

## Anatomy of a rescue

Animals that are neglected and abused depend on us to help them. Sometimes people who witness animal cruelty aren't sure who to contact, or they're afraid to create conflict with a difficult neighbor. But, without our intervention, suffering animals can languish for years.

Please get involved. When people who care report animal cruelty – from neighborhood kids tormenting cats to dogs chained outdoors for months without companionship or shelter – amazing things can happen.

*Here's one story...*

**Wednesday, September 20**

Bangor Humane Society gets a call from the State of Maine Department

of Animal Welfare. Thanks to a neighbor's complaint, department workers have rescued 20 miniature poodles from squalid conditions. Can BHS take them in?

Though we're near capacity, we immediately begin moving dogs around to create kennel space while making sure we still have room for our daily intakes – strays and dogs surrendered by families who can no longer take care of them.

**Thursday, September 21**

Animal Welfare District Humane Agent Chrissy Perry and state veterinarian Christine Frazier arrive about 5:15 p.m. with the dogs, and intake begins. We look at each animal, carefully record its condition, and make sure we note

details so we can tell the poodles apart in case any are returned to their owner.

What we see is horrifying. All the dogs are covered with dirt, feces, and urine. Most can't see because their top knots have grown over their eyes and matted into their muzzles. All have trouble walking because their filthy, hardened fur pulls on their skin.

**Friday, September 22** We all agree the poodles will need to be completely sheared before we can bathe and treat them – and that

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## You can help!

If you witness animal cruelty, neglect or abuse, please help. Contact the Animal Welfare Program for the State of Maine at 207.287.3846, toll free at 877.269.9200, or by email at [animal.welfare@maine.gov](mailto:animal.welfare@maine.gov). Then, follow up to make sure your concerns were investigated and needed action was taken. ***You could be an animal's only hope.***



Volunteer groomer Paula Alexander shaves the matted fur from two-year-old Carolina so she can have a bath and be treated for urine burns on her foot pads and for infections between her toes. It took six professional groomers and three BHS staff members nearly three days to free the poodles from their cocoons of hardened fur. Most of the dogs weighed two to three pounds less once they'd been groomed.

"I've seen a lot of animals in horrendous conditions, but this ranks at the top," said Debbie Berthiaume, who also volunteered her time and grooming expertise. "I'd guess these poodles hadn't been groomed for at least two years. We had to use surgical blades and cut away ¼" of matting at a time. Once we got it off their faces, it was like the dogs were seeing the light and the things around them for the first time."

"The minute these dogs were groomed and clean, they seemed so happy," said Rita Kirouac, another volunteer groomer and certified animal trainer who enjoys helping make rescued animals adoptable. "There were some we thought might bite, but once they could move and see, they were all sweet tempered. This was definitely one of the worst cases I've ever seen – so many dogs in such bad shape."

## One of the best ways to help?

### Adopt!

And, when you do, you can be sure your BHS pet will be healthy.

*That's because we...*

- Test all rescued cats and kittens for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus.
- Make sure all our cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies are
  - vaccinated
  - spayed or neutered
  - microchipped
  - treated for fleas
  - checked for worms and internal parasites

*Visit our petfinder pages online at [bangorhumane.org](http://bangorhumane.org) or come on in!*

### We're open for adoptions

Monday through Friday  
12 noon – 6 pm and  
Saturday 10 am – 6 pm.

▲ *Anatomy of a Rescue* from page 1 we'll need the help of professional groomers to do the job. BHS adoption counselor Dawn Weber contacts six area groomers known for helping out with rescues, and every one of them volunteers. Two arrive almost immediately and get to work.

**Friday-Sunday, September 22-24** The groomers, assisted by several BHS staff members, carefully cut into the poodles' matted fur with scissors to create a starting place for their shears. They go through dozens of blades – which usually last several months – and spend an average of two hours on each dog, eventually shaving more than 30 pounds of matted fur from the tiny poodles. Finally, we bathe the dogs and clip nails that have been growing for years.

# Horrors of hoarding

For years, the neighborhood “cat lady” has been characterized as a caring, well-intentioned lover of animals who just let things get out of hand. In truth, she is a hoarder – and hoarding is animal abuse, pure and simple.

