



LAKES REGION  
HUMANE  
SOCIETY

May, 2023  
Spring Edition

*The little shelter with a big heart!*

## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2023 EVENTS



**Fashion Luncheon**  
Friday, June 9th  
Bald Peak Colony Club



**Golf Tournament**  
Friday, September 22nd  
Kingswood Golf Club



**Holiday Dinner**  
Sunday, December 3rd  
O Bistro Barn

## FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

With spring comes kitten season, a time we rely on our foster network for assistance with pregnant cats and litters of kittens who are too young to be adopted out.

Fostering provides needier pets with better opportunities for socialization and 'round the clock care.

The first step to becoming a foster parent is to visit [LRHS.net](http://LRHS.net) and submit the "Foster Application & Waiver". Once processed we will schedule a home visit to ensure your space is kitten-proof. When it comes time to foster, we will set you up with everything you need to succeed, from literature and phone support to food, supplies, and medical care.

**If you foster for LRHS and decide to adopt a pet you've been caring for, you will receive 50% off your adoption fee!**

## WISH LIST

Canned dog food - chicken  
Canned cat food - chicken  
Litter, unscented, clumping  
Mr. Clean magic sponges  
Paper towels  
Dawn dish soap  
Bleach  
Laundry detergent  
Contractor trash bags  
Printer paper  
Baking soda  
Chicken pill pockets  
Cheese wiz  
Peanut butter

**Shop Online:**  
[lrhs.net/lrhs-wish-list/](http://lrhs.net/lrhs-wish-list/)

# THESE PROGRAMS ARE IN NEED OF SUBSTANTIAL DONOR SUPPORT

## MATCHING GIFTS

1. YOU DONATE.
2. THEY MATCH.
3. DOUBLE THE IMPACT.

\*Suggested challenge amounts \$5,000 - \$10,000

Inspire others to give by proposing a matching gift challenge\* during one of our upcoming fundraisers:

- 1) #NHGives online day of giving, June 6-7th
- 2) Fall issue of the LRHS newsletter, October
- 3) #GivingTuesday global online fundraiser, Nov. 28th

You may wish to remain anonymous or use this opportunity to share why you believe in supporting shelter pets and/or dedicate the challenge to a loved one.

**The Saving Grace Program quite literally saves lives but requires annual replenishment in the amount of \$12,000.**

This program has saved countless lives over the years and pays for special medical care such as: limb or eye amputations, extensive bloodwork, ultrasounds and X-rays, dental extractions, and costly medications (see page 4, "Barthelomew's Story"). Any amount you can give to this program is greatly appreciated.



**Even with discounted medical rates, LRHS spends about \$10,000 per year on spay/neuter procedures.**

Of the 400+ animals seeking refuge at LRHS, 100+ require spay/neuter surgeries. These surgeries vary in cost depending on an animals' species, sex, and weight and are key to reducing the homeless pet population.

**In 2022, Dr. Peter Gray donated \$25,000 to create an endowment fund in memory of his wife, Ellen.**

The fund has doubled over the past year. We are excited to grow this seed into an amount substantial enough to support annual operating costs and assist LRHS in obtaining financial stability in perpetuity. Donations made toward the endowment fund are restricted and will remain in the fund, untouched, while the principal grows.



**Pet Food Sponsorship Levels: \$1,800/year \$450/quarter \$150/month**

LRHS partners with the Hill's Science Diet Food Shelter & Love program to provide affordable, quality pet food for our pet-residents. Please consider becoming a pet food sponsor. The sponsorship levels above reflect a combination of our weekly Hill's dry food orders and wet/canned food needs.

Call 603-539-1077 or email [mwilliams@lrhs.net](mailto:mwilliams@lrhs.net) to learn more about these giving opportunities.

# PLEASE HELP US! NINE MONTHS IN A SHELTER IS TOO LONG.



## 270 days and counting...

Jessie is a 2.5-year-old, spayed, female German Shepherd who was purchased from a breeder as a puppy and raised during Covid. She received no socialization with people or animals in her formative years. She is now an adult dog who is sensitive, insecure, and prone to guarding her spaces and toys. She is bright, strong, and athletic and requires an adopter who is physically capable of handling her and meeting her enrichment and exercise needs. We are seeking a kind, patient, and firm person with the ability to provide her a home where she can be the only pet.

Loud noises and fast movements trigger Jessie's anxieties. A busy animal shelter is not an ideal environment for Jessie. She's doing her best to cope while she waits for a home. Anti-anxiety medication helps her through each day.

Jessie is spayed, fully vaccinated, microchipped, and ready to learn. She enjoys playing fetch, eating ice, and taking walks.

With the right person and environment, this dog will thrive - she will become the best, most loyal friend a person could hope for, but it's going to take dedication, and a SERIOUS commitment from her person to turn this poor girl's life around. Could you be that person?

## Esperanza (Espie for short) has been patiently waiting for a home for NINE months

Espie is a stunning, happy-go-lucky, mellow, 4.5-year-old, Brindle print, Presa Canario, who weighs in at about 100 lbs. In her former life she was used to breed at least 3 litters of pups. She is housebroken, current on vaccinations, spayed, and microchipped. She loves people and is seeking a home where she can be around her human most of the time and be the only pet. Large breed dog owner experience is beneficial but not required. Espie will make someone a loyal companion if she's just given the chance.

