

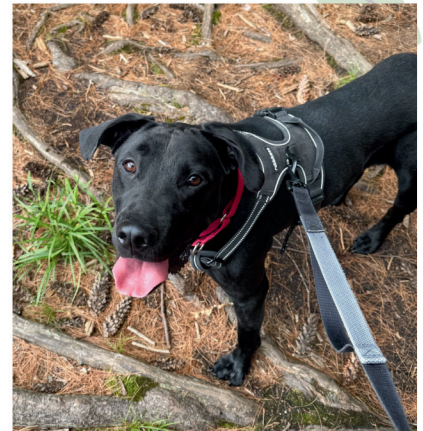
A DOG DESERVING OF TWO NEW CHAPTERS

Papyrus was turned in to UVHS as a dog “found” locally, but as the days passed, his past began to surface. Neglect, stories that didn’t add up, repeated attempts by law enforcement to intervene, and finally left here – his limited exposure to the world was far from hopeful.

Thankfully, that didn’t last long. After less than a month, Papyrus was adopted by a couple looking for “a cuddle buddy that could go everywhere with them.” They didn’t just adopt Papyrus — they showed up for him. They introduced him to new people, new dogs, new sounds and situations he’d never had the chance to feel safe around before. They walked him, ran him, tired out that young-dog energy day after day. They gave him the environment and support to become the best version of himself.

People do the best they can with what they have.

This isn’t a tale of failure - it’s a love story with two chapters.



Then life did what life sometimes does. Their circumstances changed in ways they hadn’t planned for and couldn’t control, and they were faced with an impossible choice. Bringing Papyrus back to UVHS was, without question, one of the hardest decisions they’d ever make. It came from love, not from giving up — they simply could no longer give him what he needed, and they knew it.

This is the part of the story we want every adopter, every donor, and every neighbor in our community to hear: that decision did not undo the good they had done. They gave him a foundation so he could be exactly what another family needed.



What they needed was “a playful snuggle bug that enjoys car rides. We are a family that enjoys having a companion who enjoys being active and adventuring with us.” They had the lifestyle, the time, and the experience to meet him exactly where he was.

“Papyrus settled in quickly at our home and got to spend quite a bit of time exploring with us outside. He took quickly to our boys and also to our visitors... and overall seems very comfortable. He even initiates games of keep-away with his stuffy. Our family is enjoying Papyrus’ company immensely.”

- William H., Papyrus’ Dad

Serving as a trusted resource for the pets in our community and the people who love them.

Every family who opens their home to a dog like Papyrus is doing the very best they can with what they have. Even with the best of intentions and thorough preparation, sometimes they have changes. That's not a failure — it's life. It's exactly why UVHS is here: to do our best that no pet family is ever truly out of resources.

Our low-cost wellness and surgical clinics, pet supply pantry, behavior and training consultations, and short-term emergency boarding, all help keep countless animals with loving families each year. When that's not enough, we're still here, even if that means helping them find a new home.

Papyrus's story isn't about one family falling short.

It's a tale of dedication to a thriving community for pets and the people who love them, no matter how many chapters it takes.



PARTNERSHIPS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Not everyone is wired to start or even run a business. You have to love your community and believe beyond any doubt that what you have to offer will make it better. You have to **care a whole lot** about things some may never think about and you have to be willing to **give a whole lot** knowing some may never notice. You do it anyway because you know in your heart it's the right thing to do and to those who do notice - your effort and attention to detail means the world.

That's why **it's important to us to partner with local businesses** - we share your heart and the not-so-crazy idea that we're going to make things better for our neighbors in the Upper Valley. **We can't do it alone and we don't want to do it without you!**

- Sponsorship Opportunities Demonstrate Community Leadership
- Direct Donations Provide Immediate Support & Make a Measurable Impact Locally
- Engage Employees with Volunteer Days and Matching Gifts
- Engage Customers with In-Kind Donation Drives
- Fund A Specific Need that Aligns with Your Mission or Passion
- Event Participation Increases Brand Recognition

EMAIL GIVING@UVHS.ORG
TO GET STARTED

FALL OPEN HOUSE

September 12th 1p-3p

Tour the shelter, find out how we're helping the community, how you can get involved, and meet some amazing animals looking for homes!

Don't miss out on the eBike Raffle!

 UVHS Fall Open House 2026



Erebus & Enyo & Aellopos & Tinissa

OUT AND ABOUT

Lebanon Rotary Club's Brewfest

9/5 - Table donated by Blood's Catering

LebFest

9/19 - We're proud to be new members of the Upper Valley Business Alliance

West Lebanon Feed & Supply Fromm Weekend

11/20-11/22 - We'll be there 11/21 with a table and adoptable dogs - come say hello & purchase a bag of Fromm food or two!

Cat VideoFest

11/22 - Lebanon Opera House is hosting this purr-fect family-fun, event again this year!



Millie Goose- 4y - Female -
Silly Goose & Love Bug

DONATE NOW

- ♥ Constant Companion - Give Every Month
- ♥ Give in Memory or Honor of a Person or Pet
- ♥ Give from a Company / Corporate Sponsorship
- ♥ Give from Estate, Will, or Charitable Trust
- ♥ Give Items from our Wish List
- ♥ Give Stock
- ♥ Give from IRA or 401K
- ♥ Volunteer / Foster / Adopt



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Gift Cards

Gas Stations, Grocery Stores, Restaurants & Pet Supply Stores - These help us easily get exactly what we need to care for pets (and celebrate our team)! **We ask you to support local businesses as they so generously support the work that we do!**

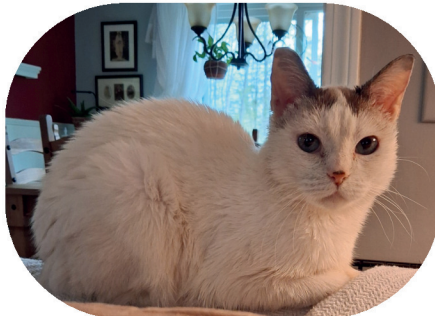
Contractor's Trash Bags

We scoop dozens of litter boxes multiple times a day - we don't want to worry about a tear or spill when getting that waste and those odors out the door!

