A Letter from Our President

If 2012 was the year of getting our feet under us, then 2013 was the year of getting the community behind us! From volunteers to donors to island businesses and organizations, Nantucket rallied behind its new animal shelter. Because it was volunteer run, the shelter took many resources (and much resourcefulness!) to keep it going day to day. It is a community–run, community–funded, community–serving organization. It is also a community within a community, bringing people of disparate backgrounds, ages, and interests together to share their love of animals. In other words, NSHA takes a community to run, but it also makes a community in the running.

In a world so separated by hard plastic devices, it is the warm, soft bodies of our furry friends connecting us. Caring for animals with no homes—those who are lost, unloved, injured, or abandoned—brings people to the shelter, but it is often the people they meet there who keep them coming back. Terry, one of our regular volunteers, puts it like this: “I keep volunteering because NSHA has become another ‘place’ for me, where I belong. NSHA peeps are my peeps.” Janet Forest, a NSHA fund-raiser, had this to say: “NSHA is a labor of love born from the work of a few local volunteers that has blossomed into a vital part of the Nantucket community.”

Thanks to so many people like Terry and Janet, NSHA had a great 2013. The stories in this annual report are but a fraction of what happens every day in our little shelter, a fraction of the love, the caring, the effort, the tears, the discussions, the decisions, the sharing that go into taking on the responsibility of Nantucket’s homeless pets.

I love being part of this community—both the Island of Nantucket, and the organization that is NSHA. Thank you all for being part of it, too!
—Pam Murphy
WHO WE ARE

In 2013 we hired our first staff members! Though our volunteers still do the bulk of the work to keep the shelter running 7 days a week, our Operations Manager, Michelle Perkins, is our point person. She is responsible for being on site most days and handling the day-to-day issues that arise, whether they be adoptions, surrenders, strays, visitors, volunteers, or found animals. Lucky for us, Michelle has always felt strongly connected to the natural world and has volunteered for many animal and environmental causes. Before we hired her, she was already one of our most dedicated volunteers and our Cat Adoption Coordinator. Welcome, Michelle!

Our Animal Care Giver, Angela Gray, works at night to ensure the animals are fed, walked, tucked in, and that the place is spotless for the next day. She also undertakes the heavier cleaning tasks that get pushed aside during the busy day-time hours. Angela is an animal lover from way back. She shares her home with her Bassett hound, Daisy, two cats, Poppy and Cricket, all of whom were adopted from the Nantucket shelter, and a 6 year old bunny named Diego.

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“Our Shelter is located at the side door of 11 Crooked Lane, the Offshore Animal Hospital. We are open 7 days a week from 10-6. We love to have you stop by, but it’s always a good idea to call ahead: there are days when the place is hopping! 508-825-2287

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Michelle Perkins
Operations Manager and Cat Adoption Coordinator

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OUR PROGRESS

Last year we published our vision for the year ahead in our annual report. In looking back at that list, it’s amazing to see how close to the mark we were and how much of what we envisioned has actually come to fruition:

✚ Create a Spay/Neuter Fund. Thanks to a generous grant from the M. S. Worthington Foundation, we created SNIPP (Spay/Neuter Island Pets Program), which allows us to offer free or reduced spay neuter surgeries for island pets whose owners show financial need. This is a huge part of ending pet overpopulation and saving the lives of the animals in our shelters.

✚ Provide medical assistance for more pets in crisis. We were the recipients of two generous grants in order to expand our Lucky Whiskers and Wags Fund. Both the Community Foundation for Nantucket and the Carlee Charitable Trust put their trust in us to make the hard decisions about which animals to help with the over-and-above medical costs that come with a chronic medical condition or an acute illness or major injury. We’ve tightened up our process, added an application, and helped more animals than ever. We are still working with the clients of Nantucket Behavioral Health Services and A Safe Place, but we’ve expanded our reach to include other island animals in need so that they can receive discounted medical services at Offshore Animal Hospital and Animal Care with Kindness.

✚ Rescue more animals. In 2013 we had 5 batches of Little Mountain Rescue dogs come to Nantucket, totaling 31 dogs. We were also able to reach out to South Shore Humane Society to help them reduce their cat numbers. We took in 16 of their adoptable cats, freeing their space up so they could help others.

✚ Expand our outreach to the community. Our Humane Education Volunteers hosted dozens of groups, offering lessons in dog safety, responsible pet care, and overbreeding.

✚ Educate ourselves. Our board had the forethought to set aside funds in order to allow board, volunteer and staff to continue learning the best practices of animal sheltering and stay current with the latest shelter and animal advocacy protocols and laws. Six of our volunteers, staff, and board members attended the No More Homeless Pets conference in Jacksonville and came back brimming with information on shelter operations, marketing, public relations, fundraising, and advocacy to share with us all.

