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Kennebec Valley Humane Society
News Quarterly
Caring for animals since 1927.



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.

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KVHS Hours of Operation:
Open to the public for adoptions
Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, & Sunday from
11am-4pm
Saturday from 10am-4pm

Save the date: Join us!

Sell your used sports gear and make some extra cash!
Start your season with some new stuff!

**KVHS Fore-Legged Friends
Golf & Hockey Swap**

Saturday, April 2, 2011
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Augusta Country Club
Route 202, Manchester

*Shop, sell,
and support
local animals
in need!*



Consignment hours:

Friday, April 1, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 2, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
at Augusta Country Club



25% of consignment proceeds benefit the Kennebec Valley Humane Society.
For more info, visit www.PetHavenLane.org



Paws in the Park and the 18th Annual Mutt Strut
Saturday, May 21st at 10am at Mill Park in Augusta

Games
Prizes for top pledges
Dog contests
Police K-9 demonstration
Agility demonstration
Basic obedience lessons
And much more! Fun for the whole family!

**This year the Mutt Strut will be
having an ART CONTEST!**

Local Artists are invited to create posters to celebrate the event. The entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Posters are available at the Harlow Gallery in Hallowell or at KVHS. The top 3 winners in the adult category will receive \$300, \$200, and \$100. The top 3 winners in the youth category will receive \$150, \$100, and \$50. All cash prizes have been donated by KVHS supporters. For more information call 626-3491 ext. 100 or visit www.Pethavenlane.org

Start collecting pledges for the Mutt Strut today!
Forms available at
www.pethavenlane.org



Executive Director's message

As we start another year at KVHS amidst a difficult economy and animals being surrendered or abandoned every day I'm still reminded of one thing: Our future is bright. Since 1927 KVHS has been serving our communities and we will continue our promise to save and improve the lives of animals in need. With your help, our mission and our commitment are unwavering. As you read this newsletter I hope you'll consider joining us. You can contribute to our mission by **donating, adopting, and volunteering**. Each of these pieces is critical to our success and to our bright future. By donating to KVHS using the envelope included in this newsletter you join us in by providing food, shelter, medical care and the second chance for a loving home to animals in need. By adopting you provide that loving home and

second chance. And through our volunteer program you can make a difference every day by walking dogs, fostering, cleaning cat kennels, socializing our animals and sharing our story at community events. Together, we will make a difference in the lives of these animals and we will maintain a bright future for KVHS.

Warmly,

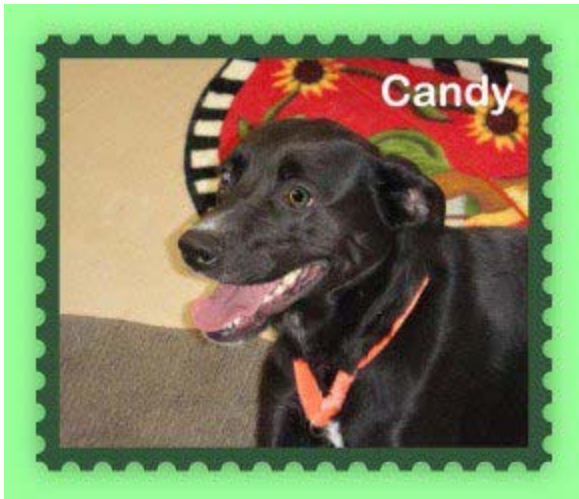
Hillary Roberts, KVHS Executive Director



Executive Director Hillary Roberts with her dog, Kennedy



Dog Stolen From KVHS Finds New Home



On Monday, January 10, a KVHS shelter dog named Candy was stolen from her kennel. Candy, a small, 3-year old, black lab mix had been at the shelter since December 15. She came to KVHS as a stray from Augusta. KVHS Senior Animal Care Technician, Ali Balcer explained that she fed Candy that morning and noticed the dog missing from her kennel at 10:30 am. According to KVHS staff and volunteers, Candy had not been removed from her kennel prior to her disappearance; however, the dog was missing along with her card containing her information. KVHS Executive Director, Hillary Roberts immediately called authorities. "The authorities and media played a very important role in helping us to let our community know that a dog was taken and could potentially be in danger," Hillary said. What was especially concerning to KVHS staff was that Candy was being treated for

