



Northeast Regional Animal Service Monthly (NECCOG) Newsletter

NATIONAL PET ADOPTION MONTH

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Animal Service Director

Animal Service Director's Desk

Happy Spring!

It's been a long hard winter. I have been told that the ticks are going to be the worst ever this year. It is said the snow created a great insulation for them.

Ticks attach themselves to your dog and feed on his blood. As a result, they transmit diseases directly into his system. Tick-borne diseases share many common symptoms. Some of these diseases can be fatal.

Lyme disease is probably the most familiar tick-borne disease. However, there is more than just Lyme disease that can come from ticks. Some other tick-borne diseases that affect our dogs in our area are *Lyme Disease*, *Canine Ehrlichiosis*, *Canine Anaplasmosis* and *Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever*.

Spring time is also a time to heart worm test your dog. Heart worm is transmitted through the mosquito. Most veterinarians combine the heart worm testing with tick-borne disease testing. Tick-borne diseases and heart worm are all preventable. Follow the directions of your veterinarian.

About eighty percent of the dogs that come through our facility are positive for tick-borne disease. Be responsible. Protect your pet.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Adoption Hours By Appointment Only

Monday - Friday
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm
or by special appointment

For pets that are not already spayed or neutered, the fee is \$50.00 which includes a spay or neuter voucher, with rabies and distemper shots. Most area veterinarians participate in the spay/neuter program. If the pet is already spayed or neutered, the fee is only \$5.00 (and does not include any vaccinations).

Be Responsible. Spay/Neuter Your Pets



The Vet's Corner

Dr. David Lambert
Quinebaug Valley Animal Hospital

They're back! Ticks, ticks, ticks!!! There are many ways to combat these adversaries ! Which products should you use?

The first question I ask my client concerns the habits of their dog. "Does your dog swim? Do you bathe your dog a lot due to allergies or his getting into things?"

If the answer is "Yes" then I recommend the Scalibor tick and flea collar. This collar is waterproof and lasts six months. It should be zip tied underneath your dog's collar so it is tight against the skin. It is very convenient, safe and cost effective. It is manufactured by Schering Plough Intervet.

If your dog does not swim or you do not like collars, then there are topical products. The hands down favorite for dogs in my practice is Bayer's Advantix product. It does a great job on ticks and fleas, and keeps mosquitoes and gnats away as well. The other great thing is that even if you bathe your dog once a month, you can put the product on as soon as your dog is dry. Frontline Plus is still a strong second for dogs. Frontline Plus is the number one selling tick product for cats at our practice and is the safest product on the market for them.

Remember there is no substitute for that famous tick check each night. These ticks carry bacterial diseases such as Lyme and Anaplasmosis which can make our pets very sick! We recommend all dogs and outdoor cats be screened each year with a 4dx antibody test manufactured by Idexx. We also consider the annual Lyme vaccination a core vaccine in our practice for dogs.

Another helpful hint for pets with long hair is to be trimmed down by a professional groomer to make it a lot easier to locate ticks on your pets and they are a lot cooler for the summer! Remember these pests can be out all year, so be diligent about tick prevention because it not only keeps your pet healthy, but it can help prevent your furry friends from giving an unwanted present to you!

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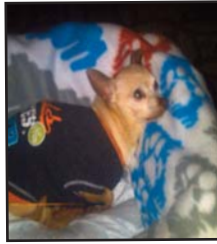
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A Success Story
"Paco"

by Karen Somes



Paco in his Forever Home

I was reading the *Shopper's Guide* when I came across an ad for a "found neutered male tan chihuahua." How many times had I read such announcements placed by NECCOG for cats and dogs who had been rescued. This time, however, I put the paper aside and decided I'd call and see if the owners were found.

When I called NECCOG a very pleasant voice answered telling me that nobody had called to claim him. I couldn't believe it! I know how chihuahuas need to bond with humans. My heart went out to him still living at the shelter. I immediately made an appointment to come see him .

Paco was a little ball of brown fur all rolled up in blankets on a bed in NECCOG's Animal Rescue office. He didn't lift up his head or move when I came over to him. I picked him up still wrapped in his blankets and he just lay in my arms with his little head in the crook of my elbow. He was so tiny and so helpless.

It was love at first sight (at least for me). I knew he needed to have a forever home and he came home with us the very next day.

