



Happy Tails

News from the Second Chance Animal Center

Giving Thanks

By Doug Radzewicz

A shelter succeeds with **support, generosity** and **dedication** and when an organization like Second Chance has these three key elements in place, we have the ability to do so much.



Our supporters carefully observe the work we do and spread the word about our mission. They make their presence felt by volunteering their time, coming out to events or sponsoring our many community programs. Our adopters, well they provide the greatest gift of all by offering a companion animal a new and loving home.

Those who are able to support us financially do so because they feel we have a very important role to play in our community. They realize we cannot help the animals unless we have the financial means to do so. They know it is costly to feed and care for the animals, run our programs and maintain a building and its staff. With their generosity, it sustains us and makes a difference in the lives of animals in our care. Our donors know their investment is well worth it

because the mission to help those animals who so desperately need it is priceless.

While support and generosity is crucial, without the dedication of staff and volunteers, those who are in the shelter caring for the animals each and every day, then these other essential parts would never have the same impact. You see, when someone commits to a career of working in an animal shelter, their presence is felt on a daily basis. They offer compassion and kindness to the animals in their care, the things that have been missing for many of these animals until they arrived at our center. Their ability to set aside so much in order to devote so much is extraordinary.

An animal shelter and adoption center is an amazing place but it takes the support, generosity and dedication of many to have it succeed. So for all those who see a purpose to our work, make a donation to fund our mission, or give their love, time and respect to the animals...to them we say **Thank You**. We could never do it without you.



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Special Thanks to Tim Peters of Manchester for his outstanding photography as highlighted in this newsletter, on our website, Facebook page and throughout our shelter.

President's Message

I have always had two rescue cats ... there were: "Smokey and Spot", two abandoned kittens given to my parents before I was born; "Gloria and Sam", two kittens found during Hurricane Gloria when I was in high school; "Ernie and Lazarus", two cats we found left to fend for themselves in student apartments during the law school years; and, "Striker and FIFA", two kittens we adopted in Boston during the World Cup in 2006. So many wonderful pairs of cats!



When my children and I relocated to Vermont in 2007, we decided that our move to the country might be the right time for our family to consider adopting a dog. We made our first visit to Second Chance in 2008, and we were so excited to talk to the kennel manager about dogs suitable for our young family. I was standing in the reception area, not realizing that I had positioned myself next to a tower of cat cages ... out of the corner of my eye, I saw a small black-and-white paw reaching through the bars of the top cage, it seemed that the paw was trying to tap me on the shoulder. I ignored the paw ... I was at the shelter, of course, for a dog! The paw continued to reach, further and further toward my arm ... I took one step away from the cage, telling the paw, without looking, "I do not see you, I am here for dog!" That's when the purring started ... the loudest purring I had ever heard. I turned and looked into the cage to see that the small black-and-white paw was attached to a tiny black-and-white long-haired manx kitten with huge white

whiskers. "It's not going to work", I told her insistently, "I already have two cats, I am here for a dog!". Sadly for us, the shelter had no suitable dogs for our family that day, but you all know what happened next ...

The following day, we went back to Second Chance and adopted that little black-and-white kitten. Our two-cat family had now become a three-cat family! We were thrilled to have little "L.P.T." join our family (I promised my children that I would not reveal what "L.P.T." stands for ... they were, as they like to remind me, "very young and silly" when they named her!). Despite my two-cat upbringing, I learned that there is room for more ...

When I was asked to join the Board of Trustees of Second Chance last summer, I was honored. Our Board is diverse, talented, and exceptional in every way ... as a New York lawyer, I was not entirely sure what I could add to this already well-appointed group, but I knew I wanted to try and help. What I soon learned is that, in addition to our Board members, we have a professional, devoted, and caring staff at Second Chance. Under the guidance of our Executive Director, Doug Radziewicz, the shelter has never looked better! When I was elected President of the Board this spring, I knew that we were about to embark on an amazing project: we are starting a campaign to fund the purchase of new property in our community upon which to build a new, state-of-the-art shelter facility. We need your continued help in any way that you are able to support Second Chance, and we hope that you, too, will find that there is room for more ...

I look forward to working with all of you, and hearing your rescue stories!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Gould". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Kimberly Gould
President, Board of Trustees

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Happy Tails

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“Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar.”

