

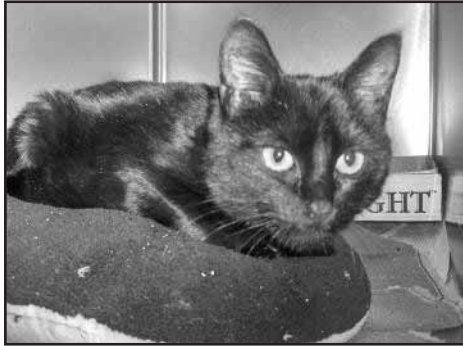
Adoption Tails

The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire

Spring 2008



Kiki's Journey



Kiki Before

'Twas the night before Christmas, and in the garage next to the house, a creature was stirring, and it wasn't a mouse...it was a tiny, scared black kitten that had lost her way and was in search of food and shelter. Lucky for her, this kitten had wandered into the garage of ARLNH supporters Judi and Tim Root. Desperate to assist the scared creature, Judi tried to lure the kitten into the open with food and water. The kitten, however, would only sneak out for a nibble while Tim and Judi were not looking. So, Judi contacted the League and received humane trapping assistance from

Animal Cruelty Investigator Maureen Prendergast. Four days later following a successful capture, the small kitten was named Kiki and taken into the League's care in the hopes that an owner would come forward and claim her. Aside from being rather scared and stressed, Kiki appeared healthy and tested negative for both feline AIDS and feline leukemia. Judi and Tim Root hoped for the best and inquired frequently about Kiki's progress. Judi even made plans to attend the League's January volunteer orientation because she wanted to find a way to personally contribute time to the League's mission. In the days that followed, nobody came searching for Kiki and it was apparent that she would need a permanent home. She was less afraid of people and had grown accustomed to a daily routine that included plenty of food, a warm blanket and clean litter box. As part of the next step in her adoption preparation, Kiki was scheduled for the next available spay surgery date in early February. During Kiki's surgery, veterinarian Dr. Sara White noted some fragile, irritated areas of skin that would require careful attention and follow up. Several weeks and several vet visits ruled out any serious disease-the likely culprit was poor nutrition as a stray kitten. By early March, Kiki's skin condition had improved to the point that she was ready to complete her recovery in a foster home. Luckily, the League needed only to search as far as Judi and Tim Root to find a willing and qualified foster home. By this

time, Judi had begun volunteering as a greeter and had been monitoring Kiki's progress.

While in foster care, Kiki proved to be worthy of permanent residence and has since become an official member of the Root family. Kiki is grateful for all of the assistance that she received from ARLNH en route to finding her way back through Tim and Judi's garage straight to their home and into their hearts. And the ARLNH is grateful to have found such a wonderful volunteer in Judi Root who contributes her time, talents and treasure to the homeless animals in our communities.



Judi holding Kiki in her "forever home"...her sister Tia is shown below



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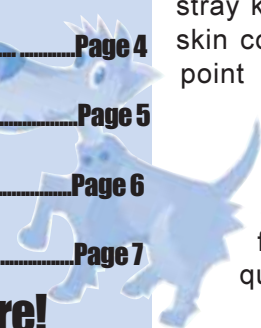
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The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire is a community resource dedicated to saving the lives of homeless pets, caring for companion animals afflicted by neglect, abandonment and cruelty and enhancing the relationship between people and pets through education, adoption, compassion and the promotion of animal welfare.

Message from the President & CEO

Dear Friends of the League –

In preparing to write this letter for the newsletter, I said to my husband Doug, “I am not sure what I want to write about this quarter... what do you think?” Without hesitation he said, “Well, you’ve got Scorch in a cage – I’d lead with that!”

Doug’s comment started me thinking about all the wonderful people who choose to donate their professional time, talents and resources or who give in atypical ways or donate atypical (but necessary) items. For example, one of our supporters – Jen Whitlock – frequently orders supplies for us from office stores. Many people don’t really think about the fact that in addition to kitty litter, food, blankets, etc., we also need things like post-its, copier paper, and staples!

Other individual supporters decide to tackle a specific project. For example, Judy Mirabito was inspired to give our Puppy Palace an “Extreme Makeover”, and she and husband Rick made it both more attractive and (as a result of tiling and a stainless steel door panel) much better able to stand up to the pounding that puppies can give a room. Eagle Scout Chris Woodsum chose the League for his scouting project and created a new trail system for us and built a small foot bridge over a wetland area. Then we have supporters who donate services pro bono based on what they do for a living, such as Visual Persuasion, LLC (www.vpllc.com) (which donates all of our graphic design for event materials, our Annual Report, posters and more), Joe Gauci Landscaping, LLC (www.gaucilandscaping.com) (which donates snowplowing in the winter and mulch in the spring), and Seedling Cafe (www.theseedlingcafe.com) which donates catering for education events once a month.



