



Tails

**A newsletter promoting
compassionate and
responsible relationships
between humans
and animals**



Ally's Story – A Special Adoption

Ally came to NCAL in March of 2017 as a rescue from a high-kill shelter in South Carolina, where she was placed after being hit by a car. Originally meant to go to a different shelter, her case was refused once they saw her condition. Knowing that her future would be short-lived if she returned to South Carolina, staff at NCAL took her in.



The accident caused injuries to Ally's hips and hind leg, mangling one of her toes and giving severe entropion in her eye, all of which caused a lot of pain. She needed urgent medical attention to correct the entropion and remove the toe, which had become infected. After recovery, Ally was adopted into a home where she was doing well, but it was soon discovered that the infection in her foot had spread and she was soon returned to NCAL. After months of trying different medications and treatment, it became clear that Ally needed to have

her leg removed to relieve the phantom pain from her amputated toes. Thankfully, within a week after the amputation, Ally was no longer living in a cone and seemed much more comfortable!

Throughout this entire process, Ally's spirits remained high. Despite her positive attitude, it took her a year of being overlooked, until on the eve of Valentine's Day, a young couple fell in love with Ally and took her home.

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had to wait for her stars to align, for everything to fall into place and for her happily-ever-after story to begin. Happy endings for stories like Ally's, are only made possible thanks to the support of our generous community. It allows us to welcome more dogs like her through our doors and provide them with the life-saving medical treatment, shelter, and care they need to go on to live a fulfilling life and do what dogs do best... **LOVE**.

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Shelter Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: 12:00pm – 5:00pm
Friday: 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Saturday: 11:00am – 5:00pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

To schedule an after-hours appointment,
please contact our Pet Adoption Center
at (802) 888-5065 x 101.

Letter From Executive Director

Dear Friends,

What a groundbreaking year it has been for our animals! So far in 2018 we have seen our adoptions soar through the roof. While we always proudly communicate our “number of adoptions” each year, this year we are on track for over 600 adoptions! When you consider the countless hours that go into each and every one of these animals to get them healthy and ready for a successful life, that is quite an accomplishment. Every animal that comes through our doors is provided necessary medical treatment, spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchipping, and sanctuary until they find their forever home. While some of these dogs and cats came to us locally, others made a much longer journey to the safety of our shelter and our community. We are deeply proud to be a safe haven for so many animals in need.

This year we are celebrating our 15th year in our shelter. Thanks to the incredible generosity of one of our donors, we were able to rebuild our outdoor play yard for our dogs. We are already seeing the positive benefits our animals are receiving from the off-leash exercise and play. What a wonderful addition to our facility this has been already and will continue to be for years to come.

I’ve been giving a lot of thought lately to what it takes to support the animals in our care. Our work toward the goal of ending animal homelessness in Lamoille County and beyond takes tremendous commitment. We are indebted to our incredible staff, board, volunteers, adopters, and NCAL’s community at large who all work tirelessly on behalf of NCAL animals. Support of our organization comes in many forms, including hands-on daily care of the animals, fostering, donating supplies, reading to the animals, volunteering to walk dogs, and fundraising, just to name a few examples. No matter how you choose to show support the animals, we are sincerely grateful. Your dedication enables us to keep our doors open and be there for these animals in need — we could not do it without you!

On behalf of our NCAL team, our heartfelt thanks for everything you do for NCAL and our animals!

Best Wishes,

Tracy Goldfine
Executive Director



A Walk and Run for the Animals

Mutt Strut 2018

This year's Mutt Strut Walk for the Animals was a terrific success! On Sunday June 10th, attendees on two and four legs alike enjoyed a gorgeous day at the Stowe Events Field. Our day-long festival featured lots of fun for the whole family to enjoy including a 5k fun run/walk, a demonstration by 802 Disc Dogs, delicious Black Diamond BBQ, delightful songs and music by Leslie Grant, entertaining pet contests, a kid-organized bake sale and lemonade stand, and an exciting raffle. The hundreds of walkers, fundraisers, supporters, bake sale bakers, and volunteers helped to raise thousands of dollars for the animals in our care. With special thanks to our sponsor National Life Group, and our sincere appreciation to the Stowe Rugby Team and the Epic Promise Team from Stowe Mountain Resort for providing a huge volunteer turn-out to help throughout the day.



Annual Meeting *Celebrating 15 years in our shelter!*

We held our Annual Meeting in July and celebrated our 15th year in our shelter! Guest speaker Mike Arms, from the Helen Woodward Center in Rancho Santa Fe, CA, spoke on the Business of Saving Lives. The meeting was followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate our new outside fenced play area for dogs to exercise and be off leash.

Jessica McLeon (Animal Care and Adoptions) was honored as staff member of the year for her long-time commitment to animal welfare and NCAL. Our volunteer awards went to Oliver Patrick and his mother, Kim Wojnar, who have been volunteering their time to read to the animals and assist in our cat room each week for the last two years. Our business award went to Dogs Etc. Grooming and its owner, Heike Hartman, who have supported our events and provided free grooming services for our dogs in need for many years.

