



# PROOF Shelter News

2018 - 2019

Harvest Hills Animal Shelter

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## *Nine Lives Thrift Shop*

Nine Lives Thrift Shop is located next to Harvest Hills Animal Shelter and has been part of Harvest Hills since 1999. In 2001, it became a full-time shop, open 6 days a week, employing a small full time and part time staff, but still relying heavily on volunteers to help price, sort, and re-stock. Everything sold at the shop is donated by our very generous local community, and every penny the shop makes goes to supporting Harvest Hills

The shop stocks everything from brand new items to antiques, as well as seasonal items-Christmas, Halloween, etc. Every day there is something new and different, so every shopping trip is a new adventure!

## *History*

The Harvest Hills property was built around the turn of the 20th century by Archibald Harden and was owned by the Clark family. It was sold to Jean Edwards in 1944. Jean used the property as a pet shop after learning that stray cats and dogs in the area were taken to the dump and 'disposed of'. She asked the community to bring the stray animals to her, so she could find them new homes. In 1980, she gifted a group of citizens 3 acres to build a shelter, and Harvest Hills opened in 1992.

In 1999, a group of citizens banded together to purchase the farm and building. At about 20 acres, it included the farmhouse, a field and a wooded area. The woods would then be partially logged to create trails for dog walkers. The farmhouse building was a sound structure but was needed an upgrade. Barbara Autio, her (late) husband, Philip, along with many volunteers worked endlessly to give the building a facelift and work on the grounds.

Fast forward to 2013, where we expanded the donation area of the shop with the generosity of the Kendal C. and Anna Ham Charitable Foundation. The barn area was renovated outside, and a new donation center was built, complete with new



basement storage. This allowed more room to take donations from the public as well as larger areas for sorting and storage. The thrift store is an integral part of the shelter, as it continues to be our largest year-round fundraiser that supports the shelter. Without it, we would not be able to do what we do!

We have a WONDERFUL network of volunteers that keep us running-both at the store and the shelter and are willing to go above and beyond when needed. This year, we had an unfortunate circumstance where the Nine Lives manager got into a terrible car accident and one of our long-time employees retired in the same week. Our amazing volunteers stepped up to help the remaining staff keep the store open and running! It's been a long and tiring road, but we hired some new staff members, and everything is getting back to normal

Please donate to the thrift shop! You can check out our list of acceptable items and hours on our website: <http://harvesthills.org/nine-lives-thrift-shop-2/>

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*Go to our website to view available animals*  
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Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Every Day Except Thursday  
Open until 6 p.m. Friday

*Contracted to serve the towns of Albany, Baldwin, Bridgton, Brownfield, Cornish, Denmark, Fryeburg, Harrison, 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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## News

### 5TH ANNUAL Christmas Eve Sleepover

This year, for our annual Christmas Eve Sleepover Fundraiser, local veterinarian Dr. Steve Caffrey will be spending the night at the shelter! If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Steve, here is a brief bio: Dr. Caffrey graduated from the University of Illinois in 1985, moved to Fryeburg and opened the Fryeburg Veterinary Hospital in 1987. His mission was to create a warm and caring hospital with a high standard of care and personal service. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, especially in the outdoors. He has 3 kids and quite the array of animals! Steve has been a part of the shelter since day one for over 30 years now, both as a veterinarian and volunteer. He has volunteered in so many ways including rabies clinics, spay & neuter clinics, and also jumping in a freezing lake to raise money for the shelter.



The Christmas Eve Shelter Sleepover is a fundraiser dedicated to not only giving our shelter dogs a night where they can enjoy a little Christmas Eve spirit, but a fundraiser earmarked for improvements that will make shelter life a little easier on the dogs and cats who, through no fault of their own, must call Harvest Hills their temporary home. Over the years, projects funded by this fundraiser have included a 'living room'-where potential adopters, volunteers, anyone can spend time with the dogs in an environment closely related to a home; air conditioning for the dog kennels, and (coming soon), a sound system for the dog kennels to play soothing music.

The funds for this year's sleepover are earmarked for the extraordinary veterinary expenses we have incurred by going above and beyond for the animals. This year alone, we had an extensive bloat surgery that required emergency care at an emergency veterinarian (see Thor in 'Light of our Lives'), a kitty with her intestines wrapped around her heart, multiple mass removals and countless extensive dentals for dogs and cats. In order for us to continue to go above and beyond for these animals, we need your continued financial support.

