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Serving the People of Addison County by
Fostering the Humane Treatment of
Animals Since 1975

Shelter Hours:
Tuesday & Friday, Noon to 4PM
Wednesday & Thursday, Noon to 7PM
Saturday, 11AM to 4PM
Closed Sunday & Monday



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Mark Your Calendar!
July 16th
Rutland and Addison County's
Furst Annual Fur-Fest
A collaborative adopt-a-thon among the Rutland
County Humane Society, Addison County Humane
Society and local breed rescue organizations
10am to 2pm
Diamond Run Mall, Rutland



Tails from the Shelter

June
2005

Addison County Humane Society

Blunt trauma to the face, it
was as if he had been
kicked . . .

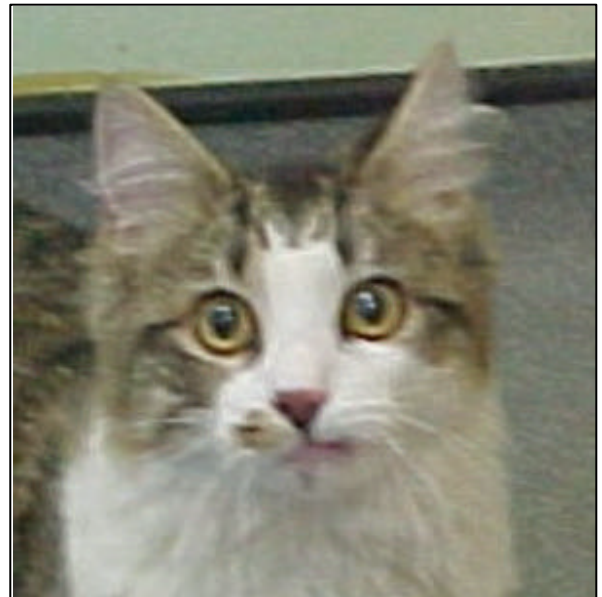
Graham finds open arms,
love, and healing

Graham's chin was split. His lower jaw was broken and dislocated on the left side. His left eye showed signs of trauma. The vet thinks it's a likely result of a severe kick to the head.

Despite the injustice, this handsome, sweet kitty has demonstrated to us once again, the **amazing resilience and capacity for love** we so often see in the animals we serve.

Graham was found one morning on a doorstep in Leicester. Skinny and injured, a kind Samaritan brought him to ACHS. He was quickly taken to the vet for evaluation where he rolled around on the exam table and purred. Fortunately, prognosis for healing looked good for this wonderful boy.

Graham is recovering well in his foster home, eating soft food so as not to disturb his wired jaw. His foster mom, ACHS Shelter Manager Sara Kurtz, thoroughly enjoys his antics and affection. She laughingly describes him as a "dog in a cat costume," saying that he follows her everywhere, hangs out with the dogs, and growls like a dog when he hears a strange noise.



This sweet boy is a major cuddler and he is looking for a forever home. He likes to plop down on your chest so he can gaze into your eyes and enjoys sleeping on the bed. He also likes to have a rambunctious good time and will play with just about anything left on the floor small enough to bat around.

If you know of anyone that might be interested in showing Graham the capacity of humans to love, please have them call the shelter. This guy deserves a wonderful home!

Inside this issue:

- ☆ Cat found in dumpster
- ☆ Summer travel tips for you and your pet
- ☆ Huge adoption event in July
- ☆ Adoptable animals

Join us in Rutland for the Furst Annual FUR-FEST!!!

Come one... Come all... to the "Furst Annual Fur-Fest" July 16th at the Diamond Run Mall, Rutland, 10am-2pm

So, what is a "Fur-Fest" you ask?? It is a **collaborative adopt-a-thon** between the Rutland County and Addison County Humane Societies, along with local breed rescue groups. This is the first multi-organizational adopt-a-thon of its kind in the state of Vermont.

