



Happy Tails

News from the Second Chance Animal Center

SCAC Staffers Share – and Learn – at Fed Conference

By Linda Huebner

My first official task with Second Chance – where I am excited to be the incoming Executive Director – is to update *Happy Tails* readers about the recent New England Federation of Humane Societies (NEFHS) Conference. Each year a different state in our region hosts what we informally call the Fed conference, and this year Vermont did the honors in Stowe. When I registered for the NEFHS conference, I was hoping to network with former colleagues (I served on the NEFHS Board from 2000-2007) to find a new job, but I didn't



need to, as the conference coincided with my acceptance of the job as ED for Second Chance.

As always, the Fed conference is a great way to learn about the progress and new initiatives taking place in the ever-changing world of animal sheltering, as well as in the larger worlds of animal welfare

and non-profit management. Plus, it's a wonderful opportunity to network with other professionals and share ideas. Joining the group this year were Sharon Burnett, SCAC's shelter manager, and six staffers who are dog and cat caregivers.

The Fed conference program is geared to both seasoned professionals and those who are "newbies" to the field. To that end, the organizers set out various "tracks" that run simultaneously during the conference. For example, the ASPCA Leadership Day, which Sharon and I attended, featured speakers focusing on governing-board structure, in-house organizational issues and supervision techniques. From those sessions, we both gleaned lots of ideas about non-profit service culture, which we plan to present to the SCAC Board in the coming months.

The remainder of the conference was geared to all staff members, and focused on many aspects of day-to-day shelter operations. Some of the many presentations dealt with the latest protocols for keeping shelter animals healthy and happy... new twists on humane education programs... evaluating and improving cat and dog behavior... maximizing marketing and social media to reach more potential donors and adopters... working with other shelters and rescue groups to find new ways to save and re-home needy animals.

The Second Chance staffers split up to attend as many of these workshops as possible, so that they could learn about these crucial topics and share ideas with co-workers back in Shaftsbury. These interactive presentations also enabled and encouraged networking among all attendees who, despite what type of organization they work for, share the common mission, and face the same problems, of helping homeless animals. *Continued on page 3*

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President's Message

Happy Spring to everyone! It has been a season of change for many of us, and I'm sure I express the opinion of most of us when I write that we were certainly ready for a change in the season after a very long winter.

My own family has grown ... we did find room for one more and we adopted our dear Sage (see photo at right) last September. She has been a wonderful addition to our family... and we are grateful to have her in our lives. Sage and I have been enjoying this beautiful weather on our daily walks--no more cold, icy paws in the morning!

Our Second Chance family has changed as well, and we are so pleased to announce that Linda Huebner has joined us as our new Executive Director. Linda comes to us most recently from the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA), she has a tremendous amount of sheltering and animal care knowledge, and she is a strong animal welfare advocate. We are lucky to have Linda join Second Chance; she will be a wonderful addition to our Center, and we extend her our warmest welcome.

I am also very pleased to report that 2013 brought even more positive changes to our Center with continuing upgrades and improvements to our facility as we make the best use of our current space. It was a very positive, successful year for us – just look at these amazing statistics:

Cats surrendered: 559 Cats adopted: 385

Dogs surrendered: 174 Dogs adopted: 157

Critters surrendered: 24 Critters adopted: 17

Humane investigations - 65

Low cost spay/neuter surgeries (SNAP) in-house - 409

VSNIP spay/neuter surgeries - 10

Pets helped through the Angel Fund with local veterinarians - 93

We are always looking to improve, however, and 2014 finds us continuing our process to find a suitable piece of land on which to build our new, beautiful, state-of-the-art animal center that will allow us to serve even more needs with additional services for families and pets in our community. We have contracted to purchase a piece of property in Shaftsbury, very close to our current location, pending

zoning approval. We are excited and hopeful about this prospect, but we need your support to help us secure our new home.

With this in mind, we have formed a Capital Campaign to ensure the funding for our new building. Board Trustee Randy Schmidt and Shelli DuBoff, of Bennington, a former board member, co-chair the Capital Campaign Committee and they have been working with a fantastic group of volunteers. In addition to SCAC Board Members, the committee includes former Board Member Nancy Boardman of Arlington; Heather Maneely, Bennington; Julius Rosenwald, Pownal; and Kim Wassick, Bennington. Thank you all.



And thank you to those who have donated to Second Chance throughout our 55 years. Your donations--large and small--have made it possible to provide the many services for animals in our community. Thanks to all the businesses who place our banks on your counters and to those good folks who save their change for us. Special thanks to Steve Dunning and Jeff Linebeck, owners of Circa50 in Manchester, who have raised an amazing \$36,000, first with the sale of hand-blown glass containers and now with hand-crafted wooden doves. Their goal is to fund an adoption van.

