



HAPPY TAILS

News from Second Chance Animal Center

What Is Your Inspiration?

Cathi Comar, Executive Director

Each spring Second Chance Animal Center hosts its Annual Meeting at a selected Bennington County venue and invites the public to attend an evening of camaraderie. This year, on April 6, the Annual Meeting took place at the Kimpton Taconic Hotel in Manchester, moderated by our Board President, Jim Evans.

Besides the completion of administrative tasks (approval of 2017 annual-meeting minutes, re-election of Trustees, and introduction of Board and staff), we honored the achievements of three individuals whose commitment and contributions to Second Chance greatly impact the fulfillment of our mission. Sonja Seese was recognized with the Volunteer of the Year Award for her work in the canine section where she cares for and enriches the lives of our shelter dogs; Michelle Kopeski, Feline Care Technician, was given the Staff Recognition Award in acknowledgment of her long-term work with our shelter cats; and Dr. Raymond Koch, a local veterinarian who has worked with the shelter for nearly 20 years through our SNAP, shelter care, and public rabies clinic programs, accepted our Humanitarian Award for helping thousands of community and shelter animals throughout his astonishing forty-year career. To these honorees, we say “thank you” for sharing your talents, time, and compassion with Second Chance.

Maria Timmerman, Trustee and Building Committee Chair, updated everyone on the progress of our new facility. The Committee continues to work with Goldstone Architecture and Naylor & Breen to implement the program needs in the new building. Though no schedule has been set, construction may finish late summer with a move and grand opening sometime in the fall. Randy Schmidt, Trustee and Capital Campaign Co-chair, discussed the tireless fundraising efforts undertaken by his Committee. We have received tremendous support from our community, and we have raised over \$2.4 million. Our work continues, though, and we will meet with prospective individual and business donors, develop public events, and launch campaigns targeting specific groups within our community. Randy closed his presentation by showing a photograph of his inspiration, his dog Sandy, a Second Chance alumnus; he asked that community members identify their own inspirations and help support our important work.

We closed the evening with an inspiring and emotional presentation given by our guest speaker, Steve Caporizzo. Steve is the Chief Meteorologist at News10 ABC in Albany and is the creator of their popular Pet Connection program. He has spent over thirty years supporting, fundraising, and working for animal shelters and rescues throughout our region. (Second Chance has worked with Steve for twenty years, and we are the only shelter in Vermont honored with this relationship.) Steve spoke from the heart and commended SCAC for our animal-care efforts for nearly 60 years as we












head into a new phase in our history – the construction, outfitting, and operation of a new facility. He was impressed with the incredible detail implemented in our new home and remarked that Second Chance’s service area is truly fortunate to have a compassionate organization and state-of-the-art facility available to them. He also discussed the importance of shelters within the community and how shelters help people just as much as they help animals in need; animals touch our lives in more ways than can be described. He also commented on his inspirations for his work with animals – 13 dogs and one cat, all rescues. Before leaving the podium, Steve made a significant contribution to our Capital Campaign and encouraged everyone to support Second Chance, for its past, present, and future work in our community.

Thank you to the Kimpton Taconic Hotel for hosting our Annual Meeting and for donating the use of their beautiful ballroom. We appreciate the outstanding service that the Hotel’s staff provided that evening.

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible contribution toward our Capital Campaign efforts, please go to the “Ways to Support” section of our website (www.2ndchanceanimalcenter.org) or contact the shelter at 802-375-2898.

Your support truly makes a difference.

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President's Message

Jim Evans, President

As I have talked to people about Second Chance during the past year, including potential donors, I occasionally heard that they prefer to volunteer or donate to organizations that benefit people rather than animals.



I am puzzled by that, as I see our shelter as serving the citizens of our service area just as much as helping the animals. Of course we love our companion animals, but our goal has always been to help our neighbors

be successful animal caretakers, resulting in happy families and well-cared-for pets.

We work every day to help families in their efforts to keep their pets and to avoid the trauma of surrender. Having to surrender a family pet can be very traumatic for all involved, particularly children—both my wife Patti and I lost dogs for this reason as children, and we remember it all too well.

