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A Volunteer Dog Walker *By Karen McMenimen*

I've loved dogs since I was a little girl having had many over the years. Currently I have three wonderful Golden Retrievers ages fourteen, five and four. For the past eight years I have been volunteering at Harvest Hills as a dog walker.

People ask me all the time why I volunteer as a dog walker. With all the love in my house I felt a need to share with others less fortunate and hopefully make a difference in their lives, if only for a little while.

Walking the older dogs is a pleasure, they are usually calm, well behaved and at the shelter for no fault of their own. Walking the hyper and rambunctious is a challenge, trying to teach leash manners or at least some semblance of good manners. Calming the fearful to let them know that somebody cares helps them adjust and makes me feel good too.

Some say, I couldn't do that, I'd want to bring them all home. I have brought three home, one just three weeks ago. The adoption rate at Harvest Hills is pretty high and the fact that we are a no kill shelter makes all the difference to me. No one is put down because they have been here too long. Everyone eventually finds a loving home. Isn't that wonderful?

Others say how can you stand seeing them all in cages all day long. My answer to this question is, you haven't spent much time at Harvest Hills. The rooms are inside/outside runs outfitted with off the floor beds and cushy blankets, full water bowls and plenty of food. We have large outside play yards where the clients spend a good deal of time.

Often they are brought in because they want to come in. Yes, you can tell they want to come in by the way they wait at the gate. The areas we walk the dogs in are open fields and wooded paths, not paved sidewalks on the streets. Walking dogs here is spending time in the country side with a grateful friend.

Harvest Hills is the place dogs come to wait for their forever homes. I truly enjoy the days I spend here, and only wish I could do more. The need is here, you won't regret volunteering if you really love dogs.





Come in a take a look around.



HHAS Alumni Rusty

Pet ID Tags

We now have the ability to make pet ID Tags at the shelter. No more waiting 4-6 weeks. On the tag you can put your pet's name, your address and phone number. Let's not forget your pet should also be wearing a rabies tag and license (for dogs). These tags are a great way to help ensure your pet makes it home safely if it becomes lost. Price per tag - \$8.00.

		PET TAG ORDER FORM		
HEART Lg. (Red) Sm. (Red/Purple)	CIRCLE Lg. (Black) Sm. (Black/Red)	BONE Lg. (Blue/Red/Green)	ROSSETTE (Blue)	OVAL (Orange)
QUANTITY	TYPE OF TAG		PRICE /TAG	TOTAL
	TOTAL			
Name: _____		Phone Number _____		
Address: _____				
Information for tag (We'll put as much info on as possible)				
Side One: _____		Side One: _____		
Side Two: _____		Side Two: _____		
Make checks payable to HHAS, 1389 Bridgton Road, Fryeburg, ME 04037. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your order.				

Why Do I Volunteer *By Janice Goodchild* at Harvest Hills Animal Shelter?

It's simple: I volunteer at Harvest Hills Animal Shelter because I love cats. Since we're a no-kill shelter and it often takes a long time to find suitable homes, the cats are with us long enough to get to know their personalities. While cleaning, I love to hang out with the cats and usually become attached to them. It's also satisfying to watch stray cats who come in frightened and antisocial but, with time and attention, grow confident and get adopted into good homes.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to two very generous retail stores, we are able to find homes for many cats as well! Aubuchon Hardware in Naples and Pet Quarters in North Conway currently house cats for us that are available for adoption. This is a wonderful way in which we have been able to adopt out some long time residents as well as gain much needed exposure for the shelter and let people know of the wonderful cats we have. Both of these locations take very good care of the animals for us and we appreciate their help in finding forever homes for some wonderful cats!



We found a home!
 Sativa & Destiny

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Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Every Day Except Thursday
Open until 6 p.m. Monday & Friday

Contracted to serve the towns of Albany, Baldwin, Bridgton, Brownfield, Casco, Cornish, Denmark, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell, Naples, Newry, Parsonsfield, Porter, Sebago, Stoneham, Stow, Sweden and Waterford and also lending support to other towns in Maine and New Hampshire.

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Our Wish List

- Dry kitten food
- Wet Cat Food
- Pedigree Jumbones or Purina Busy Bones (for bored dogs in the winter months)
- Quality dry cat and dog food (no Ol' Roy please)
- Kitty litter (non-scoopable)
- Monetary donations
- Postage Stamps
- Trash Bags
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Dish detergent
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Gasoline cards
- Paris Farmers Union Gift Cards
- Copy Paper

Volunteering at the Thrift Shop

By Janice Davis

I have always believed that every person has an obligation to give back to society some portion of his/her time towards making our world a better place. I believe we are obliged to try to make a positive contribution in whatever field or area we are interested or skilled in. For some that means volunteering with the elderly to deliver meals or give rides to medical appointments. For others it might mean becoming a "big brother or Big sister" to a disadvantaged youth. For me, I choose to volunteer at 9-Lives Thrift Store which in turn benefits the dogs and cats brought into our no-kill animal shelter, Harvest Hills.