I cannot fully express how fortunate I feel to be able to work with such a talented, passionate, and devoted group of staff, volunteers, committee members, trustees, and donors. My deepest thanks to everyone! With your help we are able to fulfill our mission.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Gould".

Kimberly Gould

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Maddie's



Pet Adoption Days

America's Biggest Free Pet Adoption Event

Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st
10 AM to 5 PM

Vermont is the first state to be included in this gigantic weekend adoption event to place all of our dogs and cats in qualified homes. Free adoption will be offered throughout the weekend at Second Chance Animal Center and at 10 other Vermont locations.

The event honors the memory of the foundation's namesake, a Miniature Schnauzer named Maddie. Maddie was a little dog who made a big impact on the Duffield family, and they want every homeless dog and cat to have what she had - a loving home.

To learn more about Maddie's® Pet Adoption days and the participating organizations and locations, visit their website (adopt.maddiesfund.org/Vermont).

Advertisement for Maddie's Pet Adoption Days featuring the logo, event dates (Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st, 10AM - 5PM), and website (Adopt.MaddiesFund.org/Vermont).

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The NEFHS conference is an efficient way to meet exhibitors from other non-profit groups, including the Vermont Humane Federation and the Animal Farm Foundation, as well as large national organizations such as The Humane Society of the United States and the ASPCA.

To mix whimsy with the more serious business at hand, the Fed conference adds fun events such as a costume photo booth and the Shelter Olympics, where attendees manipulate a control pole (usually used to guide a difficult-to-handle dog) to capture a six-pack of beer.

New Executive Director Named

The SCAC Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of Linda Huebner to the position of Executive Director. Linda brings a wealth of experience in the field of animal welfare and we are looking forward to her leadership," stated Board President Kim Gould. "Her background includes extensive work with



Linda and friend Ladybug at the top of Mt. Chocoroa in New Hampshire.

a number of non-profit organizations and she has served on the board of the New England Federation of Humane Societies for eight years."

As Deputy Director, Advocacy, for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) for six years, she was responsible for legislative and policy issues, lobbying and working with legislators and their staff. She handled interview requests, wrote monthly articles for animal publications, spoke frequently on wildlife and other animal-related issues and worked with students, interns, volunteers and advocates to help them support the MSPCA's mission.

As the Executive Director of Conway Area Humane Society in Conway, NH, she supervised a staff of 19, served as liaison to the Board of Directors, and was the primary spokesperson. While there she was responsible for creating, modifying and implementing policies and procedures. She worked with local towns on animal control contracts and disaster preparedness.

Prior to that position, Linda was Regional Program Manager for the

Humane Society of the United States. In this capacity she worked on animal related legislation and regulations with New England state legislatures and agencies, wrote articles for the Humane Society newsletter, website and *Animal Sheltering Magazine*, worked with animal shelters on all aspects of animal sheltering and reviewed current procedures and facilities. She assisted with animal cruelty cases (hoarding, neglect, puppy mills) and spay/neuter clinics. She worked closely with the media, participating in interviews, call-in shows and writing opinion pieces and was a guest lecturer in college classes on human/wildlife conflict issues, natural resource policies and other animal concerns.

In addition to her animal related experience, Linda was Senior Clinical Data Manager for Abt Associates, Inc., in Cambridge, MA, and worked earlier as Clinical Data Coordinator at SmithKline Beecham Consumer Healthcare in New Jersey.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Cook College, Rutgers University, and a Master of Science degree in Animals and Public Policy from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. She did coursework toward a PhD in Human Dimensions of Wildlife Management at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. She holds a Certificate in Executive Leadership from Humane Society University.

In addition to all of this experience, Linda has a lifetime of voluntary positions with animal shelters and organizations. She resides in West Halifax, VT with her Doberman named Ladybug.



GO GREEN WITH US

Help us save money and the environment by joining our e-mail service, iContact. You'll get the latest updates on upcoming events, find out what's new at the shelter, and be able to read Happy Tails online as soon as it hits our website.

To subscribe, visit 2ndchanceanimalcenter.org, click on Email List. Be assured that we won't give out your information to any other organizations. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook!



Dr. Bo Bergman is a companion animal veterinarian at West Mountain Animal Hospital in Bennington, Vermont and serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Second Chance. He lives in Shaftsbury with his wife, two daughters, and their rescue dogs, cats, chickens, and goats. You can find him online at the Orvis Dog Blog in a regular column called Ask the Dogtor.

