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May 19, 2018 – Adoption event with North Shore Animal League/Artisan Fair,
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June 2, 2018 – Mini adoption event, Hamden Petco 11am-2pm

June 10, 2018 - Adoption event with North Shore Animal League, CT Fresh Food
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July 1, 2018 – Adoption event with North Shore Animal League, Guilford Petco
11:30am-3pm

July 14, 2018 – Mini adoption event, North Haven Petco 11am-2pm

July 29, 2018 – Kitten Games with North Shore Animal League, The Only Game In
Town North Haven 11:30am-2pm

August 11, 2018 – Mini adoption event, Hamden Petco 11am-2pm

August 19, 2018 – Dessert Crawl/ Adoption event with North Shore Animal
League, Broadway Island at Yale 11:30am-3pm

September 9, 2018 – Adoption event with North Shore Animal League, Clinton
Petco 11:30am-3pm

September 15, 2018 – Mini adoption event, North Haven Petco 11am-2pm

These dates may change so please check our website for confirmation.

**This issue of AmongFRIENDS
is dedicated to: Princess,
Jake, Sanford, Betty,
and Bruce**

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Bringing Up Babies

Some people have the most rewarding jobs. Take, for example, Allyson Eliason, whose photos accompany this article: She has become one of the Friends of the New Haven Animal Shelter's most experienced kitten fosterers, for years playing surrogate mom to litters of babies who have lost their real moms. She makes sure they're well fed, develop good bathroom habits and get well-socialized to a world with lots of other cats, dogs and people—until such time as they're ready to face life on their own (but of course, in the company of an adoptive family).



It may sound like a tough duty, but Eliason is up to the challenge. She grew up as a die-hard animal lover with

parents who would not allow her to have a pet (although she eventually talked them into a guinea pig), known for trying to save any injured wild bird, toad or turtle who crossed her path. Even though she lived in New Haven, she decided she wanted to attend high school at Lyman Hall in Wallingford for its program in animal husbandry. "I thought it would be great, but I found out it was all about slaughtering animals," she says. Still, to stay at Lyman Eliason was required to find an extracurricular activity where she'd spend several hours a week working with animals in some capacity. That's when her mother, who worked for the City of New Haven, suggested she volunteer at the New Haven Animal Shelter.

So, in 1981—when she was just 13 and cultural conceptions about animal rights and welfare were still somewhat in the dark ages—Eliason began spending her weekends cleaning kennels and feeding and playing with the shelter dogs. (Keep in mind, this was at least a decade before the FNHAS was established.) "It was very archaic back then," she says. "We fed

the dogs this terrible mix of dog food stretched out with grain and hot water. The dog runs were just so cold in the winter. I remember one time a dog had puppies in her kennel and no one could take them home. I really wanted to, but my parents wouldn't let me. It broke my heart, because the puppies all died."

At age 22, she had her first experience with kitten fostering when a friend brought her an abandoned kitten found in her family's backyard. "I just said; 'I'll take care of it.'" Eliason recalls. She bonded with the orphan over bottle feeding, naming him Sylvester. "I wound up keeping him, he was just this beautiful silver-and-black cat with American shorthair markings," she says. "He was with me for 16 years."

Shortly thereafter, she opened her own pet-grooming business—Cheshire's Beauty in the Beast, now in its 25th year—and began fostering in earnest. "The minute I opened my doors, people started bringing me cats and kittens who needed a home, she says. "Once people hear you do rescue, they find you." For years, she took in countless pregnant cats, orphaned kittens and nursing mother cats who



she matched with orphaned kittens, displaying the adoptable animals in a large cage she kept in her shop.

Ultimately, trying to arrange adoptions herself while managing a home with her husband Sean, two daughters, three dogs and three cats became impossible. These days, Eliason limits herself to fostering for the Friends, having returned to the New Haven Animal Shelter fold after meeting FNHAS volunteers Delette Corwel and Karen Marchione. "It's just easier, because the cats

get old enough, and you bring them back to the shelter," she says—although she can't resist still trying to find potential adopters for the kittens once they return.