Dog lovers Judy & Rick Mirabito

When we found ourselves short on storage (especially since we’re losing a large closet in the construction of our new Feline Adoption Center), Countryside Self-Storage (www.countrysidestorage.com) came to our rescue, generously offering us a storage unit free of charge. New England Document Systems (www.nedocs.com) has archived our records pro bono for years!

As a final example, we have the event that started this line of thought – animal lover and professional DJ Scorch and the radio station which airs his show, WGIR Rock 101 (www.wgir.com). To draw awareness to the needs of homeless animals, and to raise money for their care, Scorch actually lived in a cage 24 hours a day for five days! The event drew a lot of attention and raised approximately \$16,000 for the almost 200 animals currently in our care. That’s enough to run the shelter for a full week!



DJ Scorch with Patty the Pit Bull

Of course, it is impossible to name everyone who supports us in these non-traditional ways – but we are grateful for each and every one of you! The examples above are just an attempt to give you a sense of the huge range of creativity that animal lovers can display... and maybe even get you thinking about other unusual ways you can support homeless animals!

Thanks to all of you who use your time, your talents and your treasure to invest in our mission and support the deserving animals who come to the League to find their second chances!

Caroline Boyd

President & CEO

Good Times Can Accomplish Good Things For Animals!

Nothing compares to the feeling of coming together with 300 fellow animal lovers to raise funds to help animals! On May 1st the League hosted the 4th Annual Gala Evening of Compassion, an event which is a critical element of support in terms of funding our operations... as well as being a lot of fun!

It was a great night, successfully raising over \$70,000 for the programs and services that help our animals and community. Attendees spent a little over an hour greeting old friends, swapping pet stories, and checking out some of the adoptable cats that had come to the party. Once seated, and with dinner underway, the program began with a welcome by League President & CEO Caroline Boyd and a thank you to the Gala's Top Dog Sponsor, Centrix Bank. Then came one of the staff's favorite parts of the evening: the Volunteer of the Year Award. We were excited to have NH Governor John Lynch with us to present the award to this year's winner, Gloria MacVane, a committed and multi-faceted supporter for over a decade, devoting hundreds of hours of service to the League each year.



NH Governor John Lynch presents the Volunteer of the Year award to Gloria MacVane



Canine alumni of the League accompanied models on the runway, with a surprise appearance by some adorable puppies

Touching the hearts of the audience were Lucy Gobin's story of adopting one-eyed Basset Hound Sunny and the difference he has made in her life, and Michael Boston's tales of the challenges faced by the shelter he manages in Corinth, Mississippi. The Corinth-Alcorn County Humane Society (CACHS) is the League's partner shelter for the dog transport program, which saves the lives of adoptable dogs and puppies that face euthanasia in Mississippi due to overcrowding. Though CACHS aggressively pursues spay/neuter (through low-cost public surgeries and education), they must still euthanize almost 1,400 healthy and adoptable dogs each year. With the support of our donors, the League's program, started in the fall of 2007, has so far saved the lives of 42 dogs that would likely have been euthanized in Mississippi.

After the program, attendees were asked to donate to support the League's operations and responded generously! With "business" out of the way, we turned to fun with a fashion show featuring clothing and accessories from Bedford boutique Alapage. The staff and volunteer models, which included NH First Lady Dr. Susan Lynch, could have easily been mistaken for professionals with the hair and makeup services provided by Affinity Salon of Amherst. Of course, a popular feature of the show was the crew of canine alumni accompanying our models on the runway! We also debuted some of our transport puppies.