Second Chance has an extensive list of programs designed to help families in our service area:

- Many of our animals come to us in very difficult times for a family: the death of the pet's caregiver, the owner moving into an assisted living facility, a divorce, the loss of housing that allows pets, etc. Having a loving, safe place like Second Chance, with a kind and dedicated staff, to take care of the animal until an appropriate "forever home" can be found, brings great comfort to the individual or the family.
- If a dog or cat caretaker is unable to afford the cost of dog or cat food (and even cat litter), we have a Pet-Food Pantry from which we distribute pet food free of charge. In the course of a year, approximately 300 bags of food are given to 100 people.
- If a companion animal has a medical emergency, and the caretakers are unable to afford the needed treatment, our staff will work with our Angel Fund to find affordable treatment and to help pay a portion of the cost. This prevents people from having to surrender an animal because they cannot afford proper medical care, keeping the family intact.
- Sometimes families think they have to surrender a family pet because of bad behavior or other potentially fixable issues. The Second Chance staff is there to help, and we even have a dog behaviorist available for consultation. We work hard to help families keep their pets and to have a calm, stress-free household.
- Our Companion Enrichment Program focuses on bringing shelter animals to visit nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, adult care centers, and even colleges. This interaction between humans and companion animals is important for all involved, and the program has proved popular and successful.
- Our Humane Education efforts in Bennington County schools teach young people how to appreciate animals, how to meet and greet animals safely, and how to be a great animal caretaker. These skills stay with these children for life – far beyond the lifespan of any one pet.
- Our volunteers routinely say that they get much more joy and reward than they could ever give to the animals, adding to the lives of the volunteers as well as the animals at Second Chance.

Whenever we are able to financially assist a pet caregiver, whether it is free food, reduced cost vaccinations or other medical treatment, we are helping the people of our service area. All of these programs, of course, benefit the animals, but even more so, bring peace of mind and improve the lives of their caretakers. And if we can help keep the animal in the family's home, that is best for all involved.

An organization like Second Chance may appear to serve animals, but the joy that a cat or dog adopted from us brings to an entire family is hard to measure or describe. The satisfaction and memories brought to my family and to me from every pet I have had has far outlived each animal, and my life would not be the same without them as part of my family.

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NEW BEGINNINGS

Tyson's Out of the Ring

Troy Quinn, Canine Coordinator

Tyson arrived at the shelter in late February 2017, having traveled a few hours from another Vermont shelter that was ending their operations; he was the last of two dogs they could not adopt out before they closed. We knew that his first two years had been difficult as this dog was an American Shelter Dog with some obvious pit bull attributes and did not get along with either cats or dogs. Once we got to know Tyson, however, we came to realize he would be one of the dogs that everyone who worked at the shelter would never forget.

After bringing Tyson up to date on his vaccines and completing a proper temperament test (to give us an idea of the type of home that would be best for him), we soon figured out that he was one of our more easygoing canines when other animals were taken out of the picture. Anyone who came to meet Tyson would be greeted with a bouncy, playful dog that was more than proper when he played with new people. Although he was so gentle and outgoing, we realized over time that finding a home for him would not be as easy as it seemed at the outset.

Kennel stress is one of the many problems shelters face when trying to place animals in homes. The longer an animal stays, the more likely it is to develop stress from the lack of socialization and stimulation. Although Tyson did get out with volunteers and staff quite often, many could tell that he was not as happy as he could be in a proper home.

Although it took approximately ten months for Tyson's forever home to come along, he touched many hearts at the shelter and most certainly made numerous friends with the staff and volunteers. He is now a happy family member, and his best friend is his thirteen-year-old person. His case reminded us that, although some dogs have great personalities that make them highly adoptable, that is not always what happens for all dogs.

We wish Tyson and his family many years of fun-filled adventures; and we are glad that our patience and hard work helped to make their family "whole" with the adoption of a Second Chance canine.

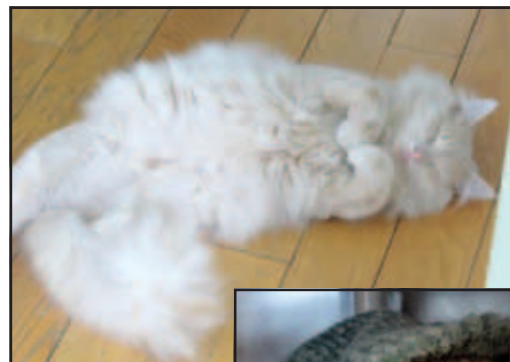


Courtesy Tim Peters Photo

Vernal's New Life *Mechelle Gates, Feline Coordinator*

Vernal made her way to the shelter as a frightened, older kitten with her two siblings. The team at Second Chance spent much time with her with the hope that she would come around and allow someone to adopt her. After a couple of months, she began finding comfort in the other cats at the shelter and the staff members as well.

