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**Animal Rescue League of NH and Conway Area Humane Society
Announce Affiliation**
Shelters Combine to Better Serve NH's Animals

Bedford - The Animal Rescue League of NH (the League) and the Conway Area Humane Society (CAHS) take pleasure in announcing their formal affiliation effective November 11, 2009. The combined talents of each organization will strengthen the programs and services offered to more than 70 communities in the Granite State.

The Animal Rescue League of NH brings more than 100 years of history and experience to this relationship, which will assist CAHS in becoming more fiscally and operationally resilient.

The League's current leader Caroline Boyd will serve as the affiliation's President & CEO with the leadership teams of both organizations reporting to her. "This affiliation is an exciting time in our organizations' histories," said Boyd, "and I know that by combining efforts we will be able to realize the benefits of collaboration while still ensuring that each community retains a critical local resource." In addition to a unified management team, two members of the CAHS Board will serve on the League's Board and vice versa.

"Together, we can help more animals. Our shared missions of serving animals and the community brought us together and we believe that our whole will be greater than the sum of our parts," said CAHS Executive Director, Virginia Moore.



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Beyond the retention of each organization's current community services, additional anticipated benefits of this alliance include:

- More animals' lives will be saved in New Hampshire;
- The affiliation will create efficiencies and leverage management and development expertise, bringing additional resources to bear on the animal welfare services provided by the two organizations; and
- While each shelter will be sharing best practices and operational strategies, the structure will ensure that community resources and assets will stay within the community of origin.

"This winning partnership links the 105-year-old Animal Rescue League of NH, under the superb management experience of CEO Caroline Boyd, with the energy and additional service

area of the six-year-old Conway Area Humane Society. In this case, one plus one equals three. New Hampshire can only benefit from more of such affiliations,” said Lew Feldstein, President of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Each year the League and CAHS help more than 2,500 animals find homes and help countless more through animal cruelty investigations, obedience training, humane education, spay/neuter programs, and food pantries.

About the Animal Rescue League of NH

Pets give us so much. They teach us compassion, protect our families, work as therapy professionals, and entertain us. Pets comfort us when we've had a bad day and touch our hearts with their unconditional love. At the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire we save pets' lives, and they enrich ours.

About the Conway Area Humane Society

The Conway Area Humane Society is a non-profit, all-inclusive animal resource center. We are committed to the Human/Animal bond. Encouraging it through education and animal adoption. Protecting it when threatened by violence, disaster, or medical emergency. Respecting it when broken by death.