✚ Complete a building feasibility study. Though the study itself has not been completed, our Building committee took substantive steps this year to determine the practicability of someday having our own facility. Because we would need land and a building with specific zoning, moving into our own building is going to take finding the very right place, in the right spot, at the right time!

✚ Hire staff. Last summer it became clear that having a consistent presence at the shelter would help make everything run more smoothly—one person who could have the finger on the pulse of our many programs and activities. In September, we hired a full-time Operations Manager (OM) to do just that. At the shelter 5 days a week, Michelle Perkins is the person who manages the ins and outs of the animals, volunteers, and visitors. We also hired a part-time animal caregiver, Angela Gray, who works 4 evenings a week in order to tackle the deep-cleaning projects. What is most exciting about these hires is that we still maintain a roster of over 60 active volunteers who come in weekly (or daily!) to run the shelter on the two days the OM has off and to take on animal care giving duties for 10 shifts that Angela is not there. The volunteers feel more organized and supported with the new staff and the animals get more attention!
OUR PROGRAMS

Some people know that we take in stray and homeless animals and that we bring dogs over from the mainland to adopt to Nantucket families. But not everyone knows all the OTHER things we do. So here is a run-down of our programs:

Homeless, abandoned and relinquished pet shelter. NSHA takes in and cares for Nantucket’s stray and surrendered pets, whether given up due to a move or allergies or found wandering the lanes of Nantucket. We will never turn away an animal in need. All incoming animals receive sterilization, vaccines and a microchip before going on to new homes. To date we have placed over 150 animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, and birds.

Stray Dog Shelter. NSHA is the Town’s contracted stray dog shelter. All lost dogs brought in by Nantucket’s Animal Control Officer or citizens are cared for and safe until their owners can be located. With our public Facebook page and Twitter account, strays go home more quickly than ever.

Adoptions. We find new homes for those pets who can no longer stay with their families. We have a 100% adoption rate for our adoptable animals. Beyond animal care and re-homing, we offer behavior counseling, animal care training, and financial assistance information to pet owners.

Little Mountain Rescue. Stray dogs from Mississippi are vaccinated, sterilized, and spend the required time at an isolation facility before arriving in Nantucket, where they are adopted into loving, lifelong homes. This program not only frees up space in the overcrowded southern shelters and prevents unnecessary euthanasias, but it saves people from supporting pet stores, puppy mills or “backyard breeders.”

Land to Sea Cat Rescue. NSHA helps other overcrowded Massachusetts shelters with their overflow of adoptable cats and kittens, finding them loving homes on Nantucket.

Lucky Whiskers and Wags Fund. While all of our animals receive an exam, vaccinations and neutering, NSHA’s Lucky Whiskers and Wags fund covers the costs of “above and beyond” medical expenses for animals needing surgery, medications, or other long-term medical care. Providing this medical treatment is not a luxury; treating medical issues while the animal is in our care is the humane thing to do and makes the pet more adoptable. Thanks to The Carlee Charitable Trust and The Community Foundation for Nantucket for funding this invaluable program!

Community Outreach. NSHA visits community groups in order to publicize our services for animals: the Rotary, NHA Brown Bag Lunch series, Sherburne Commons, the Island Fair, Our Island Home, and the Farmer’s Market are all outlets for educating community members about pet overpopulation, the rewards of pet adoption, and the humane treatment of companion animals.

SNIPP: Spay/Neuter Island Pets Program. NSHA offers low-cost sterilizations to island animals. All qualified animals receive a discounted spay or neuter, rabies vaccination and microchip, thereby helping to keep Nantucket’s pet population in check. The M. S. Worthington Foundation completely underwrites this community program!

Humane Education. NSHA’s Humane Education program focuses on teaching young people the value of humane thinking. Our program includes animal safety, compassionate living, animal adoption and our responsibilities towards our animal companions. Girl Scout troops, summer camps, and school classes are offered programs and shelter tours throughout the year.

