

Adoption Tails

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire

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With A Little Acceptance, Blossom Has Blossomed...

Written by Dan and Angela French

In our last newsletter, we introduced Blossom, a hound mix who had been pushed out of a truck and abandoned in Milford. Blossom was very frightened at the shelter, but had an incredible sweetness underneath her fear – she just needed a special forever home to make her bloom. Read on for an update on Blossom.

People get a dog for many reasons; for us a dog becomes a member of the family. Just like a person, a dog brings a new personality to the mix that enriches and challenges our life. Blossom has done just that, and filled a big hole our family has had since our last dog passed away unexpectedly due to a rare illness.

When Patrick passed away we were quite caught off guard. He hadn't been with us long but we had grown attached to him quickly. He was a tough dog that required a lot of patience, discipline, and love which, in the end, richly rewarded us with endless playfulness, surprising obedience, and tons of love and attention. Learning to give Patrick the structure he needed came through the Animal Rescue League of NH's obedience classes. Not only were the classes wonderful in teaching us to relate to Patrick's energy, but it gave us a needed chance to see and share the challenges other dogs and their owners were experiencing.

When Blossom was rescued, Crazy Canine instructor, Maureen Prendergast, recalled our loss and contacted us. It didn't take much more than a few minutes to recognize Blossom was a special dog. With her cute beagle like face, and slender hound body, her delicate presence is one that draws a response of just wanting to give her a gentle hug. It was also obvious that Blossom would require the same patience, discipline and love we gave to Patrick and we were ready.



Blossom & Family After Advanced Obedience

Blossom is very shy, submissive, and slow to trust. Her typical way of greeting people is to run to the farthest corner, or instantly flop over on her back in submission. This was truly evidenced on the day we picked her up and she took a long, weaving path to the door avoiding all the strangers in the shelter's lobby. For us, Blossom did bond fairly quickly, but it took a few meetings before she was comfortable. Regardless, we knew this gentle and delicate nature was just the dog we were looking for.

The first days at home with Blossom were touchy. We didn't quite know what to expect since no one really knew the situation behind what brought her to the shelter. Would she be scared to be alone? How would she take to 'crating' at night? Would she be nervously 'accident' prone? We did get to understand the extent of her shyness through her first meeting with our two cats. Bailey and Patches are both relatively small and timid cats, and Blossom, at several times their size, was terrified of them – but has become quickly comfortable in the house since we don't worry about her with the cats.

With little appetite and a nervous, ears down look, she stayed under foot, with her tail tucked under not daring to be alone. Slowly she has blossomed into just the wonderful companion we believed she would be. Where once we feared she was a flight risk due to her past, we now take her for leash-less

walks in our back yard allowing her to explore as hounds love to do - a freedom she has earned due to her enthusiastic returns to us when called. Initially preferring to hide underneath a table, she has since learned that cuddling on the couch is a better belly-scratching rewarded alternative. Gone is the quiet, sit-in-the-corner shyness, as she loves to play fetch, tug-of-war, and hide-and-seek. She even has some favorite toys that she will carry around in hopes of a game.

Now, having graduated Crazy Canine's first grade with flying colors, we are starting to see a confidence and settled happiness in Blossom's attitude, including in visits with family and friends and their dogs. She is now pushing us to do things and be active. No more coaxing her through doors required.

We feel blessed, as we are 2-for-2 in adopting rescue dogs that have blossomed into absolute gems. We can't say enough about the rewarding experiences with our two adopted dogs from the shelter, the invaluable guidance from the training classes, and wonderful times ahead for us and Blossom.

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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 education, adoption, compassion and the promotion of animal welfare.

From the CEO: Ever Tried Herding Cats?

Dear Friends of the League –

There's an old saying that's used to describe impossible tasks: "it's about as easy as herding cats!" Well, that's essentially what the staff here at the League is doing these days.

As I write this, our official cat count stands at over 200, and that doesn't count the litter of kittens that are just about to be born.

