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Bangor Humane Society Winter 2021 Newsletter

Annual Report Edition



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Our 28th Annual Paws on Parade raised \$60,000 for the animals of the Bangor Humane Society!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Suzan Prendergast
Executive Director

Dear Friends,
Over the last 18 months, we have been one of the few animal shelters in Maine to continue offering walk-in service to those in our community seeking to open their home to a pet. We took many precautions to keep our staff and the public safe, while continuing to offer the opportunity for matches to be made. It's why we're here.

While public interest in adoption has remained consistent through these trying times, our reality is that we are seeing more

and more pets with medical and behavior issues that demand longer stays and more of our resources. During the past six months in particular, our capacity has been strained and our kennels have remained full. We may only have two dogs and ten cats actively available for adoption, but we are caring for more than a hundred behind the scenes every day, working hard to prepare as many as possible for the adoption floor. That care takes time. We appreciate all of the support we've received from you-your patience and praise of the important work we are accomplishing here have inspired us. Thanks for hanging in there with us.

Through it all, we stay committed to our mission of championing humane treatment and adoption of companion animals. Despite all of the fluctuations and challenges of the last year and a half, with your help we have stayed the course; improving our live release rate to 99% and finding homes for nearly 2,000 animals.

As we look to the promise of a new year, we are grateful for your partnership and your continued support. The animals thank you, and we thank you.

Happy Holidays!

Suzan Prendergast
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Executive Director



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THANK YOU PAWS ON PARADE!

Your participation and generosity in our largest annual community fundraiser makes a huge impact on our ability to care for and protect thousands of homeless and unwanted pets. And boy did we have fun! We can't think of a better way to celebrate a beautiful fall day than to throw a giant party for dogs at a brand new venue with all of our best friends, our dogs, and our dog's friends. Special thanks to Husson University for being such wonderful hosts! And thank you to everyone who joined us to make the day so special! See you next year!



PEACE * LOVE * RESCUE





FROM THE VET

Laura Tardiff, DVM, Veazie Vet Clinic

During the Holiday season, especially with COVID-19, we tend to spend more time indoors as a family. The cold weather and frequent family parties make the addition of a new furry friend very appealing. Opening your heart and home to a new pet is a large commitment extending for the entire life of that animal, and since dogs and cats are so amazing, we owe it to them to make them a wonderful home!

Here are some things to think about prior to adding a new pet:

Time: pets require a lot of time. House training and proper socialization take countless hours of dedication. It seems like a lot in the beginning, but putting the time in when they are young will pay off in the long run.

Cost: Puppies and kittens require an adoption fee (if from a shelter) and/or multiple examinations and vaccinations and a spay/neuter procedure. Once they are adults, proper preventive care adds up. It is important to have a safety net in case of an emergency in your pet's health.

Housing: If you are renting, make sure that your landlord allows pets before making this commitment. Also, you need to consider the outdoor space. Is it safe and away from the road? Is there a fenced in yard?

Responsibility: It is important to consider the ages and capabilities of the family members. Are there young children in the house? Will they be responsible for caring for the new pet? What will their roles be? Does anyone have pet-related allergies?

Veterinary Care: Over the past 18 months, the veterinary industry has been overwhelmed. People are spending more time at home with their pets and many have added new pets to the family, which is great, but means more vet appointments. There is a veterinarian shortage, which makes it harder to find available appointments, and now that a lot of vet care is done over the phone due to COVID-19 precautions, appointments take longer. You'll need to plan ahead when needing appointments and medications refilled. The health and wellness of your pets is still the first priority in veterinary medicine. We ask for your continued patience as we adjust to this new normal!

HOLIDAY PET SAFETY TIPS

Here are some helpful tips for keeping your fur family safe this holiday season!

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree: Make sure your holiday tree is securely anchored so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury. Be alert to your pet drinking the tree water--stagnant tree water can cause tummy upset or diarrhea. Make sure all wires and ornaments are safely out of reach. A chewed on cord could lead to electrocution, and fragments of nibbled on ornaments can cause injury to the mouth or digestive tract.