– Bradley Millar

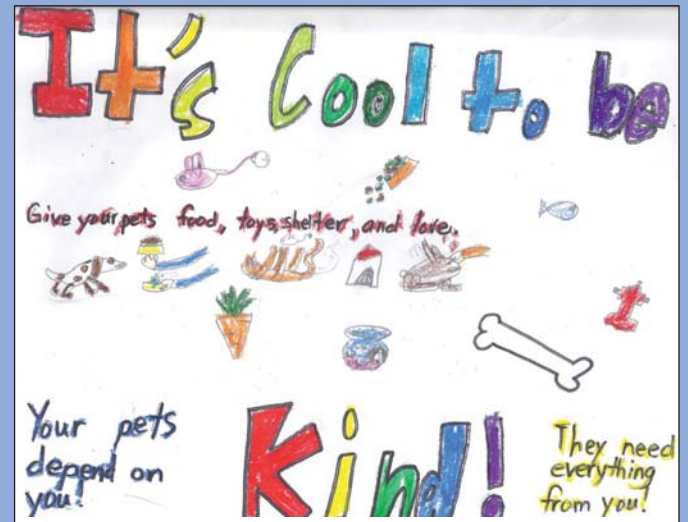


Infants and young children are naturally drawn to animals, so what better way to encourage empathy and compassion than through spending time with them? There is some evidence to support that these relationships are essential to a child’s moral development and may impart skills such as patience, sharing and responsibility.

Whether you are a pet owner or not, your child’s association to animals can have a profound impact on who they become as adults. Keep in mind that a child’s attitude toward animals can hinge on the behavior of the grown-ups in their lives; so consider the weight of your words and actions. Negative or positive, they can shape a child’s view. You have the power to lead by example:

- Refer to animals as our “friends” (even insects and wildlife!) and show that pets are valued family members.
- Speak kindly to (and about) your pet and, though it goes without saying, never strike an animal in anger or for punishment.
- Choose your words carefully. Avoid saying things like, "I hate cats" or "all dogs are smelly."
- Model how to pet gently and respect an animal’s space. You can even practice with stuffed animals.

Poster Winner - Joseph Cancellieri, age 9, Bennington



- Remind young children to be “calm, quiet & gentle” when spending time with animals.
- Let your preschooler help with pet care tasks, such as filling food and water dishes. Imaginary play is great too!
- Bring your child along to vet visits
- Walk the dog together
- Read books and sing songs about animals
- Visit your local shelter

Animal friendships can be among the most meaningful in a child’s life. Help to foster these positive connections and your child will grow up with a greater love, respect and understanding of not only animal companions, but their human counterparts as well.

SCAC Events Calendar

Please visit our website regularly for updates to our event calendar. If interested in volunteering at any of our future events, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Maureen Stadnick.

Heels to Paws 5K Fun Run

October 12th at Stratton Mountain Resort

Walk-n-Wag

October 27th at the Dorset Playhouse on Cheney Road

Meet a Shelter Dog

1st Saturday of the month at 11:00 at the ORVIS flagship store in Manchester

Open House at Second Chance

December 7th



MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES through August 25, 2013

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!

In memory of...

Elaine, "Pepsi, Prince, Hallie, Woofers, Vacker, Muffin & Tinker"
from Terry Carpenter

Barbara 'Bobbie' Franklin from Sara Later & Steven Luebke, Stephen & Charmain Later, Patricia Stuckey, Darlene Ballbach, Philip & Cynthia Rockwell, Bill Helman, Thomas & Bridget Lamont, Melissa Purvis, Charles & Alexandra, Sean & Kellyn Donnelly, Barbara Earle, Executive Liability Division, Janet Franklin Pfeifer, Maddy Franklin Hadley & Nina Franklin Cameron, Mary Field & Timothy Later, Jennifer Apgar & Mike Christopher, and an anonymous friend



Patrick Conlee from Steward & Lois Wagner, Trevor Rees, Patrick Nagel, and Paul & Karen Wajda, Kenneth & Barbara Longacker, John & Camille Casey, Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy #8392, Robert & Esther Place, and an anonymous friend

