

WE'RE MORE THAN A SHELTER



2005
REACHING OUT

annual report



Letter from Sheryl Hammond - Board of Directors

I want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our volunteers and donors for your commitment and support throughout 2005. We look forward to continuing our mission in the New Year.

It has been a productive and exciting year for us. We are proud of our new surgical suite for spay and neutering of all our animals as well as the successful continuation of our humane education program and cruelty investigation services. *"We're more than a shelter"* and look forward to serving our community in the upcoming year.

It was a pleasure serving as Board Chair on behalf of the ARL of NH in 2005. I would like to welcome Sheila Steele in her new role as Board Chair for the League in 2006. I look forward to working with her in the coming year and beyond.

Comments from Sheila Steele - new Board Chair

I am extremely honored and excited about my new role as board chair. Under the capable leadership of our new Executive Director, Caroline Boyd, as well as a dedicated and rejuvenated board, I anticipate helping to lead the organization to a new level of service to our animal and human friends. Come in and watch us grow!

Greetings to all our loyal ARL supporters!

I am very excited to join the League as the new Executive Director. I have been so impressed with the dedication of the staff, the richness of the programs, and the quality of the animal care that I am honored to have the opportunity to be a part of an organization so committed to making a difference.

The League is working to make a difference not only in the lives of the hundreds of homeless animals that come through our doors, but also in our community. As you read our second Annual Report, you will see many stories that illustrate the ways in which the League is reaching out. Whether it's providing humane education to the next generation of animal lovers, actively working to prevent cruelty and neglect, spaying and neutering to prevent pet overpopulation, or simply helping to obedience train that new puppy, the League is dedicated to providing the best support possible to the communities we serve. We truly aspire to be more than a shelter!

Through everything, our primary goal remains the same: to achieve a superior record of saving the lives of pets. We believe that we will continue to increase the number of successful adoptions and outcomes each year by raising awareness, by effectively delivering our programs and services, and by establishing a strong and growing funding base of individuals, businesses and foundations.

We know that we can't do this important work alone, and we are enduringly grateful for your continued support.

Thank you for all you do for the animals,

Caroline J. Boyd
Executive Director



THE ARL MISSION

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire is a community resource dedicated to saving the lives of homeless pets, caring for companion animals afflicted by neglect, abandonment and cruelty and enhancing the relationship between people and pets through adoption, education, compassion and the promotion of animal welfare.

Our staff...

Reaching out from their hearts



Front row from left: Valerie Greene, Dave Betournay and Erin Cross.
Back row from left: Danielle Hastings, Marianne Nay and Robin Ahlgren.
Not pictured: Danielle Hebert, Pat LaCasse, Dr. Suzanne Moore and Maureen Prendergast.

Every snow filled early morning, every sunny summer weekend, every single holiday... every day of the year. The countless homeless animals at the Animal Rescue League of NH need us to be there for them.

With a small but determined staff the League is able to achieve great things. This group of individuals is truly remarkable in their ability to commit themselves to a task, a goal and a mission. They take in, clean, feed, treat the ill, and then help them find new homes. They come from all walks of life, they come with different goals and aspirations, but they come with a heart united in work that is more important than any single person. They come to work for the homeless animals of the Animal Rescue League.



Our successes...

Reaching out to create big changes in small lives

A lot of the animals that come into the Animal Rescue League arrive in conditions, both physical and mental, that leave a lot to be desired. Once such example of this were 14 Chihuahuas that needed a new start on life, as well as an extreme makeover.

Coming from a home with too many animals, these Chihuahuas had various health problems that needed to be treated immediately to alleviate their suffering. This treatment also assured that they could eventually be placed into adoptive homes without having the adopter bear the brunt of these medical expenses.

After multiple tooth cleanings and extractions, one dog having an eye removed, and another having a tumor removed, various spays and neuters, and some serious recovery time, *each of these 14 small lives have been placed into forever homes.* While the costs to shelter came close to \$1,500 we were fortunate that we were able to make a difference in the lives of these animals. And even more so to now be able to keep in touch with their adopters and know that the lives of these dogs will only continue to improve.



THE PROBLEM: There are simply far more homeless pets in NH than there are people looking to adopt.

THE SOLUTION: Having 100% of our dogs and cats spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Our goal...

