

# Humanely Speaking

Bangor Humane Society Summer 2024 Newsletter



**WHY is this goofball still here?**  
**Learn more about shelter**  
**trends for dogs on page 3**





Suzan, Executive Director  
and Willow

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Though it is ALWAYS an honor to work in animal welfare, the last year of shelter life has been a challenging one. Our intakes are up a staggering 25%, our expenses have increased by 40%, the cat population is proliferating, and dogs are

staying with us longer than ever. The

reasons for this are many and complicated, but our mission remains the same. That is, to prioritize the humane treatment and adoption of companion animals in our region. We will not clear our kennels for time or space. As you can see on page 3, some of our canine friends have been here for quite some time, and we are committed to finding each of them a good home.

We are doing everything within our control to help stem the tide of intakes and aid the people in our communities in keeping their animals. We offer resources such as a free pet food pantry, the distribution of vouchers to reduce the cost of spay/neuter surgeries at local partner veterinarians, and we've partnered with Maine Woods Mobile Vet for a little over a year to provide low-cost spay/neuter clinics for cats. Owners struggling with pregnant cats or dogs can also leverage our Spay Your Mama program, allowing BHS to find homes for kittens or puppies, sterilizing the mama, and returning mama to the original owner, all at an exceptionally low cost.

Each of those measures requires many hands to be successful. We rely on the support of the communities we so gladly serve in order to ensure these resources can continue. We ask for your support again, and appreciate your continuing generosity. YOU make the work of saving lives so successful. Thank you.

Be well,

Suzan Prendergast



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### Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday: 1pm-6pm

Saturday: 12pm-6pm

Sunday: Closed

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## WHO SAVED WHO?

When you hear this phrase in animal welfare, the implication is typically that humans are rescued by dogs just as much as dogs are rescued by humans. And while that is most certainly true, the reality of this moment in animal welfare is that dogs are in critical need of rescuing and adopters are desperately needed. At the time of writing, there were over 30 dogs in our care.

### **Let us be clear, we will not euthanize for time or space.**

When a dog is adoptable, we will house them here with us until the right match comes along. However, the current reality is that some dogs are staying with us for months, or even years. In addition to the financial burden of feeding and caring for a dog as families struggle in today's economy, we have identified other possibilities for the increase in intakes and lengths of stay.

Many dogs did not receive training because owners were sheltering in place.

They were not adequately socialized, with people or with other dogs, because of isolation and quarantine.

When owners returned to on-site work, these dogs exhibited separation anxiety, perhaps barking excessively or behaving destructively.

Some owners were displaced as part of the housing crisis and either became unhoused or were forced to move into housing that would not accept furry family members.

Access to veterinary care has become more challenging, with many area vets no longer booking new clients.

Veterinary expenses have increased, making even routine care cost prohibitive.

**We are asking for your help.** If you are in a position to adopt, please come meet these friends. If you know anyone who may be interested in adopting, please share news of our available pups. And if you are able, please donate to help us offset the cost of their care, which include feeding, housing, standard clinical care, and extraordinary medical interventions when necessary. We rely on the generosity of our friends and neighbors to continue providing sanctuary for the homeless and unwanted pets of our region. **Please help us save as many as we can.**



Mandy, age 4  
Time in shelter: 701 Days  
Cost of care: \$11,500



Floki, age 3  
Time in shelter: 344 Days  
Cost of care: \$5,500



Bruno, age 4  
Time in shelter: 1,057 Days  
Cost of Care: \$21,000



Bagheera, age 4  
Time in shelter: 909 Days  
Cost of Care: \$18,000



Chance, age 3  
Time in shelter: 430 Days  
Cost of care: \$8,000





Bangor PD's Animal Control Officer, Trish Bruen, delivers a stray cat.



A new intake gets a quick check-up and an ear cleaning from our staff.



Staff completes a check-in and assessment- All hands on deck!



A kitten goes to foster care with longtime foster volunteer, Deb Aucoin.