Typically, pets taken in by a hoarder live in squalid and cramped conditions – amid garbage, layers of feces, and even dead animals. They don't receive veterinary care or true human companionship, and they often suffer from malnourishment, disease, and inactivity. An alarming form of abuse, hoarding puts many animals at risk. And, though hoarders may struggle with significant psychological problems, what they do *to* –not *for* – animals is indefensible. Please call authorities if you suspect a neighbor of hoarding.

### *Pet ownership becomes hoarding when someone...*

- Keeps more than the typical number of companion animals in a home.

### Monday, September 25

BHS staff veterinarian Dr. Winters examines the dogs and treats them for eye, ear and skin infections – and for the sores that have developed on their feet because of impacted fecal matter between their toes.

Then...we set the dogs loose to romp and play. Once they can move about and see what's happening around them, even those that seemed a bit aggressive begin to warm up to human contact and seem less fearful.

**Today** After several weeks of good care, lots of walks, and loving attention, most of the poodles are happy, housetrained (the rest are learning...), and responding well to people and other pets.

The state has gone to court to gain custody, which means the poodles could then be adopted through BHS. But it seems their owner plans to fight

- Is unable to provide even minimal standards of nutrition, sanitation, shelter, and veterinary care.
- Denies his or her inability to provide minimum care and can't recognize the impact this inability has on the animals or other people living in the home.

### Fast facts\*

- Two thirds of animal hoarders are women.
- About 25 percent of animal hoarders force elderly parents or children to live in squalor with the animals.
- 65 percent of hoarders accumulate cats and dogs. Ten percent accumulate horses, goats and pigs.
- Without appropriate intervention, recidivism among hoarders is nearly 100 percent.

\* According to *The Humane Society of the U.S.*

to keep them – typical in such cases. Yet, there is hope. The groomers and BHS staff are ready to testify, and we have bags of matted fur and many “before and after” photos to submit to the court as evidence of neglect and abuse. We'll keep you posted.



*Many thanks to volunteer groomers Lynn Estabrook, Rita Kirouac, Paula Alexander, Dottie Gabarro, Debbie Berthiaume, and Linda Malaussena – and to BHS staff members Chris Young, Danielle Arbour, and Amy Gentle who also volunteered their time.*

# All you need is love

Not so long ago, Bruce and Kathy Black got a familiar call from BHS. Someone had dropped off an abandoned and nearly starved yellow tiger cat and her four emaciated kittens. Now the little family was in need of some extra care – and a quiet place to regain strength. Knowing that stress can prevent a mother’s milk from flowing, the Blacks headed for BHS as soon as they could and took the frightened mother and her kittens away from the busy, barking environment to the warmth and comfort of their home.

The Blacks are a BHS foster care family, and they’ve been volunteering their time to help us help animals with unusual needs for more than 15 years. Today, after nursing more than 400 felines and 200 canines back to health, and often helping them regain their trust in people in the process, the Blacks have lost exact count. But they love what they do.

“It’s pretty simple: we love animals, so the job is great,” said Bruce. “We get to play with the kittens just as they’re learning to get around on their own. I could watch their antics all day.”

But it’s not all fun and games. Under Kathy’s direction, she and Bruce spend hours holding the mother cat and kittens, so they’ll learn to

enjoy human contact, and tending to their physical needs – always with the goal of getting them stress-free, healthy, and ready for adoption.

“It’s our job to make the animals feel safe, to socialize them, so BHS can find them good homes,” said Bruce. “And Bangor Humane Society is excellent,” he adds. “They give us everything we need: food, litter, and veterinary care. And now with their spay and neuter program, they’ve taken an important step in dealing with animal overpopulation.”

But even with BHS’ efforts to reduce the number of unwanted animals, it doesn’t look like Bruce and Kathy will lose their volunteer job anytime soon.

In addition to animals that have health problems, some pets need foster care because of, well, their reputations.

One of those is Jade, a greyhound/huskie mix who was adopted twice from BHS and then returned. Each of her new owners said the same thing: Jade was too wild. So Bruce and Kathy



*Jade, one of BHS’ best foster care workers, comforts Topaz, the mom cat taken in with her kittens by the Blacks. The Blacks nursed Topaz and her brood back to health and then sent them off to BHS, where they found new families to love.*

took her in, worked with her – and then adopted her.

