

## *BHS alums make their mark*

### **Sadie**

Since Don and Nancy Smith adopted Sadie, an Australian cattle



dog mix, in early July, she's really come into her own. She's perfected the

delicate art of riding in a canoe and learned a whole slew of outdoor activities. In fact, she's willing to play fetch just about forever.

She still needs to learn a bit about chasing cars – like not to – and she and the cat have a few issues to resolve. “Other than that, all is well,” said Don. “We are happy to have her.”

### **Darby**

In April, Cliff and Jane Pierce flew to Oro Valley, Arizona, to visit their daughter Carol, son-in-law Larry, and the couple's three dogs – Johnny, Jenna, and Darby, a beautiful Irish setter adopted from BHS. Cliff and Jane call the three canines their granddogs.

The visit was a delight, highlighted by attendance at a rodeo and a trip into a copper mine. On the fourth day of the stay, however, Cliff began to feel ill. Not wanting to spoil the fun, he kept his condition to himself. Only Darby knew – and he never left Cliff's side. When Cliff sat, Darby sat; when Cliff stood, Darby stood; if Cliff ate a little, Darby ate a little; and when Cliff slept, Darby slept beside the

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## *Many steps... and then you're home*

Sarah stood by her mother's side, reaching out a small hand to pet her new kitten, an adorable gray ball of fur with spiky

hair all on end. As a Bangor Humane Society adoption counselor prepared the papers, Sarah whispered to the little green-eyed creature. And then, suddenly, the kitten was in her arms – purrs and kisses all around. Heaven!

Nothing is more exciting at BHS than the moment we unite an animal with a new family and a forever home. But before that moment arrives, a whole lot has to be done. Adoption doesn't happen overnight. From health concerns and grooming to socialization and profiling, the steps we take to prepare an animal for adoption make for a pretty steep stairway.

### *Here's how it works...*

**HEALTH** When stray or surrendered animals arrive at BHS, we check them immediately for infectious diseases. After all, we have to look out for all the other residents staying with us too. Then, newcomers are placed into a kennel for a short adjustment period – cats 24-48 hours and dogs 48-72 hours. After that, a veterinarian and our animal care technicians give them vaccinations for distemper and rabies, test cats for feline leukemia, and assess their overall health and behavior. All dogs are spayed or neutered before they're eligible for adoption, and all cats are spayed or neutered once they've been adopted – before they go home with their new families.

### *Diva & Sweet Caroline...first steps*

When Diva, a six-month-old German shepherd/husky mix, and her three siblings arrived at the shelter, they weren't in bad shape – physically. “They were somewhat skinny,” said adoption counselor Dawn Weber, “but they had no serious health issues.”

Left all alone in a box, Sweet Caroline's story is very different. She was only about three weeks old when a Good Samaritan found her and brought her to BHS. Animal care technician Erica Neal remembers the day well. “That tiny kitten was so riddled with fleas and flea dirt that a single stroke of her fur left my hand covered with blood,” she said. But she was so young that flea treatment would put her in danger, so she had to wait. And she had to wait for vaccinations and tests for worms and leukemia too.

**GROOMING** Some of our new guests arrive in dire need of a good grooming. That's when our animal care technicians step in with shampoos, comb outs, and nail clips to give them a new lease on life. And volunteer groomer Rachel Hutchins takes on bigger challenges like examining the skin and coat, detangling matted fur, and shaving

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fur that covers the eyes or pulls at the skin. Our volunteers also help with grooming when they're needed. And you know how valuable that is if you've ever tried to give a dog – or, even more fun, a cat – a bath.

### ***Grooming for Diva & Sweet Caroline***

"All Diva needed," said Dawn, "was a good bath. She was really dirty and smelly – like her sisters and brother – but she was pretty scared. As soon as she would let us, we bathed her and brushed her out."

Erica immediately gave Sweet Caroline four or five baths, but the fleas held on for another week. And the poor kitten kept scratching, trying to get just a moment of comfort. Then, when Sweet Caroline was four weeks old, Erica tried a touch of flea treatment – enough to give the cute little Maine coon cat some relief and start her on the road to recovery.