Deck the Halls, but skip the mistletoe and holly, along with any type of lily and poinsettias. These plants can cause a variety of ailments, from nausea and vomiting to kidney failure. Best to stick with silk or plastic trim if possible. Avoid using tinsel, since it can obstruct the digestive tract in both dogs and cats. And never leave burning candles unattended. It only takes a moment for a candle to get knocked over and cause injury.

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Parties for Hosting: Make sure house guests keep all medication out of reach of pets. Establish a quiet place for your pet with water, food, comfy bedding, and toys. Make sure doors are secured so cats and dogs can't slip outside unnoticed.

Marshmallows for Roasting, but skip the sweets for Fluffy and Fido. Anything with chocolate or xylitol can be deadly for dogs, so make sure candy dishes and leftovers are secured where sniffing snoots can't find them. Keep cocktails out of reach. And fill their stockings with dog- or cat-friendly treats only. Try our homemade treat recipes on pages 6 & 7!

GIFT GUIDE

Still looking for the perfect gift for that animal lover who already has everything? How about making a gift in their name to something they value? Or maybe your family tradition is to donate to a cause you care about? Here are some ideas for how you can honor those special people in your life, embrace what you care most about, and join us in saving animal lives.

Sponsor a Kennel: Kennel sponsorships range from \$250-\$1,000 annually. Pay in full or arrange a payment plan! Let us know how you would like the dedication to appear on the plaque and it will be mounted on a dog or cat kennel (your choice) for a full year.

Tiles for Tomorrow: Your dedicated tile will be permanently mounted in the halls of BHS. Contact us for a order form and personalize the tile with your recipient's name and the name of a beloved pet!

Tribute Gifts: Memorialize or honor your pets or loved ones with a gift in their name. A letter from our Executive Director will be sent to the recipient or the family of the person you've named to let them know about your generous and thoughtful gift.

Second Chance Fund: Our Second Chance Fund covers the costs of extraordinary medical care for animals that need a little extra help. Whether orthopedic surgery, special dental care, or intense diagnostic procedures, we see hundreds of animals each year that are worth all the resources we can provide. This holiday season, you can make a difference.

Other ways to give:

Matching Gifts: Find out if your company will match your gift to grow your impact.

Stock Gifts: Save animal lives AND enjoy a deduction for the full fair market value of your stock! Contact us directly to find out how!

Social Media: Create a fundraiser on Facebook and funds will be paid directly to BHS!

How to Give

Online: donations.bangorhumane.org

By phone: Contact our Director of Development, Kathryn Ravenscraft, at (207) 942-8902 ext. 103

By mail or in person: Bangor Humane Society

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Please consider leaving a legacy of caring for animals by including BHS in your estate planning. For more information on planned giving, please contact Executive Director, Suzan Prendergast, at suzan@bangorhumane.org or by calling (207) 942-8902 ext. 105.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR FURRY FRIENDS

Peanut Butter Dog Painting

You may have seen this idea circulated on social media. It's a brilliant way to treat your dog to something special and possibly have a new piece of art! As the holidays approach, we suggest using paint colors that will best complement your holiday theme! Have your dog "make" several and change them out with the seasons!

You'll Need

- A small canvas
- Gallon Sized Plastic Zipper Bag
- Acrylic Paint
- Peanut Butter

Instructions:

1. Put a few squirts of paint in a few colors of your choosing on the canvas
2. Smear some peanut butter on your zipper bag
3. Being careful not to disturb the paint, gently slide the canvas into the bag and seal
4. Let your dog lick off the peanut butter. Doing this will spread the paint around.
5. Let the canvas sit for a little while and then slide it out of the bag.

Voila! Dog art!

P.S. for cat lovers, you can do this project with a laser pointer instead of peanut butter

Peanut Butter and Bacon

Dog Biscuits

Recipe from Southernmeatsandgoodies.com

Word on the street is that humans may enjoy these treats as well! You likely have all the ingredients already in your pantry, so no need for a special shopping trip! Peanut butter, banana, rolled oats, eggs, and a little bacon for that "something special" feeling. We think Elvis would approve.