Today Jade – not so wild anymore – is also a BHS volunteer, and, according to Bruce, often calmly lifts her long legs over the kitty gate to take charge of a new brood.

“Jade loves it when we’re fostering kittens,” said Bruce. “She stretches out on the floor and lets them crawl all over her. She pouts when they leave and greets each new batch with a wagging tail.”

Such rewards are endless. But for the Blacks and other BHS foster families, nothing beats the joy of knowing that their work gives each cat and kitten – and dogs like Jade – a great chance for a good life.

## Foster Care... two ways you can help!

- Support the foster care program with your gifts. In addition to contributions – always appreciated – we can use donations of pet food, blankets, toys, kitty litter, and anything else puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats need to grow and stay healthy.
- Join the BHS Foster Care Team. We need people and families willing to care for kittens and puppies who aren’t old enough to be adopted, for older pets recovering from injuries, for pets of families temporarily unable to care for them, and for animals that just need a break from the shelter.

If you’ll provide a little bit of extra space – a bathroom, a laundry, an extra bedroom – a little time, and a lot of love...we’ll provide all the supplies you’ll need – from food and litter to bowls and leashes – along with expert advice, support, and emergency contact numbers.

***We need you!*** If you can help, contact Anika at 942-8902 x115 or [anika@bangorhumane.org](mailto:anika@bangorhumane.org).

# Protect the animals...a four-step plan

The American Humane Association, founded in 1877, is the oldest national organization dedicated to protecting both children and animals. Here's the AHA's four-step animal protection plan...

**1. Evaluate the Situation** If you suspect abuse or neglect, observe more closely and at different hours of the day to be sure. If you believe there is a problem, document what you see – even try taking photos or video.

**2. Report a Problem** If you see but don't report an animal in distress, it has no hope. If you do, the State

Department of Animal Welfare will usually intervene. In most serious situations, animal welfare staff will remove a suffering pet or pets from the home, and the state will then seek custody, so the animal can be rehabilitated and adopted by a loving family. And remember, you can always file an anonymous report.

**3. Understand the Law** Good news. Animal cruelty laws are becoming more stringent, partly because experts now recognize the link between animal abuse and domestic violence. In fact, 41 states have added felony

penalties for animal abuse to their books. Maine is one of them!

**4. Help Prevent Abuse** The keys to prevention are education and stronger animal protection laws. Schedule speakers for community and work groups, share information with friends and new pet owners, and support legislative action that strengthens anti-cruelty laws. And... don't forget to donate to your local animal shelter; they deal regularly with abused pets that need a lot of extra care.

## For all you do

Don Hanson hasn't actually counted the ways he and his wife Paula – owners of Green Acres Kennel Shop in Bangor – help support all the furry critters at the Bangor Humane Society. They just do it.

But we made a list, and we know that they

- Sponsor two kennels – one for a cat, one for a dog
- Donate funds raised at Green Acres' annual Pet Appreciation Day

- Contribute to BHS in honor of clients' pets who have died
- Support every major BHS fundraiser – this year they sponsored the radio broadcast of Paws on Parade and were the event's primary givers

But the Hansons are most proud of *The Shed & Emily Fund*, which they started to support enrichment activities, training, socialization, and behavior rehabilitation for stressed shelter animals. Anxious animals are more susceptible to illness, explained

Don, and since sick animals can't be adopted – and agitated ones won't be – this fund and the services it provides often make the difference between an animal who finds a home and one who doesn't.

Don and Paula... For all you do, we're truly appreciative.

Visit [greenacreskennel.com](http://greenacreskennel.com) to find out how you can support *The Shed & Emily Fund* and help the animals at BHS.

