



BLUE MOUNTAIN HUMANE SOCIETY

December 2009

Dear friends,

As another year draws to a close, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the generous support the community has shown us in carrying out our mission to prevent cruelty and promote kindness to companion animals in our community.

It has been another year of exciting progress for the Blue Mountain Humane Society. We are most proud to have found homes for more than 640 animals this year, each one spayed or neutered and microchipped before being adopted. Because the Society remains committed to not euthanizing for space, we have transported more than 130 dogs to shelters and rescue organizations around the state, where every one of them has found a home.

Since January, we have also reunited 334 pets with their owners. And thanks to increased awareness and participation in our licensing efforts and microchipping, many pets were returned directly to their owners by local animal control officers without having to come to the shelter.

In partnership with other local animal welfare groups, we helped form the Cat Management Coalition in an effort to improve the outcome for feral and free-roaming cats in our community. Just this year, thanks to generous grants and donations, 573 feral or free-roaming cats—cats that in the past would have most likely been considered unfit for adoption and euthanized—were spayed or neutered, microchipped, and returned to their colonies.

BMHS continues to recruit and train volunteers who assist daily at the shelter in every aspect of our operations. We recruited several more families this year to foster animals temporarily—a crucial resource in preventing overcrowding and relieving the stress that many animals experience in a shelter environment.

We have also continued to partner with others to guarantee good outcomes for the animals in our care. Continued work toward these goals, along with our commitment to improve the resources available for companion animals in our community, indicates that 2010 will be a great year!

Our success this year was due in large part to your generosity. Thank you for continuing to remember the animals in our community as you consider your charitable giving this holiday season. Your tax-deductible gift to BMHS will help us continue to achieve our mission in the coming year. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your gift to support the animals today!

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and board of directors, I wish you a happy and blessed holiday season.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara R. Archer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Sara R. Archer
Executive Director