You'll Need

- 1 cup oat flour (you can pulse rolled oats in the food processor)
- 1/4 cup peanut butter (smooth, all-natural, no sweeteners)
- 1/4 cup crumbled bacon
- 1 very ripe banana, mashed (but you can sub in pumpkin or apple sauce)
- 1 large egg

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350F.

Using a stand or hand mixer, combine all ingredients.

On a clean, flat surface dusted with oat flour, roll out dough to 1/3 inch thickness.

Use your cookie cutter to create shapes and place on greased or non-stick cookie sheet.

Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden and dry.

Cool completely.

Carrot and Catnip Kitty Treats

Recipe from Epicuricloud.com



You'll Need

- 2 tablespoons oil (coconut, olive, vegetable)
- 1 1/4 cups flour - plus additional flour for rolling dough (Use whatever flour your cat can have)
- 1 tablespoon dried catnip (*optional*)
- 3/4 cup finely shredded carrot
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- cold water as needed

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In medium bowl add oil and mix in 1 cup of the flour until mixture looks sandy. Stir in catnip and carrots. Mix in egg. Add a little water if the mixture looks too dry and isn't holding together. Add a little flour if the mixture looks too wet and sticky. (Sometimes the carrots can be more wet or dry.)

Sprinkle flat surface with a little additional flour and roll or pat out dough to 1/4 inch thickness, sprinkling dough with additional flour as needed.

Prick dough all over with a fork. Use a pizza wheel to cut dough into 1/2 inch squares.

Arrange squares on prepared baking sheet.

Bake for about 12 minutes or until starting to brown. (Bake longer for drier texture.) Cool on baking sheet and store in airtight container for up to a week. Or freeze for longer storage.



Crazy for Catnip

We all love our feline friends and their tastes can sometimes be a little more... complicated. But one thing nearly all of them can agree on is catnip! According to nepetataria.org, it "has a euphoric, aphrodisiac, rejuvenating effect on cats, even on very lazy or older cats." Here's a few tips and tricks for keeping kitty curious about catnip.

Catnip Tips and Tricks!

- Catnip only works for about 10 minutes at a time. After that initial "high" wears off, they'll become disinterested. Try taking the catnip toys away for a few days and then reintroducing them.
- Sprinkle it on scratching posts to encourage kitty to scratch in the right spot, or sprinkle it in your cat carrier to make travel less stressful.
- If introducing a new cat to your home, rub it in areas meant for him and it will help him settle in more easily.
- Store a few toys in an airtight container with the catnip, that way it will infuse the toy and it will take a lot longer for that "fresh catnip" feeling to wear off. Be sure to store your catnip and catnip toys in the freezer to preserve freshness.
- Get Crafty:** We all have stray socks that have lost their mates. Fill one with a tablespoon of catnip and tie it off for an inexpensive cat toy!
- Stocking Stuffer Idea:** Did you know that there are catnip-scented bubbles you can buy? It's a thing! You can find them at most pet retailers or online.

HOME FUR THE HOLIDAYS

At Bangor Humane Society, we do not euthanize for time spent at the shelter or for crowding. Ever. Sometimes, we have friends who need time before they are ready to go into new homes, and sometimes they have special needs that can make finding a home challenging, even when we know they're ready. The friends on these pages have been here at the shelter with us for a while, and though we treasure every day with them and celebrate how far they've come, we know they will be better off in homes of their own. They've earned it.

So, this holiday season, our focus will be on finding homes for these friends. If you're ready to open your home to one of them, please call us at 207-942-8902 or email us at adoption@bangorhumane.org. And if you know of anyone that would be the purrfect fit, please encourage them to contact us. Let's get them a "Home Fur the Holidays."

