

Central Vermont Humane Society

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Dear CVHS Community:

What a year it's been! Our community has rallied to help Central Vermont Humane Society save 1,095 precious animal lives this year. I invite you to read through this report to see the kind of results that are possible when our caring community comes together.

We made exciting strides last year to build the quality and care of our Dog Program, thanks to a generous grant from Maddie's Fund. And we provided more medical treatments for more animals than ever before. But more care requires more resources and more humans to help with that care. We've seen our costs for medical care rise dramatically, including special needs surgeries and an alarming increase in need for spay and neuter surgeries.

Luckily, we have experienced significant growth in all levels of our community's involvement with our mission. In fact, I would characterize this as the year of heightened community engagement. The day-to-day assistance from people like you, the children, our business partners, our donors, and our volunteers has made it possible to do even more for the animals. This one's for you, Central Vermont! Your compassion makes all the difference.

By the time you read this report, I will have retired, taking with me years of heartwarming memories of the people and animals of CVHS. The new Executive Director, Laurie Garrison, will be hard at work. Laurie is moving here from New Jersey and has an exceptional skill set and depth of experience in animal welfare. CVHS is lucky to have her to continue to build on our dream of a humane community.

It has been my pleasure to serve this wonderful community, and I look forward to following this great organization's continued progress.

Mary Taylor

Mary Taylor, Retiring Executive Director

Introducing CVHS's new Executive Director, Laurie Garrison

Please join us in welcoming CVHS's new Executive Director, Laurie Garrison who started with CVHS earlier this month. Laurie served as Executive Director of Monmouth County SPCA in Eatontown, New Jersey and as Senior Director of Applied Research for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) based in New York City. Upon accepting the job, Laurie said, "I am so happy to be joining the amazing staff, board of trustees, volunteers and supporters at Central Vermont Humane Society."



2015-2016 Annual Report to the Community



Shelter and Animal Care

You make it possible for CVHS to shelter and care for surrendered, homeless, abandoned, and abused animals. CVHS serves local communities, day in and day out, with an open admission policy that accepts even those animals that need behavioral training and/or medical care. Your support also helps us maintain the network of foster families who give shelter to animals that require a little extra time and TLC before they're ready to be adopted into their forever homes. Some are not old enough to be adopted, or need extra socialization time, or are recovering from an injury or surgery. Together, we are creating a more humane community. Thank you!

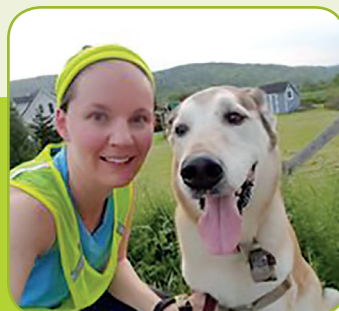
Thanks to a \$38,000 grant from Maddie's Fund, we created a new Canine Program to provide extra mental and physical enrichment to all our dogs and specialized work with behaviorally challenged dogs. With your continued support, we are able to go the extra mile to prepare them for a satisfying life in a loving adoptive home.



1,095 animals were lovingly cared for in our shelter.



248 animals were fostered in **28 volunteer homes**, the equivalent of **8,494 days** of foster care.



Jess Chenette is one of our amazing foster families who provide short-term care for animals outside of the shelter.



Adoption

It is a tough choice when an elderly person has to give up a companion or divorce means the family pet has to find another home. It is heartbreaking to find an abandoned animal who is sick and hungry. But because of your support, these and hundreds of other animals can go on to enrich other people's lives. Along with the exceptional care and love that you make possible for the homeless animals we take in, your ultimate gift to these animals is a new home and family. Through your generosity you make pet adoption possible and support the immeasurable gift of the human/animal bond.

78 animals were reunited with their owners.

CVHS has a **93% live release** rate.



873 dogs, cats, rabbits and other small critters were placed into new, loving homes.



Prevention and Rescue

You are an important partner in helping us prevent problems that might put animals at risk. With your support we spay and neuter all animals before they are adopted, preventing overpopulation and unwanted animals that might be abandoned or surrendered. We offer vaccination and microchip clinics that keep community animals healthy and safe. And thanks to you, children are able to attend our Humane Heroes summer camp where they learn how to interact and care for animals and build lifelong compassion for our four footed companions.