We are very grateful to our donors for their generosity, to our Table Captains for bringing all their friends, to our Gala Committee of staff and volunteers for all their hard work, to Alapage and Affinity

Salon for creating our fashion show, and to our sponsors, who helped make this event possible. If you need the services provided by our sponsors, we hope that you will consider supporting a company that supports our animals! Our sponsors for the Gala were: **Centrix Bank (our Top Dog Sponsor); RiverStone Resources LLC; William G. Steele & Associates; Visual Persuasion, LLC; Baker, Newman & Noyes; NH Oncology-Hematology; Ameriprise Financial; Northeast Delta Dental; Orr & Reno; IRA Lexus; Third Party Administrators; Derry Animal Hospital; FerroTec; and Halverson Insurance Group, Inc.**

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While it is common for us all to have the occasional itch, any of us would quickly take notice if the itch were persistent. The same should be true if your pet begins scratching him or herself more than occasionally. There are countless reasons why your pet might be itchy and scratching this summer and here are few of the possible culprits;

Ear infections:

Various types of bacteria and yeast can cause ear infections. Normally the ear can protect itself and fight off infection; however seasonal allergies, humid weather, swimming and host of other changes can throw off their natural defenses.

Mites

There are several types of ear mites that can infect the ear canal of your pet, whether it is a cat, dog, or other small animal. There are sarcoptic mites who invade the skin of healthy dogs or puppies and create a variety of skin problems, the most common of which is hair loss and severe itching. And there are Demodectic mites, a type that we carry as well. Normally the mite is kept under control by our immune system and is seen more often in young or immune suppressed dogs.

Ringworm

Ringworm is a well known fungus that can infect cats, dogs, and humans. There are several different forms, all of which can infect either you or your pet. Though the presentation can be extremely variable the most common is to notice a red circular, hairless irritation.

Food allergies

Thought to be one of the more irritating allergies, food allergies are quite common and are often the immune system reacting to a specific protein in the animals diet.

Insect bites

Fleas, flies, ticks, and mosquitoes just to mention a few of the possible biting insects all can cause anything from mild itching to heartworm (mosquitoes) and Ehrlichia or Lyme disease (ticks). Thankfully there are a myriad of products on the market that both kill and or repel everything from ticks to mosquitoes and one that even protects cats from Heartworm. Yes, that's right, cats can get heartworm and apparently it is becoming increasingly preva-



lent. Unlike dogs, there is no current cure for cats with heartworm so regular preventative is even more critical. Dog and cat owners alike should discuss with their veterinarian which product would be most appropriate and safe for their pet. Because of the strength and nature of these products buying them over the counter without consulting your veterinarian is not recommended.

Other causes include skin infections, hot spots and environmental allergies. And this list just scratches the surface. In short, for your pets comfort and safety please see your veterinarian for any unresolved or reoccurring itching.



Danielle Hastings, Director Of Adoptions & Customer Services with Bizzy

My name is Danielle Hastings and I have been with the Animal Rescue League of NH since November of 1999. I have seen and undergone many changes within the organization. While attending college, I worked part-time for the shelter doing mostly maintenance tasks. I was excited to be a part of the organization even though I wasn't involved much with the direct care of the animals. Upon graduation I tried other areas of work that were more related to my field but soon realized that animal welfare was where I wanted to be. I had remained in contact with the Animal Rescue League of NH by filling in as needed and in 2001 I was offered a supervisor position within the League. I was very excited to take on this role and it lead to even more challenging opportunities, including the role I have today as Director of Adoptions and Customer Service. This position allows me to combine my two passions, animals and people! I thoroughly enjoy being able to match people up with the right animal for their home. Seeing the joy in people's faces as they go home with their newly adopted pet is a wonderful feeling. A big believer in animal adoption, I have four rescued cats - Crisco, Kiwi, Delia and Monkey - and one ARL shelter dog, Bizzy the Boxer.

In addition to adoption counseling I am also involved with the coordination of our off-site adoption events, I manage our Humane Education program, and because of our shelter's performance with the ASPCA's Meet Your Match™ program, I was recently invited to become a contract trainer for the ASPCA. I am very excited and honored to be given this opportunity, and in this role I will be teaching other shelter workers about the Meet Your Match™ Feline-ality™ Adoption Program and how they can implement the program in their own shelters. I think our own in-shelter experiences with the program will prove to be a valuable asset when teaching others. Although the implementation of the program is challenging, the results in terms of adoption matches and the improvements in our adopters' service experience are changes I really look forward to sharing. I am extremely proud to work with the Animal Rescue League of NH and I am excited to be a part of the growth in the years to come!

Learn more about Meet Your Match™ at www.rescueleague.org/matchmaker.cfm

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



The ARL NH receives no state or federal funding. In addition to donations, we depend on the income from the events each year to sustain our programs and services, which collectively cost over \$65,000 per month.

Please attend these events and show your support for the League.
For more information about any upcoming event, call Robin Ahlgren at (603) 472-5714.
(603) 472-3647 or e-mail robin@rescueleague.org.