Some Fast Cat Facts

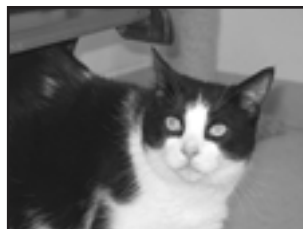
So far this year we have taken in 734 felines (471 cats and 263 kittens), which represents 74% of the 995 total animals we've taken into the shelter this year. 68% (over 500) of these cats were not spayed or neutered at the time they arrived at our door. We've taken cats from 46 towns in three states with the three leading communities being Manchester (238), Bedford (117), and Merrimack (111).

On average, the cats who have been adopted have been with us 50 days – not quite two months – before they leave. Of course, some of that time is spent having their health and behavior evaluated to make sure they are ready to go up for adoption, but it's still probably longer than they'd like, despite the love and care they receive here. There's nothing quite like a forever home.

On May 28th of this year, a two-year old cat named Bonzi went to her forever home after being with us for 341 days. She is the record holder for 2006 so far for longest stay. However, coming up close on her heels is Milo, who as of this writing has been with us 332 days and is likely to surpass Bonzi as 2006's Longest Cat in Residence.

Introducing Milo

Milo is a four year-old neutered male up to date on his shots. He was brought to the shelter last September because his owners were moving (the most common reason for surrender of both dogs and cats here at the League).



Milo has been here since September 2005

Milo's friends at the shelter call him a king because of his regal personality. He is very dominant, so would probably do best as the only pet and would prefer a fairly calm home

with no young children. He likes to give affection on his own terms and will rub against you to let you know when you are allowed to pat him. Milo needs a home that understands him and will value his unique personality.

While You're At It, Meet Tubbie

Tubbie, our International Cat, has been at the League almost five months. Her family brought her all the way from Italy, but then couldn't keep her. She is a five year-old spayed female, up to date on shots, who was brought to the shelter in March. She is a very cautious girl so be prepared to be patient with her. Once she gets to know and trust you she can be quite affectionate. She is a playful girl when she is comfortable and can get a little feisty when she is worked up. She is looking for a calm home with only adults or older children.



Tubbie is a Cautious Cat

If you are looking for a great cat, I am sure we have the one for you! And if you think you have that special home for Milo or Tubbie, we'd love to hear from you. And if you're not in the market for a cat but feel like subsidizing our 300-pound per day kitty litter habit, well come on by and drop off a bag.

We'll be here... herding cats!

Caroline Boyd

President & CEO

Do You Have A Fresh Water Aquarium
That You Do Not Want?

The Animal Rescue League of NH is seeking a gently used ~ 55 gallon tank and stand (plus necessary accessories) to have at the shelter for the entertainment of our cats!

If so, please e-mail
marianne@rescueleague.org with
details.

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire

The Animal Rescue League of NH Introduces Our New Education Program

by Danielle Hastings

In our role as a community resource, the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire has formulated a comprehensive educational seminar specifically for pre-teens and adults (recommended for ages 10 and up). This FREE seminar is a perfect addition to any library curriculum, school, club or any organization interested in learning more about animal welfare and about the work that is being done at the Animal Rescue League of NH.

This program covers the following topics:

Humane Education – what it takes to be a responsible pet owner, the importance of spaying/neutering, and dog bite prevention.

Animal Cruelty – how to spot when an animal(s) is being neglected or abused. What steps you can take to help these animals in need.

Dog Obedience – information on raising a well-mannered dog and a brief description of obedience classes held at the Animal Rescue League of NH.

Adoption and General Shelter Information – what our shelter is all about and the services we provide. What types of animals we currently have available for adoption and how to go about adopting.

Volunteer Information – what types of volunteer opportunities are available at our shelter and general information on how to get started.

If the venue allows, the Education Team will bring live animals to enhance the presentation as well as for the enjoyment of the children or adults participating. The Animal Rescue League of NH has a humane educator, Diane Frost, who is an essential part of the Education Team. Ms. Frost has a therapy dog named Molly that loves the education seminars and the attention of the children.

