



The SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) of Hancock County is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of animal welfare through community education, advocacy, and placement of companion animals into responsible, loving homes. As a no-kill or low-kill animal shelter, we euthanize if and only if an animal exhibits severe and incurable physical or behavioral disorders.

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Despite Challenging Times, Incentive and Excitement Build

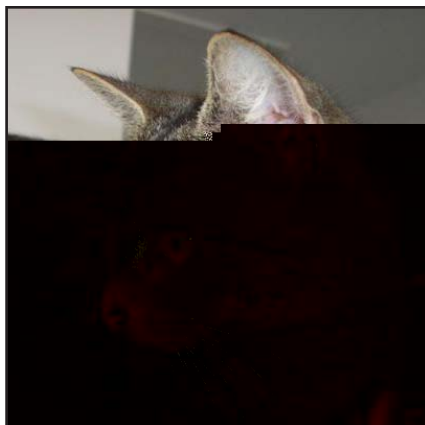
The route to success for the Campaign Committee of the SPCA of Hancock County is enveloped in visions of cats frolicking in loving adoptive homes and dogs being nurtured to full health before bounding into the welcoming arms of new owners. A better-educated public that will spay/neuter and care for its pets appropriately and a facility that will provide temporary housing for needy animals is also an important part of this picture.

“Passion for companion animals is the force that bonds the team of more than fifty volunteers, led by campaign consultant and event planner Bethany Savage Klyver. Thanks to their efforts and the generosity of hundreds of donors, over \$1.8 million has been raised toward the \$2 million campaign goal. It has been uplifting and fun every step of the way”, remarked Business Committee chair and board member Christina Deetjen.



Phil, a 4-year-old husky, was recently surrendered to the SPCA by his guardian. Very affectionate and playful with people, he is a little too curious to be in a home with cats. He is neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations.

board president, Jim Nobil. “Every dollar raised leads the animals another step closer to their new home and will provide for the educational programs and other services that are critical to the SPCA. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated,” stated Nobil.



Maya, is a calm and affectionate 1-year-old brown tabby. Never claimed as a stray (with her kittens), she is now ready for a safe home. Happy around people and cats, she is spayed and vaccinated.



Campaign Committee member Jennifer Skiff of Mt. Desert, brought along her dog, Couscous, to the 2008 Garlic Festival and offered \$1 Doggie Kisses. There were several takers, including the animal lover shown above.

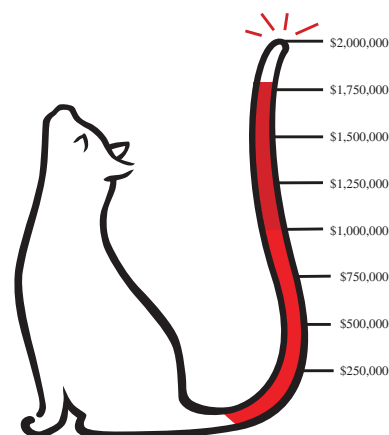
From the Director Full House

One of the greatest challenges facing animal shelters is space. At the SPCA we are always in need of more space for housing and caring for our companion animals. Although the first phase of our shelter has provided a home for some, we need much more space in order to meet the demands of our county’s animals.

From the first month of operation we were full and now, almost 2 years later, the expansion is needed more than ever. As members of the community began to hear we were open and able to help place unwanted or lost pets, the demand placed on the facility and staff intensified. The need for us to take in more animals has grown, but our space has not. We have adjusted and tried to find a way to stretch accommodations...until the back-up plan has reached its capacity as well. We have filled every spot inside the shelter and we have tapped into our reserves of foster care. However, the demand continues.

Many animals have been abandoned at the shelter--two day old kittens without their mom; sick, pregnant and flea-infested cats; and lonely, sad dogs have all been left at our door. Most often they are left without a note and crammed into a cardboard box or a filthy pet carrier. When this happens, it all comes back to space.