Volunteer Program. NSHA offers the opportunity for over 100 volunteers to find a rewarding way to give back to their community. From students needing community service hours to retirees looking for enriching work, all find training, companionship, and fun at our shelter or out in the community. We also have a robust junior volunteer program for youth under 18 who want to regularly volunteer their time to help their island’s animals.
OUR HAPPY TAILS

Mary and Nakita

Mary was 100 years old when she came to the shelter to visit with the animals and fell in love with one of our adoptable cats. Nakita, a very senior cat herself at the ripe age of 18, fell for Mary, too. After many discussions with family members and caregivers, it was decided that Mary would adopt Nakita. We knew that if Mary could not care for Nakita properly at some point, others in the family would step in to ensure her well-being. Here is what the family has had to say about this senior pet match:

Nakita is doing very well, and loves Mary to pieces and vice-versa!! First thing in the morning, Mary comes downstairs to instant purring, then Mary picks Nakita up and they both love on each other until Mary has to eat breakfast and reluctantly puts the kitty down. They eat at the same time and sleep at the same time. The last thing they do at night is say their “sweet dreams” to each other and retire. Such a purrfect match and a sweeter love you’ll never find!

Snickers

Snickers was found tied to a post at the Steamship Authority with a bag of food and a rawhide stamped with the words “Be Mine.” When the last ferry had gone and he was still there, the ferry staff and police knew to contact NSHA. We cared for this sweet young dog, and unsuccessfully searched for his family. At our summer fund-raiser, Snickers was “officially” adopted into his new home, a home brimming with kids and love!

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OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS

People and Pets: Predicting & Preventing Human and Animal Abuse

NSHA collaborated with A Safe Place to bring Allie Phillips, the director of the National Center for Prosecution of Animal Abuse and deputy director of the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse, to Nantucket to share her knowledge with animal advocates, law enforcement and social workers. She is nationally recognized for her work on the connection between violence to animals and people, and creating solutions for safe communities. Her expertise and training continue to give us the tools to be a stronger unit to protect against human and animal abuse.

Daffy Dog

The Daffy Dog Parade gets bigger each year. In 2013 over 100 dogs participated in this annual event, dressing in “haute fleur,” hoping to be judged the “Best in Show.” Thanks to Geronimo’s for donating doggy treats and to the Chamber of Commerce for presenting official ribbons to the winners:

1st: Jack & Master McGrath/Horst-Loy Family
2nd: Honey Bear & Bradley/Sean & Pat Calhoon
3rd: Heidi/Linda Phaneuf

Holidays for Homeless Animals

Connie Mundy and Ema Hudson decked out the Doggie Beds for the Nantucket Historical Association’s Festival of Trees. Many volunteers worked on our “Save them All” tree for the town lighting of the Christmas Trees. Both trees were festive ways to bring awareness to
OUR “FUN”-RAISING EVENTS

Photos with Santa
Our annual stroll fundraiser, held at Strong Wings, raised $2,000 for our shelter this year. Visitors and islanders and their furry friends turned out in their festive finest to have their pets professionally photographed with Santa. Thanks to Jeffrey Allen and “Stanta” Harvey for braving the canine chaos once again!

2nd Annual Paws for the Cause
An evening of Brazilian-inspired libations, fruit sculptures, decor and costumes, Paws for the Cause-A Celebration at Rio’s Carnivale was a smashing success, raising over $100,000 for the shelter animals. The picturesque location, generously donated by our hosts Gary and Healy Cosay (and Abbie, Zoe, Matthew and Luke Cosay), served as the backdrop for sunset dancing to the steel drums. The live auction featured “Your Dog on Lucky Dog Vodka” as well as other unique items and one-of-a-kind experiences. The funds raised at our yearly event cover a large portion of the shelter’s operating budget, making this year’s celebration a critical victory. We are thankful to all of our donors, volunteers and sponsors, especially our hosts and our presenting sponsor, Blue Buffalo.

Save the Date!
Meet us for our 3rd Annual Paws for the Cause, where we bring back the greatly anticipated Canine Couture Fashion Show: “Dressed to the K-Nines.” Wednesday, July 23rd, 2014, the tent at Bartlett’s Farm!
Get Tickets NOW at www.nantucketsafeharborforanimals.org
OUR KIDS CAN (and do)!

Kids were once again very generous to our shelter in 2013. Girl Scout troops, summer camps, and siblings thought up fun ways to raise money: birthday parties, lemonade stands, making dog biscuits, cat beds and more. We thank you and the animals thank you!

The Girl Scouts earned their Bronze Award by sewing pet beds for all of the animals in the shelter. Gratefully accepting the beds are Board President, Pamela Murphy and Volunteer Coordinator, Lori Smith.

The Seafari Girls Camp raised $558 for the Mason Fund, a fund they donate each summer to NSHA, in honor of Mason, who was adopted from the shelter many years ago.
OUR KIDS CAN (and do)!

