

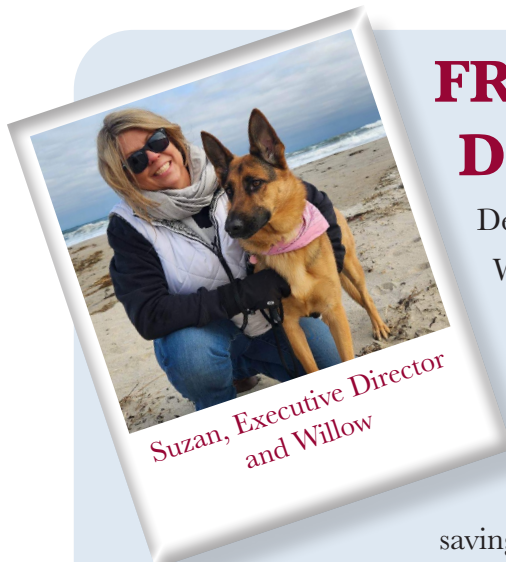
# Humanely Speaking

Bangor Humane Society Spring 2024 Newsletter

The 3rd  
Annual Good  
Newsletter  
Edition



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happy tail on pg. 5



Suzan, Executive Director and Willow

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,  
We just can't tell you enough how happy we are that you're here, and how grateful we are for all you do to support the animals of Bangor Humane Society. We know you're invested in saving animal lives because we SEE your investment. Every day.

The Good Newsletter has quickly become one of our favorite issues each year. Not only do we get to celebrate the happy tails of our pets and their proud, new owners, but we get to celebrate YOU! Every time we ask for help, whether it's a request for blankets, canned cat food, or financial assistance for extraordinary veterinary care, you come through. And it warms our hearts more than you know. 2024 is going to be a year filled with challenges; rising intakes, rising costs, rising needs in the community. Our board and staff are always hard at work organizing solutions to best serve the animals. And because of your unfailing support, we know we'll find success. Thank you, and Happy Spring!

Be well,  
*Suzan Prendergast*  
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Executive Director



### Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday: 1pm-6pm  
Friday: 1pm-7pm  
Saturday: 12pm-6pm  
Sunday: Closed

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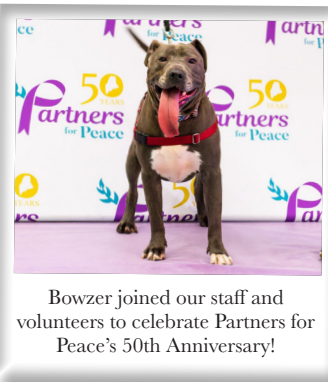
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**2ND ANNUAL BLACKSTREAM CUSTOM CYCLES CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**AUGUST 10, 2024**  
REGISTER NOW TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!   
**MULLIGANS!CASINO HOLE!PUTTING CONTEST!**



Animal Care Technician Alex F. sorts donations of cat food.



Bangor High School's Sub Deb drops off a donation following their fundraiser.



Bowzer joined our staff and volunteers to celebrate Partners for Peace's 50th Anniversary!



Cheryl from Central Maine Harley Davidson delivers funds from their Su-PAW Bowl fundraiser.



Concert for a Cause at UMaine chose BHS as their charity partner (again!) and raised over \$2,000 for the animals!



Allison from GUSO Home Lending stops by with a gift cooked up by an employee-led fundraiser that included a pizza party!



Freya "paid it forward" by donating to the animals for her birthday. Her reward was some well-earned puppy time!



Kris Rotonda from Jordan's Way helped with a 2nd social media takeover for BHS and raised over \$7,000! Woof!



Some besties from Indian Island decided to host a lemonade stand last summer and donated all their proceeds to BHS.

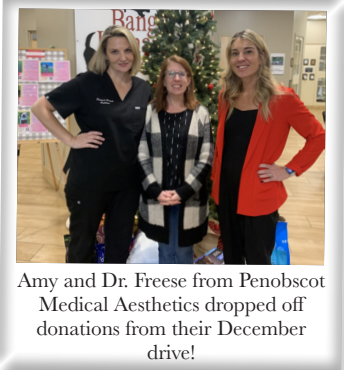
**THANK YOU FOR BEIN' A FRIEND**  
The staff, volunteers, and pets of BHS want you to know how grateful we are for your support.



This year, we began partnering with Doc from Maine Veterans Project on MVP Mutts to help our long-stay dogs find homes with Vets.



Jeff & Kara O'Sullivan have rallied support for BHS from friends & family for over 10 years, raising over \$250,000!!!



Amy and Dr. Freese from Penobscot Medical Aesthetics dropped off donations from their December drive!



Pine State Nutrition held a supply drive to benefit the pets of BHS.



Maine Yoga Adventures hosted Snowga and a supplies drive for the animals. Namaste!



Quirk Subaru's Share the Love campaign raised \$5,000 for animals in the Bangor Region! Thank you!