She's become something of an expert on the fostering process itself. Young kittens are bottle-fed KMR, a high-nutrition replacement for mother's milk, almost constantly. "I don't let anyone else feed them, there's a knack to it,"

she says. "I even bring them to work with me. I always let them take the bottle until they pull away; you can't force food into them." She admits that, "It killed me in the beginning that not every single kitten survives—things you don't anticipate go wrong—but I've gotten better with that." She's also managed to resist the urge to keep the cats she's fostered. "There are a lot I've been in love with, but I've had to say 'no,'" she says. "Otherwise, I'll become a cat collector."

Along the way, she's gotten crucial assistance from husband Sean, who works at a police garage next to the shelter and has become the designated pick-up and drop-off man for every litter. Her 19- and 14-year daughters, too, have gotten into the act, helping with kitten socialization. "My younger daughter loves playing with them," Eliason says. "She'll dress them in doll clothes and lay them in her baby carriage, and they'll just lay there, enjoying it. I always marvel at that.

"The kittens I foster get used to riding in a car, living with noise, dealing with other dogs and cats," she adds. "They get regular brushings. I make sure they're very well-rounded." We're sure these lucky kittens appreciate Eliason's loving ministrations as much as we do at FNHAS.

Our Dogs are Trippin'

Remember how excited you were as a child when your family would go on a day trip? It meant going to the beach or to the park, going out for an ice cream, heading out on a shopping spree for something special, or enjoying a swim in the lake. It meant relaxation, rejuvenation, exploration, meeting a new friend or revisiting old ones. Our shelter dogs feel the same way. When it is their turn for a day away from the kennel, the results are transforming.

The concept of the "Doggie Day Trip" began several years ago. Many animals were arriving at the shelter starving, injured, anxious, or with behavioral issues arising from neglect or abuse. Those who were not adopted right away became depressed and appeared unfriendly because of the high noise level and the stress of being confined to a cage. The shelter staff and volunteers agreed that more time spent outdoors minimized anxiety and helped these dogs maintain a more even disposition. Guidelines for the day trips were simple but precise; an experienced dog handler would get shelter staff permission to select a dog to go on an excursion for three to four hours. Chosen dogs were carefully introduced to different experiences that were safe and non-threatening, yet stimulating.

As the "Doggie Day Trip" initiative has expanded, the staff and volunteers have seen these lucky dogs' personalities change along with their prospects for adoption. Those who had been unresponsive, anxious, withdrawn, restless and given to frequent barking have become more calm, friendly and alert. Volunteers have also found that such trips provide them the opportunity to more closely assess the dogs' behaviors and notice any medical issues that need attention. The day trips also increase our interaction with the public and heighten our shelter's community presence.

Some of our volunteers have shared their recollections of these experiences in writing.

Annalisa Paltauf, a FNHAS volunteer since 2011 who will soon go on her 50th day trip, describes Hippy Chick as, "a wonderful, laid-back, adorable dog! She is a pit-bull/boxer mix with a beautiful brindle and white coat and a cute patch of brindle on one eye. Hippy knows "sit" and will also catch treats in the air. She received her name because she was hit by a car and needed hip surgery. She has a scar on the back of her leg, but she no longer walks with a limp and doesn't seem to have any problems running short distances."



Hippy Chick

"One place we visited was D'Aniello's Amity Bicycles in Woodbridge. She seemed instantly at ease and was happy to meet everyone. She stood behind me and then began to approach people. I gave some of them treats to give Hippy and after that she was their friend. Hippy likes to lean against your legs to snuggle and will do this with anyone who pets her. She was so well behaved and calm that I felt comfortable letting her off-leash in the bike shop."

"Hippy sat next to me on the bike shop sofa for a while and then went to look out the back door window. She found the plush draft dodger at the bottom of the door and started to play with it. I didn't want her to destroy it, so we found some old bike tubes and

tied them into knots for her to play with. Hippy loved them! She played fetch and tug and enjoyed chewing on them."

"Hippy is friendly, quiet, mellow, and has the perfect amount of playfulness in her! I had no trouble falling in love with her. She will make the best "forever friend" and I hope she is adopted soon."

Jill King, who's volunteered since 1995, began day-tripping in 2014. She brought 7-year-old pit bull Mama—who has since been adopted—enjoying a "Spa Day" at the Hamden salon Little Shop of Howlers. She writes, "Mama has skin problems with some sores and Little Shop of Howlers has generously helped some of our other dogs who have also had skin issues. I think Mama was a bit nervous as she would not take any treats until we brought out the Cheez Whiz. She loves Cheez Whiz."