Our Humane Education program focuses on animal safety, compassionate living, animal adoption, and responsibility to our animal friends. Throughout 2013 NSHA Humane Education volunteers met with 30 different groups of children and adults. Some of our highlights:

- Multiple educational talks to a Girl Scout troop who also toured and participated in a humane education workshop at the shelter and whose year-long project was the sewing of almost 40 dog and cat beds for the shelter.
- An educational table at the Farmer’s Markets in the spring, summer, and fall.
- Multiple visits to school programs to talk about the shelter and its mission. The students from the schools baked animal treats and created posters to help spread the word about our adoptable animals.

In 2014, we plan to expand upon these successful programs. On the horizon: a traveling humane literacy program!

Junior Volunteers

Junior volunteers (aged 15 to 18) are welcomed with open arms at NSHA. Currently, twenty junior volunteers accompany our adult volunteers on caregiving shifts. For some of them, volunteering is a way to follow their passions. Samantha has been assisting an evening caregiver for 2 years. It was her love for cats and dogs that attracted her originally, but she has since become an avid photographer, having captured innumerable beautiful shots of our shelter animals.

Youth under the age of 15 can also volunteer at the shelter accompanied by a parent or guardian. One such junior who comes with her mother every Monday afternoon in order to socialize our cats calls it her “favorite time of the week.”

And for children who can’t have a pet, the shelter offers the opportunity to interact with an animal that they wouldn’t have otherwise. Last summer Teddy and his mother visited 2 or 3 times a week. Teddy loved cats but had a severe allergy to them, which meant the family couldn’t adopt one. Throughout the summer he came to the shelter wearing a face mask so he would be able to cuddle and play with our shelter kitties.

We are very grateful for the difference that our Junior Volunteers make in the lives of our shelter animals ever day!
OUR FUNDING

Throughout our annual report you will see the many different channels through which we receive our funding, and from major grants to our Blue Dog Army of coin canisters, we are grateful for every dollar we receive. We are also very happy to report that such a large majority of those funds goes directly to our Animal Programs. To see our full financial data, request our audited 990.

Planned Giving

Including NSHA in your will is the simplest way to support our work. Planned gifts can take many forms, including gifts of cash, life insurance, stock, or real estate, and you should consult your legal or financial advisor to determine the best options for you. If you decide to make a planned gift to NSHA, please let us know so we can recognize and thank you!
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- Carlee Charitable Trust
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- New York Community Trust
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Thanks for Taking it On!

NSHA is very fortunate to have friends and supporters who do all the work and give us all the proceeds! This year, we had many individuals, businesses and groups organize events to benefit their island’s animals.

Nantucket Island Resorts named us one of the recipients of their Charity Brunch, which raised over $4,055.

Christy Baker again organized The 2nd Annual ShamRock Run in March, a 4-mile walk/run beginning and ending at Cisco Brewers, that raised $1990.

Janet Forest walked from Sconset to Madaket in the 2nd Annual Pan Nantucket Walk, raising $6,000 in pledges.

The fantastic students at Nantucket New School raised over $230 for NSHA by holding a movie night!

In July, Sea Dog Brew Pub named us the beneficiary of a percentage of their receipts for the night.

The ShamRock Run provides a fun, healthy event for locals. Safe Harbor for Animals is a special, important organization that has swooped in to help animals. We see no other organization that would couple better with the race . . . .

—Christy Basset Baker

I choose to support NSHA because it is a labor of love born from the work of a few local volunteers that has blossomed into a vital part of the Nantucket community.

—Janet Forest

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OUR SPACE

When the MSPCA left in 2011 and Offshore Animal Hospital bought the building at 11 Crooked Lane, it made the most sense for us to stay in the same space if we could. There were dog runs, cat cages, surfaces that could be sanitized, and people already knew that lost animals could be found there. Thankfully for us, Offshore welcomed tenants and we were able to keep the shelter animals right where they were by renting three (of the previous shelter’s) rooms: the dog kennel, the office, and the cat room.

While the rooms did provide us with the space we needed, they lacked a little in the area of aesthetics. Welcome the inimitable Connie Mundy! In 2013 Connie took it on as her own special mission to create a very welcoming shelter given our space and budget restrictions. She and her friend Bonnie Rizzo transformed our cat room into a warm, sexy, cozy lair for our adoptable, social cats. A hot paint color, cheetah accents, and some fun stencils made the room a place with panache where cats (and people) love spending time.

Casey Lendway and other members of the Senior Class helped spruce up the dog kennel, which, under Connie’s direction, was painted a soothing blue and organized in a way that made sense for the activities that happened there. We’re not sure if the dogs noticed the make-over, but we sure did!