Lyme disease and had 3 weeks left of treatment. According to Hillary, failure to treat this disease can make a dog very sick. KVHS reached out to the public through local media and the shelters networking Web sites in an effort to safely return the dog to the shelter. At 7:30 a.m. the following morning Ali found Candy safe and sound in one of the shelters outside fenced in dog play areas. She was wearing a black fleece jacket, which she did not have on prior to her disappearance. Attached to the jacket was a note stating that she was found in Augusta. Fortunately, this story has a happy ending. Candy was later adopted by someone who had heard about her disappearance. Her disappearance followed a string of stolen dogs from animal shelters throughout the state within a week. A Pekingese named "Selene" was stolen from the Animal Welfare Society (AWS) in West Kennebunk on Saturday, December 8. The same day Candy was taken from KVHS, a tan and white pit bull named "Aikido" was stolen from the Bangor Humane Society (BHS). Both dogs were later returned to their shelter.

Bonnie: Waiting on a Forever Home

Hello friends! My name is Bonnie and I am a unique gal looking for a unique home. I am a Catahoula Leopard Dog mix and I hope you'll read up on my breed before you come to visit with me. I am very busy and really need something to do with my mind as I can become bored pretty quickly. Pet Smart has even offered a free dog training session for us if you adopt me. And don't forget, I am already spayed and up to date on routine vaccination. I think I would really be happiest if I was the only pet in my new home. I do walk well on the leash and would be an amazing obedience student once I burned off about 2 days worth of energy. I am pretty big and VERY bouncy so if you have some older children that would probably be better for me. I really will make a great family dog once I learn the rules and have some people willing to take some time with me! Want to know more about me? Call my friends at 626-3491. Or, better yet, come in to visit me and take me for a walk. We might be best friends very quickly!



Become a Foster Parent for Us!



Lynette and Marc fostered "Princess," who later had a litter of kittens (above). It was a "very high" moment the couple noted.



The Spring and Summer months are an especially busy time for KVHS and we will need foster parents. While KVHS staff does it's best to adopt out animals and limit their time at the shelter as much as possible, some animals that come in just aren't ready to be adopted. This is where you can help. Our need is urgent and we need someone to help us care for pregnant, new-born injured, sick, un-socialized, or orphaned animals. By becoming a foster parent for KVHS you can help give an animal a second chance at life. Many of our Foster parents have wonderful things to say about fostering. Since 2003 Lynette Miller and her husband Marc Loiselle have fostered over 100 cats and kittens for KVHS. Will it be hard to bring them back? It may be; however, Lynette explained, "We focus on the great life they are going to have," adding that she understands how important her role is in helping save lives. "There are times when we say to ourselves that enough is enough, especially after the tough cases. But when the next call comes and we realize that we wouldn't be called if we weren't needed, we almost always say yes." Although fostering has lows as well as highs, Lynette feels it's worth it. "Ultimately, it's about the animals. A big part of the job is teaching them to love people, and the only way to do that is to love them. When a kitten toddles into your lap, or a cat that was hurt and afraid greets you at the door, it's all worth it." If you would like to help save and improve the lives of animals in need like Lynette does, please consider becoming a foster parent. All it takes is time, love and some TLC. For more information and an application contact Ali at 626-3491 ext. 102 or email animalcare@pethavenlane.org.

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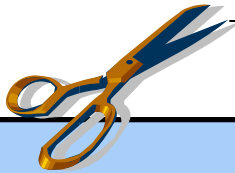
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“Hey! We’re on TV!”

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

**Thursday @ 6:30 pm
Friday @ 4:30 pm
Saturday @ 11:00 am**



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.

- Cat food (canned and dry)
- Laundry Detergent
- Latex Gloves
- Kongs (all sizes)
- Towels & blankets (old or stained are acceptable)
- Bleach
- Plastic litter Boxes (9 x 12)
- Kitty litter (clay and non-clumping)
- Peanut Butter
- Postage Stamps
- Canned Dog Food
- Timothy Hay
- Frontline
- Rodent Food
- Small stainless steel bowls

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