So what does that mean? Lots of adoptable pets for you to visit with - Twice as many in fact! Lots of information and animals from breed rescue groups including National Greyhound adoptions, Green Mountain Pug Rescue, Above and Beyond English Setter Rescue, and Doberman Rescue.

So if you are looking to adopt a dog or cat, find out information about local rescue groups, or just want to stop by and watch the fun at the "fur-fest", stop by the Diamond Run Mall on July 16th.

Event: **"Furst Annual Fur-Fest"**
FurPlace: **Diamond Run Mall, Rt 7, Rutland**
www.diamonddrunmallvt.com
FurTime: **10am-2pm**

Hope to see you there!!! It should be a fun-filled furry time!!
For additional information contact the shelter at 802-388-1100.

Adoption Success Story Even Animals can find Love Online!

Older animals aren't always the easiest to place, but 12 year old Jack the dog, found love on the internet! His new family found him on a search of Petfinder.com and had a strong hunch he would be a great addition to their family. They were right! After a few phone discussions, they drove all the way to our shelter from Maine to meet this wonderful boy.



Jack's new family is incredibly pleased with their new addition. "He has really fit in to our household very well. What an awesome dog!! Gets along great with all my guys, loves to ride (we take him everywhere) and is VERY intelligent."

Congratulations to Jack and his new family for another adoption success!

This month's newsletter has been graciously sponsored by:

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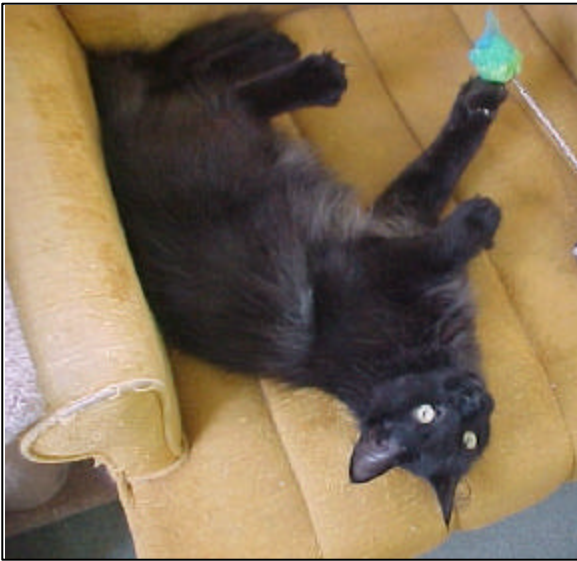
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Cat Found in a Dumpster is an Absolute Jewel!

This cat is hilarious! Cuddly and playful, you'd be hard pressed to find a cat that's more fun than Judd! Judd had tons of energy and will chase just about anything! He would love to race around your house and skid around the corners in pursuit of a ball or jingly toy. We think he gets the extra traction because he has an extra toe on all 4 of his feet! What a special boy!



Interested in some quiet cuddle time on the couch? Judd is game for that too! He eats up attention about as fast as you can dish it out and will return your affectionate touches with gentle licks and purrs.

This kitty had a rough start in life and deserves a home with people that are as special and wonderful as he is.

Judd is a 1 year old neutered male that was living in a dumpster at a local business. Employees found him and kindly brought him to ACHS. He was skinny and covered in motor oil upon arrival, but now he's a healthy, gleaming, ball of fun (and fur!)! He enjoys playing with other cats and doesn't seem to mind dogs.

Need a little more fun and fur in your life? Come on down to the shelter and meet Judd. He's ready to go home.

Kudos to "Taxi Cats"

Two local animal lovers making a difference
To help combat the rising number of unwanted felines in our community, two local animal lovers started a program last year to help low-income people without transportation get their cats spayed or neutered at the GMAD clinic in Colchester. Green Mountain Animal Defenders (GMAD) is an all volunteer non-profit organization offering an affordable spay/neuter clinic for cats.

Taxi Cats is run by two dedicated volunteers that make the trips to Colchester from Middlebury as needed. The process is fairly simple. When a person contacts Taxi cats, the volunteers take the information, make the appointment and set up a time and place to meet. On the day of the appointment, cats must be brought to the meeting location in a secure carrier and owners are required to sign permission forms. Once that is done, the cats are taken up to the clinic and returned a few hours later with post-operative care instructions.

