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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



**Addison County
Humane Society**

Mark Your Calendar!
Wednesday, December 13th
6:30pm
Lights of Love
Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
& Open House



For more information call 388-1100
or visit www.AddisonHumane.org



Hit by a Car and Unable to Stand, Angelica Makes an Extraordinary Recovery

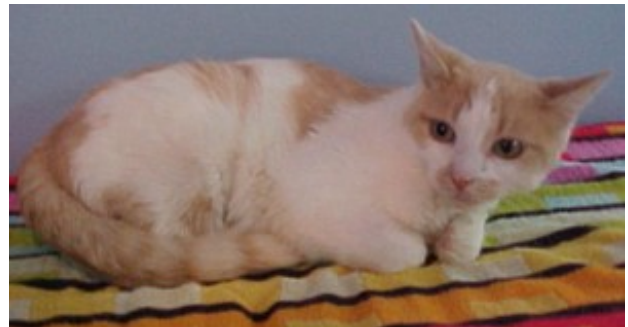
Angelica was found lying in the road, unable to move after being hit by a car. She was brought to ACHS where she met our Shelter Manager Sara Kurtz. Unsure if this poor kitty would make it, Sara had to weigh the options. As Angelica lifted her head and gazed into Sara's eyes, she won over Sara's heart.

Sara moved quickly to get her up to Vergennes Animal Hospital where Dr. Nate Heilman assessed her condition. It was clear she had a head injury and nerve damage on the left side of her body leaving that side paralyzed. To make matters worse, Angelica was pregnant and the impact with the car had killed the kittens inside her. Dr. Heilman performed an emergency spay surgery.

Angelica spent a full week at Vergennes Animal Hospital getting much needed treatment and excellent care. Dr. Heilman used electroacupuncture treatments to stimulate nerve regeneration with excellent results enabling her to walk again. Angelica was on the road to recovery.

Her next stop was an ACHS foster home. Foster mom Carolyn Brewer cared for Angelica for a month, providing physical therapy and TLC. Angelica's recovery was nothing short of extraordinary. After her month in foster care she was brought to the shelter where she quickly found a wonderful, forever home. She went to her new home the day before Thanksgiving, giving us all something to be thankful for.

Hats off to the wonderful veterinarians, foster parents, ACHS supporters, staff, volunteers and adopters that make these new beginnings possible. Best wishes to all of you and your furry friends this holiday season.



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Adorable Adoptable: Meet Kiki



Hi, I am Kiki, one of the many dogs here at ACHS, and this is my story. I am a 1 ½-year-old, female, Husky/Lab mix. My mom's landlord would not let her keep me, so here I am looking for a new home. She was heartbroken about having to give me up, but had no choice. I am a very active girl that loves to play. I would like a home where I could use my energy constructively, such as in daily playtime and long walks. I have been mostly an outdoor dog, but I know I would love to explore all that the indoors has for me. I would benefit greatly from an obedience class that will teach me basic manners and how to be a really great dog. I have had experience with cats and we played well together. I have not been doing well with all the dogs at the shelter and the staff recommends that I be the only dog in my new home. I tend to get excited and will knock little kids over, so I would be a better match with older children. If you'd like to meet me, come by the shelter on Boardman Street and take me for a walk.

Adorable Adoptable: Meet Funny Face

Hi, I am Funny Face, one of the many cats here at ACHS, and this is my story. I was a stray that showed up in the development across from the shelter. I am a 5-year-old, male, gray and white, domestic short hair. I have been here at the shelter for over a year! I came SO close to finding a forever home when I was hanging out at the ACHS booth during Field Days, but everyone that was interested already had other pets. I rolled around, snuggled, purred, and charmed all that came to visit me. I'm a friendly guy that enjoys attention, but opinionated in that I'll let you know when I've had enough. I need to be the only pet in the household which has made me tougher to place than many of the other animals here. If you would open up your heart and your home to me, I'd be so grateful! Please come to the shelter to meet me!



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Lose Your Feline Friend? Here are some tips for a successful reunion.

By Kimber Wukitsch, ACHS board member

As a pet owner, one of the most upsetting things that can happen is for your friend to run away. This is especially true with an indoor-only cat, as was the case when my 3-year-old cat J. ran away during a move. I was devastated, and immediately began conducting regular searches of my neighborhood as well as hanging posters and talking to the neighbors. I received several reports of sightings, but J. was too frightened to allow anyone near him. Frustrated but hopeful, I did some research to find out exactly how I could get him back. Thanks to advice from Missing Pet Partnership, a grassroots national nonprofit organization, I miraculously caught J. in a baited humane trap only six days after his sudden departure.