Donations can be made to our specific fundraiser online, in person at the shelter, over the phone, USPS, or by going to our website [harvesthills.org](http://harvesthills.org) and clicking on our 'donate' button towards the bottom of the page through PayPal.

**FREEZING FOR A REASON**  
**Save the Date: Saturday February 16, 2019**



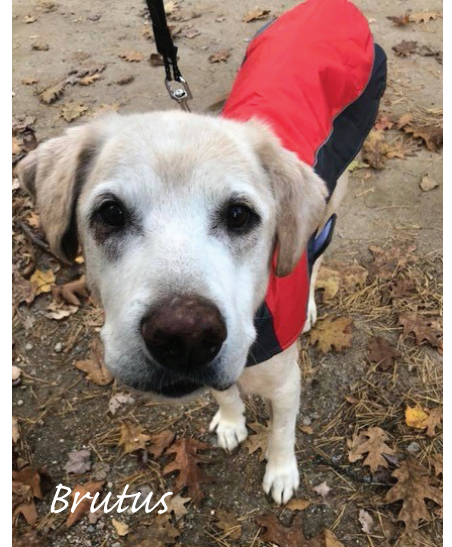
## Alumni News .....

We adopted **Canaan** April 2, 2017. He was 18 months old and we were his fourth family. We will be his last. He is the most amazing mash up of chow husky Shepard Akita nonsense we have ever met. Thank you for giving us the chance to love him.



*Canaan*

**Brutus** adopted fall 2018....enjoying his senior years on Lake Ossipee! He is such a happy boy and we just adore him!



*Brutus*

**Raven** - She's quite the Snow Queen. I have to take her for at least an hour hike every day, rain or shine, or even snow. She loves being outside.



*Raven*



*Phoebe*

**Phoebe** has the best life. She came to us in April and has settled nicely. She sleeps under the covers and in the middle of the night will paw at us, so we can let her in to get cozy between the sheets. She gets mad when we leave for the day, she knocks her heavy ceramic treat jar on the floor. She will only drink water if it's running from

the tap. She is crazy for sparkly Pom Pom balls and hides them in the kayak in the basement or under the stove. But, she is a little love and we are happy she became part of us

Madam Fluffe, now **Fluffy Fran**, is loving her life here in our home! She came into our lives right after last Christmas and she has been the best addition to our family! She loves her human brother and sister and her dog sister!

Simon and Simba, formally **Taz** and **TJ**, adopted 11/30/13. I was looking for just one cat to be a companion to my Oscar after his brother died unexpectedly. Well I could not separate brothers. Oscar (who also was a Harvest Hill alumni) hissed at them every day for 18 months but boy did they love on him until the day he passed away.



*Taz & TJ*

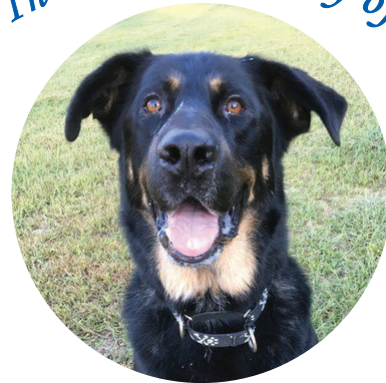


## Freezing for a Reason

Freezing for a Reason is happening on February 16, 2019 during the Winter Carnival, hosted by the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce! Held at Highland Lake in Bridgton, this is one of our largest yearly fundraisers, and it is ALWAYS a great time! Jumpers who DARE will jump into the frigid waters of Highland Lake, after raising money through pledges, to help the animals. Jumpers, start your campaigns now.



## Lights of Our Lives In Honor/Memory of








*Thor*

*This year, we lost our beloved Thor, a 5 y/o German Shepherd mix to complications from Bloat. Thor was an amazing boy who loved playing ball and won over all the staff with his big, goofy personality. Thor had to have two surgeries in 2 days, the second one taking half of his stomach which was dead tissue. He had four days of 24-hour intensive care, but we think his stomach ruptured again, and it was unlikely he would survive the 3rd surgery. With very heavy hearts we decided to let him cross the rainbow bridge and be pain free, forever running with his Jolly Ball.*

## Pet ID Tags... make great gifts!

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