Reaching out to 'fix' the problem

It can be hard to see, most people are only distantly aware of it. The numbers are large and can be hard to comprehend, but the problem is real. Walk through the adoption room at the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire and the many faces that stare back, the paws that reach out to you for attention, and the cards on their cages, they tell the story. There are simply far more homeless pets in NH than there are people looking to adopt.

Determined to do everything within our power to reduce pet overpopulation within our communities, the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire has worked hard to increase awareness, raise the necessary funds and build an in-shelter spay and neuter clinic. With the continued support of caring businesses and individuals we will achieve our goal of having 100% of our dogs and cats spayed or neutered prior to adoption. We will also continue to lend our resources to the community effort to spay and neuter feral cats. *We will do our part to 'fix' the problem.*

Our supporters...

Reaching out to say “Thank You!”

Did you know that only 19% of the Animal Rescue League of NH’s income derives from our services (such as adoption and surrender fees)? It’s a fact – most of our support comes from fundraising – either requesting donations from individuals and corporations (34% of our support), or putting on fundraising events (31% of our support).

That said, 2005 was a successful year for fundraising at the Animal Rescue League of NH. Why? *Because of you*, our loyal supporters that have faithfully attended many fundraising events. Another reason our events were so successful is the teams of volunteers that joined committees and helped out the on the day or evening of each fundraising event. We are truly and deeply grateful for your ongoing support, either as an attendee or volunteer.

Fundraising highlights in 2005:

- The League received financial gifts from 1,767 individuals, businesses, estates and foundations totaling a record **\$419,999.55**.
- 1st Annual Gala Evening of Compassion: **\$35,545**.
- 2nd Annual Pet Step: **\$9,685**.
- 7th Annual Live and Silent Auction: **\$62,544**.
- Four new people joined other generous benefactors and included the Animal Rescue League of NH in their estate planning. The total amount donated to the League in the form of bequest in 2005 was **\$63,900**.
- The League received grants from ten foundations totaling **\$20,659**.

The League’s volunteers and staff ran many other events, including; a Beer Tasting, Peterboro Basket Sales, a three-day craft fair, tree and wreath sales, a motorcycle ride fundraiser, an Easter Egg Hunt and Photos with the Easter Bunny, Pet photos with Santa Claus and an Appraisal Fair.

For more information on how to support the Animal Rescue League of NH call Robin Ahlgren at (603) 472-5714.

Our save rate: 80.0%

Animals Received		Animals Reunited	
Dogs and Puppies	237	Dogs and Puppies	29
Cats and Kittens	1,051	Cats and Kittens	28
Other Animals	74	Other Animals	3
Total	1,362	Total	60

Animals Adopted		Animal Adoption Network	
Dogs and Puppies	139	Dogs and Puppies	24
Cats and Kittens	784	Cats and Kittens	15
Other Animals	66	Other Animals	2
Total	989	Total	41

Save Rate defined as Reunited with Owner + Adopted + Network Transfer/Total Animals Received

Our community...

Reaching out to support us

Volunteers are the heart of the Animal Rescue League of NH. In 2005, 221 volunteers gave of their time freely to care for the animals at the shelter, work on fundraising events and be an extension of our staff. Over 7,000 hours of volunteer service were completed on site, not to mention the late night meetings and work from home. 18 volunteers completed over 100 hours of volunteer service. *Lyn Staffiere* and *Maurice Leblanc* volunteered over 400 hours and *Ken French* and *Roy Gilson* completed well over 500 hours of service this year.



Governor John Lynch presents the award to Volunteer of the Year, Roy Gilson

Here are just a few examples of community service:

St. Patrick’s Church in Milford sent their religious education students to complete community services hours. They showed their dedication by running a bake sale, selling Christmas trees and assisting with fundraising events.

The Amherst Cub Scouts, Pack 613-Den 4 made and donated Milk Bone-style dog biscuits for the dogs housed at the League. After baking all the dog cookies, they came in and gave a few of them out to the thankful dogs!

Tyler Keay worked on collecting donations for months, accruing over 354 pounds of cat litter, over 70 pounds of dog treats, 172 rolls of paper towels, 76 food bowls, over 7 gallons of vinegar and 305 pounds of dog food!

During the United Way Day of Caring, several employees from *Acadia Insurance Company* in Bedford donated their time to paint the League’s back hallway which had remained unpainted since April 1998.

