This is the first year that both events were held simultaneously.

Thank you to all who helped make this years Mutt Strut a success!



One of our many supporters who participated in the walk with her furry friend.



Former Executive Director Robert Haley presents Elissa Emmons with a plaque in honor of her dog and KVHS mascot Sadie, who sadly, passed away last year.

### **Interested in Volunteering?**

Every day, generous community members donate their time to help us continue the life saving work done here at the shelter!

If you have time to walk dogs, clean cages, attend community events and fundraisers, or give back in the way that best fits your skill set, we want to hear from YOU!

Please contact Amanda at 626-3491 ext. 107 or email [volunteer@pethavenlane.org](mailto:volunteer@pethavenlane.org).

## **KVHS Remembers Mascot Sadie**



Sadie and her owner Elissa Emmons.

Sadly, long time KVHS Mascot Sadie, an American Pit Bull Terrier passed away last year. KVHS honors her memory by dedicating the staff meditation garden in her name. The garden will now be named Sadie's Corner and provides a place for KVHS staff to go when they just need some quiet time.

Sadie came to KVHS as a stray who had been abandoned on the side of the road with a gun shot wound in her leg. She was chosen as our mascot because she exemplified what all of our shelter residents want, a second chance at life with people who will love and care for them. Sadie found this second chance with her owner Elissa Emmons and will be sadly missed by Elissa and KVHS staff.

KVHS is now looking for another Mascot. Please visit our website for more information on the Mascot Contest at [www.pethavenlane.org](http://www.pethavenlane.org).

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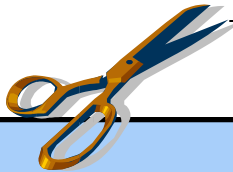
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**“Hey! We’re on TV!”**

**Be Sure to Watch the  
“Pet Haven Lane”  
TV Show on  
Time Warner Ch9**

**Sunday @ 11am  
Wednesday @ 7pm  
Friday @ 3pm**



## *Shopping List*

We are always in need of the following gifts-in-kind. When you are grocery shopping, or shopping at your local pet stores we hope that you will think of your furry friends by purchasing something for them on our wish list.

- Bleach
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Latex Gloves
- Gauze
- Band-Aids
- Medical Tape
- Rubbing Alcohol and peroxide
- Kitty litter
- Air Fresheners
- Peanut Butter
- Stamps
- Treats
- Timothy Hay
- Frontline
- Rodent Pellets
- Raw hide/chew toys

All in kind donations are appreciated and help our local animals in need.  
Thank you.