

Humanely Speaking

Bangor Humane Society Spring 2023 Newsletter



**Ferd on the Farm: Check out his
Happy Tail on page 6!**





Suzan, Executive Director and Willow

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy Spring!
Though the last year has been enormously challenging as we've faced rising costs, and rising intakes due to strays and surrenders, we still have much to hope for, and much to celebrate.

Your steadfast support makes all the difference in the changing landscape of animal welfare. Your generosity is the reason we are able to adapt, always improving our processes and prioritizing the animals. You're the reason we saved over 2,000 lives in 2022. We celebrate you.

We have made improvements to our Operating Room and recovery areas. We have upgraded our lab and surgical equipment. We have hired a second Licensed Veterinary Technician, ensuring that every animal can be seen in a timely manner and with continuity in quality of care. We celebrate reducing the length of stay for an animal, sending them on to their new homes as quickly as possible.

In the theme of celebration, we are pleased to bring you this second annual edition of the Good Newsletter, highlighting positive outcomes, happy adoptions, and community engagement. This year, we are pleased to add a shout out to our incomparable staff, whose dedication and expertise are the reason we can be so responsive to our animal community. We hope you will join us in celebrating their efforts, many of which take place even during off hours.

We wish you a happy summer season filled with family, friends, fur babies, and the kinds of celebrations that fill your hearts and fuel you on.

Be safe and be well,

Suzan Prendergast
Executive Director



Hours of Operation

Monday-Saturday: 12pm-6pm
Sunday: Closed

Board of Directors 2023-2024

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Our Staff

- Executive Director
Suzan Prendergast
- Director of Development and Communications
Kathryn Ravenscraft
- Volunteer and Community Outreach Director
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- Bookkeeper
Erika Baker
- Director of Medical Services
Allen Batchelder, LVT
- Licensed Veterinary Technician
Stacey Dunifer
- Director of Animal Care
Sam Carruth
- Adoption Counselors
Alicia, Jess, Paige, Lily, Audrey, Kat
- Animal Care Technicians
Olivia, Alex F., Grace, Mallory, Gabby
- Shelter Helpers
Alex R., Kassity, Gracie

HAPPY TAILS

The mission of the Bangor Humane Society is to champion the humane treatment and adoption of companion animals. We are honored to be the stewards for connecting fur friends with their humans and always love when a new adopter consents to having a photo taken. You can see by these smiles that our mission is working. We get asked a lot how we don't want to take every animal home with us, and these photos answer that question more elegantly than words; we know their purr-fect fit is on the way. ❤️



★ TEAM BHS: SUPER STAFF ★

Good News doesn't get any *good-er* than our amazing staff. You may have seen a few of these faces around the shelter or at events, but many of them prefer to stay behind the scenes. Regardless of their job title, the affection and dedication they have for each and every animal in this shelter is above and beyond. Every. Single. Day.

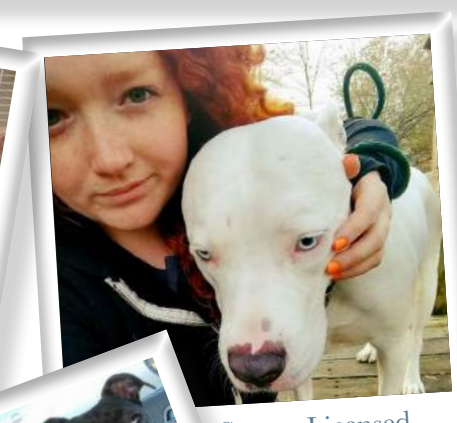
They know every animal in this building by name. They can tell you an animal's backstory, helping us understand behaviors like barking, hissing, cowering, or resource guarding. They clean, walk, feed, and water. They foster. They drag themselves in at 2am to assist an animal control officer in admitting strays- they prepare kennels in the wee hours of the morning and speak calming words in every effort to reassure these furry friends that they are safe. They stay late or come in on their days off to take a dog hiking, snuggle a sick cat, or celebrate an adoption that's been a long time in coming. Most of all... they love. Hard. Even on hard days, they don't lose sight of the goal of saving lives. Their favorites tend to be the challenging cases-the ones that need a little extra time and TLC. They keep this place running and we couldn't be more proud or more honored that they are Team BHS. Please join us in thanking these heroes.