Mama

"She started with a blueberry facial. I think she just loved that!! She then had an oatmeal bath. After that she had her micro bubble bath, which is a new skin therapy for dogs which cleans and clarifies the skin (Howlers is the only place in Connecticut to have this technology). It is amazingly relaxing for the dogs too. Mama was then blown dry!! As you can see, she was a treasure from start to finish."

King also enjoys taking dogs for training at Paws 'N Effect in Hamden, noting, "I find that they are like sponges and so eager to use their brain. Physical exercise is important, but even more important is brain exercise."

"During one training session, our dog Maisie was lunging at other dogs in the class. The trainers erected a partial barrier to keep her focused on me. This worked so well that when I brought her to our next class, the participants asked me if I brought a different dog. They were amazed that Maisie had improved after only one class! She was so well behaved. Maisie was adopted, and her new owner continues with training classes at Paws 'N Effect."

As for Deb Wan, president of the FNHAS volunteer group and volunteer since 2009, the best times are when she can bring a dog to hang out at home in her backyard. "I have been taking dogs out on day trips for about four or five years," she writes. "I usually try to pick dogs who have been at the shelter the longest or dogs who seem particularly stressed in their kennels."



Taj

"One of my first day trippers was Taj, a very cute shepherd mix who had been at the shelter for over a year. Her true personality came out during her day trips, and I was able to tell the shelter staff, the volunteers and people following our Facebook page that Taj was an affectionate and sweet girl who loves to be close to people. Now adopted and named Lily, I love to hear from her family about how wonderful she is doing in her fur-ever home!"

"Last year, we had a dog named Grandma who was quickly deteriorating during her stay with us. I took her out almost every week for a couple of months, so she could spend some

time out of the shelter environment. Grandma got so used to our day trips that she would run to my patio when we got to my backyard because she knew that was where her food and her dog bed were, and after she ate, she could take a nap in the sun and relax.”

“I have considered it an honor to be able to take our shelter dogs out on day trips—they seem to love them, and I really enjoy being able to spend



Grandma

an extended amount of time with each dog. I look forward to taking more dogs out on day trips in the future!”

The next time you see a dog sporting a yellow “Adopt Me” lead, it’s probably one of our pups. Come over, introduce yourself, and hopefully, you will meet your next forever friend.

Shelter Updates

It has been a busy year so far for the Friends! Thanks to the assistance of North Shore Animal League America and their intrepid van drivers, we have held monthly adoption events at a variety of locations in New Haven and beyond. We also went to North Haven Petco and Hamden Petco for our usual monthly mini-adoption events, which are events where we transport the animals ourselves. The dogs and cats enjoy a day away from the shelter, and we always have a good time spreading the word about our adoptable animals and our organization.

We are thrilled to report that our shelter renovations are now complete. The cats now have a new cat room to live in while they are waiting for their forever homes, and the new reception area is more welcoming to our visitors.

Generous donations from our community supporters were used to help remove growths on Maple, a sweet and smart Shepherd mix who is now in her new home, and to help George, a cat whose leg had to be amputated after being hit by a car. Oliver, an extremely cute dog who had an operation to remove a large cyst from his abdomen, was also suffering from malnutrition and pneumonia when he first came to the shelter. He is now happy and healthy with his forever family. We have also paid for medical care for two dogs who needed cherry-eye repairs, and dental work for other shelter animals. We greatly appreciate your kindness in providing the much-needed funds that enable us to provide this kind of care for our cats and dogs.

Please visit our social media sites to find out about our adoption events! We are excited to be a part of the Shoreline Spring Festival and Pet Adoption Fair, which takes place May 19th on the Madison Green. We also will be at Broadway Island in New Haven Aug. 19th for an animal adoption event to be held in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Appetizer and Dessert Crawl—a portion of the crawl tickets will go to our organization. Hope to see you there!