Gail Shinnars was celebrated for her dedicated service and for her years of going above and beyond for the animals. We are thrilled to add Gail's name to our esteemed list of recipients engraved on NCAL's Dog Bowl Honor Roll.

Michael and Elizabeth Furst were recognized for their tremendous generosity which allowed us to construct the highly anticipated fenced in play area for the dogs.

We are enormously grateful to have such incredible community support, and alongside NCAL's team of dedicated staff and volunteers, we look enthusiastically look forward to the next 15 years.

Cultivating Compassion with Humane Education

In recognition of NCAL's mission to promote compassion for all beings, we re-launched our humane education programs this year. 56 children, ages 7-16, attended our summer camps aimed to equip campers with the tools of critical thinking and empathy to advocate for animals in need.

Our Humane Heroes campers received experience-based learning on responsible animal care, advocacy and welfare through fun activities and animal interactions. Guest speakers included Katie Sullivan and Steve the sheep from Cloverworks Farm as well as Christina Swaan and her impressive array of educational critters from Northeastern Reptile Welfare League. Most importantly, they learned the value of turning "thoughts into action" by undertaking projects in animal husbandry, training and socialization, marketing, advocacy and fundraising.

At Be a Vet camp, participants were acquainted to the world of veterinary science through theoretical lectures and practical training. The future veterinarians completed a crash course on animal behavior, handling and husbandry; physical exams; feline and canine anatomy; preventative care; emergency responses; medical and surgical procedures, as well as splinting and bandaging. The highlight was learning first-hand from and observing our veterinarian Connie Riggs operating on live animals in our surgery room.

Within days of completion, campers were showing up at the shelter or sending family and friends to get involved or adopt -including Huntress, featured on our cover story. Their sense of advocacy and newfound ambition to leave the world a better place for animals gives us pride and validation knowing that the future of animal welfare lies in such bright and enthusiastic hands!





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Create a Lasting Legacy at NCAL

As you consider planning your future estate details, have you thought about making a special gift to North Country Animal League? Planned giving and legacy gifts play a pivotal role in establishing an endowment critical to securing NCAL's future. Estate gifts come in many forms such as appreciated securities or stock, cash, real estate, personal property, and artwork. As you think about your charitable wishes, please consider including NCAL as part of your legacy giving.



Upcoming Fall Afterschool Animal Fun Series

(*subject to change)

- **Sept 14: Barking Mad for Baking**
- **Sept 21: Picture with Pooches and Popcorn!**
- **Sept 28: Cat Yoga – the mewest exercise trend**
- **Oct 5: Pet Pals Unite**
- **Oct 26: Crafts with Critters**
- **Nov 2: Holiday FUNraising!**
- **Nov 9: Dancing with the Dogs**
- **Nov 16: Animal First-aid & CPR**
- **Dec 7: Gamers Gone Wild!**
- **Dec 14: Safari Science Party**



• **For more information and to register, visit ncal.com.**



Fostering Saves Lives

Each year, North Country Animal League finds homes for more than 600 cats and dogs. We are only able to do that because of our dedicated foster families. Fostering is one of the most rewarding things you will ever do because you have the ability to touch the lives of so many orphaned animals in need.

Our lifesaving team works round-the-clock to provide for the animals in our care, but our shelter space is limited. Thanks to the work of foster families, we are able to create satellite shelters in the community. On any given day, our amazing foster homes help us increase our capacity for animals we can rescue by 50%!

Foster parents are always needed for cats, kittens, dogs and puppies - from orphaned kittens who need round-the-clock feedings to animals who find the shelter environment too stressful - and everything in between. Some animals may need as little as 2 weeks of care while others may need a few months.

Every animal that is placed into a foster home means another life that we can save!

FOSTER HOMES ARE NEEDED FOR:

Moms with nursing kittens or puppies

Motherless kittens who need to be bottle-fed

Orphaned puppies and kittens 4-8 weeks old

Hospice dogs and cats

Dogs and cats on medical hold while undergoing treatment

Dogs that are too stressed in a shelter environment

If you are interested in becoming a foster for North Country Animal League, please call us at (802) 888-5065 x 101.

Paws to Thank

Bellwether School in Williston for raising money for the animals during your Winter Solstice event.

Lemonade stands and bake sales hosted by many young local animal lovers!

Janet and Burt's Irish Pub for donating the proceeds of your Rip Ticket sales to NCAL.

Stowe Jazz Festival for naming NCAL as your Charity of Choice for the second year.

North Country Credit Union for hosting your Shed & Shred event to benefit NCAL.

Cambridge Elementary School students for volunteering weekly throughout the school year.

Dr. Connie Riggs for providing our spay/neuter surgeries and vet care!

Sequist Animal Hospital for sponsoring our weekly radio segments on WLVB that we use to promote our adoptable animals, and for helping us with our emergency veterinary needs.

Burlington Emergency and Veterinary Service for assisting us with our emergency veterinary needs.