## INTAKE TO

Every animal we intake here at Bangor Humane Society is assessed, readying them for adoption. Our staff and contracting veterinarians clean ears of mites and debris, treating for fleas, ticks, and worm respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, and completing spay/neut dental or orthopedic interventions, stabilizing or monitoring management. There's a lot that goes into preparing an animal for the adoption floor. **Thank you** for all you do to help our friends get to their new homes.

Here's a snapshot of what goes into  
Can you help? Visit [donate](#)

### WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU ADOPT A DOG OR PUPPY FROM BANGOR HUMANE SOCIETY?

- PHYSICAL EXAM: **\$84**
- BEHAVIOR EVALUATION: **\$134**
- FLEA & TICK PREVENTION: **\$28**
- MICROCHIP: **\$68**
- BORDATELLA VACCINE: **\$34**
- HEARTWORM PREVENTION: **\$12**
- RABIES VACCINE: **\$28**
- 4DX TESTING: **\$75**
- SPAY SURGERY: **\$916**
- NEUTER SURGERY: **\$700**
- DEWORMER: **\$20**
- DA2PP + L VACCINE: **\$37**
- TLC DURING STAY: **\$ INVALUABLE**
- FREE ADOPTION COUNSELING AND ADVICE: **\$ INVALUABLE**



**TOTAL AVERAGE VALUE: \$1328.00**  
A LIFETIME OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE? **PRICELESS**

OUR LOW-COST ADOPTION SERVICES ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR GENEROUS DONORS. PLEASE JOIN US IN SAVING MORE LIVES!



# ADOPTION

for injuries, illness, and personality as part of the process of follow a step-by-step protocol that includes, among other things, administering vaccinations, medicating when necessary for upper surgeries. Animals are also often sent to our local vet partners for treatable diseases, or assessing and treating severe injuries. For, and we continue to need your help to make animals ready for healthy and find new homes!

to readying an animal for adoption.  
[adoption.bangorhumane.org](https://adoption.bangorhumane.org)

## WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU ADOPT A CAT OR KITTEN FROM BANGOR HUMANE SOCIETY?

- PHYSICAL EXAM: **\$85**
- FLEA & TICK PREVENTION: **\$20**
- MICROCHIP: **\$68**
- FVRCP VACCINE: **\$33**
- DISTEMPER COMBO VACCINE: **\$33**
- RABIES VACCINE: **\$35**
- FIV/FELV TESTING: **\$80**
- SPAY SURGERY: **\$560**
- NEUTER SURGERY: **\$375**
- CAT CARRIER: **\$12**
- DEWORMER: **\$20**
- TLC DURING STAY: **\$ INVALUABLE**
- FREE ADOPTION COUNSELING AND ADVICE: **\$ INVALUABLE**



**TOTAL AVERAGE VALUE: \$854.00**

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Cats wait their turn for surgery.



Dr. Pendleton performs a spay surgery.



Kittens waking up from spay/neuter surgery.



Happy adoption!



# UNDERSTANDING CAT QUARANTINE

Staff contributor: Gabby Hubbell

At the Bangor Humane Society, the health and safety of all our furry residents is our top priority. One essential protocol we follow is the quarantine of cats with wounds of unknown origin. This measure ensures the well-being of both the affected cats and the rest of our shelter population.

## Why Quarantine is Necessary

When a cat comes to us with a wound of unknown origin, it's crucial to determine whether the injury is from a fight with another animal, an accident, or a more serious underlying issue. Quarantine helps in observing the cat for any signs of infection, rabies, or other diseases that could potentially spread to other animals.

## The Wound Quarantine Process

- 1. Head to Tail Assessment:** Our animal care technicians complete an overall health exam on each feline that comes through our doors. This includes thoroughly looking over the animal for wounds, bite marks, or any other alarming signs of infection or illness. If a wound of unknown origin is observed, the cat must be quarantined.
- 2. Isolation:** The cat is placed in a comfortable, separate area away from the general population. This reduces the risk of disease transmission and allows us to monitor the cat closely.
- 3. Observation Period:** During quarantine, the cat is monitored for any signs of rabies or other infections. Our team looks for changes in behavior, appetite, and the healing process of the wound.
- 4. Medical Care:** The cat receives regular medical check-ups, and any necessary vaccinations or treatments are administered. This ensures the wound heals properly and helps us identify any underlying health issues.
- 5. Socialization and Comfort:** While in quarantine we ensure the cat receives plenty of attention and care. Our staff and volunteers spend time with the cat, providing social interaction and enrichment to keep them comfortable and happy. Many of the cats that are quarantined, come to us undersocialized and afraid of humans. Our staff spends countless hours socializing with the cats, ultimately allowing them to be adopted into a home environment.