ACHS salutes these two volunteers that are really making a difference for the animals in our community. Last year Taxi Cats transported 18 cats (13 spays/5 neuters) from all over Addison County, preventing potentially hundreds of unwanted kittens.

For more information about this great program, please contact:
Tricia at 453-4162 or Sara at 758-9233

ACHS would like to thank the following vets for volunteering their time at the shelter during March, April, and May 2005



Dr. Thomas Munschauer (Middlebury Animal Hospital)
Dr. Susan Hayden (Otterside Animal Hospital)
Dr. Donald Peddie (Cider Mill Animal Hospital)
Dr. Karen DeMoy (Otterside Animal Hospital)
Dr. Matt Quinn (Middlebury Animal Hospital)
Dr. Paul Urband (Relief Veterinarian)
Dr. Anja Wurm (Vergennes Animal Hospital)
Dr. Nate Heilman (Vergennes Animal Hospital)
Dr. Scott Sutor (Middlebury Animal Hospital)
Dr. Denise Kessler (Affectionately Cats)

Lap Warmer Seeks Lap

Meet Simon! In addition to being devastatingly handsome, Simon is a professional lap warmer! This 10 year old boy is so special that he gets free run of the shelter. He's great with other cats, dogs and children. He weighs nearly 20 pounds and is an armful (or lapful) of love. His favorite activity is curling up. If you know of anyone searching for that perfect companion for afternoon naps, please send them over to ACHS to meet Simon!
Please call 388-1100 for more information.



Happy Trails, Happy Tails

Courtesy of ASPCA www.asPCA.org

Tips for Flying with Your Pet

Flying with your pet is a perilous proposition. Hundreds of animals are injured, lost, or even killed on airlines each year. "Unless your animal is small enough to fit under your seat and you can bring them in the cabin, the ASPCA recommends pet owners not fly with their animal," says Lisa Weisberg, Esq., senior VP at the ASPCA. If you must fly, take steps to assure you and your pet arrive at your destination safely.

See your veterinarian

Make sure vaccinations are up-to-date at least 10 days before your trip.

Tell airline employees

Let ticket agents and flight attendants know you're traveling with a pet. They can help out should snags or delays occur.

Carry a photo

If a pet escapes, it'll prove invaluable. An ID tag and collar (non-choke) is also a must!

Use a crate

It should be large enough for your pet to stand and change position comfortably and approved by the USDA. Write "Live Animal" in large, bold letters on the top and sides, and tape a photo to the crate as well. Also include all travel and destination information.

Bring extra food

It can be taped in a small pouch to the outside of the crate for handy access in case of layovers. Include a bowl of frozen water inside as well; it'll melt during travel and provide a refreshing break for your pet.

Traveling by Car

Feed lightly two to three hours before travel.

Don't feed a pet in a moving vehicle.

Bring along the basics like food, water, bowls, leashes, a waste scoop, plastic bags, brushes and grooming supplies, medicines and a pet first-aid kit.

Don't forget the extras such as biscuits and treats as well as a favorite toy or pillow to comfort your pet with a sense of familiarity.

ID your pet by making sure your pet has an ID tag imprinted with your home (and/or cell) phone numbers and address. A temporary tag with vacation contact info is also a good idea.

Harness rather than leash your dog inside the car. For smaller animals, a well-ventilated crate is recommended.

Keep heads inside the car for safety's sake. If a pet hangs its head outside a moving vehicle, it can lead to injuries from flying objects, inner ear damage and lung infections.