Young people in our community often ask for donations to BHS in lieu of gifts for birthday celebrations. It gets our tails wagging.



3rd Annual Hailley's Heroes brought our favorite golden retriever and her owner, James Spear. Hailley and friends have raised more than \$12,000!



Top Hat II Dance Studio hosted a "Shaggy Shares the Love" supply drive for BHS. We'll let you guess which one's Shaggy!



Jessica from Maine DEP organized a silent auction to benefit BHS and got some thank you puppy snuggles in return.

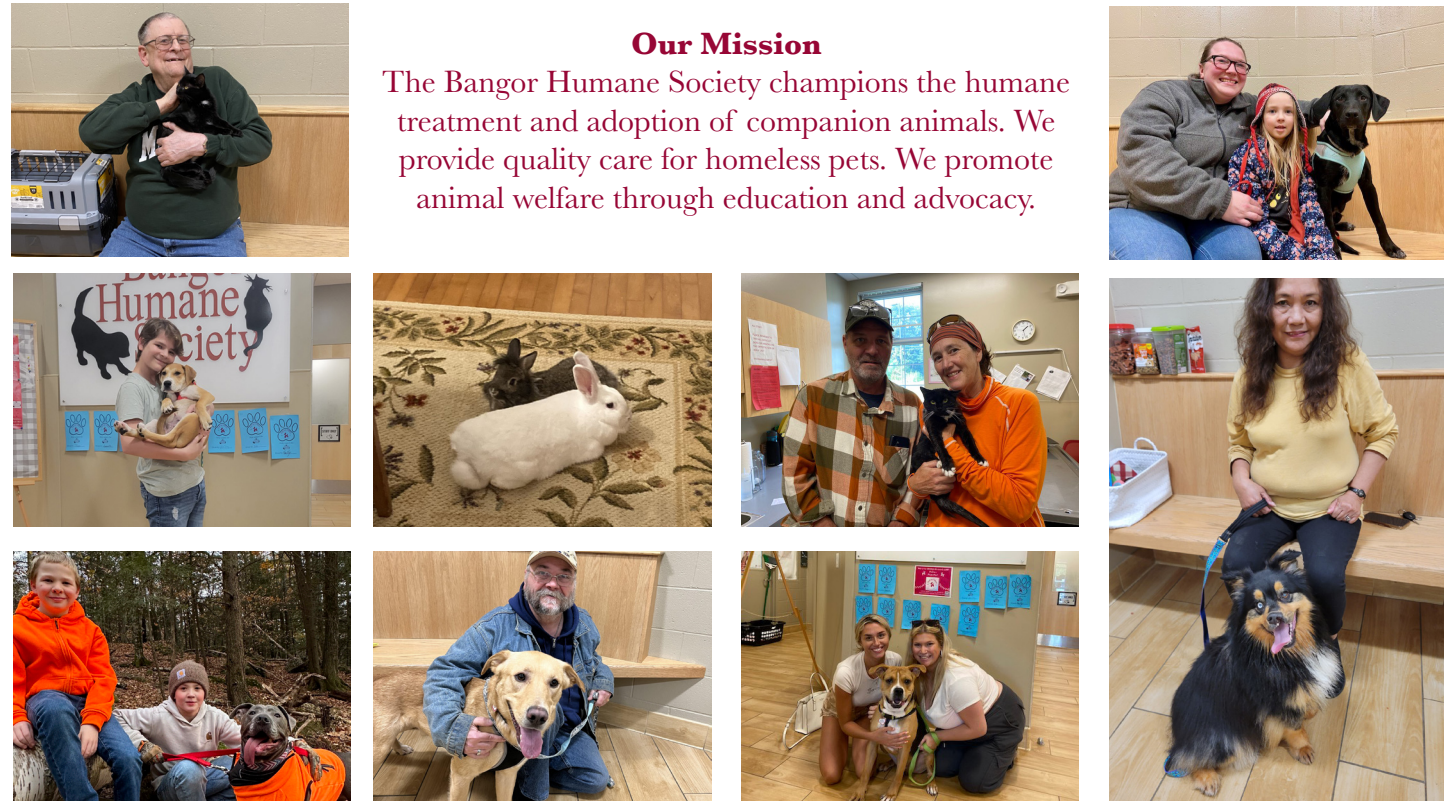
# HAPPY TAILS

We are always pleased to bring you just a few photos of the more than 1,800 adoptions that take place at BHS each year. We're sending a "Happy Homecoming" to every one of our furry friends and their new owners!



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### Reunited: Oscar and Amanda

Sometimes Oscar spends the night outside. A bengal cat, he was born for adventure, and sleeping outdoors is very appealing. But one night Oscar was confused as a stray by a neighbor or passerby and found himself here at BHS. Fortunately, his owner, Amanda, checked with us and was relieved to find him here—safe and sound. Amanda shared, "I was so thankful he'd been taken to BHS. I'm grateful the shelter exists as such a great resource for the community." Hopefully Oscar's wanderlust is at least temporarily cured!