Total Dollars Raised to Date:



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Fur Ball on a Roll



Over Columbus Day Weekend, the second annual benefit Fur Ball auction and dinner brought together a full house of animal lovers at the Bar Harbor Club. Despite concurrent national economic shock waves, the event produced over \$143,000 toward the SPCA's campaign to build a new shelter.

The great success of the Fur Ball came in the form of event sponsorships and enthusiastic bidding for auction items. Donated items included a potting shed built by A.B. & J.R. Hodgkins, a five foot Mark Courchesne bird-

"The evening was lovely. We met many delightful people who are truly vested in providing for the animals. It was heart-warming to be in such good company. This committee is very dedicated and we're happy to be a part of it." - Mike & Pam Sharp of Brooksville

house, an SPCA necklace designed by Lisa Hall, sailing trips, artistic creations, delicious dining experiences, and adventures to exotic locations. The biggest revenue producer for the evening was the Vespa motor scooter, given by an anonymous donor and discounted by Stanley Subaru.

In a humorous twist, when the raffle winner's name was drawn from over 700 tickets by Sotheby's auctioneer Hugh Hildesley, the fleeting owner of the gleaming red Vespa scooter was campaign co-chair Dianna Emory.



Fur Ball guests Rob Smith and Chessell McGee drove from Portland to attend the festivities.

Emory immediately donated the scooter back to the SPCA for live auctioning. High bidder Rick Bourke again donated the Vespa back for re-auctioning. The bidding was lively and brought the total produced

by the Vespa to nearly \$13,000. Embodied in this series of events is the spirit of the campaign: a passion for the cause, generosity, creativity, fun, and enthusiasm.

Planning for the 2009 Fur Ball is already in the works and is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2009 at the Bar Harbor Club. If you would like to purchase tickets, contribute items or donate a trip to an exotic location, please contact Bethany Savage Klyver at: 207-667-2199 or bskfundraising@verizon.net.

YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE ANIMALS OF THE SPCA

Make a contribution in the name of a friend or family member and receive a gift card for presentation this holiday season. Your animal-loving acquaintances will be a part of the campaign to build our new shelter! Contact bskfundraising@verizon.net or 667-207-2199 to arrange for a holiday gift card.

Thank You for Your Support!

Volunteers and donors: the SPCA of Hancock County owes its success to you! We celebrate you for your commitment, energy, enthusiasm, and generosity. Each of you has made a difference in the lives of animals and in our community. Did you know that---



The SPCA currently has kittens. When they arrive, they are typically placed very quickly.

- 🐾 Over 25 trained volunteers donate their time at the shelter.
- 🐾 Our Capital Campaign committee boasts over 50 volunteers who together have spent over 3 years working on events (including our signature Fur Ball), outreach and direct donor asks in order to raise nearly \$2 million to build our shelter.
- 🐾 Children have put their love of animals first by asking that their birthday guests give toys and treats for the animals instead of birthday presents.
- 🐾 Local businesses and employees have sponsored events, donated merchandise, displayed collection cans, and contributed money, services, food and toys.
- 🐾 Animal lovers have remembered the SPCA of Hancock County with memorial gifts, memorial walks and bequests in their wills.
- 🐾 Foster families have opened their homes.
- 🐾 Groups and individuals of all ages have identified needs and come forth to fill them - food, towels, carriers, money, carpentry, painting, office equipment and more -- all gifts to make an animal's life better.

Thank you, one and all!

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Until the remaining funds of the Capital Campaign are raised, we must wait to start construction on the main building.

In Phase 2 we will have the room to take in five times as many animals. More stretching space, additional safe rooms to house the sick or injured, and new viewing/interaction spaces for prospective adoptions will greatly enhance our facility and our ability to do our job well.

As we work toward the completion of the campaign and await our new home, we will continue to provide not only a temporary home but also love attention and affection for all the animals that enter our shelter. We thank you and continue to count on your support and commitment to our mission and the animals that enrich our lives.

Sincerely,

Doug Radziewicz

