



# Tails From the Shelter

December  
2003

## Addison County Humane Society

### Want to Volunteer?

#### Outreach Volunteers

Are you outgoing and friendly and love to talk about animals? ACHS is looking for volunteers who are interested in staffing outreach tables at various events and functions throughout the county. If this is something you are interested in, join the Outreach Team, and we will call you the next time an event comes up.

#### Front Desk Volunteers

Like talking on the phone? Enjoy leading people? Dream of being a matchmaker? If "yes," then ACHS wants you! ACHS still has slots for volunteers to staff our front desk. Pleasant, friendly folks at least 16 years old will answer phones, greet folks as they enter the shelter, help them find cats and dogs, and finalize adoptions. Shifts are two hours when the shelter is open. Not only do you get to work with wonderful ACHS staffers, as well as their furry friends, but you'll get valuable experience that will look brilliant on your resume!



### Jill Tucker Joins ACHS as Executive Director

We are proud and excited to announce that Jill Tucker is ACHS's new Executive Director. She will be responsible for developing and implementing budgets, policies, procedures and strategies; implementing advertising, marketing and fundraising campaigns; planning special programs and participating in community events; and serving as liaison between the board and facility staff.

"We are so excited to have Jill here," said Jim Stuart, President of ACHS's Board of Directors. "Her management and animal welfare experience, along with her enthusiasm and love for animals, will help us continue to deliver responsible animal care and effective, courteous animal services to the community."

Jill is a graduate of San Jose State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Prior to joining ACHS, Tucker was a Business Development Manager for Multimedia Live, an E-commerce software and website development company in Petaluma, California.

Jill is the past President of the Board of Directors of Home At Last Animal Rescue in Berkeley, California, where she spearheaded initiatives to establish solid infrastructure for sustainability and growth and led fundraising programs and cost-control measures. She also recently completed a workshop on how to start an animal sanctuary at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah.

Stop by the shelter today and say hello to Jill!



## WOOFSTOCK 2003: A Howling Good Time!



Many thanks to all of you that joined us on August 23 for Woofstock 2003, ACHS's annual walk and festival for the animals. More than 100 people and dogs kicked up their heels (and paws) for the walk around downtown Middlebury,

raising approximately \$6,500! This will help fund the housing and care of the 700 animals ACHS provides temporary homes for each year. We are so grateful to everyone who participated and signed up sponsors for the walk! Top fundraisers in the adult category were **Joyce N. Brooks** with \$997, **Virginia Vautier** with \$680, and **Jeanne Lemner** with \$545. Leading the children under 14 category was **David Burt** with \$310, followed by **Nicole and BreAnna Morse** with \$285, and **Hannah LaFrance** with \$37. Thanks to everyone!



Special thanks to **Kandi Heller** for running and judging the "Best Dog" and "Owner Look-A-Like" contests. Thanks also to **Shelia Andrus** of Middlebury Boarding

Grooming and **Pegg Cobb** of **Hand and Paw** for setting up and hosting the doggie agility course,

and to **Tomm Triplet** for encouraging us all to "dig like dogs" for prizes.

Support from the business community was overwhelming. Special recognition goes to our event corporate sponsors **Parker Restoration & Construction Management Corporation** as well as **J.T. Murphy Engineering**. Thanks also to **Foster Motors** and **G. Stone Motors** for sponsoring shelter dogs at the walk. Many gift certificates and in-kind donations were generously contributed by some 25 Addison County organizations. **Woofstock 2003** would not have been possible without the generosity of our local businesses, and we hope that you will support them in return.

### Support the Businesses that Support Our Community!

**Parker Restoration & Construction**  
**J.T. Murphy Engineering**  
**Foster Motors**  
**G. Stone Motors**  
**The Black Sheep Bistro**  
**Basin Harbor Club**  
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**The Vermont Bookshop**  
**Bristol Cottons**  
**4 Dogs and a Wish**  
**Sweet Cecily**  
**American Crackers**  
**Vermont Soap Company**  
**Agway**  
**Storm Cafe**  
**Frog Hollow Craft Center**  
**The Bike Center**  
**The Rainbow Room**  
**Forth and Goal**  
**Two Brothers Tavern**  
**Holy Cow**  
**Alpine Shop**  
**Dundon Plumbing**  
**Middlebury College**  
**Second Star Toys**  
**The Addison Independent**  
**Town of Middlebury**

**Tune into WCLX 102.9 FM radio to hear our new Public Service Announcements!**

## Meet the 2003-4 ACHS Board

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about the shelter or other issues relating to animals, please feel free to contact anyone on the Board. If you are interested in becoming a Board Member yourself, give us a call...the more the merrier!

