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The little shelter with a big heart!

October, 2022

Fall Edition

SAVE THE DATE

for the

Holiday Dinner, Auction, & Awards Ceremony

Sunday, Dec. 4th at the O Bistro Barn in Wolfeboro



AFTER 442 DAYS AT LRHS KITKAT WAS ADOPTED!

KitKat was brought into the safety of LRHS by Ossepee Police in June, 2021. He was to be held as evidence for an animal cruelty/neglect trial which met with delay after delay.

When KitKat came to us he had gaping wounds behind both ears. He was evaluated by a veterinarian, and our team administered the prescribed daily medical care until he healed. Once better, he was transitioned from quarantine to his very own cat room. He had a fan club of staff members who snuggled him daily. KitKat is a charmer.

Thankfully, on 8/26/22 a motion to transfer ownership to LRHS was granted by the judge. From there we were able to have KitKat neutered, brought up to date on vaccinations, and microchipped. On 9/15/22 he was adopted into a loving new home where he is showered with attention, just the way he likes it! We are thrilled that, at long last, KitKat is free.

We want to thank the Ossipee Police Department for looking out for our furry friends. They put countless hours into this project and overcame many roadblocks, as did we.

To learn more on how to report animal cruelty visit our website www.LRHS.net and click the "Reporting Cruelty" tab.

WHAT'S OUR #1 PET-RELATED COMMUNITY NEED? SURVEY SAYS...

LRHS has seen a substantial increase in operating costs. From veterinary care to electricity, the cost of living and keeping our doors open has skyrocketed. We realize this increase in expenses affects our community members too. The pandemic has shaken up the trends we were relying on so now it's time to reevaluate to see how we can better assist. Much of how LRHS can help boils down to education, which is part of our mission and why this newsletter is dedicated to providing guidance and education to pet owners/pet lovers.

The pandemic created an influx of pet and human population growth in our area. As a result, pet service providers are struggling to keep up with this unanticipated burst of need.

Our advice? Plan ahead. Being patient and proactive is the best thing you, as a pet owner, can do right now. Book veterinary visits, dog training sessions, pet sitters, nail trims, grooming appointments, etc. months in advance to ensure your pet gets the care they need when they need it. Our website contains helpful information on all of these topics. Visit www.LRHS.net, click the "Services" tab, and select the "Resources" drop down for a listing of pet related services.

We recently put out a survey to gauge the current needs of our community members. Below are the top 5 responses.

#1 Access to low-cost veterinary services - While low-cost options *are* available, many have wait lists. Closest available resources include, **The Tractor Supply Store in Ossipee** they hold vaccination clinics every-other Saturday. It's first come-first served. Cats must be in carriers, dogs must be leashed. Call Tractor Supply with questions 603-539-2736. **The NH Dept. of Agriculture** has an Animal Population Control Program. An application process is required to prove financial need. Once approved, the state issues a spay/neuter voucher for owners to use at participating veterinary hospitals. Call 603-271-3511 to request the application and a listing of participating veterinarians. **Rozzie May Animal Alliance** is a low-cost spay/neuter/vaccination clinic based in Conway. Call them at 603-447-1373 or visit Rozziemayanimalalliance.org to book your appointment. Check our website for alternative low-cost spay/neuter clinic options throughout NH.

#2 Grooming & nail trims - Reserve the earliest appointment you can get with your groomer, you may have to wait longer than normal. In the mean time, you can utilize LRHS for nail trims. Appointments can be made in advance by calling 603-539-1077. Pets must be current on Rabies vaccinations, cats crated, and dogs leashed. Cost is \$15 per pet.

#3 Boarding, Pet sitters, & Doggie daycare - While these exist in our area many are booked out, surprise, surprise right? Kennel space at LRHS is reserved for pets who don't have homes or owners to look out for them, therefore LRHS can't offer to take in owned pets at this time. It may be prudent to reach out to trusted teens or retirees to ask if they'd be willing to care for your pets in return for payment.

#4 Dog Trainers - LRHS is looking into partnering with a trainer to offer a couple of basic classes here this spring. We understand that does not fix the problem now. We are collecting positive reinforcement based training videos and sharing them on our Facebook page so you can begin training on your own in preparation for an appointment with a trainer. Many trainers now offer virtual participation options which could tide you over until space in an in-person class opens up.

#5 Dog Parks - Fortunately, our area boasts three! The NICK Recreational Facility in Wolfeboro has both a small and large dog park. The Town of Ossipee has a dog park at Constitution Park and the Town of Wakefield is building a new dog park in their ballpark complex.