237 community animals were given vaccinations and microchips.

462 animals were spayed or neutered.

18 children aged 8-12 attended our Humane Heroes summer day camp.



43 reports of suspected animal cruelty in Washington County were reviewed, triaged, and referred to appropriate local animal control or law enforcement offices. CVHS serves as a valuable resource to local officials, providing expertise and advice, and accepting rescued animals as needed.

In an animal cruelty investigation involving 40 animals in Northfield last January, three CVHS staff members assisted law enforcement and other humane agencies in assessing the health and needs of the animals and ultimately arranging transport of eight horses to shelters equipped to care for them.



268 community members participated in dog training classes.



Medical Services

Medical expenses for animals in our shelter soared last year — totaling \$80,946, an increase of 42% over the prior year.

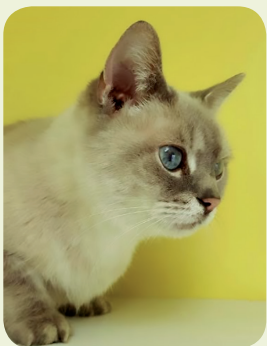
The largest increase was in spay/neuter services, which increased by \$15,843 for a total of \$39,777. Spay and neuter is the most effective and humane way to save animal lives by preventing overpopulation. Yet despite efforts to educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering pets, more local animals arrive every day needing this basic procedure. At CVHS, we ensure that all animals are spayed or neutered before being adopted.

We also save lives by paying for major medical interventions for animals in our shelter with special needs. Not only is it the humane choice to ease their suffering, but by taking on these medical costs we speed their adoption and reduce the risk that they will later be relinquished because their families cannot afford their medical care.

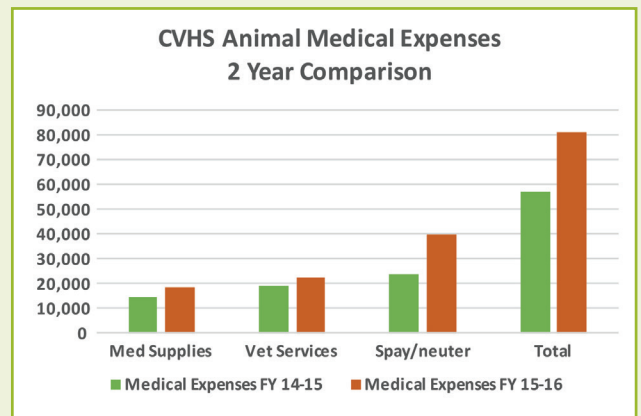
Thirteen-year-old **Jazzie** (shown here), whose family was going through a divorce, came to us with a mouth full of problems. She desperately needed a thorough cleaning and the extraction of several teeth, which required general anesthesia.

Jazzie's dental issues are not unusual. The most common medical problem we see in cats — and, cumulatively, the most expensive for us — is poor dental health resulting in infection, mouth pain, and even behavior problems that can lead to people giving up their animals.

With her urgent dental issues resolved and CVHS's strong track record in placing older animals, Jazzie was happily adopted less than a month after her arrival at CVHS!



4,710 medical treatments were administered.



123 special needs medical procedures were carried out.

Community Support

Your financial and volunteer support is at the very core of our mission to save animals' lives and strengthen the human/animal bond. We simply couldn't exist without your generous support. Financial contributions make up 62% of our annual revenue budget, not including bequests. In addition, volunteers contribute thousands of hours cleaning, cuddling animals, walking dogs, meeting and greeting visitors, helping with events, providing office support, maintaining the grounds and buildings, and lending a hand in countless other ways. **To all our supporters, we can't thank you enough!**

\$747,524 was contributed by individuals, businesses, and private foundations, including **\$438,183** from bequests.

67 children plus 7 children's groups donated or raised \$11,125 for CVHS.



Children are philanthropists, too! CVHS provides a unique and tangible way for kids to connect with animals and develop a spirit of giving. The caring and generosity of children in our communities is amazing!



\$59,701 was raised through our Walk for Animals event.

