

Paws For Tails



Patrick

“Please understand I tried, I couldn’t come in and surrender him. I am too ashamed. I feel guilty. I really did try my best.”

I should have never agreed to taking him in knowing I would struggle. I was losing my apartment and an old neighbor had pups they could not take care of. He was scared, sad and look terrified when he was given to me 4 months ago under a light and received a bath. I lost my apartment and moved into a camper with no running water and in 7 1/2 months pregnant. I got to food pantries and just started a new job 2 months ago. He needs a good home. He needs to go to the vet to run + play. I did the best I could when I didn't have money. I was feeding him rice + canned chicken + salmon from the food pantry. But he eats alot and was under fed when I got him. Please understand I tried. I couldn't come in and surrender him. I am too ashamed. I feel guilty. I really did

We wish in the note that was left, that we were at least told his name. But without that information, he became Patrick.

Patrick entered our care on that Friday. And this goofy 97 pound boy quickly won our hearts. We could tell the owner tried. We wish we could have helped them both sooner.

Oftentimes people reach out to us for help rehoming their dog when they've reached the end of their rope. And in cases like Patrick, they don't reach out at all. We're more than a shelter. We are happy to talk to people about their dogs, whether they are struggling with them, don't know where to turn for information, or even just want to gush over how great their dog is.

We know the majority of people who own dogs do so because they love them, and just like Patrick's previous owner, want what's best for them. We do too. And we will continue to do so with help from our loyal supporters like you.

These were just a few lines written in a letter left with an abandoned dog behind a local veterinary hospital. Vet staff arrived the morning of Friday, March 14th to find a young Cane Corso in a crate behind their hospital. With him was a dog bed and a nearly empty bin of food with a note inside.

We don't condone the abandonment of this dog. It was unlawful and unnecessary. However, we understand. Guilt and embarrassment are challenging to combat.

by my best. I've only had him for a few months. He needs a bath that I haven't even give him. He needs shots + lots of love and attention. and I can't even give that to myself. I'm basically homeless + pregnant trying to secure housing for when my daughter gets here. It's been hard. I have days I don't eat but at least feed him. I need to take care of me and I can't do that. He needs a good home. He is friendly and has a good demeanor. I'm sorry I tried to help someone dumped him with me when I was going through a hard lonely time. I lost everything. I spent the last piece of my check getting him a bed and another bag of food. He has chewed the last 2 birds I bought and gone through all his toys. I just can't afford him. He at least had somewhere warm to stay and show him some love. I don't know what kind of love he came from before me. I am sorry.

Letter from the Leadership Team

Mission Statement

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire improves animal welfare in our communities by helping pets and the people who care for them.

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire team at the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire (ARLNH), we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support. Whether you've been with us for years or have recently joined our community, your commitment has made an undeniable difference in the lives of the animals we care for and protect.

At ARLNH, our mission is clear: to provide shelter, care, and compassion to animals in need while working toward a future where every pet has a loving home. Over the past year, we've witnessed countless transformations—animals once abandoned, neglected, or in need of urgent medical care finding new homes and bright futures thanks to your generosity.

As we reflect on our achievements, we are also mindful of the ongoing challenges we face. Our work is never done. From expanding our services to meet growing demand to continuing our education and advocacy efforts, every step we take is made possible by supporters like you. It's your compassion that drives our work and inspires us to continue pushing forward, knowing that together, we can do so much more.

This year, we've already seen a marked increase in the number of animals needing our help, and we are prepared to meet the challenge head-on. However, we can only do this with your continued support. Your donations, volunteer time, and advocacy allow us to keep our doors open and our programs thriving.

As we look ahead, we are excited to expand our outreach, care, and education programs. But none of this would be possible without you.

We invite you to continue walking with us on this incredible journey. Whether through a financial gift, volunteering your time, or simply spreading the



Naomi Stevens, Chief Operating Officer, Marianne Jones, Chief Executive Officer, and Dr. Stephanie Magnarelli, Chief Medical Officer

word about our mission, you are a vital part of our success.

Thank you for being a steadfast advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are so grateful for your partnership, and together, we will continue to make a lasting impact on the lives of countless animals across New Hampshire.

With sincere gratitude,

Marianne Jones, Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Stephanie Magnarelli, Chief Medical Officer

Naomi Stevens, Chief Operating Officer



Adoption Tails!