Norma Cunningham from Scott Tilley

Sandra Toohy from David English, Sharon Hall, Christine Coats, Anthony & Anna Magnotta, Daniel Berggren, John McMahon & Family, June Marks, Kristen Stropnick, Peter & Jane Toohy, Robert Sica, Claire Kerr, Christine Simon Coats

Great Aunt Marion Wright from Melissa Elwell-Holmes

Mary Alice Scott from Mary Jane, Norman & Joey Scott

Susan McDermott from Nathan & Niki Wilson

Paul Cross from Richard A. Kobik, Erik & Allison Niemi, Helga Tinnin & Claudia Dalton, Bill Pennebaker

Dick Myers from Douglas & Joan Shaw, Judith Harwood, Donald Ward

Donald Santako & "Specs" from Marlene Santako

Floyd & Nancy Holliday from Frank Orr

John Newton from Arden Scranton

Karl F. Jones from Payton & Susan Whitney, Vincent O'Brien

Henry E. Bratcher, Jr. from Alice Bratcher

Richard Lindsay & Daniel LaBarron from Cheryl Thomson

Jeff Kent from Paul & Violet Bertholet

Daniel LeBarron, Sr. from Ronald & Norma Myers, Penny Hawkins Farrara, Wales Hawkins

Mabel Tripp from Richard & Roseanne Beauchamp, Karl & Janet Tucker, Barbara Kelly, Susan Curtis

Aunt Audrey Reynolds-Hudson-DeLong from Mary Reynolds

Irene & Tony Romano from Charlene Moffitt & Christine Bacon

Martin Neustadt from Susan Neustadt

Natalie Cross from Rita Pinsonneault

Art Witt from Lois Witt

Norman Hurley from Big Y Foods, Inc.

Clyde E. Lanfair, DVM from Stearns Brothers Dairy Farm

Dorothy Mack from the Shaftsbury Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Catherine Mack, Stuart & Rochelle DuBoff

Margret Burkhardt from Jane Burkhardt

Teresa Jaworski from Sharon & Harold Sendra

Shirley DeLong from Mary H. Johnson

Edward Draffin from Christine Draffin

Dorothy Conner from Walsingham Academy Sisters of Mercy, Michael & Kathryn Sleeman, Annie Chadwick

"Riley" from Barbara J. Riley

"Molly" from Lawrence & Judith Raab



In memory of...

"Molly & Bowie," in memory and honor of from Roman & Claire Stienss

"Zoey & Echo" from Elise & Phil Anton

"Tegan" from Dr. Helmer & Thelma Pearson, Donald & Susan DiChiara

"Niko" from Robert & Gina Snyder

"Paul Corgi" from James Lovering

"Echo" from Anne Stetson

"Ozzie" from Rosemary Bley

"Kooch" from Henry & Robin Chandler

"Juddy" from Georgine Barrie

"Gus" from Jim & Claudia Raposa

"Caleb" from Sheila McGee

"Sheina, Belle & Benney" from Peter & Jeanette Sweeney

"Cluny" from Mary Squire

"Betsy" from Diane Wechter

"Tux, Tubby, Tossy & Kauri" from Janet Dunnington

"Tuxie" from Olivia Marko

"All my dogs" from Irene Lawrence

"T.C." from Mr. & Mrs. Carl Mohlenoff

"Cee-A-Tee & Soot" from Kay Manly



In honor of...

Judy Murphy's birthday from: Nancy Bemak, Mary Feidner, Sheryl Rapee-Adams, State Representative Alice Miller, State Representative Brian Campion & Eric Hatch, Mary Beth Salerno, Chuck & Linda Putney, Gudrun Hutchins, Phyllis Frank, Gloria Woods, Clarice Pollock, Patricia Linde Hauser, Shirley Henderson, Carole Potter, Myra Terry, Madge Postal, Leigh Hallingby, Egon & Marjorie Berg, Joyce Cowper, Helen Greaney, Donald & Margaret Barovich, Judith Ziller, Heather Wheatley Maneely, Bernice Schnee, Stuart & Andrea Weisberg, Iris Ivers, James & Patricia Evans, Raymond & Dawn Rodrigues, Kym Boyman & Beth Robinson, Charles Copp & Jennifer Kern, Karen Huber-Rowley & Gene Rowley, Bruce & Madeline Kennedy, D. Patrick Winburn, Denise Kleis & Mary Beth Salerno, Lois Reckitt, Anne Bugbee, Rex & Brooke Burgher, John & Linda Kenney, Barbara MacIntire, Claudia Dalton, Ned & Susan Waldman, Bill & Carol Murray, Don & Kim Wassick, Cathy Mack, Mary Ann Carlson, Paul & Nancy Donlon, Derek & Marilyn Carbin, Brenda L. Deming, Tina Wheeldon, Clarice Pollock, Sean & Betsy Murphy, Magdalena Usategui, Cynthia Locklin.