Client communication is a crucial aspect of veterinary medicine. Our patients can't speak for themselves, so the vet-client dialogue is extremely important. To maximize your conversation with your vet, have these questions ready the next time you bring your pet to the clinic.

1. How should I best prepare Fido for his vet visit?

I like to see dogs who are on a short leash, obedient and happy to see me. Avoid retractable leashes, and bring along a toy or snack that you know will keep your dog's attention and make him more comfortable in this strange environment, full of new people, sounds and smells. You can acclimate your dog to the clinic by bringing him for visits and walk-throughs; even an occasional weigh-in will make him more comfortable with the hospital. It's also a wise idea to have your dog get used to car rides, and don't feed him right before the trip. Would you want to be suffering from motion sickness at your annual check-up? Cats travel best in carriers, but don't let vet visits be the only time Fluffy sees the carrier, or she may hide when you bring it out of the closet.

2. Is my pet a good weight?

Obesity rates in our companion animals are far too high, and owners can be better trained to monitor their pet's weight at home. Ask your vet to show you the Body Condition Scores devised for both dogs and cats. This way you can see if your pet is getting too chubby without doing an actual weigh-in. Studies prove that a healthy weight leads to a longer life, and who doesn't want to spend more time with their pet?

3. What is the best food for my pet?

Since the answer to that question varies from pet to pet, and there are now so many nutritional options out there, you and your vet need to go over all the possibilities. It's important to take into consideration all the food your pet eats in a day. If grandma sneaks half her lunch to Rover, you need to count that into the total daily intake amount, too.

4. What if I notice some changes in my pet's behavior?

That's definitely something to bring up with your vet! Noticeable changes in behavior, whether the amount of water they're drinking or excessive shedding – or if they're barking at the wall – can indicate anything from stress or nutritional imbalances to underlying diseases. Make a list of your concerns, along with concrete examples, before your vet visit. Taking a video of the behavior on your phone, if possible, can also be helpful.

5. What parasites should I worry about?

Different parts of the country and different lifestyles will determine what external (fleas, ticks, mites, lice) and internal (heartworm, intestinal worms) parasites you'll need to worry about. Some regions don't have much of a flea problem, while others contend with multiple types of fleas. Heartworm is a very big threat in warmer states. Let your vet know if you plan to travel to different parts of the country so you can be prepared.

6. When should I schedule a dental cleaning?

All pets need more oral health care, both at home and in the veterinary hospital. By age 3, some 70-80% of dogs and cats have some stage of oral disease. There are many Veterinary Oral Health Council approved products that your vet can advise you about for home use, while scheduling regular teeth cleaning at a vet clinic, just as you do for yourself, will help prevent oral disease.

7. Do all dogs need the same vaccines?

Vaccines that a hunting dog in New England needs might not be appropriate for a lap dog in Texas. Make sure to discuss with your veterinarian what your dog's day-to-day activities and exposures will include, and where they'll be traveling.

8. Can I use human medications on my animal?

We use human medicines all the time in veterinary practice, but always ask your vet before using something he or she hasn't given you. For example, a drug as benign for humans as Tylenol can kill a cat, while ibuprofen is dangerous to give dogs. Always check with your vet first!

9. What if my pet refuses to take a pill, or liquid medicine?

While this may be hard for Labrador owners to believe, not everyone has an animal who will automatically eat whatever is put in front of it. But getting medication into your pet is crucial to any wellness or illness treatment plan. Vets and veterinary technicians are happy to demonstrate and teach owners how to do it, even on cats who are particularly finicky and have small mouths.

10. How often does my pet need a veterinary exam?

A young, happy, healthy animal should have a wellness exam and preventative vaccines at least yearly. As he or she gets older, visits should become more frequent, to identify problems that could become worse later. If your pet has a chronic disease that requires special attention and meds, such as diabetes, check-ups are recommended as often as every 1-2 months. Again, every pet is unique, and each life stage is different. Your veterinarian will best guide you as to when, and how often, to schedule that next exam.

MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES through May 14, 2014

There's no better way to honor or remember a loved one – whether two – or four-footed – than with a donation to Second Chance. Just note on the enclosed remittance envelope if your gift is a memorial or a tribute, and whom we should notify of your generosity. Gifts of \$50 or more will be listed in a future issue of *Happy Tails*, but all donations are most appreciated, and will be used to care for "our" animals while they are with us. Thank you!

(We apologize for any mistakes or omissions. Let us know if a correction needs to be made in a name or gift designation.)

In memory of...