## We're waiting for a home...



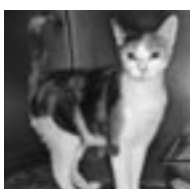
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Domestic medium hair mix  
baby female  
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*Ready and waiting for a new home...*



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*Who could be more cuddly?*



**Misty**  
Labrador retriever,  
pit bull terrier mix  
young female  
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*What a sweetie!*



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calico mix  
adult female  
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**Henna**  
Tortoiseshell  
adult female  
ID 06-1357B  
*A little shy, but very sweet once she gets acquainted.*



**Peanut**  
American mix  
young female  
ID 06-1435  
*A real cuddle-bunny who loves kids.*

# Donations...in memory and in honor

July 15, 2005 to October 26, 2006

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***Bruno, beloved pet of Minerva***

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***Gillette, beloved pet of the Scott's:*** Green Acres Kennels

***Babe Wright:*** Pittsfield Community Garden Club

***Bear Sorna, beloved pet of Red & Jamie Sorna:*** Patricia Bixel

***Robert Bunt:*** Ruth E. Bunt

***Bootsy, Groucho, Aja:*** Sandra Imondi

***Rosalie (their beloved cat):*** Mary Elizabeth Cuddy & Henry Cunningham

***Nemo (beloved tiger stray 17 yrs old):*** Marjorie Phillips

***Tucker (beloved pet of Charlie & Nancy Lever & boys):*** Tom, Nancy, Scott & Brian Lever

***Pogo:*** C. Eric Hartz MD, Janet Searls Hartz

***Rusty:*** Gail Fisher

***Pepper (her kitty):*** Ruth Oakes & Katie Spencer

***Herb Damon, her dear son:*** Constance Seavey

***Plum, Blossom & Wong:*** Ed & Deborah Thompson

***Sasha (german shepherd puppy):*** Jackie & Jack Munroe

***Katie & Aylah:*** Elaine Tucker & Tony Kylik

***Betty Peasley:*** James Cook

***Jandi (her beloved cat passed 10/2005 14 yrs old):*** Velma Brasier

***Ralph Foster:*** Mr. & Mrs. Robert Toole

***Kitty:*** Carolyn McKinnon

*Persis Alumni BHS April 1985 (21 yrs old):* Donald & Dorothy Baker

*Timmy, Annie & Pippa:* Ralph Pettie

*Jourmac & Willie G (beloved pets of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hassard):* Jane Pierce

*Muffy (17 year old Persian passed 1/2006):* Joyce C. Moore

*Mittens & Lightning:* Albert & Marilyn Worden

*Ozzie, beloved pet of Allison Pierce:* John & Shirley Pierce (Mom & Dad)

*Smokey (beloved dalmation):* Helen Dunphy & Dorinda Strout

*Molly, adopted 1991 passed 2006:* Carefree Window & Siding Co.

*Digger, beloved pet of Roger & Margaret Marshall:* Green Acres Kennels

*Bambi (16 year old cat passed 8/19/06):* Janet Beaulieu

*Jake, beloved pet of Patty Ferguson:* Green Acres Kennels

*Sam, beloved pet of Alan Wiseman & Penny Lamhut:* Cynthia & Bernard Kubetz

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

*Andy & Kate Goupee's wedding:* David & Judith Chesney, Robert & Sheila Graves, Laurie & John Goupee, William & Anne Geller, Senthil & Karpagavalli Vel, Ian & Kristen Braun, Paula Martel Tarr & Clyde A. Tarr Jr., Gabriel Tarr, Alyson & Craig Farrington, Michael & Rhonda Pimentel, Dand Pimentel, Todd West, Nicholas & Amanda Scott, Charlotte Eastman, Joseph Ring, Lynn Lundon & Peter O'Leary

*Daisy:* Barbara Hope

*Judith Higgins Murphy, her mother:* Elizabeth Sauer

*Cleo:* Terry & Lindsay Savage

*Her pets yesterday & today:* Michelle Day

*Cody:* Mary Horan

*Boo their dog (the best yet):* Margaret Helmke

*Donna & Alan Miller's 4th of July party:* Jeffrey Ledbetter, James & Cindy Maynard, Lynne Churchill, Laurence Van Peursem Jr, Donna & Alan Miller

*Kasey & Bogie:* Yvonne Yeaton Martin  
*JJ, Winslow & Cece Fratini:* Debra & James Fratini

*Maggie:* Denise Dunbar

*Linda Taylor:* E H Marcelle Coffin

*Trinity, Smokey & Loucinda:* Helen Eaton

*Ringo:* Suzanne Sirois

*Everett Littlefield's birthday:* Harry, Caren Littlefield-Bragg, Everett & Catherine Littlefield

*Leo Lioness (fearless girl kitty):* Betty Hibbard

*Velvet:* Carol Murtaugh

*Goldie:* George Turner

*Baxter (adopted from BHS 8/2005):* Jeremy & Tiffany Nash

*Sadie:* Kathy & Freeman Doore

*All the animals at the Bangor Humane Society:* Thomas & Sheila Torrey

*Cache:* Bryce & Janet Smith

*Velvet & Casla:* Linda Costelloe

*Pau-Pau & Feathers:* Florence Conley

*Nicky & Misty:* Joan Johnston

*Cathy, Bootie, Nosey & Coates:* Arthur Coates Jr.