**Margaret Camara** lives in an apple orchard in Shoreham with her husband, Sandy, and two feline companions Bear and Tommie. Bear was adopted from the ACHS Shelter about 14 years ago and Tommie is a more recent addition to the family. Bear and Tommie enjoy a pretty comfortable existence and were able to train Margaret and Sandy very quickly.

**Jeanne Lemner** has lived in Ferrisburgh for 10 years with her husband, Ken. She is a sales representative for Pfizer. Jeanne and Ken share their home with two beagles, one a rescue from the Rutland Humane Society and the other a roadside rescue, and one cat.

**Dottie Nelson** lives in Middlebury with her husband, Eric, and her dog, Sophie. A life-long animal lover, Dottie began volunteering at ACHS in 1978, then served on the ACHS Board during the early 1980s, after which she was hired to be the ACHS Education/Outreach Coordinator, a part-time job she held until June 2002.

**Marcia Dixon Parker** is a potter who lives in Shoreham with her husband, Jeremiah Parker, to whom she has been married for 30 years. They share their home with five cats and a dog, all rescued either from shelters or from the side of the road.

**Alex Shrake** grew up in Washington, D.C. and lived in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for several years before moving to Vermont with her husband in 2001. She works from home as an editor, and enjoys spending time with her dog, Greta, who was adopted from the Wisconsin Humane Society.

**Jim Stuart** is beginning his fifth year on the Board of Directors for ACHS. Jim lives in Hinesburg with an ACHS adoptee dog, Luna. Currently, Jim is a Managing Partner at Qvault.com, an enterprise asset management firm in Essex Junction.

**John Zecher** is an animal lover who is proud of his three cats, his dog, and his many free-range chickens. He has owned several businesses in Vermont, most recently Homestead Fence Co. He recently opened the Homestead Candle and Wreath Shop.



## Dear Zoë

*Dear Zoë:*

*Last week my friend  
and I found a bird  
that had an injured*

*wing and couldn't fly. We know that some cats would think of that situation as a great opportunity for a quick snack but we know you are above that sort of thing and we thought you might have some ideas about what we should do if we find another injured bird or animal?*

*Thanks, Two Bird Buddies*

**Dear Bird Buddies,**

I'm very happy to know that you wouldn't think that I, personally, would see an injured bird as a snacking opportunity, even though most of my friends would. I would be very happy to give you some ideas about how to help wild birds though. First of all, make sure that it is actually injured and can't care for itself. Some birds who fly into windows will recover by themselves if they are left alone. Just keep an eye on them and keep your cats and dogs away. Other birds might be fledglings just leaving their nests. These little guys are being watched and fed by their parents so you shouldn't try to put them back in their nests or bring them inside. They don't need to be "rescued". They just need some time to learn to feed themselves. If you are really sure the bird is injured you can put it in a box, with a lid, and bring it inside. Be sure there are airholes in the lid and that it won't come off easily. (You don't want the bird to escape inside your house!) Keep the box in a quiet, safe place. Next, call for help. It is illegal to keep and care for wild birds and other wild animals unless you are a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. The best place to call is the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS for short). They will send someone to your house to get the bird and they will take care of it until it can be released back to the wild. Their numbers are 802-457-2779 or 802-457-2780 or 802-290-9943. If you find an injured wild animal you can call "Wild In Vermont" at 802-899-1027. They will help you know what's best to do. You can also look all this information up on the VINS website ([www.vinsweb.org](http://www.vinsweb.org)).

*Love and tuna, Zoë*

**P.S.** If there are any questions you would like me to answer, please send them to me at Dear Zoë, Addison County Humane Society, 236 Boardman Street, Middlebury, Vermont 05753.



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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



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# Lights of Love

Lighting Ceremony  
Wednesday, December 17  
6:30pm at the ACHS Shelter  
236 Boardman Street  
in Middlebury

Sweet memories just \$3 per light  
Join us for the wonderful sight!

