

Humanely Speaking

Bangor Humane Society Spring 2022 Newsletter



Remember Lavender?
Find an update to her story on page 7!



Photo by Mallory Lancaster



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the warming weather, the blossoming of the crocuses, and the opportunity to get outside more with our beloved pets, we are thrilled to bring you this issue of the Bangor Humane Society's Newsletter, which as the teaser would suggest, is full of good news. We simply couldn't pass up this opportunity to recognize all the miracles that happen here at our shelter.

As we embark on a new Fiscal Year, our Staff, Volunteers, and Board would like to thank you for everything you've done in the past twelve months to keep the work of the shelter moving forward. As you know, the work never ends; as soon as one cat, dog, or small animal finds the bliss of a new family, another turns up needing care, feeding, and medical treatment. It is thanks to your volunteer hours, gifts of supplies, and generous donations we can be here, serving each and every one of these pets, pets we love as our own family until they can be part of yours. We are honored to act as faithful stewards of your trust and resources.

In the following pages, you'll find stories we hope will inspire you. Stories about generosity, stories about progress, and most importantly, stories with happy endings— or in this case, Happy Tails. Lots of them.

We wish you a wonderful spring and early summer and look forward to our next chance to catch you up on all we have in store for the coming year!

Be well,

Suzan Prendergast
Executive Director



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Sarge Steals Our Hearts

Many of you read the story of Sarge in the letter that went out in late March. Delivered to us in late January by a good samaritan who could see how sick he was, it was obvious Sarge had been out on his own for awhile. Winter had not gone easy on him. He was suffering from a terrible upper respiratory infection (URI), he was riddled with ticks, his ears were disfigured from months or years of digging at them to free himself of pesky ear mites. His eyes were cloudy when they opened at all, and his meow was a weak gasp—his breath stolen by the URI.

He spent weeks on antibiotics and a faithful regimen of TLC from our wonderful staff. He slept, he accepted head rubs gratefully, he ate. When he was finally well enough to be neutered, he received a full check up from one of our partnering vets and it was discovered that several of his teeth had broken off, setting up infection and explaining his swollen face. He was scheduled for multiple extractions and continued to recuperate. In mid-April, he underwent surgery to remove many of his teeth. Everything went smoothly. The swelling in his cheeks is beginning to dissipate, and his appetite remains as healthy as ever. He is a total snugglebug.

We are pleased to announce that on April 22, just before going to print with this issue, Sarge was officially put up for adoption! Please continue to watch for more Good News about Sarge. We can't wait to share the story of his adoption and his transition to the purr-fect forever home, and we have a feeling he won't wait long!



Help us care for animals
like Sarge by visiting
donations.bangorhumane.org

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OLD MAN TROY

Troy, a 9-year old hound dog, was surrendered to BHS in August of 2021 due to his owner's declining health. It became quickly apparent that Troy, a friendly, laid-back old man, was facing his own health challenges.

After his initial intake, he was evaluated for medical concerns by one of our wonderful partner veterinarians who reported numerous masses on his skin and tissues, one of which would require a complicated surgical removal. It was suspected to be a soft-tissue sarcoma, which is typically slow growing and unlikely to metastasize. Due to Troy's age, the recommendation was to continue monitoring the mass and greenlight his adoption, making sure prospective adopters were aware of his underlying issues.

A short time later, Troy spiked a fever, began coughing, and appeared to be laboring to breathe. He was also shaky in his rear legs. Though clearly not feeling his best, his winsome personality continued to shine through. We medicated him to keep him comfortable and his cough subsided, but a mass in his abdomen persisted. He was taken to Veazie Vet where it was determined his spleen needed to be removed. They also removed a benign growth on his chest, and we were grateful to learn that chemotherapy was not warranted for him.

After recovering in foster care, Troy was released for adoption and almost immediately scooped up by the Guenther Family. Understanding fully his future health challenges, the Guenther's shared how they'd explained to their children that Troy was a senior dog and they couldn't guarantee how long he had. Their children were resolute. It was worth the risk of losing him sooner than they might want so that they could guarantee him a good home for as long as he has left.