*Maggie, Rowlie & Patti Pooler's dog:* Ann Dyer

*Trouble (their kitten rescued from a tree by Kenduskeag Stream):* Dr. Stephanie Gross

*Christine L. Packard:* Debora Seneca

*Deirdie (catahoula - BHS alumni of 2001):* John of the Cross Monastery

*Abby & Jared her BHS kittens:* Bonita Preston

*Dakota (1/13/93 to 7/1/06):* Clarice & Paul Page

*Maggie:* Cherie Mason

*Katie, adopted 7/2004:* Barrie & Stephen Fernald

*Whitey, T & I:* Constance & Donald Stubbs

*Myndie Ruth (adopted from BHS 11 yrs ago) & Coco:* Jeannee Wascok-Schoobridge

*Barclay (their scottie):* Clifton & Charlene Scott

*Bruce Marrill:* Edward & Elizabeth Curran

*Carl & Margaret Cave:* Robert Cave

*Gizmo:* Gerald & Janie Cousins

*Cathy A., Dooties, Nose Bear:* Arthur Coates

*The wonderful people at the Bangor Humane Society:* Georgine Philpot

*Crickett & Brutus:* Kirty & Cookie Dewitt

*We so appreciate your support.*

*Thank you!*

## How about planned giving?

Planned gifts are just that – charitable gifts that require some planning.

The best and easiest way to make a planned gift to Bangor Humane Society is to name us in your will.

But no matter how you structure your planned gift, you'll enjoy two benefits: you'll be making an ongoing gift to support our work, and you'll enjoy valuable tax benefits.

*Planned giving may make it possible for you to...*

- Increase your current income or the income of others
- Reduce your income tax
- Avoid capital gains tax
- Pass assets to family members at a reduced tax cost

Call BHS Executive Director Jeff Mitchell at 942.8902 x 105 for more information about making a planned gift to BHS. Then talk to your lawyer or financial advisor for help crafting a gift to meet your charitable and financial goals.

# 2006 Paws on Parade



Winner! Best look-alike costume



Winner! Best fundraiser



Catchin' a ride



Winner! Oldest dog -16 years!

*Thanks to the 220 dogs and their people who walked in the parade. And many thanks to our sponsors...*

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*You all made Paws on Parade 2006 a great success!*



Blessing the animals



Lots of paws on parade - and some feet



Winner! Best costume



Winner! Most mixed mutt



Winner! Best fundraiser under 18



Winner! Largest dog



Winner! Longest tongue



Winner! Smallest dog



Winner! Youngest dog



Winner! Longest distance traveled

*Thanks to Michael Alden of New England Images for the great photos!*



# We need your support!

No matter how we slice it, it takes about \$900,000 a year to run our programs and care for the animals.

And, since we don't receive any local, state or federal funding, we rely on our own resources – adoption fees, merchandise sales and contracted services. But all those things only cover about 39% of our total budget.

That means we still need to raise about \$500,000 a year. And that means we need your help.

**For \$25** you can provide a comprehensive medical exam, shots and tests for a homeless or stray cat.

**For \$50** you can provide spay/neuter surgery, a comprehensive medical exam, shots and tests for a homeless or stray dog.

**For \$100** you can provide veterinary care, grooming, and food for an abused or neglected animal rescued and taken into protective custody by the state.



**For \$500** you can provide spay/neuter services for 11 dogs or 16 cats owned by low-income or elderly pet lovers who can't afford this service.

**For \$1000** you can provide an entire month's worth of medical supplies needed to run our in-house veterinary clinic.

*And any donation helps.*

You can make your contribution two ways! Simply use the envelope we've enclosed or donate online at our secure site: [www.bangorhumane.org](http://www.bangorhumane.org).

*Thanks so much!*

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