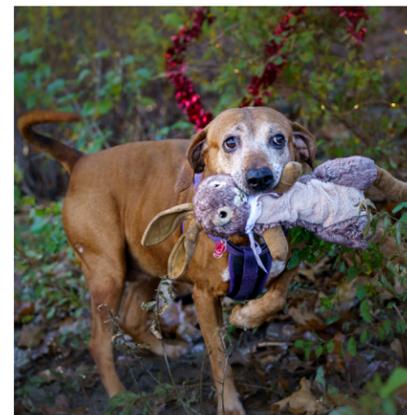
Sammy, a snuggly, chonky 7-year-old tabby, was surrendered by his owner in August 2020 following a diagnosis of diabetes. His owner wasn't in a position to manage his ongoing care and knew the best thing they could do for Sammy was bring him to BHS for a second chance.

We spent the next several months working with the knowledgeable staff at Veazie Veterinary Clinic to stabilize his insulin levels, which included at least one week-long hospitalization and monthly day-long glucose observations. All told, Sammy's extraordinary veterinary care has added up to more than \$4,000, which doesn't even include the cost of his daily care and special diet. We are that serious about second chances.

Sammy now needs insulin shots twice daily, prescription food, and will need to spend a day at the vet once a month to ensure his regimen remains effective and he stays healthy. Though he continues to wait for his purr-fect fit, we know that our efforts, made possible by donors just like you, are worth it for the years of life we've given Sammy.

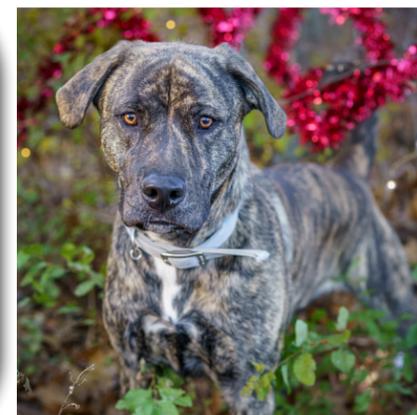


Lavender, a friendly and playful 2-year-old Treeing Walker Coonhound was surrendered to BHS in June 2020 after her owner sadly passed away. A young dog with lots of energy, she'll need room to ramble and consistent supervision. Though Lavender gets along with other dogs during play, she is food possessive and cannot be housed with other dogs. She also likes to chase cats, so she'll need to be the only pet in the home. Lavender has allergies that make her skin red and itchy, but a special diet seems to be working nicely and will be easy for new owners to keep up with. With a little training, this dog will give years of kisses, smiles, love, and loyalty.



Bailey is a sweet, energetic 8-year old hound mix. Originally surrendered to us in 2017, she quickly found a home where she lived for four wonderful years. Unfortunately, her new owners recently moved and were unable to take her with them, so Bailey is back, hoping her next placement really is forever. Bailey's got a little stranger danger and can get over excited when she's exposed to too much stimuli, so her new family will need to be patient. Even though she's moving into her senior years, this ball of energy has years of love left to give.

Duke was adopted from BHS as a puppy in February 2020. In January 2021, he was returned because his owners could no longer care for him. Duke is housebroken and crate-trained, and exhibited no destructive behaviors when left by himself at home for extended periods. He lived happily with 2 children and his previous owners think he may do well with dog-savvy cats. He has a sweet, friendly disposition. Shortly after arriving, Duke became protective of his kennel and was selective about the staff he allowed to leash and handle him. We worked hard to make him feel safe and comfortable so that he could begin meeting with prospective adopters. We think he may have a tendency to be protective of a new family and home, so we simply suggest cautious introductions of new people.



Delilah was rescued from the mean streets of Miami and brought to BHS in April 2019. We believe her experiences from her time being homeless made this little Parson Russell Terrier mix very people selective. Her perfect match is someone who will let Delilah take her time getting comfortable and learning to trust. She cannot go home with other dogs or with cats, and will need a home with only adult humans not prone to sudden movements or loud noises. Delilah loves to snuggle and once you've earned her trust, she is adoring and loyal.

THANK YOU!