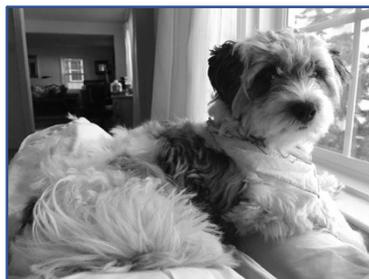
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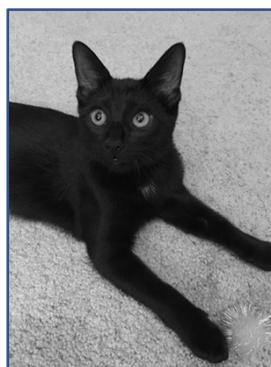
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Ghost

We Thank You – In Memoriam

- Tatiana Adreyeva in "loving memory of my mom, Olimpiada."
- Carol Anthony in memory of Buddy Mudry, "best Golden ever!"
- Carol Asperelli in memory of Delilah, "I will always love you and you will always be my girl."
- Anne Bailey in memory of Gigi.
- Kathryn Barringham in memory of Ben.
- Kathryn Barringham in memory of "my mom, Eileen Barringham."
- Lisa Brayall in memory of KC and Willie Brayall, "Mommy misses you."
- Richard Bromley in memory of Rusty.
- Marsha and Tom Brunelle in memory of "Muffin the Wonder Dog."
- Monica Cofrancesco in memory of Harley D.
- Robin Covino in memory of Bonnie and Chip.
- Edward Danaher in memory of Dorothee.
- Mary-Anne Davis in memory of Tiger Lily.
- Mary Drury in memory of Edgar.
- Janelle Duff in memory of Ed Pinunsky.
- Cynthia Fabian in memory of "Fat Boy, beloved pet of Vic."
- Jennifer Fontaine in memory of Melvin Fontaine.
- Cynthia Gackenheimer in memory of Blondie, "to honor his owner Chris Gackenheimer."
- Julia Gouveia in memory of Belle.
- Kate and Peter Hvizdak in memory of Kay Lund, "a dear friend."
- Peggy Ianniello and Emma in memory of Belle, "beloved companion of Judy Gouveia."
- Karen Isaacs in memory of Ruggles and Vivvy.
- Dolores Luteri in memory of "my Coco and Lucia for years of happiness."
- Beverly Johnson in memory of Richard S. Fitol "who held the goals of the FNHAS dear to his heart."
- James Johnson and Laura Margolin in memory of Charcoal, "the stray cat that became part of our family."
- Diane Keoh in memory of Buddha, Cleo and Daffey.
- Elaine Kittler in memory of Chunky, Sam, Jessica, Trump, and Jordan.
- Susan and Michael Keeney in memory of "our animals."
- Jean Koepke in memory of Pugsly, "a shelter dog."
- Carla Korrick in memory of Arthur and Eleanor Korrick.
- Mara Lavitt and Hayne Bayless in memory of Marissa Hatfield and Eric Betis's dogs, Toren and Ace.
- Elizabeth Ann Lester in memory of "my beautiful cats, Zoe and Clementine."
- Carolyn Millman in memory of Rosemund, Clovis, Copper, and Ming.
- Mary Molitor in memory of Riley.
- Sharon Molster in memory of Lindy, "with thanks to the FNHAS."
- The Oehrle Family in memory of "our beloved pet, Betty."
- Anne Olcott in memory of "all the dogs I have known."
- Marsha Rabe and Thom Brown in memory of Jake, "beloved pal to AJ Raccio, and a heroic champ to everyone who knew and loved him. RIP."
- Russ Reynolds in memory of Skipper, Kasper, Colonel White Socks, and Oscar.
- Denis Romania in memory of Samson, Goliath, and Champ.
- Charlene Rohloff in memory of Ric Rohloff.
- Dennis Rosenfeld in memory of Bragg and Tucker, "adopted from the New Haven Animal Shelter and who we still fondly remember."
- Theresa Santopolo in memory of Melvin, "beloved dog of Michael and Joan Nest."
- Linda Shea in memory of Gray.
- Stephanie Stanley in memory of Anna Gambardella, "who loved all her beloved pets."
- Ruth Ann Steinberg in memory of Beau, "the best kitty, AKA Harry #1018."
- Mildred Steinfeldt in memory of Maxie.
- Martha Sullivan in memory of Luna Pritchard.
- Patricia Sygiel in memory of Dudley, Toby, and Benny, "three rescued dogs."
- Mary Jane Taylor in memory of "all dogs everywhere."
- "Wild Bill" Taylor in "remembrance of Dr. Peper and the joy of my cat, Midnight, who wandered in four years ago."
- Dawn Tiedemann in memory of Tucker "my loyal companion of 16 years."
- Linda Turski in memory of Humphrey and Oakley, "forever in our hearts."
- Marquita Vallee in memory of "my 17 cats and one dog-the happy days we had!"
- Cynthia Walker and Patrick Edwards in memory of "our special 4-legged friends who have passed to the Rainbow Bridge."
- Martha Walczak in memory of Mr. Eugene Frione, "throwing you a kiss from our world to yours."
- Stephen Young in memory of Pan Pan, "a rescue dog."
- Susan Zollin in memory of "my brother David's cats, Coco and Eli, both adopted from the New Haven Animal Shelter."

