



THE SCOOP

POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER NEWSLETTER

Adopt A Friend Today!



Willow is a very sweet but shy girl. She is special needs because she has three legs. That doesn't stop her from moving around and enjoying life! Come meet Willow.



Mistletoe is a 6 month old coonhound. She is a bundle of love and is a very happy and active dog. She seems to be good with cats, other dogs and loves

to cuddle. Mistletoe's biggest wish is to have a forever home by Christmas.

Luke is about 2 to 3 years old. He is an active boy and loves to play fetch. He seems to be good with other dogs and cats.



Bear came to us as a local stray with an injured leg and seems to be about 5 to 7 years old. He is a sweet affectionate boy who loves to roll in the grass and appears to be potty trained. He might look like his

coat is all black, but when he rolls over for belly rubs he reveals a tummy full of deep auburn fur that shines when the sun hits it. He is hoping to find a new loving forever home.

Mama Kin is a very loving cat looking for her new forever home. She has lived with other cats and would fit into most any household.



Bittersweet Season for Ellie Mae



Look at those loyal, loving eyes. Ellie Mae just wants a home and a human friend for life.

Ellie Mae and her brother Quincy have been available for adoption at Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter for over two years. Sadly, as Coonhounds, they are not a very popular breed for adoption. On the bright side, they are a young, happy, healthy pair. Earlier this fall, an adopter visited the shelter and "fell in love with Ellie Mae." After going through the usual adoption procedures which include checking references, our staff found this man to be, well...what we hoped would be Ellie Mae's forever family. NOT SO! This fellow initially claimed that he would "take Ellie Mae everywhere with him -- riding, hiking, boating." Sadly, he turned out to be Ellie Mae's worst nightmare. At PMFAS, the policy on adopted animals is that if the adoption does not work out, regardless of the reason,

that animal is to be returned to the shelter. Somehow, this malicious adopter thought he could circumvent this policy. For some unknown reason he decided not to do the right thing and several days after the adoption he abandoned Ellie Mae -- letting her out of his truck and leaving her on a back road in the woods of West Stewartstown, NH.

Inexplicably, Ellie Mae still had some good luck on her side. Some people nearby witnessed her attempt to race after the truck which really made them question what was happening. These amazing people did some legwork and discovered that the dog they saw had been recently adopted by the truck owner. They were both horrified and appalled that someone could be so mean to an animal, particularly one who seemed to love her human companion. They began their own search to find the shelter from which the dog had been adopted.

As time passed, Ellie Mae understandably became disoriented and so scared that she would not let anyone approach her. Meanwhile, it took a few days for word to reach the shelter -- four full days after poor Ellie Mae had been abandoned, to be exact. Once the news was received, however, it did not take long for the staff at PMFAS to swing into action. The very next day, early in the morning, a staff member loaded Quincy into the shelter van and headed to New Hampshire. As

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Ellie Mae and her brother, Quincy, are together again and happy at PMFAS, but as always, a home of their own would be ideal!

you recall, Quincy is Ellie Mae's brother and the staff believed that Ellie Mae might respond to the sight, smell or sound of her brother with whom she had lived all her life.

Still, things seemed grim for Ellie Mae. At this point, folks in West Stewartstown were reporting that they had not seen her in the last 24 hours. A generous and kind-hearted West Stewartstown selectman volunteered to join the search. After hours of hiking through woods and fields, Ellie Mae could not be found. Miraculously, just when all seemed hopeless, someone from the neighboring town reported seeing a dog that looked like Ellie Mae. Renewed with hope, the tired searchers relocated their efforts. By late afternoon, Ellie Mae was spotted resting by an old barn. When she saw her brother Quincy and the PFMAS staff person, she recognized them and came to them immediately. Ellie Mae had been alone and scavenging for herself for

some five days. She was scared, thin and dehydrated but otherwise seemed okay. All were hopeful that she would survive this awful episode and once again be the healthy, happy Coonhound that was known and loved by shelter staff and volunteers.