## Can't adopt?

You can assist these dogs in finding homes by sharing their story with your friends and family. The more people who see them, the sooner they will be out from behind bars and snuggled up on couches where they belong. Follow us on the socials below for updates and simple share options.



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@lrhs\_pets\_and\_friends



@lakesregionhumanesociety

# BARTHELOMEW'S STORY

BarthelomeW (Bart for short) is a handsome and sweet cat who was delivered to Lakes Region Humane Society on Valentine's Day by a good Samaritan after living as a stray in Wakefield. He had a significant deep tissue wound behind his left ear. The Kindness Animal Hospital cut away the dead tissue surrounding his wound, cleaned it, and administered antibiotics. Utilizing funding from "the Saving Grace Fund" (see page 2) Bart visited The Kindness Animal Hospital six more times for laser treatments and checkups which expedited his healing process. He was scooped up by doting adopter, Vanessa Kestner, on St. Patrick's Day. Vanessa kindly agreed to participate in an interview with us, see below.

**Q: Why do you choose to adopt?**

**A:** I think adopting is very important. There are SO many unwanted animals (and children!), and adoption is the best way to give them homes, safety, and love. My first adoption was in 2005, a young dog named Kayla from Puerto Rico who had been abused and was terrified of people, especially men. Since then I've adopted five other furry friends in need.

**Q: You drove from New York to New Hampshire to adopt Bart, traveling five hours each way. Why?**

**A:** I adopted Jacob Cat from LRHS in Dec 2016 while I was living there in NH. He was the best cat. He passed away in August of 2021, and I still miss him dearly. Your post about Bart popped up on Facebook. He looked like my Jacob Cat and appeared to share his Cat-itude! I think Jacob Cat came from the same area and my sister believes Jacob Cat could be Bart's great-great uncle (anything is possible). We had an uncle named Bart who passed at the age of 35, until now he was the only Bart I'd ever known. He used to call himself "Black Bart" when they played as kids...

Anyhow, I showed Bart's profile to my husband Matt that night. I woke at 2:00 am and couldn't stop thinking about Bart. So, while Matt slept next to me and our two dogs and cat slept on us, I completed the online adoption application and, on St. Patrick's Day, I made the journey to NH to adopt Bart. I brought him home to our farm which is called Golden Heart Farm located on Lake George in NY. It is similar to the Lakes Region of NH. I liken our town to Wolfeboro. In honor of my uncle and our farm, we have dubbed Bart "Black Bart, King of Golden Heart".

**Q: How is Bart doing now?**

**A:** Black Bart, King of Golden Heart has settled in beautifully. He has excellent manners. They [two dogs and both cats] are now all "fully" integrated. We are IN LOVE with him, and are SO thankful to have him with us. Rivkah [household cat] is happy to have a friend and Bart is getting used to getting kisses from the dogs.

From LRHS - our gratitude goes out to Bart's adopters, our donors, our dedicated staff and volunteers, and our local veterinarians for their efforts in making the world a better place, one animal at a time. Bart is proof that your work is paying off.

Please consider donating today to help pets, like Bart, find the happily-ever-after's they deserve.



How it started. Bart's ear wound upon intake.



Bart visiting The Kindness Animal Hospital for laser treatments.



How it's going. Bart hanging with his new family (bottom left corner).

## HOW WE CAN HELP

**Free Pet Surrenders** - there is no cost to surrender your pet or a stray to LRHS for residents of Wakefield, Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro, Effingham or Ossipee.

**Free Pet Adoptions for Veterans and Military Personnel**

**Free Lost & Found Pet Assistance** - call, email, or message us to report a found or missing pet, we help reunite pets and owners.

**Free Fully Vetted Barn Cats** - submit the "barn cat application" to get on the barn cat waiting list.

**Free Pet Pantry** - pet food & supplies to those in need.

**Pet Meals on Wheels** - free pet food and supplies will be delivered to current Meals on Wheels recipients.

**Nail Clippings** - by appointment, \$15 per pet.

**Low cost carriers/crates** - \$10 cat carriers, \$25 dog crates.

**Havahart Trap Rentals** - \$50 refundable deposit.



## PET POINTERS



**Keep dogs leashed** when off your property. This will reduce the chances of Fido becoming lost, injured, getting quilled, sprayed by skunks, or getting into fights with other dogs. Even if YOUR dog is friendly it can still encounter unfriendly dogs and fights may occur. A long leash is a great way for a dog owner to stay in control of a dog while allowing it to run and explore.

**Update your pet's microchip information regularly** so they can be reunited with you if they go missing.

**Outfit Fido with a snug fitting collar featuring a current rabies tag, town license tag, and a tag with YOUR address and phone number.** This will ensure if Fido goes missing, he will be returned to you ASAP. Unless he slips his collar...

**License your dog with your respective town.** Towns will require a small fee (\$5-\$10) and proof of a current rabies vaccination.

**Lakes Region Humane Society**

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Make a donation today! Your gift stays right here and directly funds pet medical care, food, heating, electricity, and the countless other things required to keep these pets, who have been uprooted from all they knew and loved, as comfortable and calm as possible until we can find them PAW-some new homes.

We understand times are tough but these animals have no one to advocate for them. They have nowhere else to turn. They need YOUR backing to ensure they go on to live the happy lives they deserve.

Please use the enclosed remittance envelope to give what you can to this worthwhile cause or scan the QR code below to donate online.

*Save a pet, donate today!*

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Love ♡





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*Turn to page 4 for the adventures of Black Bart, King of Golden Heart!*