In the very conceptual stages of the program, the Educational Team was invited to the Amherst Library, where additional educational seminars have already been booked. The Team has also been booked at the Milford Library and Manchester City

Library for summer programs. This seminar typically fills about a one and a half-hour time slot, but the Education Team will tailor it to your organization's needs. **For more information on this important outreach program or to book the ARL of NH's Education Team, call Danielle Hastings at (603) 472-5788. We do ask for an approximate 1-month notice to schedule your seminar.**

Ruger (a.k.a. Thor) Found His Forever Home



by Erin Cross

As soon as I saw Thor I knew that he was going to be a handful and that it was going to be difficult to find him the right home. I also knew that I adored him and that he had potential to be a great dog.

Thor was a mix of Boxer, German Shepherd, Rottweiler, and Pit Bull. He was black, tan, and white - with goofy ears, big feet, lots of energy and an inability to control his urge to lunge, jump, and knock you over in an attempt to say 'hello'. He had mostly lived outside in a yard and had been tied up - never receiving the basic care to which dogs should be entitled. In June 2005, at the age of ten months, Thor's owners decided that they had enough and could not possibly deal with him another second. Thor came into the shelter and was given a bath, vaccinated, neutered, and a nice new collar was placed around his neck. He was moved up for adoption looking for the type of home that most of us at the shelter knew was going to be hard to find.

Remarkably, by the end of August, we thought we may have found that home. A family had met with Thor on several occasions and we talked about everything he was going to need in his new home: *exercise*, obedience classes, *exercise*, crate training, *exercise*, a structured routine with a lot of patience, and more *exercise*. Thor was adopted, but by November 2005 he was back. He was chasing cats, chewed on a couch, and was generally wreaking havoc all over. We were

sad to see him return, and seeing him come back made me even more committed to finding him the right home.

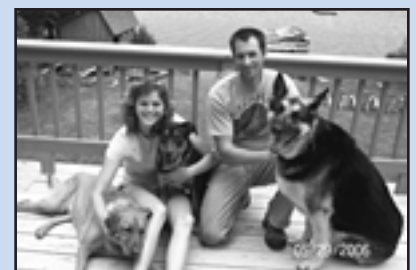
Thor stayed with us through Christmas, New Year's and Easter. In March of 2006, just as we were starting to get concerned for his long-term well-being, we met Katie and Mike (Katie fell in love with Thor immediately). Katie and Mike had two other canine kids - Brody (Lab) and Bo (German Shepherd). The first obstacle was that Brody took a long time to befriend another dog while Thor was instantly too friendly. They were basically oil and water. After a long discussion about what Thor and Brody would need to actually get along, Katie and Mike decided that yes - they actually wanted to work on this. They wanted Thor.

So the work began. Every day we were open, either Katie or Mike (or both) came to see Thor. About four times a week they brought Brody. Armed with pocketfuls of hotdogs to reward good behavior, we worked at helping their friendship blossom. Thor and Brody grew from snarls and lunges, to sitting nicely next to each and finally to saying hello. They started to click.

The day finally arrived, on April 21, 2006, Thor left for his final forever home. When he left that day, I knew he would never be back at a shelter ever again. He had found his family.

A month or so later we received a letter from "Ruger" aka 'Thor'. As I read the letter and looked through the pictures, I couldn't help but smile. After all the time he has spent locked up in the shelter, all the countless nights he watched us shut the lights off in the kennels and walk away, after all the waiting and hoping for a family, he finally found them.

Ruger is now enjoying his new life with his brother Bo and sister Brody (who, by the way, turned out to be his best pal). They romp and wrestle through the whole house and enjoy hiking, camping, and swimming. Mom Katie thinks that Ruger may finally be starting to understand what 'tired' means.



Brody, Katie, Ruger, Mike & Bo

“For Pet’s Sake”

The Animal Rescue League’s retail store, “For Pet’s Sake” is widely stocked with dog, cat and small animal supplies. Come in and browse! You’ll find just what you—and your new pet—are looking for. And, because all profits go right back to the shelter, your



purchase will benefit our animals, too!
“For Pet’s Sake” Hours of Operation

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 12pm - 5pm
Tuesday & Thursday, 1pm - 7pm
Monday & Wednesday, closed

Donate to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire online at www.rescueleague.org. If you are looking for something in particular, or if you have any questions about our stock, please call the shelter at **603.472.DOGS** for assistance.