While you may not get your pet back this quickly, there is somewhat of a science to recovering a lost animal. The first thing to realize is that your cat's temperament holds the key to your search methods. Missing Pet Partnership suggests using the following strategies based on four distinct temperaments:

1. Curious/Clown Cat: Gregarious cats who run to the door to greet strangers, get into trouble easily and are not easily afraid of anything. If they get out (are displaced), they might initially hide but will then TRAVEL.

Recovery strategy: Place fluorescent posters within at least a 5-block radius of your house, interview neighbors door-to-door, and thoroughly search possible hiding places in yards of houses near yours. Do NOT assume your cat will come when called.

2. Care-less Cat: Aloof cats who don't seem to care much about people and will stand back and watch when a stranger is around. When displaced they will usually hide initially but then may come back to the door and meow, or possibly travel.

Recovery Strategy: Search hiding places nearby including neighbors' yards and interview neighbors door-to-door. If these tactics don't work, consider setting a baited humane trap.*

3. Cautious Cats: Generally stable but show occasional shyness. They like people, but when a stranger comes to the door will dart and hide,

although they may come out later to investigate. When displaced they are likely to immediately HIDE IN FEAR. It can take up to 10 days for their hunger and thirst to reach a point where they will respond to their owner or come back to wherever they escaped from.

Recovery Strategy: Conduct a tightly-focused search in neighbors' yards and set baited humane traps.

4. Catatonic/Xenophobic Cats: These cats are afraid of everything that is new and unfamiliar. They will typically hide when a stranger comes into the home and not come out until that person has left. They do not enjoy being held and are easily disturbed by any change to their environment. When displaced, they bolt and then HIDE IN SILENCE. They tend to remain in the same hiding place and become almost catatonic, immobilized with fear. If someone other than their owners finds them, they are typically mistaken as untamed or "feral."

Recovery strategy: Set baited humane traps. Xenophobic cats that become "lost" are routinely absorbed into the feral cat population.

Once you identify your cat's temperament, it is important to diligently pursue the recovery strategies immediately following your cat's absence. The longer you wait, the more likely they are to get into trouble or travel farther away. It is also important to remember not to lose hope no matter how hopeless you feel. According to Missing Pet Partnership's website, cat owners can experience "grief avoidance" and quickly give up their search effort, or are often discouraged by others who rebuke them and tell them "it was just a cat" and "you'll never find your cat." I was lucky to catch J. in a trap the first night I set it, however it can take weeks to get your cat back. The most important advice is...DON'T GIVE UP! Only your persistence can bring your cat back, and believe me it will be worth both the effort and the wait.

For more information on lost pet behaviors and how to recover a lost cat or dog, visit www.lostapet.org or contact the author at kimberw@gmail.com.

*Contact ACHS to rent a humane trap.



Woofstock 2006: A Dog-Gone Great Time!



Many thanks to all of you that joined us on October 7th for Woofstock 2006, 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 Middelbury, raising over \$12,000! This will help fund the housing and care of the 700+ animals we shelter each year. We are so grateful to everyone who participated and gathered sponsors for the walk. Top fundraisers in the adult category were **Virginia Vautier** with a whopping \$1,550 and **Jeff Bienvenu** with \$389. Leading the children under 12 category was **Megan Watkins** with \$267 and **Chloey Bell** with \$107.

Special thanks to **Green Mountain Dog Obedience** for setting up and hosting the doggie agility course, to **Stepheni Fallon** for encouraging us to "Dig Like a Dog for Prizes," and to **Lee Wheeler** for judging all of the fun contests. A big thank you to **Vermont Soapworks** for donating a fantastic gift basket with \$150 worth of merchandise.

We couldn't have done this without all of the wonderful support we received from the business community. Special recognition goes to our event sponsors **Parker Restoration and Construction Management, Goodro Lumber, Champlain Construction**

Company, Middlebury Boarding and Daycare Kennel and JT Murphy Engineering. Please support the businesses that so graciously support us!

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Jerry Germain from MCVT Channel 15 covered the big event.



Kara Sorenson gets a big wet kiss from her dog Ty during the "Best Kisser" contest.

Keeping Your Pets Safe this Holiday Season



Tis' the season to deck the halls and celebrate with our loved ones. Please be aware that a number of holiday traditions can pose hazards to the health of your pets.

Christmas Trees: Keep the water in your Christmas tree stand covered. Pine sap mixed with water makes a poisonous beverage. To avoid having your enthusiastic pets (or kids for that matter) knock the tree over, secure it to a wall or ceiling hook with heavy fishing line.