I love animals and it makes me feel good to know my time spent volunteering helps feed, house and provide medical care to the dogs and cats brought into the shelter. I know that my time given each week has a direct impact on the lives of the poor animals that have been lost, given up, abandoned and sadly, sometimes abused. It gives me great satisfaction to know that in my own small way I'm helping a lonely, needy animal to find a forever home where they can find and give love. I feel that I am making a difference; that my efforts count and that I really am a contributor to my community not just a taker. It's a really good feeling.



Harvest Hills announces our newest fundraising effort: Harry Barker's Emporium! This new venture was an idea developed by Bonnie Rolfe who currently manages Nine Lives Thrift Shop. Harry Barkers is an antique and collectibles group shop. Vendors pay rent in order to allow Harvest Hills to offer for sale donated items of more value than can be sold in our current thrift shop. Bonnie's creative flair is evident in this new shop located on Main Street in Bridgton, across the street from the Magic Lantern Theater. The various vendors were hand picked to create a beautiful shop where you just never know what you'll find. Whether you have antiques to donate or you'd like more information on the shop please contact Bonnie at 207-647-4500.

Help Light Up Our Lights

From November 27 to December 24, for a \$5 donation to HHAS, a light will be lit outside the shelter and a star with your pet's name on it will be hung inside the shelter. Some people choose to put their current pets' names on these stars and others choose to honor their pets that have passed. It is a nice way to pay tribute to the animals that bring us joy or have brought us so much joy while benefiting the shelter.

Go to our website for the current Calendar of Events
www.harvesthills.org

Letters

Hi,

I apologize for not sending this sooner but life gets busy especially with a new kitten!! We renamed Hootie, his name is Penda Kufa which means "much love" in Swahili-he is the sweetest kitten on earth even when

climbing the curtains he gives you a look and you can not be mad... yes we are spoiling him!! He is getting a little bigger and even more active-he is literally into everything but more fun than I could have imagined!! He finds fun in everything he does and has a huge fan club!! No one visits us anymore they want to visit Penda!! I can not thank you enough for caring and helping this beautiful little guy through his first few months.. he is so a huge part of our lives now.. I will send more updates soon..

Thanks again and I will give Penda a big hug from you all!!

Judy and Jaymee Crowell and of course Penda!!



As promised pictures of Rusty. I love the last one of Rusty laying in my planter. Rusty is doing well, he loves his yard and running around with sticks and toys. I'm getting plenty of exercise walking him. He is much better on the leash. Rusty has adjusted well, he is housebroken. His new tricks are sitting, paw and laying down for his treats.

Thank you
 The Maraglia Family
 Margaret, Mark, Tyler, Kailey, Pumpkin, and Rusty



We wanted you to know that we are delighted with our new family member. With blinding originality we named him "Smokey". He is everything we wanted for a kitten. He is playful, friendly, brave (he and our dog have played together right from the time we brought him home), and loves to cuddle up to one of us when he wants to nap. He is eating all his Wellness Kitten Food every day. We absolutely love him.

Thank you,
 Sharon & Bill Devorss

Hello All,

Just a quick note to let you know I'm doing great. I had a nice walk down by the river yesterday and a good dinner. My brother Sundance and I go out together and my sister Amber has been nice to me. I want to thank you all for taking good care of me. Today I'm going to visit Dr. Subert at the Bethel Animal hospital and on Friday I'm going to the beauty parlor. Here is a picture of me in my very own bed.



Love
 Maddie Mae



To all our friends who knew Sara,

It is with great sadness we write to tell you that our beloved Sara dog lost her valiant battle with cancer on Wed. Oct 14. She died peacefully in our loving arms after taking a wonderful walk in the field with us and Rozzi and Snickers, on a bright sunny day; the kind she loved. Over the weekend, she was chasing chipmunks and herding horses as usual.

Sara was the best dog ever; funny, smart, loving, serious, tail wagger, deer chaser, horse herder, snuggler, loyal and best friend. She was the best of the best. Our household is missing a vital part of our lives but we have many wonderful memories of her. Everyone

says that she was lucky being our pet but we were the fortunate ones to have had her in our lives for the last 7 years. Our wonder dog, our beloved Sara, a mix breed of the best kind.

She will be missed by all of who knew and loved her.

Carole, Ben, Alex, Benjamin



P.S. Cat still adjusting to Rusty but getting better.

Hello Everyone at Harvest Hills!

I can't thank you enough for all you do for animals. I REALLY will never be able to thank you enough for the newest addition to my family! I simply adore "Keeper". He is perhaps the smartest little guy I have ever met! He sleeps on the bed, walks great on a leash, and is always ALWAYS thrilled to take a ride, walk, or nap! Our first, big adventure as a trip to the coast this past weekend. Everyone stops to say "hello" because he is just so darn cute! As you can see, the camera loves him too!

With heartfelt thanks,

Donna and "Keeper"

