



Rozzie May Animal Alliance

Fall 2025

Greetings Friends of Rozzie May Animal Alliance,

Did you know that it is reported that an average of 30% of nonprofit organizations will not survive past their first 5 years, while approximately 60% of nonprofit organizations will fail within their first ten years. Many programs, not accounted for in these statistics, suffer a failure to launch.

The reasons can be a combination of the following: Mission creep, lack of strategic planning, leadership issues, lack of innovation, recruitment and retention challenges or funding issues.

Proudly, RMAA is about to launch its 19th year as a nonprofit organization. How has RMAA pushed through the challenges of the nonprofit world and succeeded? RMAA has a resolute and focused mission which is to reduce homelessness of cats and dogs through the provision of high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter surgery. RMAA has a strategic plan to serve the needs of shelters, rescuers and family pets throughout New Hampshire and western Maine. And most importantly, RMAA has had to stay flexible, and pivot more than once. In the beginning, RMAA offered occasional clinics providing services by volunteer staff, taking place at local farms, barns, and fire stations. As demand for services grew, RMAA rented space and was able to purchase a mobile operating room and go on the road. The new Fix it Wagon provided outreach to rural locations which required affordable spay/neuter services. Due to New England winters, the Fix It wagon hibernated between November to April. RMAA found the need to pivot again, trading it towards the purchase of our own clinic space. This coincided with the Global Pandemic which resulted in RMAA temporarily suspending services at the height of the pandemic. Funding challenges always met, soon RMAA was able to reopen, providing services through the RMAA Cat Cab, which supports three weekly clinics, transporting scheduled cats from the designated locations. Additionally, RMAA provides one or two dog clinics each week. Lastly, RMAA has a dedicated and exceptionally talented team of employees and three outstanding contract veterinarians. As evident, the RMAA Board of Directors has a great deal to oversee to keep the doors open and still offer high-quality, low-cost services.

RMAA depends on contributions from individuals, like you, to help cover the costs required to provide affordable spay/neuter services. Helping RMAA can come through your offer to volunteer, a gift to the "RMAA wish list" or by making a monetary donation. This can be placed through a single donation, set up as an automatic monthly payment, or become a legacy bequest by a will or living trust. No amount is too small. Your donation matters.

Thank you for your part in supporting Rozzie May Animal Alliance and allowing us to continue with the mission by providing high quality affordable spay/neuter surgery. We truly appreciate your support.

I look forward to seeing what we can all achieve together!

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Nancy Lapointe

RMAA President



Rozzie May Animal Alliance

Correspondences



Sometimes a cat is declawed in order to avoid having furniture or structures in the home damaged. It is the easy solution to a problem. Thankfully, this is not as wide-spread as it once was but the owner needs to be aware of what this procedure actually is before the decision to declaw.

Declawing a cat involves the amputation of the last bone of each toe, which can lead to severe pain, behavioral issues and long-term health problems like arthritis. It is considered inhumane and is banned in many places due to the suffering it causes cats. Some immediate risks with this procedure are adverse reaction anesthesia; excessive bleeding post-surgery, and as with any operation, risk of infection.

There are also some long-term risks: cats may suffer from ongoing pain, similar to phantom limb pain; declawed cats can become more aggressive or develop anxiety; and changes in walking patterns can lead to further health issues, including arthritis.

There are some viable options to declawing: regular nail trimming keeping claws short to minimize damage; provide appropriate surfaces for scratching such as scratching posts; use soft caps to cover claws temporarily; and train cats to scratch in designated areas. Declawing is widely considered inhumane and unnecessary, with many veterinarians and animal welfare organizations advocating for alternatives. It is noted by humaneworld.org and millelacs vet.com and also by me Sassy, your (not so) humble correspondent.

Sassy



Riley – we also serve

Riley, a Golden Retriever that assisted in the 9/11 search and rescue efforts, was trained to find live people. Still, he did help recover several bodies of firefighters. But Riley worked desperately to find the living — that was his job.

His search partner and human explained, “Riley knew the people he continued to find were dead. He was never a formally trained cadaver dog. His job was to find the still-living. I tried my best to tell Riley he was doing his job. He had no way to know that when firefighters and police officers came over to hug him, and for a split second you can see them crack a smile — that Riley was succeeding at doing an altogether different job. He provided comfort. Or... maybe he did know.”

My fellow dogs do many jobs to help our human friends.

Thumper

Thank you for your support



Rozzie May Animal Alliance's neighbor, Tuckerman Brewing Company, welcomed us for a night of fun and an opportunity to meet with their wonderful staff and guests to introduce them to what the Rozzie May organization has accomplished through our many years of service. We have completed over 36,000 spay neuter surgeries for cats and dogs. This aids our mission of reducing the number of homeless animals in New Hampshire and western Maine.

In addition to RMAA's mission of reducing the number of homeless and unwanted animals by providing quality, low-cost spay/neuter services for cats and dogs, we also:

- Offer discounts to shelters and rescue organizations to help support their important work.
- Offer discounts to active and retired military personnel to thank them for their service.
- Administer a pet food program – Too Many Homeless Animals...Let's Fix It! This program began in 2008.
- Sell soaps and candles - the proceeds help the animals.

RMAA's Officers and Directors are all volunteers. They provide many hours of service governing the organization, working at events, and doing all the activities necessary to serve the community and their beloved pets.

Paws Four The Claws

Luxurious Handcrafted soaps and lotions are sold at our clinic on Hobbs Street, Conway Village, NH and also at Mc Sheffrey's Up North, Glen, NH. All proceeds are donated to Rozzie May Animal Alliance to help the animals.

PAWS FOUR THE CLAWS



Price List

Handcrafted Soaps, 4.5 oz. - \$6
100% Soy Wax Candles, 6 oz - \$12
Specialty Soy Wax Mug - \$10
Tea Light Soy Wax Sampler - \$5
Lip Butters - \$4
All Natural Solid Lotion Bar - \$6
Spa Body Oils, 3 oz - \$6
Odor Neutralizing Room + Linen
Sprays - \$6

**ALL PROCEEDS will be donated to
Rozzie May**

TD Bank – Affinity Program

TD Bank supports nonprofit organizations by offering the 'Affinity Program.'

TD Bank customers inform TD Bank what organization that belongs to the program that they would like to support. The bank computer tallies various account balances and the organization that they support and annually the bank makes a donation based on that amount. There is no charge to the customer and all customer information is confidential.



***Happy Halloween and
Thanksgiving to all!***

Donation - Wish List

Gift Cards – Wal-Mart,
Grants, Hannaford, Shaws,
Amazon, Marketbasket &
gas cards.

Trash Bags - 13 gallon

Laundry detergent – HE

Dawn dish detergent- blue
bath towels-new or used

Masking Tape 1”

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Printer paper

Pink & Blue sharpies

Our Cat Cab Locations

Our Cat Cab will be traveling to various locations for your convenience! Cats are picked up at predetermined locations and brought to our clinic in Conway for surgery. They are returned the same day. Please go online to register for a clinic.

New Hampshire: Concord, Epping, Gilford, Farmington, Gorham, Ossipee, Plymouth, Tilton, Rochester, Wolfeboro, Somersworth

Maine: Bridgton, Naples

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Please consider a donation

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Too many homeless animals ...Let's Fix It!