The ARLNH is always happy to see our animals find their way into forever homes. Sometimes, though, there are animals whose stories stand out a little bit more. The ARLNH staff and volunteers are committed to the level of intervention needed for these animals to succeed in new homes, and we are grateful for the many people who are willing to adopt them. We are thrilled to be able to share a few recent success stories with you. After all, you, our supporters, helped make this happen!

Butter (now Niya)

Butter (now Niya) was surrendered to us in January due to ongoing harassment from the resident dog, leading her owners to believe it was in her best interest to rehome her.

Adopted in February, her owner reports that "although physical contact and affection is still a ways off yet, she has made leaps and bounds".

Niya is comfortable strolling around her new home, playing with ping pong balls and felt mice, and hanging out in the warmest spots in the house.



Turtle Dove (now Shade)

Turtle Dove (now Shade), one of a litter of ten puppies, born on Christmas Day at the ARLNH, was adopted into a loving home at the end of February.

Her new owners report that "She is happy and healthy says the doc and is weighing in at 18.1 pounds. We are so happy to have her. She is funny and cute but stubborn as a bull. She loves to be outside running. All is good. Thank you. We love her very much."



Ash, Sage & Nova

"The girls are doing great! They get along with the other ladies. We have had no issues. Expanded the cage again and added a loft with a big hay bin. They love to pile up in it while we clean their palace lol. Every morning they hear me coming down the stairs and they wheel in unison at me for veggies. They all get held and loved up by me and my daughters. We are so happy to have these lil girls in our lives."



A MOMENT WITH DR. MAGNARELLI

The moment May was brought to our door I was paged to come and look at her immediately. "There is something very wrong with her," the staff reported. May was a sweet little kitten, but when her family realized that she had a medical condition and they couldn't afford any medical care, they turned to us for help.

May had severely abnormal mammary glands as her previous owner had noted, but instead of cancer like they had thought, May was actually suffering from a condition called mastitis. Mastitis is inflammation of the mammary glands which is usually seen when an animal has recently had babies or is trying to wean them. However at only 6 months old May was just a baby herself! With no history of having babies in her previous home, why did she have mastitis??

May's condition was quite a mystery but we began treatments immediately to try and offer her some relief. Her entire mammary chain - basically her entire stomach from between her front legs to between her back legs - was hard, painful, and hot to the touch.



Dr. Stephanie Magnarelli
Chief Medical Officer

Through it all, May remained the sweetest most gentle kitten who just wanted affection, even if it was in the form of getting medication and compressing her painful glands.



After a few days of treatment, it was clear what we were doing wasn't working. Although May was still full of spirit, her mammary glands were still extremely swollen and nothing we did was helping. She needed more, but we were still perplexed on why she was in this condition in the first place.

Since mastitis is connected to hormones, our next step was to bring May to surgery for a spay. Relieving her of the hormones that cause milk production would help expedite the treatment.

Within a few days after her surgery, May's mammary glands finally began to decrease in size and were almost back to normal. We continued her medications and thought we were just about out of the woods.

This is the part of the story where I wish I could say we had finished fixing May and she was ready to move on with her life. But just the way she came into our lives - full of confusion - she also left us. On March 15th May was having some difficulty breathing and was rushed to the local emergency room. They started performing diagnostic tests to figure out what was happening, but were not entirely certain what caused her condition. During treatment at the ER, May went into cardiac arrest and died. Our hearts broke when we got the call. Our sweet little May. She was full of love, full of affection and she was taken away from us so suddenly.

Some animals stay with us forever. Some keep us up at night wishing things could be different. May's memory will live on in our hearts. Please consider making a donation in memory of May. Although we will never be able to bring her back, we hope her story will help save more animals like her.

PET FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM IMPACT



Leah Monty
Community Engagement Manager

We are thrilled to share the impact of our Pet Food Pantry Program, an initiative that relies heavily on a community-driven effort to support pet owners facing financial hardships, making it possible for pets to remain with the families that love them and stay fed. Our program continues to grow and evolve, thanks to the incredible support from local businesses, volunteers, and other community members.

Increased Outreach: This year, we expanded our reach, to help hundreds of pet owners and their animals by decreasing barriers to accessing our pantry services. In 2024, ARLNH distributed 14,040 pounds of pet food which translates to 89,946 pet meals!

Education: In addition to providing food and necessary supplies, the program helps connect program participants with resources and education about lower-cost vet care, behavior, training, and other basic pet care topics.