Once she was willing to come out of her cage for exercise, we noticed that something was just not right about the way she walked. Her back leg would simply drag behind her. Acting quickly on the matter, we sent her to a local vet for x-rays. The diagnosis was a shocking one. The vet confirmed that she had a condition called Medial Patella Luxation (MPL). This condition is where the patella (knee-cap) does not stay in its normal position in the groove on the end of the femur (thigh bone) and will pop out, or luxate, to the inside surface of the knee. It is believed that MPL may be due to a combination of congenital and anatomic variations.



Due to her young age and overall good health, Second Chance decided to commit the finances and time necessary to make her adoptable—with the hope that, through intensive socialization, her true personality would come to the surface.

After surgery, Vernal spent a couple of weeks confined to a cage to ensure that her knee would begin to heal properly. Once she had her stitches removed, she was given the opportunity to receive some physical therapy in our kitten room, as we had no small kittens at that time. She spent several more weeks in there and was socialized by many staff members, who were able to get her to go from a cat that would only take a few steps at a time, to a spunky cat that was able to chase toys and finally play like a kitten should.

Throughout all of this, there was a woman who was aware of Vernal's condition and consistently checked in on her to see how she was progressing. Once Vernal was finally cleared for adoption, she acted quickly and began the adoption process. Vernal, who now goes by Gueneviere, or Gwenny, lives an easygoing life with her three feline brothers. What could possibly be better?

How Our Past Inspired Our Future

Nancy Boardman, Trustee and Capital Campaign Committee Member

In just a few short months, Second Chance Animal Center will be making its highly anticipated and long overdue move to our new home in Arlington. We're working out a strategic plan to transport everything from archives to animals with a minimum of fuss and a maximum of efficiency so that the transfer goes smoothly and we are closed for as little time as possible.

As we put our final plans in place, it seems like a good time to reflect on how we reached this high point in our almost-60-year history. Our overarching mission was then, as it is now, to do all we could to help homeless, sick, abused and neglected companion animals in our community. But our practices shifted as the years passed, reflecting the realities of our particular situation in Bennington County, as well as changes in the sheltering world itself. Here are some of the highlights.

In 1959, a group of concerned residents of Bennington County towns banded together to help animals who were in need of homes and health care. These 27 men and women worked with local veterinarians to supply the latter, and found other compassionate partners to provide the former. But then, as now, they discovered that finding permanent responsible homes was no easy task. So they decided to find a space where needy animals could be sheltered until they were able to make the transition to loving "forever" homes.

And so, in 1961, these founders bought an abandoned former restaurant—a roadhouse, really—on Route 7A on the Arlington-Shaftsbury town line,

retrofitted it to serve animals rather than food, hung a sign declaring "Bennington County Humane Society," and opened the doors. One of those early volunteers, Chotsie Lefevre of Dorset, recalled, "We had no idea what to expect, or how long we would last, but we felt compelled to do whatever we could for local animals, for as long as we could."

Once they had officially become a non-profit entity, it didn't take long for the founding Board to realize that the BCHS was filling an enormous need in the community, and that it warranted hiring professionals to staff the shelter. With the help of a generous bequest from early supporter Ann Edwards, a shelter manager was hired, as were qualified animal caregivers. Systems were put in place—by hand, of course, in those pre-computer days—to keep track of every animal who entered the building, whether surrendered by its owner or brought in as a stray needing food, shelter and often medical care.

In its first full year of operation, the shelter adopted out 110 dogs and puppies, as well as 47 cats and kittens, and investigated 31 complaints of animal cruelty and neglect.

In 2017, those comparable adoption figures were 458 felines and 130 canines. Although we stopped doing cruelty and abuse investigations on our own in 2015, we continue to partner with local law enforcement and the Vermont State Police, and helped facilitate 20 such investigations in 2017 alone.

The Vet Connection

From our inception, we have relied on the

ongoing support of our area's veterinary practitioners, a partnership that has expanded and strengthened over the years. The Board of Trustees has always tried to include a vet member to help us set policy and goals for animal care, and advise our staff on current trends in medicine, health care and behavioral enrichment. In the mid-1990s, Dr. Anna Worth, co-founder with her husband, Bob Bergman, of West Mountain Animal Hospital, served in that role. Later on, we relied on the wisdom of Dr. Robert Treat, Jr., of Green Mountain Veterinary Hospital. And seven years ago, Drs. Worth and Bergman's son, "Dr. Bo," stepped into his mother's shoes as a Trustee.