Nancy Boardman's birthday from Mary deBrun

Michael Keane's birthday from Heather Maneely

Norman Scott's birthday from Mary Jane Scott, and Jeremy, Jacie & Samuel Scott

Larry Davis's birthday from Elizabeth Davis

"Molly" from Jackie Hersey

"Maya & Cheyenne" from Betty Kane

"DJ, Patches" & all of our dogs gone before from Warren Fane

"Beau & Sam" from Terese Retondo

"Hudson" from Lawrence & Nancy Fragale

"Winnie & Rocky" from Lillian Reid

"Una" from Mary Ann Herrmann

"Mai-ow, Tabitha, Mr. Poe, Holly & Emily" from William, Jr., & Patricia Mayer

"Gilbert" from Richard & Jacqueline Pistell

"Tina & Kia Sophia" from Nancy Clifford

"Earl Scraggs (Scraggles)" from Gene Mornson

"Brittany" from Barbara Goldstein & Margot

"Nene & Taii" from Victoria McInerney

"Smokey" from Elizabeth Montfort

Beyond the Coat

By Molly Vey

Cats come in all sorts of colors, shapes and sizes. Some characteristics are more common, while others are more unique. But a cat's personality is always one of a kind. In shelters, Second Chance included, the first thing we see is what a cat looks like. While color and length of fur are interesting, the looks don't make the cat. In order to find the best fit for the cat and the adopter personality, temperament and known history of the cat should all be considered.

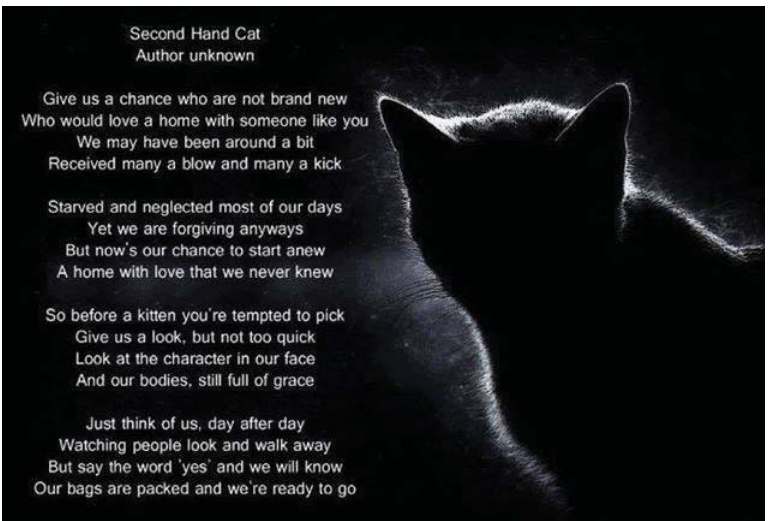


the cats adjust to their stopover at the shelter while waiting for their forever homes, we learn new traits and quirks that make each cat unique.

When helping people choose their new feline companion I always tell them to think of what would work best in their home. Do they have dogs? What about other cats? In the home are there active young children or maybe a relaxed older couple? Do they want a cuddly lap cat or a more independent observer? We have cats that fit all these scenarios. The staff at Second Chance interacts with these cats every day. We learn the nuances of the felines that are not obvious by looks alone. Adopting a cat is a big decision and it is important to learn all you can about that cat so ask the staff anything they have learned about him or her as well. Every day I see first-hand that cats cannot be defined by looks.

Just because a cat is not the biggest eye catcher in the shelter does not mean its personality isn't exactly what someone wants. We all know not to judge a book by its cover, so why judge a cat by its coat? It is so important to go beyond what meets the eye – the cats will thank you for it.