Congratulations! It's a ...Kitten? Join us at the Annual Kitten Shower

Each year the shelter takes in record numbers of pregnant cats and kittens. A few years ago we started holding an annual "kitten shower," to publicize our need for cat litter, kitten food and general funds to support the many vaccines and spays/neuters that go with "kitten season." A "season" has turned into three over the years and June through December; the League tends to be swamped with kitties (we took in 432 kittens-and 713 cats-in 2007).

Join us on Saturday, July 12th, from 12-5pm for kitten education, a meet-and-greet with shelter kittens and some of the League's foster families, a bake sale, and face painting for the kids. For more information about this event email Danielle Hebert at danielle2@rescueleague.org.



Come and Visit our Brand New Feline Adoption Center!

At the end of the summer, we are celebrating the Grand Opening of our new Feline Adoption Center! Under construction right now, the new center will be able to hold many more cats available for adoption and will boast four multi-cat environments. Yes, that means no cages for many of the cats at the center! For more information on the new adoption center, contact Danielle Hastings at Danielle@rescueleague.org. For naming opportunities within the Center, contact Lisa-Marie Mulkern at lisa-marie@rescueleague.org or at 603.472.5788.

5th Annual Pet Step...Tie Your Sneakers, Leash the Dog and Join us for another Fundraising Event!



On Saturday, September 20th, the League will be holding its annual dog-walk fundraiser at Camp Allen in Bedford, NH. Registration will begin at 9:30am and the event will run until 2:30pm. All will be welcome to join us on the 1½ mile walk through the woods which will begin at 11am - but remember, that is not ALL that the day includes! Once again we will have fun and interesting demonstrations, carting for kids, many vendors (bring your check-book and do some shopping!) and fun contests and activities for our beloved four-legged friends.

For more information about this event, contact Robin Ahlgren at 603.472.5714 or email at robin@rescueleague.org. Online donations are accepted for the walk, just go to www.rescueleague.org and click on "Make a Donation". Make certain to put the words "Pet Step" on the designation line!

The Pet Step committee is still looking for sponsors, vendors and teams, for this event. For questions, contact Robin Ahlgren at the number above.

Fifth Annual Dog Walk
For the Animal Rescue League of NH
Saturday, September 20, 2008

Training Tips From Maureen Prendergast

A lot of people ask questions in our obedience classes about getting their dogs more comfortable with being handled, such as for grooming or even a simple nail trim. We normally spend one of our weekly classes talking about this very issue. A lot of the techniques that are taught in an obedience class can help you safely handle your own dog and will give you steps to take in order to be able to do such routine things such as brushing your dog's teeth, trimming their nails and cleaning their ears. While many people may not look forward to brushing their dog's teeth, if you considered the money you could save by maintaining a healthy mouth, not to mention the enormous health benefits for your dog, you may reconsider!

Before you attempt to take on any of these aforementioned grooming tasks, you may want to consider desensitizing your dog to having different areas of their body handled. One new trick to consider is offering a treat for a paw. For each paw you pick up and gently handle, you should feed your dog a tasty treat. Something they really love! By getting your dog comfortable with just having their paws touched, you are getting them slowly but surely ready for the day when you are ready to trim a nail or two. Remember that the goal shouldn't be to trim every nail on each paw on the first attempt. What's the rush? A good goal should be one that is likely to ensure success for you and your dog. Trimming a couple of nails per session and finishing on a positive note is much more important than riding your poor dog around the living room attempting to hack away at every nail only to end up frustrated, exhausted and with a dog who will likely not let you anywhere near their paws again!

Training a dog shouldn't just include teaching the physical commands such as 'sit' or 'stay', but should also include getting them used to everyday handling and to be more tolerant of you as you try to keep them healthy and happy for a long time to come.



*Fun In
Obedience
Class*



Sit Remy! Sit!

Obedience Happenings



The obedience classes at the Animal Rescue League of NH have been busy through the first part of 2008 and we are now gearing up for a very active spring/summer season.

June 30th will actually mark the 10-year anniversary of the first official Animal Rescue League of NH obedience class. Our instructor, Maureen, can actually remember the five dogs that were enrolled in that first class. And over the years, and after the several hundreds of dogs that have walked, leapt, sprinted, dashed and darted through the doors, she can say with all honesty that it gets more enjoyable every year!

