2022: A Year of Change, Growth and Good Work!

2022– The One Constant is Change!

2022 brought a lot of change to GAHS as we welcomed many new staff members, expanded programs to meet significant needs, weathered higher intake numbers and lower adoptions as the economy has struggled, and handled so many animals in need of urgent veterinary care.

Despite so much uncertainty with supply chain issues, building repairs, economic challenges and more, we still managed to help more animals and improve lives in so many positive ways. This is thanks to our amazing supporters like you, fantastic volunteers and foster families, and steadfast, hard-working staff members! Together we saved lives, and together we can save so many more in 2023!

We know there will be new challenges to meet, but we know that as a team we can meet and overcome those challenges to achieve our mission for pets. We thank you for helping us do this good work, and hope you will continue on as a vital part of our team in the coming year.

Katie Lisnik, Executive Director

New team members include Ken S. Operations Manager, who joined us from TX and Carolyn M. Animal care and Behavior Supervisor who came from PA!

We Are The GAHS!

Very few have not been impacted in some way by the volatile work-market this year. With businesses closing, limited hours due to staffing challenges, long lines, etc., we have all seen the impact first-hand.

GAHS was no different, working hard to stay fully staffed and sane during a very busy summer and fall. We have several new faces with us, including some new management, and we are focusing on training and supporting new and seasoned staff, to make sure we keep the talented and hard-working teammates who care so passionately for animals!

Together with our volunteers and foster-families, we form the core of this vital organization. With lots of heart and dedication, we are here every day for pets in need.

Partnerships to Save Lives

4000 Beagles saved from a testing facility. It sounds too far-fetched to be true, but this was the situation this summer down in Virginia. What can be done with 4,000 beagles?

Fortunately, justice moved swiftly and the dogs were able to move to shelters and rescues quickly— but with 4,000 in need, a LOT of helping hands were needed! Maine represented with 8 organizations stepping up to take approximately 100 dogs.

Having lived exclusively in a laboratory, these dogs needed a lot of support and time to adjust— and through a thoughtful adoption process, we placed 8 dogs into loving homes!

Providing Kindness and a Voice for Needy Animals

While we are a part of so many good things, like adoptions, we also see some of the worst things too.

We are here to provide care for animals in need— from neglect situations, hoarding, cruelty, and more— truly being a life-saving shelter for so many. Kitties like Harlow come to us after a horrific cruelty situation. We have provided months of care to a dozen cats seized from a hoarding case and in limbo in the courts...these and many more animals have benefitted from the care we provide.

Together, we can be a strong voice for animals in our legal system. Tell your elected officials that animals matter to you!
Thank you for being part of our work. With many changes, and with your help, 2022 was a great year for pets in need!