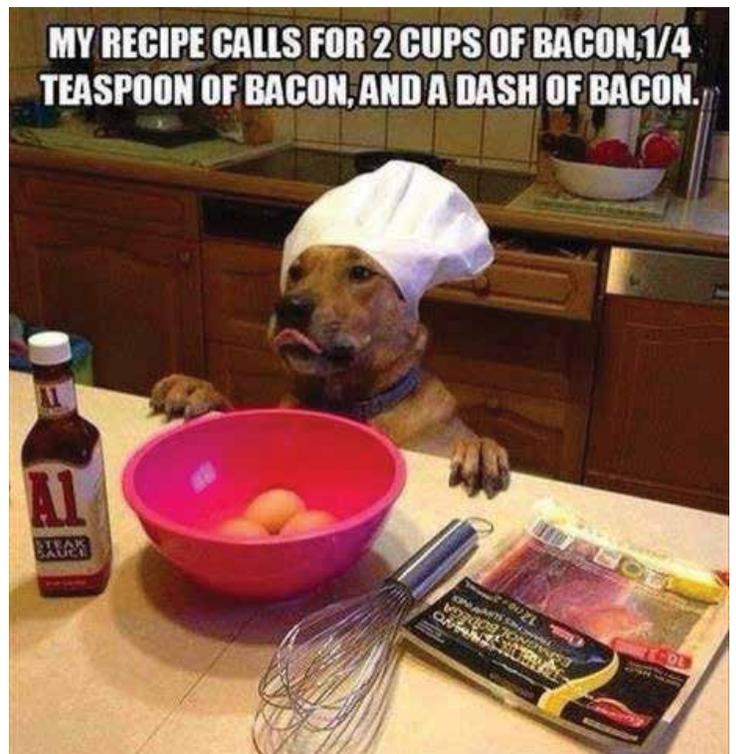
And indeed she has! Ellie Mae experienced this unfortunate misadventure in early October. She and Quincy have since happily lived at the shelter and are thriving in the capable hands of all who work there. They would, of course, love to have a forever home of their own. As for the thoughtless and misguided would-be adopter, NH State Police have advised us that he is getting the maximum penalty possible which is a fine of some \$1200 or more. Other area shelters were informed and warned about this imposter. A big thank you goes out to all in NH who helped rescue Ellie Mae from what could have been a very sad outcome. Their dedication and commitment are sincerely appreciated.

The staff and volunteers at PMFAS have not lost hope that these siblings will find someone who wants to make them a part of their family. Meanwhile, this dynamic duo continues to bring smiles to all at PMFAS. Come down to the shelter and say "Hello!" to Ellie Mae and Quincy! They will surely be happy to see you!

Keepers of the Kitties and Kennels

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses who graciously support our kitties and kennels each month:

- Julie Mountain & Al Brissard
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- Brenda Butler-Smith
- Sheila Quinn
- Carol Piper
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- Toni Rushlow
- Mary Cornell





Volunteer Spotlight

At PMFAS, we are truly fortunate to have so many tireless and dedicated volunteers who have a wide range of skills and talents. We fully realize how valuable our volunteers are in helping us fulfill our mission. In recognition and appreciation of *all* our volunteers, we continue to spotlight at least one in each issue of The Scoop. This winter we're spotlighting Elaine Pace! Elaine has been volunteering at PMFAS since 2008. As an animal lover herself, she has quite a few four-legged family members in her home, including three Springer Spaniels and four cats. We can't forget to mention her husband to whom she has been married for over 44 years. Congratulations!



Elaine Pace is an "all-smiles" type of volunteer, cheerfully caring for our shelter animals!

Having volunteered at a shelter in Montana where she lived before moving to VT in 2007, Elaine is no stranger to shelter work. She rolls up her shirt sleeves and helps with morning cleaning and dog walking. Additionally, Elaine also holds a certification in dog training, so she has experience in working with dogs and their humans to improve relationships and increase (dog) obedience and manners. This helps in her work with the dogs, each of which has distinctive characteristics. "Elaine is always a pleasure to work with and is great with the dogs," reports Amy Mariotti, Shelter Manager. "She often has a smile on her face and seems to know just how to handle each individual animal. As with so many of our volunteers, we really appreciate Elaine's unique skills." This time the Spotlight is on you, Elaine! Thank you for everything you do!



Please put the PMFAS on your holiday gift giving list!

The Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter, Inc. is financed entirely by adoption fees, fund raisers, and donations from animal lovers like you. Because we are a primarily volunteer organization, almost every penny goes directly toward the rescue and care of the animals.

In 2013, we estimate that nearly 500 pets will have been adopted from our shelter. Please help our dogs and kitties this holiday season. The average cost to provide medical care, shelter and food, before being adopted into a home and family, is in excess of \$300 per animal.

Please help us with a holiday donation.



YES! I would like to support the PMFAS in caring for the unwanted, abandoned, stray, neglected and abused animals. Here is my tax deductible gift.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

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A Young Man with a Big Heart

The staff at the Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter was surprised to get a young visitor on November 11. The visitor was Logan Richardson of Derby accompanied by his mother, Johanne Richardson. To celebrate his 11th Birthday, Logan decided he wanted to make a donation to help take care of the animals at the shelter. Instead of asking for birthday presents, he asked his friends and relatives to give him good usable items for animal care. He then brought these items, such as kitty litter and dog food along with some cash donations, to the shelter to help support the needs of the animals. "It's something he decided to do on his own," explained his mother, Johanne Richardson. "He also selected this shelter specifically because we've visited the animals here and Logan has been here on class trips. It's just a special thing he wanted to do."

Indeed it is special and all of the creatures at Pope Memorial Frontier Animal Shelter are shouting out a big thank you to Logan for his thoughtfulness and generosity. The staff and Board members also say thank you! You're setting a great example, Logan, and we appreciate your generous heart!



Logan Richardson, son of Bradley and Johanne Richardson of Derby, is a young man with a very big heart! He is pictured here with some of the donations he gave to the shelter as part of his 11th Birthday celebration. Thank you, Logan!

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