In Honor Of

- Carol Anthony in honor of "Harley , my beautiful tri-pod friend!"
- Angela Arpino in honor of Zuzu, "our little love sponge."
- Carol Asprelli in honor of Dr. Jackson and Almo "at Bethany Animal Hospital."
- Monique Atherton in honor of the Therialt Family.
- Bonnie Taylor in honor of Luke and Leia.
- Sharon Bornholz in honor of "my three dogs, Shorty Long, Ross, and Ralphie."
- Katheleen Boudreau and Deborah Halverson in honor of Elaine Spinato, " a great friend and fierce advocate for animals."
- Mr. and Mrs. John Brannigan in honor of Chazz, "AKA Fat Boy, and Gizmo."
- Christopher Brown and Jane Beddall in honor of "Widget, now Togo, a wonderful dog!"
- Mr. Howard J. Brown in honor of "Anna Schildroth's hard work."
- Clementina Cardow in honor of Lefty.
- Carla and Phil Consorte in honor of Savannah.
- Edward Danaher in honor of Seamus.
- Raymond Dudley in honor of Carol Brown and David Butler.
- Holly Flugrath in honor of "FNHAS and all they do."
- Rachel Gibbons in honor of Miles, "from his friends Rachel and Alex."
- Pay Gurney in honor of "our cat, Kitty."
- Joan Hubbard in honor of Chris, Sara, and Madison Lamar-Sterling.
- Nancy Lewis in honor of Betsy Bergeron's 60th birthday.
- Barbara Luke in honor of "all my dogs and cats who are gone."
- Ruth Kennedy in honor of Patricia Grandjean, FNHAS volunteer.
- McDonald's Restaurant (AKA JC Foods) in honor of "The King of Kings."
- Patricia Miner in honor of "all friends of animals."
- Mary Molitor in honor of the "FNHAS volunteers and the wonderful work they do helping animals."
- Mary Nelson in honor of Jill Minichio, " a long-time supporter of the New Haven Animal Shelter and her new pal Monty."
- M.J. Petretto in honor of Marisa Kalt.
- Michael Pol "in the name of Raymond Pol of Orange."
- The Porter Family in honor of Tootsie, "the joy of our lives."
- Theresa Santopolo in honor of Joan and Michael Nast- 'Happy Holidays'
- Margee Schomaker in honor of Marisa Kalt.
- Carolann and Keith Setter in honor of FNHAS, "thanks for giving God's homeless pets a second chance."
- Anna Simeone in honor of "too many beautiful dogs to mention."
- Emily Storm in honor of Anne Storm, Matt Kroh, and Ruby Calumnas.
- Patricia Sygiel in honor of Pepper.
- Erica Uzmann in honor of Olive (Rosie), "Thank you for helping us find her."
- Sandee and Nick Vekakis in honor of Bree.
- Melissa Whitson in honor of Fenway, "adopted from the New Haven Animal Shelter, now 11 years old."
- Susan Wilber in honor of Dr. Sarah Wilber, White Rose Veterinary Clinic, York, SC.
- Susan Lloyd Yolen and Tim Yolen in honor of Ramona.
- Rebecca Weiner in honor of Danielle (Dani) Callaghan.
- Judith Wise in honor of Max, "doing well!"