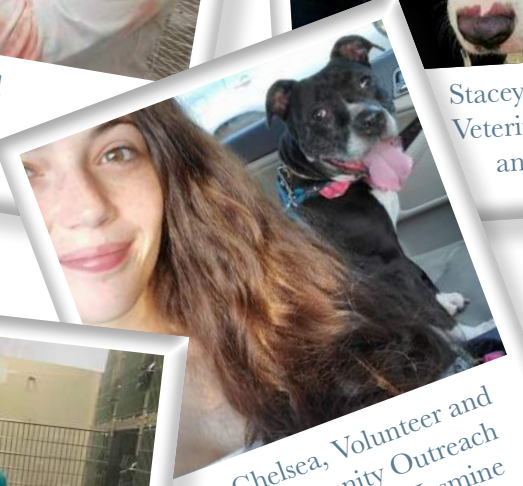
Alicia, Small Animal Coordinator and Adoption Counselor and Tuck



Alex R., Animal Care Tech caring for kittens



Stacey, Licensed Veterinary Tech and Lola



Chelsea, Volunteer and Community Outreach Director and Jasmine



Audrey, Adoption Counselor and Squish (whom she fostered)



Allen, Licensed Veterinary Tech bathing a cat with ringworm (someone has to do the dirty jobs!)



Alex F., Animal Care Tech and Lasagna



Sam, Director of Animal Care and puppies



Staff photo: Staff surrounds deaf dog, Jack, as he prepares to leave for his fur-ever home.



Jess, Adoption Counselor and Kane



Grace, Animal Care Tech and Harley (whom she adopted!)



Lily, Adoption Counselor and Greta



Olivia, Animal Care Tech and Princess



Malory, Animal Care Tech and Zuko (Mallory's first long-term medical foster)



Gabby, Animal Care Tech and Princess (a sweet, senior cat)



Paige, Adoption Counselor and Billy



Kathryn, Director of Development and Communications and Maggie

**We invite you to make a donation in honor of our staff!
Visit us at donations.bangorhumane.org to make your gift today**

