



Shelter News

Harvest Hills Animal Shelter

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CHRISTMAS EVE SLEEPOVER

WE are pleased to introduce this year's Christmas Eve Sleepover celebrity, Oliver! Seven-year-old Ollie is the son of our vet tech and has been an outstanding foster brother to hundreds of Harvest Hills animals over the years. He is a super celebrity to all of us and soon will be to you too! He has been socializing kittens since he was in diapers and started bottle feeding some of our most vulnerable babies at just four years old! Caring for animals may be in this boy's genes, but his compassion and eagerness to learn is admirable. Oliver's favorite activity is building forts for foster kittens to hang out in with him, and of course, teaching them how to play! What started as a sarcastic "We could be spending Christmas Eve at the shelter!" turned into one excited young boy and a very emphatic "YES!"



JOIN us in thanking Oliver for giving up his comfy bed at home Christmas Eve to play Santa at the shelter and give our animals all the love and attention they deserve! Let's make this the biggest shelter sleepover fundraiser to date by helping Oliver meet his goals!



Donations can be made via PayPal, GoFundMe, check or cash. Please make sure you designate 'sleepover' when you send in your donations.

HOURS

The shelter is still open by appointment only. This is not expected to change anytime soon. To make an appointment, you must have an approved application (within a year), and once you arrive, you have an hour to yourself to visit with the animals you may be interested in.

Applications can be found on our website, harvesthills.org

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

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LONG-TERM RESIDENTS ADOPTED!

..... Brooke



This year we saw TWO of our long-term dog residents adopted. Many of you are familiar with Brooke, who had been here for 4 years. She was adopted by a wonderful woman named Jackie, who spent 2 months building Brooke's trust. Jackie drove three hours twice a week to allow Brooke to become familiar with her.



..... Esme

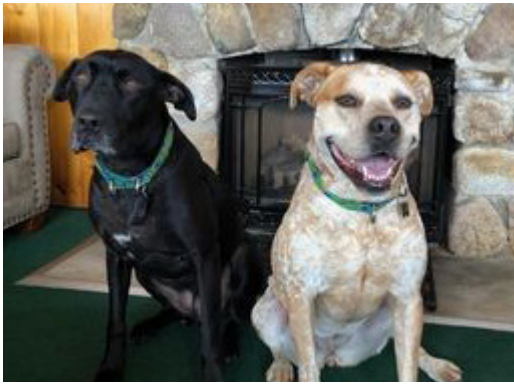


Brooke's kennel neighbor, Esme, had been with us since she was returned in 2019. Esme was adopted out by a younger couple when she first came (2017) who worked very hard with her, but they unexpectedly got pregnant and Esme eventually began to guard the baby, not letting them near the child. Unfortunately, she came back after about a year and a half in their home.

It took some time for her to come around towards the staff when she returned, but we realized she liked

men better, and with lots of patience and time, she warmed up to us again. She was very protective of her kennel and never showed well when people walked through. The best way for new people to gain her trust was to show up often and toss her cookies.

Susan and Herb, long term volunteers and adopters, started coming back to walk dogs as we were easing our COVID restrictions, and not long after they came back, Herb was able to take Esme out on walks. They already had 2 Harvest Hills Alumni, Sprocket and Sadie, so another dog wasn't in the cards quite yet- Sadie had cancer and Esme was difficult with other dogs. When Sadie eventually passed, Esme was in their sights. A few weekends of visits, car rides

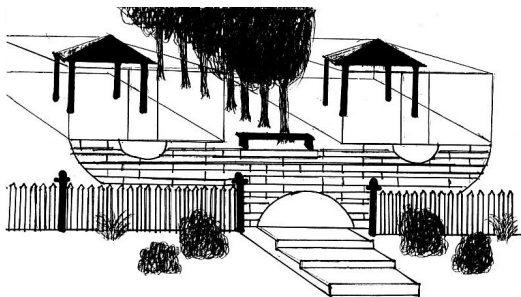


and hanging out with Sprocket for short periods proved hopeful, and eventually she never came back from one of her visits! Susan and Herb are very dog savvy, and know what Esme needs and are working hard with her in their home, making new human and dog friends. Each day she grows closer to Sprocket, and will often run around the yard with him, but snuggling for naps is still a no-go for her. She is slowly meeting new human friends as well. We know she will fur-ever be a part of their family.

Nine Lives Thrift Shop continues to be open Tuesdays-Sundays, with donations accepted on Wednesdays ONLY. Masks must still be worn since it is impossible to social distance in that tiny area. If you have a furniture donation, please call ahead to make sure we have space. Nine Lives Thrift Shop continues to be the biggest fundraiser for the shelter. Without them, the shelter would not be able to do what it does for the animals in our care

Fundraisers

Luckily, we have been able to have a few fundraisers this year- the Golf & Tennis Tournament at Bridgton Highlands; which saw a record number of golf teams, and the Rabies Clinic at Fryeburg Fairgrounds. We are also thrilled to announce that Freezing for a Reason is BACK!!! Held in conjunction with the Greater Bridgton Lake Region Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival on February 19th, 2022, the jump will take place at 1pm.



Brick Size	Lines Per Brick	Cost
12"x12"	6 lines 15 characters per line	\$200

Memory Brick Paths

Our path is up and waiting for your stones! We had a very generous donor cover the cost of the



path, so for every brick sold, all the money goes to the shelter!



Are we-Harvest Hills-seeing a lot of surrenders of dogs and cats after people adopted so many during the pandemic?

Answer-No. Anyone who has adopted from us knew if life got back to normal what they would have to do to make their adoption work. Our new process of appointment only with an approved application has made anyone looking to adopt from us take the extra time to consider what will happen once the pandemic is over and what they will need to do to make the adoption work.

So what animals are we seeing surrendered?

The ones that are coming in are coming in for all the reasons we saw before COVID- divorce, loss of housing, allergies, medical expenses too high. On top of all that, we are seeing people who got a 'free pet' and made the impromptu decision to get a pet are the ones who are surrendering.

Please remember that animals are a long-term commitment, and that dogs & cats can live anywhere from 10- 20 years. Don't forget to do your research on breeds as well, for both dogs AND cats!


Vouchers We Need Volunteers!


This year we received for a grant to help spay and neuter dogs and cats through Maine Community Foundation. We partnered with Rozzie May Animal Alliance to help us fix dogs and cats across Oxford County, Maine. So far, we have handed out almost 70 vouchers all over Oxford County, helping those in need. The vouchers cover the cost of the spay or neuter and a rabies vaccine.


We are having volunteers come back to socialize kitties and walk dogs! Please go to our website (harvesthills.org) and click on 'about us' and 'how you can help' for a volunteer application


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.


HEART
 Lg. (Red)
 Sm (Red/Purple/Pink)


CIRCLE
 Lg. (Black)
 Sm. (Black/Red)


BONE
 Lg. (Black, Blue/Red)


ROSSETTE
 (Blue)


OVAl
 Lg. (Orange)

PET TAG ORDER FORM

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.