Golden Paw Donors and Grant Funders

Our Golden Paw Donors are those that have given \$1,000 or more to the Bangor Humane Society. These generous individuals, families, foundations, and businesses keep the work of saving animal lives moving forward in significant ways. We wish to thank the following donors for their extraordinary generosity.

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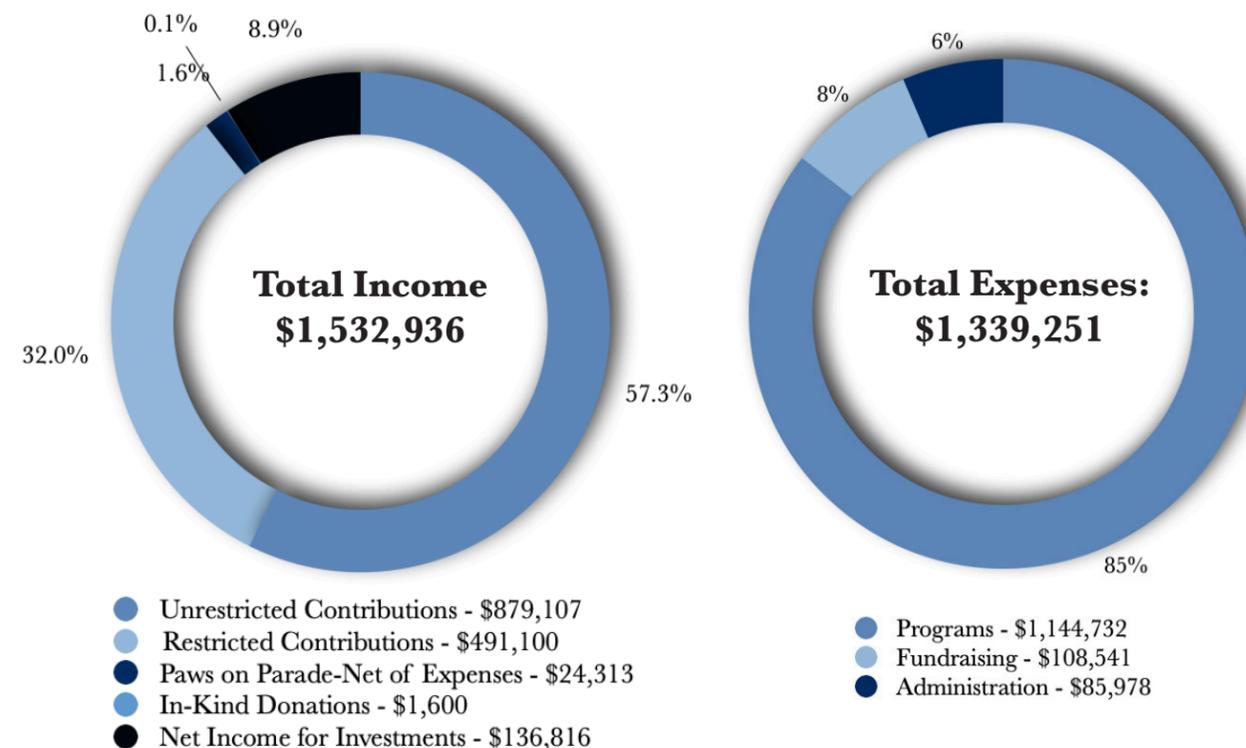
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Impact by the Numbers FY21



Shelter Statistics

- 1,831 Spay/Neuter surgeries on-site
- \$46,868 Redeemed value of spay/neuter vouchers for low-income individuals and families
- \$131,225 In-house medical care (vaccinations, spay/neuter, labwork, treatments)
- \$88,929 Extraordinary Medical Care (orthopedic, oral surgery, medical emergencies)
- 4,611 Vaccinations given (includes rabies, bordetella, and distemper)
- 496 Animals transported to BHS, rescued from high-kill shelters in southern regions of the US

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT BHS



Our Mission

The Bangor Humane Society champions the humane treatment and adoption of companion animals, provides quality care for homeless pets, and promotes animal welfare through education and advocacy.

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