PRO TIP: Before heading to the dog park, ensure your dog is friendly, current on Rabies, Distemper, and Kennel Cough vaccinations, and has NO signs of illness. There has been an outbreak of highly contagious upper respiratory infections in dogs resembling a combo of kennel cough and pneumonia. Vets recommend keeping dogs current on vaccinations (see page 4).



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If interested in becoming a transport sponsor call 603-539-1077 or email mwilliams@lrhs.net



CABELLA NEEDS A HOME

Cabella has been patiently waiting for a home for SIX months!

She is a 3.5 year-old, spayed, 70 pound, brindle-print dog who loves people but is not a fan of other pets. She will make someone a loyal companion if given the chance. Not looking to adopt? You can help Cabella find a home by sharing her story with your friends and family. The more people who know about her, the sooner she will be out from behind bars and snuggled up on a couch where she belongs.



HATS FOR SALE

Represent LRHS in style this fall with a handcrafted AllieCap. They also make great gifts! Proceeds benefit shelter pets.

\$35 each

WISH LIST

- Canned dog food, chicken
- Canned cat food, chicken
- Clumping, unscented, litter
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Contractor trash bags
- Printer paper
- Baking soda
- Exam gloves
- Chicken pill pockets
- Cheese wiz

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VACCINATION STATION

Part of our adopter screening process includes checking medical histories for past and current pets. LRHS spends a lot of time and resources ensuring our pets are as healthy as possible before placing them in new homes. It is important to us that their new owners understand why vaccinating and routine veterinary care is essential to the long-term health of their pets.

Rabies Vaccinations are required by law for cats and dogs alike.

Spaying/neutering is a vital part of reducing pet overpopulation and suffering. As an animal shelter, we see first hand the importance of spaying/neutering because we work directly with many of the saddest scenarios which result from unwanted litters. We want to know we are adopting our shelter pets to folks who will want be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Please spay and neuter your pets.

Kennel Cough or Bordetella Vaccines are advised for dogs who spend time with other dogs. Kennel cough is highly contagious between dogs. Most boarding facilities and doggie daycares require proof of this vaccination prior to checking in pets.

Distemper Vaccinations are critical to the wellbeing of both cats and dogs, yet most people don't know why. So let's explore it... Canine Distemper and Feline Distemper (or panleukopenia) is a highly contagious viral disease caused by a virus that is shed in bodily fluids or even by fleas from infected animals. The hands and clothing of humans who handle infected animals can also spread the disease to pets. This means even if your pet is an indoor pet, YOU can bring the virus home to them (example, if you stepped in contaminated fox feces or were sneezed on by a dog who walked by you on the street). The virus is very resistant to environmental conditions and difficult to destroy; it can remain infectious for years. Routine household disinfectants will not kill the virus, but a 1 to 30 dilution of bleach should be used to clean any appropriate surfaces.

The virus affects primarily the lungs, intestines, and nervous system. Symptoms of the infection can include coughing, diarrhea, vomiting, loss of appetite, dehydration, weight loss, seizures, and encephalitis. Secondary infections can present as discharge from the eyes and/or nose, and pneumonia. Puppies and kittens are at the highest risk.

Currently there are no medications to treat distemper. Vaccination is the best strategy. These vaccinations fight against a wide range of distemper strands. They help kittens from falling victim to Panleukopenia, Calici, and Rhinotrachetis and help pups from contracting Adenovirus, Parainfluenza, Parvo, and Lepto. Puppies and kittens should be isolated from new animals until they have completed their series of vaccinations. A series of vaccinations followed by adult boosters stimulate the animals immune system to produce protective antibodies. Should the pet come into contact with the virus, these same antibodies will help successfully fight off the infection.

Another syndrome associated with the feline distemper virus occurs when a susceptible pregnant cat or a new-born kitten is exposed. The kittens will have permanent damage to the cerebellum part of the brain and walk with an uncoordinated gait and an elevated tail. It may also affect the retinas of their eyes.



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 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.



Keep dogs leashed when off your property. This will reduce the chances of Fido becoming lost, injured, getting quilled or 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. Long leads are a great way for dog owners to stay in control of dogs while allowing them 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.

Hunting season is upon us once more. Remember to dress yourself and your pets in bright colors if you plan to go adventuring in the woods.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donating in response to this newsletter is the biggest way you can help.

All funding stays right here at our little shelter 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 PAWsome new homes.

We understand times are tough for everyone but these animals have no one to advocate for them and 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 spare to this worthwhile cause.

Not in a position to give right now?

You can still help pets in need by sharing our Facebook posts and this informational Newsletter with your friends and family.

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**LRHS Board Members strike a pose at the Play "Fore" the Pets Golf Tournament Fundraiser held Sept. 16th.
Left to right - Carole Hunt (President), Lisa Conant, Dorrie Vrettos, Leah Frim (Secretary), & David Breen.**