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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

WANTED

LOVING FAMILIES



Meet Neon! This handsome cat is about 3 years old. Neon has been at KVHS since November waiting for a family and hopes to find the right one soon. He has put on some weight at the shelter so a new home with room to play would be great. Neon loves to be patted and wouldn't mind other cat friends. Can you help Neon find a loving family?

Meet Justice! Justice is a full grown American Pit Bull Terrier looking for a loving home. Justice came to KVHS as a stray. He is very smart and knows how to sit, stay, shake, and lay down. Justice is very gentle and is respectful of boundaries. He loves to leap high into the air to catch a ball and wouldn't mind a home with a dog or cat friend. Want to know more? Come in and meet Justice today!



Reward: A loving friend for life!



Please Save the Date

13th Annual Kibbles'N Bids Auction

Sunday, October 23rd at the Augusta County Club

Preview from Noon-1pm
Live Auction at 1pm
Free Admission
At the Augusta Country Club
Casual Attire
Hot hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

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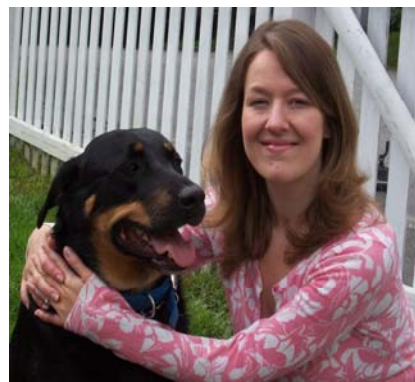
Executive Director's message

As many of you know, the summer months are the busiest and most challenging at KVHS. We have our highest intake of animals at this time, particularly cats and litters of kittens. During this busy season we see animals abandoned that are often sick or wounded, families forced to making the heartbreaking decision to surrender animals, and stray animals that we will never know the history of. However, we also uplifting things. Community members embrace us as we work to provide shelter, food, medical care and a second chance to animals in need. We receive donations of supplies and money, foster families generously open their homes to young or sick animals, and people turn to us to adopt pets into their families. This support allows us to meet the needs of this busy time of year at KVHS. I hope that you'll consider joining us or continuing to

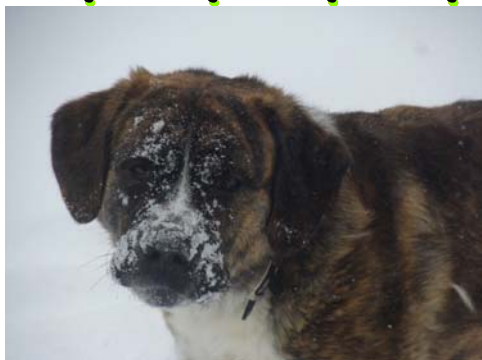
support us by making a donation using the envelope in this newsletter. Your donation will has a direct impact on our mission to save and improve the lives of animals in need. Together through **donating, adopting, and volunteering** we will make a difference in the lives of these animals.

Warmly,

Hillary Roberts, KVHS Executive Director



Executive Director Hillary Roberts with her dog, Kennedy



A Happy Ending for Goliath

Goliath was brought to KVHS after someone found him on their door step one day in November 2010. After KVHS staff performed a health check on the dog they noticed that something was terribly wrong. Goliath, a 5 and a half year old St. Bernard seemed to have a dislocated hip that was healing out of place. Staff decided to take money out of the shelters emergency fund in an attempt to help the dog, who was scared and in pain. X-rays confirmed what KVHS had feared. Goliath needed medical attention and would most likely require surgery on his leg and a possible amputation. KVHS staff feared that it would be difficult to find a loving family for Goliath given his medical needs, but could not give up on this dog. Fortunately for Goliath, a family would soon have a new member in their household, a 5 and a half year old St. Bernard named Goliath who they would later name Moxie. Michelle Woodford explained that she first learned of Goliath after a co worker found the dog as a stray on their front step. After losing their greyhound less than 6 months earlier, Michelle came into the shelter with her husband Adam and their three children, Shylah, 5, Molly, 4, and Willow, 1 to meet the dog. The Woodford family adopted Goliath in December of 2010 and Goliath became an early Christmas gift for the Woodford family. Michelle explained that everything worked out for Goliath, as the family took over all heath issues the dog had. "Money wasn't an issue," Michelle explained. After bringing Goliath to the vet, more good news came to the family when they learned they would not have to amputate the dog's leg. Today, Goliath spends his time playing and walking the rail trail with his family. Although, according to Michelle, his leg does not seem to bother him and he is pain free an amputation may be a possibility in the future. But for now, "He's just being a dog," Michelle said.

If you would like to contribute to the KVHS medical emergency fund and help animals in need like Goliath, please make a donation using the envelope inside this newsletter or on our website at www.pethavenlane.org. Donations to this fund help to ensure than animals in need of medical care will be treated and given the second chance for a loving home.

Summer Safety Tips for Pets

Never leave your pets in a parked car. On hot days the temperature in your car can rise to 120 degrees in just 10 minutes! This kind of heat can cause organ damage and lead to death in animals. If you see an animal in distress in a parked car in the heat contact the local animal control officer or law enforcement.

Provide plenty of water and shade. If your pet spends a lot of time outside, make sure that they have protection from the heat and sun. Dog houses provide shade and shelter, but will not provide relief from the heat. Make sure inside or outside your pet has plenty of water.

Take shorter walks or limit exercise. If it's really hot outside, it's best to walk your dog or allow pets to exercise outside in the early morning or evening. Also, remember that on very hot days the asphalt in pavement can get very hot and burn your pet's paws.

If you think your pet is suffering from heat stroke, take action. Signs of heat stroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid heartbeat, restlessness, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, and unconsciousness. If you see initial signs, get your pet to a shaded or air conditioned area and try to lower their body temperature with ice packs or cold towels. As with any health emergency, contact your veterinarian.



THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Paws in the Park and the Mutt Strut on Saturday, May 21st. We raised over \$10,000 to help KVHS serve local animals in need. This was a great event and we can't wait to do it again next spring. Special thanks to our sponsors: Charlie's Super Motor Mall, Key Bank, Tim Hortons, Yankee Title, 92 Moose, Kool Am, and B 98.5!



Reasons to Adopt a Senior Pet



14 year-old Scout was adopted from KVHS on 5/28/2011.

Thinking of adopting a senior pet? Here are some great reasons to do so!

- The adopter is already aware of full-grown size, personality, and groom requirements.
- Older animals are often easier to train or have already been trained and are calmer than puppies or kittens.
- Senior animals seem to be affectionate and grateful for you taking them into a loving home.
- Older animals don't require constant monitoring.
- They settle into a new environment quickly.
- Older animals are usually already house or litter box trained.
- They enjoy relaxation. Although they still require exercise, they will not require nearly as much as a younger animal.
- By adopting a senior animal you give them a second chance.

Are you interested in adopting a senior pet in the future?
Visit our web site at <http://www.pethavenlane.org> for a list of our senior animals.

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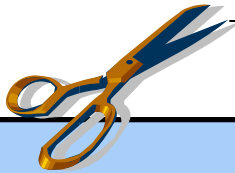
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“Hey! We’re on TV!”

**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.**