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Monadnock Humane Society Puts The Animal-Human Bond Front And Center

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For over 145 years, Monadnock Humane Society has served the Monadnock region providing compassionate care and aid to abused and homeless animals. The citizens who banded together in 1875 to form The Keene Humane Society had no idea that their actions would reverberate into a new millennia. They came together because they recognized that cruelty is the enemy of civilization and they wanted to alleviate suffering.

The Society was a push-back against the day's fashionable credo of letting the unfortunate fail, suffer, and die in a process of "natural selection." As New Hampshire overcame the economic depression and social upheaval caused by the end of the Civil War, many members of this community saw a need to advocate for others. Their spirit of compassion is a legacy that has guided Monadnock Humane Society throughout its many changes from yesterday to today.

What's in a Name?

Although the founders' initial vision was succor for cruelly mistreated animals in Keene, the Society's first years saw an expansion of services to include aide for women and children throughout Cheshire County. In 1914 the board renamed the organization The Cheshire County Humane Society. By 1931, the Society's energetic Humane Agent, Jennie B. Powers, reported on 202 cases, almost half of which involved abused or neglected children. (Powers served as Humane Agent for 33 years – from 1903 until her death from pneumonia contracted while caring for some neglected cows through a bitter winter's evening in 1936.)

While Powers' name is the one remembered in Animal Welfare circles, the Monadnock region has benefited from hundreds of humane activists over the years. These were volunteers who served as the Society's officers and board members; volunteers who opened their homes, pantries, and pocketbooks to help people and animals in need.

By mid-century, the local landscape was changing with regards to those in need. State and local agencies focused on human troubles, which allowed the Society to return its focus to the animal population. Needs here had changed as well. Gone was the ubiquitous draft horse pulling heavy wagons to market. Subsistence farming was less commonplace. Cars and trucks sped along paved roads. Animal overpopulation was of growing concern. Stray dogs and feral cats were normal sights, often causing mischief and sometimes spreading disease.

Once again, the Society led the response and community members responded to the need. In 1967, the

Jennie B. Powers Memorial Shelter was opened by the Cheshire County Humane Society on almost 250 acres of mostly donated land in Swanze. The property included a 1774 farm house which was renovated to become offices. With the new building came a



Jennie B. Powers served as the agent for the Cheshire County Humane Society.

re-envisioning of the organization's purpose and further expansion of the Society's service area.

A new name, in 1970, reflected this growth: Monadnock Region Humane Society. Members of Monadnock Region Humane Society endeavored not only "to provide for the humane treatment of animals and helpless persons," but also to "disseminate information for this purpose." Focus began to shift to animal welfare, rather than cruelty prevention. People began to think about the relationship between animals and humans.

Over the next 28 years, the Society would be blessed by amazing volunteers who navigated the currents of the animal welfare movement and our communities' needs. By 1992, the Society's orientation pamphlet could state that MRHS had over 800 members and that "all adoptable animals are given every opportunity to find homes." Heartbreakingly, this still meant that "ultimately 30% of the animals received at the shelter were euthanized..." Lack of space led to overcrowding, inadequate quarantine areas, and the inability to implement behavioral interventions continued to provide challenges.

Animals as Companions

That 1992 orientation reflects a big change in thinking about animals. This focus on giving "adoptable animals every opportunity" was part of a revolution. It reflects a shift in public thought from cat as vermin killer working in the barn to puss purring in your lap. It moves dog from guardian chained outside watching for intruders to beloved family member. Once you perceive an animal as a possible companion, the idea of killing one for the crime of being homeless becomes excruciating.

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