Employee Spotlight



Erin Cross, Adoption Supervisor

My name is Erin and I have been a part of the Animal Rescue League of NH for almost four years. I was introduced to the ARL-NH by becoming a volunteer. I was a dog walker for about two years, walking the dogs about two times a week.

Since then, the ARL-NH has stayed a huge part of my life. My role at the shelter has continued to change and grow. I am currently the supervisor and foster care coordinator. But my duties do not stop there.

I’m also involved in the daily care of our animals: intake, teaching, processing for adoptions, surgery assistance, and adoption counseling.

Every day I do it for the animals. Each one I see that receives the care and love it so desperately needs refuels my energy to do it again. Along my journey at the ARL I have met the most wonderful people, from my coworkers and all the volunteers to adopters and donors. I am constantly amazed at the generosity, the passion, and the goodness of the people who fight for the same cause to help animals. I am currently owned by two rottweilers, one poodle, and several cats - all rescued animals.

Providing For Your Animals And Pets

Written by: P. Scott Adams

If you’re a pet owner and care about your pets very much as I do, you feed your pets good food and you may take them to the vet more often than you go to the doctor for yourself. When you go on vacation you take them with you or send them to a place you wouldn’t mind staying yourself.

But what happens to your pet if you die or become incapacitated?

Unless you make specific provisions, the people who are left behind at your death or the ones that have to care for your animals if you become incapacitated may choose to have your pets dealt with in a way you would not choose. Your pets could be euthanized, re-homed with someone who doesn’t fully understand your pet’s needs or surrendered to a shelter.

Most people do not make formal provision for their animals since they believe that they will outlive their pets or that a friend or family will take care of the animal. Consequently according to “2nd Chance 4 Pets”, a non-profit organization out of California in a May 22, 2005 article in the New York Times, more than 500,000 pets are killed in shelters and veterinarian’s offices each year after their owners die.

The state of New Hampshire in October of 2004 adopted the “New Hampshire Pet Trust Statutes” (N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. 564-B4-408 – Trusts for the Care of Animals). The statute allows you and your attorney to setup a trust for the benefit of your animals. Trust legislation is pending in Massachusetts.

Take some time to think about who would act as a caregiver for your animals in a time of need. The caregiver would cover such things as; feeding, daily care, and veterinary visits. Also, keep in mind some type of stipend such as monthly payments to cover food and veterinary care.

For more information on providing for your animals and pets, please feel free to contact P. Scott Adams at psadams@finsvcs.com or call (603) 621-1378.

Come And Join The ARL of NH At Our (FUN) Fundraising Events!

September 1, 2006 through November 15, 2006

Golden Thymes Studio will be holding a fundraising event to help support the Animal Rescue League of NH. From September 1 until November 15, owner, Ken Smith will be donating all sitting fees (\$35) from each photography session to the League. Mr. Smith specializes in children and family portraits, high school, wedding as well as pet portraits. To view his work, go to www.goldenthymesstudio.com. Give Golden Thymes Studio a call today, (603) 673-2190 to book your sitting and look forward to the perfect holiday gift!

Saturday, September 23, 2006 – 9am-2pm

2nd Annual Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Fair

Featuring David R. Hillier and Ms. Kathy Zink, prices are only \$10 for one appraisal and 3 for \$25. Bring all those old and interesting items that you have found in your attic or basement by for a verbal appraisal by our experts. We will even have a researcher on site to help with those difficult to appraise items. Enjoy a bake sale put on by the League's volunteers and visit the animals as well. All proceeds will benefit the Animal Rescue League of NH!

Saturday, September 30, 2006 – 9:30am-2:30pm

3rd Annual Pet Step!

Put on your sneakers and leash the dog, here comes another fun fundraiser for the Animal Rescue League of NH! Held at Camp Allen in Bedford, this event will feature obedience, freestyle, search and rescue, agility and drug sniffing demonstrations by area dog experts. Enjoy a mile and a half walk with your best four legged friend and then treat him or her to treats and toys from the many vendors attending this event. Looking for a dog to adopt? We will have some of our adoptable dogs walking in the event and several rescues will be there with dogs that are available for adoption. You can't miss this event- rain or shine! For more information go to www.rescueleague.org and click on the front page article about the Pet Step.