Troy's new family ♡



Troy enjoying a winter walk!



Troy says goodbye to our staff We'll miss you!



HAPPY TAILS

Here are just a few photos of happily adopted pets and their people from the last few months. A huge thanks to all of our adopters for allowing BHS to be your matchmaker. We LOVE updates, so please let us know how you're all doing!

HELP COMES IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

Bangor Humane Society is so very lucky to have support from our generous and steadfast community. This year we have seen groups of every age rally to collect donations of supplies or cash to benefit the animals of BHS. From middle school change drives to elementary school Hat Days, from Sorority supply drives to generous corporate gifts, we are humbled to know how much our friends and neighbors care about the animals here at our shelter. Thank you!



The Girl Scouts bring supplies and enjoy a tour!



James Spear, of Sold by Spear, and his dog, Haley, celebrated Valentine's Day and Haley's Birthday by sponsoring every completed adoption on February 14, 2022.



The Holiday Angel Tree features just a few of the many, many gifts of blankets, towels, food, toys, treats, pet beds, and cleaning supplies donated by the community.



Central Community School operated a supply drive for their Hat Day.



K&A Cares- K&A Engineering, a NY based firm that has just opened an office here in Bangor; partners with BHS through donation of supplies and kennel sponsorships.



Pine State Nutrition gives back with a drive for pet food, beds, and toys.



Husson's Kappa Delta Phi collects supplies.



Bangor Dental Associates collects supplies.



The students of Wagner Middle School's Student Council run a very successful change drive!



Ocean State Job Lots gifts BHS a generous gift card so we may use it for whatever we need, along with a carload of PPE.



Foxcroft Academy Key Club sponsors a cat kennel.



Sophie Godin asks for donations to BHS in lieu of birthday gifts.



Leadbetter's makes a Golden Paw gift in honor of Betty White's birthday!

THANK YOU!

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST LAVENDER



Photo by Stray Duck Foto



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We couldn't be more delighted to report after nearly two years being everyone's favorite shelter resident, Lavender, the 3-year old Treeing Walker Coonhound, went HOME.

The word "joy" does not seem sufficient in describing our feelings about what happened on the afternoon of March 28, 2022 when Dylan wandered into the shelter and met Lavender. After learning all about her quirks—she needs to be the only pet in the home, she needs a little house training, she has a special diet to manage her sensitive skin- Dylan met with Lavender. The following day, Lavender accompanied Dylan on a Dog's Day Out adventure just to make sure this was a bona fide match.

Cue fireworks and swelling music. Lavender's person finally arrived. Dylan reports that they are settling in nicely together and that she remains the happy, fun-loving ball of energy she's always been. Our staff misses her so very much, but the joy of knowing she's sleeping in a warm bed with her very own human nearby is the happiest ending we could imagine.

Bon Voyage, Lavender! And welcome home!! ♥

Please join us in supporting the care of animals like Lavender. Visit us at donations.bangorhumane.org to make your gift today!

PAPER BAG FUN!

Our friends at the ASPCA (ASPCAPro.org/resource) have shared 4 creative uses for paper bags. We use some of these ideas right here at BHS, and you can do them at home to keep your furry friends busy!

Make a Food Puzzle

Dogs are natural foragers and love to dig for a good prize! Put a scoop of dog food into a paper bag, twist it shut, and let Boomer figure out how to get what's inside!

Budget-friendly Kong?

Cut holes into the side of a bag, fill it with kibble, treats, or a smear of peanut butter. Fold the top closed and watch them go!

Fun for Kitties!

Open a large paper bag and sprinkle with a little catnip. Let the comedy show begin—make sure you're ready with your camera!

Kitten Cave

Open a bag and fold down the top so it will stay open. Place a folded towel or small blanket inside and BOOM! You've got a hiding spot fit for a furry king or queen.

**Find us at www.bangorhumane.org
for more information about our shelter!**

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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