Sally Stetson Design for our beautiful newsletters, mailings, posters, invitations, and greeting cards.

Donnie Blake Jr. Construction for keeping our building in tip-top condition.

Brooke Kaltsas and TruckieLoo Photography for amazing photos of our adoptable animals.

All of our Menagerie 2017 Business Sponsors!

Green Sleeves Landscaping LLC for providing our mowing, landscaping and plowing.

Stowe Rugby Team for volunteering manpower (and many laughs!) for Mutt Strutt 2017.

Our foster families and shelter volunteers who walk dogs, cuddle cats, help with laundry and cleaning - we couldn't do it without you.

All of the local businesses who display our NCAL coin cans.

Our wonderful community who generously donates items from our Wish List!

Mort and Frank Butler for always being there when we need technical support.

VT Web Marketing for design and ongoing support with our website.

Thank you to our creative and generous community for continuing to support our mission and for your love of animals! We wish we could list everyone individually who has given their time and energy to plan a fun, creative event in support of NCAL. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, where we post these events regularly. We urge you to visit the above businesses who share your values and help support our community and the animals in need!



How You Can Help

There are so many things you can do to help the animals in need in our community. Visit www.ncal.com to learn how!

Monetary Donations

North Country Animal League relies heavily on private donations to help care for our animals and fund our programs.

Monthly Donations

Monthly donors support our work throughout the year with recurring monthly gifts. Please contact Tracy at (802) 888-5065 or email donations@ncal.com to set up your monthly gift!

In-Kind Donations

To help reduce cost, we rely on donations of supplies to care for our animals. Please visit our Wish List online at ncal.com for regularly needed items.

Memorial Gifts

A gift that will help an orphan pet in need is a wonderful way to remember a special person or pet. We will send a personalized card notifying the recipient of your gift.

Matching Gifts

Does your company offer a matching gift program? Many employers match, dollar for dollar, the contributions that their employees make to not-for-profit organizations. Let us know if you can double the impact of your gift to NCAL!

Engraved Bricks

Engraved bricks are a permanent tribute to animals and animal lovers that create the walkway leading into our Pet Adoption Center. Please contact Lynne Eyberg at donations@ncal.com to learn more.

Guardian Angel Sponsorship

Sponsoring a shelter animal is a wonderful way to be a part of their journey to find a forever home. Your sponsorship helps cover the cost of care for your chosen dog or cat during their stay at NCAL, including their medical expense, daily care, healthy diet, and lots of TLC.

Honorary Gifts

A gift to help an animal in need is a great way to celebrate and honor a special person or event. We will send a personalized card notifying the recipient of your gift.

Planned Gifts

Including North Country Animal League in your will or trust will create a lasting legacy to help pets in need for years to come. If you have remembered NCAL in your will or trust, please let us know so we may personally thank you and acknowledge your intended gift. Please contact us at (802) 888-5065 or email donations@ncal.com.

Other Ways to Help

Volunteer

Our work depends on the support of our dedicated volunteers. Many opportunities are available for youth, adults, and groups in our programs and events. Visit ncal.com for more on our volunteer program and upcoming orientations.

Corporate Partnership

If you are a corporation or local business looking to make a big difference in your community as well as in the lives of animals, please consider supporting the animals through an annual sponsorship or event sponsorship. There are several levels of sponsorship. Contact us at (802) 888-5065 x 106 or email donations@ncal.com

Become a Foster Parent

Some of our animals need time in a loving, comfortable home before they are ready for adoption. We are in need of more volunteers willing to open their homes to these homeless pets. Contact Carlee Brion: (802) 888-5065 x101 or email carleeb@ncal.com.



Regularly Needed Items

Can you help? These are the items we use most.

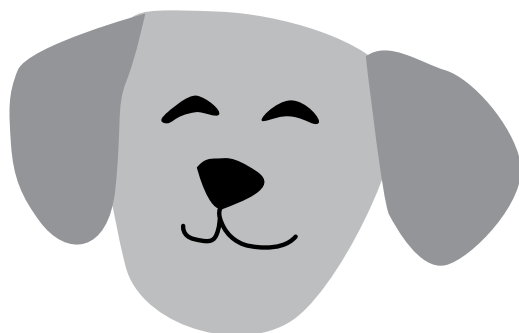
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- Dog and cat treats (soft preferred!)
- Wet dog and cat food
- Dry dog and cat food (high-quality like Pronature preferred)
- Cat litter
- Paper towels
- Peanut butter
- Dishwasher liquid
- 8 ½ x 11 copy paper
- Laundry detergent (HE only, please!)
- Bleach
- 15 & 30 gallon trash bags
- Gift cards to Pet Food Warehouse (where we can purchase items at a discount!)
- Postage stamps (Forever)
- Dog and cat toys (new, please)



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FALL SESSIONS

- September 22 – October 27
- November 17 – December 22

Call 888-xxxx to sign up!

Save the Date for **Menagerie 2019!**

Saturday, February 2nd, 2019
More to come!