Saturday, October 21, 2006 – Doors open at 5pm

8th Annual Live and Silent Auction

This is the League's largest fundraiser each year. Growing larger by leaps and bounds, we are expecting over 320 people this year so get your tickets early before we sell out! Tickets are \$40 and a full dinner will be served. Join us for an evening of exciting auction items, games, and raising funds for the animals in our care! Silent auction is from 5pm-6:30pm; seating for the dinner and the Live auction is at 7pm. Psst! Some of the great auction items this year are a trip to Hawaii, first class round trip tickets included, a beautiful handmade animal print quilt, and a year's worth of massages, one a month!

November 1, 2006 through November 18, 2006

Pampered Chef Fundraiser

From November 1 through November 18, Rose Slack, Independent Pampered Chef Director and Trainer will be donating a percentage of her sales to the Animal Rescue League of NH. During this timeframe if you make an online order by going to www.pamperedchef.biz/rosespckitchen, clicking on "our products" and then typing in Animal Rescue League of NH you can then shop online. Ms. Slack will also be here at the League

in person on Saturday, November 4 and Saturday, November 18 from 12-5pm to answer questions and take orders. (Just in time for Holiday gifts!)

Thanksgiving Weekend – 10am-5pm

Craft Fair and Start of Christmas Tree Sales

Join us for the Christmas tree sale kickoff on Friday, November 24. The Craft Fair will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26 from 10-5pm. Bake sale, raffle items and great holiday gift ideas, you can't miss this sale! Trees and wreaths are on sale until sold-out.

December 2nd and 9th, 2006 – 10am-5pm

Pet and People Photos with Santa!

Everyone, two- and four-legged just loves this event! Held the first two Saturdays in December (December 2 and 9) we have a steady stream of four-legged companions that arrive for their annual photo. Decked out in Reindeer antlers, bells and yes, even Santa attire, they wait their turn to see the Big Guy and get a special cookie from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Photos are ready within two minutes!



Friday, January 12, 2007 from 6pm - 8pm

3rd Annual Juried Art Show and Sale Reception

Last year we had over 130 pieces of art submitted to be juried in this annual art show. If you are an artist and are interested in helping the League by submitting your work, go to www.rescueleague.org for more details. Click on Special Events and on more information for the Art Show. Are you a business and interested in purchasing art? Come to this show, scheduled to hang from January 12, 2007 through February 1, 2007 and support local artists as well as the League through your purchase.

Saturday, February 10, 2007

Love Your Pet Day 12-5pm

Join us at the League for Love your Pet Day, a pre-Valentine's day event especially for pets. We will feature all different ways to pamper your pet with fun pet-related vendors. Come and join the Crazy Canine, sponsor of this event, for a fun-filled, treat laden day for your pet.



Friday, May 4, 2007 at the Event Center at CR Sparks

3rd Annual Gala Evening of Compassion

Put this important event on your calendar now! This fundraising dinner, which gives us the opportunity to tell our story to our supporters, has been wildly successful the past two years and we are very much looking forward to year number three. Tickets are \$60; enjoy a cocktail hour chatting with fellow animal lovers before a delicious filet mignon, salmon, or vegetarian dinner. After dinner will be a guest speaker or two, entertainment and our Volunteer of the Year award. Our goal is to raise money to support the many outreach programs on which we currently are hard at work.

For more information about any of these upcoming events, for tickets sales or to participate in any event, call Robin Ahlgren, Director of Development and Community Outreach at (603) 472-5714 or email robin@rescueleague.org.

Training Tip

by Maureen Prendergast



People who live with and train dogs tend to concentrate a lot on what their dogs can do (commands) or how long they can do it, or how they do it in comparison to another dog they know. It almost seems to become sort of a competition.

And while there certainly are specialty classes and events to show off just what your dog can do, true dog training should go much deeper than that. Socializing your dog, bonding with your dog, and having an understanding in your household across all species (humans, canines, felines, and any others) should also be among your canine training priorities.