Partnerships and Community Support: In 2024, we partnered with five organizations, including Meals on Wheels of Hillsborough County, and local food pantries to help make pet food more accessible to those in need. Our partnerships with local community organizations have enabled us to reach more people and assist those who may not have been aware of our services. Thanks to generous donations from local businesses and individuals, we were able to keep our pantry shelves stocked.

Volunteers at the Heart of Our Success: Our passionate volunteers dedicated their time and energy to helping with tasks like rebagging and distributing pet food. Throughout the year, we had many businesses join us for Corporate Volunteer Days helping us purchase and rebag thousands of pounds of pet food. Their commitment has been crucial to the success of this program, and we are grateful for every hour of service our volunteers have provided!

We're excited about the future of this much-needed community program in 2025! Thank you to everyone who has made this program possible through donations, volunteer work, and spreading the word. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of pets and their owners in our communities. If you would like to support the Pet Food Pantry, consider volunteering, donating, or hosting a food drive in your community. Every little bit helps to further our goal of keeping pets with their loving families.

For more information on how to get involved or make a donation to the Pet Food Pantry, please visit our website at www.rescueleague.org/pet-food-pantry or email Leah Monty, Community Engagement Manager at lmonty@rescueleague.org

HUMANE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Humane Education Program has been swiftly growing at the Animal Rescue League of NH. We have continued to host a number of fun and engaging events for youth in our community. We are excited for the future as we expand our offerings to focus on thoughtfully teaching kids about animals, humane animal care concepts, how to safely interact with animals, wellness, and more.

Registration is officially underway for Summer 2025 Camp Critter!

To learn more about our humane education camp and monthly events be sure to check out our website www.rescueleague.org/humane-ed.



Carolyn Silva
Animal Care & Humane Educator
& Dr. Magnarelli at our
Stuffed Animal Clinic

THE IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERING



Josie Dupouy
Animal Care & Volunteer Coordinator



Here are just a few of our AMAZING Volunteers!



“ An estimated 28 percent of Americans or more than 75.7 million people formally volunteered with organizations between September 2022–2023. In total, these volunteers served an estimated 4.99 billion hours with an economic value of \$167.2 billion.

Source– Americorps–Volunteering Civic Life

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ARLNH relies on volunteers to help us achieve our mission every day, and they contribute in many different ways. When someone thinks about volunteering at a shelter, they might automatically consider tasks such as spending time with animals, cleaning kennels or cages, walking dogs, doing laundry, and fostering. These tasks happen daily, and volunteers are essential in getting them done. We truly couldn't do it without their help!

However, what many people may not realize is that volunteers assist with much more than direct animal care. At ARLNH, we are grateful for our dedicated volunteers who assist with a variety of tasks. These tasks include re-bagging pet food for our pet food pantry, delivering pet food to local food pantries, representing ARLNH at community events, collecting and distributing donation canisters, supporting our Humane Education programs, and helping with clinic activities, among others. This diverse range of support allows us to fulfill our mission in many meaningful ways.

Last year, our volunteers contributed an impressive total of 6,300 hours to the shelter, which is valued at approximately \$210,987! Additionally, by the end of the year, our foster program recorded 98,105 hours, with foster homes caring for over 100 animals in 2024.

With National Volunteer Appreciation Week just a month away, I want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all of ARLNH's volunteers. You all make a significant difference in our shelter and our community. Thank you for being a part of our team!

SOME OTHER WAYS TO HELP THE ANIMALS



LEGACY GIVING

By including the Animal Rescue League of NH in your future planning you can make a lasting impact for homeless animals for years to come. Here are some examples of ways you can help.

WILLS & LIVING TRUSTS



By making a bequest to the Animal Rescue League of NH through your will or living trust, you can help create a legacy of love for pets in need in our community.

RETIREMENT ASSETS

A gift of your retirement assets—such as a gift from your IRA, 401(k), pension, or another tax-deferred plan—is a great way to make a planned gift.



LIFE INSURANCE



You can name the Animal Rescue League of NH as a beneficiary on your life insurance. After your lifetime, the benefits from your policy will be donated to ARLNH, free of federal estate tax.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Please contact our CEO, Marianne Jones by phone at 603-472-3647 or by email at mjones@rescueleague.org to discuss your legacy gift further. Thank you for being there for the animals!



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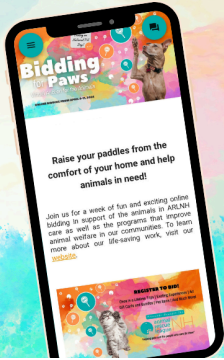
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