As many of our loyal newsletter fans may know, Maureen often mentions the benefits of attending an obedience class. Whether it be to help housetrain a puppy, get your dog to walk nicely on a leash, or address some more specific behavior issues, we would encourage anyone who shares their life with a canine to consider enrolling in a class and watching your dog not only work for food, but work for your attention and for their place in your pack.

While some of the dogs that attend our classes are alumni of the Animal Rescue League, you may be surprised to know that a majority of the dogs are from other places, whether from another rescue group, breeder, or another source entirely. Both pure-breed dogs, mix-breed dogs, and those that may be new to your home at either eight weeks or eight years of age, all dogs need structure, consistency and for you to teach them the behaviors you expect them to display.

To sign up for a class, or to learn more information, please contact Maureen at thecrazycanine@yahoo.com, or call 603-582-5400.

Hope to see you soon!



Puppy Graduation Photo

Say it with a donation to the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire

Birthdays, holidays or anniversaries- whatever the occasion, the ARLNH can help you find a meaningful way to express your feelings. Say it with a donation to the League. If you are struggling to find the perfect gift, consider honoring your friends or family members with a contribution made in their name or their pet's name. This is a wonderful way for you to pay tribute to both the animal lovers and pets in your life.

If you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event and would prefer that guests make a charitable contribution in lieu of purchasing gifts, the League would gratefully accept and promptly acknowledge your support. All contributions received in tribute to a special person or pet will be acknowledged to whomever you specify. You may make a tribute donation online, in person or by mail any time of the year and for any occasion. For your convenience, our enclosed donation form includes space for you to provide details about a tribute gift.

The League also encourages supporters to pay tribute to the memory of family, friends and animal companions. All contributions received in honor or memory of people or pets will be published on the ARLNH website. Tribute donations received from January 1, 2008 through April 30, 2008 are currently listed online at www.rescueleague.org

Adoption Spotlights



Raiden

Hi, my name is Raiden. I am a five-year old neutered male and was brought to the shelter as a stray 14 months ago!. I am enjoying my residence at the Hotel de Rescue League but can't wait for a family to come and take me home. I am currently living in a multi-cat room and tolerate the other resident cats but am much too cool to be buddies with them. I love sleeping at the top of my kitty condo and always come sauntering up for meal time. I am hoping to drop a pound or two this summer with my new family's help. Perhaps a game of chase the laser beam or feather wand might be in order? I would do nicely as an indoor/outdoor cat if you needed a hand in the garden or wanted me to protect your home. Come on in and meet me if you think I might be the purrfect match for you!

Adoption Spotlights Continued



Happy

Hi, my name is Happy. I am a four-year old spayed female Labrador mix. I am a very sleek girl weighing in at 45 pounds. I was picked up by a local animal control officer and brought to the Animal Rescue League of NH on March 4th of this year. I was pretty scared at first but put my best face forward and was given the name Happy because I am always smiling. I am a sweet and submissive girl who warms up quickly with new people that I meet.

I am an intelligent girl who can perform basic commands. Unlike some shelter dogs I already know how to sit, stay, and lie down! I am very treat-motivated and would love to take a positive-based obedience class to improve my skills. I think a course would be a wonderful bonding experience with my new family.

True to my breed, I am a high energy girl and hope to find a home as active as I am. Lots of walks and running around a fenced backyard sounds like doggy heaven to me! I love to explore my surroundings and will happily check out everything in my reach. I am a pretty independent dog but do like to keep an eye on you and enjoy having people nearby. I am friendly with some other animals and do well with kids ten years and up. If you are looking for an active Lab that loves to investigate I might be the match for you!



Bubba

Hi! My name is Bubba. I am an adult, spayed female rabbit who has been at the League for over six months. I am a very sweet girl who loves your attention. If you sit on the floor with me I will settle right in for lots of petting. I used to be nervous about being picked up but I have had lots of people work with me and now I am much more comfortable. Newspaper is my favorite toy to play with. I love to rip it up and toss it around. If you are looking for a lovely bunny to add to your family, I would love to hop on home with you!



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Key Upcoming Events

- July 12th: Kitten Shower (12-5pm) #FF**
- September 20th: 5th Annual Pet Step (9:30-2:30pm) #FF**
- November 14th: 10th Annual Live & Silent Auction (advance tickets required)**
- November 28th: Christmas Tree Sales Begin #FF**
- November 29th & 30th: Annual Craft Fair (10-5pm) #FF**
- December 6th & 13th: Pet Photos With Santa (10-5pm) #FF**

 = Family Friendly Event

Check the ARL website for other events throughout the year