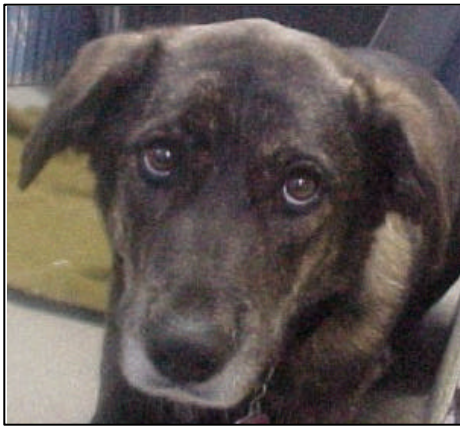
Consider pet barriers for your cargo area. Water-proof seat covers and floor liners can also ease clean-up.

Animal Abuse Stops with You.

Want to help?

Communities Have New Tool for Animal Cruelty Response

ACHS is seeking volunteers from each town that would be willing to present a civil animal cruelty ordinance to their town's select board. The process is relatively simple and involves sending information, attending a few meetings, and making follow up calls. This is a great opportunity to get more involved in your community, help the animals, and we even have an experienced volunteer willing to walk you through the process.



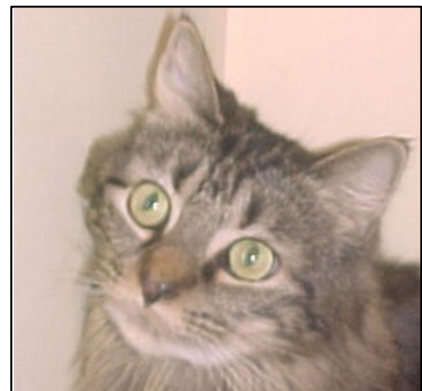
Animal cruelty is a growing problem in our society, and the Addison County Humane Society is committed to putting an end to animal suffering in the communities we serve. Last year we launched the Addison County Anti-Cruelty Coalition to facilitate cruelty investigations and ensure these cases get the attention they deserve. We are also a member of the Vermont Animal Cruelty Task Force (VACTF), a state-wide coalition whose mission is to prevent and respond to animal cruelty throughout the state.

While this shelter's role in animal cruelty response is vital, we can't do it alone. We rely on you, our members, to be our "eyes and ears" in the communities you live in, and to be watchful of situations that might warrant our assistance, or in extreme cases, our intervention. Most of the cruelty complaints we follow up on can be rectified by providing resources to a pet owner—whether it be advice on proper animal care or donations of food and supplies. Very few of the cases we investigate will end in criminal prosecution. So what happens when a situation cannot be rectified voluntarily, yet there are not enough grounds to pursue criminal action against an offending pet owner?

The VACTF commissioned the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to draft a model, civil 'animal cruelty ordinance'. Just as our local animal *control* ordinance allows officials to write tickets for infractions related to loose, vicious or unlicensed dogs, this animal *cruelty* ordinance would enable local towns to impose fines related to animal cruelty offenses. The ordinance mirrors current state law relating to the humane and proper treatment of animals, and allows towns to determine their own penalties. Ultimately, having this type of ordinance in place would give municipalities more flexibility (and weight) to correct situations *before* they get out of hand.

Now that we have this new resource to help animals in need, we need your help to bring it to your town. Select boards listen to their community members. If you are willing to accompany us to one of your upcoming town meetings to bring the model ordinance up for a vote, please contact us. Violence towards animals and humans is everyone's business, and putting an end to it is everyone's responsibility.

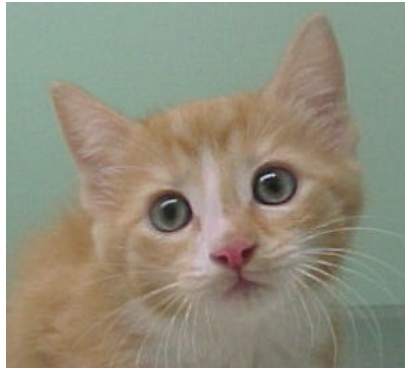
Please call Jill Tucker, ACHS Executive Director if you can help.
(802) 388-1443



Help us find great homes for the animals!!

Few things are more rewarding than helping an animal find its perfect, forever home.

Please help us with our Mobile Adoptions and share in this experience!