**SOCIALIZATION** Imagine what it must be like for animals coming into our shelter. Even though we lavish them with love and affection as soon as they're with us, BHS is totally unfamiliar to them – noisy and scary. That's why socialization is so essential for the emotional and mental well being of our pets. We walk the dogs twice a day and visit regularly with the cats, giving special attention to animals that have a hard time getting used to their new environment. Supplementing the ongoing work of the staff, volunteers take the dogs for extra walks and reinforce basic training, and they spend time petting and playing with the cats. In some cases, foster care offers the best chance for stressed pets, giving them a better chance to learn trust in a calm, quiet setting. We're always looking for committed people to socialize with the animals and to provide foster care.

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bedroom door. Darby was Cliff's constant companion for two full days.

Once Cliff boarded the plane for Bangor, he was too sick to keep his secret any longer, and after a miserable trip home, Jane took Cliff to the emergency room at Eastern Maine Medical Center. When she called Carol to let her know what was happening, Carol said that Darby had not eaten since Cliff left.

And the story gets even more amazing. After Cliff was examined and admitted to the hospital, a young woman entered his room and said, "Hi, I'm going to be your nurse. My name is Darby." Back in Oro Valley – through Jane and then Carol – Darby heard that Cliff would be all right, that he was in good hands... and he ate.

### ***Diva & Sweet Caroline have a long way to go***

Diva was born and raised outside. The only human contact she had was when her owner plunked down food and water for her and the three other puppies, turned on his heel, and went back inside. She had never seen a vet, nor had she received any training. So when she stepped into a kennel at BHS, she and her sister Flash (the only living creature she thought she could trust) huddled way in the back, shaking and growling at anyone who came near. Dawn was worried. She knew from experience that an animal that's never been socialized runs the risk of permanent emotional damage.

Sweet Caroline needed Erica – who took her home and gave her foster care – for absolutely everything. Erica bottle fed the kitten every four hours using KMR (kitten milk replacer) provided by BHS. During the night, she set the alarm so she could get up for feedings; and during the day, she took the little one to work and fed her there.



Bottle feeding three-week old Sweet Caroline.

She also stimulated her as a mother cat would do so the kitten could relieve herself. And she handled her, cuddled her, introduced her to solid food, and made her feel loved.

**PROFILING** When owners surrender their pets, we're generally able to build personality profiles. We learn a bit of history... how well they get along with other animals and children, what they need for exercise, what they know for commands, if they're housetrained, what their favorite treats are. We develop our own profile for strays, newborns, and pets whose owners don't know much about them.

### ***Diva & Sweet Caroline develop personalities***

Diva makes a great first impression. But she's been adopted and returned to BHS a whopping five times. Apparently her indifferent upbringing left her very timid, so she defends herself by growling and barking. That's why she's been in foster care with John and Kathy Field since May. And she's come a long way. "She's really a lovable little twerp," said John. "When we first brought her home, she was scared of everything. She'd shy away from us, avoiding all contact, and bark simply because she was afraid." Now, she still has some quirky barking behaviors – apparently, she doesn't like people to take showers and lets them know it; but she's become a great jogging partner and a star in her agility and obedience class. She'll chase a ball and bring it back for as long as you want, and she "gets along well with others" at daycare. "She's a quick study," said John, "a really smart little girl!"



Sweet Caroline plays ball.

With Erica’s help, Sweet Caroline has grown into a loving, good-natured kitten who loves to play and purrs quickly. She puts on a good show – acting all brave and feisty – until something new enters her six-week-old life, and then she hightails it under the couch. It seems, for now, she’s still a bit unsure about her world.

## **ADOPTION** People who arrive at BHS hoping to adopt a pet fill out our Meet Your Match pre-adoption survey.

We use their responses to help us find the best pet to match their family. We ask questions like... *Have you owned a dog or cat before? Do you want your dog to be playful or laid back? How many hours might he or she spend alone? Does your dog need to be good with young children or other animals? Do you prefer a cat with short or long hair? Are there any cat behaviors you just can't live with, like lapses in litter box use, scratching furniture, jumping on counters?*

We do all we can to make sure that our animals will have homes where they're treated humanely, where they learn through positive training methods, and where they're considered members of the family. More than anything else, we want our pets to go to loving homes, and we're willing to counsel adopters in any way we can to make that happen.

### ***Diva & Sweet Caroline take steps toward adoption***

The Fields have learned some simple and effective strategies to deal with Diva’s barking. “Despite her behaviors,” said Kathy, “Diva really loves to be with people – she follows us everywhere.” She’s not aggressive; she’s never bitten anyone – she just lacks confidence in herself. The Fields think she’d be a wonderful pet for a dog-savvy family that understands where she’s come from and are willing to work with her.