Special thanks to our Top Dog Sponsors:
802Cars.com & One Stop Country Pet Supply.

Kudos to our four Community Service Awardees for 2015. We are indebted to you for all your outstanding service to animals and to the Central Vermont community:

- **Dave Birmingham**, 802Cars.com – Business Award
- **Dr. Susan Dyer-Tullar**, DVM, Bradford Veterinary Clinic – Game Changer Award
- **Dr. Paul Alfarone**, DVM, Bear Swamp Veterinary Clinic – Good Neighbor Award
- **Anne Ward**, Leadership Award



Kerry Oparowski is a long-time volunteer helping out every week in our cat wing and assisting with our bi-annual community Rabies Clinic.

Teams of volunteers from businesses and organizations participated in and initiated major projects at CVHS from cleaning to painting to constructing agility equipment for our dog program. A big shout out to Keurig Green Mountain Coffee (shown right), National Life Group, Norwich University, Northeastern University, Vermont School Board Insurance Trust, Montpelier High School's Community Based Learning Program, Capstone Community Action, and the many Girl Scout and Boy Scout groups that have provided such invaluable help.



Volunteers spent **5,669 hours** helping CVHS, the equivalent of nearly 3 full time staff positions.

Board of Directors:

Amber Countis, *President*
Liz Kennedy Potkowski, *Vice President*
Lori Rivers, *Treasurer*
Robert Fairbanks, *Secretary*
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Administrative Team:

Mary Taylor, *Retiring Executive Director*
Laurie Garrison, *Incoming Executive Director*
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Revenue and Expenses

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Preliminary, unadjusted amounts

REVENUE

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| Community Support | \$ 312,655 |
| Bequests | \$ 438,183 |
| Earned Income | \$ 193,417 |

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| Revenue Total | \$ 944,255 |
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EXPENSES

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| Animal Programs | \$ 139,833 |
| Payroll | \$ 450,984 |
| Administration, Development, Marketing | \$ 74,405 |
| Other Core Support (i.e. facilities, insurance, technology) | \$ 87,258 |

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| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 752,480 |
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| Net Gain on Activities | \$ 191,775 |
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Statement of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2016

Preliminary, unadjusted amounts

ASSETS

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| Current Assets | |
| Cash and Receivables | \$ 66,225 |
| Inventory | \$ 2,153 |

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| Total Current Assets | \$ 68,378 |
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| Other Assets | |
| Net Property and Equipment | \$ 847,313 |
| Investments | \$ 534,888 |
| Endowment | \$ 55,860 |
| Other Assets | \$ 6,162 |
| Total Other Assets | \$1,444,223 |

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| Total Assets | \$1,512,601 |
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | \$ 17,770 |
| Loan Payable | \$ 285,779 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 303,549 |
| Net Assets | \$1,209,052 |

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| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$1,512,601 |
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Lasting Legacies

We are eternally grateful to Arthur L. Jones, Marjorie Holmes, Robert Clogston, Jr. and Margueritte Ferris for their forethought and generosity in making bequests to CVHS in their estate plans. We are sad to lose these dear friends and are honored to continue their legacy of caring for animals.

For information on how you can leave a legacy of compassion for animals and people who come after you, see: [www.centralvermonthumane.org / donate-now/](http://www.centralvermonthumane.org/donate-now/)



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A Second Chance in Life

In September 2015, **Sandy**, an eight-month-old puppy and Vermont native, came to us favoring her left hind leg. Unable to walk with a normal gait, she had noticeable muscle wasting in that leg and was limited in her activities.

Veterinary examination and an X-ray confirmed instability in that hip joint, perhaps from an earlier trauma such as being hit by a car. In October, Sandy underwent major surgery, which successfully repaired the damaged joint. Following three weeks of TLC in one of our loving foster homes, Sandy was spayed and by mid-November was walking steadily on all fours. Later that same month, she found her forever home with a multigenerational family, shown here with her adoptive dad. We were happy to see Sandy and her new family again when they came back to CVHS to attend our dog training classes!

Thanks to your support, CVHS was able to provide Sandy with the wide range of services that she needed for a second chance in life – including major surgery, spay surgery, foster care during recuperation, adoption, and dog training classes.

