



Summer Newsletter 2023

News from the Humane Society of Chittenden County



Message from our President & CEO

Summer is upon us! It's HSCC's busiest season, and this year is no exception. Our summer camp programs are in full swing, and it is truly inspiring to witness the enthusiasm of the next generation of animal welfare advocates. The Community Pet Clinic (CPC) is going strong, and we are proud to be able to offer affordable veterinary care to a record number of very grateful clients - so far this year, the CPC has provided care to over 1,350 local pets and their families.

We continue to see rising numbers of local pets relinquished to the HSCC, and our team works diligently to provide the resources and support people need in order to keep their pets whenever possible. I am proud of the care our team provides those awaiting adoption and I'm especially heartened by all of our senior animal adoptions like Banks and Boston, whose stories are highlighted below.

Our work requires a lot of time, dedication, and resources - and we couldn't do it without *you*. We deeply appreciate the support of our community. Our first-ever Black Tie & Tails Benefit debuted last month to great success, raising vital funds to support the programs and services our community has come to depend on. Thank you to our sponsors, attendees and donors who continue to show their commitment to our mission, to make sure every pet has a loving home and that every pet owner has access to the resources they need to give those pets happy, healthy lives.

If you are able, please consider making a gift to help further our work through the summer and beyond.

Gratefully,



Joyce Cameron



Happy Tails for Senior Pals

Senior Kitty Banks Settles into Cozy Retirement

In January, the Humane Society of the United States responded to an alleged cruelty and neglect case in Mississippi, where more than 170 cats were trapped in horrific conditions. HSCC was honored to help some of these cats start their next chapter, including senior kitty Banks. After living through such severe trauma, we knew Banks needed a patient and understanding family who would allow him space to feel comfortable and time to earn his love and trust. And in just a few months, Banks hit the jackpot.



"Banks absolutely loves to chat all day long & loves all the attention he can get! He just started playing fetch with his favorite toy and eating all the yummy treats. He finally started opening up to my young son and now they sleep beside each other every night! Banks is truly the best cat and we are so blessed to have him beside us and give him the love he deserved from the beginning!"

- Banks's owner

Love a happy ending?

Scan the QR code to see more stories from HSCC alums and find out how you can make more Happy Tails happen!



SCAN ME!

Contact our Development Director at emilyh@hscvct.org or (802) 862-0135 x 15 to learn about the benefits of being a Happy Tail sponsor.

Certified Good Boy Boston Finds his Way Home

7 year-old Boston (formerly known as Gordie) came to HSCC when his owners could no longer take care of him. After his neuter surgery and other medical care, Boston was ready to find his new home. But, as an older dog who was adjusting to some pretty big life changes, Boston spent three months in our care until he finally found the right people. Or, as his new family says, they were rescued by Boston!

"We are so lucky we took a chance on this older boy. Our hearts are SO full! HSCC will always hold a special place in our hearts for taking such good care of Boston, until we found him! He has brought so much happiness and love into our home, and we will cherish him for all of his days. We might have "rescued" him, but we truly feel like we are the lucky ones."

- Boston's owner

Interested in learning more about HSCC pets who are still searching for the right home? Our wonderful Customer Care staff are happy to chat with you about finding the right pet for your family, and you can view all our adoptable furry friends on our website:

www.hscvct.org/Pet-Adoption



Community Pet Clinic Highlight

Helping Fluffy Enjoy Life as an Active Tri-Pawd



Fluffy happy at home post-surgery.

In June, 13-year-old cat Fluffy got into trouble in her neighborhood. Her owners weren't sure if she was attacked by a raccoon or a fisher, but when she came home in the morning, her front leg was severely fractured. Her owners got X-rays at a local veterinary hospital, but were dismayed to find out how much an emergency amputation would cost. With two young kids at home and recent job loss, the family simply couldn't afford the expensive surgery Fluffy needed. They had previously brought Fluffy in to our Community Pet Clinic (CPC) to treat her thyroid condition, so they called us for help. A few days later, our CPC staff were able to get Fluffy in for an affordable amputation to remove the damaged leg, and she's doing very well post-surgery!

"I knew it would be challenging for elderly Fluffy to have major surgery and then adapt to a missing leg. I was really scared. But I had such thorough instructions for follow-up from [CPC] staff. She's already back to her old self and zooming around the whole house. My two toddlers are so helpful with her, and they get along so well...because, as I told them, I've known her for 13 years and she's my first kid!" - Fluffy's owner

News & Events

Black Tie & Tails Benefit - An Evening of Fun & Philanthropy

On June 9th, hundreds of animal lovers came together to share a fabulous night out while raising vital funds for HSCC. Guests enjoyed lakeside views, live music from our very own *Alice and the Garden Snakes*, and delicious food while learning more about our many programs and services.

Thanks to the support of our sponsors and community, we raised \$125,000 which was matched with an incredible \$100,000 gift from an anonymous donor. In total, our inaugural BTTB event raised \$225,000!



5th Annual Fabulous Feline Foto Contest Finishers!

In April, the *purrrfect* contest for cat people returned for another year of fun. With a total of 82 fabulous photos submitted and 9,023 votes cast by 262 feline-loving participants, we are thrilled to share that \$11,298 was raised in this year's contest!



Humane Education Programs Empower

Our very *paw-pular* Animal Welfare Warriors (AWW), Humane Heroes, and Camp Paw Paw (CPP) programs welcome more than 130 children and youth to our campus throughout the summer. Students learn how to advocate for animals-in-need and educate others about the important role that animal shelters play in our community. AWW campers observe spay/neuter surgeries in our Community Pet Clinic, assist with animal care, and help socialize our resident feral cats. The younger CPP campers learn about Vermont wildlife, dogs with jobs, daily animal care and so much more!

Learn more about our humane education programs at hscvt.org/Education-and-Outreach



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