A dog who can sit or stay forever, but cannot handle his or her owners touching her paws is a great candidate for an obedience class. A dog who may walk nicely on a leash, but gives you a dirty look for telling it to get off the couch is another possible class participant.

A well-trained human and dog team should accept each other's physical, mental and emotional limits as well. Just as with humans, some dogs are not going to love every dog they meet. Obedience classes cover much more than getting your dog to sit quickly and stay there. We cover living with a dog, how to enjoy living with a dog, as well as understanding why they behave the way they do and how as humans we can learn to speak their language a bit better.

Your training tip is to ask yourself that whether or not your dog may already know how to sit or how to come when called, do you really know your dog and does he or she really understand you?



Obedience Happenings

by Maureen Prendergast

Back to school. Sometimes it's not our favorite thing to hear. At the end of a nice long summer most of us are hesitant to climb out of the swimming pool and jump back into the classroom.

However from your dog's perspective, this could be just the fun and excitement he or she has been waiting for all summer long!

Aside from teaching specific verbal commands to you and your dog, an obedience class is designed to be a fun experience. Where else could you meet like-minded dog owners who all have both rewarding and slightly embarrassing stories to share about their own four-legged canine companion.

Dogs and humans alike gain a certain amount of social experience from attending an obedience class. Lots of The Crazy Canine/Animal Rescue League obedience alumni graduate from the different levels and go on to join special walking groups that meet up at different times of the year. Some of these special walks include trips to ice cream vendors and even a barbeque. Nothing brings dogs and owners together like the smell of good food cooking.

If you and your dog need help with some behavior issues, have never done any formal training and would like to start, or just need something different to do during the upcoming fall, consider joining an obedience class today.

To learn more you can contact instructor Maureen Prendergast directly at thecrazycanine@yahoo.com or by calling 603-582-5400. Or check out our website by going to www.rescueleague.org and clicking on the obedience link under Services & Programs.



To Go or Not to Go?

by David Betournay

Fall in New England is a wonderful time to travel, visit friends, get out and explore the world. As a pet owner it is important to consider carefully when and where you should or should not bring along your pets.

To Go: Are you traveling to pet friendly areas where your pet is welcome, staying with friends that have welcomed your pet? Do you plan on engaging in pet friendly activities? Is your trip flexible enough to allow for time and locations to care for your pet? Will your pet enjoy the trip and be able to behave appropriately for the planned activities? Will the trip be exponentially better with your animal friend along with you? If the answer to these questions is yes, then it may be a good idea to bring along your furry, feathered or scaly friend.

Not to Go: Will you need to leave your pet alone in the car at any time during the trip? Does your animal not travel well or behave in a manner that could be dangerous to him or others? Are you staying anywhere that pets are not welcome? Does your pet just plain hate to travel? If you have answered yes to any of these questions then you should consider leaving your pet at home. Consider having a trusted friend or relative care for your pet in your absence. Look into having your pet professionally boarded or hiring a professional pet sitter.

Proper Preparation: If you are bringing your pet along be sure to plan carefully. Pack plenty of food (enough for the whole trip), lots of water, and any medication or preventative care items that he or she will need. Bring leashes, cages, bedding and ID. Consider getting ID tags with multiple contact numbers including cell phones in case your animal gets lost in an unfamiliar area. Having your cat or dog micro-chipped by a veterinarian is also a fantastic way to be reunited with a lost pet, great for both traveling pets and non-traveling pets. Bring a copy of his or her vaccinations records and be aware that cats and dogs traveling over borders are required to have proof of current rabies vaccination and in some cases a current certificate of health from their veterinarian. With a little forethought and proper planning, traveling with your pet can be a wonderful experience that you will both enjoy.

Tie Up Your Sneakers And Leash The Dog... Here Comes the 3rd Annual Pet Step!



Written by Robin Ahlgren

Three years ago, a group of four dedicated volunteers answered my ad in the volunteer newsletter for artistic, excited and energetic volunteers to join me on a pet walk committee. With only six weeks from start to finish to make this walk happen, we spent three weeks just trying to find a place to hold it while planning the rest of the details. With as little time as we had to prepare, and not knowing much about what a pet walk entailed, we still did a pretty great job with a final turnout of over 100 walkers, 20 vendors and a net amount of \$3,200 raised for the animals at the League.

