

The Companion Connection

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Life Works in Amazing Ways

Our friends at National Life regularly feature an adoptable pet in their company news. This is wonderful for the featured pet, and we have found that the limelight often spreads to other adoptable pets.

This happened when Allison saw Dilly the cat featured at National Life. She loved Dilly's description, and decided to look at our adoptable cat web page. There, she fell in love with Bones! She came to meet our cats, including Dilly and Bones.

After a bit of time it became clear to Allison that Bones was the one for her. Bones feels the same way. He made himself at home immediately, which includes playing the piano. And no worries, Dilly was also quickly adopted. Two for one!

Thank you National Life!



New Beginnings Happen Every Day at CVHS!

We see so many animals who have lived difficult lives. Homeless, neglected, cold, hungry, ill. So often we see such relief in their eyes to be in our care. Imagine being free from fear or pain, to be warm and safe, for the first time in a long time! Your support enables us to help these animals, to heal them, to give them their new beginning along with the people who open their hearts and homes to adopt. Like Chakra — an older dog who suffered from skin and ear issues when she came to us. When Karen met



Karen and Chakra on the day of their new beginning

Chakra, she fell in love, and told us how Chakra completed her family. Or Fizzle, a puppy who we saved from an overcrowded shelter in the South, who found love here in Vermont and relishes spending time by the fire with his people. Or Orlagh, who came as a stray in the dead of winter. After one of her beloved cats died, Peggy and her cat needed a new friend. Orlagh was a perfect match, and now the three of them are a happy family. We can create so many new beginnings, so many loving families, because of the generosity of our supporters. Thank you for believing in what we do and helping to create so many happy stories for people and animals!

Calendar of Events:

Walk for Animals – May 11 at Montpelier High School (see back page).

Kitten Shower – June 1-30 We'll be collecting critical supplies to help us save over 200 kittens this summer. Visit our wishlist on our website.

Humane Heroes Kids Camps – July 8 -12, July 15 -19 (all slots are filled).

Dog Days at the Pool – August 21 at Montpelier Rec Field Pool.

Fur Fest – October 19 An exciting evening of food, merriment, and auctions to benefit the animals at CVHS.

Holiday with the Animals – December 14 Our annual open house.

Ongoing Dog Training Classes We offer a variety of positive reinforcement-based dog training classes. Visit our website for details.



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Healthy Teeth = Happy Pets

We all know what it is like to have a painful tooth. Can you imagine having an entire mouth full of painful teeth? This was the case for poor Rose. Every pet gets an initial medical exam as soon as they come in to CVHS. When we examined Rose, we immediately knew her teeth were in rough shape. We sent her to our friends at Bradford Vet, and they discovered that nearly all of her teeth were severely decayed. She must have been in terrible pain! After Rose recovered, she was a different kitty. Before her dental, she was a recluse, hiding all the time. After, she sought out head scratches and rubbed against people, purring away, quickly getting adopted into a loving home. What a difference dental care made for this kitty! At 13 years old, this might be the first time in years Rose has not been in pain. We strongly believe that dental care is vital to the health and happiness of



Here Rose is doing what is called a "blep" with her tongue, which happens when cats have no teeth!

Thank you for making it possible for CVHS to help so many pets live pain-free lives.

a pet, and about 40% of the pets who come to us need dental care. Thank you to all our supporters who make it possible for us to help pets like Rose be finally free of pain. You truly make a significant difference for animals!

Spay/Neuter is so Important!

Last summer, we got yet another call for help, too many cats in a household. They started out with four cats. In less than two years, four became twenty-two. We see this happen all too often.

Did you know that a healthy cat can get pregnant at only four months of age? Yes, kittens can have kittens! And, they can have three, sometimes four, litters a year. It is easy to imagine how four cats can multiply so quickly. Spaying/neutering your pets has so many other benefits. Pets live longer, healthier lives. Early spay/neuter of your cat or dog can eliminate many health issues, including some cancers. Spayed/neutered pets may be better behaved. They are less likely to spray strong-smelling urine all over the house, less likely to roam, less likely to mount other animals and people, and some aggression problems may be avoided.

Many people are surprised to learn that more than 1.5 million cats and dogs are euthanized in U.S. shelters annually. We can do our part here in Vermont by preventing overpopulation. Please spay/neuter your pets — talk with your vet. VT-CAN! is a low cost option, check them out at www.vt-can.org.



At only 6 months of age, little Spitfire, a kitten herself, could have had a litter already!