Diva looks happy and content on her own bed – in her new home.

“It’s been a lot of work,” said Erica, “and I’m not sure yet if I can really give Sweet Caroline up – even though the house is pretty crowded with pets already. But, no matter what happens, it’s been really satisfying to get her ready for adoption, and she’ll be a great addition to someone’s family.”

And then it happened... almost before Erica had a chance to say goodbye. Sweet Caroline was adopted! After only one hour on the “adoptable kitten list,” Sweet Caroline and Sheri, a black and white BHS playmate, went home to Charleston with a new family. Then it happened again... a few days later,

Diva found a forever home too! She’s off to Skowhegan with a wonderful family who’s adopted several pets that need extra love and attention from BHS. Great news!

***Give a lonely animal a home!*** Visit BHS today – or check out our website at [bangorhumane.org](http://bangorhumane.org). You’re sure to find a pet that’s just right for you.

## Before you adopt a pet, ask yourself these four important questions...

### **1 Why do I want a pet?**

Make sure you have a good reason... it can’t be about looking “cool” or pleasing the kids. Make sure your answer has a lot to do with making life better – both for you and your family and for the new pet.

### **2 How much will a pet cost? And can I afford it?**

Besides the initial adoption expense (which we make affordable at BHS) consider food, veterinary care, grooming, pet carriers, beds, and toys. Dogs may need licenses, obedience classes, outdoor play areas with fences or runs. And cats may need kitty litter or scratching posts. And when you have to be away, boarding can get expensive.

### **3 Do I have enough time to give to a pet?**

It’s a daily concern... there’s food and water, of course. But pets also need exercise and companionship. Consider your other obligations – spouse, children, job, hobbies, studies – and make sure you have time for another responsibility before you adopt.

### **4 Do I understand what it means to be a responsible pet owner?**

Your pet may live for 15 to 20 years. During that time, your pet counts on you for just about everything: spay/neuter and regular vet care, identification, a healthy diet, exercise, stability – and lots of love. Are you ready to make that kind of commitment?

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June 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008

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# Paws – and a caring community – on Parade



The parade was postponed two weeks when Hurricane Kyle threatened. Then the stock market plummeted. So Bangor Humane Society faced less-than-promising circumstances on October 11, when it held its 15th annual Paws on Parade fundraiser.



But, despite the hurdles, more than 200 enthusiastic animal lovers and their pooches turned up at United Technologies Center and Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center. The event raised \$37,000, topping last

year's total by a whopping \$20,000. Many thanks to Dr. Hanks and the Kindred Spirits team who raised more than \$7,000. and to our gold sponsors – Key Bank and Eastern Maine Emergency Vet – for contributing \$5,000 each. We also appreciate all the donations from many other generous groups and individuals. The final tally will help BHS care for many animals in need!

Thanks also goes to ADA Fence, which provided fenced areas for demonstrations, and to Mike Dow for lending BHS his sound system. Four vendors – The Truman Collar, Barkwheats Dog Biscuits, Renaissance Dogs, and El Rancho Kennels – also helped make the day a success.

*Thanks so much... together we did it!*

## Paws goes to Calais



Olivia Smith was disappointed when she couldn't make it to the Bangor Humane Society's Paws on Parade fundraiser. But that didn't stop her.

She gathered her brother Nathan and friends Kenny Russell and Kaylee Johnson, and the four held their own Paws on Parade dog walk

along the St. Croix River in Calais. Olivia and Nathan walked Nalla, an Italian greyhound, Kenny had Goldie, a goldendoodle, and Kaylee brought Brandy, a springer spaniel. They all had a great time – especially Goldie and Brandy, who were so excited to see the seagulls that they took a detour and unexpectedly went for a swim.

*And they raised \$155 for the animals at BHS!*

### *In honor of...continued*

- Norman, Cleo & Clementine* William & Barbara Klausmeyer
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- Oreo* Nancy Page
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- Ruth Bunt* Jessica Bickford
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- Splash* Patricia Eames
- Storm* Mary Jackson
- Tiger* Louis Dort
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- Tubby* Bruce Hautala

*Thank you!*



# Deck the halls... *but watch out for holiday hazards*



Holidays. We love them. We plan, we shop, we bake, we get together with friends and relatives. We share special moments and make lasting memories. We celebrate.