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Otis from *Lynn Demers*

Paolo from *Infinity*

Maisie from *Nancy Boardman*

Rudy from *Judy Murphy*

Kenneth Bacon and Irene Romano from *Chris Bacon & Charlene Moffitt*



Birthday Donation



Olivia Record celebrated her 9th birthday by collecting food, treats, toys, collars and dishes for the animals at Second Chance Animal Center. Above are Olivia with her sister Adeline and friend Ayla Dansin. The girls came all the way from Cambridge, NY, to bring their gifts. What wonderful presents. Thank you!



In honor of...

Steve Caporizzo from Karen Russo

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"Maggie and Chelsea" from T. Henry McDonough

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"Rudy" from Brian & Judy Lewis

"Holly and Klaus" from John & Janet Stearns

"Amelia, Butch, Sundance, and Valiant" from Joyce Davis

"Scraggles (Earl Scraggs)" from Gene Morrison

"Chunkers" from Nancy Conety

"Roxy" from Melissa Dailey and Learningspace

Volunteer Opportunities at Second Chance



Second Chance Animal Center has many volunteer opportunities available. As a private, non-profit organization that receives no government funding, we rely heavily on volunteers to help us accomplish many of our tasks in, as well as outside, of the shelter. Volunteer opportunities range from daily cleaning of the animals to assisting with special events and everything in between. At this time of year, one of our most needed areas for a volunteer is fostering. SCAC has a foster program for feline moms-to-be and kittens who are not yet 8 weeks old. Each year the shelter takes in, on average, more than 300 kittens, many of whom need to be placed in foster homes until they are old enough to find their forever homes. We provide all of the supplies and medical care the kittens need while the foster home provides a safe environment and socialization so that the kittens return to the shelter ready for their new life as a feline family member. Fostering makes a tremendous, positive impact on the early life of a kitten. If you are interested in fostering or would like more information, please give us a call at 375-2898.

Kitten Shower



Our First Kitten Shower was organized by Outreach Program Coordinator Sierra Williams (left) to line up foster homes and gather needed supplies to prepare for “kitten season.” Left to right above, with Sierra, are July Bushee, Addy Galle and Sam Bushee, all of Shaftsbury. They were accompanied by Mrs. Christine Bushee, bringing gifts to the May 3rd event. Supporters came bearing donations such as kitten-milk replacer, nursing bottles and digital thermometers from the wish list prepared by Second Chance.

Another wonderful donation!



Thanks to Luke McLenithen for his donation to SCAC!

News from the Education Corner

by Dare Meunier, SCAC's Director of Humane Education

National Library Week is April 13-19!

Reading to young children is crucial to their brain and language development, helps build literacy skills, instills a love of words and offers wonderful bonding time between caregiver and child. In celebration of National Library Week, we'd like to recommend some of our favorite picture books about animals. These selections focus on responsible pet ownership, love, kindness, and—of course—the joy of shelter pets!



Let's Get A PUP!, said Kate.

Bob Graham
Candlewick Press

Compassion and love hit home in this charming story that follows young Kate and her family to an animal shelter. While searching for the perfect puppy friend, they also meet Rosie, who is "old and gray and broad as a table." Kids will love the honest illustrations of a loving family who discover the joys of adopting a senior pet.



Big Ole Striped Silas

Grannie Snow, Matthew Gauvin
Grannie Snow Productions

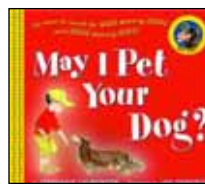
"Big Ole Striped Silas really puts his best paw forward when "a "sweet smelling lady" arrives at the shelter in search of a new housemate. When his dream to find a home comes true, Silas gives his shelter buddies a pep talk to encourage them to not give up hope in finding a home too." Audiences young and old will love the "tail" of Silas! Speaking of which...



Tails Are Not for Pulling

Elizabeth Verdick, Marieka Heinlen
Free Spirit Press

If pets could talk, what do you think they'd say? Part of the Best Behavior series, this colorful board book encourages children to be gentle with pets whether furry, feathered, or scaled! "Pets are for loving, not teasing, pets are for cuddling, not squeezing!" A must-have story for anyone with toddlers and pets.

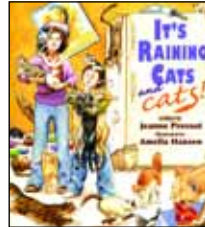


May I Pet Your Dog?:

The How-to Guide for Kids Meeting Dogs
(and Dogs Meeting Kids)

Stephanie Calmenson, Jan Ormerod
Clarion Books

Go on a walk with Harry, the chocolate dappled dachshund, as he teaches kids how to stay safe around dogs. Meeting a new dog should always start with "May I pet your dog?" and this book is just the reminder for kids and grown-ups alike.



It's Raining Cats and Cats!