When the BCHS instituted its Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) in the late 1990s to help income-qualified cat owners afford these all-important operations, virtually all the veterinary practices in our area (including across the border in New York State) lowered their fees to help us stem the tide of unwanted litters. Then, around 2001, it seemed more practical to make sure that all our adoptable pets were spayed and neutered before leaving our shelter. That's when Dr. Raymond Koch, who is recently retired from his private practice in Manchester, stepped in to be our part-time in-house veterinarian. Working at a reduced rate, and often in tandem with other practitioners, he has given us from one to three days a week, performing not just spay/neuter operations, but also other surgical procedures. Dr. Koch figures he has spayed and neutered about 6,500 felines over those 17 years as our SNAP veterinarian. Dr. Koch also

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heads up our low-cost rabies clinics in East Arlington each year, volunteering his time while aided by shelter staff.

Dr. Peter Geannelis of Mt. Anthony Veterinary Hospital deserves a special shout-out for allowing our medical team to acquire necessary medicines through his Bennington office. These medications are so important as the majority of our shelter animals arrive with treatable conditions.

Why Our Name Change?

If you're wondering when and why "Bennington County Humane Society" became "Second Chance Animal Center," here's the answer. Around 2002, the Trustees realized that our legal name no longer reflected our reality. First, our service area and clientele had expanded far beyond the borders of Bennington County. We were helping animals from the eastern side of New York State and in northwest Massachusetts, where our shelter was

much closer than the shelters serving their own counties. Second, the official name was misleading, with its implication that we are funded by the county, when in fact we receive no money from the towns we serve, nor the county nor the state. Third, we felt that our new name more accurately reflected the work we do. We had grown to not just shelter and find new homes for companion animals, but also to actively reach out into our communities, offering humane education programs, summer camps for children to teach responsible and loving care for all animals, as well as other training, educational and community programs.

Becoming Part of the No-Kill Nation

Another momentous change that came during the early 2000s was our shift to a "no-kill" philosophy of animal sheltering, in keeping with a nation-wide movement to drastically cut the number of animals who were euthanized because of a lack of homes. This change means that we are now a "limited-admission" shelter. Like our colleagues in animal-welfare work, our policy recognizes that a "kind death" is sometimes necessary if an animal has an incurable illness or behavioral issues that make it dangerous. But the no-kill goal is to find a loving home for every pet possible, and to never put down an animal just to make room for another. Clearly, this philosophy requires more than just a limited-access policy when it comes to taking in animals at the shelter doors. No-kill also requires other initiatives to make it successful, including making as many "forever" adoptions as possible...ramping up spay/neuter efforts to stop the flow of unwanted litters...working with owners to solve behavioral problems so that pets won't be surrendered in the first place...and partnering with other

shelters and rescue groups so that an animal who perhaps is languishing at one facility is transported to another, where it can be seen by a whole new set of potential owners.

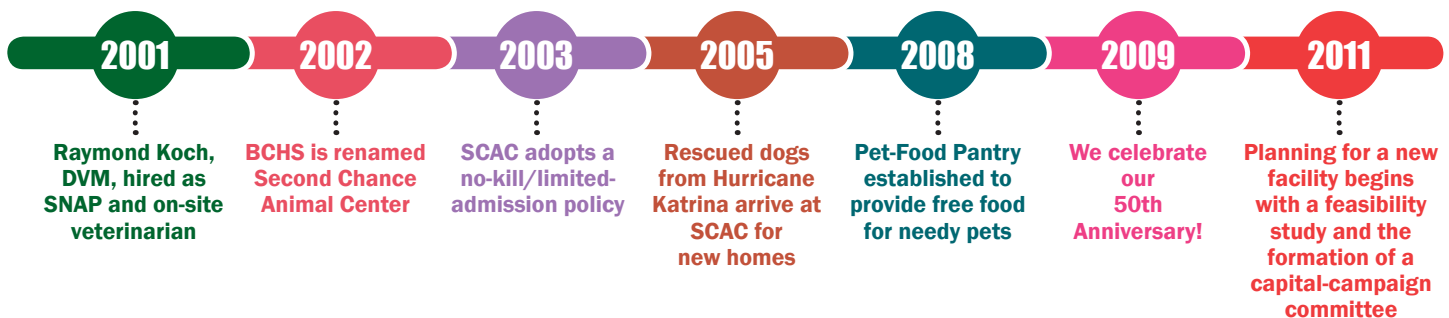
This sea-change in policy has worked remarkably well for us. The euthanasia rate, which ran in the 90% range throughout our pre-2001 history, now stands about 5%. For shelter staff, who grow to love the animals in their care, the formerly high, and often arbitrary, number of euthanasias was harrowing, and led to distress and burnout. We are proud that we were one of the first shelters in Vermont to make the decision to go no-kill/limited-admission, and we are very proud of our success