### Cautious Coal

Coal the cat was brought to the shelter in July 2023. Sadly, his owner had passed away, and while he and his owner were strongly bonded, Coal did not tolerate the company of other humans. Now that his person was gone, he couldn't be handled by the family and it was decided his best chance for a happy life would be through BHS.

Like other "Spicy" cats, he was placed in a kennel and given time to acclimate before our staff began the process of his formal medical intake. However, he was so spicy that days turned into weeks turned into months, with staff faithfully and carefully cleaning his kennel, feeding and watering him, and offering treats. He was under enough stress that he contracted an upper respiratory infection shortly after arriving. We did the best we could to medicate him, but he still wouldn't allow a full exam.

In early November, we finally won enough of his trust to fully examine him and catch him up to date on all treatments. On April 8th, a full nine months after his surrender, he was adopted. YOUR faithful support is what makes stories like Coal's possible. Thank you!



### Harlow goes home!

You may remember Harlow from last summer's newsletter. One of our beloved long-stay dogs, she was timid with a bark that warned people of her stranger danger. Despite being an affectionate and loyal dog, this made it difficult for her to connect with prospective adopters. But once she rewarded you with her trust, she quickly found her way into your heart. After being here for just under a year and winning the hearts of everyone on staff, she finally found her perfect match! Congratulations, Harlow!



# DIXIE'S MEDICAL MYSTERY



Dixie arrived as a stray in August 2023, a beautiful female Rottweiler we aged at around 4 years old. We were certain that someone would arrive shortly to claim this beautiful and friendly girl, but to our surprise, no one ever did.

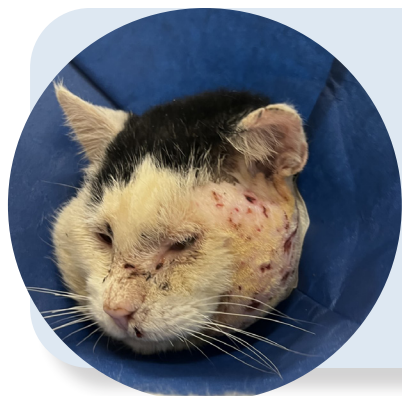
After she'd been with us for a few days, we began to notice that she had some discharge, a symptom common for pyometra, which is an infection of the uterus, a potentially dangerous condition. She was immediately scheduled for a spay surgery and we anticipated the discharge would stop. Unfortunately, it didn't, and we soon realized she was leaking urine. In the meantime, she also contracted a round of kennel cough and a nasty gastrointestinal illness, along with exhibiting some stress-related symptoms and discomfort. It seemed like Dixie couldn't catch a break, but this otherwise healthy and congenial girl was worth the investigation.

After months of speculating on one condition or another, one of our Veterinary Technicians, Stacey, asked whether it could potentially be an ectopic ureter, which is when one or more of the tubes from the kidney to the bladder bypass the bladder entirely and urine exits the body directly. Eureka! This was it!

Dixie had surgery in March 2024 to correct the misplaced ureter. Though it will still take some time before we know if the problem is 100% solved, and she may need incontinence medications for the rest of her life, we've already seen a wonderful improvement and anticipate Dixie will soon be ready to find her new home.



Dixie recovering from surgery in a t-shirt. (a comfy cone alternative)



**Moto Moto** is a stray cat who came to us a few weeks ago in pretty rough shape. He may have been attacked by another animal or hit by a vehicle. We can't know for sure, but we've patched him up and he's currently isolating and getting lots of rest. Stories like this are why we're here, and your support is why we're able to help Moto Moto and other animals like him. Thank you. Keep an eye out for when Moto Moto goes up for adoption!

# RECURRING DONORS ARE GOOD NEWS

One of the biggest barriers to even more impact is that there can often be uncertainty about how much money will come in during a given year. The following donors have chosen to make a recurring gift because they know it allows us to plan more thoughtfully and make the most of their donations. We invite you to join this esteemed group of donors, and you can always cancel recurring giving if you change your mind.

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A special thank you to all who have chosen recurring giving between January 1, 2023 and April 1, 2024

Your donation makes a difference!

- \$500 provides medical care for two shelter pets.
- \$100 provides one spay or neuter surgery
- \$50 provides one month of foster care for a litter of kittens
- \$25 provides vaccinations for three shelter pets

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Darla photographed by Soul Friends Furtography

And there's something in it for you, too! In addition to being recognized right here in our Good Newsletter, recurring donors get:

- An insider's update several times a year with exclusive news and stories about our pets.
- A sneak peek of the Paws on Parade logo weeks before the public along with an exclusive discount code for registration to the event.
- The convenience of "Set it and forget it!"
- Peace of mind knowing they've positively impacted the lives of the nearly 2,000 pets a year that need help from BHS.

# 31ST ANNUAL PAWS ON PARADE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024



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