This small success pushed the committee on to year number two, where we picked up one more energetic volunteer to help out. This time we secured a spot to hold this event right from the start (thank you Camp Allen!) and had a turnout of over 200 walkers and 37 vendors. Our net amount last year was approximately \$10,000!

Now we are in year number three. With most of the original walk committee plus 8 new members, we are striving for the best year ever. The 3rd Annual Pet Step will be held on Saturday, September 30 (rain or shine!) at Camp Allen in Bedford, NH. As well as the walk, we will have approximately 40+ vendors, obedience, freestyle, search and rescue, drug sniffing and agility demonstrations and games for our four-legged friends. This day of fun, led by our Master of Ceremonies, Mike Morin from WZID, will also include fun for kids at the children's craft table which will include face painting, carting, and balloon animals.

We are very thankful to our sponsors this year who collectively donated over \$6,000 in sponsor money as well as the 11 teams that have signed up to "Step up for Pets." Thank you to the following sponsors: **Absolute Title LLC and Professional Pet Sitting, Etc., our two Top Dog sponsors**, as well as Bedford Wal-Mart, Ocean National Bank, Food for Pets-Manchester, Food for Pets-Amherst, Bedford Pharmacy, Pawsitively Natural K-9 Treats, Pet-Agree, Inc., Hilb, Rogal and Hobbs, Franklin Plumbing and Heating, Milford Veterinary Hospital, Upcountry Kitchens and Baths, Inc., Pet Quarters, Amherst Animal Hospital, Lockridge Animal Hospital, Acorn Recording Solutions, Inc., Devine Flooring, Poop, Scoop and Away, Charlie's Paw Wash, Inc., Golden Thymes Studio and Carlson Wagonlit Travel. We couldn't do this without you!

So tie your sneakers and leash your dog and join the Pet Step Committee, ARL of NH volunteers, vendors and 200+ walkers on Saturday, September 30 at Camp Allen in Bedford!

For more information go to www.rescueleague.org or call Robin Ahlgren at (603) 472-5714.

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire

One Year After Katrina, Cats Are Still In Crisis – Can You Help?

Written by Caroline Boyd

As people reflect on Hurricane Katrina's lasting impact, one area still in need of assistance is the animal shelter and rescue network. Refugee animals from the disaster flooded the system, and both rescue work and donations were directed toward relief efforts. While this focus was a critical need, the diversion of resources had a significant impact on local shelters around the nation.

Right here at home, cats continue to face a crisis in this overloaded system. The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire currently has over 200 cats – the facility's capacity is 120. The League is urgently seeking cat adopters, especially for adult cats. As a limited admission shelter (one which does not euthanize animals to make space), until we are able to place cats in a loving home we are not able to accept the many more cats and kittens who are in immediate need of rescue, some of whom are in dangerous or even life-threatening situations.

If you have thought of adding a cat (or a pair of cats) to your family, now is absolutely the time to adopt! Not only will you be saving the lives of the pets you adopt, but you will be saving the lives of the new cats that the League will be able to accept as space becomes available.

To find out how to adopt, please call 603/472-DOGS (3647) or visit our facility at 545 Route 101 in Bedford, NH. We are open 1 – 7 on Tuesdays & Thursdays, and 12 – 5 Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We also have cats available at our satellite adoption center in the Nashua PetSmart at 4 Cellu Drive (by Target on 101A).

To learn more about the Animal Rescue League of NH or see some of the many pets available for adoption, please check out the League's web site at www.rescueleague.org.

Adoption Spotlight



Pepper

Hi! My name is Pepper. I am a 4 year old neutered male up to date on my shots. I was brought to the shelter in March because a relative moved in who was allergic to me. I am declawed so it's important that I stay indoors. I really need to be an only pet as I tend to act out when living with dogs or cats. I am a little independent at first until I get to know you, but am looking for a home where I can show my sweet side. I prefer to always have you in my sights from a cozy fleece bed and will come to you when I need affection.

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