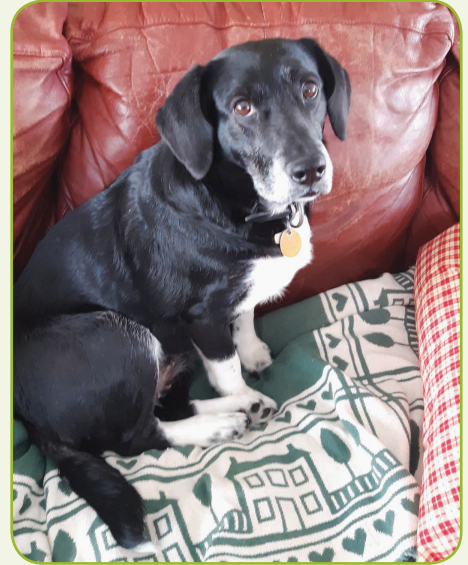
Izzy Finds Her Perfect Home

Tony and his family were still grieving from the death of their beloved beagle, Jody, and just weren't ready to adopt a new dog — or so they thought. Little did they know that Izzy, a stray dog on her own journey of recovery here at CVHS, would soon change their lives.

Several months prior, Izzy was found wandering down the middle of a busy road. She came to CVHS horribly neglected, with a severe flea infestation. Her skin was inflamed, she'd lost much of her fur, and was miserable from the relentless itching. When we gave her the first medicated bath, she felt such relief she fell asleep in the tub! It took two months of treatment and loving care before Izzy was ready to be adopted. That is the kind of extra-mile care that CVHS provides to so many animals in need.

Although Tony was still devastated from the loss of his canine companion and soulmate, his wife and daughter knew that the family needed a new friend and had begun watching our website for adoptable dogs. When they mentioned Izzy, Tony insisted he wasn't ready. But then, during a lunch break, he decided to come by and meet her. He was sold when Izzy bounded into the play-yard to greet him with a howl, inviting him to join her pack — just as Jody used to do. The next day, Tony's wife and daughter came to meet Izzy and it was love at first sight.

It's been five months since Izzy joined Tony's family. Tony's wife wrote recently that Izzy and their cat are now inseparable. And "Izzy is a loyal, loving, sweet girl who commands our love and attention. We are so glad she chose us!" Another CVHS happy ending made possible by caring people like you!



Save your pet from terrible itching and disease! Now is the time to talk to your vet about flea and tick prevention.

Donate Monthly to Save More Lives

Every day, homeless animals rely on Central Vermont Humane Society — for food, shelter and medical care — and to find new loving homes. Your kindness and generosity make that possible. An especially convenient and impactful way to support CVHS is by making a monthly gift. Together with a growing number of other **Faithful Friend Monthly Donors**, you will provide an important, steady stream of income that CVHS can rely on to save animals — every day.

Why donate monthly?

Convenience — It's easy to set up an automatic monthly donation **using your credit card** — either online via our website or by calling our office. Or set up **direct payment from your bank account** and avoid credit card fees so 100% of your gift goes to CVHS.

Budget Friendly — Spread out your giving throughout the year. Many people find this enables them to give more than when they make a single gift once a year.

Flexible — You can make changes at any time. If your monthly gift is by credit card, just contact our office to update your gift amount or credit card information.

Less mail — Receive fewer fundraising letters in the mail because we know we can count on your support throughout the year. We'll still stay in touch with our news updates, annual report, and invites to events. Once a year in January we will send you a record of your prior year's giving.

Greater impact through steady support — Know that you are providing continuous and steady support to help animals every day.

We're happy to help you get started — contact Linnea@centralvermonthumane.org (802) 476-3811 x110



"Monthly giving is easier for us and provides money that CVHS can depend on to keep saving animals."

— Mike and Lisa,
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Join us at Walk for Animals



Early this year —
May 11, 2019, 9:00 am – 12:00
at Montpelier High School

Don't miss the most fun event of the year to raise money for animals in need.

- Dog contests for Best Costume, Best Kisser, Best Trick
- 802 Disc Dog Demo; Activities for kids and dogs; Alumni Parade
- A gentle 2 mile walk through beautiful downtown Montpelier
- Prizes and refreshments



Admission is free — but we hope you will help us reach our ambitious \$80,000 fundraising goal for this year's Walk. Whether you attend the event or not, you can make a donation. And there's still time to reach out to friends and family to raise money before the event. Raise a minimum of \$50 and get a free souvenir T-shirt.

For more event info and to get started with your fundraising, visit www.centralvermonthumane.org

It's fun for people of all ages. Friendly dogs on leads are welcome.

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