Saco - 1.5y - Male
Bouncy Brindle Best Boy



Kitty- 10.5y - Female
Sofia from The Golden Girls



Stamps

Less than 10% of our budget is paid for by adoption fees. We are almost entirely funded by the donations from our generous community.

We love to send cards of gratitude to donors, volunteers and members of the community.

Kitten Food & Non-Clumping Clay Litter

We asked for help feeding the 50+ kittens in our care this month and y'all delivered - thank you very much!! As this is printing, we have over 30 kittens in our care and we have a hunch we haven't seen the last of kittens this year. Sometimes there is too much of a good thing!

Toaster- 8m - Female- Affectionate, Confident, Perfection



Paper Towels

We do our best to reduce, reuse, & recycle, but sometimes paper towels are the best tool for the job!

Os - 2.5y - Male
Introverted Extrovert



Perennial Flowers

Our founder, Betty Farnsworth, passed away last fall. A garden was planted in her honor years ago and it's time for a refresh so that it can continue to flourish for years to come - just like the organization she cultivated for decades!

Barnacle - 9m - Male - Mr. Congeniality



JENKINS' FINAL CHAPTER

We love to share stories of new beginnings — a child's first kitten or a dog finding a family after a rough start. Those stories are why we do this work, but that's not all we do.

Sometimes, our job isn't to open a new chapter; it's to be present for the one.



Jenkins' life story is a mystery to us. We may never know if he was someone's first pet or their last, whether he slept at the foot of a bed for years, or kept watch over his domain each night perched on the back of a couch. We don't know his original name or the nicknames he answered to.

He was found in Meriden, not an ounce of weight to spare, his matted coat heavily studded with engorged ticks, and completely toothless. He's an older cat — though without teeth to judge by, we can't say just how old. We don't know who loved him before, or how he ended up alone. We only know he arrived needing help, and a lot of it.

From the beginning, Jenkins has been accepting of that help — the dignified patience of a cat who has clearly seen a few things. He loves having the bare skin of ears rubbed. He purrs through every brushing. And mealtime is, without question, the best part of his day. The moment there's even a possibility of being fed, his eyes light up, he leaps down from his cat tree, and he breaks into a chant of yowls — encouragement to whoever's holding the bowl to please hurry up, and this time, fill it extra full!

Jenkins has some health issues we're still working to identify, and hopefully resolve, before he moves on to a hospice home where he can be cherished during this season of his life — maybe months, maybe years. Until then, he isn't tucked away in a back kennel — he spends his days in our Executive Director's office, greeting each visitor as though they are scheduled to meet with him, offering unsolicited advice on any number of issues, and mostly enjoying the view from his perch near the front window.

He's getting what many of us value most as we look towards our future: the care needed to be comfortable, days spent enjoying the company of loved ones, and the kind of peace found in knowing your life meant something to someone.

**It isn't the part of the story we usually celebrate,
but it's still an act of love and it's exactly why we're here.**

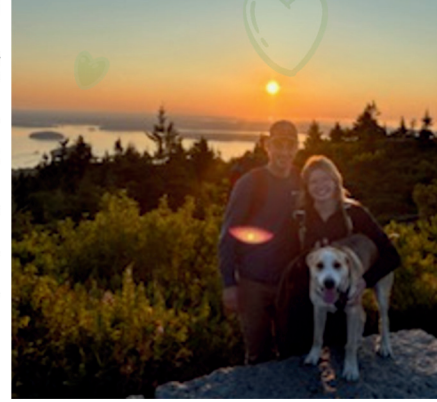


SUCCESS STORIES

Sheldon



Sheldon was one of a litter of puppies from one of our transfer partners out of Alabama that traveled to the Upper Valley late this spring. Here's his adopter's update: "Sheldon loves sunbathing, playing with his chickens and ducks, going on hikes and runs, camping, and cuddling. He's even completed Level 1 of training!"



Wiley (now Fenway)



Wiley was one of the dozens of kittens surrendered this year due to unwanted litters. His new family says: "He is certainly keeping everybody on their toes!! When he's not causing mischief he is following his big brother around, laying beside us for a nap, and greeting everyone that walks through the door. Would not trade it for anything though! He has been a great addition to the family and fits in perfectly!"



Lyla (now Lizzie)



"Lizzie had a wonderful winter with us. She slowly gained confidence about climbing stairs and loading into cars as the weeks went by, and she loved going for snowy hikes, barking happily at her human on a snowboard, and then snuggling up on the couch afterwards with her adopted dog brother, Jasper. Lizzie is a goofy, sweet, (and surprisingly gassy) girl, and we feel incredibly lucky to have her as part of the family for our summer adventures!"



Tokai (now Autumn)



Tokai was a very young mother surrendered with her 4 kittens. Her adopters came in to meet another cat who had just been adopted. However, we think it worked out. "I can see she loves to chat, loves to sit on the window sill and watch the birds outside... loves to have her head and cheeks rubbed. I'm hoping she is enjoying her new home and isn't missing those male cats!! She is special for sure. I think she was meant to be."