We brought Paco to our local vet to be checked out. Antibiotics have cleared up his sinus and a nasal discharge and the foul mouth odor from infected teeth. He's not totally out of the woods yet, but the improvement is very visible to us and we are so grateful.

There's another part to this story. When I first went to see Paco I had time to talk with Dianne Collette, Director of Animal Services. Dianne shared about her desire to get information about the animal shelter out to the public. She said she has wanted to do a newsletter for some time and because of that discussion, *The Northeast Regional Animal Service Monthly Newsletter* was born.

Little did I realize that giving Paco a chance to find joy in his "golden years" would do the same for me. Even though I am retired, I now can keep up on my desktop publishing skills as a volunteer in preparing the newsletter. If I had not gone to see Paco, I would not have been in the right place at the right time. Love does give back in so many wonderful ways.



For the Love  *of Cats*

The telephone rings and the conversation begins, "My cat had 6 kittens and I need to get rid of them." The next call is from a landlord who is concerned because the tenant moved and left behind a mother cat and 3 kittens. Then we have a conversation with someone whose cat has 3 litters a year but "it's OK" because they ALWAYS place them ... and it goes on.

Please Note: NECCOG does not take in cats.

Assistance in Placement

Waterford Humane Society
Waterford, CT
860-442-8583

Newington Humane Society
Newington, CT
860-594-4500

Our Companions
Bloomfield, CT
860-242-9999

Pet Pals Northeast
Canterbury, CT
860-546-1280



Assistance Numbers for Spay/Neuter

Cats Northeast (Dogs and Cats)	860-942-9676
Feral Care (Cats only)	203-3629440
Friends of Animals	800-321-7387
H.O.P.E. Spay/Neuter Clinic	203-437-7955
S.N.I.P. Program (Pits and PitX's only)	203-956-6013
Spay USA	800-248-7729
TEAM (cats only)	800-367-8326
Rhode Island. (Community Spay/Neuter Clinic)	401-369-7297



Volunteer of the Month

Sandra K. Richmond

Volunteer since November 2004

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. *Elizabeth Andrew*



A few words from Sandra:

I enjoy my volunteer time with NECCOG animals, staff, fellow volunteers and potential animal adopters. One of the first things I do is spend a few minutes with each dog with a special welcome for new arrivals.

My regular assignment is cleaning and disinfecting dog kennels, feeding the dogs and completing any related dog duties. I try to alert staff to any observed animal health and/or behavioral issues. When needed I also clean cat cages, feed the cats and provide them some socialization.

We humans receive much more than we give when we work with our four-legged animal friends. I value the quality time spent with the dogs and cats. As the animals begin to feel more secure in their shelter environment their unique personalities are more apparent and they begin to openly show their affection.

In closing two rewards from volunteering stand out for me which are:

- 1) Saying "take care -- have a wonderful life" when the animals find responsible, caring adoptive families who will provide safe, secure and loving homes; and
- 2) Having the adoptive families share post-adoptive pictures, letters and an occasional shelter visit confirming the positive match for both the animals and their new-found families.

Director's Note:

Sandy has gone above and beyond whatever I could expect from a volunteer. She has saved me many hours by cleaning the kennels and feeding the animals. I greatly appreciate her and all the other volunteers.

Dianne Collette, Director of Animal Services

MEMORIALS

Contributions given to NECCOG in Loving Memory of Family, Friends and Pets

In Memory of
Diane Wilson
Beloved sister of
Ellen Wilson
of Canterbury, CT
by Dr. Leslie N. Pitman

In Memory of

Sky
4-24-2011
Beloved Pet of
Ralph and Karen Some
Pomfret Center, CT

In Memory of
Wendell Bishop
3-22-2011
Beloved brother of
Karen Some
of Pomfret Center, CT
by Karen & Ralph Some

In Memory of
Paul Koscius
by
Jennifer Green

Volunteers Needed!!!

- Volunteers needed who can complete the taping and compounding of the sheetrock in our new addition to prepare the walls for painting.
- Volunteers needed to do sewing. We have quilts that need to be cut and re sewn for our cats.
- Volunteers welcome who can help with clerical work in the office.
- Volunteers needed to assist in cleaning and disinfecting kennels.
- Volunteers needed to walk dogs and socialize with cats.