Have a few hours to spare to help our furry friends?
Help with mobile adoptions is needed for two ACHS programs.

Senior to Senior

This new program matching older shelter animals with senior adopters is in need of volunteers to help handle physical logistics for adoption clinics and working face to face with the public during clinics.

Includes: helping move cages, handling dogs and cats, setting up tables and signs, answering questions from potential adopters, etc. Time commitment is usually 3-4 hours, midday, weekdays. Will be running 2 or 3 clinics each month this summer. Staff will be on hand for every clinic.

If interested please contact Holly Tippetth at tippetth@aol.com or call 989-8517

ACAT (Addison County Cat Adoption Tent)

Help is needed in set-up/takedown and/or staffing these mobile adoption sites.

Dates and locations include:

- June 18, Leicester: Tag sale on the green, 9:00am to 3:00pm
- June 19, Pantou: Children's Maritime Museum and Music Festival, 10:00am to 2:00pm
- July 9, Peasant Market, Middlebury, 9:00am to 3:00pm
- August 6, National Kids Day, Vergennes, Noon to 4:00pm
- August 27, Vergennes Day, 10:00am to 4:00pm
- September 24, Bristol Harvest Festival, 10:00am to 4:00pm

Hours are flexible, so please give us a call and let us know when you can help...even if it's only for an hour or two.

Please contact Laurie @ ACHS 388-1100

The Addison County Humane Society has received donations in loving memory of:
Ann Ross Louise Duncan
Marion Slinn Arlene Armell

Flora Symon's cat "Sam"
Robert Frank's cat "Mocha"
Dan and Grace Barberis' dog "Oliver"

Special Thanks To

Middlebury Large Animal Hospital for donating the proceeds of their Rabies Clinic to ACHS

Holly Tippetth and Gregory O'Brien for hosting a winetasting fundraiser and to Andrew McCabe of Vergennes Wine for donating his wonderful wines and expertise

ACHS Wish List

Dry and Can Cat Food
Dry and Can Dog Food
Rodent Food
Rabbit Food
Dog & Cat Treats
Dog & Cat Toys
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Liquid Bleach
Liquid Hand Soap
Acrylic Knitting Yarn
Paper Towels
Cellulose Kitchen Sponges
Photocopy Paper
(white and colored)
Postage Stamps
Towels & Blankets
Bagged Wood Pellets (used for litter)
Bagged Shavings
13-Gallon Kitchen Bags
33-Gallon Trash Bags
500 mg L-Lysine Tablets
Reliable Photo Copier

A Word from the Senior- to- Senior Program

We're off and running with the new Senior to Senior Program that matches senior cats and dogs with senior citizens in Addison County through adoptions and therapeutic visits.

We have visited 7 of the 8 senior assisted- living facilities in the county reaching 135 individuals with therapeutic visits. We have partnered with The Commons, Champlain Valley Agency on Aging and their Meals on Wheels program as well as Addison County Home,



Marley is one the of the many wonderful cats at ACHS hoping to find a home through the Senior-to-Senior program.

Health and Hospice. We have participated in 3 Senior Community events and have several scheduled for this summer.

The Milk and Honey Quilt Guild (See Addison Independent, May 12th) donated a wonderful twin cat quilt to be raffled over the summer to raise money for our program. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5.

"The program is off to a strong start but we are working hard to identify senior adopters since many of them live alone. If any of our members can identify potential adopters, please let us know. I will personally provide transportation to the shelter to visit the animals," says Program Coordinator, Holly Tippet

If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, volunteering or adopting please call Holly Tippet at (802) 989-8517.

Yes!

I want to help the animals with a tax-deductible gift!



Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

Town State Zip

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

A Donation of

\$25 Funds the successful promotion of an adoptable dog or cat

\$50 Pays for the spay or neuter of one animal

\$100 Pays for supplies to vaccinate 10 animals

\$500 is an investment in the future of Animal Welfare in Addison County

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Information

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Send me information about volunteering!

Please send to:

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