When a cat is first brought to Second Chance we know varying amounts of information. Some cats come in with a full personality profile that we can add to as we get to know the cat better. Others, such as strays, are mysteries when we first meet them. But as all of



Second Hand Cat
Author unknown

Give us a chance who are not brand new
Who would love a home with someone like you
We may have been around a bit
Received many a blow and many a kick

Starved and neglected most of our days
Yet we are forgiving anyways
But now's our chance to start anew
A home with love that we never knew

So before a kitten you're tempted to pick
Give us a look, but not too quick
Look at the character in our face
And our bodies, still full of grace

Just think of us, day after day
Watching people look and walk away
But say the word 'yes' and we will know
Our bags are packed and we're ready to go

The Way Home....

Doug Radziewicz and Steve Dunning are co-hosts of *The Way Home*, a new TV series on GNAT public access television. The program features cats, dogs, and other companion animals presented in a talk show format. *The Way Home* also includes monologues and music to underscore the 'cool factor' of adopting a pet. Every three weeks Doug and Steve will present important topics relating to companion animals. Their goal is to enlighten the public about Second Chance, that it is more than a place that houses animals. As part of the community, Second Chance strives to help others find that special companion that will enrich their lives. Don't miss *The Way Home* on GNAT-TV.



The Surprising Benefits of Volunteering

By Maureen Stadnik

Did you know that volunteering has many benefits for you, the volunteer, as well as the organization that you donate your time and talents to? In addition to the satisfaction of knowing that you are making a difference in the life of a shelter pet, volunteering at Second Chance has **many** other benefits to you as the volunteer.

When we share our time and talents, we have the opportunity to:

- Solve problems
- Strengthen our local communities
- Improve the lives of both companion animals and the people who care for them
- Connect to others in meaningful ways
- Improve our own mental and physical health
- And in the process, transform our own lives

Volunteering is a way to develop new skills, meet people who can become important social or career contacts, a great way to get exercise and fresh air (dog walking!) and make a difference in your community. Volunteering also gives you the opportunity to explore new interests and hobbies as well as meet a diverse range of people.



Second Chance is very grateful for our amazing team of volunteers who help us with everything from caring for our companion animals, to assisting us with special events or fundraisers, to working on shelter maintenance projects and everything in between.

Second Chance is always looking for help with a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Currently, we are in need of people who are able to commit 2-3 hours a week on a regularly scheduled day to help with animal care in the kennel or feline areas or walking our canine companions. We are also looking for someone to post Pet of the Month posters in the Bennington/North Bennington area.

If you are interested in learning more about Second Chance's volunteer program, please contact me at (802) 375-2898 x311 or email me at scacvolunteers@gmail.com. Volunteer applications are available on our website at http://www.2ndchanceanimalcenter.org/volunteer_app.html. There is also a downloadable form that can be mailed in by visiting <http://www.2ndchanceanimalcenter.org/volunteer-application.pdf>.

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Listen...Watch...Read...Follow

Want to know what is happening at **Second Chance**? Well, we've got lots of options for you.

Tune into our very own radio show on **WBTV-1370 AM**! Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM, shelter staff broadcasting over the airways with **Animal Tales**--a show dedicated to shelter news, events and of course animals. You can also listen to past shows by visiting WBTV's website at www.wbvtam.org

We're also on TV. Click the remote to Channel 15 and public access television on CAT-TV. We are on Saturdays at 8:30 PM and showcase many of our available animals up for adoption with Pets of the Week. Check out their daily schedule for other broadcasts too: http://www.catamountaccess.com/daily_schedule_15.shtml

Look for our new show, **The Way Home** coming to public access television on **GNAT-TV**. Once a month we'll team up with Steve Dunning of Circa50 to chat about animal sheltering topics and invite our audience to be an active participant in helping animals. Please go to their website <http://www.gnat-tv.org/> for the broadcast schedule of the show.

If the web is your choice for news, check out our site at www.2ndchanceanimalcenter.org/index.html. At the bottom of our webpage, you can sign up to receive our **Iconact** newsletters.

Also join the world of social media and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Second-Chance-Animal-Center.

So what are you waiting for?