## After Quarantine

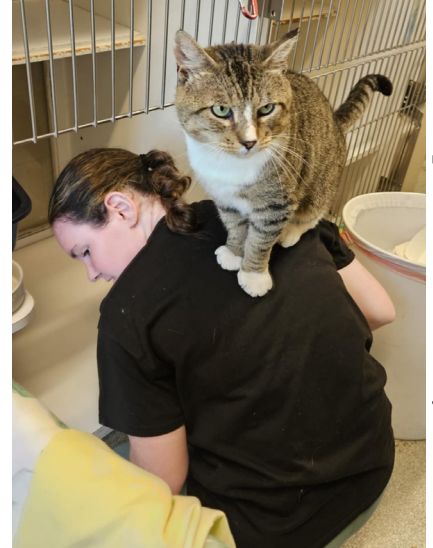
Once the observation period is complete and the cat is given a clean bill of health by a licensed veterinarian, they are introduced to our adoption condos.

## How You Can Help

Your support is vital in maintaining these health protocols. Donations, volunteering, and fostering all make a significant difference in the lives of these cats. Allowing time for these friends to be quarantined and monitored means they receive a special diet when indicated, become better socialized with humans, and get the time they need to recover. By contributing, you help provide the necessary medical care and safe environment these animals need to thrive. Thank you.



Moto Moto gets love



Grunt does parkour with Makayla



Conrad in quarantine





# 31ST ANNUAL PAWS ON PARADE

**PAUL BUNYAN  
COSTUME  
CONTEST  
FOR DOGS AND  
HUMANS!**

**RAFFLES!  
GAMES!  
PRIZES!  
FOOD TRUCKS!**



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FOR A CHANCE TO  
WIN A 4-PACK OF  
TICKETS TO SEE  
'CIRQUE DREAMS:  
HOLIDAZE'  
AT THE CROSS  
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**"PAW" BUNYAN**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

**10AM-1PM**

**HUSSON UNIVERSITY**

**1 COLLEGE CIRCLE, BANGOR, MAINE**

**REGISTER NOW AT [WWW.BANGORHUMANE.ORG](http://WWW.BANGORHUMANE.ORG) OR SCAN THE QR CODE**

Scan me!



**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:**





## Mark your calendars for all things Paws on Parade!

You won't want to miss these fabulous opportunities to have fun, support local businesses, and help the animals of Bangor Humane Society!

**All of September-** Register for Paws on Parade at [donations.bangorhumane.org/paws24](https://donations.bangorhumane.org/paws24) and earn an entry for a 4-pack of tickets to Cirque HoliDaze at the Cross Center.

**All of September-** Sign up to send It Happens lawn signs to a friend - find the link on our Facebook page!

**All of September-** All Harvest Moon Delis will donate a portion of the sales from their "Beet It" salad to BHS!

**Every Wednesday-** Head over to Seasons Bar & Grill in Bangor and order their Burger of the Month. 20% of your check will be donated to BHS!

**September 21st-** Come to the shelter and buy homemade whoopie pies from Don Veneziano's Whoopies for Whiskers stand in support of his "Students for Strays" Paws Team. 10am-12pm, or while supplies last!

**September 21st-** An adult prom at Blue Sky Lounge in Bangor! Visit their Facebook page and follow the link for tickets! Only \$25 per person!

### September 28th- Paws on Parade!

(see page 7 for all the details!)

**October 12th-** Wrapping up with us receiving all online proceeds from ticket purchases for the Corn Maze on October 12th at Davis Family Farms in Kenduskeag!

### 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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