FERD ON THE FARM

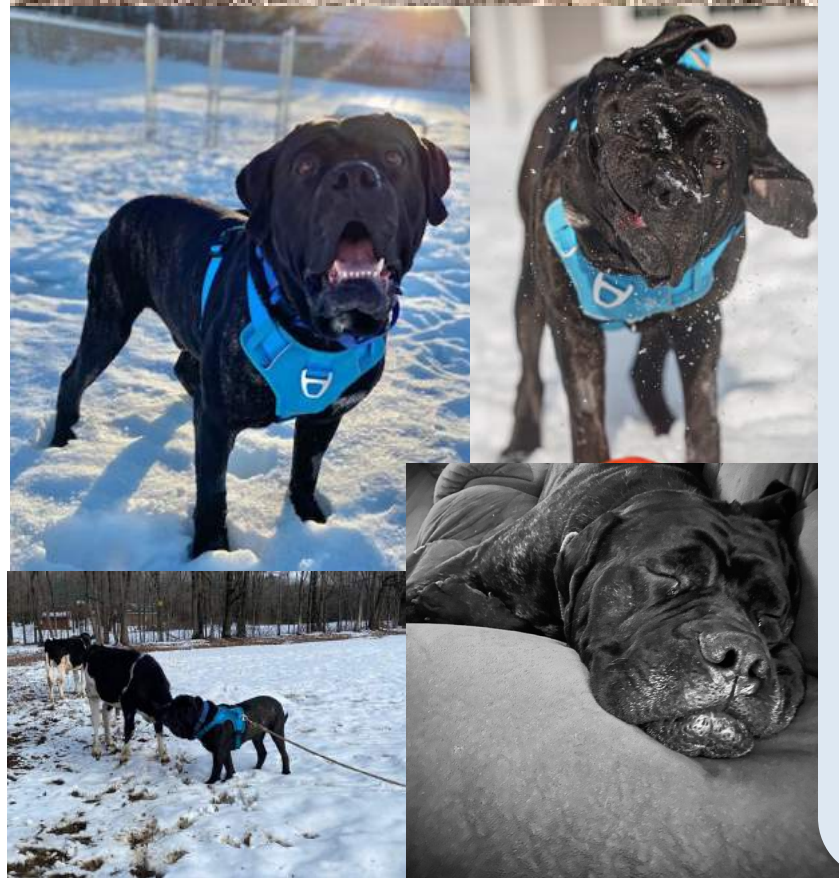


In December 2022, 4-year old Ferdinand was surrendered to us because his owner's health was failing. Because he was so dearly loved by his family, they knew the best thing for him would be to find a new family who could meet all of his unique needs, and with heavy hearts brought him to BHS.

A Cane Corso weighing in at nearly 150 pounds, Ferdinand, or "Ferd" as we called him, had no leash training and had lived outdoors or in the barn with the livestock he'd been trained to corral and protect. Ferd is an agreeable and friendly dog who won over everyone he met. There was a lot of interest in him, which didn't surprise us at all-he's a very impressive dog-but we knew he was itching to get back to his "work". He needed a family that had a farm and a job for him, and we were committed to finding him the right fit.

These efforts led us to sharing Ferd's story to veterinary partners and farming communities, and visitors to the shelter were compelled to take photos and videos that were shared on social media. After almost four months of patiently waiting, his people arrived. Owners of Amazeen Acres, also called "The Funny Farm", they'd heard his story through word of mouth and came in specifically to meet with him.

Ferdinand is now living his best life with a new dog bestie, cows, goats, chickens, horses, cats, and even a human toddler. Word on the farm is that he's started spending time indoors... on his very own couch.



THANK YOU FOR BEIN' A FRIEND



Softpro-Making Moments Matter: SoftPro employee, Christine, submitted our name into a drawing to receive funds earmarked for nonprofits... and won! She and her team also worked to make pet beds and collect supplies.



Bangor High School: Students from Bangor High School organized a supplies drive to benefit the animals. Thank you!



Kara & Jeff O'Sullivan: Every year for more than a decade, the O'Sullivan's have rallied their friends and family for a holiday fundraiser for BHS. All told, they've raised nearly \$220,000!



Whoopies for Whiskers: Over the past 2 years, our friend Don (left) has helped raise nearly \$1,500 through his Whoopies for Whiskers bake sales.



St. John's Episcopal Church of Bangor: Spearheaded by Jim & Claudia, the congregation raised supplies and funds during the holiday season.



UMaine Concert for a Cause: The UMaine Concert Band and the Leonard Middle School Band in Old Town have collaborated each year to play a fantastic combined concert and raise money for organizations they love. In 2023, they chose BHS.



Hailey's Heroes: For the 2nd year in a row, James Spear, his dog Hailey, and their friends and colleagues have sponsored adoptions on Valentine's Day.



Northeast Paving stopped in during the holidays to deliver a check for the care of our animal friends.



Kids Give Back: We are always touched by the efforts of area school children to raise dollars and supplies for the animals, whether through bake sales, lemonade stands, change drives, and supply drives.



Save the Date

PAWS ON PARADE
1993 2023



30th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, September 30, 2023, 9am-12pm

Husson University

Register now for early bird pricing and save \$5!

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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BHS is proud to feed our pets
Hill's Science Diet Food!