Ornaments: If your cat thinks that ornaments make great toys, use non-breakable wooden or plastic ornaments on the bottom third of the tree. Be sure to pick up any tinsel, ribbon, or ornament hooks that fall on the floor. These items can cause serious internal injuries if ingested.

Popular holiday plants: Holly can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and lethargy if eaten by your pet. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. Poinsettias can irritate your pet's mouth, and may cause nausea or mild vomiting.

Food: It's generally a good idea to avoid giving your pets table scraps. Do not allow your dog to eat chocolate, onions, raisins, or alcohol.

If you suspect that your pet has eaten a toxic substance, call your veterinarian.



ACHS would like to thank these veterinarians for donating their time at the shelter during September, October, and November

Dr. Nate Heilman – Vergennes Animal Hospital
Dr. Matt Quinn – Independent Veterinarian
Dr. Karen DeMoy – Otterside Animal Hospital
Dr. Patty Pruitt – Open Air Pet Repair
Dr. Paul Urband – Independent Veterinarian
Dr. Tom Munschauer – Middlebury Animal Hospital
Dr. Scott Sutor – Middlebury Animal Hospital
Dr. Liz Poulsen – ACHS Vet of Record
Dr. Susan Hayden – Otterside Animal Hospital
Dr. Randy Ross – Champlain Valley Small Animal Mobile Clinic



Animal Cruelty Stops with You!

**If you witness or suspect cruelty or neglect,
Please call ACHS
802-388-1100**

**Animal cruelty is against the law.
Speak for those unable to speak for themselves.**

The Addison County Humane Society has received donations

In loving memory of:

- Oatmeal, beloved dog of Dan, Josh, and Jim Burnett-Breen
- Nefi
- Susan Weller's cat Shadow
- Marcia & Jeremiah Parker's dog Maya
- Vickie Haggas' dog Mini Me
- Ellen Brownell
- Gary Traub
- Max the dog
- Teddy the dog
- Marion Cleary's dog Bonnie
- Robert Frank's cat Sabbath
- Natascha the cat
- Fred Schoolcraft
- Blackie

In honor of:

- Paul & Mary Lloyd Burroughs 45th Wedding Anniversary
- Nancy Low's 70th Birthday
- Valerie Chamberlin's Birthday
- Barney the horse
- John & Elise Mulligan-Murphy
- Julia McDaniel

Special thanks to

Monkton Central School for hosting a bottle drive and raising over \$179 for the animals! Nice work!

Robinson School in Starksboro for collecting wish list items for the animals.

Shoreham Elementary School for collecting wish list items for the animals.

Middlebury Jewelry for offering discounts on merchandise in exchange for pet food for our shelter animals.



Many Thanks to Ginny Hoverman of Residential One Mortgage in Middlebury and The Volunteer Family, a nationwide nonprofit (www.thevolunteerfamily.org) for hosting a wish list drive collecting lots of much-needed supplies for our shelter.



Photo: Ginny Hoverman presenting a box of pet toys to Jill Tucker, ACHS Executive Director

Saying goodbye is so hard....

ACHS offers

Pet Cremation Services



A dignified alternative for handling your pet's remains
Honor the memories that will last a lifetime

Professional service
Competitive prices
Beautiful Urns available

All proceeds benefit ACHS and the homeless animals we serve.

Did you know that HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) is not affiliated with, nor is it a parent organization for, local humane societies, animal shelters, or animal care and control agencies? ACHS receives no funding from HSUS.

ACHS Wish List

Dry and Can Cat Food

- Dry and Can Dog Food
- Rodent Food Towels & Blankets
- Rabbit Food Bagged Shavings
- Dog & Cat Treats and Toys
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Liquid Bleach 13-Gallon Kitchen Bags
- Liquid Hand Soap 33-Gallon Trash Bags
- Acrylic Knitting Yarn

Paper Towels 500 mg L-Lysine Tablets

- Cellulose Kitchen Sponges
- Photocopy Paper (white and colored)
- Peanut Butter

Postage Stamps Bagged Wood Pellets
(used for litter)

Gift Certificates to grocery stores, pet/farm supply stores, hardware stores, and general stores like WalMart

Kong Toys - Medium and Large

ACHS Board of Directors

- Stepheni Fallon, President
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Feedback?

We love to hear from our members!
 If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or feedback for ACHS, please contact Jill Tucker, ACHS Executive Director at jill@addisonhumane.org or 802-388-1443
We greatly appreciate your support!



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\$500 is an investment in the future of animal welfare in Addison County

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