Jeanne Prevost, Amelia Hansen
The Gryphon Press

An ASPCA Henry Bergh Award winner for Best Children's Picture Book, It's Raining Cats & Cats follows a daydreaming Jim after he poses the question "What if Molly hadn't had the operation?" With delightfully detailed illustrations, this humorous tale addresses pet overpopulation and emphasizes the importance of spaying and neutering in a way kids can relate to.

Register now for SCAC's Summer Animal Adventure Camp 2014!



For five weeks this summer, kids can connect with animals, nature, and their peers while learning about responsible pet ownership, careers with animals, wildlife conservation and more! Registration for all sessions begins April 1st, and places fill up quickly, so be sure to visit our website soon to download a form. Children aged 7-12 are welcome in any one (or more) of our four full-day camps, while those aged 5-6 are encouraged to join our new half-day program!

July 7-11: It's Raining Cats & Dogs

July 14-17: Down on the Farm

July 21-25: Born to be Wild

July 28-August 1: It's Raining Cats & Dogs

August 4-8: Little Critters **NEW!** This is a half-day program for 5-6 year olds.

We are currently accepting donations for the SCAC Summer Scholarship Fund, which provides income-eligible children with the opportunity to enjoy an enriching summer experience. Mail your tax-deductible donations to: SCAC Summer Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 620, Shaftsbury, VT 05262. Thank you!

SCAC EVENTS CALENDAR

Please visit our website for updates to our event calendar. If interested in volunteering at any of our future events, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Maureen Stadnik. Her number is (802) 375-2898, extension 311.

Cornhole for Second Chance Animal Center

Sponsored by Bennington Crossfit
May 17th from 1 – 4 PM at 190 North Street, Bennington

Maddie's Pet Adoption Days

May 31st and June 1st from 10 AM to 5 PM at Second Chance Animal Center

Pet A Palooza

June 14th from 10 AM to 3 PM at Curtis Lumber in Hoosick Falls



Cornhole for Second Chance Animal Shelter!




**190 North St.
Bennington**

**May 17th
1pm - 4pm**

**\$10/Team
Pre-Registration**

**\$15/Team
At Door**

On Saturday, May 17th Bennington CrossFit is hosting a Cornhole Tournament, with all proceeds going to Second Chance Animal Shelter. Come out and have fun while supporting a great cause!



“Until one has loved an animal, part of one’s soul remains unawakened” — Anatole France



Wish List

Second Chance Animal Center relies heavily on donations of all kinds to help care for the many homeless and abandoned animals that come into our shelter each year. The shelter is a non-profit and receives no local, state or federal government funding. We rely solely on the kindness of friends to fund our many programs and provide for the daily needs of the animals in our care. Below is a list of some of the items we need:

*(Items marked with*are items that are always in short supply at the shelter)*

For Cats and Kittens

- Cat collars*
- Cat treats*
- Non-scoopable cat litter*
- Canned cat food*
- KMR kitten formula*
- Hard plastic cat toys



For Dogs and Puppies

- Hard plastic dog chews (Kongs)*
- Dog Toys/Nylabones*
- Pee Pads*
- Canned dog food*
- Esbilac puppy formula

Office Items

- First class stamps
- Post card stamps
- Hand sanitizer
- Liquid hand soap
- Kleenex
- Copy paper
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Lysol/Clorox wipes

Janitorial and Laundry Items

- Paper towels*
- Glass cleaner
- HE Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Dryer sheets*
- Rubber gloves(medium)
- 55 gal trash bags
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Towels

Special Items

- Flash lights
- Cage dryers
- Dog and cat beds
- Have-a-Heart traps
- *New or gently used dog houses of all sizes
- Large free standing cat trees
- New industrial washer and dryer
- Digital picture frame

Thank you for your support!!!



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WBTV-AM, 1130 on your dial: "Animal Tales" airs at 10 a.m on the first and third Thursday of the month. It features SCAC news, events and animals. Hear past shows at www.wbtkam.org.

CAT-TV, Channel 15 public access channel: Find your new best friend. Watch "Pets of the Week" which showcases animals awaiting adoption. For the schedule go to [www.catamountaccess.com/daily schedule 15.shtml](http://www.catamountaccess.com/daily%20schedule%2015.shtml).

GNAT-TV: "The Way Home" is cablecast once a month. Steve Dunning of Circa50 chats with SCAC folks about animal sheltering topics. Please to to www.gnat-tv.org for the schedule.

Also check out our site on the web at www.2ndchanceanimalcenter.org/index.html. At the bottom of the webpage you can sign up to receive our iContact newsletters.

And follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Second-Chance-Animal-Center.