2005 operating expenses and revenues

Sources Of Support:	\$ 528,174.40	% of Total
Contributions:		
Individual and Corporate Support	\$ 173,741.64	33%
Fundraising Events:		
Pledges and Donations	\$ 161,698.84	31%
Estate Giving:		
Wills and Bequests	\$ 63,900.07	12%
Shelter Services:		
	\$ 100,527.08	19%
Interest, Dividends and Other Income:		
	\$ 7,647.77	1%
Grants:		
	\$ 20,659.00	4%
Totals:	\$ 528,174.40	100%

Total Expenses	\$ 480,737.43	% of Rev
Animal Welfare and Sheltering:	\$ 232,120.92	44%
Veterinary Care:	\$ 31,118.06	6%
Community Outreach:	\$ 8,905.98	2%
Admin Support Services:	\$ 160,769.68	30%
Fundraising:	\$ 47,822.79	9%
Cash Reserve to fund 2006 Programs:	\$ 47,436.07	9%

Reaching out to be truly more than a shelter...

The Animal Rescue League of NH is a community resource. In the past few years, the League has implemented programs designed to accentuate our mission, which includes enhancing the relationship between people and pets through adoption, education, compassion and promoting animal welfare. Some of these programs include obedience training, investigative services for animal cruelty, humane education and our rehabilitation program for feral and semi-feral cats and kittens.

Obedience training

It was another great year for The Crazy Canine/Animal Rescue League Obedience classes. In 2005, 42 classes were held: eight Puppy classes, 25 Basic classes and nine Advanced level courses. This important program gives families the tools to not only train their pet, but to provide a stable environment for the dog, ensuring a permanent placement and lowering the League's return rate for adopted dogs.

Held right at the shelter, obedience classes are a terrific way to bond with the new canine in your family, address some of the behavior issues you may be experiencing, or maybe just have a little fun with your dog. For more information on how to get involved in a class, call Maureen Prendergast at **(603) 582-5400** or email thecrazycanine@yahoo.com.

Animal cruelty investigation

When you think of an animal shelter, most people imagine a place where people go to adopt dogs and cats. And while that is certainly true, the Animal Rescue League is more than just a shelter.

Some of the dogs and cats that you find up for adoption at the Animal Rescue League were not driven here by their owners, and surrendered for a simple reason. Each year many animals come to the shelter as a result of an animal cruelty or a neglect situation.

The Animal Rescue League has had the ability to answer questions in regards to suspected cruelty as well as intervene in cases as necessary. However this had been organized on a volunteer basis and had long since outgrown volunteer capacity. On October 1st, 2005 the Animal Rescue League implemented a part time Animal Cruelty Investigation position to handle the numerous calls and complaints reported to the shelter on a weekly - sometimes daily - basis. Aware of the need in this area, as well as statewide, for additional assistance in animal protection issues outside of the walls of a shelter, the Animal Rescue League would like to make itself available to the public as more than a shelter.

In 2005 close to 200 calls came in requesting additional information or assistance, or to simply report a suspected case of cruelty or neglect. And in 2005, 95 animals were brought into the shelter as a result of these incoming reports. If you suspect a case of cruelty or neglect, don't hesitate to call the ARL of NH's cruelty line at **(603) 471-0888**.

Humane education

Humane education helps us to reach the children in our community at an early age. Information about dog bite prevention, prevention of animal cruelty and general care of animals is essential to stop the cycle of animal abuse as well as lowering intake numbers at shelters. Since the inception of the program in April through December 2005, our humane educator reached out to over 2,000 local children. She attended schools, day camps and did presentations for many local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. She has even designed a shorter presentation for each birthday party that the ARL of NH hosts.

Kitten rehabilitation

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire and the NH State Prison for Women in Goffstown have joined forces in a unique collaborative effort to foster and socialize cats and kittens. The program meets the need of finding well-trained volunteers with ample time and patience to foster and socialize the countless feral kittens that are born locally each year.

The volunteer prisoners each go through a three-week training course covering a broad spectrum of information about cat health, anatomy, behavior, socialization, and general care. Seven months and 80 cats later the pilot program has proven to be a great success and mutually beneficial for the Women's Prison and the Animal Rescue League. The women are gaining education and experience that can assist them upon parole as well as a newfound way to give back to the community. The shelter has gained yet another way to further our mission, and to reach and rehabilitate homeless animals from our community that might otherwise not have been helped.



List of 2005 donors

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