Collaboration Is Key

The humane world is one of mutual support, sharing, and working in partnership to provide the best care and rosier future for animals in need. Over the years, SCAC has formed alliances with other shelters and rescue groups to give animals that come to us the best exposure and help finding new homes. Although we never seem to have a dearth of cats and kittens, dogs can be another story. If our kennels aren't filled, we will take in suitable dogs from shelters as far away as West Virginia or as nearby as Brattleboro.

Our foster-care program is a lifesaver, literally. Feline mothers and their kittens live with foster families, away from the stress and germs that can't always be avoided in a shelter situation. When the kittens are old enough, they come back to the shelter with their mother to be spayed, neutered and then put up for adoption. We are fortunate to have caring businesses such as Petco and Tractor Supply Company who allow us to hold adopt-a-thons at their stores throughout the year, and to enjoy the

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support of Orvis and Stratton Mountain, who host fund-raising events for us, as well as donate generously to us in many other ways.

We are part of the Vermont Humane Federation, a network of state animal-welfare groups that work to modify and create laws that benefit animals of all kinds, including putting sharper teeth in existing animal-cruelty laws. And although we are not conducting animal neglect and abuse investigations on our own, we log complaint calls and refer problems to the appropriate agencies. We assist in assessing an animal's living conditions and well-being, and work closely with local health officers, Select Boards, animal control officers, law enforcement agencies, the Vermont State Police and the Bennington County State's Attorney to help them identify, rectify and, if necessary, prosecute those who endanger companion animals.

And then there are a host of individuals who support us in countless ways. Tim Peters, whose superb photographs of our animals grace our adoption and website pages and make them irresistible... Steve Dunning and Jeff Linebeck, owners of Circa50 in Manchester, who not only serve as a satellite shelter for homeless cats but also oversee the creation of products whose sales benefit SCAC... Steve Caporizzo (shown above), longtime friend and animal advocate whose Pet Connection show on News10 ABC out of Albany features some of our adoptable dogs and cats every month. There are far too many compassionate people to mention by name (including hundreds of volunteers who contributed to our successful operations), but we couldn't do our work without them.

We do need to thank, as well, our financial supporters, large and small;



without their generosity over the years we wouldn't even be here. In 2006, the Trustees were facing a grim future. Our annual outlay on staffing, food and medicines, building maintenance and lots of other necessities had risen to the point where, unless an angel appeared, we would have to close our doors within four years. And then came the news that Lyn Hoyt, of Manchester, had remembered us in her will. Along with several other worthy institutions in the area, we were fortunate to receive the largest bequest, gift or grant in our history! Almost simultaneously, an Arlington resident who was particularly partial to Irish Wolfhounds but who loved all animals, had left us a very generous donation with no directive other than to spend it on the care of our animals. Then too, Bennington oil-dealer and animal-lover Robert Greene and his wife Bertha made us the thankful beneficiary of

another munificent bequest. These and other gifts, along with generous grants from public and private foundations, form the bulk of our endowment. With ongoing judicious investment advice and vigilant oversight, we feel confident we can continue to grow that endowment so that we'll be able to serve people and their pets far into the foreseeable future.

You can track some of these highlights of our history in the timeline that appears along the bottom of these pages. With the generosity and support of our community, powered by the vision and commitment that will continue to drive the Board and staff, we are looking forward to a great many more years, now in our beautiful new home.

On behalf of everyone at Second Chance and the many animals who cannot speak for themselves, thank you!

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Memorial Benches Available

Are you looking for a way to memorialize a loved one? Have you been searching for a lasting birthday or anniversary gift? Trying to figure out a way to honor someone special?

Look no further!