NECCOG

Where Families Grow Into Forever Homes



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Looking for Their Forever Homes

MAMA Large · Young · Female
Staffordshire Terrier Mix

Mama is a little timid at first when you meet her because her last owner was cruel to her. She's gentle, kind and loving and will make a terrific addition to any family. With some TLC she will learn to trust again.



VIRGO Large · Young · Female
Staffordshire Terrier

She's a very sweet dog with lots of energy. Good with children over 5 years of age due to her size. Not good with small animals.



JOEY Medium · Adult · Male
Domestic Short Hair - Orange
And White Mix

Joey is a 5-1/2-year-old orange tiger male who is nice but a bit timid. He needs to find a home with someone who can give him TLC.



ASHES Medium · Young · Male
Domestic Short Hair - Gray Mix

Ashes is a 2-year-old nice little guy but a little shy. He needs a family to take him home to help him with his shyness.



AURORA Medium · Young · Female
Domestic Short Hair - White

This little snow bunny is a sweet girl. She's ready to be adopted and will make a great addition to any loving family.



MAGIC Medium · Adult · Female
Domestic Short Hair - Black Mix

Magic is a 7-1/2-year-old black female that is in need of a forever home at this time in her life. She will make a wonderful addition to the right family.



ROCO Medium · Young · Male
Domestic Short Hair - Black
and White Mix

Roco is a 2-year-old friendly but independent boy that is in the market for an understanding family to adopt him and give him a home.



KALUHA Medium · Baby · Female
Tortoiseshell Mix

This beautiful girl has an amazing fur coat and is silky soft.. She loves to be petted and will make the perfect snuggler.



VYX Medium · Young · Male
Domestic Short Hair - Black Mix:

Vyx is a 4-year-old friendly black cat, who would make a wonderful addition to a family who wants to take him home and give him a try.



CALYPSO Medium · Young · Female
Domestic Short Hair -
Tortoiseshell Mix

Calypso is a 1-year-old torti w/white female who is sweet but timid. She needs someone with a lot of love to give to help her overcome her shyness.



TAYLOR Medium · Young · Male
Domestic Short Hair - Orange
and White Mix

Taylor is a 1-year-old orange tiger buff male who is very nice but shy to play. With the right home he will probably become more comfortable and playful.



MR. BIG Large · Young · Male
Domestic Short Hair - Orange
and White

Mr. Big is a 2-year-old orange tiger male who is friendly and ready to go to his forever home.



BOOTS Medium · Adult · Male
Domestic Short Hair -
Black and White

Boots is a sweet and very friendly boy who is looking for someone to bring him home and love him.



ABBI Large · Young · Female
Calico

Abbi is a terrific kitty. She has been very nervous being here at the shelter so she does have a couple of bald spots. But once she gets adopted we're she she will relax in her new home and her fur will grow back in.



MICK Medium · Young · Male
Domestic Short Hair - Black
and White Mix

Mick is a 2-year-old friendly male who likes to reach out to people to say "hi." He would like a nice home with a loving family to call his own.



MANSON Medium · Adult · Male
Domestic Short Hair Mix -
Tiger

Manson is a 7-1/2-year-old, handsome white tiger male. He is looking for a family to adopt him and keep him forever



Pet Adoption Protocol

The following criteria apply to all NECCOG adoptions
(Please see Adoption Application for details)

Adopters must be at least 18 years of age.

Adopters must show proof of home ownership or rental agreement allowing pets.

Adopters must provide proof of rabies vaccine for all currently owned dogs and cats.

Adopters must provide 3 references (one of which is preferably a veterinarian).

Adopters must have at least one interaction with the chosen NECCOG animal before adopting. All household members should be present for the interaction.

Adopters with dogs/cats are required to bring their dog/cat for a "meet and greet" with the chosen NECCOG dog/cat.

We do not adopt pets as gifts.

We may also suggest an alternate animal to assure that we are approving the best match possible.

Our staff will need at least two business days to review your application - so please allow us the time.

The application process is designed to help us determine if the adoption is in the animal's best interest and to assist you, the adopter, in finding you an animal that is most compatible to your lifestyle. We hope that you will agree that the animal's welfare must be our first and foremost consideration.

All dogs may be viewed on a 24/7 without an appointment. All cages are viewable from the outside.

