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Dear Friend;

First of all we would like to inform you, that the Lancaster Humane Society is up and running, doing what we do best; **SAVING LIVES OF HOMELESS, ABANDONED AND NEGLECTED PETS.**

Ten month ago, my 20 year old (only) son Peter, who was very reliable helper we have had at the Lancaster Humane Society, suffered terrible injury. Dead tree fell on Peter from behind, severed his spinal cord (among other less severe injuries), which left him paralyzed and confined to a wheel chair. Things were very difficult for us in many different ways. Even though, one of the first requests Peter made, when he came-out of the critical care at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center was, that we make sure the animal shelter will stay open and running.

Throughout these very difficult times we had, we got behind with fundraising this past winter (which included the very late mailing of our Christmas Newsletter). I felt the need to stay day and night at my son's bed side in the Hospital and made almost daily visits to Concord Rehabilitation Hospital, where Peter was for six more weeks after Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Peter is home now, even though he is still healing, he is doing well and visits the animals in the shelter every day.

This personal tragedy made me even more sensitive to the needs of the ones who cannot speak for themselves – our animal friends. At the present time, most of the shelter residents were abandoned and all of them were in very poor physical and mental condition, several of them very pregnant. This year we seem to be getting more and more dogs and cats in such deplorable condition. These poor animals need so much medical rehabilitation and behavioral training to be even adoptable. It takes a lot of expertise, knowledge, time, patience, love and **MONEY** to be able to continue to do that. The alternative is to either **EUTHANISE** most of these potential pets or **CLOSE DOWN THE ANIMAL SHELTER**. It would be the easiest way out, but it would be very sad as **MANY OF THESE PETS WOULD HAVE NO PLACE TO GO OR WOULD HAVE TO DIE!** It would be terrible way to start the **NEW MILLENIUM**.

There are several humane societies in the State of New Hampshire right now who are presently building or preparing to build new, larger and needed facilities. They are raising hundreds of thousands dollars or more to be able to do that.

We are not asking for that much and we are not ready to build a new facility at the present time. But we are asking to raise enough funds so that the homeless, neglected or abused pets from the North Country have place to go and are taken care of in the manner they need and so deserve. We are asking for enough funds that we can provide, improve and hopefully expand these and other services outlined in the enclosed flyer. We are asking for enough funds, so we can expand our cat enclosures. We are asking for enough funds, that we can do desperately needed repairs in our shelter as animal shelters go through lot of wear and tear quickly. That includes cement work, chain link kennel work, painting, new sink (ours is just about to fall off), oil heating system and more.

For the sake of Buddy, the kitties and the rest of them; we appeal to you, to please consider becoming a member or donor to support this worthy cause.

Thank you so much for your compassion and dedication to our animal friends!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mila Rizzo".

Mila Rizzo
Director.



Buddy healing at our Shelter

Buddy (small cocker spaniel/ beagle mix) was found almost dead on the side of the road in the nearby town. Abandoned, and hungry, Buddy had hundreds of porcupine quills all over his little body and was barely alive. When he was brought into our shelter Buddy was severely dehydrated and starving. Quills in his mouth made it impossible for him to eat or drink. Infection had already spread, so he must have been in this horrible and painful condition for a while before he was found. Poor little Buddy was still a trooper throughout his ordeal. He had to stay at the local veterinarian to have his quills removed and heal his infection before he came back to us.

With a lot of love and care Buddy healed and we found him a great home where he resides with another dog **Bucky** also a former shelter resident.

There would be no happy ending for Buddy, If there were no place for him to go. But thanks to you, Buddy, the kitties and many other pets are now being loved and in return make many people very happy.



Buddy and Bucky, also former shelter resident, living it up.



Peter Rizzo Visiting the Shelter Animals

These Kittens were born in our shelter, and are pictured here with Chris. He was our dedicated volunteer for many months. In spite of his disabilities Chris came every Sunday on his only day off to clean and care for the animals at the shelter. Chris did a great job and we are very proud of him. Chris had to leave us because he was accepted into culinary school in Vermont. We wish him all the luck in the world.



Chris with the Kittens