Second Chance has three memorial benches available for purchase and inscription. The \$3,000 purchase price is tax deductible since we will install the bench at our new Arlington home.

For details, please contact our office manager at 802-375-2898 ext.303 or 2ndchance@hughes.net.



Dog-Lovers' Training Tip

Some dog owners get stuck in a cycle of not walking their dog because he pulls, BUT he pulls because he has too much energy from not being walked.

While there is equipment you can use to temporarily solve the problem, retraining your dog to walk without pulling or equipment is the ultimate goal. Here are some training guidelines to follow:



- Do not walk in the direction you are being pulled—turn and walk the other way.
- Praise your dog anytime there is slack in the leash.

Do not have an end destination in mind! Your goal is not a destination; your goal is behavior change.



Maddie's Fund®

Second Chance Animal Center is a proud recipient of funding from **Maddie's Fund®** (maddiesfund.org), a funding organization helping to achieve a no-kill nation. #ThanksToMaddie.

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Please contact our Director of Shelter Operations at 802-375-2898 for more details.



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We post reminders about these, and other, partnerships on our Facebook page; please share them with your friends.

A Sneak Peek Behind the Scenes



All three cat-intake rooms are equipped with reflective solar tubes, allowing our cats to bask in the sunlight and moonlight while they are under temporary quarantine.



Three community cat rooms, each with its own screened porch, will allow us to provide open living spaces for more felines.



All dog assessments and training will take place in a separate room, keeping the canine office open and available for adoptions.



We will have 14 individual dog runs installed in two rooms separated by a support section; both rooms have plenty of outdoor light and accessibility to 3 fenced play yards.



A private general intake room will give much needed privacy to those surrendering animals to our care.



We are replacing a small two-room treatment and surgical space with a larger, three-room suite to continue with our SNAP clinic and care of our shelter animals; a separate recovery room will improve our ability to monitor animals after anesthesia.

After nearly seven months of construction, our new shelter facility is expected to be completed by fall 2018. We thought we would take this opportunity to show you some of the program improvements you can expect to see in our new home (and these photographs show these spaces still in process). As Steve Caporizzo remarked at our Annual Meeting, "They thought of everything."

If you are inspired by our attention to detail and our commitment to help our community, please consider a tax-deductible contribution to this project. Visit our website at www.2ndchanceanimalcenter.org or call us at 802-375-2898.

Our Amazing Supporters

Second Chance gratefully acknowledges the outstanding support of our many contributors—those who make financial contributions, donate in-kind services and materials, and those who donate their time. The following pages list contributors from **October 1 through December 31, 2017**. Please accept our apology if any names have been misspelled or inadvertently excluded.

Beginning this year, our supporters will be acknowledged annually in our spring/summer newsletter issue, and this issue completes acknowledgment of our 2017 supporters. All 2018 donors will be compiled and listed next year in our Summer/Spring 2019 Happy Tails issue. We will continue to send acknowledgment letters throughout the year.

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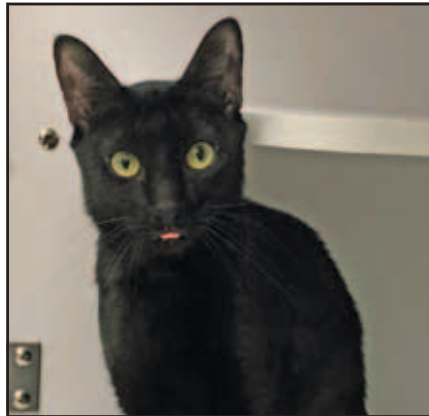
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JUNE 2 - Adoption Event

PETCO (Bennington, VT) | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

JUNE 23 - Carnival for Care

Mt. Anthony Union Middle School (Bennington, VT)
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

JULY 7 - Adoption Event

PETCO (Bennington, VT) | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

JULY 7 - Canine Adoption Event

Stratton Mtn. Village (Stratton, VT) | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

JULY 14 - Dorset Dog Days

Dorset Village Library (Dorset, VT) | 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AUGUST 4 - Adoption Event

PETCO (Bennington, VT) | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

AUGUST 25 - National Dog Day Celebration

Northshire Bookstore (Manchester, VT) | 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AUGUST 25-26 - Dorset Running Festival

Dorset School and Long Trail School (Dorset, VT) | Time TBD

SEPTEMBER 1 - Adoption Event

PETCO (Bennington, VT) | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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