When viewing the dogs from the outside, please do not call out loudly or attempt to throw things at our dogs. A nervous dog may be startled - placing further stress on an already stressful situation. Additionally, you may get a false reaction/impression from the animal in terms of their temperament and possible compatibility with you.

Cats, which are kept indoors, may only be viewed by appointment.

We know that first impressions count, to some degree, but please don't judge a dog or cat by how they seem in their cage. You cannot know an animal's personality until you have interacted with him/her.

If you are seeking to adopt a dog and currently have one or more, we ask you make arrangements to bring in your resident dogs for an introduction to the dog you want to adopt. A trained staff member will oversee the introduction to ensure that signs indicate the new dog will be accepted into the home. If you have cats and would like to adopt a dog, we can have that dog interact with one of our dog-friendly shelter cats to see if the dog is likely to accept having a feline sibling.



**Please contact us at 860-774-1253 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday to schedule an appointment**

Animals surrendered by their owner are available for adoption the day they arrive at the shelter. Stray animals advertised in the local paper are not available until 7 days from the advertised date.

Connecticut General Statutes Connecticut Dog Laws

§22-364. Dogs roaming at large.

Intentional or reckless subsequent violation.

(a) No owner or keeper of any dog shall allow such dog to roam at large upon the land of another and not under control of the owner or keeper or the agent of the owner or keeper, nor allow such dog to roam at large on any portion of any public highway and not attended or under control of such owner or keeper or his agent, provided nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit or prohibit the use of hunting dogs during the open hunting or training season. The unauthorized presence of any dog on the land of any person other than the owner or keeper of such dog or on any portion of a public highway when such dog is not attended by or under the control of such owner or keeper, shall be *prima facie* evidence of a violation of the provisions of this subsection. Violation of any provision of this subsection shall be an infraction.

(b) Any owner or keeper of any dog who, knowing of the vicious propensities of such dog and having violated the provisions of subsection (a) of this section within the preceding year, intentionally or recklessly violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both, if such dog, while roaming at large, causes physical injury to another person and such other person was not teasing, tormenting or abusing such dog.



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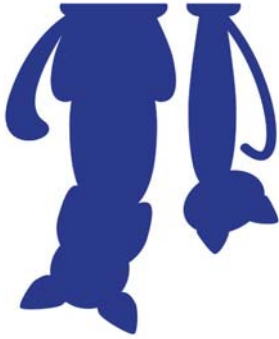
The plights of unwanted pets are near and dear to us so 10% of all sales go to greyhound rescue organizations in Connecticut and we always are looking into additional agencies to support.



SHELTER WISH LIST

- Dry Cat Food
- Canned Dog and Cat Food
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- People Power (volunteers)

- Heavy Duty Trash Bags
- Disposable Gloves
- Gift Cards, i.e. Staples, Walmart, grocery stores
- Monetary donations always welcome



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VETERINARIANS IN NORTHEAST CT

Brooklyn, Canterbury, Killingly, Woodstock, Pomfret,
Sterling and Surrounding Areas



Brooklyn Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Geoffry Westfall
Dr. Bob Madenjian
Dr. Dawn Tauro-Miller
Dr. Betsy Graham
150 Hartford Rd
Brooklyn, CT 06234
860-779-0608

Eastford Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Betsy Japp
17 Pomfret Rd Rte 44
Eastford, CT 06242
860-974-2638

Putnam Animal Hospital

Dr. Erika Kellar
Dr. Tracy Zulick
Dr. Cynthia Smith
1 Kennedy Dr.
Putnam, CT 06260
860- 928-1931 ·

Cat Hospital of Canterbury

Dr. Christine Madaski
37 South Canterbury Rd.
Canterbury, CT 06331
860-546-6811

North Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Catherine North
Dr. Sonja Weissbach
118 Ashford Center Road
Ashford, CT 06278
860-487-0479

Quinnebaug Valley Veterinary Hospital

Dr. David Lambert
Dr. Christine Previe
Dr. Amy Blakeslee
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Danielson, CT 06239
860-774-7650

Dayville Veterinary Clinic

Affiliated with Brooklyn
Veterinary Hospital
12 Putnam Pike
Dayville, CT 06241
860-779-2700

Pomfret Small Animal Clinic

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Norris
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