But each year while we're having fun, thousands of our pets get injured – or even die. That's because the holidays present a whole set of hazards for our furry little friends.

So, as this year's holiday season approaches, we'd like to share some tips that will help keep your pets safe. And, of course, using common sense helps too.

## Food tips...

**Don't share food.** Yes, holidays usually mean food, but it's for humans, not pets. Human food is too rich, fatty, and spicy for our pets. Even bones are dangerous because they splinter easily and pieces can get lodged in the mouth or throat. Watch your guests too... make sure they don't try to slip Spot any unacceptable treats.

**Hide the candy.** Most animals love the sweet taste of chocolate, but it can be fatal, especially to cats. And foil candy wrappers swallowed by Fluffy can cut like razors.

**Beware the booze.** No surprise here... alcohol is toxic to Fluffy and Spot. Keep your wits about you and pour out half empty glasses.

## Decorating tips...

**Keep plants out of reach.** Lovely to look at... mistletoe, ivy, holly, poinsettias, and decorative greens all have some degree of toxicity.

**Pet proof the tree.** Yikes! Lots to talk about here. Cover or tack down electrical cords and unplug them when not in use. Anchor the tree to the ceiling, so it won't fall. Decorate with care, placing only unbreakable and inedible ornaments low on the tree and avoiding tinsel, angel hair, and fake snow altogether. And keep Fluffy and Spot away from the tree water.

**Say no to costumes.** Sure, your dalmation looks cute with reindeer ears, but rubber bands that keep a costume in place can be ingested and cause intestinal problems or even become embedded in the pup's flesh. Another danger, a festive ribbon around the kitty's neck can tighten or catch.

## Atmosphere tips...

**Watch the door.** During the holidays, people come and go. We're constantly in and out... so make sure Spot doesn't escape while you're greeting

guests or sneaking in presents.

Shush. When you have company, find a quiet place for Fluffy and Spot to hang out away from shuffling feet, noise, and children.

**Reduce stress.** As much as possible stick with routine – especially feeding and exercise – to keep your pets healthy and happy. And if you think Spot feels a little stressed (he may be panting a lot), make sure you keep his water bowl full.

**Lavish the little ones with affection.** You're probably away from home more – shopping, partying, visiting. So, remember to make time for petting and fun with Fluffy and Spot – and all those pets that just might be missing you.

*Need a last-minute gift idea?  
A present for that hard-to-buy-for friend or loved one?*



How about a donation to BHS in his or her honor? It's a great way to celebrate the holidays – and help the animals too.

## It's hard to imagine a more heartwarming gift than a pet.



But imagine too how unsure a pet must feel when it moves to a new home. And imagine that new home caught up in the hectic bustle of the holidays. You can make a wiser decision – for both your family and the animal...

Wait.

Instead give pet supplies, informative books, food, toys, bedding, water bowls – or a gift certificate to your local shelter! And once you're back into your normal routine, come to the shelter, select a pet that tugs at your heart, and take home the best darned gift you ever had.



# Emails for the animals



“I think it’s great that the Bangor Humane Society finds homes for so many animals – and that’s why I’m so glad that I could help,” said Anna Kreitzer, a ten-year-old girl from Ellsworth who raised money for BHS in the spring of 2008.

The Kreitzers, who often get involved with fundraisers, enjoy lending a hand to charitable organizations that need their help. “This year,” Anna

said, “I wanted to do something extra special for BHS, and I set \$500 as my goal.”

First, Anna asked her teachers at the Bryant E. Moore School for donations. Then she and her mom made a list of about 32 friends and relatives and sent emails asking for donations from everyone on the list.

“I was amazed at the response,” said Anna, “after only two months, I already had collected more than \$500! I sure do have great teachers, family members, and friends.”

## *Please help the animals!* **Donate today**

*On most days, nearly 200 animals are kept safe and well fed at Bangor Humane Society.*

*Here’s how your gifts help...*

- \$25** covers the cost of three medical exams
- \$60** allows us to spay or neuter one cat – and reduce the number of unwanted animals
- \$100** helps pay for BHS staff, so they can walk and play with the dogs twice a day
- \$500** provides medical treatment for two injured dogs or for pets surrendered because their owners couldn’t afford a vet’s care