Thanks to a generous grant from the William Froelich Foundation, we were able to add an isolation room to our shelter space. Renting what used to be the “wildlife” room has allowed us to have space to isolate animals who are just coming in to the shelter to be sure they are free of viruses and parasites before we let them mix with the general population.

But this room has become so much more than that. It has given us space to run tests on the incoming animals, administer medications, store food, bowls, toys, and medicines. We also use this room to give dogs a little time out of their kennels to stretch, play, and hang out with staff or volunteers. For Humane Education groups, it’s roomy enough to have educators and youth gather for meaningful lessons. It really has become a multi-use room that has added greatly to our ability to do our best work!

Though we do envision one day having our own building so that our animals have more room and more options, this room has helped us spread out a little, and enjoy all that we do have. We count it among our many blessings!
It takes a small village to run an animal shelter, so volunteers are a must at NSHA! In fact, for the first 2 years of its existence, NSHA was completely run by volunteers. From creating policies and protocols, to raising money and running community events, to scooping litter boxes and walking dogs, volunteers help keep NSHA going every single day. We love having volunteers of all ages, with all interests, with all kinds of schedules. We average about 500 volunteer hours a month, not including the hours the Board puts in! Thanks to Lori Smith for training the volunteers, Kerry Kennedy Flynn for scheduling them and Michelle Perkins for overseeing their work. And THANKS to the volunteers, who make it ALL happen!

My compassion for animals in need overwhelms me. And the more I become educated about the issues, the more urgent & necessary it feels to contribute in any small way I can. I've learned more in a few years of volunteering at NSHA than I learned in 25 years of living with animals.—Margaret Polly Hallowell

We volunteer because I want to instill in my daughter that helping out is a wonderful thing. Not only does it bring joy to her to help, it brings joy to others to receive help.—Kimberly Klein Cassano

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OUR FOSTER PARENTS

We are a small shelter with little space. When we have a lot of animals, it’s great to get them into homes to make room for others in the shelter, even if only for a little while. This is where fostering comes in. Some people are not able to make the long-term commitment of adopting a pet, but they have the space and time to have a temporary one. They are our foster parents!

Many of the animals that come into our care benefit enormously by being looked after in a domestic setting rather than the shelter environment. This may be due to the age or characteristics of a particular animal—it is crucial to the healthy development of young animals, for example, that they are well socialized. Other animals may find the shelter environment too stressful.

Our fosterers open their hearts and homes to a shelter animal on a temporary basis. Some of those foster homes “fail” in the best way—the foster home decides to adopt the animal! We are so grateful for the time and care that our fosterers give our animals. It makes all the difference. If you would like to be a foster parent, contact us at 508-825-2287!

The dogs I have fostered have been sweet, happy and full of love. They make you feel like they've won the lottery, when in fact what they bring to you is the biggest gift of all.—Kristin

It felt really good to be able to help our shelter by taking a cat into our home to foster. We have our own cats and a dog so it was good practice for Gato to get used to getting along with other animals, which helped him get ready for his forever home. —Susan and Peter

How long is the commitment?
The duration of a foster stay varies with each cat and dog depending on your needs and the animal’s needs.

What type of animal? Will it be sick or old?
This depends on our animals’ needs and your experience. Animals with extra needs require additional attention, so let us know about the time you have to foster or any relevant experience caring for very young or old or infirm or recovering animals.

What happens if the animal becomes sick?
A foster animal remains NSHA's responsibility. If the animal becomes sick we ask that you consult NSHA as soon as possible.

Does it matter if I have children or other pets?
If your family is willing to open your home to a foster animal, we will make sure it is a good fit for everyone.

How much will it cost me?
We ask only for your time and love in fostering an animal. All food, medical and supply expenses can be covered by the shelter, or donated by the foster parent.

What if we want to adopt the animal?
Let us know! Assuming the animal is adoptable, there will be a short adoption process and an adoption fee to pay.
NSHA and Social Media!

The advent of social media sites has been a boon to lost and found pets on Nantucket. Not only do we post lost and found animals on Facebook and Twitter, but so do our neighbors and friends. Then they share with friends, who share with friends, and so on and so on, making the stray stays in the shelter shorter by far than before social media was on the scene!

Our adoptable pets also get much more exposure due to sharing on social media. So “like us” and “follow us” and do your part to help animals today!

https://www.facebook.com/NonSafeHarbor
@ackshelter

Vive les Vets!

A very special shout out to Offshore Animal Hospital and to Animal Care with Kindness, Paula Klek. From discounts on medical services, to volunteering for our first annual Spay Day, both of these veterinary practices go above and beyond when it comes to helping Nantucket’s shelter animals. We thank you!

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